

City Limits . . . . . 7,206
The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gains since 1945 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7600. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.



SCENE FROM PALM SUNDAY PLAY — The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Family Portrait", a religious play, Sunday evening at 7:30 at the high school auditorium. Pictured in the ritual of drawing up the marriage papers are, left to right, Derice Weir, as Esther; Lawrence Warlick, as Leban; Buck Early, as Mendel; Billie Gibbons, as Reba; Gordon Beaver, as Joseph; and Mrs. Phillip Padgett, as Mary.

Pipeline Break Kept City Crew Busy On Friday

The Kings Mountain water system suffered a breakdown last Friday afternoon, when a 16-inch section of pipe gave way and broke on the York Road. The pipe leads from the York Road reservoir to the Deal street filter plant. E. C. Nicholson, superintendent of public works, said that the break under the big line had not been sufficiently "tamped" when the installation was made by Gilbert Engineering Company. When traffic was turned onto the new road and bridge over the new U. S. 29 by-pass the load proved too heavy, resulting in breaking of the line. City workmen and a Gilbert Engineering crew worked from 3:30 p. m. Friday until 4 a. m., the following morning before the line was repaired and again carrying raw water to the filter plant. Mr. Nicholson said the break cost the city 180,000 gallons of raw water — amount customarily carried in the pipe. After the pumps were shut off, the line had to be drained before it could be repaired. It was a rough job, Mr. Nicholson noted, as the weather turned cold to add to the difficulties.

J. L. Mitcham Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Junious Lee (June) Mitcham, 56, were conducted Friday at 3 p. m. from Resurrection Lutheran church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mr. Mitcham succumbed last Wednesday night at 9:15 p. m. in Kings Mountain hospital following a heart attack suffered early Wednesday morning. A life-long resident of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Luther and Rachel Herndon Mitcham. He was a World War II veteran and a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran church. He was an overseer on the third shift at Bonnie Mills. Rev. Douglas Fritz, Resurrection pastor, conducted the final rites. The body lay in-state at the church 30 minutes prior to the services. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillie Guyton Mitcham, four daughters, Mrs. Howard Haynes, Georgetown, S. C., Mrs. Mildred Bowman, Charlotte, Mrs. Coble Lee Dunn and Mrs. Margaret Williams, both of Kings Mountain, a sister, Mrs. Robert Morrison, Kings Mountain, and four brothers, Rufus Mitcham, John Mitcham, and Lloyd Mitcham, all of Kings Mountain, and Leo Mitcham, of Ellenboro. Twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive. Active pallbearers included Gaither Ledbetter, Maynard O. Dell, Dorus Whitesides, Laney Dettmar, Hal Plonk, and Dorus Bennett. Honorary pallbearers were members of the church council at Resurrection Lutheran church.

NO FATAL ACCIDENTS As of Wednesday afternoon, the City of Kings Mountain had had one 1,206 days without a fatal traffic accident, Kings Mountain Police department reported. Tickets are now available for purchase from any member of the senior class or they may be obtained at the door. Doug W. Swink is directing the production.

March Gas Bills Total \$607.70 March billings of the city's natural gas department, to be received by customers on Friday, will total \$607.70, compared to \$417.88 for the first month's billings for February. Assistant City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., said 58 customers will receive bills for gas service, compared to 27 for the previous month. Mr. McDaniel noted that the bills for a full-month's service are generally lower than for the first month, due to warmer weather in the billing period. Next month's billings are expected to jump considerably, with addition of Bennett Brick & Tile Company and Mauney Hosiery Company to the industrial customer group.

