

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 approach 7,900. The trailing area population in 1945, based on nation board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

City Board Tentatively Adopts \$495,798 Budget

Local News Bulletins

LICENSE TAG FOUND

A North Carolina truck license tag No. 892-664, with a Gastonia city tag No. 4520 attached, has been turned in at Kings Mountain Police department. The tag may be claimed at the police station.

METER RECEIPTS

Receipts from city parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$175.43, it was reported by Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office.

MOOSE MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Moose Lodge No. 1748 will hold their regular meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

IMPROVING

The condition of Jimmy Miller, 10, accidentally wounded last Wednesday, June 8, when he exploded a rifle cartridge with an air rifle, was reported satisfactory by his physician Tuesday.

ANDERSON IMPROVING

J. E. Anderson, superintendent of Lambeth Rope Corporation, is reported improving after undergoing an appendectomy at Charlotte Memorial hospital last Saturday.

Drive-In Theatre Damaged By Fire

Fire caused several thousand dollars loss at Bessemer City Kings Mountain Drive-In Theatre last Thursday morning around 2 o'clock. The fire partially burned the theatre's concession stand.

Origin of the fire is unknown. Both Kings Mountain and Bessemer City Fire departments were called.

Gay Stinnett, owner, said the projection booth and equipment, which were housed in the concession stand, were saved, but two pieces of equipment recently purchased, a \$1,500 ice maker and a \$500 french-fryer, were destroyed by the fire.

Plans for rebuilding the concession stand are incomplete, Mr. Stinnett said. The theatre showed its regular program Friday night.

Negro Pool Opened Monday

The Davidson street Negro swimming pool opened Monday afternoon.

City Recreation Director Doug Salley said swimming fees are 15 cents for children and 35 cents for adults, the same schedule of fees prevailing at the Deal street pool.

I. Ben Goforth, Jr., city schools faculty member and supervisor of both pools, said the Negro pool now is operating Mondays through Saturdays, from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. The pool will also be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 6 o'clock. When the demand is greater, he said, an expanded schedule for the pool will be arranged.

The pool, located just off Waco road, can accommodate 200 swimmers.

Last Call Issued For Typing Class

City Schools Superintendent B. N. Barnes issued what he termed a "last call" for registrations for a six-week typing class to be offered in conjunction with summer school.

Mr. Barnes said the instruction will be available both to adults and to high school pupils.

Thus far, he noted, potential registrations are insufficient to offer the course. He said a minimum of 25 registrants would be required. Fee for the course would approximate \$20. The course would be equivalent to one unit of high school credit.

Kiwanis Carnival Set For Saturday



HOSPITAL TRUSTEE — R. B. Keeter, of Grover, has been appointed to the county board of hospital trustees from Number 4 Township. He will succeed C. F. Harry, Jr., also of Grover.

Keeter Named Hospital Trustee

R. Burris Keeter, Grover grocer, has been appointed a county hospital trustee from Number 4 Township for a three-year term beginning in July.

Mr. Keeter will succeed C. Franklin Harry, Jr., of Grover, currently vice-chairman of the board, who is completing the term of office to which he was appointed in 1952.

Other Number 4 Township trustees are W. L. Plonk and Lewis Hovis, both of Kings Mountain.

In addition to Mr. Keeter, the board of county commissioners made these appointments to the 15-man board of hospital trustees: Billy Joe McCraw, Number 1 Township, succeeding M. H. Walker; Hugh Davis, Number 5 Township, succeeding Zeno Hord; Dr. Fred Falls, Number 6 Township, succeeding R. J. Rucker, retiring board chairman; and Ed Cook, Number 10 Township, succeeding Everett Lutz.

Mr. Keeter has owned and operated Keeter's Self-Service Food store at Grover for the past 15 years. He is a member of Grover's First Baptist church and the Grover Lions club. Mr. Keeter is the former Miss Bryte Richardson, of Kings Mountain. They have five children.

The trustees customarily organize at the July meeting.

TO CHARLESTON

Thornton S. Harrill, formerly of Kings Mountain, will assume the duties next week of staff electrical engineer at Charleston, S. C., Naval Operating Base. He has previously been associated with Lockwood Greene Company, Spartanburg, S. C.

Schools May Offer Night Classes For Adults; Rental Policy Amended

The city board of school trustees authorized the superintendent to investigate feasibility of offering night instruction for adults in mathematics, physics and chemistry, at the regular monthly meeting of the board Monday.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes had told the board Foote Mineral Company had sought the instruction for some of its employees and offered to defray expenses of the instruction.

