

The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gain since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7608. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Local News Bulletins

MOOSE MEETING

The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

ON JOB MONDAY

Grady Yelton, recently named city superintendent of public works, will assume his duties Monday. Mr. Yelton succeeds E. C. Nicholson, resigned.

HOSPITALIZED

Harold Crawford is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital, where he is receiving treatment for a kidney ailment. Mr. Crawford became ill last Thursday night. He was reported improved on Wednesday.

GRAHAM FILM

"London Crusade", an hour-long documentary film of the three-month campaign in England of Evangelist Billy Graham, will be shown at 7:30 Thursday night at Temple Baptist church.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative from the Gastonia Social Security Office will be at City Hall at 9:30 a. m., Monday and also the following Monday, August 15.

KIWANIS MEETING

J. N. McClure, Kings Mountain Kiwanian, will address members of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:45 p. m., at Masonic Hall dining room.

UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at First Presbyterian church with Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

REVIVAL

Rev. Park H. Moore, Jr., of Gastonia, is conducting revival services nightly through Saturday at 8:15 p. m. at Dixon Presbyterian church. Bible school classes for all ages begin at 7 p. m.

KINDERGARTEN

Jack & Jill Kindergarten opens August 30 for the fall session and reservations should be made as early as possible. Mrs. Coman Falls, the director, announced Monday.

CHURCH PICNIC

Annual Central Methodist church picnic will be held at Lake Montonia on Wednesday, August 3, at 7 p. m. Members and guests are invited to come at any time during the afternoon. A large crowd is expected to attend.

ORMAND REUNION

Annual Ormand Family reunion will be held Saturday at the old furnace picnic area at the clan's homeplace near Long Creek church. Friends of the family are invited.

ARP MEETING

Dr. J. M. Lesesne, president of Erskine college, Due West, S. C., will address the men of the church of Boyce Memorial ARP church at their supper meeting Monday at 7 p. m. The Macie Stevenson circle will serve the meal.

FIRES

Two fire alarms were answered Friday by Kings Mountain Fire department, Ted Gamble, fireman reported. One call was answered around 5 a. m. to extinguish a mattress fire at the home of Gene Wood. The second call was answered around 10 a. m. to extinguish a trash fire at a residence on Waco road.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$173.24, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

Tax Advertising Starts Next Week

Annual advertising of sale of real estate for delinquent 1954 tax bills will begin next week.

County Tax Collector Robert M. Gidney said advertising of county properties will begin at that time, while City Tax Collector Clarence Carpenter said city advertising would start the following week on August 11.

Both officials urged payment prior to the beginning of the advertising period.



RECEIVES BRONZE STAR CERTIFICATE — First Lt. Everette (Shu) Carlton, high school football coach, received the Bronze Star Certificate Monday from First Lt. Earl S. Shrader, of Third Cargo Marine Reserves, Charlotte. Carlton was awarded the medal in 1952 in field ceremonies while on active duty with the Marine Corps in Korea. He was cited for leaving his tank to successfully evacuate a wounded Marine infantryman from a mine field which was under intense rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. Carlton, who also served in World War II, was released from active duty in June, 1952 after serving 15 months.

Call Is Accepted By Quakenbush

Quakenbush To Fill Pulpit At First Baptist

Rev. Aubrey T. Quakenbush, a native of Burlington, has accepted a call to First Baptist church and will assume his duties here on August 15.

The congregation voted on July 10 to extend an invitation to the new pastor and on Sunday heard his letter of acceptance read.

The young minister has been serving as pastor of Stoney Creek Baptist church in the Dorchest community near Rocky Mount for nearly two years. He has also served churches in Oklahoma and in Burlington.

Rev. Mr. Quakenbush attended Brown University, Moody Bible Institute and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife is a native of Minnesota and the couple have three preschool children. They will move to Kings Mountain on August 15.

Rowell Lane served as chairman of the pulpit committee and members were Mrs. Earl Ledford, Mrs. Eugene Roberts, Mrs. W. B. Logan, C. G. White, W. A. Williams and Yates Harrison.

Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, former pastor of the church, resigned on December 12, 1954, to accept the pastorate of Charlotte's Providence Baptist church about January 1 after serving here for 30 months. Dr. Robert A. Dyer, Gardner-Webb College professor, is serving as interim pastor.

90 Negroes Petition City Board To Re-instate Officer Cornwell

A petition bearing the signatures of 90 Negro citizens has been addressed to the mayor and board of commissioners protesting the action of the board in dismissing Policeman Laymon Cornwell.

The petition requests the re-employment of Cornwell or another qualified Negro citizen.

Cornwell was among three police department employees dismissed by the commissioners recently, due to a budget cut for police department operations.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday the petitioners had asked that the hearing be held at a special meeting rather than the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. However, he added, he had not yet made arrangements for a special meeting.

The text of the petition follows: "We, the undersigned, all Negro citizens and residents of the Town of Kings Mountain, hereby protest the action of the board of commissioners in discharging the Town's only regular Negro policeman, Laymon Cornwell. "We are of the opinion and are informed that corrupt and lawless forces have influenced the action of the commissioners against those members of the law

Military Rites Are Conducted For Sgt. Causby

Military burial rites were held Saturday afternoon for S/Sgt. Bobby Lee Causby, 25, at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

The Kings Mountain air force sergeant and another man, Rollie Dorn, 30, of Greenwood, S. C., were killed instantly about 10:30 the night of July 20 in an auto collision six miles north of Greenwood on the Laurens highway. Dorn, a former service friend of Causby, was returning home with the Kings Mountain serviceman for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith, a Greenwood couple in the other car involved in the collision, were not seriously injured.

Sgt. Causby, son of Mrs. Coley Freeman, of Kings Mountain, and Noah Causby, of Ninety-Six, S. C., was a veteran of eight years in the Air Force, having served in Japan, Hawaii, and Albrook AFB, Canal Zone. He was a native of Shelby and a member of First Baptist church of Ninety Six.

The final rites were conducted at First Baptist church, here with Dr. R. A. Dyer, Rev. H. G. McElroy, and Rev. H. T. Cooke officiating. The body lay in state at the church for 30 minutes prior to the services. A detachment from Donaldson AFB, Greenville, S. C., conducted the military burial rites.

Surviving, in addition to Causby's parents, are a brother, Noah Causby, Jr., Kings Mountain, a half-brother, Charles Freeman, of Kings Mountain, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Jimmy Surber, Spencer Mountain, and Miss Mary Freeman, Kings Mountain.

Lingerfelt Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lucretie Summers Lingerfelt, 56, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p. m. from her home on York road, interment following in the Smyrna cemetery.

Mrs. Lingerfelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage Monday afternoon at 12:40 p. m. A native of Hendersonville, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Summers and was the widow of John Frank Lingerfelt, who died in 1949.

Rites were conducted by Rev. C. G. Shawver and Rev. J. F. Morgan.

Surviving are four sons, John F. Lingerfelt, Sanford, Fla., and Calvin, Carl, and Lester Lingerfelt, all of Kings Mountain, one step-son, Cline Lingerfelt, Charlotte, four daughters, Mrs. Edwin Dixon, Mrs. Lewis Carroll, Mrs. Norman Roper, and Mrs. George Lovelace, Jr., all of Kings Mountain, a step-daughter, Mrs. J. C. Proctor, Gaffney, S. C., four brothers, Tom S. Summers, Forest City, Oscar Summers and Pink Summers, both of Rutherford, and John Summers, of Valdese, 21 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Award Presented Henry Neisler

An award for reaching the 1955 Kings Mountain Red Cross fund goal was presented to Fund Drive Chairman Henry Neisler Friday night at an officers and directors dinner meeting held at the Country Club. The award was presented by Rev. P. D. Patrick, first vice chairman of the committee.

The quota reached was \$5,220, the first to be reached in several years, Mrs. P. G. Ratterree, treasurer of the local chapter, said.

The meeting, the first of the new year, was held to appoint committees and to map activities of the coming year.

Miss Antoinette Beasley, of Atlanta, Ga., and Red Cross field representative, was guest at the dinner. The dinner was a Dutch affair.

