Population
City Limits 7,206
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 7608. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

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Local News Bulletins

TO ATLANTA

Miss Saralee Harrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harrill, left Saturday for Atlanta, Ga., where she has accepted a position as assistant cashier at 20th Century Fox Corporation.

HAS OPERATION

Carl Finger, owner of Finger Laundry, underwent an emergency appendecomy at Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday night. His condition was described as satisfactory Wednesday morning.

TANK SOLD

The city sold its asphalt storage tank, located at Mauney Mills, Inc., to R. E. McLean, of Gastonia, on Wednesday for $100. The city board had empowered the mayor to sell the tank at "best price."

PIE SUPPER

The Ladies Missionary Society of Missionary Methodist church are sponsoring a chicken pie supper at the Old Mill clubhouse Saturday with proceeds of the sale to go to the building fund of the church. Plates are $1 each.

WEEKLEY SPEAKER

The Reverend H. Gordon Weekley, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, will deliver the address at the first chapel exercis at Gardner - Webb College September 13. This is the official opening exercise of the school year.

PLONK HAS OPERATION

C. S. Plonk is a patient in Rex hospital, Raleigh, where he is recuperating from an operation he underwent last week. Members of his family said it is possible he will be discharged from the hospital Saturday.

LOGAN ELECTED

E. M. Logan, sheriff of Cabarrus county and brother of Kings Mountain Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., was elected president of the North Carolina Sheriff's association at the annual convention of the organization at Atlantic Beach last weekend.

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit was issued by Building Inspector J. W. Webster Monday to Beatrice Spratt to erect a one-story house on Katherine street, at an estimated cost of $6,000.

TO HEAR MISSIONARY

Dr. B. L. Hamilton, ARP missionary on leave from Pakistan, will deliver the morning sermon at Boyce Memorial ARP church at 11 o'clock Sunday. Dr. Hamilton is the father of Mrs. John C. McGill, of Kings Mountain.

PATRICK NAMED

Rev. P. D. Patrick, of Kings Mountain, has been appointed a member of the committee on supplemental offerings of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, according to announcement by Dr. Harold J. Dudley, of Raleigh, Synod secretary.

TWO FIRES

Two calls were answered this week by Kings Mountain Fire Department, according to the report of Fireman Ted Gamble. On Sunday Firemen extinguished a blaze that ignited a laundry basket at the residence of Harry Kimbell on E. King street. On Tuesday firemen were called to extinguish a fire at the residence of E. H. Johnston on Myers street. The blaze, Mr. Gamble said, was confiend to the back porch.

Pavement-Breaking Fee Short-Lived

The city board of commissioners rescinded Monday night a previous action whereby it had instituted a $20 pavement-breaking fee to accompany the customary $35 fee for making a sewer tap.

On motion of Comm. T. J. Ellison, seconded by Comm. Harold J. Phillips, the board voted to rescind the charge, to reimburse those who had paid it, and to purchase an Earthworm lube jack, a mechanism the city expects to use on making sewer taps in lieu of pavement - breaking.

City Clerk Joe Hendrick said there had been numerous complaints concerning the new fee.

CREDIT WOMEN OFFICERS AND SPONSORS — Shown above are the newly elected officers and sponsors of the recently formed Credit Women's Breakfast Club. Reading from left to right are Miss Rebecca Moss, secretary, John H. Lewis, Mrs. Faye Neal, first vice-president, J. T. McGinnis, representing Fred W. Plonk, Mrs. Ruby Alexander, president, Dan Huffstetler, Mrs. Lafaye Meacham, second vice-president, B. S. Peeler, Sr., and Miss Katy Jones, treasurer. (Herald Photo by Carlisle Studio of Shelby.)

Credit Women's Club Officers Are Installed

Officers of Kings Mountain Chapter of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club were installed at an installation banquet Monday night at Masonic Hall dining room.

Miss Vivian Goley, of Charlotte, who was presented by Mrs. Ethel Wilkinson, president of the Charlotte Chapter of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club, formally installed the officers.

