

City Limits ..... 7,206
The population in 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 7929. The trending area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Webster Seeking School Post, Fleete McCurdy Withdraws



CANDIDATE - J. W. Webster filed notice of candidacy this week for Ward 2 school trustee, subject to the May 10 election.

No New Filers For City Offices; Several Say "No"

The net total of candidates for city and school district political offices failed to increase this week. There was one new candidacy and one withdrawal. All the activity concerned the two school trusteeship offices to be filled on May 10. J. W. Webster, city employee, filed notice of candidacy for Ward 2 school trustee, and Fleete R. McCurdy, who had filed last week for the Ward 3 school position, withdrew.

Red Cross Donations Reach \$3,000-Mark

Contributions to the Kings Mountain Township Red Cross fund campaign passed the half-way point this week, Chairman Henry Neisler said Wednesday. He said contributions have reached the \$3,000 figure, compared to the minimum goal of \$2,200.

Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata Sunday Evening

The Senior Choir of Central Methodist church, under the direction of Miss Bonnie McIntosh, will present "Requiem," by Johannes Brahms, on Sunday evening at 7:30. The cantata is being presented as a special service in the church's observance of Lenten rites.

Band Awarded Top Rating At Contest

The Kings Mountain school band, advancing to Group IV competition, was awarded a grade of Superior (I) at the district music contests held at Salisbury last Saturday. The top award entitles the band directed by Joe Hedden, to participate in the state-wide music contests to be held at Woman's College, Greensboro, April 20-23.

Quinn Youth Dies In Hawaii Crash

Wife Of Victim, Due For Release, Is Grover Citizen



The husband of Mrs. Sybil Byers Quinn, of Grover, was among the 66 persons killed Tuesday when a navy transport crashed into a mountain peak near Honolulu, Hawaii.

AN James B. Quinn, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Quinn, of Blacksburg, S. C., en route home for release from active duty, was reported among the passengers in a telegram from the navy department to Quinn's parents Tuesday night. The seaman was an only son. He had been attached to the USS Princeton, which was recently engaged in the Matsu Island evacuation of Chinese troops.

On Saturday, his wife had received a cable from her husband saying he had arrived in Hawaii and would be home soon. The Associated Press reported the crash to be the worst in Hawaii's history. The four-engine navy transport carried to their deaths a woman, the nine-man crew, 27 army men, 12 marines and four sailors. It was an RD6 transport and was enroute to California from Tokyo and had turned back toward Hickam Field on the last leg of its transpacific flight.

Eight miles off course and in a heavy rainstorm the big plane plowed into Palu Kea Peak, about 15 miles northwest of Honolulu at the southern end of Waianae Range. It was 2:03 a. m.

The pilot turned on his landing lights just before the crash, witnesses said. He apparently saw the mountain looming up in front and tried to bank away. It was too late.

The tragedy was the fourth worst disaster in aviation history, and the second worst in the Pacific.

The youth was a nephew of Dr. T. A. Campbell, of Blacksburg. He was a graduate of Blacksburg high school and was attending Erskine College when he enlisted in the navy on April 17, 1951. He was a member of Blacksburg ARP church. He was married to the former Miss Myers on March 15, 1953.

TO PREACH HERE - Rev. W. L. Harkey, a former Kings Mountain pastor, will conduct revival services beginning Sunday at El-Bethel Methodist church. The services will continue through April 2.

Harkey To Lead Revival Services

Rev. W. L. Harkey, a former pastor of Grace Methodist church here, will conduct pre-Easter services beginning Sunday at El-Bethel Methodist church, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. Boyce Huffstetter.

Mr. Harkey is now pastor of Avondale Methodist church, at Avondale. Services will be held at 7:30 each evening, beginning Sunday and continuing through April 2. Special music by the church choir will also feature the services, under the direction of Bobby Anthony, choir leader. Wayne L. Ware, Jr., is the church organist.

BUILDING PERMITS Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued two permits during the week. A permit for construction of a one-story building on Juniper street to A. V. Yarbrough was issued Saturday. A permit to build a garage on Tracy street was issued to William Arthur Morgan on Monday.