Two-Night Program Is Announced For Women's Finance Forum Here

Should you have a joint bank account with your husband? Can you keep a business-like record of finances? Do you know how to invest money? How much insurance should you carry? Who are your heirs if you make no will? These and other pertinent topics will be discussed by business specialists at the two-evening Finance Forum for Women to be held at the Woman's club at 7:30 on April 12 and 14. Following each discussion will be a period for asking questions orally or in writing. The specialists who will discuss four important phases of business are: Louis D. Brooks, executive vice-president of Union National Bank, Charlotte, who will discuss "Women, Money and Banking"; William B. Scott, of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Benner & Beane, Charlotte, who will discuss "Investments"; Thomas Grant, Jr., vice-president and trust officer of Union National Bank, Charlotte, who will discuss "Your Estate"; and James E. Cashatt, district manager of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, Gastonia, who will discuss "Life Insurance."

A. W. Kincaid Files For Re-Election; Paul Ledford Enters Ward 4 Contest



SENIOR CLASS PLAY — Shown above are four members of the Kings Mountain High School senior class who will appear in the production of "Charley's Aunt," annual class play, at Central auditorium on Thursday and Friday at 8 p. m. Pictured, left to right, are: Jimmy Short, Joyce Owens, Janice Stogner and Earl Marlowe.

Senior Class Will Present Comedy Drama

The curtain opens Thursday evening (tonight) at eight o'clock on the senior class play, "Charley's Aunt" which will also be presented again on Friday night. A comedy, "Charley's Aunt," was recently seen on Broadway with Ray Bolger as the star. It was also a movie hit of a few years back with Jack Benny in the leading role and has always been a favorite of high schools and little theatre audiences all over the country. Set in England, "Charley's Aunt" presents a bit of a mixup which produces comic situations and entanglements enough to provide an evening of entertainment for the entire family. Apart from the cast and the backstage crew who have worked tirelessly and exacted their best efforts on "Charley's Aunt" are other members of the senior class who will be included on the production staff, Rachael Jolly, Etha Hawkins and Mary Stone will be in charge of tickets, while ushers for both performances will be Mary A. McDaniel, Nancy Bishop, Louise Tucker, Valerie Waterson, Christine Still, Martha Baker, Hazel Nance, Betty Biddix, and Betty Cable. Dewitt Blanton and Fred Falls will handle the composition of the program. Marilyn Tessener is prompter.

Over-Parkers Should Return Cash In Tabs

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., issued a request Wednesday to all motorists who receive courtesy envelopes for over-parking to return the "nickel" in the envelope left for that purpose, or either return with the "nickel" the citation number listed on the envelope. Chief Logan noted that over-parking envelopes are only recorded by citation numbers listed on the envelopes. Motorist who return the "nickel" without the envelope and without the citation number, can not be given credit.

483 Youngsters Want Salk Shots

Plans to administer Salk polio vaccine to some 483 first and second grade children of Kings Mountain city schools were being formulated this week by Cleveland County Health department, according to an announcement from the office of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer. Since Tuesday was the deadline for the return to the school of signed application blanks by parents who wish their children to be inoculated, Mrs. Elizabeth Scruggs, of the county health office, said, late requests will not be honored. Mrs. Scruggs said it was necessary to set a deadline for the return of the blanks to determine the exact number of children to be inoculated since the supply of vaccine is limited and the correct amount only will be sent to each county from headquarters in the state. Mrs. Scruggs said, although, use of the vaccine hinges on the approval by the National Institute of Public Health, U. S. Public Health Service, which is expected April 12, plans must now be formulated in order that the vaccine may be administered before the end of the school term. Although the vaccine will be given free now to children of first and second grades, the vaccine will be available later to other age groups from their family physician, Mrs. Scruggs said. The private service will not be free, Mrs. Scruggs noted.

Phone Service Here Near Normal, As Strike Continues For 17th Day

Striking employees were still pulling three-hour picket duty Tuesday added a new placard to their offering. The reason the strike is still on, the placards state, is that the company refuses to submit the dispute to arbitration. Another placard being borne by the pickets details the "scab" list, local employees either union members or eligible for union membership who failed to honor the strike call. Service was near normal this week than it had been, as the supervisory workers learned their new jobs. Negotiations toward settlement of the strike were reported continuing in Atlanta.

