

Population

City Limits 7,208

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 7,600. The trading area population in 1945, based on return board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

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City Sales Event To Start Thursday

Local News Bulletins

Retailers Offer Bargains, \$200 Prize Drawing

Majority of Kings Mountain retail merchants are participating — Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — this weekend in a sales promotion entitled "City-Wide Clearance".

The city-wide sales event includes 18 firms, including department stores, jewelers, auto and appliance firms, furniture stores, hardware stores and others, in addition to associate sponsors in the communications field.

As a special added feature, the merchants are offering 17 trade certificates worth \$200 to lucky winners. The prizes are attainable at no cost to the customer. All participating firms have registration blanks and citizens are invited to register for the prize drawing as often as they visit the particular stores.

The drawing will be conducted at 6 p. m. Saturday in the parking area across from Dixie Theatre. A lucky number holder does not have to be present to win.

The trade certificates will be good for face amount in merchandise at the firm listed on the particular trade certificate.

Richard Barnette, chairman of the sales event committee, said he was pleased at the participation of Kings Mountain retail merchants and also at the advance preparations for the three-day promotion.

"The merchants have been working on plans for this event for the past six weeks. Many have reported much success in obtaining special purchases for this event which they can offer the buying public at much less than normal prices. In addition, prices have been pared to the bone on seasonal merchandise in all lines — even more than is customary in this season and in spite of price increases in many types of goods."

KIWANIS MEETING
Members of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will attend a picnic supper Thursday at Oakdale Presbyterian church. The picnic will be held at the regular meeting time, 6:45 p. m.

METER RECEIPTS
City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$171.82, according to a report from Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office.

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

DAVIS NAMED
J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, was elected a member of the executive committee of the 27th district bar association at a meeting of the organization in Gastonia last week.

WKM DEVOTIONS
Dr. W. P. Gerberding will conduct the morning devotions on WKMT at 9 a. m. next week Monday through Friday. His general theme will be "The Seven Christian Virtues."

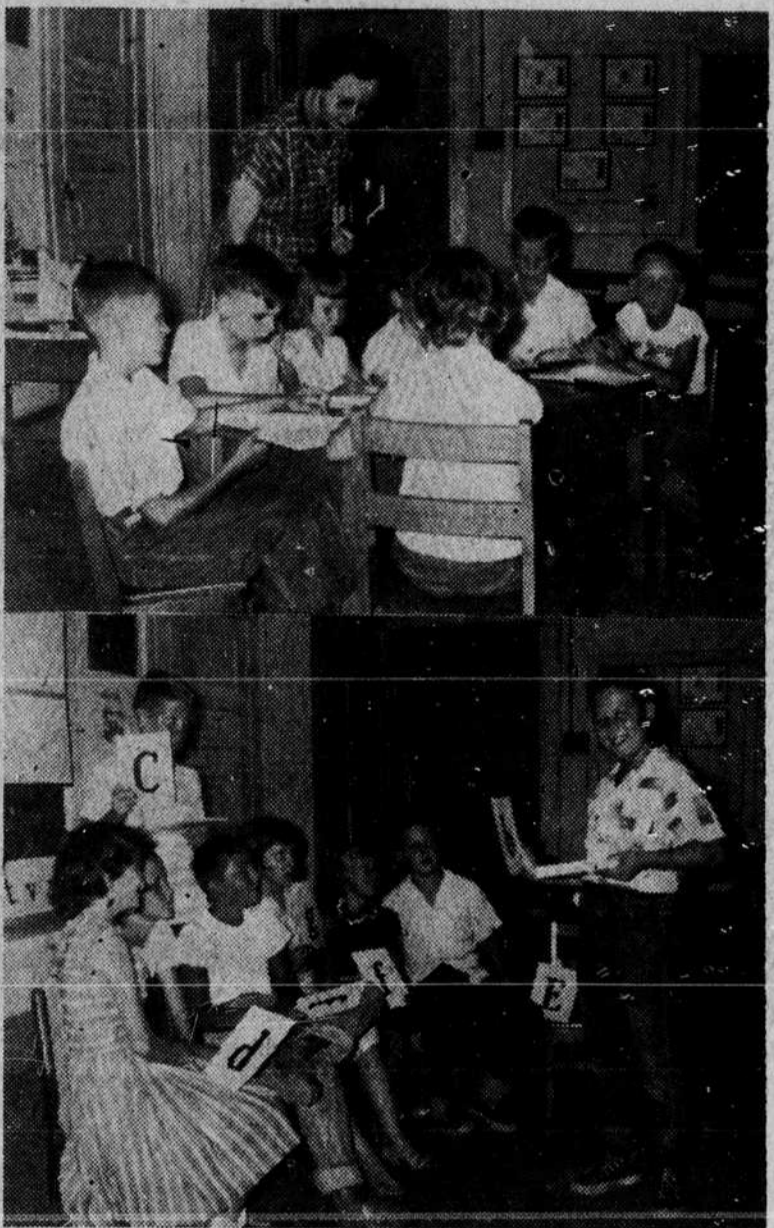
McGILL REUNION
Annual reunion of McGills of Gaston will be held at Bethel Church on Wednesday, August 17, at 11:45. The brief program, including reports of officers and a devotional, will be followed by a picnic dinner on the grounds at 12:30. Announcement was made by Mrs. Louise Wolfe Wright, secretary-treasurer.

