population is from the U.S. Government census to the 1950. The Consus Bureau estimates the nation's lation gain since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which is Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approxi 7609. The trading area population in 1945, base ation board registrations at the Kings Mountain

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B. & L. Elects

White, Summer

the Federal Housing administra-

tion for permission to make FHA

Ben H. Bridges, Jr., secretary-

The shareholders, with 45 per-

sons represented in person or by

The new directors elected are

and total assets up 27.5 percent

Of a total of 689 loans out-

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On S. Piedmont

The Kings Mountain Herald

The Herald recently sold its

present building to First Baptist

church at a purchase price of

The Herald is offering for sale

for removal of the frame dwell-

ing at 206 S. Piedmont avenue and will begin work soon on

building plans.

Herald building.

and veterans GI loans.

Bessemer City.

Established 1889

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, February 10, 1955

Sixty-Fourth Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS



Club presented a plaque honoring the late Mrs. D. C. Mauney, charter member and former president, at a meeting of the organization Friday night. Pictured are Mrs. George Houser, left, daughter of | Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

proxy, heard reports from offi-PLAQUE HONORS MRS. MAUNEY-The Woman's | the late Mrs. Mauney, current president of the cers on a prosperous 1954 and for action at a subsequent meet-Woman's Club, and Mrs. A. H. Patterson, right, elected two new directors, filling ing a request by Ed Tutor, manalso a Woman's Club co-founder, who made the one vacancy, and declining to re- ager of Joy and Dixie Theatres. memorial remarks. (See story page 5, this section.

MRS. OATES IMPROVING Mrs. C. C. (Bus) Oates is improving rapidly from a recent operation at Baptist hospital Winston - Salem. She was discharged from the hospital last Thursday and is recuperating at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, College street, Boone.

Carl Finger, owner of Finger Laundry, entered Kings Moun-tain hospital Wednesday for treatment and observation for

HOSPITALIZED

SUMMERS HOSPITALIZED F. R. Summers, president of First National Bank, is a pa-

a back ailment.

tient in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, receiving treatment for pneumonia. Mr. Summers admitted to the hospital last Friday and was reported Wednesday to be recuperating satisfactorily.

CAKE SALE

The Ruth Sunday School dass of Oak Grove Baptist church will conduct a cake sale Friday at 1 p. m. and Saturday beginning at 9 a. m. at Reba's Dress Shop, it was announced this a reek.

AT CITY HALL

The State Department of Revenue will have a representative at City Hall from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Wednesday, February 16, and Saturday, February 18, and each preceding Wednesday and Friday until April 15, the final filing date of State Income Tax, Deputy Collector P. F. Hege, of Shel-by, announced this week.

STORY HOUR

Story Hour at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. All children of the community are invited to at-

AT PRESBYTERIAN

Mrs. J. C. McGill will speak on India" at the evening worship service Sunday at 7:30 p. m., at First Presbyterian chur-th. Mrs. P. G. Padgett is in charge of the program. A series of Mission programs have been held at the church during the World Mission season.

DINNER SUNDAY

The Welfare and International Relations Department of the Woman's club will sponsor a ham and turkey dinner at the Woman's club at 12:30 Sunday. Reservations may be placed by telephoning Mrs. J. A. Cheshire, Jr., at 321.

VEHICLE OWNERS

The following 1955 North Carolina vehicle license plates have been turned in to the police department, where owners may reclaim them: No. N-44175 and truck numbers 912-269 and

RESIDENCE SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parsons have sold their E. King street residence to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Campbell, who expect to occupy the home in about two menths. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons expect to move to Lumberton.

Kiwanis To Hear Mr. White is a former superintendent, of Phenix (now Loom-Tex) Mill. Mr. Summer is owner and general manager of Cherry. Mr. White is a former superintendent, of Phenix (now Loom-Tex) Mill. Mr. Summer is owner and general manager of Cherry. On Sunday, and that it would not be a former superintendent, of Phenix (now Loom-Tex) Mill. Mr. Summer is owner and general manager of Cherry. Bulletins Billy Joe Patton

Morganton Man, Welch Baby Dies Ike's Golf Pal,

Billy Joe Patton, the golfing friend of President Eisenhower

considerable demand for public appearances and only on Saturday accepted the Kiwanis club's \$4,500 In Sight invitation to appear here. The program was arranged by Charles Neisler.

