

# Population

City Limits 7,193  
(Final Unofficial Census 1950)  
Immediate Trading Area 15,000  
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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# CITY BOARD ADOPTS \$344,484.35 BUDGET

## Local News Bulletins

### CEMETERY CLEANING

All interested persons are urged to meet at Bethlehem Baptist church Saturday morning to clean the cemetery grounds. Each person is reminded to bring tools it was stated.

### BUILDING PERMITS

The city issued two building permits this week. They included one to W. M. Gantt, for enclosing a porch, and one for \$200 to Daisy Schenck, 410 Ridge street, for a three-room addition to a dwelling.

### TO MISSOURI

Loy Costner, salesman at Plunk Brothers & Company, has resigned his position, effective Saturday, to accept a position with a retail dry goods firm in St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Costner and his family expect to move to St. Joseph next week.

### JAYCEES TO MEET

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening at the Woman's club at 7 o'clock. Program for the meeting has not been announced.

### ATTENDING INSTITUTE

Rev. Wm. L. Pressly left Sunday night for Princeton, N. J., attend the Institute of Theology. Mr. Pressly will be away for ten days. In his absence, Mr. John Reagan will preach at the ARP church. Mr. Reagan is assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

### WARREN MCGILL ILL

I. Warren McGill, former Kings Mountain citizen, is critically ill in a Little Rock, Ark., hospital, according to information received by relatives here this week. Mr. McGill is suffering from a heart condition.

### ATTEND PRESBYTERY

Rev. P. D. Patrick, Assistant Pastor John Reagan, C. D. Blanton and J. G. Darracott represented First Presbyterian church and Dixon Presbyterian church at the 114th session of Kings Mountain Presbytery, held Tuesday at First Presbyterian church in Lincolnton.

### MRS. MAUNEY ILL

Mrs. D. C. Mauney is a patient in Mercy Hospital, Charlotte. She became ill at her home at Crescent Beach, S. C. last week, and entered the hospital for examination and treatment on Wednesday. Her illness had not been finally diagnosed Thursday morning, but members of her family said doctors attributed the illness to a virus infection.

### PRIVILEGE LICENSES

Privilege licenses purchased by Kings Mountain business firms through Thursday totaled \$4,210.50. Persons and firms required to buy licenses are being reminded that July 31 is the deadline for buying privilege licenses without penalty. The 1949-50 licenses expired June 30. City officials estimate that more than half the privilege licenses have been purchased.

## Annual Red Cross Meeting Monday

Annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter is scheduled to be held at City Hall Monday night at 7:30 according to announcement by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, secretary.

The agenda includes election of new officers for the coming year and reading of annual reports of the organization.

L. L. Benson is chairman of the chapter and Mrs. Pride Ratterree is treasurer.

During the past year the organization conducted a fund-raising and membership drive, sponsored visits of the regional bloodmobile and offered welfare services to a great number of Kings Mountain area residents. The organization also engaged in civilian relief.

Everyone holding a Red Cross membership card is urged to attend the meeting, Mrs. Gamble said.

## Draft Board Go Back To Work; County Board Met On Thursday

### T. W. Grayson K. M. Member On Draft Body

Selective service—commonly known as the draft—was to be reactivated on full-time basis in Cleveland County Thursday night, at a meeting of the board in Shelby.

Members of the board include T. W. Grayson, of Kings Mountain, B. R. Dellinger, chairman, and Dr. J. L. Raymer.

Mr. Grayson told the Herald that the board would employ a full-time clerk, and would ready itself for pre-induction physical examination calls on the physical. Some 18 months ago, the selective service agency was consolidated. In the past several months, Mrs. Grace T. Kale, of Lincolnton, has served as clerk to the board and has maintained a two-day per week schedule at the Shelby office.

North Carolina's first quota under the new draft law is 610 men, but county boards have not yet been assigned quotas. According to the announcement from North Carolina draft headquarters, the services want 610 men from North Carolina in uniform by September 30.

Drafting will start with 25-year-old registrants who are non-veterans, but Col. Thomas Upton, deputy state director, estimated that few men would be obtained from this age group and that some 22-year-olds will be included in the first group. He estimated 1,800 registrants would be required for pre-induction physicals to fill the quota.

It was announced from Washington Wednesday that draftees would receive 14 weeks of basic training and would then be assigned to posts in the United States. Overseas duty, if any, would come later.

Under selective service law, young men becoming 18 years of age have been and are required to register with their draft boards. However, present selective service policy calls for the drafting of no men under 19 years of age.

