

Population

City Limits 7,206
 Trading Area 15,000
 (1945 Nation Board Figures)

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Local News Bulletins

TO CHOR SCHOOL
 B. S. Peeler, Jr., left, Wednesday afternoon for Princeton, N. J., where he will attend the annual summer session of the Westminster Choir school.

JAYCEES MET
 Junior Chamber of Commerce members heard an address by Harvey L. Bumgardner, recent graduate of State college, at the regular meeting Tuesday night. The national poultry judging champion spoke on the poultry industry.

UNION SERVICE
 Sunday night's union service for five participating churches will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church with Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church delivering the sermon.

WARE ELECTED
 M. A. Ware, elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church, was elected secretary - treasurer of First Presbyterian Elders at a meeting held at Sardis ARP church, near Charlotte, Tuesday night.

CAMPBELL NAMED
 M. L. Campbell, agriculture teacher at Compact Negro school, was re-elected chaplain of the North Carolina Negro Agriculture Teachers association at the conference of the organization held at Greensboro last Friday.

KIWANIS PICNIC
 Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, their families and guests were to hold a picnic meeting Thursday night at 6:30 at Bethlehem Baptist church, with the women's organizations of the church preparing the supper.

INDUCTION CALL
 The Cleveland County selective service board has received an order to furnish seven men for induction on August 7. No pre-induction quota is expected for August, board employees said Thursday morning.

IN NEW HOME
 Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Heavener have recently occupied their new home in Westover Development north of the Shelby Highway. The home is five-room house of block construction with a full-size basement.

ON TOUR
 Tim Hord and Alvin Propst of Kings Mountain, and A. C. Early, of Shelby, left this week for a tour through Canada and 25 states. They expect to visit many resort areas and to make color film and slides of the places they visit. Mr. Hord operates a studio in Shelby.

PRIVILEGE LICENSE
 Sixteen additional business firms, making a total of 112, have purchase privilege licenses for 1951-52 during the past week. O. T. Hayes, Sr., acting city clerk told the Herald. Deadline for purchase of licenses without penalty is July 31.

AT CONVENTION
 Seven members of the St. Matthew's Lutheran church Luther League attended the annual Luther League State convention at Albemarle last Friday. They are Janice Allen, Rachel Plonk, Pat Smyre, Nell Ramsey, Douglas Falls, Timmy Gladden and David Mauney. They were accompanied by Rev. W. P. Gerberding and Ray Bost.

LIONS PROGRAM
 Kurt Webster, of Radio Station WBT, Charlotte, will interview members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club for a tape recorded broadcast at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall. Announcement was made by Ollie Harris, program chairman.

City Lake Opened For Night Fishing

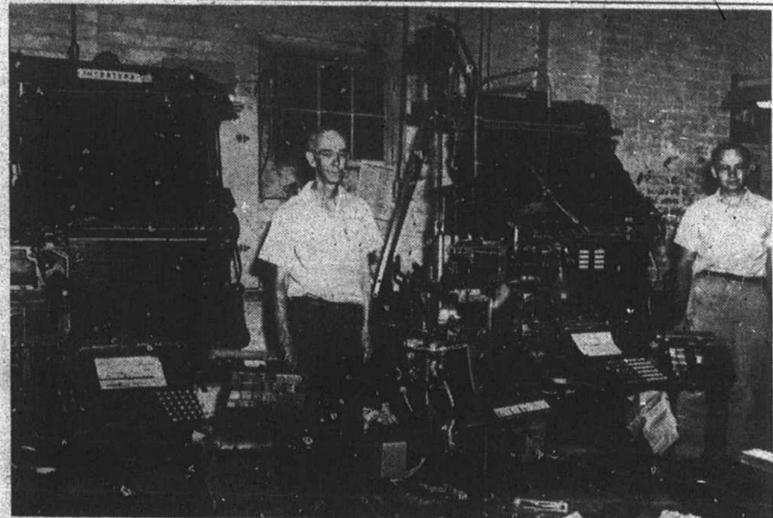
The city board of commissioners took the bars off night fishing at the city lake Monday night, adopting a resolution which also provided for sale of fishing permits at the lake.

