

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 7800. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Local News Bulletins

HOSPITALIZED
George Moss, City Water Works Superintendent, entered Kings Mountain hospital Monday for treatment and diagnosis.

METER RECEIPTS
Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$170.85, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office, reported.

MASONIC MEETING
An emergent communication for work in the first degree will be held by Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. 339 on Saturday night at 7:30 at the Masonic Lodge, Secretary J. H. McDaniel, Jr., announced.

ONE FIRE
Firemen answered one call this week, according to Ted Gamble, Fireman. On Monday, firemen were called to extinguish a tractor-trailer blaze on U. S. Highway 74.

ON HONOR ROLL
Miss Louise Gladden, of Kings Mountain, was listed on the general honor roll at Gardner - Webb college, Bowling Springs, for the past semester. An average grade of 92 or above is required.

ON DEAN'S LIST
Frances Patterson, of Kings Mountain, has been listed on the Dean's list for the first semester at Erskine college, Due West, S. C. Dr. E. A. Sloan, the Dean, announced. Miss Patterson made no grade below 90 in any academic subject.

RECOVERING
Sylvia Stacy, 14, who was critically injured in an automobile accident on Bessemer City highway March 5, was reported by Dr. James Lane Wednesday to be improving, and would most likely be discharged from Kings Mountain hospital within several days.

Little Theatre Schedules Drama

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present, "Family Portrait", a religious play by Lenore Coffey and William Cowen, on Palm Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

Little Theatre officials said the play is being presented at the request of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association. The play, "The Robe", has been presented for the past two years on Palm Sunday by the group.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney is directing the production and listed the cast of characters Tuesday. Mrs. P. C. Fadgett is "Mary", Sandy Stallings is "Daniel", Gordon Beaver is "Joseph", Peggy Rippey is "Naomi", Flen Mauney is "Juda", Mrs. M. A. Ware is "Mary Cleophas", Billie Gibbons is "Reba", Tommy Owens is "Simon", Dr. R. N. Baker is "James" and Buck Early is "Mordecai" and "Mendel".

Mrs. Lawrence Warlick is cast in the role of "Selima", Melba Tindall is "Lydia", Gene Mitcham is "Mathias", Douglas Swink plays the role of a disciple, Peggy Mauney is "Hepzibah", Meek Carpenter is "Apulus Hadrian", Patsy Wright is "Anna", and R. G. Plonk is "Rabbi Samuel".

Mrs. Tommy Owens has the role of "Mary of Magdala", Curtis George is "Daniel" - age 16, Derice Weir is "Esther", Lawrence Warlick is "Leban", Philip Fadgett is "Joshua", Winifred Fulton has the roles of "Woman of Jerusalem", and "Beulah", Phil Mauney is "Amos", Dave Wray is the fisherman, and Bob Rosberg is the customer, and "Mary, mother of Mark", is Mrs. Merle Beatty.

Gospel Concert Set Here Sunday

Another sell-out crowd is predicted for the Gospel Concert at Central school auditorium Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m.

The singing is being sponsored by the Young Mens Bible class of Second Baptist church. Harold Phillips, chairman, announced the following lineup of quartettes: The Swane River Boys of Huntington, W. Va., Bud and Ray Talley, the Little Happy Two of Asheville; the Sisk Quartet of Shelby; and another group.

Around 600 advance tickets have been sold, he said. Admission at the door will be \$1.25, he added.



SPEAKERS IN REVIVAL SERIES - Rev. Z. V. Roberson, left, pastor of Raleigh Court Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va., and John C. Livingston, ministerial student at Union Seminary, will conduct a week of evangelistic services beginning Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

Presbyterian Service Series To Start Sunday

A week's evangelistic series begins at First Presbyterian church Sunday with services to be conducted each morning at 10 a. m. and nightly at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Z. V. Roberson, pastor of Roanoke, Virginia's Raleigh Court Presbyterian church, and John C. Livingston, ministerial student at Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., are conducting the services. Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, has announced.

Mr. Roberson will conduct the morning and evening services, while Mr. Livingston will lead a week of youth activities. Program for the young people will be held each evening following the evening service and the week's activities begin Sunday with a supper for the Senior High Fellowship at 6 p. m. at the church, Mr. Patrick said.

Dr. Roberson, moderator of the Presbytery Synod of Virginia, has been pastor of the Raleigh Court church for more than 30 years. He is a former president of the Roanoke Minister's conference, the Roanoke Tuberculosis association, the Kiwanis club, and has served as moderator of the Montgomery Presbytery.