### Hayes Partnership Purchases Grocery

O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Miss Dorothy Hayes have purchased Baker Cash Grocery from Floyd and Raymond Talbert it was announced this week.

Mr. Hayes said the sale took place on Tuesday and was effective as of that date. No consideration was announced.

The business, which was formerly Allran's Grocery, was operated for many years as Baker Grocery and is located on West Mountain street in the downtown business section.

Mr. Hayes has around 15 years experience in the grocery business.

The firm will be known as Hayes Cash Grocery.

## T-B X-Ray Machine Begins Second Year Of "Business"; Here Friday

The Cleveland County Mobile X-Ray unit will be in Kings Mountain all day Friday to make free X-Rays of persons desiring the service it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Virginia Raymer, who is in charge of operating the unit.

The unit is located in front of Belk's Department Store and will be open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The current visit marks the first visit of the machine to Kings Mountain in the second year of operations. Purchased jointly by the Kings Mountain and Shelby Junior Chambers of Commerce, the portable X-Ray unit and equipment was donated to the citizens of the county for free use.

Mrs. Raymer pointed out that persons who were first X-rayed when the unit made its initial visit to Kings Mountain in June 1949 should arrange to visit the machine Friday for another "picture." Experience has taught that it is best to have an X-Ray made

### State Is Short On Bond Quota

Saturday is the final day of the U. S. Savings bond Independence Drive, and Allison James, of Greensboro, state director, says North Carolina will fall considerably short of its \$7,057,000 quota unless bond purchases are heavy during the final weekend.

Cleveland county's quota is \$87,000 in the familiar "E" series bond, which sells in denominations as low as \$18.75. The bonds mature in 10 years, and the \$18.75 bond is then worth \$25.

George Blanton, Cleveland county chairman, is urging all citizens to buy as many bonds as possible, both to aid the government and for future security.

### Abee Bound Over Under \$750 Bond

Jess Willard Abee, 32-year-old Baker street resident, was bound over to Superior court under bond of \$750 by Judge Faison Barnes in city recorder's court Monday, on finding of probable cause on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Police arrested Abee on June 30, after a call to Baker street. Patrolman W. D. Sawyer and city policemen made the arrest. Abee allegedly attempted to kill Frank Dotson with a butcher knife.

Other cases in the Monday session were more routine. Ethel Dover, charged with assault on a female, and Juanita Herndon, charged with slander of a woman, were taxed with the costs.

Willie Lipscomb drew a fine of \$25 and costs for driving without an operator's license, and W. L. Roseberry, crippled soldier, had prayer for judgment continued on the same charge. John McMurry, charged with speeding and reckless driving, asked that the case be transferred to county court at Shelby.

Other judgments:

Ben Adams, charged with trespassing and indecent language, costs.

Elmer H. Allen, speeding, costs.

Averill A. Johnson, speeding and reckless driving, costs.

Austin Barrett, public drunkenness, costs.

J. K. Rippey, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs.

### Bank Is Commended On Progress Booklet

The First National Bank is receiving wide response and commendation on the "Fifty Years of Progress" booklet it began distributing last week.

In addition to letters of congratulation received from banking, industrial and commercial firms throughout the East and South, Radio Station WBT has requested 100 copies of the booklet for distribution to major advertisers of the nation. Press reviews also appeared in the Charlotte Observer, Gastonia Gazette, Shelby Star and other papers.

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### Softball Benefit To Be Played Friday Evening

A doubleheader featuring a regulation Softball Association league game between the front-running Burlington nine and the runner-up Automotive team is scheduled for Friday night at City Stadium. First game of the program is set to get underway at 7:30 p. m.

The game is to be sponsored by the Kings Mountain Amateur Softball Association and proceeds are to go to the Recreation Park Fund.

First game of the twin-bill pits the Parker Street "Ramblers" and the Burlington "Bullets."

The league game matches the two currently best teams in the eight team loop.

Burlington has won 10 and lost one in league play and have a season record of 16 wins, two losses counting exhibition games.

In loop play Burlington lost to Auto on 11 to 8 on June 12 and the other loss was to Rania mill of Gastonia. Two exhibition victories were posted against the strong Bessemer City softball nine.

Auto has won 8 league games and dropped three. Craftsman, Church and Town clubs defeated the "Mechanics."

Friday night's game pits the two teams against each other for the second time this year.

The game is expected to be a pitcher's battle between Right Hander Roy Pearson, ace of the Burlington staff, and Southpaw Joe Herndon, "Mechanic" ace. Both have pitched excellent ball this season and many observers consider them to be the top hurlers.

