

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 1/2 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.

Salk Polio Vaccine To Be Given Here April 22

Local News Bulletins

WINS AWARD
Miss Patty Parrish, student at Ringling School of Art, Sarasota, Fla., won an award for outstanding merit for a painting she exhibited in the 24th annual exhibition of student work at the art school last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parrish, of Kings Mountain.

COURT OF HONOR
Regular Boy Scout Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district boy scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 p. m., at City Hall. Scout leader's round table will be held.

IN VIRGINIA
Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, is conducting revival services this week in Ashland, Va. Hugh Arrowood, of Shelby, moderator of Kings Mountain Presbytery, will conduct Sunday morning church services.

DIXON SERVICE
J. Neal Grissom will be the speaker at Sunday morning church services at Dixon Presbyterian church, it has been announced. Services will be held at 9 a. m. for several months beginning Sunday.

PRESSLY IN GEORGIA
Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, has been conducting a week's preaching series at Louisville, Ga., ARP church during the past week. The Boyce Memorial pulpit will be filled for Sunday morning services by James Cannon, Erskine Seminary student.

ON BLOOD COMMITTEE
Hunter Warlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warlick, was chairman of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity committee on the recent two-day Red Cross blood donor drive at Davidson college, according to information from the college news bureau.

CENTRAL CLUB
The Junior American Citizens club in Miss Margaret Goforth's sixth grade at Central school will broadcast a program over WKMT Thursday morning at 9:15 a. m. Last Thursday's program was cancelled because of an electrical power failure in the radio station area.

OPTIMIST CLUB
Regular meeting of the Optimist club will be held Thursday night at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club, Neal Grissom, the president, made the announcement.

WOMAN'S CLUB
Board of Directors of the Woman's club will meet Monday at 3:30 p. m. in the club office in the Woman's club building, Mrs. George Houser, the president, has announced.

METER RECEIPTS
Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$195.15, Miss Grace Carpenter, city clerk's office reported.

NO FATAL ACCIDENTS
As of Wednesday afternoon the city of Kings Mountain had gone 1,220 days without a fatal traffic accident, Kings Mountain Police department reported.

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The Lions club will continue its broom-and-mat sale for another weekend, it was announced at the meeting of the club Tuesday night. Sale of the brooms and rubber doormats — manufactured by blind persons in Greensboro has been slowed due to the busy Easter season, and club members are being urged to complete their work this weekend, by Fred Wright, Jr., chairman. The brooms sell for \$1.50 and the doormats for \$2.50. Proceeds from the sale are used by the Lions club for sight conservation work in the Kings Mountain area.

Examination For Postmaster Is Called By Civil Service

Closing Date For Applying Set At May 3

Competitive examination for Postmaster at Kings Mountain has been called by the Civil Service commission, according to an announcement from Washington, D. C. Closing date for applications has been set at May 3. Notice of the examination call was received by Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir and posted last Friday at the Kings Mountain postoffice bulletin board. The official bulletin setting forth full details and requirements for taking the examination for the \$5,470 per year federal civil service position are obtainable at Kings Mountain postoffice.

It provides for a written test to be given at Gastonia. It will include 1) an 80-question test covering verbal abilities (vocabulary and reading comprehension of material adapted from post office issuances), practical judgment, and arithmetic; and 2) a 45-question test on post office business management.

Veterans preference, based on armed separation from the armed services will apply as follows: five points added to the earned rating of an applicant who is a veteran of any war on any creditable campaign; ten points to the earned rating of an applicant who establishes claim to preference as a) a disabled veteran or a veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart; b) the wife of a disabled veteran who is disqualified for appointment because of his service-connected disability; c) the unmarried widow of a deceased ex-service veteran who served during a war or creditable campaign; d) the mother of certain deceased or disabled ex-service sons or daughters when the mother is widowed, divorced, or separated or when her husband is permanently and totally disabled.

Requirements of applicants include at least two years experience in occupations which would qualify them for handling the postmastership, evidence that they can deal agreeably with employees and patrons, that they are reliable citizens of the community, that they have physically resided within the delivery area of the Kings Mountain post office since May 3, 1954, they are citizens of the United States, and that they are physically able to handle the duties of the office.

Applicants must have attained the age of 25 and be no older than 63 at May 3, 1955. A person who attains the eligible list cannot assume charge of the post office if he is the husband or wife of a rural carrier, if he is concerned with a contract

City Board Checking On Legality Of Curfew Law; Comments Invited

The city board of commissioners last Thursday night tabled for a legality check its proposal to adopt a curfew ordinance restricting children under 16 years of age.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges advised the hold-up after City Attorney J. R. Davis advised the check and said he would request a ruling from North Carolina Attorney-General Harry McMullan. Mr. Davis said Wednesday he had not yet received a reply.

