Population

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Voters To Decide Ward 4 Run-Off Tuesday Bulletins

Meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$178.70, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office,

MOOSE MEETING Regular meeting of Moose Lodge 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, it was

TWO ALARMS

Firemen answered two alarms this week, according to C. D. Ware, fireman. Wednesday, around 1:20 p. m. firemen were called to extinguish a blaze at Craftspun Yarns, Inc. A false alarm on York road was ans-wered Friday.

LIONS MEETING Regular Lions meeting will be held Tuesday night at o'clock at Masonic hall.

Drama Tryouts **Start Saturday**

begin this Saturday night at 7:30 commencement exercises at Apin the Little Theatre office, it palachian State Teachers colwas announced by Meek Carpen-lege last Friday. ter, president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre and general Blalock, Hord Assignments of speaking roles will be made on the basis of trial Awarded Degrees manager of the drama this year. readings from the drama script which will be held on two successive Saturday evenings, May 21 and 28, at the drama organization's new headquarters in the Woman's Club building. Arnold Colbath, head of the Dramatics Department at Catawita college, Department at Catawba college on assigning parts.

ing part are urged by Mr. Carpenter to attend one of the tryouts. "Even if they have had no previous experience we will be glad to have them come by," he said. "We can always use dancers, singers or those interested in non-speaking roles as well as ex- tonia. perienced actors."

Production officials stress the point that all efforts this year will be extended to eliminate wasted time and unnecessary rehearsals or trips to the park for those appearing in the drama, A School Voting real effort will be made to make it convenient for those who take part in the non-profit venture Bill Ratified part in the non-profit venture with no thought of financial reward. "If people can give gener-ously and freely of their time and trouble," Mr. Carpenter said, "the least we can do is try in every way possible to show that it is Thursday. appreciated, and that it is not in vain. This drama is becoming more famous every summer, and enacted, but J. R. Davis, attorappreciated, and that it is not in is doing a great deal for this ney and school trustee who drew

All persons who have participated in the drama in the past, in any capacity, are urged and invited to take part again and help celebrate the 175th anniversary celebrate the 175th anniversary election of school trustees on an year of the Battle of Kings Moun- at-large basis, abandoning the tain. Present plans of the Little
Theatre are to seek a new spon1939. Citizens of the district will sor for the production, probably a college dramatic department.

No News Locally On Polio Vaccine

Plans for administering se-cond shots of Salk polio vaccine to first and second graders here are still indefinite, Mrs. Elizabeth Scruggs, of the Cleve-land County Health office, said

Wednesday.

The second treatment, originally scheduled for May 13, was cancelled at the request of the U. S. Public Health Service in order to make a further study of the vaccine,

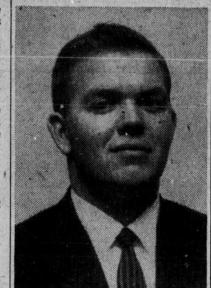
Although the Eli Lilly Company vaccine used in the first shots by Cleveland County Health department was cleared Sunday by the U.S. Public Health Service, the department has yet had no word on second shipment of the vaccine, Mrs. Scruggs said the health department hopes for a shipment of the drug by the first part of next week in order that the shots may be completed before the present school term ends. Whether the county will receive Lilly vaccine is not known. Established 1889

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, May 19, 1955

Sixty-Fifth Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Merchants Ready For Dollar Days



GRADUATED - Jacob George Hord, Jr., of Kings Mountain, Tryouts for all speaking parts was awarded the degree of Bach-in "The Sword of Gideon" will elor of Science in education at

Mr. Blalock, son of Mr. and and director of the play this sea- Mrs. D. B. Blalock, received the son, will make the final decisions | Master of Arts degree while Mr. Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake All persons interested in tak- G. Hord, was awarded the bachetion.

> Blalock received a bachelor of science degree in 1950 and prior to resuming his studies, was a member of the faculty of the Ranlo Elementary schools in Gas-

Mr. Hord has been practice teaching for the past three mon ths at Morgan elementary school

of electing members of the city district school trustees was ratified by the General Assembly last

it, said he was sure any changes made from the original would have been called to his attention

be able to seek a trusteeship, regardless of ward residency and all citizens will have the opportunity to vote for all the candidates. The six-year term is re-

The new system will become operative in 1957.

May Sales Event To Get Underway Here Thursday

Kings Mountain retail merchants will hold their annual spring Dollar Days sales promotion event on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Richard Barnett, chairman of the Merchant Association's trade promotion committee, announced

variety stores, hardwares, jewelries, and drug, appliance and furniture establishments.