Ordained to the ministry in 1917 in Rockingham, Dr. Roberson went into YMCA work during World War I, serving at Camp Sevier in Greenville, S. C., and subsequently at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C. He is a graduate of Davidson college and Union Seminary and holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Roanoke college.

A native of Orange county, he is married to the former Miss Irving Royster, of Oxford. "We invite the public to attend these services," Rev. Mr. Patrick added.

Bloodmobile Visit Scheduled

The Red Cross Bloodmobile unit has scheduled a visit for Kings Mountain Monday, March 29, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, publicity chairman of the local unit announced Wednesday.

The Bloodmobile unit will receive donors from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the downstairs of the Kings Mountain Woman's club.

A minimum collection of 125 pints will be sought by the Bloodmobile unit at the March 29 visit. Kings Mountain citizens are being urged by Mrs. Griffin to participate wholeheartedly in this collection in order that the Kings Mountain Red Cross unit might meet the necessary quota.

FULKERSON ILL
W. J. Fulkerson is confined to his home since becoming ill Monday evening. His illness has been diagnosed as a heart condition. Mrs. Fulkerson said he was considerably improved Wednesday afternoon.

Series Of Robberies Are Reported; Three Pistols Stolen From Armory

City police are busy this week seeking to solve a series of break-ins and minor thefts which have occurred in the past few nights.

Most costly break-in, both from standpoint of property loss and type of goods stolen, occurred over the weekend at the National Guard motor pool building on Phifer Road. The guard company commander, Capt. Humes Houston, reported to police Monday that the motor pool building had been entered through a side window and that three automatic .45-caliber pistols had been removed from the interior strong room. Six clips were stolen. Two of the pistols had never been fired. The pistol serial numbers are: 2424484, 2424475, and 606162.

On Monday night, thieves looted both the First Baptist church office and the Herald Publishing House cash box. First Baptist church was entered by pulling a piece off a win-



Rev. Gordon Weekley, former pastor of First Baptist church here, had a brush with what might be called "devil's brew" Sunday night. At least, the temperature was in those ranges.

Pastor Weekley Gets Burned In Baptistry

Rev. Mr. Weekley was conducting a baptismal service in a borrowed baptistry at Charlotte's St. John's Baptist church. When he entered the baptistry to conduct the baptismal rites he found himself in scalding water.

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Women's Finance Panel Planned

Kings Mountain Woman's Club and First National Bank will co-sponsor a "Women's Finance Program" at the Woman's Club next month.

A two-night panel on April 12 and 14 will feature speakers on four subjects, 1) Women, Money and Finance, 2) Investments, 3) Your Estate, and 4) Life Insurance. Out-of-town experts in the respective fields will discuss the subjects and conduct forums following.

F. R. Summers, president of First National Bank, said, "We are happy to co-sponsor this program. Women are major stockholders in the businesses of the nation, in addition to their role in spending the major portion of the money."

Mrs. W. T. Weir is chairman of the Woman's Club committee on the program.

Collins Opposes Fulton In Ward 1; Ford Is Third Candidate In Ward 4

Henry Neisler Named President Of Country Club

Henry P. Neisler, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., for the coming year at a meeting of the incoming board of directors Wednesday afternoon. He succeeds George H. Houser.

Other officers named were T. L. Kesler, vice-president, and Jack White, secretary-treasurer. Directors for the coming year had been elected at the annual meeting of stockholders on Tuesday night. In addition to the three officers, they are: John A. Cheshire, W. R. Craig, W. J. Fulkerson, L. A. Hoke, H. B. Jackson, Jacob Cooper, W. L. Plonk, G. A. Hook, Sr., and P. M. Neisler.

Some 50 stockholders attended the Tuesday night buffet supper meeting and heard reports on the year's activities from officers and committee chairmen.

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Trio Of Youths Admit Break-Ins

A series of break-ins and minor thefts which have occurred in Kings Mountain in the past several weeks were solved Tuesday by Kings Mountain Police department with the confessions of three teen-age boys, ages 14 and 15.

The youths, Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said, admitted to break-in of Central school building on four separate occasions, to the stealing of A & P Tea Co. products left by distributors at night time in front of the establishment and to the attempted break-in of S & T Grocery Store.