Retailers Decline Changes In Policy

Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association took no action Tuesday on a request to change Saturday hours, and voted to adhere to present by-laws on Wednesday afternoon half-holiday policy.

Under present by-laws, the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday is suspended Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving and resumed following Christmas.

1955 Season Last For Drama As Little Theatre Production

Crowds Increase As Performances Near Mid-Point

"The Sword of Gideon", outdoor drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, moves into its third weekend series of performances Thursday night, with crowds increasing as the 1955 season progresses.

Officials reported attendance increased heavily last weekend over the trio of opening weekend performances. Saturday night's crowd of 300 viewers was tops for the season thus far. Total for the weekend was 800 persons.

Officials say the attendance trend is "normal". Past attendance records showed continuing increases as the seasons progressed.

Curtain time at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre is 8:15. Tickets may be obtained in advance at the Little Theatre office in the Woman's Club, or at the amphitheatre box office. Admissions are: reserved seats, \$2; general admission, \$1.20; children, 60 cents. School groups, Scout organizations and others can obtain special rates in groups of 20 or more.

The outdoor drama is presented by a 90-member cast on weekends through August 13.

Lead roles are played by Biff Leonard, of Lexington, as Rees MacDermott, Susan Moss, of Kings Mountain, as Sally, Doug Swink, of Kings Mountain, as Col. Ferguson, Dr. P. G. Padgett, of Kings Mountain, as Billy Rover, and Mrs. M. A. Ware, of Kings Mountain, as the Widow Smith.

The outdoor drama is being produced for the fifth season by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc.

Plonk Hospital Board Officer

The county board of hospital trustees installed new members and organized for the coming year on July 20, electing Jack Dover, III, of Shelby, chairman, and William L. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, vice-chairman.

Robert Moser, hospital administrator, was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Dover succeeds R. J. Rucker, and Mr. Plonk succeeds Franklin Harry, of Grover. Both Mr. Rucker and Mr. Harry have completed their three-year terms as hospital trustees. Other retiring members were M. H. Walker, Everett Lutz, and Zeno Hord.

New members, beginning three-year terms ending in 1958, are Fred Falls, Shelby, Edgar Cooke, Lawndale, Hugh Davis, Waco, and Billy Joe McCraw, No. 3 township.

Holdover trustees, in addition to Mr. Dover and Mr. Plonk, are A. L. Calton, Lattimore, Carver Bridges, Route 2, Shelby, Ladd Hamrick, Sr., Boiling Springs, Lewis Hovis, Kings Mountain, Blaine Baker, Lawndale, and W. H. Covington, Polkville.

The organization meeting was held at Brackett's Cedar Park and was attended by wives of trustees, members of the county medical society and the board of county commissioners.

City Auto Moves To New Quarters

City Auto & Home Supply is moving this weekend into the Battleground avenue building owned by C. T. Bennett and most recently occupied by Friendly Billiard Parlor.

The auto store is owned and managed by Sam Collins. A franchised Goodrich dealer, the firm opened here in the quarters it is vacating, on February 29, 1948.

Movies Attracted 640 Here Sunday

Attendance at Joy and Dixie Theatres Sunday, third showings on Sunday since the city amended the blue law to permit Sunday movies, totaled 640, Manager Ed Tutor reported.

He listed the totals as 340 at the Joy and 300 at the Dixie. Imperial Theatre did not operate. Manager Claude Webb said he doubted he would offer Sunday showings before autumn.



"SWORD" TRIO BACKSTAGE — Pictured above are three Kings Mountain youths after a performance last week of "Sword of Gideon" at Battleground Amphitheatre. Jimmy Short plays a savage Indian, "Dragging Canoe," while the "palefaces" are Joan Thomasson, left, a dancer, and Evelyn Cline, dancer and make-up assistant. Performances are again scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. (Photo by Carlisle.)

Street Payments Top Budget Guess

Assessments Outstanding Now \$23,152

Payments by citizens on city public improvements assessments totaled \$6,106.55 early Wednesday afternoon. The total was more than 20 percent above the anticipated revenue from this source for the fiscal year which began July 1.