Under the resolution, rates are: sun-up to sun-down, \$1.00; Sunday to sun-up, \$1.00; holiday (daytime only), 50 cents.

It is provided that no permits will be sold after 9 p. m.

The resolution continues the former rule which prevents fishing from the bank.

Permits may be purchased from Mrs. S. S. Bridges, keeper of the lake, at her residence.



HERALD SHOP GROWING UP—Shown above is the central core of the Herald's production facilities, its two typesetting machines. At left is the Intertype installed in January 1947, with Gene Matthews, Herald shop foreman and typesetter standing by, and, at the right, is the new Intertype installed two weeks ago, with Ronald Moore, typesetter, standing by. The addition of a second machine has made possible a big increase in production at the Herald, for both its newspaper and job printing departments. It is possible to set lines of type of 16 different faces on the two machines (see Martin's Medicine, page 2). Photo by Carlisle Studio.

City School Open September 4; July Agenda Meeting Routine

Bethware, Grover Schools To Open

Bethware and Grover schools open Monday morning for the split-term summer session, according to T. Horace Grigg, superintendent of county schools.

Mr. Grigg announced the following faculty members for the two schools:

At Bethware, there are four new teachers, two for high school and two for the primary department. Miss Nelly Duckworth, teaching high school English and Miss Sarah Cranford, home economics; Mrs. Jennette Taylor and Miss Jeannine Meacham in the primary grades. Other faculty members are: Amos E. Best, Myers Hambright, Mrs. Sue Moss, Mrs. Kate Willis, Mrs. Walline Best, Mrs. Jessie Greene, Mrs. J. B. Hord, Mrs. Ruth Ormand, Mrs. Letha Morris, Mrs. Dorothy Mechling, and John Rudisill, principal.

Four new faculty members will teach at Grover. They are: Mrs. Nell Biser, of Kings Mountain; Mrs. John Buice, of Hickory; and Mrs. Roberta Walton, all for the primary department, and Gene Turner, coach, in the high school. Other members include: Mrs. Hardin Lee, Miss Doris Rogers, Dan Jones, Mrs. Margaret Crocker, Miss Lowell Lee Ellis, Miss Dorothy McCraw, Miss Piccola Blalock, Mrs. Rebecca Lutz, Mrs. Dessie Cox, Mrs. Foster Powell, Mrs. Edith Jones and Foster Powell, principal.

CALLED TO DUTY
 Capt. Thomas Harper, army air force reserve pilot, formerly of Kings Mountain, reported for active duty at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, last week. He is a World War II veteran. Mrs. Harper, the former Miss Maude Plonk, and their children, are residing temporarily with Mrs. Harper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Plonk.

COBS AT WICHITA FALLS
 Pvt. James William Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foley P. Cobb, of York road, is now training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. A graduate of Kings Mountain high school in June, Pvt. Cobb enlisted in the air force June 9 and went to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

The group agreed on Mr. Barnes' suggestion that the first step in the building program should be the hiring of an architectural firm and Chairman Kincaid called a special meeting for last night (Thursday) to discuss the project further and to take action on completion of the faculty for the September opening.

Kings Mountain's Rate of Growth Tops Shelby's During Past Decade

Official census of Kings Mountain for 1950 was 7,206, representing a gain of 13 over the unofficial census figure reported about one year ago.

Kings Mountain thus gained a total of 749 persons during the decade beginning in 1940, when the census-takers found 6,457 persons residing within the city limits of Kings Mountain.

The percentage gain was 11.51 percent, which approximated the percentage gain for the State of North Carolina. The state now has an official population of more than four million.