Miss Goley, using the candlelight ritual, formally installed Mrs. Ruby Alexander as president of the local chapter. Mrs. Alexander, on accepting the presidency, said she considered it a high personal honor in being elected as first president of the club and would do everything possible for its welfare.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Faye Neal, first vice-president, Mrs. LaFaye Meacham, second vice-president, Miss Rebecca Moss, secretary, and Miss Katy Jones, treasurer.

Sponsors recognized were Fred Plonk, of Plonk Motor Company, L. E. Abbott, First National Bank, Dan Huffstetler, Baird Furniture, John Lewis, Sterchi Brothers, Inc., B. S. Peeler, Sr., Elmer Lumber Company, and Ross Alexander, Alexander Jewelry.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges gave the invocation, the address of welcome and presented to the Credit Women's Breakfast Club the key to the city.

Response to Mayor Bridges was given by Miss Nell Clingman, of Winston-Salem, first vice-president of North Carolina State Association of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs.

Introduction of Mrs. Evelyn Ray, principal speaker of the event, and president of North Carolina State Association of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs, was made by Mayor Bridges.

In her address, Mrs. Ray said "The Breakfast Club is not a social club, but the main idea is to educate members to become more efficient in the practice and pro-

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School Trustees Fill All Vacancies

TO RECEIVE DEGREE — I. Ben Goforth, Jr., high school faculty member, will receive the degree of Master of Arts in education and mathematics at summer commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone Thursday evening.

Goforth To Get Master's Degree

I. Ben Goforth, Jr., Kings Mountain high school teacher of science and mathematics, will receive the degree of Master of Arts in education and mathematics at Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone Thursday evening.

Mr. Goforth has completed four summer terms at ASTC since his graduation from Appalachian in 1949 with the degree of Bachelor of Science and mathematics.

A Kings Mountain native, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ben Goforth, Sr., and a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

Board Adopted $472,569 Budget For Coming Year

Budget for city schools for 1954-55, a record $472,569.01, was approved and all teaching vacancies were filled at the regular August meeting of the city district board of school trustees Monday night at Central school.

The board elected four teachers:

Miss Marguerite Thomason, of Greenville, S. C., a January graduate of Furman University, elected to teach a second grade at West.

Mrs. Thesis Warlick, who taught here last year but who had resigned, elected to teach first grade at Central.

Mrs. Zuda M. Pierce, of Gaffney, S. C., elected to teach fourth grade at East.

Miss Regina B. Wofford, of Cherryville, who taught at Cowpens, S. C., for the past three years, elected to teach first grade at East.

The record budget includes all bond money of the schools, including $301,000 of the recent county bond issue. The breakdown: for current expenses, $85,763.43; for capital outlay, $382,887.68; and for debt service, $3,917.90.

In other actions, the board authorized Chairman A. W. Kincaid and Superintendent B. N. Barnes to secure the services of a new firm to conduct the annual school audit. In taking the action, the board severed relationships with George H. Emery & Co. and Plummer F. Jones who have made the audits for many years. Mrs. H. E. Lynch made the motion, which was seconded by J. R. Davis and carried unanimously.

The board voted to offer Andrews Music Co. $1,800 for a Steinway "B" grand piano for Central auditorium. The piano the board seeks is one used by the Mauney Twins in many concerts over the nation and W. K. Mauney has offered to give $500 toward purchase of the instrument, making the net cost to the school $1,300.

Mr. Barnes reported that construction of two classrooms in Central auditorium was awaiting approval of plans by the state fire marshal and Fred W. Plonk reported completion of grading work on the Negro school athletic field.

Mr. Barnes reported that Marion Packard, Shelby engineer, had not completed plans for Central school re-lighting and the board set a tentative meeting for Monday at 7:30 p. m. to act on the project.

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KIWANIS PROGRAM

The Pantomimers, a group of Kings Mountain entertainers mimicking the Sunshine Boys, will present their act at the Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, Masonic Dining hall, 6:45. Members of the group are Palmer Huffstetler, Buddy Mayes, Eddie Goforth, and George Harris. Charles Yelton handles the record-player off stage.

Pair Of City Records Set Monday; As City Adopted Long Resolution

When the board of city commissioners passed the resolution to issue $400,000 in revenue bonds for construction of a natural gas distribution system Monday night, it set two Kings Mountain records.