Tax Pre-Payments Reach \$14,274

City tax notices for 1955 were being mailed Wednesday and Clarence E. Carpenter, tax collector, said many citizens are paying the accounts in order to obtain the full two percent discount.

Pre-payments totaled \$14,274.87 through Monday against the estimated \$165,000 levy. Final taxable valuation figures have not yet been totaled, but Mr. Carpenter thinks they will aggregate no more than \$9,500,000.

City and county tax bills are payable at two percent discount in August and one percent discount in September. Mr. Carpenter said the notices now being mailed will be the only ones sent.



COMPLETE REMEDIAL READING COURSE — Pictured are two groups of elementary and grammar grade school children who completed last Friday the city school's first remedial reading workshop, conducted by Miss Alice Averitt (in picture above). The 20 students in two classes showed marked improvement during the six-week workshop. Miss Averitt reported.

City Gets Increased Intangibles Rebate

The City of Kings Mountain's share of the state intangibles tax for the 1954-55 fiscal year totaled \$5,924.38.

The total was heavier by \$1424.38 than the city had anticipated when adopting its budget for the fiscal year.

The check was received from the state last weekend. The state collects the intangibles tax (on bank deposits, stocks, notes, etc.), then rebates 80 percent of the amount to counties and municipalities.

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Weir Effecting Postal Economies

Kings Mountain postoffice advanced a rung up the first-class ladder, as it tallied up record receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 slightly in excess of \$60,000.

Postoffices become first class with annual receipts of \$40,000, and advance in status as receipts grow larger.

Meantime, Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir said he is endeavoring to effect economies in the operation of the Kings Mountain postoffice and reported he had cut the hourly schedule of Charman Grier Moss to 19 hours weekly, resulting in a saving of about \$1200 annually.

Mr. Weir said the principal duties of the chairman could be handled without difficulty by Fireman Yates Gordon and that the new schedule had been ordered effective after a week's trial period.

Mr. Weir said he is also studying rural routes in an effort to shorten mileage. On one route, a tentative plan adds five patrons previously without mail service, yet shortens the distance by two miles, he said.

Four Killed In By-Pass Smash-Up; No Charges Have Been Preferred

No charges have been preferred as the result of a head-on collision of two cars late Thursday afternoon on the U. S. 29 by-pass, now under construction, in which four persons lost their lives.

Solicitor James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, reported Wednesday afternoon after being reached in Charlotte that he has not yet conferred with Cleveland County Sheriff J. Haywood Allen, except by telephone, regarding the accident. He said that no criminal charges resulting from the accident have been filed and that he "didn't know" if there would be any, pending a study of the wreck with Sheriff Allen.

Sheriff Allen is on vacation this week, his office reports.

Sgt. J. B. Kuykendall, state highway patrolman of Shelby, reported Friday morning that Palmer Huffstetler, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetler, signed a statement late Thursday night giving details of a bizarre two-car race leading up to the fatal smash.

Huffstetler is the only survivor of the tragic race and no eye-witnesses have been reported.

Killed were:

Paul Kenneth Furr, 19, of Stanley County, who was killed instantly.

Mrs. Mary Emmaline Sansing Grigg, 41, of route 1, Kings Mountain, who died enroute to Kings Mountain hospital.

Lyman E. Champlin, of route 3, Kings Mountain, who died of multiple injuries at 9:30 p. m. *Continued On Page Eight*

Cash-on-Barrel Paving Policy Adopted By City On 3-0 Vote

City Will Ask New Petitions On Old Requests

The city board of commissioners voted to adopt a cash-in-advance policy for street and sidewalk improvements at the regular August meeting held at City Hall last Thursday night.

The new policy was, in effect, set up on passage of a motion by Commissioner T. J. Ellison approving a petition from certain residents of Groves street and Cleveland and Rhodes avenues for street improvements. The vote was 3-0, with Commissioners O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Sam D. Collins abstaining.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, in presenting the new petition, asked the board to adopt a cash basis and have all prior approved petitions re-signed by the property owners involved to provide cash payment upon completion of the jobs. Prior petitions would retain their dates as a basis of scheduling the work when funds are available, he said.

