

The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population grew since 1940 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7,000. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.



**SPEAKERS IN YOUTH REVIVAL** — Three college students will lead a youth revival at First Baptist church beginning Sunday. Tommy Funderburke, left, of Ashboro, a graduate of Mars Hill college and a Wake Forest ministerial student, will conduct the week's series. Charles Story, center, of Graham, a student at Fuman University, and Paul

Mer Mills, right, of Jacksonville, Fla., a student at Wake Forest, will present the music. Prayer service will start each evening at 7:30, song service at 7:45, and preaching at 8 o'clock. Sunday will also be Homecoming Sunday at the church.

## City To Seek New Legislation On Tax Discounts

The city board of commissioners passed a resolution last Thursday night to seek passage of legislation by the General Assembly to make Kings Mountain's tax-prepayment discount schedule coincide with the schedule followed by Cleveland County and the City of Shelby.

The board passed the resolution at the request of Tax Supervisor, C. E. Carpenter, who said the variance is causing confusion among Kings Mountain taxpayers and adds to the bookkeeping chores of the tax office.

Under the change, if enacted, Kings Mountain citizens could pay their upcoming tax bills in August and still qualify for the full two percent discount. Under current statute, the two percent discount period ends July 1.

In a long session, attended by all members of the board, the commissioners also heard a plea from Sam Suber, caretaker of City Stadium to limit its use by the high school football team to actual contests and single pregame practice sessions to preserve the grass, and confirmed, with a lone exception, the previously advertised street improvement assessments for West King street and Floyd street.

B. D. Ratterree, owner of 105 feet frontage on the south side of West King street, objected to the assessment on grounds this piece was all frontage, with only a few feet deep. Mr. Ratterree said sale of the property wouldn't command the \$52.50 assessment and indicated he would convey the property for the price of the assessment. The board passed a resolution freeing Mr. Ratterree from the assessment. The minutes of the meeting provide that Mr. Ratterree is to convey the strip to the city, in lieu of the assessment.

On Mr. Suber's plea, who suggested that the high school use the city recreation area for practice, Mayor Glee A. Bridges named Commissioners W. G. Grantham, J. H. Patterson, and Harold Phillips to confer with school officials on the matter.

In other actions, the board: 1) Voted a refund of \$34.17 to Glenn Carroll, representing 20 percent differential charged out-of-city power customers. The Carroll property had been found to be inside the city limits, effective January 1, 1953. In turn, Mr. Carroll had been assessed with city taxes.

2) Entered an agreement with R. L. Blanton to run a sewer line to serve a portion of Market street. Mr. Blanton offered the city \$200 (cost of two septic tanks) to install the line. Under city policy, the board has been requiring a minimum of four homes a street before installing sewer mains. Mayor Bridges pointed out, the city is to have

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# Gas System Low Bid \$242,000



**GAS SYSTEM BID OPENING**— Shown above are city officials as they prepared to open bids last Friday morning for the city natural gas distribution system. Seated, left to right, are Comm. W. G. Grantham, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Comm. W. S. Fulton, Sr., opening the first bid. Comm. J. H. Patterson, Comm. Harold Phillips, and Jack

White, city judge. Standing, left to right, are Bill Edwards and Mr. St. Germain, of Barnard & Burk, City Attorney J. R. Davis, A. S. Hall, of Barnard & Burk, and E. C. Nicholson, public works superintendent. Low bid was \$242,000. Contract probably will be let Monday night. (Herald photo by Carlisle Studio.)

## City To Consider Contract Letting On Monday Night

The city board of commissioners will meet Monday night at 7 o'clock in special session to let contract for the city's natural gas distribution system and to complete details concerning the revenue bond issue financing.

The contract will probably go to Leo T. Barber, Moultrie, Ga., at \$242,000 low bidder among ten and exactly \$50,000 under the second bidder, McDonough Company, of Atlanta, Ga., who bid \$292,000.

The board met Friday afternoon after opening the bids from ten contractors and indicated the Leo T. Barber bid would be accepted, provided his financial ability, list of equipment, and experience references are satisfactory.

Representatives of Barnard & Burk, the city's engineers, said they were highly pleased at the result of the bidding, noting that the low bid was \$75,000 under their minimum estimate of costs.

The contract specifications require that the work be completed not later than March 1, 1955, though it is also specified that gas will be used through the mains as completed. Thus some areas will receive gas service in advance of others. The city's contract with the gas supplier, Transcontinental Pipeline Corporation, requires that the city begin buying gas not later than January 15, 1955.