Discussion of expansion of Central and East Elementary schools' playground areas highlighted the regular monthly meeting Monday night of the Kings Mountain board of school trustees. The board has been seeking for over a year to purchase additional land for East school from Consolidated Textiles, Inc. The plot lies west of Church street directly behind the school building.

Supt. B. N. Barnes told the board that he hasn't received an answer to numerous letters to the firm's New York office since the firm promised to send a representative here after receipt of a letter offering \$500 per acre authorized by the board on April 19, 1954.

At the February meeting, Mr. Barnes reported completion of a new survey of the land showing 5,136 acres which the board wants to buy. The board discussed an offer by Mrs. Henry Jones to sell some acreage facing Parker street and is to meet in special session soon to consider the matter. The board has talked of acquiring additional land for Central school several times in the past but received no offers from adjacent property owners.

The board voted authorization for summer school band on the same basis as last year after hearing a request from J. C. Hedden, band director. T. W. Cothran, Shelby architect, met with the group and presented preliminary plans for the

Board Discusses Land Purchases

The building is to be constructed with two major wings, primary and elementary, connected by a long covered walkway with a multiple purpose room and offices in the center. The building is to face Ramseur street (to the west), with a cafeteria and kitchen wing on the back side. The primary wing, which is to house eight classrooms, is to be on the south side facing a proposed extension of Bridges street. The proposed extension of Bridges street would connect with North Piedmont avenue.

The six - room elementary wing is to be on the north side, at which point a possible future addition is planned. At that time two of the rooms to be constructed now would become a library. The proposed library rooms will be partitioned at present to provide two classrooms.

The primary wing, with an outdoor classroom on each the east and west side, will be completed, with no additions towards the Bridges street extension contemplated. A 10-foot walk is to be constructed from the school to N. Piedmont avenue at Fairview street.

Some 31,000 square feet is planned in the new building, which will house a large number of students now attending Central and East Elementary schools. The multi-purpose room, is to be used as an auditorium seating around 450 persons. A stage will be included and the board plans to construct the room to a size suitable for an elementary basketball court.

Other rooms in the center portion are to be a teacher lounge and work room, a general office and a principal's office. Toilets are included in both the primary and elementary wings.

The preliminary plans were forwarded to Raleigh Tuesday and await approval of state school board committees before bids will be asked. Supt. B. N. Barnes said that he and Architect Cothran are to meet with State officials in Raleigh on Monday.

Local News Bulletins

NEW DEACONS New deacons elected by Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday were Don Crawford, Ben Goforth, Jr., and Dr. John C. McGill. They are to be ordained and installed at morning services Sunday.

OPTIMIST CLUB Regular meeting of the Optimist club will be held Thursday evening, (tonight), at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club, it was announced by Neal Grissom, president.

PRESBYTERIAN First meeting of the Carol choir of First Presbyterian church will be held Monday at 3 p. m. in the church Fellowship hall. Children in the Primary department and first, second, and third grade students make up the choir.

OFFICE CLOSED Offices of Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, it was announced Tuesday. Dr. Anderson's office will be opened on Monday, he said.

NO FATAL ACCIDENTS As of Wednesday afternoon, the City of Kings Mountain had gone 1,199 days without a fatal accident, Kings Mountain Police department reported.

AT CONVENTION Mrs. Helen Jenkins and Mrs. Ila Morrow are representing Helen's Beauty Shop at an International Beauty convention in session at Statler Hotel, New York, March 20-28.

COMMUNICATION An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., for work in the third degree is scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., secretary, announced.

FAIRVIEW LODGE Members of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., will attend the evening services at Grace Methodist church Sunday night. Members are asked to meet in front of the church at 7:15 p. m., at was announced.

METER RECEIPTS A total of \$179.75 was collected from the city's parking meters during the week ending Wednesday at noon. It was reported by the city clerk's office.