Cleveland county showed a total population of 64,357, against the 1940 total of 58,055, a percentage gain for the county was 10.8 percent.

Other Cleveland county totals: Shelby, 15,508, a gain of 1,201 and a percentage gain of 8.3 percent.

Boiling Springs, 1,145 compared to 613.

Waco, 310 compared to 281.

Charlotte, near the 200,000 mark is the largest North Carolina city, while Delview in Gaston county was the smallest town with seven persons.

Mayor Schedules "Gripe" Sessions

Mayor Garland E. Still announced this week he would institute a series of monthly "gripe" sessions for the benefit of townspeople next Tuesday night at City Hall.

"The board of commissioners and myself are anxious to know what the people like and what they don't like, and I believe a monthly opportunity for citizens to visit with the board and let their hair down will be helpful to both the administration and to the citizens."

Mayor Still said the sessions will be continued each fourth Tuesday evening of the month, if the citizens show interest in them. He said the decision to hold such sessions was made after he heard the mayor of Louisville, Ky., describe such meetings in vogue in Louisville.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 in the courtroom.

Shytle Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Thomas Jackson Shytle, 80, were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Lake Lure Baptist church, with interment following in the Lake Lure cemetery.

Rev. S. T. Stapp, the pastor, officiated.

Mr. Shytle succumbed Monday morning at 11:30 at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been ill for four days.

A native of Rutherford county, he had lived here for the past two years at the home of a son, Martin A. Shytle, on route 2. His wife was the late Mrs. Dovie Green Shytle.

Surviving in addition to the son with whom he resided, are three sons, T. J. Shytle, Mt. Holly; W. E. Shytle, Spring Lake, and T. W. Shytle, Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Catherine Boone, and Mrs. Bonnie Payne, both of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Ruby Humphries, of Shelby; and Mrs. Ruth Horne, Orlando, Fla. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Coincidentally, his brother, J. H. Shytle, 83, of Asheville, died at his home exactly one hour earlier.

Reports For Duty

Major Maynard Snow, Army Air Force reserve pilot, left Monday with his family for Tinker Field, Okla., where he will report for active duty with the air force. He expects to be at Tinker field for several weeks. His address will be 1300 AACB, Tinker AAB, Okla. Mrs. Snow is the former Miss Alice Betty Mauney.

To Occupy Home

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Myers expect to occupy their new residence on N. Piedmont avenue Tuesday. The residence, which they purchased several months ago from Mrs. Cora Hunter, has been almost completely rebuilt and redecorated. The Myers have been residing temporarily on E. Ridge street.

\$383,000 Budget Adopted By Board; Revenue Estimate Raised By \$10,000

Board Considers Possible Hike In Tap Fees

The City of Kings Mountain may institute a charge for sewer taps, now free, and may up its charges for water taps.

Without formal action, the board of commissioners instructed City Attorney J. R. Davis Monday night to draw up an ordinance which, if passed, would set scale of fees.

Discussed informally, after City Administrator M. K. Fuller had given a scale of costs showing the city takes a financial loss on each installation made, it was indicated that the city may institute a charge of \$25 for a sewer tap. Mr. Fuller suggested raising the water tap fee from \$25 to \$40, but several board members stated preference for a scaled tap rate, leaving the base charge at \$25 for a three-quarter inch tap, and with higher fees for installations of larger lines, which Mr. Fuller had said costs more.

Only formal actions of the board, other than adoption of the budget and tax rates, were:

Hiring, Firing Again Aired By City Board

1) A resolution by Commissioner James Layton, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd Davis to open the city lake for night fishing and to make the lake-keep permit salesman.

2) A motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Commissioner Ollend Pearson, to employ James Lybrand as a city fireman.

All members of the board were present and both actions were unanimous.

Considerable discussion was devoted to the 11-month audit, with Accountant Howard Walker explaining details concerning it.