The other bidders and their bids were: Blythe Brothers, Charlotte, \$292,179.85; A. Pew-E. N. Murray, Atlanta, Ga., \$293,216.

Modern Welding Company, Owensboro, Ky., \$296,587.35; Sullivan-Long & Haggerty, Bessemer, Ala., \$309,015.72; B & M Construction Company, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$313,592.

Richards & Associates, Carrollton, Ga., \$319,920; Louisiana-Mississippi Construction Co., Charlotte, \$383,415.39; F. L. Sholwater, Lynchburg, Va., \$476,457.20.

## McGinnis Firm Gets New Home

McGinnis Department Store has completed arrangements with Dr. D. M. Morrison for a three-year lease on the building at the corner of Mountain street and the Mountain-Gold alley and expects to occupy the new location next week.

The building being vacated by McGinnis Department Store and owned by Mrs. J. E. Lipford is to be occupied by McGinnis Furniture Company.

The changes mean an expansion for both firms, and were announced by Paul McGinnis, owner of McGinnis Department Store, and by Hubert McGinnis, of McGinnis Furniture Company.

The building to be occupied by McGinnis Department Store most recently housed Rainwater Furniture Company.

## \$50G Left On Table No Source Of Pain

Carlyle Daniel, representative of Leo T. Barber, who left \$50,000 "on the table" in entering the low bid for the city's natural gas distribution system, said he was not unhappy about the big differential.

Being interviewed by the board of commissioners last Friday afternoon, he said it was no particular pain to him that his firm's bid proved \$50,000 under the nearest bidder. To the joking remark of Attorney J. R. Davis that rumors were he had lowered his bid just before the closing time, he laughed. "Idle rumors will get around." Then he added that he had sealed the bid before leaving Hager Motel for the bid-opening session.

"We bid it close as we usually do, but we still left some profit in it," he told the board.

Questioned about the financial ability of the firm, Daniel said, "You needn't worry about that for Mr. Barber is a millionaire five times."

Mr. Daniel said the firm had done gas system installations at Millen, Ga., Newberry, S. C., and had done a small job under direction of Barnard & Burk, among others, having been in the business for six years.

## Local News Bulletins

**CANCER DRIVE**  
Contributions to the annual fund campaign for the American Cancer Society in the Kings Mountain area totaled \$659.79 this week. The Junior Woman's club sponsored the annual drive. Goal of the campaign was \$900.

**CAKE SALE**  
Members of the Junior Woman's club will conduct a cake sale at C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency Saturday, Aug. 14, beginning at 9:30, according to announcement by Mrs. Furman Wilson, publicity chairman.

**COURT OF HONOR**  
Regular Court of Honor for the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district will convene at City Hall courtroom at 7:45 Thursday evening. A Scout Roundtable will follow the Court of Honor.

**BUMGARDNER BETTER**  
Fazel B. Bumgardner was reported improving this week following a heart attack suffered on August 2. Under orders of his physician he is to remain in bed six weeks and is to have no visitors.

**WARE REUNION**  
The Ware Reunion will be held this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Hicks at Old Fort, N. C. The date for the occasion is Sunday, August 29. All the relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

**ON VACATION**  
Dr. L. T. Anderson, Kings Mountain chiropractor, has announced that his office will be closed August 15-21 while he is on vacation. He is to resume his practice on August 23.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
Felix E. Hamrick, of Bolling Springs, will give a program of humorous readings at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Hall.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$218.88, Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office reported.

**UNION SERVICE**  
Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at First Presbyterian church with Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

**FOX TO PREACH**  
Rev. E. W. Fox, pastor of Central Methodist church from 1935-39, will fill the pulpit at the Central church Sunday morning for 11 o'clock services, according to announcement by Rev. Phil Shore, Jr.

## Negro Recreation Group Is Named

The city board of commissioners has named a three-member Negro advisory commission to the City Recreation commission, with J. A. Gibson, principal of Davidson school, to serve as chairman.

Other members of the advisory group are M. L. Campbell, compact school agriculture teacher, and Mrs. Annie Byers.

## Drama Will End Season Saturday

**Ticket Inquiries Reported Heavy For Final Series**  
Kings Mountain Little Theatre rings down the curtain on the 1954 season of "The Sword of Gideon" with three performances this weekend beginning Thursday night.