Blythe Brothers Low On By-Pass

Blythe Brothers, of Charlotte, was low bidder on paving and grading of the U. S. 29 by-pass from Grover to the intersection with Gastonia highway, according to results of bid-opening by the State Highway & Public Works commission in Raleigh Tuesday. Crouch Brothers, of Mooresville, was low bidder on moving of buildings and structures, at \$27,960. The commission will review the bids on Thursday. The U. S. 29 by-pass specifications call for grading and surfacing 9.7 miles of road.

Four Candidates Now In Running For Ward 4 Post

Two candidates added their names to the May 10 city and school district ballots during the past week. Arnold W. Kincaid, as expected, filed his candidacy for re-election as Ward 3 school trustee, and Paul Ledford filed his candidacy for Ward 4 commissioner. Mr. Ledford's entry into the Ward 4 race brings the number of candidates for this position to four. Previously filed for the office were George W. White, O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Charles (Rocky) Ford. Mr. Ledford posted his filing fee Tuesday. Mr. Kincaid posted his filing fee last Friday.

Otherwise, political activity was quiet. Several of the candidates noted that "it's a little early" for heavy political activity. Through Wednesday at 2 o'clock, a total of 15 candidates were seeking the six city and two school board offices to be filled at the May 10 election. Contests existed for four of the eight positions. Whether the filing of candidates was over was not known but there had been a rash of "I won't run" statements from many citizens mentioned as prospective candidates. Still to be completed is the list of election officials, with all ward posts filled except in Ward 4. Registration books are to open on April 16.

Mr. Kincaid, now completing his eighth year on the school board, is completing his first full term of six years, after filling an unexpired term of Glenn White. Currently chairman of the school board, Mr. Kincaid is active in the work of First Baptist church, is a trustee of Gardner-Webb college, and an active Mason. He is a member of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and is president of a textile machinery company in Bessemer City, Ideal Machine Shops. Mr. Ledford is a weaver at Pauline plant of Neiser Mills, is a native of Kings Mountain who has lived here all his life. He is a deacon of Temple Baptist church.

Retailers To Open All Day Wednesday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail merchants will be open next Wednesday afternoon, suspending the mid-week half-holiday to accommodate pre-Easter shoppers. Under a recent change in holiday schedule of the Kings Mountain Merchants association the merchants will be open on the Wednesday prior to Easter, rather than the Wednesday following. Easter Monday will be a holiday for majority of the firms, again in conformance with the association's by-laws.

Profits To Aid Club Projects In Blind Work

The Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct its annual broom and mat sale for the benefit of the blind beginning this weekend and continuing through April 9. Fred Wright, Jr., chairman of the Lions committee in charge of the project, said the club's inventory includes 1200 brooms and 100 rubber door mats and added, "We want to sell 'em all". The products are manufactured by the Lions-sponsored Industries for the Blind at Greensboro. Brooms sell for \$1.50 and the mats sell for \$2.50. Profits from the sale will be retained here for use of the Kings Mountain club in sight conservation work. Warlick Insurance Agency is the club's "warehouse" and the following assignments have been made for the two-weekend sale: Burlington Mill employees and village — Paul King. Crescent Hill Drive, Landing street, Gold street — Rev. Douglas Fritz, Dr. Nathan Reed, Ernie Powers. Superior Stone and Kerns Brothers — Carl Mayes and C. D. Ware. Craftspun Yarns employees — C. P. Barry, Richard Barnett. Mauney Hosiery Mill employees — W. K. Mauney, Jr., Sam Stallings, Mauney Mill employees and village — Carl Mauney, Sam Weir. Sadie Mill employees and village — George Houser. Cansler, West Mountain, West King and intervening streets — Baxter Wright, Sr., James Houser, John Lewis. Margrace Mill employees and village — Charlie Moss and Hubert Davidson. North Piedmont avenue and side streets in area — Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and J. C. McKinney. Bonnie Mill employees and village — Jacob Cooper and Rev. P. L. Shore. East King street, East Ridge street and Cleveland avenue — J. W. Webster. York Road and side streets — Hazel Bumgardner and E. E. Marlowe. Grover Road — Gene Timms. Elmer Lumber Company — W. L. Plonk. Oak Grove community — Edwin Moore and Eugene Patterson. East Parker and Dilling streets — George Thomason. N. Gaston street and Duke Power company — James Rollins. Sims street — Tolly Shuford. Consolidated Textiles — Lee Roberts. Waco Road — Otto Williams. Linwood Road, Church street and side streets — D. L. Saunders, Horace Hord, Ollie Harris. Uptown business section — T. W. Grayson, Martin Harmon, and Hilton Ruth.

