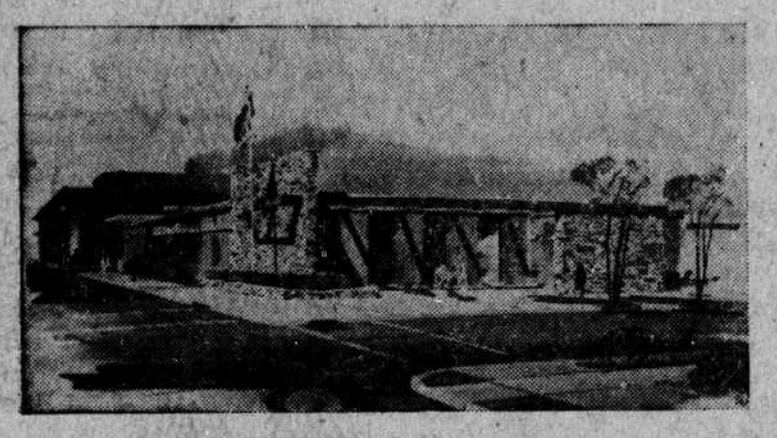


Population	
Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.



PROPOSED GROVER POSTOFFICE — Pictured above is an artist's sketch of the proposed Grover postoffice. Bids for building the structure on a lease arrangement have been invited by the postoffice department. Deadline for bids is January 9.

Grover Postoffice Bids Are Invited

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB
Gilbert V. Durham of Duke Power Company will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting at the Woman's Club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

COURT OF HONOR
Regular Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 at Central Methodist church, according to announcement from Piedmont Council headquarters.

AT CONFERENCE
B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, is attending a conference of North Carolina school superintendents at Durham. He will return Tuesday.

NO PERMITS
City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued no building permits during the past week.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$166.10, including \$110.40 from on-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

Two Receive King's Diplomas

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Von Hawkins of Charlotte, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gamble of Kings Mountain, received diplomas last Wednesday in finals exercises at King's Business College, Charlotte.

Mrs. Hawkins, the former Barbara Gamble, completed the general business course. Her husband completed the two-year advanced business course.

City Board To Convene

City commissioners will have a short agenda at Thursday night's regular December meeting, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday.

Principal item of business is opening of bids for a truck for the city electrical department.

Students Win In Poster Contest

Carolyn Williams, fourth grader, and Elaine Williams, sixth grader, won top honors in the fire prevention poster contest sponsored at North School by the Public Affairs Department of the Woman's Club.

Cash prizes of \$1 went to first place winners in the two divisions. Honorable mentions also went to: Debbie Plonk, fourth grader; Kathy Tessenner, sixth grader; and Danny Greene, sixth grader.

January 9th Is Deadline For Bidding

Grover Postmaster Robert B. Keeter, Sr., said today he has been advised by the Office of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield that the Post Office Department is now asking for bids to build and lease to the Department the new Post Office for Grover.

Closing date for the bids is January 9, 1961.

"This proposed new building," Postmaster Keeter said, "will replace existing facilities located on State Line Avenue between Stonehall and Bob Vance streets. Specifications call for a structure containing approximately 2,568 square feet with an outside loading platform and adequate space for parking and truck maneuvering."

Postmaster Keeter said he has been advised that the Post Office Department will enter into a lease agreement with the successful bidder which will run for 10 years with two 5-year renewal options.

Bids should be submitted, the Postmaster advised, to the Real Estate Office, Marvin W. Clem, Box 272, Postoffice Charlotte, North Carolina, who will supply information with regard to bidding forms, building specifications, lease provisions, etc.

Postmaster Keeter quoted Regional Operations Director W. L. Crawford, for the Post Office Department's Atlanta Region, as saying that "significant progress now is evident in the postal modernization program begun by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield."

Under the Post Office Department's unique Commercial Leasing Program, the resources and investment funds of private enterprise are utilized to obtain needed postal buildings. More than 4,200 new structures have been erected during the past five years.