The commissioners had originally adopted a curfew ordinance — forbidding children under 16 on public streets after 10 p. m. unless accompanied by parent or guardian — on March 30 by 3-0 vote. However, no penalty for violation nor effective date was included and Mr. Davis subsequently ruled the action a resolution with no effect.

Pending receipt of the attorney-general's opinion, the matter could come up at any special meeting of the board or stay in the pigeonhole until the May regular meeting, or forever. Mayor Bridges added that he and the board members would appreciate expressions from citizens concerning the proposed curfew.

Bargain Gas Tap Deadline Friday

Friday at 4:30 p. m. is the deadline for buying natural gas taps at the "construction" price of \$10.

The city board of commissioners set the deadline at the meeting of last Thursday on advice of Bernard & Burk, the city's gas engineers.

The board did not set the post-deadline fee for gas taps, but indications have been that it will be established at from \$50 to \$75.

For the tap fee, the city taps the street main and installs a line 50 feet on the customer's property.

Supt. of Public Works E. C. Nicholson said Smith Welding Company, which has been installing the gas system, expects to leave Kings Mountain early next week.

Bell, Greyhound Still Struck

Two strikes continued to effect the pattern of life of Kings Mountain area citizens this week.

The strike of Communications Workers of America (CIO) entered its 31st day Wednesday, and the strike of Division 1493 of the Motor Coach Employees (AFL), which has halted the movement of Atlantic Greyhound Corporation buses, entered its seventh day.

There were few new developments in either work stoppage, at least as could be learned from on-the-scene persons here. All of the striking group of Southern Bell workers at the Kings Mountain exchange were still out, including 22 switchboard operators and three service-maintenance men.

Southbound bus traffic was being routed through Shelby via Queen City Trailways, which meant that no bus service was available for Kings Mountain citizens to or from Grover or Blacksburg, S. C., Mrs. Edith Carigan, manager of the Kings Mountain bus terminal said.

The Kings Mountain telephone exchange had additional personnel, imported from other Bell exchanges, but was still un-manned.

On Tuesday, some citizens noticed that no pickets appeared in front of the Fulton Building where the telephone exchange is quartered, and wondered if the strike were over. However, one citizen close to the source thought the picketing had stopped to allow the pickets to attend a union local meeting in Gastonia, home office of the CWA local to which Kings Mountain members belong.

Southern Bell had issued a new appeal Sunday for its striking employees to return to work.

Ten Siren Blasts To Signal Start Of "Minuteman"

Ten short blasts on the city fire siren will signal the beginning of "Operation Minuteman" in Kings Mountain.

Though it is known the operation is to be called in April, date and time are not known. The "blue" alert has been scheduled to test readiness of National Guard units throughout the 48 states and all territories.

Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of the 75-man Kings Mountain National Guard unit, cautioned residents not to be alarmed when they hear the unusual alarm sounded. City fire alarms customarily get not more than five blasts.

Mission of the National Guard unit is to defend all key civilian public service establishments, such as water supply, sewage disposal plants, communications establishments, highway arteries, bridges, and other key posts.

Announcement of the start of the operation will be flashed over radio, television, and through the press.

"Soon the residents of this community will see their National Guardsmen mobilize quickly," Capt. Houston said, "and carry out duties assigned to them in case of an emergency."

"We ask our fellow citizens not to be disturbed in the slightest by this Guard activity, which is simply a training exercise to test the speed and efficiency with which local Guardsmen can be mobilized in case of a disaster, or other emergency calling for our services."

"Please remember that this is only a test alert. One purpose is to give our fellow citizens an opportunity to see the Kings Mountain headquarters company in training and to learn more about the important mission assigned to our Guardsmen in peace and war."

Exact time and date of the test alert, to be known as "Operation Minuteman," will be secret until just a few hours before it is sounded, Capt. Houston explained. The "go ahead" order will be issued by the Adjutant General and transmitted to all North Carolina Army and Air National Guard units.

Meanwhile, Capt. Houston added, nearly 400,000 Guardsmen in more than 2,200 other communities in the remaining states and in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska will be alerted by their own Governors and Adjutants General. The green light for "Operation Minuteman" will be given by Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, from his office at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. General Erickson and his staff are coordinating the test alert.