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## Lions Honor Legion Juniors, Hear Reports

Members and coaches of the 1950 Kings Mountain American Legion Juniors were guests of honor at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

W. L. Plunk, Lions program chairman and Legion athletic officer, was in charge of the program, and C. T. Carpenter, Jr., assistant athletic officer, presented the team members.

During the meeting, the Legion player voted Howard (Sonny) White, pitcher-outfielder, as the team's most valuable player for the past year, and a suitable gift is to be awarded to him.

Coach J. K. (Buddy) Lewis, of Gastonia, expressed his appreciation to the community for the opportunity to coach the Legion team and stated that he had never seen a group of boys any more courageous, eager, or sportsmanlike than the Kings Mountain team.

Assistant Coach J. R. Bradshaw said he would underwrite the statements of Coach Lewis and presented pins to members of the team.

Prior to the program, members of the Lions club gave reports for the previous year, which ended June 30. C. P. Barry, retiring treasurer, gave the financial report, which showed a cash increase of some \$300 for the year 1949-50, and also showed a long list of activities, and of contributions to civic projects, including payment of \$150 toward the salary of the school Bible teacher, and \$100 to the lunch fund for underprivileged children.

Dr. N. H. Reed gave the report of the committee on sight conservation, reporting purchase of glasses for many with deficient sight, 49 free eye examinations during the past six months, distribution of Christmas baskets to the blind, and other activities.

President Otto Williams announced that the next meeting of the club would be a picnic dinner at El Bethel church, and the (Cont'd on page eight)

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## Budget Is Largest In History; Tax Rate Again \$1.80 Per \$100

### City To Buy Six-Inch Pipe For Water Lines

The city board of commissioners, in its Wednesday meeting, acted to extend and improve the city's water distribution and fire prevention system by adopting a resolution instructing Utilities Superintendent L. C. Parsons to buy a large amount of six-inch pipe.

The city anticipates laying six-inch water lines and installing hydrants on Linwood Road, and on Candler street and Meadowbrook Drive.

The expenditure for pipe will be a portion of the \$12,000 earmarked in the 1950-51 budget for water line extension.

Remaining portion of the meeting was principally routine as the board also passed a required resolution calling for sale of property for delinquent 1949 taxes on the second Monday in September.

A delegation of taxi operators, headed by Jake England, asked the city's permission to use a portion of the "No parking" area at the corner of Battleground avenue and the Gold St. Railway crossing for a taxi parking lot.

Mayor J. E. Herndon informed the group that the property belonged to Southern Railway, and while the city would inquire of the Railroad concerning the matter, it had no jurisdiction over use of the property.

Wayne L. Ware, member of the county advisory commission on rural roads, conferred with the board concerning city tie-in of West Gold street with the Beeson Creek Road (which runs by Bennett brickyard from Mountain street to the Margrace mill) and which is now being prepared for hard-surfacing under the state's rural road program.

Mr. Ware said he would recommend full cooperation with the city in making the Gold street extension possible.

### Legion Meets Friday Night

Plans for remodeling and improving the Legion building will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain American Legion to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Announcement of the meeting was made by James Bennett, adjutant.

Also scheduled will be installation of 1950-51 post officers.

The adjutant also requests notification by Legionnaires eligible for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and thirty year membership awards.

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$161.83, according to announcement by city officials.

### Civil Service Examination Open

A Civil Service Examination for the position of Quartermaster Transportation, for appointment at the U. S. Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va., is now open. It was stated today by Mr. M. J. McAuliffe, Regional Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region. Salaries range from \$4172 to \$4784 per year.

The examination is being held by the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, and applications must be on file with the Director, Fourth United States Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C., not later than August 14, 1950.

Applicants will be rated on the basis of a written test, administrative ability, experience and fitness for the position.

Complete information and application forms may be obtained from the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington, D. C., and first-or-second-class post office in this area, or from the Central Office, U. S. Civil Service Commission, 7th and "P" streets, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

### Case Of Polio Reported Here

Dr. P. G. Padgett reported a case of polio in Kings Mountain this week.

The victim is Henry Carroll, a 17-year-old Negro youth who lives in the 100-block of N. Tracy street with his parents and grandmother.

Dr. Padgett said the Carroll boy has all the symptoms of polio and that Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, had agreed with him in his diagnosis. The polio is of the non-paralytic type, Dr. Padgett added, and he does not expect long-term ill effects.

It is the first case of polio reported here this year.