Patton is an amateur golfer. He recently spoke in Shelby, and

him in the sports world during day. the past year, recently receiving the Gold Tee award of the New total does not include the \$700 will construct a new building on York Golf Writers association as raised for the fund by the Kings its own lot, now occupied by the transformers. the man who did most for golf Mountain Junior Chamber of residence at 206 S. Piedmont avein 1954. He is a front-runner in Commerce, any business dona- nue, near the present Herald the current voting for North Carolina's annual Teague award.

Harold Coggins, club vicepresident and program chair, butions, among others.
man, said he was highly pleased Co-Chairman Ben H. at the acceptance of Mr. Patton Jr., and Treasurer McKinney esand looked forward to an inter. timated Kings Mountain would D. C. Mauney, which immediately esting program. Members of contribute a minimum of \$4,500 adjoins the other civic clubs have been in to the fund to fight polio and Meantime the vited to attend the meeting at the cost of the dinner.

Mrs. Jenkins' Trial Set For Saturday

Trial for Edna Jenkins, of Pine Ridge Community, on charges nal report," Mr. Bridges said. of violation of prohibition law and operating a disorderly house has been scheduled for Friday in Cleveland Recorder's court. Mrs. Jenkins, who is free under a \$1,000 bond, was arrested 2. Sunday by Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Junior Woman's club will conduct a sale of cakes, pies, and candy at C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency Saturday morning beginning at 9

By Suffecation

J. C. McKinney, treasurer is reported by a national maga- the Kings Mountain March of zine as a "speaker with a fine Dimes fund campaign, reported original mind."

Dimes fund campaign, reported cash in hand of \$3,354.45 and at cash in hand of \$3,354.45 and at Many honors have come to least \$4,500 "in sight" Wednes-

Mr. McKinney said his cash tions which are being solicited building. by the Optimist Club, and numerous industrial division contri-

Co-Chairman Ben H. Bridges, \$13,700. The church also has acto the fund to fight polio and Meantime, the First Baptist trusvoiced the hope that the total tees, had indicated the church would reach \$5,000 — Kings might wish to obtain the other Mountain's usual contribution. Herald lot and were seeking oth-- Kings might wish to obtain the other Mr. Bridges, in turn, urged all er property to be used in trade

solicitors to make final reports for it.
this weekend, if possible. "We Jack White, one of the trustees want to clean it up, find out in charge of the negotiations, told where we are, and make the fi- the Herald this week efforts to al report," Mr. Bridges said.

The Kiwanis club reported for the new Herald building had

more than \$300 realized by its failed and to proceed with buildjoint auction project for the Maring plans.
ch of Dimes conducted with RaUnder terms of the agreement, dio Station WKMT on February W. J. Fulkerson is co-chairman the new building is completed and

of the campaign in charge of the the printing plant is moved into industrial division. MOOSE LODGE

The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City

Boy Scout Week Underway; Scouts To Take Over City Posts Saturday

Scouts will close observance of cations — by Troop 1 across from Boy Scout Week on Saturday, Belk's Department Store; and taking over city governmental of cooking and camping — by Troop

taking over city governmental of fices during the morning hours and exhibiting displays of Scout activities in the afternoon.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and nounced plans for Scouts to act in city capacities and Jack Hullender, veteran scoutmaster of Troop 5, listed plans for the displays.

Among the displays are: first aid — by Troop 7 across from First National Bank; communi-

Theatre Is Asking Joe McDaniel Will Become Acting Clerk New Directors Directors of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, in session following the annual shareholders meeting Tuesday. passed a resolution to apply to

passed a resolution to apply to the Federal Housing administra-For Relaxation treasurer, said he understood that approval was a mere formality. Of "Blue" Law

The city board of commissioners last Thursday night tabled elect cae director, C. W. Hullen- for amendment of the city's blue laws to allow Sunday movies.