It was the first time in the city's 80-year history that a Kings Mountain administration had passed a resolution to issue revenue bonds — which do not pledge the full faith and credit of the municipal corporation. In revenue-type bonds, the only collateral the bondholders receive is the installation itself.

The other record, most probably, was the length of the resolution, numbering 56 typewritten pages, legal size, double spaced, and including complete details on the bond offering, rates to be charged gas users, provisions for protection of the bondholders, and more than a usual number of legalistic "saids", "hereto, fores" and "pertaining thereto's".

Slightly boiled down, the resolution provides for sale of $400,000 in revenue bonds on September 14 by the Local Government commission in denominations of $1,000 each. The maturity dates will be: 1959-62 at $10,000 yearly; 1963-66 at $15,000 yearly; 1967-1978 at $25,000 yearly; with the $30,000 wind-up on the issue in 1979. Principal payments and interest will be due semi-annually on April 1 and October 1.

Provisions make the bonds callable, should the city desire and have the money, after October 1, 1961, with a sliding scale premium for various dates of call.

The resolution provides strict rules requiring present and future city administrations to prepare annual budgets for operation of the gas system, to carry sufficient insurance on the system, and to earmark receipts for up to four separate funds. The four are: bond service account, reserve account, renewal and extension reserve fund, and the redemption account.

The city pledges, in the resolution, to retain competent consulting engineers for supervision of the system, to charge rates commensurate with its debt service and expansion requirements, and to have its books audited at least once annually by certified public accountants.

Few of the commissioners have read the complete text of the long resolution and City Clerk Joe Hendrick is dreading the massive task of copying the resolution in the city's official book of minutes.

Bethware Fair Barbecue Set For Wednesday

Annual Bethware Community Fair barbecue will be held at Bethware school Wednesday at 6 p. m.

Tickets have been mailed to program advertisers, Stokes Wright, secretary, announced this week and additional tickets for guests and friends may be secured from him.

Dates of the seventh annual fair were announced last week by M. C. Poston, fair president, and head of the sponsoring organization, the Bethware Progressive Club.

The fair will be held on the grounds of Bethware school on September 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Other officers of the fair are Lamar Herndon, first vice president; Charles E. Goforth, second vice president; Stokes Wright, secretary; Hal Morris, treasurer; Mrs. Lamar Herndon, assistant secretary; and Eugene Patterson, assistant treasurer.

Myers Hambright is again serving as fair manager and his assistants are Mrs. Eugene Patterson and Edwin Moore.

Members of the board of directors are N. E. Morris, Grady Scism, Floyd Queen, Garrison Goforth, Charles Blalock, Mr. Moore, Carl C. Falls and Tom Hamrick.

Frank Hamrick is superintendent of grounds and his assistants are Leonard Gamble, in charge of parking, and Dale Volbracht, tickets. John H. Rudisill is purchasing agent and Amos Best is assistant.

Dr. Edwin Moll To Preach Here

Dr. Edwin Moll, of Jerusalem, will preach in St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday morning at 11, and in Central Methodist church at 8 p. m. at the Union Service of five congregations.

Dr. Moll was born and educated in Australia, served in the famed Anzacs during World War I, at Gallipoli, then marched into Jerusalem beside General Allenby. He was a major in the Horsemen then a colonel in the Royal Air Force. He studied for the Ministry in America and served large churches in California, Chicago and Madison, Wis. He was then named general secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, visiting and reorganizing the work in India and South America.

In 1945, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, St. Matthew's pastor, accompanied him as Commissioner to Liberia, West Africa. After World War II, Dr. Moll was sent to Palestine to reclaim large German Protestant church holdings, which had been in the hands of the British Alien Property commission.

"He was admirably fitted for the task, being a former British citizen, fluent in the German and Arabic languages," Dr. Gerberding noted. "He was successful in getting proxies from all the church leaders in Germany and in his negotiations with the British. He has been at the dangerous post for nine years, in control of a large hospital financed by the United Nations as well as great orphanages and schools throughout the Holy Land. Recently he married a Durham woman and is vacationing in Durham this summer."

Dr. Gerberding described him as an old-school orator and master of English.