Record seasonal crowds are anticipated by Little Theatre officials for the final series of performances, they report, since last Saturday night's performance, a sellout, attracted the season's top crowd, and in view of a heavier advance sale of tickets for the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows.

Decision has been reached not to holdover past the scheduled August 12 closing.

Two large groups — one from Caesar high school and a Statesville Sunday School class — are planning to attend this weekend, the Little Theatre business office reported Wednesday.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett, publicist, suggested that Kings Mountain citizens make reservations for the final trio of showings, in view of ticket demand, or plan to arrive at Kings Mountain National Military park amphitheatre well in advance of the 8:15 opening hour.

Mrs. Padgett also reported that Miriam Stevenson, the South Carolina beauty chosen "Miss Universe" was not able to accept an invitation to attend, being required to return to Hollywood, Calif., for film work.

Following the close Saturday night, Director Bill Trotman leaves for Cherokee, where he will play a role in "Unto These Hills" for the remainder of the season.

Saturday's performance will mark completion of the fourth consecutive season for an outdoor battle drama, presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

**TO MOVE**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Charles and family are to move Monday to Taylorsville where Coach Charles has accepted a position as high school head coach. An all-conference talk-back at Lenoir Rhyne College, Mr. Charles has been in Kings Mountain high school for the past two years.

## CIO Steelworkers Seek To Form Local At Foote Mineral Company

The United Steelworkers of America, a CIO affiliate, is seeking to organize a local at Foote Mineral Company.

Names of persons or employees promoting the union organization have not yet been obtainable by the Herald, and Jim Castle, Foote manager, said no person had indicated to him who the chief organizer might be.

"We usually are last to hear about those things," Mr. Castle commented.

Mr. Castle did say he understood the organization effort is being made by the Steelworkers.

Other Foote employees reported they understood a meeting by the organizers and those interested in joining the union had

been held in Gastonia last weekend — either Friday or Saturday — but none could give any information on the exact date or what transpired.

To a question on "union difficulty," Mr. Castle termed the development "no difficulty."



**OPTOMETRIST** — Dr. Blake M. McWhirter, of Shelby, announces the opening of offices here on Monday for the practice of optometry.

## Dr. McWhirter To Open Practice

Dr. Blake Mills McWhirter, optometrist, of Shelby, has assumed the practice in Kings Mountain of Dr. D. M. Morrison, according to joint announcement.

The new optometrist will be located in the Morrison Building in the office used by Dr. Morrison and will begin his fulltime practice on Monday.

A March graduate of the Southern School of Optometry, Memphis, Tenn., he is beginning his first practice.

Dr. McWhirter, 29 and single, is a native of Shelby, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McWhirter. He was graduated from Shelby high school and is a veteran of five and one-half years service in the U. S. Navy during World War II and the Korean fighting.

## Gym Recreation Center Is Closed

The summer recreation center operated at Central gymnasium by the city parks and recreation commission was closed Wednesday.

John Charles, supervisor of the center, reported yesterday that participation at the gymnasium was "better than last summer."

The center was opened for the summer shortly after the closing of city schools.

## B. & B. Food In New Home

B. & B. Food Stores, Inc., Kings Mountain grocery firm, opened Wednesday morning in its new, modern building on S. Battle-ground avenue.

The opening event will continue throughout the weekend with the firm offering prizes, via drawings, every hour on the hour during the three-day weekend. No purchases are mandatory, with merely registration required, and all registrations will participate in a drawing for a grand prize Saturday night, it was announced.

B. & B. Food now occupies the completely renovated building which formerly housed Crawford's Market. The building was reconstructed by its new owner, W. K. Mauney, and B. & B. Food has outfitted the store with all-new fixtures of most modern type, air-conditioning, and floor shelving.

The firm is designed for near-complete self-service with three checkout counters, two in front and one at back, the latter to serve customers using a ten-car parking area off the Mountain-Gold street alley.

The firm, which for seven years has operated in the Raymond Cline building on W. Mountain street, has about 3,100 square feet of floor space in the main floor area, plus 3,400 square feet of storage space, including two large refrigeration installations, one for produce, another for meats.

Owners of the firm are H. Tom Fulton, president, Mrs. H. Tom Fulton, vice-president, Horace E. Hord, secretary-treasurer and general manager, and Mrs. Horace E. Hord.

## Abbott Will Head New Gaffney Bank



**TO GAFFNEY** — L. E. Abbott, vice-president and cashier of First National Bank, has resigned effective October 15 to become president and cashier of the Bank of Gaffney, S. C.