FULKERSON BETTER W. J. Fulkerson, ill last week with a slight heart condition, has improved sufficiently to resume part-time duties at Neisler Mills, Inc.

First Presbyterian Revival Continuing

Evangelistic services are continuing this week through Friday at First Presbyterian church. Dr. Z. V. Roberson, pastor of Raleigh Court Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va., and John Livingston, ministerial student at Union Seminary, are conducting the week's series.

Morning services at 10 a. m. and evening services at 7:30 p. m. are being conducted by Dr. Roberson. Mr. Livingston is directing a week of youth activities, programs being held each evening after the worship services.

BAND WINS SUPERIOR RATING - The Kings Mountain school band, directed by Joe C. Hedden, was awarded a grade of Superior (I) at the district band contest held at Salisbury's Boyden High school last Saturday. The 55-piece group, which played in Group IV, earned the right to enter the state contest at Greensboro in April. (Photo by Hubert Carlisle, Shelby.)

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Garden Council Spring Flower Show Wednesday

Annual spring flower show of the Kings Mountain Council of Garden clubs will be presented at Kings Mountain Woman's club Wednesday, doors to open from 2 o'clock until 9 p. m. Flower show committees will hold a meeting Thursday (today) at the home of Mrs. Sam Davis to complete final plans for the 1955 show. Mrs. W. L. Ramseur, publicity chairman, said Wednesday.

Theme of the show is "Beauty On Parade", and competition is open to the public. "A new feature of this year's show is an educational exhibit," Mrs. Ramseur said, "which details the differing stages of flower arranging."

"Another exhibit," Mrs. Ramseur continued, "is a bulb exhibit which lists the steps in bulb planting." Local garden clubs will exhibit flower arrangements suitable for church decoration. Blue, red, and yellow ribbons will be given to all first, second, and third place winners, while tri-color awards will be given to the outstanding horticulture and arrangement exhibits. A sweepstakes award will be awarded to the winner of the most blue ribbons in the show.

Admission is 50 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Mrs. Sam Davis and Mrs. George Houser are serving a co-chairmen of the show.

City Assesses For Surfacing

The board of city commissioners bought two dump trucks and confirmed street-paving assessments totaling \$7,416.18 at a special session Wednesday, March 16. The board awarded the contracts for purchase of two-ton dump trucks on low bid of \$2,532.15 each to North Carolina Equipment Company, of Charlotte. The trucks will be Chevrolet with Gallon dump equipment. N. C. Equipment Company edged the only other bidder, Baker Equipment Company, of Charlotte, which had offered the trucks at \$2,537.03 each, a difference of only \$4.97 per truck, or \$10.94 on the total purchase.

The street assessment confirmation action was a carry-over from the March 3 meeting, when public hearing on the scroll had been advertised. The assessment scroll was adopted with two omissions from the hearing notice advertisement. Continued On Page Ten

Assets The Scott statement showed total assets at December 31 of \$433,470.51, and a surplus or net worth at \$398,933.06.

Included in the assets total are operating fund cash-on-hand of \$12,578.05 and accounts receivable of \$30,371.56.

The plant fund had cash-on-hand of \$14,534.35, land, buildings, and equipment, and advances to architects totaling \$366,047, for a total of \$390,581.35.

Operating fund liabilities totaled \$10,725.47, including accounts payable, accrued salaries and wages, and payroll taxes, leaving a surplus of \$42,889.16.

Plant fund liabilities listed the depreciation reserve and a reserve for plant improvements of \$14,534.35, leaving a surplus of \$356,769.37.

Vickers Managing Roses Dime Store

R. E. Vickers, of Lebanon, Tenn., is the new manager of Roses Five & Ten Stores. He assumed his duties Monday, and his family expects to move here during the weekend.

Fred Haitcox, former manager of the store, moved with his family last weekend to Lebanon, where he assumes management of the Lebanon store. Mrs. Vickers' wife is the former Miss Ellie Mae White of Hurstville. They have two children, Lou, age 8, and Roy Vickers, age 6. He has served as manager of Five & Ten stores for the past 17 years.