Mr. Tuto told the board of com-C. G. White, of Kings Mountain, missioners his company, Stewart and T. C. Summer, of Cherryville. & Everett, of Charlotte, is now in the position of having to bid for ville's Dixie Lumber Company, be possible to support his comon Sunday, and that it would not The board vacancy had existed since the death of J. C. Lackey. Other directors, all re-elected, are Dr. L. P. Baker, Ben H. Bridges, Jr., J. R. Davis, W. M. Gantt, Clyde Jolly, J. C. Keller, J. E. (Doc) Mauney, R. L. Mauney, W. K. Mauney, and R. L. Lewis, of Bessemer City.

sion to show Sunday movies, invited the commissioners to set the hours the movie houses the hours of Lithium Corporation of Lithium Corpo accidental suffocation Sunday presidency created by the death morning at 3:40 a, m.

Coroner Ollie Harris said the Coroner Sunday Presidency created by the death of Mr. Lackey, and elected Mrs. Ruby H. Baker assistant secretary for the circular sunday afternoons, and 9 to Mr. Munsch in answer to the commissioners make in answer to the commissioners make in answer to the commissioners make in a secretary that the commissioners make in a secretary that

to this provision, and his motion aerials, for coloring of flares, and to sell Duke the facilities included the proviso that the city Herald To Build ed the proviso that the city would reclaim residential customers should the city limits be expanded, with the city to reimburse Duke for the lines and other materials on the same basis it is now offering to sell. The city

would salvage its meters and In another action, the board voted to serve outside-city residents on Shelby Road with city water, provided the property owners pay pipe cost of a sixinch water line. Mrs. J. M. Rhea. in behalf of herself and others, had requested the service.

quired the 22.5 by 150 foot lot of In other actions the board: 1) Voted to purchase a car for police department from Plonk Motor Company, if funds are available. Plonk Motor was low bidder among two, at \$1649 .-80. Smith Chevrolet Company, of Gastonia, bid \$1,742.

Stone street (to Clay street), subject to completion of prior approved work and availability of

3) Relieved J. W. Webster o. his three-hours-per-day assignthe Herald will continue to oc- ment to work with the Barnard cupy its present building until & Burk gas engineers.

replacement to Fred W. Plonk as a member of the city recreation next week, Mayor Glee A. Bridges Ward 4 activity still was out commission. Mr. Plonk agreed to indicating he would file for reserve on the commission through election within the next few days. Mauney still the chief name becompletion of the present building projects. He told the board Continued On Page Eight

Clerk's Report Shows Spending Of City, **Budget Comparisons, For Seven Months**

Joe Hendrick, city clerk, made the following report to the board of commissioners last week on expenditures of the city during the first seven months of the fiscal year 1954-55. The report includes comparisons with departmental budgets and balances available

or the remaining five months	:		
epartment	Budget	Expense	Balan
emetery	7,175.00	3,978.63	3,196.
dministrative Dept	16,229.00	9,791.18	6,507.
Street Dept	61,500.00	22,873.35	38,626.
Sanitary Dept	21,500.00	16,593.47	4,906.
Police Dept	48,414.00	27,948.64	20,465.
Fire Dept	17,070.00	11,334.11	5,735.
General Dept	56,477.00	34,335.74	22.141.
Water and Sewer Dept	50,764.00	29,910.71	20,853.
light and Power Dept	113,390.00	72,395.53	40,994.
Recorder's Court		1,950.90	1,649.

Hospital Addition

Invitations to bid for constructing a 14-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital are to be advertised this weekend, Grady Howard, hospital business manager, said Wednesday. The bid notice specifies that

Bids Being Asked

the bids will be opened on March 8 by the hospital trus-

Ormand & Vaughan, of Shelby, are architects for the addition, which will provide ten new private rooms, and expansion of service installations, bringing the hospital to 50-bed

Munson Heard By Lions Club

could operate on Sundays and to plant of Lithium Corporation of the board action, Park Yarn on the gas system operation, but The directors re-elected W. K. could operate on Sundays and to Mauney president, Ben H. Brid- approve, if they wished, the Sundays and to Mills would take water with its he reviewed the history and Paul Howard Welch, 4-monthsold son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul
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Mr. Munson made the remark Mr. Hendrick said he was re-

Thursday night.

Mr. Patton, a Morganton lumberman by profession, surprised the golfing world and captured the huge crowds at Augusta last spring when he led the tournament through the third round, only to be edged by old Pros Ben Hogan and Sam Snead at the windup.

As a result of his golfing prowess, Mr. Patton has been in considerable demand for public on arrival.