Yule Shopping Pace Increases

The pace of retail business is expected to continue to increase this weekend, as the traditional Christmas holiday nears.

Only 15 shopping days remain before Christmas.

Majority of merchants say Christmas buying began the weekend following Thanksgiving and continued last weekend. They think the pace will continue upward through Christmas Eve.

Merchants say their inventories this year are better than ever in all lines of goods, including both staple merchandise, and Christmas specialties.

Anthony Grows Mammoth Turnip

The recent growing season has been ideal for turnips, producing some king-size specimens.

Local size-champion to date is the 7.5 pound turnip, measuring 26.5 inches in circumference grown by Dewitt Anthony, who lives on Shelby road, Ted Ledford, of Kings Mountain Farm Center reports.

Kings Mountain's Population Is 8,008

Official Census Report Off 224 From Unofficial Count

Lions To Honor Gridmen Tuesday

The encore appearance of Davidson Coach Bill Dole and the presentation of two coveted football trophies will highlight the Kings Mountain Lions Club annual football banquet at the Woman's club Tuesday night.

Coach Dole has just completed one of the most successful of his nine seasons as Davidson head football coach, including the "upset-of-the-year" in the Southern Conference over Virginia Tech, one of the perennial powers in the circuit.

The Wildcats' 9-7 win over the Gobblers, in fact, was one of the nation's shockers for the grid campaign. It was one of three wins for Davidson in its eight-game schedule. Other victories were over Catawba and an inter-sectional win over Lehigh, another triumph which attracted national attention.

Four of Davidson's five defeats were by the margin of a touchdown or less.

Dole also spoke to the Mountaineer gridders at a Lions' Club fête several years ago and joins Coach Clarence Stasavich of Lehigh-Rhine as an encore speaker for the annual affair.

Two handsome trophies will be awarded to Mountaineer gridders for outstanding performances during the past season when the local gridders won nine of ten games and finished second in the Southwest Conference.

The Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy will be awarded for the eighth straight year, and Dr. George Plonk Most Valuable Player Trophy will be given for the second season in a row.

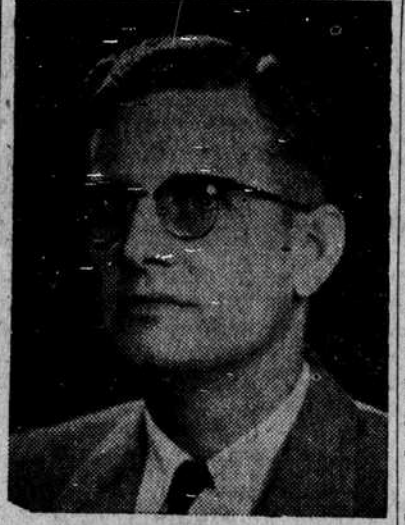
Eight players have received the blocking trophy in the seven seasons since the award was inaugurated in 1953. Two players were named to share the award last season.

The list of blocking trophy recipients down through the years shows that a lineman has won the award every season. By the years, the winners have been:

- 1953—Ronnie Layton, end.
- 1954—Charles Yelton, guard.
- 1955—Joe Meek Ormand, center.
- 1956—David Marlowe, tackle.
- 1957—Bill Herndon, guard.
- 1958—David Plonk, guard.
- 1959—Mike Ware, tackle and end, and Gary Blanton, end, tied for award and received identical trophies.

The Dr. Plonk Most Valuable Trophy was given last year for

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HERE SUNDAY — Dr. Samuel Rankin, missionary on furlough from Hong Kong, will speak at morning worship services Sunday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Baptists To Hear Missionary Here

Dr. Samuel Rankin, medical missionary to the Hong Kong area, will speak at morning worship services Sunday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1947, Dr. Rankin served for one year on the staff of Scout Memorial hospital, Wuchow, China, until 1949. He has served in the Hong Kong Baptist Association Clinic, soon to be replaced by a hospital, since 1955.