Two Pre-School Clinics Today

West and East Elementary school clinics will be held in their respective school auditoriums Thursday, according to an announcement by Miss Alice Averitt, city schools teaching consultant. East school clinic is being conducted from 9:30 a. m. until noon, while West school clinic is to begin at 1:30 p. m. Miss Averitt is requesting all parents who have children who will enter first grade next fall to enroll them at this time. Children must be six years old by October 15 to be eligible for enrollment in the 1955-56 school term. Central school clinic was held Tuesday morning at First Baptist church. Seventy prospective first graders were enrolled, according to statistics from the office of Principal Rowell Lane.

METER RECEIPTS

Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$171.88, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office, reported.

CITIZENS CLUB

The Junior American Citizens club in Miss Margaret Goforth's sixth grade at Central school will broadcast a program over WKMT Thursday, March 31, at 9:15 a. m., it has been announced.

Religious Drama Set For Sunday

Little Theatre Play Feature Of Palm Sunday

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Family Portrait" Sunday evening at 7:30 at the high school auditorium. The drama is a religious play by Lenore Coffee and William Cowen, and is being presented at the request of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association in commemoration of Palm Sunday. It is the third consecutive year the Little Theatre has presented a Palm Sunday drama. No admission will be charged. In 1953 and 1954, the group presented "The Robe". This year's production is being directed by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney. The cast: Mrs. P. G. Padgett is "Mary", Sandy Stallings is "Daniel", Gordon Beaver is "Joseph", Peggy Rippey is "Naomi", Flem 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 "Hezibah", Meek Carpenter is "Appius 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", Phillip Padgett 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.

Local News Bulletins

IN HOSPITAL Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, entered Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment of a stomach disorder. HOSPITAL GETS \$650 Kings Mountain hospital is receiving \$650 from the Duke Endowment, representing one dollar per day of charity care given by the hospital during the past year. ARP MEETING The Men's club of Boyce Memorial ARP church meets Monday at 7 p. m. at the church for a supper meeting. J. L. Mauney will be the speaker, and the Minnie Alexander circle will serve the meal, it was announced. LEGION Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall on Friday at 8 p. m. All members and eligible veterans are invited to attend. NEW DIRECTOR Dan Weiss, owner of Reba's Fashions, has been named a director of the Kings Mountain Merchants' association, filling the vacancy created when Fred Haitcox, former manager of Rose's 5 and 10 Store, was transferred to Lebanon, Tenn.

Sunrise Service Details Listed

Full program for the annual community-wide Easter Sunrise service, scheduled for Mountain Rest cemetery at 6:30 Easter morning, was announced this week by Dr. W. L. Fessly, chairman of the committee on arrangements. Prior to the program, the high school band will play a program of Easter music, and a choral group, directed by Thomas Eanes, will sing the call to worship. Rev. H. E. Smith, pastor of Second Wesleyan Methodist church, will pray the invocation and lead the Lord's Supper, and Rev. P. E. Shore, pastor of Central Methodist church and president of the Ministerial association, will give a message of welcome. Rev. W. C. Sides, pastor of Grace Methodist church, will read the Easter message from the Scripture, and Rev. H. T. Cook, pastor of Second Baptist church, will give the morning prayer. Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will deliver the Easter sermon, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will say the benediction. Congregational singing will include the hymns "Holy, Holy Holy" and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today".