Executive committee, Davis & White were renamed attorneys for the association, and a six man appraisal committee was spring when he led the tournament through the third round, only to be edged by old Pros Ben Hogan and Sam Snead at the windup.

Secutive committee, Davis & White were renamed attorneys for the association, and a six man appraisal committee was elected, including Mr. Gant, Mr. Keller, J. E. Mauney, Mr. Brid, for Road outside-city power customers, including eight residences, Bennett Brick & Tile Company and Lambeth Rope Corporation. Duke had inventoried the parents, are the child's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welch, and the maternal grandparents, Burgan Proctor, of Grover.

Secretary Bridges' report on operations during the year ended December 31 showed loans had increased by 20.8 percent to \$1.063,053.51, other than transition and the maternal grandparents, are the child's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welch, and the maternal grandparents, Burgan Proctor, of Grover. by 31.8 percent to \$1,063,053.51, for the properties. In turn, Duke ny found much of it in its by wanted an agreement that the products and developed some micity would not seek to resume nor uses for it, with World War service in the area, should the II bringing on the big demand standing, Mr. Bridges said, 317 city limits be expanded. Com- for the metal and its salts. It were loans made in 1954, include missioner T. J. Ellison objected was first used on airplane radio

other war products. After V-J Day, he added, the government cancelled its contracts, and it was 1948 before new uses were developed that justified the heavy expansion by Lithium Corporation and Foote Mineral Company, which, today, operate the only chemical extraction plants in the Western world. He listed major uses today as in petroleum products, ceramics, class (giving the same quality that makes Pyrex unbreakable at high temperatures), in airconditioning as a de-humidifier, in welding rod fluxes, in bleach es, and in metalurgy, particular-

ly in copper-steel alloys. He also described development originally used sink-float process, to today's modern chemical Continued On Page Eight

to be effective February 28.

The board of commissioners

met in special session Monday night to act on the resignation, accepted it, and voted to promote Assistant Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., to the top position. However, Mr. McDaniel declined the appointment and was named acting clerk, effective on Mr. Hendrick's leaving date.

Mr. McDaniel had once before declined the clerk's job, during the Still administration and prior to the employment of Mr. Hen-

In other actions Monday night, the board approved and called public hearing for March 3 on numerous street-paving assess Board Members ments. The assessment scroll covers paving costs on the following streets: Mauney avenue, the al-ley between Mountain and Cherokee streets, and portions of Sims street, Oriental avenue, Carpen-

ter supplies get low.

in answer to a question concern- signing to move to Florida, but the board members. friend of President Eisenhower who almost won the Augusta infant was sleeping with his parameters tournament last spring, will address the Kings Mountain hospital, he relatively from the commissioners make infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address the Kings Mountain hospital, he relatively from the commissioners make infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address the kings of the lithium ore infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address the kings of the lithium ore infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address the kings of the lithium ore infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address the kings of the lithium ore infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address the kings Mountain hospital, he recommissioners make infant was sleeping with his parameters. The child was rushed to address to obtain. He did not know, he said, whether the Grover - Lincolnton board would consider the matter of the child was rushed to address to obtain. He did not know, he said, whether the Grover - Lincolnton board would consider the matter of the child was rushed to reduce the inquiry of citizens concerning the request and indicated the board would consider the matter of the commissioners make ingular the city to reduce the child not know, he said, whether the Grover - Lincolnton and the commissioners make in the city to reduce the did not know, he said, where the city to reduce the commissioners make in the commissi

R. Bixler, 41, pastor of Gastonia's Armstrong Memorial Presbyteri an church who died suddely Tuesday morning of a heart at tack, will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock ir Gastonia.

strong church since 1951, served sion and expansion reserve fund. as a supply pastor here for sev- He also estimated that at comeral summers for Rev. P. D. Pat- pletion of construction the city rick. Rites will be conducted by Mr. Patrick, pastor of First Pres. He reported that Leo T. Barber, byterian church, Rev. J. Eade the contractor, had received both of Gastonia.

A son of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Bixler, missionaries to Brazil, he came to the United States from Brazil at the age of 15, was educated at Stony Brook school, Long Island, N. Y., Davidson college, and Columbia Seminary.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Sara Matthews, a daughter, two sons, two sisters, and four brothers. Memorial funds for the education of Mr. Bixler's of extraction methods from the children may be sent to Reece Huffstetler, the session of the Armstrong church, or Rev. Mr.