In a policy change, the board also voted unanimously to change its policy on renting school property for private functions. Under the resolution, the board voted not to rent its facilities for admission - charging events on Sundays. Under present policy, the superintendent is authorized to rent the auditorium and gymnasium to churches and civic groups. Objection was voiced by board members to the practice of renting the building for Sunday gospel sings, to which admission

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Doused Project Is Re-scheduled; Features Added

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will do a re-play on its Kiwanis Carnival Saturday, following partial postponement last Saturday due to rain.

The Carnival will be operated at a new location, on the vacant property adjoining Dean Buick Company, it was announced by Chairman J. C. Bridges, and the festivities will get underway at 7 p. m., with all the features, plus added attractions, which had been scheduled for last Saturday night.

Rain began peppering down shortly after 9 o'clock, just as the big merchandise auction was getting underway. Earlier showers had prevented the beginning of the street dance.

Meantime, the Kiwanis concessions, including refreshment stand, pony ride, and golf driving range, had been doing nice business.

Added attraction will include the appearance in person of Fred Kirby, WB-TV cowboy performer. Mr. Bridges announced.

The Carnival will open at 7 p. m., with the open air dance featuring a well-known orchestra, to start at 8 o'clock.

"The rain was bad luck," Chairman Bridges said, "but nothing is lost. Saturday night's event will be even better than the one originally planned."

Mr. Bridges said a huge quantity of valuable merchandise remains to be auctioned.

Proceeds from the promotion will be devoted to two Kiwanis projects, one for building of tennis courts at the city recreation plant, the other the Kiwanis Club student loan fund, which enables Kings Mountain high school graduates to attend college.

Sarah Thombs Gets Scholarship

Sarah Lloyd Thombs, recently graduated honor student at Davidson high school, has been awarded a \$600 scholarship from the Chambers Scholarship fund for the year 1955-56, it was announced this week by Foote Mineral Company.

She is the daughter of Leo Thombs, mill janitor at Foot's Kings Mountain plant, and Mrs. Thombs, who lives at 310 Ellis street.

She expects to enroll next fall at Livingston college, Salisbury.

The Chambers fund was established under a trust agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Chambers and a Philadelphia bank last November. Mr. Chambers is president of Foote Mineral Company.

Under the agreement, a scholarship of \$600 is given annually.

Revival To Begin

Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of Grace Methodist church, will launch a week's series of revival services at the church on Sunday evening at 7:30. (See Story page 2.)



AMPHITHEATRE BOX OFFICE — Preparations for the opening of "The Sword of Gideon" on July 14 are rapidly nearing completion. Pictured above readying the outdoor theatre box office are Meek Carpenter, left, general manager, Cynthia Plott, and Ben Moomaw, Kings Mountain National Military park superintendent.

Drama Officials See Biggest Season

15 Performances Are Scheduled, Starting July 14

"The Sword of Gideon" will begin its fifth season in the Kings Mountain National Military Park on Thursday night, July 14, at 8:15 p. m. The outdoor drama commemorates the Battle of Kings Mountain. Backers hope to make this season the biggest of all.

Meek Carpenter, general manager of the drama, points out that 1955 marks the 175th anniversary of the battle which Thomas Jefferson called the turning point of the American Revolution. "We're going all out this year," Mr. Carpenter said, "to make the production the greatest it's ever been! We have four years' experience, more financial support, a script which has been improved each season, and a larger than ever supply of experienced performers!"

Three additional performances will be given this season, making a total of 15 performances to be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, July 14 to August 13. Little Theatre groups from many communities in this area take part in the production.

The Battle of Kings Mountain has been called one of the most colorful, furious and decisively won contests of the American Revolution. Backers of this historical drama, based on the battle and the events surrounding it, like to emphasize the entertainment as well as educational and inspirational value of the subject. Mr. Carpenter points, too, to the fact that over 140,000 people visit the park each year, making it the only national park since World War II to break attendance records every year for the past five years. During that time park visitation has increased from less than 90,000. Nearly two-thirds of these people come from two hours driving distance or less. "We'd like to have all of them come see our show," Mr. Carpenter said.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, conducted the rites.

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Regular Lions meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic hall. Officers for 1955-56 will be installed.

Order has been placed for room air - conditioners for Kings Mountain hospital and installation is expected soon. Grady Howard, business manager, said Wednesday.

The installations were approved recently by the hospital board of trustees and will be provided from regular operating funds of the hospital.