A native of Sandy Hook, Mississippi, Dr. Rankin attended Pearl River Junior college, Poplarville, Miss., and received the bachelor of science degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and the doctor of medicine degree from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

Before appointment for missionary service he was an intern at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., a medical officer in the U. S. Navy, a resident physician at Grace Hospital of Richmond, Va., and a general practitioner in Bamberg, S. C. At the present time he is on a one-year furlough and is taking special training on a residential level at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, in preparation for work in the new Hong Kong Baptist Hospital which should be completed by early 1962.

"Dr. Rankin will bring to us a wealth of information on communist China and foreign missionary work throughout the Orient," Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor, said, and he continued, "the community is invited to worship with us."

FAIRVIEW LODGE

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced. New officers will be elected.

TAX LISTERS NAMED

Conrad Hughes was appointed tax lister for Number 4 Township and A. A. Barrett tax lister for Number 5 township by the county board of commissioners Monday.

Construction Of Hospital Wing On Schedule; Laboratory Expanded

Construction of the 25-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital is proceeding on schedule, Manager Grady Howard said this week.

Completion date required in the basic contract, February 8, may not be met, however, due to subsequent additions approved by State Medical Care commission officials which involve electrical tie-ins.

Bethware Has Homecoming Party Friday

Carolyn Whetstone will be crowned queen in the fourth annual Bethware High School Homecoming to be held at the school Friday night.

The senior will be crowned by the 1959 queen, Kim Cashion, during the halftime of the boys game of a basketball double-header with Burns High of Polkville. The 1959 queen will place the crown on the new queen's head since the 1960 queen, Janet Hamrick, cannot be present.

Four attendants, one from each of the four grades, will also take part in the coronation ceremonies. They are Rae Falls of the senior class, Earleen Lemons of the junior class, Frankie Hamrick of the sophomore class, and Pat Hoopough of the freshman class.

The Homecoming Committee which has planned the affair consists of: Lawrence Bolin, Jerry Morris, Sheila Gantt, Carolyn Whetstone, Linda Herndon and Rickey Goforth.

The program will honor the 1960 graduating class of Bethware High School, and the program is sponsored by the Bethware High block "B" Club.

Carolyn Whetstone is the fourth in the line of Homecoming Queens to be crowned at Bethware, following Faye Bolin in 1958, Kim Cashion in 1959, and Janet Hamrick for 1960.

The Homecoming program is scheduled for the halftime of the boys game against the Burns High of Polkville team. The Burns team is a consolidation of the Polkville, Piedmont and Casar schools. Billy Hallyburton, formerly of Casar, is the Burns coach, and R. M. Durham is the Burns principal.

Frank Hamrick will be master of ceremonies for the Homecoming ceremonies and an honor guard will be on hand from the Kings Mountain National Guard unit.

The Rev. N. S. Hardin will deliver the invocation and the address of welcome will be made by Bethware Principal R. G. Franklin.

A Homecoming dance will be held in the school gymnasium following the basketball games. The girls half of the double-header starts at 7 o'clock on Friday night.

As a part of the Homecoming celebration, the Bethware basketball teams, managers and cheerleaders will go to Charlotte on Saturday night to see the double-header involving Duke, Wake Forest, West Virginia and Penn State.

J. Grady Sellers Passes Tuesday

J. Grady Sellers, 71, died at his home at Kings Mountain, Route 3 at 10:45 p. m. Tuesday after an extended illness.

Mr. Sellers, a retired farmer, was born in Gaston County and was the son of the late John B. and Barbara Byrd Sellers.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cleo Sellers; two sons, Marvin and Ben, both of Charlotte; and seven daughters, Mrs. Colin Smith and Mrs. W. A. Hamrick, both of Route 1, Mrs. Earl Eaker and Mrs. Alonzo Eaker, both of Cherryville, Mrs. Carl Haynes of Stanley, Mrs. Allene Leonhardt of Charlotte and Mrs. A. E. Stevens of San Francisco, Calif.