Finance Forum Ends Thursday

By Elizabeth Stewart

"A strong banking system keeps a community strong," a Charlotte banker pointed out at Tuesday night's Women's Finance Forum at the Woman's club, first of a two-night program being co-sponsored by the Woman's club and First National Bank.

Thursday evening's closing program will feature discussions by Thomas Grant, Jr., vice-president and trust officer of Charlotte's Union National Bank, who will discuss "Your Estate," and James E. Cashatt, of Gastonia, Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company district manager, who will discuss "Life Insurance."

A question and answer period follows each discussion and refreshments are served. Valuable door prizes will be presented to women holding lucky numbers at tonight's program. Winners must be present to win the prizes, which are donated by local business firms.

A large crowd attended Tuesday night's forum which featured discussions by L. D. Brooks, Continued On Page Ten



GROUND BROKEN FOR HOSPITAL ADDITION— County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner dug the first shovelful of dirt Tuesday afternoon as ground was broken for the forthcoming 14-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital. Others pictured, left to right, are Gene Clark, from the office of Ormand & Vaughan, the architects, Lewis Ho-

Myers Enters Ward 2 Race; Candidates Now Total 16

Mayor Candidate Olland Pearson Lists Platform

The candidate list for six city and two school elective offices, to be determined at the annual city election less than four weeks away, increased by one during the past week.

The new candidate is Clarence G. Myers, Kings Mountain sign painter, who posted his filing fee for Ward 2 commissioner shortly after noon on Wednesday. Mr. Myers opposes J. H. Patterson, the incumbent seeking a second term, and Tilman Pearson, who has previously filed notices of candidacy for the office. Mr. Myers lives at 101 N. Cleveland avenue.

Otherwise, formal political activity was limited to the third file-and-draw sequence of the current political campaign, when a third member of the Pearson family — Stanley Play Pearson — became a candidate for Ward 3 commissioner. Play Pearson, brother of the candidate in Ward 2 and also of Olland R. Pearson, who is seeking the mayor's office, paid his filing fee last Friday afternoon. He called the Herald Saturday morning to say he was withdrawing.

Previously two other citizens had posted filing fees, then withdrawn. They were Neal Grissom, in Ward 5, and F. R. McCurdy, in Ward 3.

Meantime, mayoral candidate Olland Pearson issued a five-point platform. Mr. Pearson said, if elected, he would seek the discharge of Police Chief, Hugh A. Logan, Jr., would seek to broaden the city's recreation program, would seek a formula based on unimproved street mileage for use of Powell Bill road monies in each of the city's wards, and would recommend purchase of city materials and supplies direct from manufacturers and wholesalers.

Major rumor of the week concerned the Ward 3 race, with E. R. Carrigan, a former city policeman, indicating he might try to unseat incumbent T. J. (Tommy) Ellison. Mr. Carrigan said he was receiving "heavy encouragement" to offer. Mr. Carrigan is manager of Ballard's Grocery. Mr. Ellison thus far has no opposition for reelection.

Effort of some Ward 5 citizens to get a candidate in the field against incumbent W. G. Grantham had not yet produced results, with another group of "no's" added to the field. Mr. Grantham, like Mr. Ellison, is also unopposed. Also unopposed are Arnold W. Continued On Page Ten

Jaycee Scrap Paper Drive Set Sunday

Members of the Jaycee Atlanta Convention Club will conduct a scrap paper drive on Sunday afternoon.

Citizens wishing to contribute old magazines, newspapers or other paper to the drive are being urged to notify any Jaycee this week, prior to Sunday noon, and to place their bundles on the curb by 1 p. m. Sunday.

Persons who desire to have collection made prior to Sunday are requested to notify Wilson Griffin at Phone No. 8, Bill Jonas at Phone No. 33 or to leave messages at Phones 167 or 283 as soon as possible. Proceeds from the sale of scrap paper collected will be used by the club to assist in sending a large delegation to the organization's national convention in Atlanta in June.

Friday, April 15 T-Day Deadline

Friday is T-Day. New deadlines for paying state and federal personal income tax bills (without penalty) are midnight, April 15, which means that all tax returns, both to the District Director of Internal Revenue, and to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, should bear postmarks prior to midnight.

Since Kings Mountain post office closes at 6 p. m., last-minute taxpayers playing safe will mail their returns not later than 5:45 p. m. Friday. The Tax Day deadline was advanced this year for the first time to April 15.

