

Population

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 7600.

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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
Meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$178.70.

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

TWO ALARMS
Firemen answered two alarms this week, according to C. D. Ware, fireman.

LIONS MEETING
Regular Lions meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic hall.

Drama Tryouts Start Saturday

Tryouts for all speaking parts in "The Sword of Gideon" will begin this Saturday night at 7:30 in the Little Theatre office.

All persons interested in taking part are urged by Mr. Carpenter to attend one of the tryouts.

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.

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 17th anniversary year of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

No News Locally On Polio Vaccine

Plans for administering second shots of Salk polio vaccine to first and second graders here are still indefinite.

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.

Voters To Decide Ward 4 Run-Off Tuesday

Merchants Ready For Dollar Days



GRADUATED - Jacob George Hord, Jr., of Kings Mountain, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in education at Appalachian State Teachers college last Friday.

Blalock, Hord Awarded Degrees

D. B. Blalock, Jr. and J. G. Hord, Jr., received degrees in commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, Friday morning.

Mr. Blalock, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Blalock, received the Master of Arts degree while Mr. Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake G. Hord, was awarded the bachelor of science degree in education.

Blalock received a bachelor of science degree in 1950 and prior to resuming his studies, was a member of the faculty of the Randle Elementary schools in Gastonia.

School Voting Bill Ratified

The bill to change the method of electing members of the city district school trustees was ratified by the General Assembly last Thursday.

School officials had not yet received a copy of the bill finally enacted, but J. R. Davis, attorney and school trustee who drew it, said he was sure any changes made from the original would have been called to his attention by the county's representatives.

The bill, as drawn, provided for election of school trustees on an at-large basis, abandoning the strict ward system in vogue since 1939.

Graduation Exercises To Begin For 16 Grover Seniors On Sunday

Commencement exercises at Grover high school begin on Sunday night with the baccalaureate service to be held at Grover's Shiloh Presbyterian church.

Diplomas will be awarded to 16 seniors next Thursday night at the school gymnasium. Both programs are at 8 o'clock.

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 yesterday that 25 firms are participating in the event.

Included are almost all types of retail business here, including grocery stores, department and variety stores, hardware, jewelry, 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 winner 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.

Another feature of the promotion will be a bargain movie, of particular interest to children, on Saturday morning at the Joy Theatre. The showing will begin at 9:30, with a full-length feature, cartoons and a comedy.

"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 less-than-market prices.

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 street, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

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

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

He was a son of the late Paul Bomar and Martha Deane Vernon of Forest City.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Presbyterian church, Forest City, and burial was in Cool Springs cemetery.

P. R. Hambrick will award the medals, and Ed Hamrick will present several musical selections.

Sue Keeter is valedictorian and Scott Wright is salutatorian. Marshalls are Larry White, chief, Peggy Watterson, Joyce Ross, Mitchell Robinson, and Jerry Cooke.



ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE - Kings Mountain's city officials elected on May 10 took their oaths of office last Thursday morning.

Patterson, W. G. Grantham, Sam D. Collins, and T. J. Ellison. At right, the Mayor swears in J. W. Webster, left, and Arnold W. Kincaid, school trustees. In the several oaths of office the officials pledge to support the federal and state constitution and faithfully to carry out the duties of their respective offices.

Safety Week To Begin Monday

Kincaid Renamed Chairman; School Faculty Elected

A. W. Kincaid was re-elected chairman and F. W. Plonk was named vice-chairman as the school board elected teachers for 1955-56 at the regular monthly meeting held at Central school Tuesday night.

It was the first meeting for J. 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 continuing contracts could be given teachers as in the past and that they must apply annually for jobs in the system.

The board elected 71 teachers, a supervisor, and three special piano teachers.

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 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 several years declining health.

Mr. Vernon had suffered a heart attack several years ago 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 years.

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Homecoming The Church of God on Parker street will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, it has been announced.

City Board Holds Its First Meeting



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

King Elected To Campus Post

Jerry King, son of Mr. and 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 serve as chairman of the standards committee.

Mr. King is a rising junior at Western Carolina and majoring in physiotherapy. He expects to enter the medical college of Virginia in Richmond in 1956 to complete his training.

Pethel Elected Class President

Franklin Pethel, of Kings Mountain, has been elected president of the rising senior class of Columbia Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York.

Mr. Pethel will receive his master of arts degree in sacred music with majors in organ and choral directing in the spring of 1956.

He is the husband of the former Miss Emelyn Gillespie and former minister of music at First Presbyterian church.

Imperial Theatre Closes Temporarily

The Imperial Theatre, the city's oldest movie house, closed temporarily Saturday night in order to remodel the building.

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

Parade To Mark Monday Opening Of Test Lane

Kings Mountain will observe Safety Week beginning Monday, and continuing through May 28. The observance will begin Monday afternoon with a 40-unit parade, with a motor vehicle inspection lane to be formally opened following the parade.

The safety lane - for the voluntary inspection of vehicles at no cost - is the end point activity of the observance, which will also include other entertainment features.

The safety lane, at which motorists are invited to obtain a 10-point auto safety check-up, will be located in front of City Hall.

When an auto rates an "in-good-order" sticker, it will qualify the motorist for participation in a prize drawing.

Drace Peeler, chairman of a five-man committee in charge of 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 formally opening the inspection lane.

Other members of the committee are J. W. Webster, Douglas Salley, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., and Jack White.

The inspection lane is one of ten being operated in North Carolina, Chief Logan said, and the

Patton Address Will Be Feature Of Kiwanis Ladies Night Banquet

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold its annual ladies night banquet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, at Masonic dining hall, with R. L. Patton, superintendent of Burke County schools scheduled to make the feature address.

Mr. Patton is a veteran school man and after-dinner speaker. He is well-known in Kings Mountain where he has previously entertained civic groups.

Honor guests will be widows of former club members, past presidents of the club now living elsewhere, officials of nearby Kiwanis clubs, Carolinas Kiwanis district officials, and presidents of other Kings Mountain civic clubs.

Hayes, Ledford Vie For Votes In Board Race

Kings Mountain citizens will return to the voting booths again next Tuesday to elect a Ward 4 commissioner in the second runoff election in city political history.

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 votes, followed by Mr. Ledford who received 402 votes.

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.

Meantime, both candidates are reported working diligently to contact their May 10 constituents and to attract the support of those citizens who gave allegiance to Mr. Ford and Mr. White.

The 1951 run-off, involving the mayoral and Ward 2 commissioner positions, attracted more voters than did the May 10 election.

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 of training provided members of 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 full-strength since the full 30th division was assigned to North Carolina. The company has seven openings for recruits in the 17-35

Run-Off Election Facts Are Listed

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

Polis 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 Company Clubroom; Ward 5, Victory Chevrolet Company, Inc.

Election officials: The same officials who conducted the May 10 voting will serve in each of the five wards.

Office to be filled by ballots of all voters: Ward 4 commissioner.

The board of commissioners, which serves ex officio as the city election board, will meet Wednesday at 10 a. m. to canvass the vote and to certify the returns. The successful candidate will take the oath of office on Thursday, May 26.