License Schedule Adopted; Pullen Will Audit Books

The city board of commissioners last Thursday morning voted to retain A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte accounting firm, to audit the city's books for the fiscal year ending June 30, accepted the resignation of Public Works Supt. E. C. Nicholson without naming a successor, and adopted with two minor changes in the privilege license schedule used during the past year.

License for peddling in the city was halved to \$100, after Commissioner Tommy Ellison said the city isn't collecting any peddler's licenses. Other commissioners offered the opinion that the \$100 fee would be more enforceable. The fee for out-of-town laundries operating here was upped from \$15 to \$25, same amount charged local laundries.

Motion to employ the Pullen firm for the annual audit was adopted after a prior motion of Commissioner O. T. Hayes to retain Ernst & Ernst, of Winston-Salem, failed to obtain a second. Pullen had made a verbal bid of \$5 per hour plus travel expense, Ernst & Ernst bid \$6 per hour, plus travel, or \$7 per hour without any additional expense. Eck and Eck, of Gastonia, bid \$35 per diem.

The board also authorized installation of numerous sewer lines on a neediest - first basis as follows: a half-block of Woodside Drive (previously been approved for paving), a half-block of Hillside Drive, a half-block between Catherine avenue and Cleveland avenue, service for two residences on Cleveland avenue provided easements are obtained to tap the Church street main, a half-block on Henderson street, a block on Ellis street, one-and-one-half blocks on Ridge street, and W. Gold street extension right-of-way is furnished by George W. Mauney, owner of the property. The resolution on the Gold street extension also provides that water lines be extended as demand requires.

The board left unsettled question of policy on removing brush from city residences and took no action on a city group insurance policy renewal.

The city's present hospitalization carrier, Equitable Life Assurance Society, had notified the city its rates would be increased in the year beginning July 1, due to heavy claims during the past 11 months. Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he had proposals from Liberty Life Insurance Company to provide similar coverage at \$9.30 less per month, and from Liberty Life Insurance Company to provide similar coverage at some \$58 less per month. City Clerk Gene Mitcham interposed the city would benefit from a change only for a year, since rates follow experience ratings. He also said a change would complicate the city's bookkeeping work and might cause the city to lose certain credits with Equitable on a concurrent group life insurance policy. Through May, Mr. Mitcham informed the board, Equitable had paid claims totaling 173 percent of the year's premiums. The city defrays the cost of the

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TO SPEAK HERE — State Senator Robert F. Morgan, of Shelby, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday night at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45. A Shelby seed and feed dealer, he is serving his second term as North Carolina state senator.

Rites Conducted For J. C. Plonk

Funeral services for Joseph Calvin Plonk, 57, were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Plonk, lifelong citizen of Kings Mountain, died last Thursday at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been ill three weeks and had undergone a major operation prior to his death.

He was a member of the St. Matthew's church. He was a son of the late Rufus S. and Mary Motley Plonk.

Surviving are three brothers, Rufus S. Plonk, Bessemer City, Herbert J. Plonk, Raleigh, and T. M. Plonk, Charlotte; and seven sisters, Miss May Plonk, of Kings Mountain, Miss Ethel Plonk, of Kings Mountain and Winston-Salem, Mrs. Hugh Ormand, Kings Mountain, Miss Eva Plonk, Charlotte, Mrs. C. A. Hager, Hickory, Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Robbins, and Mrs. W. M. Hite, Greenville, S. C.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, and by Dr. E. C. Cooper.

Active pallbearers were Hal S. Plonk, Fred W. Plonk, Dr. W. L. Mauney, Ray Cline, Hal Goforth and Marriot Phifer.

Flower-bearers were Mrs. F. R. Summers, Mrs. Fred W. Plonk, Mrs. Garland Still, Mrs. R. L. Plonk, Mrs. George Houser and Mrs. J. H. Patterson.

The family requested that memorials, in lieu of flowers, be given to the Lowman Home, a Lutheran institution for the aged, at White Rock, S. C.

ENROLLMENT

Friday has been set for the dead line for enrollment of children who plan to take instructions in the present swimming class at Deal street pool. Doug Salley, city recreation director, said. Adults interested in swimming instruction are requested to enroll Monday night at 7 o'clock at the pool, he said.

Vacation Schedules To Vary Here; Several Firms Plan Vacation Pay

Several Kings Mountain manufacturing firms will take traditional Independence Day vacations, but some firms have not yet completed vacation plans, if any.