In addition to the offering of Dollar Days values by the merchants, the cooperating firms have scheduled a prize drawing, to be conducted Saturday afternoon at 6 p. m., at which the windown of first prize will receive a ner of first prize will receive a \$100 U. S. Bond, with a \$50 U. S. bond going to the holder of the second number drawn. Tickets for chairman and F. W. Plonk was re-elected than a second from participating firms. A person may obtain a ticket each time he visits a participating firm during Dollar Days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The draw It was the first meeting for J. ing on Saturday will be conducted in the Railroad avenue parking area near Cooper's, Inc., and

the Dixie Theatre. Another feature of the promoat 9:30, with a full-length feature, cartoons and a comedy, Admission will be five cents to all, child or adult. Mr. Barnett suggested that parents might like to shop, while their children enjoy the

"Work on May Dollar Days has been underway for two months," Mr. Barnett said, "and many firms have already reported that they have had considerable success in the markets in their search of real bargains, at lessthan-market prices. They are passing these savings on to their Kings Mountain area shoppers will find it to their advantage to shop the firms participating in this event during the weekend.'

Webster Issues Three Permits

Building permits estimated to total \$11,000 were issued this week by Building Inspector J. W. Webster.

Wednesday, a permit was issued to James Ramsey to build a one story house on Alevander heart attack several years ago street, at an estimated cost of

Dr. P. G. Padgett was issued a permit Friday to alter a house on N. Cansler street, at an esti-mated cost of \$2,000.

Friday, Zeb Grigg was issued a permit to erect a one story house on Second street, at an es-timated cost of \$4,000.

Graduation Exercises To Begin For 16 Grover Seniors On Sunday

Shiloh Presbyterian church.

seniors next Thursday night at dum, and Jimmy Owens, the school gymnasium. Both programs are at 8 o'clock Rev. Park Moore, Shiloh pas-

or, will be the baccalaureate speaker, and Worth W. Morris, of Shelby, will make the address to the graduating class. Rev. W. J. McKinney will give the invoca-tion, Rev. K. L. Hollifield will read the scripture, and Rev. Paul Allen will say the benediction.

Principal W. F. Powell will award diplomas to Sue Keeter.

Peggy McGinnis, Faye Houser.

Commencement exercises at | Anne Davis, Mary Ross Evans, Grover high school begin on Sunday night with the baccalaureate Dyke, Jean Allen, Peggy McMurservice to be held at Grover's ray, Julia Huffstetler, Parbara Greene, Annie Mae Berry, Scott Diplomas will be awarded to 16 Wright, Joe Mullinax, Gene O-

P. R. Hambright will award the medals, and Ed Hamrick will present several musical selec-Sue Keeter is valedictorian and Forest City. Scott Wright is salutatorian. Marshalls are Larry White, chief, Peggy Watterson, Joyce Ross, Mitchell Robinson, and Jerry

HOMECOMING Cooke. Mascots are Lynn McCraw daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean McCraw, and Bee Strain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strain.



ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE - Kings Mountain's city officials elected on May 10 took their oaths of office last Thursday morning. At left, City Judge Jack White (left) administers the oath to Mayor Glee A. Bridges. In the center panel, Mayor Bridges is giving the oaths to Commissioners (left to right) J. H.

Patterson, W. G. Grantham, Sam D. Collins, and T. J. Ellison. At right, the Mayor swears in J. W. Webster, left, and Arnold W. Kin- votes, followed by Mr. Ledford caid, school trustees. In the several oaths of office the officials who received 402 votes. Charles pledge to support the federal and state constitution and faithfully (Rocky) Ford placed third with to carry out the duties of their respective offices.

yesterday that 25 firms are participating in the event. Included are almost all types of retail business here, including of retail business here, including grocery stores, department and

A. W. Kincaid was re-elected the the drawing are available free named vice-chairman as the

> W. Webster, new member of the board from Ward 2, All members were present Supt. B. N. Barnes announced

that under a new state law no tion will be a bargain movie, of continuing contracts could be Saturday morning at the Joy
Theatre. The showing will begin

The board elected 71 teachers, a supervisor, and three special piano teachers. Mrs. Virginia F. Jonas is the only member of the group not on the present faculty. The board also elected Miss June Rogers to teach Bible upon recommendation of the city Bible

The board authorized payment of \$90 to Mrs. C. F. Stowe for a difference of .18 acres between two separate surveys of land for the new North Elementary school and voted to ask another 90-day option, or execute one now held customers. I am confident that on another tract of 1.16 acres for the new school.

Mr. Plonk and Mr Webster were appointed to obtain estimates on cost of preparing playground space for East school on two plots of land the board is considering purchasing.

Brother-In-Law Of Blanton Dies

Thomas O. Vernon, 60, of Forest City, brother-in-law of C. D. Blanton, died early Saturday morning in Rutherford hospital after

and another attack about two

weeks ago.