Also surviving are three brothers, Blaine and Marshall, both of Charlotte and D. A. of Kings Mountain, Route 3; three sisters, Mrs. Worth Hoyle of Fallston, Mrs. Ed Howell of Route 1, Miss Emma Sellers of Kings Mountain, Route 3; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Sellers was a member of Mary's Grove Methodist Church where the funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

The body will lie in state at home and at the church for 30 minutes prior to the funeral hour.

Mrs. Doyt Falls Wins Herald Guessing Contest

Mrs. Doyt Falls, of 202 Dilling street, is the winner of the Kings Mountain Herald's \$25 award for guessing most correctly the city's 1960 official census.

Official figures, announced by the Bureau of the Census this week showed Kings Mountain's population 8,008.

Mrs. Falls guessed in the Herald contest that the total would be 8,010, just two more than the actual official count.

Second closest guess was made by Mrs. Dorothy Tignor, 111 Deal street, who thought the population would be 8,013, a mere five off the official total.

Third closest guess was made by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, 410 West Gold Street, who was long by 13, at 8,021.

Fourth spot went to E. F. Farris, Box 112, who was short by 48 at 7,961.

The official report lowered the unofficial preliminary total by 224. Mrs. C. J. Gault, Jr., 104 N. Goforth street, had proved closest to the preliminary total of 8,230.

A total of 136 persons entered the Herald guessing contest, with the majority posting guesses in the 8,000 to 9,000 bracket.

Farmers To Vote On Cotton Quotas

Cotton farmers will decide on Tuesday whether to continue marketing quotas for their 1961 upland cotton crop.

The referendum on marketing quotas will be held throughout cotton producing states.

Persons who produced cotton in 1960 or those who had cotton acreage in the soil bank in 1960 are eligible to vote.

A two-thirds vote in favor of marketing quotas will be required for their continuance, which means that a farmer who complies with the quotas will be eligible for price support on the 1961 crop.

If the marketing quotas aren't approved, no marketing quotas or penalties will be in force, all allotments will be assigned and parity support will drop to 50 percent.

Last year more than 95 percent of farmers voting approved quotas on the 1960 crop.

Farmers in Number 4 township will vote at Bethware school. Conducting the election will be Otto Williams, Nevette Hughes, Alex Owens and Ben Hamrick, alternate.

Cotton farmers in Number 5 township will vote at Wray Stirewalt's store, where the voting officials are T. Z. Ford, Clifford Hamrick, W. A. Wright and Coleman Goforth, alternate.

Farmers unsure about their qualifications to vote in the election should call the county ASC office at Shelby.

Population Of Township Is 14,724

Kings Mountain's official 1960 population, according to the Bureau of the Census is 8,008.

The official figure shows a gain of 802 over 1950's population of 7,206, but is short by 224 of the preliminary unofficial report supplied last May by the district census office in Gastonia.

The percentage gain over the 1950 nose-count was 11.13 percent, slightly below the rate of increase in North Carolina, which was 12.2 percent.

The Town of Grover posted a 1960 population figure of 538, three more than the 1950 population and almost three more than the unofficial report of last spring.

Number 4 township population is 14,724, or 22.29 percent of Cleveland County's 66,048.

The City of Shelby population is 17,698, and Number 6 Township lists 26,024 people, or 39.4 percent of the county's population.

Number 9 (Double Shoals) township is third in population with 6,071 persons. Lawndale, the only incorporated community in Number 9, has 723 people.

Boiling Springs is Cleveland's third largest town, with 13,111. Lawndale fourth, at 723. Grover fifth at 538. Lattimore sixth at 257, edging Waco in last place at 256.