Two other youths, who are yet to be apprehended, Chief Logan said, were also implicated by the trio.

By-Pass Surfacing Bids To Be Opened

The State Highway & Public Works commission will open bids on the surfacing of the U. S. Highway 29 by-pass south of Kings Mountain on March 29, according to announcement from Raleigh Tuesday.

The by-pass surfacing job is among several bids the highway commission will consider at its March 29 opening. Specifications call for surfacing more than nine miles of road, from the intersection with U. S. 74 east of Kings Mountain to the intersection with U. S. 29 at Grover.

ELECTED
Miss Stella Patterson, of Rock Hill, S. C., a former teacher in Kings Mountain city schools, has recently been elected president of the York County Education association.



CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICES - Pictured are three candidates who filed this week for city political offices. Fleete R. McCurdy, left, seeks election to a six-year term as Ward 3 school trustee. Tilman Pearson, center, filed several weeks ago for Ward 2 city commissioner. Sam Collins, right, seeks election as Ward 1 city commissioner. Mr. Pearson opposes J. H. Patterson. Mr. Collins opposes W. S. Fulton, Sr.



Fleete McCurdy Candidate For School Post

Three more candidates entered the city's political arena this week, including two for city commissioner positions, and a lone candidate for school trustee.

The new candidates are: Sam Collins, merchant, who seeks election to the city board of commissioners from Ward 1, opposing W. Sage Fulton, Sr., the incumbent. Charles (Rocky) Ford, textile employee, who seeks election as Ward 1 commissioner, opposing George W. White and O. T. Hayes, Sr., who had previously filed for the position.

Fleete R. McCurdy, dry cleaner, who seeks election to the Ward 3 school trustee position. There were still no candidates for the Ward 2 school trustee position being vacated by Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch.

Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison and Ward 5 Commissioner W. G. Grantham were still without opposition for re-election.

All of the candidates have deposited their \$5 filing fees with the city clerk. Arnold W. Kincaid, current Ward 3 school trustee, has made no formal announcement concerning his plans for seeking re-election, but has indicated he might not run again.

Rumors of potential candidates were more prolific during the past week, with the name of Former Mayor H. Tom Fulton still being bandied about as possible fourth mayoral candidate. Mayor Glee A. Bridges is seeking re-election and is opposed by Baxter T. Wright, Sr., former city commissioner, and Olland R. Pearson, also a former commissioner.

W. B. (Bill) Logan was being mentioned as a possible candidate for Ward 3 commissioner, though he said several weeks ago he didn't expect to offer, and mentioned as possible candidates for Ward 5 commissioner were Harry E. Page and W. F. Lougher. Ben H. Bridges, Jr., was being mentioned as another likely Ward 4 commissioner candidate.

The name of J. W. Webster was added to the list of possibles for the Ward 2 school trusteeship, which already included W. S. Fulton, Jr., and Hilton Ruth.

Mr. Ford, who filed Monday, is a loom fixer at Carolinian Mills, High Shoals. He resides at 200 Linwood Road and is a former employee of Phenix Mills (now Consolidated Textiles). He attends Grace Methodist church and is a Kings Mountain native.

Mr. Collins is partner in City Auto & Home Supply, a tire-appliance firm. He is a native of Elkin. He is currently president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association and is a past commander of the American Legion. A World War II navy veteran, he is still a member of the active naval reserve. He is a member of First Baptist church and lives on Wells street.

Mr. McCurdy is owner of McCurdy Cleaners - Laundry, comm. Continued On Page Eight

'55 Dates Given For Battle Drama

Dates of "Sword of Gideon", drama of the Battle of Kings Mountain, were announced this week, with the season extended a week.

Meek Carpenter, of Gastonia, president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, made the announcement. The drama is to open on July 14 and will be presented on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for five successive weeks. The dates are: July 14-15-16; 21-22-23; 28-29-30; August 4-5-6; and 11-12-13.

Mr. Carpenter also announced that President Eisenhower has been extended an invitation to attend the drama by Congressman Woodrow W. Jones of Rutherfordton, and C. R. Jonas of Lincolnton.

He also said that Bill Trotman, of Winston-Salem, who directed the project last summer, will be unable to serve again due to anticipated armed forces service.

The year 1955 is the 175th anniversary year of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which the drama commemorates.

Phone Service Maintained As CWA Walkout Continues



ELECTED - William G. Jones, above, was elected incoming president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the organization's annual election Tuesday night. He will succeed Wilson Griffin on May 3.