MOOSE MEETING

The regular meeting of Moose Lodge 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

Dr. Charles Armstrong Will Speak At Kiwanis Club Charter Night

Dr. Charles M. Armstrong, of Salisbury, past president of Kiwanis International, will deliver the principal address Thursday evening at the 15th anniversary banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The Charter Night event will be a ladies night affair. Past presidents of the organization who no longer live in Kings Mountain have been invited to attend and perfect attendance awards for the past year will be made. Dr. Armstrong, a medical doctor, served as president of Kiwanis International in 1947. As Carolina's district governor in 1940, he presented the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club with its charter from the international organization. The event will be held at Masonic Dining hall, beginning at 6:45.

Mrs. Mauney Is Chairman Of Cancer Appeal

Mrs. Jacob P. Mauney has accepted chairmanship of Kings Mountain's 1955 fund appeal for the American Cancer society, it was announced this week.

Goal of the campaign is \$1,000, up from \$700 asked last year of Kings Mountain citizens.

The campaign, a project of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club, will get underway this weekend, with the following soliciting chairman and committees at work:

Co-chairmen: Mrs. P. G. Ratterree and Mrs. J. N. Gamble. Civic clubs — Martin Harmon. Schools — Miss Helen Logan. Industries (co-chairmen) — Mrs. W. E. Rosenstengel and Mrs. M. C. May.

Residential and commercial — Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Miss Elizabeth Anthony, Mrs. James Rollins, Mrs. J. A. Cheshire, Mrs. Haywood Lynch, Mrs. James Castle, Mrs. J. E. Mauney. Radio chairman — J. Carroll Spencer.

Kings Mountain's \$1,000 quota represents its share of a nationwide goal of \$24 millions.

"Our population in growing older, people are living longer, and as a result the incidence of cancer cases in the United States is rising," Mrs. Mauney explained. "More and more men and women are entering the age group most susceptible to that disease. Hence the Cancer society must intensify its nationwide program of service to patients, sponsoring of research toward finding new methods of cure, and educating the public in ways to detect evidence of cancer early enough to enable effective treatment."

"Lives saved in this country last year through early detection" Continued On Page Ten

483 Children To Get Polio Preventive

With the official announcement that Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine has been proven highly effective, tentative plans were announced Wednesday by County health officials to begin vaccinations of first and second grade students in the county on Monday.

Vaccination of Kings Mountain and Park Grace school pupils is set for Friday, April 22. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, announced the following schedule for that date:

- 9 a. m. — Central school. 9 a. m. — West School. 11 a. m. — Park Grace. 1:30 p. m. — Davidson School. 1:30 p. m. — East School.

The vaccine, termed the most important medical development in recent years will be administered free of charge to first and second grade students whose parents signed applications for the service prior to the deadline March 29. Some 483 parents asked "shots" for their youngsters.

Kings Mountain medical doctors will administer the vaccine to the first and second grades as a public service.

Dr. Mitchell said the vaccine would be administered in three "shots," according to recommendations of Dr. Salk. The second dosage will be administered from two to four weeks following the first, while the third dosage will be administered six to seven months after the second.

As quickly as the vaccine is available, it can be obtained for regular fees by any person from their medical doctor.

Registration Books To Open

Registration books for the May 10 city election will open for the first time Saturday, with registrars to be at the five ward polling places from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Registrars and the polling places are:

- Ward 1, C. L. Black, at City Hall fire station. Ward 2, Mrs. H. R. Parton, at City Hall courtroom.

Ward 3, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, at Phenix Store. Ward 4, Mrs. Ralph Hullen, at Kings Mountain Manufacturing clubroom.

Ward 5, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Victory Chevrolet company. Citizens to vote, must be registered. Citizenship requirements are one year residency of North Carolina and four-month residency in the particular ward.

Election officials have called attention to the requirement for correction of registration, where a citizen has transferred his residence from one ward to another.

The books will be open on consecutive Saturdays through May 7. Challenge Day will also be on May 7.

Mauney Hosiery Adding Space

Excavation began April 4 for a new warehouse for Mauney Hosiery Mill, Inc., located on S. Railroad ave., Sam Stallings, official of the mill said Wednesday.

Mr. Stallings reported the new building, which will be 70 by 50 feet, is being built at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000. The building is expected to be completed in about 90 days, he said, and will be used for the storing of socks and yarns.

C. E. Carpenter Has Operation

Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, was reported early Wednesday afternoon to be resting satisfactorily after undergoing an operation at Charlotte Memorial hospital Wednesday morning.

Mr. Carpenter has been seriously ill for the past two weeks and was taken to the Charlotte hospital from Kings Mountain hospital Monday night.

Mr. Carpenter's spleen was removed and a ruptured blood vessel near the diaphragm was repaired.

Mr. Carpenter had suffered a series of internal hemorrhages prior to his removal to Charlotte.