North Carolina's population was 4,556,155, a gain of 494,226.

Cleveland County is regarded as a rural county, with 38.9 percent of its population urbanized, and 61.1 percent living in rural areas.

UF Budget 85 Percent In

Percentage-wise Kings Mountain United Fund will likely show a better record this year than last, Treasurer R. S. Lennon said Wednesday, though dollar-wise donations and pledges to date are less than the final 1960 total.

Mr. Lennon said that it appears cash and pledge totals now approximate 85 percent of the \$17,000 budget, against an 83 percent collection of 1960's \$18,000 budget.

Mr. Lennon's report indicates cash and pledges to date of about \$14,450.

Chairman Bob Maner, out of town Wednesday, had previously indicated little other than clean-up work would be done prior to January 1.

Some textile firms have delayed making employee solicitations due to a slow down in operating schedules and have suggested they withhold their campaigns until early 1961.

Eight service, civic and charitable organizations are participating in the current campaign.

Included are Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library, Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, City Recreation commission, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cleveland County Life-Saving Squad, Inc., Kings Mountain school band, and Davidson school band.

Armory Answer Indicated Soon

Answer from the county board of commissioners on a request that the county furnish a portion of local funds for construction of a national guard armory is anticipated on December 15.

Sgt. Charles Wilson, of the Kings Mountain engineering company, attended Monday's session of the board and renewed the fund request. He is invited by Chairman Knox Sarratt to return to the commission session of December 19.

Sgt. Wilson showed members of the commission plans for the \$140,000 "A" type armory which has been approved by the North Carolina National Guard and for which the federal share of funds has been appropriated by Congress.

Sgt. Wilson told the commission the plans he had been furnished were drawn in 1955, and were subject to modifications ordered since.

Asked the minimum funds needed for the project, Sgt. Wilson told the commission estimates are that an absolute minimum of \$35,000 in local funds will be required.

He noted that initially it was anticipated the local fund requirement, of which the City of Kings Mountain has pledged \$20,000, would be \$25,900.

Since that time, he added, the National Guard has upped its acreage requirement on armory sites to five acres, two less than the present national guard site contains. He told the commission firm quotations on additional property requirements haven't been obtained completely.

City and national guard officials had asked the county to match the city's \$20,000 pledge, city officials, pointing out that property purchases by the city already total more than \$6300 for the site.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges also appeared before the commission Monday in support of the armory appropriation request.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Return Monday; Legion Sponsoring Visit

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Kings Mountain for its final 1960 blood collection Monday, with the collection to be made at the American Legion building on East Gold street and with Otis D. Green Post 155 sponsoring the collection.

Hours of operation will be from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

FREE TRANSPORTATION
Any person needing transportation to the American Legion Building to give blood at Monday's collection should call any Kings Mountain taxi company. Free transportation will be provided and arrangements will also be made for the donor's return home.

It was noted that American Legion members have a special interest in the blood collection program, as communities participating in the blood program share blood demands of Veterans hospitals in the area. Kings Mountain share for the current year is 1444 pints of blood.

In addition, Kings Mountain's Red Cross chapter area (which includes Number 4 township) must supply blood needs of all Kings Mountain area citizens, whether the blood is administered locally or in other hospitals.

Mrs. O. W. Myers, chairman of the Kings Mountain blood program, pointed out there is no let-up on demands for blood.

"We are approaching the holiday season when accident rates customarily zoom upward," Mrs. Myers said, "and use of blood after accidents has saved many lives."

Whole blood and blood derivatives are used in treating numerous illnesses and diseases.

"I want to urge everyone to support the Otis D. Green Post at Monday's visit," Mrs. Myers continued, "Giving of blood is an opportunity for almost all citizens to make an invaluable Christmas gift."

Goal of the collection is a minimum of 125 pints.

ADVENT SERVICES
Sunday morning services during the month of December will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT from St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor, will deliver the message at the 11 o'clock services.