Mr. Walker explained that the previous administration had been technically in error in allowing appropriations had been reached. He added that most of the additional expenditures had been made after board motion which was inferential approval. Mr. Walker said the legal procedure is to transfer funds from one department to another by resolution, and he suggested that the commissioners follow that procedure. He also said he thought a presentation of figures showing percentage of budget spent would be frequent enough on a quarterly basis.

"We found the books in a bad state, almost impossible to audit," Mr. Walker declared. "I don't accuse anyone of fraud, but the door was wide open. I am here this week to set up the books on a proper basis."

"In the past," he continued, "there was a complete ignoring of the budget. If funds run out, department heads should obtain a board resolution for a transfer of funds. Otherwise, somebody can get into hot water."



HEAD HOSPITAL BOARD—C. C. (Cobby) Horn, left, Shelby lawyer, was elected chairman of the county hospital board of trustees at an organization meeting of the 15-member board Wednesday night. L. Arnold Kiser, right, Kings Mountain trustee, was named vice-chairman of the board. Hunter Neisler, another Number 4 Township trustee and retiring vice-chairman, was appointed chairman of the visiting committee, and C. D. Blanton, new member from Number 4 township, was appointed treasurer of the Kings Mountain unit. Mr. Horn succeeds J. D. Elliott, and Mr. Blanton succeeds W. K. Mauney.



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Prince Cops Herald Census-Guess Game

In what the horse-racing announcers would call a strong finish, A. B. Prince, Kings Mountain insurance salesman, won the Herald's prize of \$15 cash for most nearly guessing the official 1950 census for Kings Mountain.

Actually, the census-figures made the strong finish and brought in enough Kings Mountain citizens to return Mr. Prince as the winner. His guess was 7,212, only six "long" on the official figure of 7,206 reported last weekend by the Bureau of the Census.

Next closest guess was that of the late A. C. Hoyle, who, until the final figures were announced, had appeared to have the winning guess at 7,183. The final figure left this guess 23 "short."

Third honorable mention goes to J. D. Jones, at 7,250 a total of 38 "long," while fourth place goes to Kenneth Roberts, at 7,154 a total of 42 "short."

Only prize offered was for first place.

Floyd Thornburg Dismissal Brings Matter Up Again

The question of who does the hiring and who does the firing at City Hall was aired again Monday night, after Floyd Thornburg, veteran city electrician, appeared before the board of commissioners to ask why he had been discharged.

Mr. Thornburg's question was never answered succinctly, and his parting remark was, "There will be another election in two years."

Mr. Thornburg had been relieved of his position during the day and was given two-week's vacation pay.

Commissioner Lloyd Davis had given an inferential answer to Mr. Thornburg's question by stating, "You are being fired for the reason we discussed at my store."

Mr. Thornburg replied that he thought it had all been settled and said that City Administrator M. K. Fuller had given him the impression in recent days that he was to remain in the city's employ, in spite of announcement about 30 days ago that he would be discharged.

Mr. Fuller replied that three board members had told him to dismiss Mr. Thornburg, and to this statement Mr. Thornburg said, "I want to know who they are."

After Commissioner Davis said he was one of them, Commissioner Olland Pearson said, "I didn't say to fire you, but I did ask why you and Officer Ellison were still here 30 days after you were supposed to be fired. There is nothing personal involved as far as I'm concerned, but we all went along."

All others kept silent, but when Mr. Thornburg left, Commissioner Olland Pearson said, "Continued On Page Eight"

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Minor Changes Are Adopted In Breakdown

The city board of commissioners enacted its 1951-52 budget ordinance Monday night, set the tax rate at \$1.80 per \$100 valuation, and the poll tax at \$2.70.

Changes in the tentative budget adopted the previous week were minor, though the budget escalated by \$10,000. The total anticipated expenditures and outgo during the ensuing 12 months is \$383,245.94.

The board took another look at its anticipated revenue figures and decided it could safely expect to receive an additional \$2,000 from the sale of water, and an additional \$8,000 from the sale of electricity. It seemed to be a vast surplus.