"Dr. Moll's coming to Kings Mountain will provide a real opportunity for the community to hear a man of amazing ability and wide experience," Dr. Gerberding continued.

Gas Tap Sales Said Booming

Gas tap sales boomed this week as J. W. Webster, the city's tap salesman, reported more than 200 taps have been contracted by citizens and business firms.

Two manufacturing companies, Sadie Cotton Mills, and Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, have contracted for the service in their respective residential areas, and Mayor G. A. Bridges has contracted for taps for all of his Landing street development, City Clerk Joe Hendrick reported.

Tap contracts are being sold at $10 during the pre-construction period to the building of the city's natural gas distribution system. Barnard & Burk, the city's engineers, have recommended a tap fee of $75 in the post-construction

City Will Sell $400,000 Gas System Bonds September 14

PRESIDENT — Meek A. Carpenter has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., for the year 1954-55. He is to assume the office in September.

Little Theatre Names Carpenter

Meek A. Carpenter has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre for 1954-55, to succeed Mrs. P. G. Padgett.

Mr. Carpenter, veteran Little Theatre member and performer, and other newly elected officers will assume office in September.

Other officers elected at a meeting August 10 are: Tommy Owens, vice-president, succeeding Mr. Carpenter; Mrs. Ed Dill, secretary, succeeding Mrs. Merle Baity; Hilliard Black, treasurer, succeeding R. G. Plonk.

Directors for the coming year will be Mrs. Franklin Pethel, Mrs. Sam Stallings, Mrs. Luther Cansler, Hal S. Plonk, Jeff Wells, and Bob Rosberg, with Mrs. Padgett, retiring president, an ex officio director.

The Little Theatre has just completed its fourth successful season in presenting an outdoor drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain. In addition to the major outdoor production, the Little Theatre presents three dramas during the winter season.

Beryll Extraction Progress Reported

The United States Bureau of Mines, working with Foote Mineral Company in an effort to obtain the ore beryl as a by-product from spodumene refining, has developed several technical methods for extracting the ore.

James E. Castle, Foote manager, said the methods are still "technical" and tested only on laboratory scale. As yet, the methods have not been put to the test of actual field operations, he added.

From the ore beryl is extracted the element beryllium, sought in greater supply by the federal government.

Barber Contract Is Contingent On Bond Sale

The city board of commissioners met in special session Monday afternoon, tentatively letting contract to Leo T. Barber, Moultrie, Ga., for building of the city's natural gas distribution system, and passing a long resolution providing for sale of $400,000 in natural gas revenue bonds on September 14.

The board let contract to Mr. Barber, low bidder at $242,000, contingent on sale of the bonds and effective after their sale. The Barber bid was $50,000 below the second low bidder. If the bonds are sold on schedule, construction would begin about October 1, the board indicated.

In other actions at the short Monday session, the board:

1) Authorized Mitchell & Pershing, the city's bond attorneys, to advertise for bids for printing of the bonds and to accept the lowest bid.

2) Approved petition for installing sidewalk on Linwood Drive, from Cleveland to Rhodes avenue. The petitioners claimed 100 percent signatures of property owners.

3) Confirmed informally action of a previous meeting in relieving B. D. Ratterree of a $52.50 sidewalk assessment on receipt of a deed for a small strip of property on West King street. City Clerk Joe Hendrick told the board there had been some question about the matter, but Commissioner Harold J. Phillips, who had made the motion, said it was recorded correctly and other commissioners agreed they understood the motion as it was recorded.

4) Passed a resolution to have circulars advertising the sale of natural gas taps distributed by the sanitary department.

5) Passed a resolution to employ Rae Construction Company, of Charlotte, to pave certain city streets while the firm is operating in this area. The Rae firm, now topping U. S. 29 and 74 for the State Highway and Public Works commission, is to do the work on a "when able" basis. Mayor Glee Bridges pointed out that the Rae firm could handle the paving work cheaper than the city, which has to haul the mix from Charlotte.