In the recently adopted budget, the city board of commissioners estimated that \$5,000 would be received from this source.

Still outstanding, however, in various assessments, most of them for street paving, is \$23,152.52 from the total of \$29,259.07 outstanding at the beginning of the fiscal year July 1. These figures represent principal only and are exclusive of interest charges, which accrue at one-half of one percent monthly.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham noted that interest charges will begin after the close of business Saturday.

Municipal-State Right-of-Way Law Poses Problem For Town Of Grover

State law concerning highway right-of-way through incorporated towns is causing a difficulty for the Town of Grover and division highway officials as well as delay in completing arrangements for a four-lane extension of Highway 29 through Grover.

Under state law, highway right-of-way through cities and towns must be provided on a share-cost basis, with the municipality furnishing one-third of the right-of-way cost, which, in the particular instance, is estimated at \$60,000.

Mayor Franklin Harry, of Grover, says, "We're poor folk and just don't have the money." He further notes that the Town of Grover collects only \$179 per year in taxes from the area to the south of the present two-lane Highway 29.

Mayor Harry acknowledged that the town fathers have even discussed unincorporating that portion of the town, if that would solve the impasse, though he says Grover prefers a by-pass, due to traffic hazards occasioned by the railroad crossings.

Division Engineer Ed Kemper, of Shelby, is still hopeful some arrangement can be made where, by the projected widening can be made and said he expects to

Tasks Burgeon For Volunteer Cast And Staff

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will discontinue production of "The Sword of Gideon" at the end of the current season, according to recent vote of the organization.

Concurrently, spokesman for the organization offered the hope that some other group, perhaps a college drama organization, will consider continuing the production in future years.

The Little Theatre statement noted that continuance of the drama on the present volunteer basis is proving increasingly difficult with both cast and production staffs finding the task more demanding each year.

The Little Theatre is currently in its fifth season of production of an outdoor drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, famous Revolutionary War engagement. In 1951, the Little Theatre produced Robert Osborne's "Then Conquer We Must!" Since 1952, the Little Theatre has produced Florette Henri's "The Sword of Gideon".

The Little Theatre statement read: "It is with great difficulty that we make this decision, but it is the feeling of the members that we have accomplished our original purpose of bringing the heritage of our area to the forefront. It is emphasized that the decision is not motivated by a lack of the venture's success, but rather because of it. While the production is a non-profit venture, the productions have attracted sufficient box office to defray the expenses of production which are in the range of \$7,000 to \$10,000 per season. Average attendance for the first four years has been 450 per performance, and the only serious criticism has concerned the limited number of performances each season."

The current season will continue for three more weekends, with performances each Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening through August 13. The 15-performance 1955 season is the longest of the five.

The drama is presented on the site of the battle it commemorates at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre.

Bessemer City Man Indicted By Police

A route 1, Bessemer City, man was indicted Friday by Kings Mountain Police department on a charge of driving while drunk.

The indictment stemmed from an automobile collision the same day involving Dewey L. Kiser and Ruby L. Alexander, of Box 294.

Police report stated both cars had stopped for a traffic light at the intersection of Linwood road and Cleveland avenue. When the traffic signal changed, Kiser attempted to pass the Alexander vehicle, and in passing struck the car on the left rear fender. Mrs. Alexander was listed by police as driving a 1954 Oldsmobile, while Kiser was driving a 1954 Buick. Property damages were estimated to total \$608.55.

Trial for Kiser has been set for Monday in City Recorder's court.

Monday, a wire fence at Duke Power sub station was damaged by a 1941 Chevrolet owned by William Head, of 102 Cleveland avenue. Police report stated the brakes on the car, which was parked on N. Gaston street, failed to hold causing the car to hit the fence. Property damages were estimated to total \$287.08.

The accidents were investigated by Kings Mountain Police department.

License Penalty To Apply Tuesday

Penalty for late purchase of city privilege licenses begins after the close of business Monday.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported license purchases totaled \$3,655.75 early Wednesday afternoon, or only slightly more than half the estimated total of this revenue source.

Penalty of five percent per month applies, beginning August 2.