Skeleton Force On Switchboard; 25 Are Out Here

Telephone service in Kings Mountain was available, if a little below normal speed, Wednesday, as the strike of Communications Workers Union employees continued throughout the Southern Bell system.

About 25 Kings Mountain exchange employees answered the strike call. The union - company contract expired Sunday and negotiators for the company and the union failed to agree on terms of a new contract.

In Kings Mountain, Southern Bell officials reported service was being maintained as well as possible with a limited number of supervisory employees and three regular operators manning the switchboards.

Mrs. Virginia Arnette said eight people are handling the work customarily done by the approximately 25 Kings Mountain exchange operators. Of the three non-striking regular operators, one was not a member of the union and two others resigned before the strike was called, Mrs. Frances Hord Petty, a member of the striking group, said this week.

With the strike underway, Kings Mountain citizens were treated to an unusual sight, as the striking group marched with yellow-and-black signs in front of the Southern Bell offices in the Fulton building. The picketing was effective only as publicity, however, as patrons, company officials, working employees and freely into the business office and to the second - floor exchange quarters.

Mrs. Petty said one of the arguments unsettled concerns classification of exchange cities and, in turn, determines pay rates. One picket said Wednesday morning she had spent five years with Southern Bell here and makes \$43.50 for a 40-hour week at the switchboard.

Southern Bell has contended throughout the long negotiations. Continued On Page Eight



RECEIVES EAGLE AWARD - Richard Hunnicutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunnicutt, was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge at the regular monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor Thursday night.

Troop 1 Scout Gets High Award

Richard Hunnicutt, Troop 1 Kings Mountain Boy Scout, was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge, highest award in scouting, at regular monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor Thursday night.

Scout Hunnicutt became a Boy Scout at the age of 11, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunnicutt. He is an 11th grade student at Central school.

Other badges that Scout Hunnicutt has received are God and Country Badge, the highest award given to a Scout by a church, 12 years perfect Sunday School Attendance Badge, and American Rifle Association Marksmanship Badge.

Bill Green, of Troop 7, achieved the rank of First Class Scout, while William Ledbetter, of Troop 2 and Jerry Wells, of Troop 1, achieved the rank of Second Class Scout.

The following Scouts were advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot: Thomas Huffstetler, Pat Continued On Page Eight

Jaycees Elect Bill Jonas

William G. (Bill) Jonas and a new slate of officers for the coming year were elected by acclamation at the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce election on Tuesday night at Masonic Hall.

No nominations were made except by the nominating committee and the following were named: Clavon Kelly, first vice president. Herbert Mitcham, second vice president.

R. G. Plonk, Jr., secretary. Louis Sabetti, treasurer. Delbert Dixon, "Jay Bird".

Charles Dixon, William Herndon, and Clinton Jolly were named to two-year directorships and Dean Payne was named as director to fill the one-year unexpired term of Mr. Plonk.

President Wilson Griffin, who presided over the meeting, was elected as state director. The new officers are to be installed at the annual meeting on May 3 at Masonic Hall.

Gene Herrin, North Carolina national director and candidate for the state presidency, and Jim Sommers, both of Statesville, attended the meeting.

Gene Mitcham was presented as a new member by Paul Walker, membership chairman, and Mr. Herrin inducted him into the club. Other guests attending included Delvin Huffstetler and Ralph Hulleader and a former member, Capt. Maynard Snow, recently returned from Air Force duty in England and now on leave before reporting for duty in Texas.

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

Agnew To Feature Farmer's Night Banquet Of Lions Club Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Lions club will entertain an estimated 125 area farmers Tuesday night, at the club's annual Farmer's Night banquet.

Edwin Moore, chairman of the club's committee on arrangements, said invitations are being mailed this weekend to all farmers of the area to attend the event. Feature of the program will be an address by E. H. Agnew, Anderson County, S. C., farmer and president of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. Long active in South Carolina farm affairs, Mr. Agnew was secretary of

the PGA from 1935 until his election to the farm bureau presidency. He is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Clemson college.

Members of the Farmer's Night committee are Mr. Moore, Eugene Patterson, and H. O. (Toby) Williams.

"We annually look forward to our Farmer's Night banquet as one of the outstanding events of the year, and we expect this one to be no exception," Mr. Moore said. Special entertainment events are also being planned, he added.