## Doctors Report Three Polio Cases

Three new cases of polio were reported in Kings Mountain this week, bringing the total for the year to four.

Jack Randall Elgin, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elgin, of 405 Chestnut street, was stricken Saturday night, admitted to the Kings Mountain hospital Sunday and his illness was diagnosed as polio Monday.

Dr. P. E. Hendricks, the attending physician, said the boy's case appears mild, and no paralysis had developed. He was discharged from the hospital Tuesday morning.

Michael Lail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lail, of Midpines community, was taken to the Asheville Orthopedic hospital polio center Saturday afternoon, after his illness was diagnosed as polio last Friday. The child became ill August 2, according to Dr. W. L. Lamseur, attending physician, and was admitted to the Kings Mountain hospital August 4.

Dr. Lamseur stated that the child had no paralysis Saturday but was in need of special treatment.

Stephen Whisman, 4, son of Mrs. Frances Whisman, and a next-door neighbor of the Lail child, also became ill Monday, according to Dr. Lamseur, and diagnosis of polio was made Friday. The child is at home and is able to be up.

Members of the Auxiliary of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, have issued an invitation to members of the post and their families to attend a picnic supper at Lake Montona on August 19 at 6:30 p. m.

## Resignation To Be Effective On October 15

L. E. (Bunny) Abbott, vice-president and cashier of First National Bank, has resigned effective October 15 to accept the position of president-cashier of Bank of Gaffney, S. C., a new bank recently chartered and now being organized.

Announcement was made by President Frank R. Summers, of First National, following a called meeting of the First National Board of directors Monday. Mr. Summers said Mr. Abbott's resignation was accepted "with regret." The directors named Mr. Summers and B. S. Neill, executive vice-president, to make recommendations for filling the vacancy.

The new Gaffney financial institution is being organized by a group of Gaffney citizens headed by W. C. Hamrick, Jr., chairman of the board, and by P. E. Morgan, Jr., chairman of the building committee.

Mr. Abbott joined First National on October 1, 1947, as cashier, coming to Kings Mountain from Darlington, S. C., and Citizens Bank of Darlington. He was promoted to a vice-presidency in 1951.

Since coming to Kings Mountain, Mr. Abbott has been active in the civic, religious and social life of the community. A director of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, he served as president in 1951. He is currently chairman of the board of deacons of First Baptist church, and a veteran teacher and superintendent of the Young People's department.

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## Whitesides Buys Greene Interest In WKMT; Bridges New Manager

Southern Radiocasting Company, a partnership operating Radio Station WKMT, was dissolved effective August 1 and R. H. Whitesides, of Rock Hill, S. C., is now sole owner. It was announced Wednesday by Jonas Bridges, new general manager of the station.

Mr. Whitesides purchased the interest of Jean C. Greene. Mr. Bridges said. The sale has not received final approval of the Federal Communications Commission, he added, but approval is considered routine.

Mr. Greene has purchased Mr. Whitesides' interest in Station WDCG, Durham, and will assume management of that station, now under construction, on September 1. He will remain with

## Route Changes Are Approved Effective Monday

Fifty-three Kings Mountain citizens will get official transfer from Bessemer City to Kings Mountain, as Kings Mountain postoffice inaugurates extended carrier service on Rural Route 1.

The change will effect 53 residences previously addressed Route 2, Bessemer City, and following postoffice department approval of an inspector's recommendation made several weeks ago. Approval of the department was received here last Friday. Postmaster W. E. Blakely announced.

The change adds 3.35 miles to Rural Route 1, to serve:

Thirty-seven residences on Linwood Road, eight on Morrow street, eight on Jackson street, and another ten on Cleveland avenue and Highway 161. The ten on Cleveland avenue - Highway 161 have been without any mail delivery service since May 10, when a previous route change left the ten homes out of both Bessemer City and Kings Mountain rural routes.

In addition, reasonable service is to be provided to residents of Rhodes, Groves, and Catherine streets.

Postmaster Blakely said he was very happy the route change recommendations had been approved.

Assistant Postmaster George Hord said postoffice records indicated the 53 Kings Mountain residences had carried Bessemer City addresses since the inauguration of rural free delivery service in 1902.

**OPTIMIST CLUB**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Optimist club, will be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the City Picnic area, according to Neal Grissom, president of the club. Mr. Grissom stated in case of rain the meeting will be held at Resurrection Lutheran church.

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