Mr. Ellison's motion Thursday was to approve the petition from the Groves street and Cleveland and Rhodes avenues citizens on a cash basis if and when funds are available, provided 51 percent of the petitioners re-sign to pay cash. Commissioner J. H. Patterson seconded and Commissioner W. G. Grantham also voted "yes."

The board heard a delegation of North Piedmont avenue citizens protest delay in completion of a sidewalk they had petitioned. The group numbered 18-20 citizens and took the Mayor to task for the delay. One lady spokesman reminded Mayor Bridges that he had told the group last summer that he could get the state to curb and gutter the street when they widened it.

Mr. Bridges agreed that he had met with the group and state highway engineers "about a year ago" and that the state had promised to widen and improve the street. He said that the residents agreed at the time it would be unwise to install sidewalk and have the state destroy it. He also reminded the group that, just like sidewalks, curbs and gutters are constructed on a share cost basis with the property owners and the city paying one-half the cost.

Mayor Bridges told the group that he would arrange another meeting with them and state highway officials about the matter.

W. H. Redmond, Fairview street grocer, appeared before the board protesting Sunday movies. He asked the board to close the theatres on Sundays.

Mayor Bridges reported that the present schedule of duty in the police department "hasn't worked too good" and recommended that two officers be paid ten dollars per month extra for issuing warrants and doing other clerical work in the office. He said that the fees charged for writing warrants would more than pay the extra salary. He also reported that Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., had worked out a new department duty schedule and asked its approval.

After much discussion, the board approved the schedule change on motion of Commissioner Collins and Grantham in a unanimous vote. A motion by Mr. Ellison to leave the pay scale "as is" went un-seconded.

Mr. Collins then moved that two men be raised five dollars per month to serve as magistrates and to write warrants. Mr. Grantham seconded and Mr. Ellison and Mr. Patterson approved. Mr. Hayes abstaining.

Commissioner Collins, chairman of a committee to study plans for a city parking lot off Cherokee street, reported that he had no definite commitment from the property owners and that it was his opinion the city should have a lease. City Attorney J. R. Davis suggested that he meet with the committee to work out the plans.

A. M. Stradley, of Gastonia, salesman for the Duncan Parking Meter Co., of Chicago, showed the board two sample meters and priced them at \$49.50 and \$57.50 each. The board took no action.

Dan Huffstetler appeared before the board and asked a sewer *Continued On Page Five*

Battle Drama To Begin Final Weekend Series Thursday

National Guard To Leave Sunday For Encampment

Officers and men of the Kings Mountain National Guard company, officially designated Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 120th Infantry regiment, will leave this weekend for Fort Bragg and annual two-week encampment for field training.

Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of the Kings Mountain company, said an advance detachment of eight men will leave at 2:30 a. m. Thursday, to be followed by the main detachment. These men will be transported via special Greyhound bus, leaving at 8 a. m. Sunday. The guard company's seven vehicles will form a motorcade with the others of the battalion, leaving Kings Mountain for Fort Bragg at 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

The group from here will include eleven officers and 77 men.

Capt. Houston noted that the guard unit is now within five men of being at full strength. No recruits are being accepted until after the two-week encampment.

Fl. Bragg, North Carolina, and Camp Stewart, Georgia, will be two-week summer homes for more than 7,500 members of the famed 30th Infantry Division during the 1955 encampment August 14-28. This is the first summer encampment for the "Old Hickory" Guardsmen since the 30th Division became an all-Tar Heel division in October 1954.

The division is commanded by Major General Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton.

Legion To Give Courtroom Flag

Kings Mountain American Legion Post No. 155 will present the City an American Flag for use in the courtroom at City Hall.

The organization voted to give the flag and stand at its regular monthly meeting, held at the Legion Hall last Friday night.

Commander W. D. (Red) Morrison presided at the meeting, attended by some 35 Legionnaires.

Commander Morrison announced receipt of a child welfare citation from the American Legion national headquarters for the post's work in that field during the past fiscal year.

Membership plans for the coming year were discussed and it was announced that memberships for 1956 are now being accepted. The membership for 1955 was given as 249.

A memorial service was held at the close of the meeting.

Gerberding's Son To Face Heresy Charge Before Church Committee

Rev. John Gerberding, 33, pastor of Menomoe Falls Lutheran church in Wisconsin and son of Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church here, has been ordered to stand trial on a charge of heresy before a church synod investigating committee.