2) Approved a petition from property owners to hard-surface Political Pot Producing Confab, If Not Candidates; Mayor To File

The fact of political stirrings ing mentioned.

ing he would definitely run for Ward 2 commissioner. the mayoral job he held 1947-49. School board talk was blank.

W. Sage Fulton, Sr., seemed if required, to be held two weeks later. Filing fee for each office and other farm officials.

Ward 1 commissioner, as he admitted he was receiving numer-

City political talk was getting ous urgings to re-offer. Ward 5 a good play in Monday's first-of-Commissioner W. G. Grantham season spring-type weather, but no formal activity yet had occur- know class", and indicated he Commissioner Grantham com-4) Deferred appointment of a red on Wednesday. would bow out, if some other replacement to Fred W. Plonk as However, action is expected by suitable candidate seeks election. would bow out, if some other

was obvious in conversations among office-holders and others. The Pearson brothers, Tilman and Olland, had made no further One rumor listed a long field pronouncements in connection of mayoral candidates, with with their intentions to seek the names of Former Mayor H, Tom Ward 2 and Ward 3 posts, How- Mrs. Grady Scism, and Paul Ric-Fulton, Harold Phillips (who has ever, political observers reasoned hard Grigg, of Lawndale, are at stated previously he won't run that neither would benefit by the N. C. State College attending the for re-election as Ward 4 com-missioner), Former Mayor J. E. son, Ward 3 commissioner in the sponsored by the North Carolina Herndon, G. Glenn White, and Still administration, was defeat. Bankers association and the col-Former Mayor Garland Still pro- ed for re-election two years ago lege. jected into the conversations, by Mr. Ellison. J. H. Patterson is Several quoted Mr. Fulton as say. expected to seek re-election as Raleigh under sponsorship of the

It was thought most likely that Two school trustees' terms expire Kings Mountain. Mr. White, a former school trus- this year, those of Ward 2 Trustee, might make a bid for the tee Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, and Ward 3 commissioner post now Ward 3 Trustee Arnold W. Kin- Kings Mountain, was the county held by T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, caid, current board chairman. key banker in charge of arranghimself also mentioned as a The election will be held on ing the enrollment of the Cleve-mayoral candidate.

May 10, with a run-off election, land youths, who were nominated



clerk for more than three years, has resigned effective February 28. Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., has been named acting clerk.

Talk Gas Work

The board of city commissionter street, Oriental avenue, Carpenter street, and Edgemont drive. The hearing notice appears on Page 2, Section 2, in today's Herrald.

ers at their meeting last Thursday night authorized City Clerk Joe Hendrick and Gas Commissioner W. G. Grantham to pursald.

progress of construction and other phases of the operation with

a monthly stipend and sometimes on a percentage of gross receipts. He told the board he thought

the city should check its gas ex-

penditures a little more carefully,

pointing out that \$50,000 of the Kings Mountain Natural Gas System had 33 potential customers Wednesday at noon. The utilities department of the city reported this number of deposits for service, V. L. Beechum, superintendent, said 27 would be served by gas by the

end of the day Wednesday. original \$400,000 revenue bond is-Mr. Bixler, pastor of the Arm- sue should be put into an extenwould have spent about \$327,000, Anderson, and Rev. Hoyt Evans, \$201,000 of his \$242,000 bid, and William Gilmore, also of Barnard & Burk, said actual payments to the contractors would total about \$255,000, with the \$13,000 differential resulting from city requested and approval specification

changes. City Attorney J. R. Davis said he had received an opinion from the North Carolina attorney general stating that the city has the right to sell gas outside the city limits, and, if not, that Bennett Brick & Tile Company wanted to buy gas at the city.limits and would install its own line from

that point. Mr. Hall suggested that the city not supply too many interruptible service customers, noting the problem of keeping demand in palance throughout the year.

Vince Beechum, city gas super-intendent, reported 20 customers, and Mr. Hall suggested that another installation crew might be needed to obtain customers more quickly. Mayor Bridges and Gas mented they would be willing to Continued On Page Eight

Young Farmers

The two young farmers went to county's banks, including two at Shelby and First National of

R. S. Lennon, vice-president and cashier of the First National of

The two-week course will emphasize modern farming.