He was superintendent of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., in Forest City until his health failed, and since then he had been assistant bookkeeper. He had been employed at that company for about 25

He was a son of the late Paul Bomar and Martha Deane Vernon of Forest City. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Linda Blanton Ver-non; three sisters, Mrs. Thurman Roberson of Wadesboro, Mrs. A. V. Nolan of Shelby, Mrs. R. G. Burrus of Mooresboro; one bro-ther, William E. Vernon of Black Mountain; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Presbyterian church, Forest City, and burial was in Cool Springs cemetery. Rev. Holmes Smith, pastor of the church, officiated and was assisted by Dr. H. Hansel Stembridge, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church,

The Church of God on Parker street will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, it has been announced. A picnic lunch will be served following the orning service.

Kincaid Renamed City Board Holds Monday Opening Chairman; School City Board Holds Monday Opening Chairman; School City Board Holds Monday Opening Contact their May 10 constitutions and to attract the support of those citizens who gave allegance to Mr. Ford and Mr. White. First Meeting Kings Mountain will observe Safety Week beginning Monday, and continuing through May 28 and continuing through May 28 In the 1951 run-off, involing the mayoral and Ward 2 commissions or positions, attracted more voters than did the May 10 election. In that run-off Garland Still de-The second Bridges Adminis-

nissioner.

stating the final construction

Kindred, Burlington Mills person-

other city customers in the area

to send three firemen to the an-

4) Named the Mayor, Mr. Col-Continued On Page Eight

tained civic groups. He majors in

anecdotes a wholesome philoso-

ing selected for "Who's Who on clubs.

Of Kiwanis Ladies Night Banquet

club will hold its annual ladies | B. S. Peeler, Jr., will serve a

man and after-dinner speaker, He Tindall will render vocal music, is well-known in Kings Mountain and B. N. Barnes will present

humor and intermingles into his former club members, past pre-

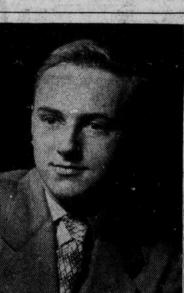
eral years ago by the Interna-tional Platform association by be-of other Kings Mountain civic

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis the American Platform".

nual Charlotte fire school.

Mountain hospital.

ing outside the city limits.



NAMED TO OFFICE - Jerry King, of Kings Mountain, has been elected vice-president of the student body at Western Carolina college at Cullowhee, in re-

King Elected To Campus Post

Mrs. Denver King of Kings Mountain, was recently elected vice - president of the student body of Western Carolina College at Cullowhee.

Mr. King was also named to

In other actions the board: serve as chairman of the stan-1) Approved a \$50 expenditure dards committee. to provide water service in the home of Willie Adams, crippled Mr. King is a rising junior at

Western Carolina and majoring Negro. Adams is to repay the bill in physio-therapy. He expects to at \$5 monthly. enter the medical college of Vir-2) Approved attendance of the ginia in Richmond in 1956 to city clerk, assistant clerk, and complete his training. other officials at a League of Municipalities budget study in Chapel Hill on May 20, 21.

Pethel Elected Class President

Franklin Pethel, of Kings Mountain, has been elected president of the rising senior class of Columbia Theological Seminary Patton Address Will Be Feature School of Sacred Music, Nev

Mr. Pethel will receive his master of arts degree in sacred music with majors in organ and choral directing in the spring of He is the husband of the form-

er Miss Emelyn Gillespie and for-

mer minister of music at First

Presbyterian church. Imperial Theatre Closes Temporarily

The Imperial Theatre, the city's where he has previously enter- Mr. Patton. oldest movie house, closed temporarily Saturday night in order to remodel the building, Claude Webb, manager of the theatre, phy for everyday living.

Mr. Patton was honored sevwanis clubs, Carolinas Kiwanis

said Tuesday.

Re-opening date has not been set, Mr. Webb said, pending remodeling of the building.

Of Test Lane

and continuing through May 28. In that run-off Garland Still deday afternoon with a 40-unit pa- or, and Lloyd E. Davis edged C. C. tration - with one new member rade, with a motor vehicle in. Edens for commissioner. The spection lane to be formally oand one temporary member-began its work last Thursday night, pened following the parade.

conducting a mass of routine bus-The safety lane - for the voliness, including re-appointment of untary inspection of vehicles at on May 10, is a bookkeeper and all department heads for 30 days. no cost — is the end point activ. former state revenue department The new member present for ity of the observance, which will representative. He is a Mason and the first time was Sam Collins, also include other entertain. member of Central Methodist Ward 1'commissioner, while Ha- ment features. On Saturday evrold Phillips, Ward 4 commission- ening, May 28, a square dance er, continued to serve, pending will be held at the high school election of a new Ward 4 com- gym, with admission free.