### Youth Caravan To Arrive Here

The Methodist Youth Caravan will be welcomed at Central Methodist church by a covered dish supper Saturday at 7 o'clock in the evening, after which the Caravanners will meet with the Youth Council at 8 o'clock to make plans for the week.

On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Caravanners will be visitors in the three youth classes, and at the 11 o'clock service will have complete charge of the morning program.

Youth Caravan week really gets off to a start on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock when a Fellowship supper will be served in the church basement by the Woman's Society, for the entire youth fellowship. The evening program begins at 7 o'clock with fellowship, a discussion by the caravanners on "Why is the Caravan Here?", worship and recreation.

Workshop periods are planned for 4 o'clock each afternoon Monday through Friday. This is a time for visitation, improving equipment and resources for youth work at the church, developing Christian activities in the community, and enriching personal lives through skills.

Fellowship suppers will be served at 6 o'clock each evening, and the evening program consisting of worship, forum discussions, and recreation, will begin at 7 o'clock and end at 9 o'clock, with the exception of Thursday, when a commission planning session will be held following supper, before the Worship program; and Friday, when a planning session for the entire group will be held at 7 o'clock, and a special service of dedication will be held at 8:30.

Courses to be offered are to seniors, older youth and their adult leaders; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship"; to intermediates and their adult leaders; "Our Intermediate Fellowship"; and to adults, "Working with Youth." Registration for these courses was held Sunday.

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There was some variance in the arrangements as to which teams would play the series—the 1950 team or the 1951 prospects, Kings Mountain will play the 1950 team.

The series will mark the final games for the following Kings Mountain players:

Howard (Sonny) White, and Charles Kirby, pitchers, Jerry Barker and Jim Huffstetler, outfielders, and Billy Watts, third base, all of Bessemer City.

Bob Bridges, first base, of Beth Ware.

Don White, pitcher, Grover, Glenn Oates, pitcher, of Clover, S. C.

Holland Smith, of Margaree Mill.

The Shelby team will be coached by Babe Hamrick, assistant to Bill Hallyburton, who coached the team during the pre-season and elimination periods.

The Shelby nine posted the only defeated suffered by Haywood County's juniors, who won the top spot in first round play in (Cont'd on page eight)

### Board Includes Capital Outlay Fund of \$40,000

The city board of commissioners, in regular July session Wednesday afternoon, adopted a record budget of \$344,484.35 for the fiscal year 1950-51.

The board also formally set the tax rate at \$1.80 per \$100 valuation, same rate as was in effect for the previous year.

Biggest jump in anticipated expenditures is for capital outlay, where the city anticipates expenditures of \$10,100. Budgeted are the following capital items:

Street Dept.—dump truck \$ 2,500.00  
Police Dept.—Radio 3,000.00  
Police Dept.—Car 2,000.00  
Police Dept.—Machine 250.00  
800 gal. spray tank 2,000.00  
Shed 3,000.00  
Water extension 12,000.00  
Streets 6,000.00  
Equipment 3,500.00  
Lot and Garage-in 4,000.00  
City and Fence 1,250.00  
Traffic lights 1,250.00

The city anticipates expenditure of \$253,541 in general funds, divided as follows:

Administrative Dept. \$18,070.00  
Street Dept. 37,300.00  
Sanitary Dept. 11,125.00  
Police Dept. 11,250.00  
Fire Dept. 6,235.00  
General Expense 4,400.00  
Water & Sewer Dept. 38,986.00  
Light & Power Dept. 91,730.00  
Recorder's Court 3,700.00  
Cemetery Dept. 4,975.00

Fixed item in the expenditure category is debt service, which calls for a total of \$45,803.85. The total includes \$31,000 in bond principal, \$14,705 in interest payments, and \$98.85 bank commissions.

A total of \$5,039.50 is set up for contingencies.

### REVENUE ITEMS

As is customary, the city anticipates largest revenue from sale of power and water. Anticipated revenue from sale of power is \$145,000, and from sale of water, \$36,000. Largest remaining item of income anticipated is from ad valorem taxes, from which the city expects to receive \$90,749 for 1950 taxes, and \$3,200 from taxes for prior years which are as yet unpaid. (More than one-third of the estimated amount of 1950 taxes has already been pre-paid by city taxpayers.)

The city anticipates income of \$7,000 from privilege licenses, (Cont'd on page eight)

### Legion Juniors Playing Shelby

The Kings Mountain American Legion Junior baseball team is scheduled to face the Shelby Juniors in City Stadium Saturday night in the finale of a three-game series between the two teams. Game time is 8 p. m.

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