To a question concerning the McGill sewage disposal tank project, by Commissioner T. J. Ellison, Mayor Bridges said the city's engineer, W. K. Dickson, had reported that the State Health Department would require installation of chlorinators at the new plant to treat the affluent before it flows into McGill creek. Mayor Bridges said the added cost would approximate $2,000. He added that momentary approval of the Dickson plans are expected from the State Health department. To a question by the Mayor, City Attorney J. R. Davis said he was

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NEW PASTOR — Rev. Hoover E. Smith is the new pastor at Second Wesleyan Methodist church.

Hoover Smith New Pastor Here

Rev. Hoover E. Smith began duties August 8 as pastor of Second Wesleyan Methodist church, succeeding Rev. Yancey Carter.

The new pastor and family moved last week into the church's parsonage on East Gold street, coming here from Rose Hill where he served as pastor of the Wesleyan church.

Rev. Mr. Carter resigned August 1 to accept the pastorate of Ragan Mill Wesleyan Methodist church in Gaston County.

Episcopalians To Form Mission

Plans for establishment of a mission of the Protestant Episcopal church in Kings Mountain were formulated by a group of Kings Mountain Episcopalians who met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch.

Present for the meeting were the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Western North Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Castle, Mrs. Luther Cansler, Mrs. Walter Garrard, Mrs. Tolly Shuford, Mrs. Ed Dill, and Mrs. Lynch.

Mr. Castle, who made the announcement concerning the decision to establish a mission here, said the group will work with Mr. Finch, an Episcopalian deacon of Bessemer City, and that further announcements concerning the mission will be made in the near futre.

He invited all Episcopalians and others interested in the effort to organize a mission to contact him or Mrs. Cansler.

Police Assisting 1st Grade Parents

The Kings Mountain police department is again suggesting and mapping safe house-to-school routes to parents of children who will enter the first grade this fall.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said that some parents have been contacted by city policemen, and by opening date of school, the department hopes to have contacted all parents of first graders.

The service is another effort on the part of the police department to maintain a no automobile accident fatality record, Chief Logan said.

Union Activity Reported Quiet

Union organization activity at Foote Mineral Company "died down" or at least "quieted" during the past week, Foote Manager James E. Castle said Wednesday.

The United Steelworkers, a CIO affiliate, has been endeavoring to organize a local at Foote, under the direction of Alec Bowie, who is reportedly working out of Charlotte.

Company employees have reported that Foote's management, in a meeting with employees, pointed out what they termed advantages of a non-union operation, noting that Foote Mineral Company follows a liberal payment policy for all employees, including bonus arrangements, plus numerous costly fringe benefits in the fields of insurance.

Curtain Falls On "Sword of Gideon"; More Than 4,000 Saw Battle Drama

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre let down the curtain for the final time Saturday night on the 1954 production of "The Sword of Gideon", and officials pronounced the 11-performance season a successful one from all standpoints.

With Saturday night's record crowd of the season, placed at 750 by Business Manager Sam Stallings, the 1954 outdoor battle drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, played to more than 4,000 paying customers including many people from outside the two Carolinas.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett, publicist, said conversations with visitors to the performances at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre showed many persons made long trips from distant parts of both states and others solely to attend the drama, one of four historical outdoor presentations in the two states.

Mr. Stallings termed the 1954 showing "a financial success", adding that gross receipts will be sufficient to cover the full costs of the production, which were somewhat increased over the 1953 season. Number of performances both years was eleven. One 1953 performance was cancelled by rain, and this year's opening night performance was cancelled when a power failure blacked out the battleground area of York county.

Mrs. Padgett noted that comments from visiting experts in dramatics, the press, and others testified to the artistic success of the 1954 production which was rated much-improved over last year's showings, due to script, set and other production changes.

Kings Mountain National Military park logged in its 100,000th visitor of the year 1954 at the Friday night performance, Park Superintendent Ben Moomaw reported. A Mrs. Perry had come from Lawndale to see the battle drama. The park attendance this year continues to set new records, and the figure is now several months ahead of last year's total.

Director Bill Trotman, of Winston-Salem, left over the weekend to join the cast of "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee. Warren Hales, of Warsaw, who played the male lead of Reece McDermott, is momentarily expecting a call to the armed forces, Mrs. Padgett reported.

Plans for the 1955 season will be determined soon at a meeting of the Little Theatre, Mrs. Padgett said.