Total Available
 If the city board of commissioners estimated correctly on receipts during 1951-52, the total available for spending during the year will be \$411,528.11, exclusive of the cemetery fund. The latter fund can be spent only for care of Mountain Rest cemetery. This fund is now in excess of \$16,000. The board estimates receipts of \$383,245.94 and the 1950-51 surplus was \$28,282.17.

lid guess, since the sale of these utilities during 1950-51 totaled during 1950-51 totaled \$218,906.20. The expected revenue of \$224,500 would require less than a \$24,500 increase, and rate revisions on water rates are being discussed.

The added \$10,000 was not actually budgeted for definite spending but tacked on to the contingency fund which also gained another \$10,000, this addition a deduction from a capital outlay item earmarked originally for the purchase of heavy equipment for the street department. The money had been set up tentatively for the purchase of a crawler-type tractor and was removed to the contingency item on the insistence of Mayor Garland Still, who said he felt the city needed a warehouse far more than it did a machine "which we can rent, as needed for street-cutting, on a per diem basis."

Howard Walker, Winston-Salem accountant for Ernst & Ernst, had given a big boost to the mayor's contention in his presentation to the commissioners of the 11-month audit report. He had "strongly condemned the city's practice of leaving valuable supplies and equipment 'lying around where it can be and probably is carried off.'"

Numerous minor changes occurred in the budget breakdown for the administrative department. Only \$500 was added to the previous total of \$24,200, but there was considerable shifting around. Additions included \$600 to the original \$600 set up to pay the salary of the city attorney; a \$300 addition to the \$2,400 earmarked for the salary of Acting Clerk O. T. Hayes, Sr.; a \$200 addition to the \$2,400 to provide the \$50 per week salary of Assistant Clerk and Treasurer Joe H. McDaniel, Jr.; a \$500 addition to the \$1,000 audit item to pay the fees of Ernst & Ernst for the audit and special work of the firm; and a \$600 addition to the \$1,800 entry for clerical assistance. Subtractions included: \$1,000 from the \$2,000 earmarked for janitorial service and \$100 off a \$350 travel expense item. Remainder of the needed balance was obtained by transfer of a \$500 item for legal costs budgeted under general expense.

Other major change was deletion of a \$600 item from the general expense column and previously earmarked for public welfare. The \$600 has been paid by the city to the Kings Mountain Chapter, American Red Cross, as an annual gratuity. Question of legality of such payment.

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Rumors About Piecemeal Merger Disturb Boyce Memorial ARP's

Members of Boyce Memorial A. R. P. Church and other churches of the area were disturbed during the past weekend by a speculative story appearing in last Saturday's CHARLOTTE OBSERVER in which it was indicated some Charlotte area A. R. P. churches might take a walk from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and join the Presbyterian church, U. S.

With that speculation as an impetus, a record number of elders of the local church attended the meeting of elders of the 33 churches in the First Presbyterian held in Charlotte Tuesday night, but, reference he heard concerning the matter was by the guest speaker, Federal Judge John J. Parker.

Judge Parker jokingly suggested that he had considered as his topic, "Church Unity."

The Observer article indicated that several Charlotte churches were not happy about the more than 2 to 1 vote by which the A. R. P. Synod, in meeting last month, voted against a motion to merge. Which group the A. R. P. church would have joined was never considered.

At the Synod session, however, ministers spoke concerning the matter as follows: against union with any group, Dr. David T. Lauderdale, Lexington, Va.; for union with some group, Dr. Henry Pressly (brother of Rev. W. L. Pressly), of Charlotte; for union with the United Presbyterian church (commonly known as the Northern branch), Rev. T. H. McDill, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; and for union with Presbyterian Church, U. S. (commonly known as the Southern Presbyterian), Dr. A. J. Rariden, Lancaster, S. C.

Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church members rather strongly

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