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan The board received a report said Kay Kyser, the former band from Bill Gilmore, representative leader, had informed him he of the city's gas engineering firm. would be in Kings Mountain Monday to make television piccost of the natural gas system tures of the Kings Mountain acwould be between \$255,000 to tivities to be used by the University of North Carolina tele-\$257,000. It also appointed Leland casting station. The safety lane, at which mo

nel manager, to the city recreation commission, succeeding John torists are invited to obtain a Lathem, Burlington superinten-10-point auto safety check-up, dent, who had resigned on movwill be located in front of City Hall. Voluntary workers from The board also approved con-Kings Mountain garages wil tract with Duke Power Company, check the autos for proper me in which the city is releasing to chanical operation of brakes, Duke 11 Phifer Road power cusheadlights, rear and stop lights, tomers, including Bennett Brick tires, steering and wheel align-& Tile Company, Lambeth Rope ment, muffler and exhaust system, windshield wipers, condi-Corporation, and nine residences. Electrical Superintendent tion of windows, horn, and rear-Hunter Allen said the release view mirrors. would improve power service to

When an auto rates an "ingood-order" sticker, it will qualwhere facilities have been over-loaded. In a related action, the in a prize drawing.

board approved expenditure of Drace Peeler, chairman of \$1443 for doubling the transforfive-man committee in charge of of traning provided members of mer capacity to serve Kings arrangements for Monday's parade, said the 40-unit parade would form on W. Gold street at 4 o'clock, progress north on Railroad avenue, cross the overhead bridge to King street, then move south on Battleground to Mountain street, and thence to the City Hall, where Mayor Glee A. Bridges will cut a ribbon formal-ly opening the inspection lane. lina. The company has seven op-enings for recruits in the 17.35 Other members of the committee are J. W. Webster, Douglas Sal-3) Approved expense of \$100 ley, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., and Jack

The inspection lane is one of ten being operated in North Car-olina, Chief Logan said, and the Continued On Page Eight

President J. C. Bridges, will wel-

Honor guests will be widows of

sidents of the club now living

Hayes, Ledford Vie For Votes In Board Race

Kings Mountain citizens will re-turn to the voting booths again next Tuesday to elect a Ward 4 commissioner in the second runoff election in city political his-

Paul W. Ledford, who ran second to O. T. Hayes, Sr., in the May 10 balloting, formally called for the run-off election last Saturday morning, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

In the first election, Mr. Hayes led the four-man race with 591 395, followed by George W. White with 327.

Considerable interest is being evidenced in the run-off, though majority of political observers doubt that the total vote will approximate the 1817 recorded on May 10, Predictions on vote totals have varied from 600 to 1200.

Meantime, both candidates are Parade To Mark reported working diligently to contact their May 10 constitu-

The 1951 run-off, involing the The observance will begin Mon. feated George W. Allen for maycommissioner vote was 920 to 913, a margin of seven.

Mr. Hayes, who led the field

Mr. Ledford is an employee of Pauline Mill and a member of Temple Baptist church.

Both have sought election to the city administration several times in the past, but without success. It is the first time the two have sought the same position at the same election.

The election will be conducted at all five ward voting places, with the same officials who conducted the May 10 voting. The polls will open at 6:30 a, m, and close at 6:30 p. m.

Open House Set For Guard Unit

The Kings Mountain National Guard company will hold open house Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock in observance of Armed Forces day, it was announced by Capt. Humes Houston, who commands the company.

Capt. Houston invited the public to attend and to see the type the company, known officially as Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th division. Capt. Houston noted that the

Kings Mountain unit is one of the few in the state to approach fullsrength since the full 30th division was assigned to North Caro-Continued On Page Eight

Run-Off Election Facts Are Listed

Here are facts concerning next Tuesday's run-off election for Ward 4 commissioner be-tween O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Paul W. Ledford:

Polls open at 6:30 a. m. Polls close at 6:30 p. m. Ward voting places are: Ward 1, City Hall fire station; Ward 2, City Hall courtroom; Ward 3 Phenix Store; Ward 4. Kings Mountain Manufacturing

night banquet Thursday evening master of ceremonies, and L. L. Company Clubroom; Ward 5, at 7 o'clock, at Masonic dining Benson will say an invocation. hall, with R. L. Patton, superin-President J. C. Bridges, will wel-Victory Chevrolet Company, tendent of Burke County schools come guests and Arnold W. Kin-Election officials: The same scheduled to make the feature caid will welcome the ladies. Mrs. officials who conducted the W. L. Pressly will respond. Dr. May 10 voting will serve in Mr. Patton is a veteran school Blake McWhirter and Miss Melba

each of the five wards. Office to be filled by ballots of all voters: Ward 4 commis

The board of commissioners, which serves ex officio as the

city election board, will meet Wednesday at 10 a. m. to canvas the vote and to certify the returns. The successful candidate will take the oath of office on Thursday, May 26.