Neisler Mills has announced it will close only on July 4 and 5, taking a two-day respite, instead of the customary week, and Mauney Hosiery Mills has been closed this week, taking the vacation period earlier than usual. Mauney Hosiery will resume regular schedules Monday.

The Herald's incomplete survey showed:

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., will suspend operations at 6 a. m., July 1, and will resume work at 10 p. m. on July 10. C. G. Kelly said customary vacation pay will go to employees based on two percent of earnings for some employees and four percent of earnings for employees with longer service.

Burlington Industries' Phenix plant will be closed the week of July 4 and will make vacation payments, John Latham, superintendent, said, though full details have not been received from company headquarters.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will observe a week's vacation, with pay, beginning July 4. However, employees will be invited to work, if they wish, Frank Burke, general manager, said. He guessed the plant would be able to operate one or two shifts during the July 4th week.

Jacob Cooper, superintendent of Bonnie Cotton Mills, said tentative plans call for a July 4-11 holiday.

Park Yarn Mills, which had originally planned a week's closing, will close only one day, on July 4. Employees with a year's service will receive vacation pay of two percent of earnings, in addition to regular wages for the week, Manager John Smathers said.

Sadie Cotton Mills has set tentative plans to observe a holiday the week of July 4.

The city's laundry - cleaning industry will be closed throughout the week, laundry and dry cleaning operators have announced.

Merchants will take their usual one-day holiday on July 4.

Tentative Rate For 1955 Taxes Set At \$1.70

The city board of commissioners has tentatively set the 1955-56 budget at \$495,798.33, a record high, yet plans to hold the city tax rate at a total of \$1.70 per \$100 valuation — same rate for 1954.

Actually, the general operating tax rate will be cut by five cents per \$100, for the board, in its tentative tax rate action, earmarked five cents per \$100 for recreational purposes.

Final action on the budget and tax rate will be taken not later than July 28 and possibly earlier.

Though copies of departmental breakdown sheets had not been made at last Thursday morning's special session, it was noted that the police department appropriation of \$40,185 anticipates an 11-man department, including the chief of police, three less policemen than currently on the force.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham also noted that the police department budget anticipated a raise for the chief of police from \$4,020 per annum to \$4,200, and Commissioner O. T. Hayes said, "I want to object to that, if now is the proper time." Mr. Mitcham replied that changes should come after the commissioners had received the departmental breakdown estimates, soon to be distributed, and when the budget is being considered for final adoption.

Mr. Mitcham also noted that the light and power department budget anticipated raises for Linemen Harry Wilson, Arthur Sanders and Jack Blanton, but that the fire department budget did not provide for a requested raise for regular city firemen approximating \$3 per week.

Mr. Mitcham said the budget figures did not include a \$600 appropriation for welfare aid, administered by the Red Cross, nor a \$900 appropriation for Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library. City Attorney J. R. Davis said the two appropriations are of questionable legality.

After the budget adoption motion, approved by unanimous vote, the board informally discussed without any action a prior proposal to set a sewer fee. Commissioner W. G. Grantham said he had learned of several more cities which are charging a fee for this service, and Commissioner Hayes said he thought a fee might be properly charged to manufacturing plants which have large amounts of refuse going into the city disposal system. Mayor Glee Bridges remarked that Consolidated Textiles had created a considerable problem at the McGill tank by discharging into the system a starchy type of refuse from its textile operations.

The board indicated that any changes in the tentative budget will be via shifts within the various departments, or by revision of estimates, with the tax rate tentatively set to be maintained.

The board also tentatively set the \$2 poll tax, chargeable to male residents between the ages of 21 and 50.

The total of \$495,798.33 compares with the 1954-55 budget of \$472,431. Anticipated spending revenue is \$23,378.33 greater for the coming fiscal year.

Revenue

The city again expects to receive \$495,798.33.

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City May Cease Brush-Hauling

The city may take action to suspend its brush-hauling service, a function of the sanitary department, at its scheduled special meeting of June 30.

Discussed without action at the meeting of last Thursday, the suspension will be recommended by Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who estimates the service cannot be maintained with presently anticipated income. Coming under the brush-hauling category is also rubbish, other than garbage, of various kinds.

Mr. Bridges estimated the cost of maintaining the brush-hauling service would be \$9,000 per year, including purchase of a truck, automotive supplies, and salaries for three men. The Mayor said a majority of the board of commissioners have indicated they feel as he does.

"We want to continue the twice-a-week garbage pick-up and feel maintaining this service is more important than providing brush-removal service," the Mayor explained.