The charges will be aired before the special committee of the Northwest Synod, United Lutheran church late this month, and will follow the recent heresy trial of Rev. George Crist, Jr., another young Lutheran minister of Durham, Wis., whom Rev. John Gerberding attempted to aid during the hearing.

Rev. Mr. Crist was found guilty by the committee on nine of 14 charges of deviation from established Lutheran doctrine, among



EVANGELIST — Rev. G. W. Wilson, pastor of the Central Baptist church, York, S. C., will begin a revival Sunday night at 8 p. m. at Patterson Grove Baptist church. Morning services will be held at 10:30 a. m. daily with night services at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. J. Thornburg, the pastor announced.

Nicholson Hurt In Auto Wreck

E. G. Nicholson suffered two broken ribs and a Gastonia woman was hospitalized Tuesday afternoon after a new pickup truck of Nicholson's P & N Appliance Company crashed into a telephone pole in Mt. Holly.

The Gastonia woman, Mrs. Evelyn Wallace, of 1005 Dogwood Rd., was reported not seriously injured by the Gastonia Memorial hospital public relations officer Wednesday afternoon.

Another passenger in the truck, Miller Jarrell, of McAdenville, suffered minor bruises.

The accident occurred, Mr. Nicholson said, when another car approached an intersection in Mt. Holly, forcing the Nicholson truck to swerve out of its path and crash into the telephone pole. Mr. Nicholson said the other vehicle did not stop.

The new Chevrolet truck which had just been delivered by Victory Chevrolet Company late Tuesday morning, was badly damaged.

Mr. Nicholson was treated at Kings Mountain hospital, after he noticed a pain in his chest two hours after the wreck. Examination revealed two ribs were cracked.

Mr. Nicholson was charged with reckless driving. Hearing has been set for August 29.

EASTERN STAR
Members of the Eastern Star and their families will hold their annual picnic Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spencer at Lake Montona. A picnic supper will be served.

Saturday Show Will Mark End Of 1955 Season

The battle drama, "Sword of Gideon", will complete its 1955 run and perhaps its final performance when the curtain falls on Saturday night's performance.

The final series of performances will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 at Kings Mountain National Military park amphitheatre.

The Saturday night performance will mark completion of a 15-performance 1955 season and the end of the fifth season for a battle drama commemorating the famous Revolutionary War engagement near here which was the beginning of the end of British rule over the American colonies.

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre, sponsor and producer of the drama, has voted to cease production of the drama following the 1955 season.

Meantime, the drama played to its top crowd of 1955 last Saturday night, as a capacity audience of 700 filled the amphitheatre. Total attendance for the three performances last weekend was placed at 1200 by Publicist Ed Smith.

Mr. Smith said he anticipated large crowds for the performances this weekend, in view of the scheduled suspension and due to regular policy of the Little Theatre in not extending its regular schedule.

"The Sword of Gideon", Florette Henri's adaptation for the stage of her novel "Kings Mountain" is presented by a 90-member cast, majority of them volunteer performers. The drama has received favorable reviews in the current season and numbers among its cast many veterans of previous seasons.

Admission is \$2 for reserved seats, \$1.20 for general admission, and 60 cents for children.

Gladden Rites Held On Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. E. Florence Gladden, former Kings Mountain resident, were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Harris Funeral Home. Rites were conducted by Rev. J. J. Thornburg and burial was in Patterson Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Gladden, the widow of Thomas W. Gladden, died Thursday morning at 1:30 after an illness of two weeks. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Falls.

Other survivors include one brother and seven sisters.

Leroy Green Hurt In Auto Accident

Leroy Green, 20, of Peaceful Valley, sustained a shoulder injury in an automobile accident around 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon near Shady Rest on Cherryville road. Green was given first aid treatment at Kings Mountain hospital by Dr. Kenneth McGill.

Green told police his 1949 Mercury went out of control while attempting to pass another vehicle and overturned. The Mercury, Green stated, was being operated by an unidentified man whom he had picked up at Horseshoe Grill. Green also said that Leonard Biddix and a third person, whom he thought to be James Childers, were also passengers in the car. Green said the unidentified man, picked up to drive the car since he and the other two men did not have driving license, left the scene of the accident before identification could be made.

State Highway Patrolmen were still investigating the accident late Wednesday afternoon.

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them a contention that the Bible was not necessarily literal regarding the virgin birth of the mother of Jesus.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the Kings Mountain minister, commented on the forthcoming hearing for his son in what he termed a "personal statement" at morning services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church last Sunday. The full statement follows:

"I wish to make a personal statement.

"I do so after conferring with the lay chairman (Jacob Cooper) of the congregation and with his esteemed father (Dr. E. C. Cooper).

"There has been much in the newspapers about a Lutheran heresy trial in Milwaukee, involv-

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