

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 7,008. The trading area population in 1945, based on nation board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

## Battle Drama To Open Thursday For Fifth Season

### City Approves Sunday Movies; Ministers Ask Vote Of People

#### Local News Bulletins

##### SUFFERS INJURY

Mrs. Harry E. Page suffered a painful injury in a freak accident at Lake Montona last Friday, losing a portion of a finger when it was caught in a folding chair. She had attempted to brace herself when a portion of the canvass ripped out.

##### ATTEND MARKET

Harold Coggins, manager of Cooper's, Inc., attended the High Point furniture market showing on Monday and Tuesday. Dan Huffstetler, manager of Baird Furniture, spent Monday at the market.

##### METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$169.35, plus a Bridgeport, Conn., bus token, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

##### TO KOREA

A2c Ranny Arnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arnette, left Lowrey Air Force base, Denver, Colo., last Friday, for California and subsequent assignment for duty at Seoul, Korea, according to information received here by his parents.

##### TRANSFERRED

Capt. Tom Harper, Air Force instructor at Greenville, N. C., has been transferred for duty to Ardmore Air Force base, Ardmore, Okla. Capt. Harper is to report for duty on July 31. Mrs. Harper, and children, are visiting Mrs. Harper's mother, Mrs. John Plonk. Capt. Harper will return here this weekend.

##### GERBERDINGS RETURN

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding and family have returned from a vacation trip to St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Gerberding will return to his post at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at Sunday services.

##### COMMUNICATION

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM for work in the third degree will be held at a supper meeting of the group at the lodge Saturday at 7 p. m. Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., secretary, said that tickets for the supper may be obtained from Tommy Tindall at telephone no. 439-M.

##### IN BARIUM SPRINGS

The Synod of North Carolina of the Presbyterian church convened at Barium Springs Orphanage Tuesday afternoon. Rev. P. D. Patrick and C. D. Blanton are commissioners from First Presbyterian church.

##### ATTENDING INSTITUTE

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, is attending the Institute of Theology, Princeton, N. J. Dr. Pressly announced there will be no Sunday morning services at the church but that there will be Sunday school.

##### 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.

##### KIWANIS MEETING

Marshall Pickens, Director of the hospital and orphan section of the Duke Endowment Trust, will address members of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Hall dining room.

#### Pastors Issue Statements On City Action

Several Kings Mountain ministers issued statements this week concerning the action of the city board of commissioners in amending the blue law to permit Sunday motion pictures. The individual statements follow:

Rev. T. A. Lineberger, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church: "I feel, that in the action taken recently by the city council of Kings Mountain a decision was made that infringes on the plan of God that He established for His people. The Powers that be are ordained of God. Therefore, no law-making body has the right to make slaves or give liberties that would not be provided in the counsel of His Divine wisdom. His Day is Holy, and He set it aside for the spiritual and moral well being of His people."

Rev. H. G. McElroy, pastor of Temple Baptist church: "I feel that the City Councilmen acted on the issue at hand without the proper consideration of the people involved. I am convinced that no one, not even our city councilmen, should act so hastily on a matter such as this. I am firmly against the opening of the theatres on Sunday and feel that the citizens should be the deciding factor in a matter such as this and not a half a dozen men. I am also against the opening of the city park on Sunday, and too would like to see steps taken to close down the drive-in theatres in the county and the auto racing on Sunday, too. The Lord's day is a Holy day and not a holiday, and I am against desecrating it."

Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of Grace church: "It is my personal conviction that the theatres, or any other public places of entertainment, should not be opened on the Sabbath day. As a minister I feel that our people need to have a conscience toward what is right or wrong. If we do not keep a high moral principle before our people the time will come, in fact in many instances it has already come, when our people will be unable to discern the right from the wrong. I do not feel that people can respect the sacredness of God's day, if they are not truly guided in the observance of it."

Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church: "I have not heard of any overwhelming demand for the opening of theatres on Sunday. If such a demand exists it should be heard, but not at the expense of ignoring that large body of people who did not wish to see the law on the matter revised."

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Mr. Jones will continue to manage the personal loan department.

Mr. Jones joined First National Bank three years ago, after five years of service with Gastonia's National Bank of Commerce. He is president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

A member of Grace Methodist church, Mr. Jones resides with his wife, the former Miss Virginia Ferguson, of Gastonia, at 716 Jackson street.

Promotion of Mr. Jones brings to three the bank staff of assistant cashiers, who also include J. C. McKinney, and Mrs. Helen R. Blanton.

#### License Purchases Now Total \$2,764

Privilege license purchases for 1955-56 by business firms here and others doing business in Kings Mountain reached \$2,764.75 through the close of business Tuesday.

The total showed an increase of \$1,668.50 during the past week and compared with the city's tentative estimate of receipts from this revenue category of \$4,500.

Licenses are purchasable at par through August 1, with penalty of five percent per month provided for late payment.

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#### Ramsey Death Inquest Friday

A coronor's inquest to determine whether the fatal shooting of Willie A. Ramsey was suicidal or accidental has been set for Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at City Hall, Coronor J. Ollie Harris, has announced. Ramsey died July 4 of a pistol wound.

The eight-man coronor's jury impaneled for the inquest are D. C. Hughes, Menzell Phifer, Charlie Campbell, Bright Ratterree, Carl Blanton, John Lewis, Hilton Ruth, and Robert Goforth. The eight men were sworn in last Friday in the presence of the body of Ramsey which had been exhumed at the request of his family.

Coronor Harris, after investigating the death of Ramsey, had ruled the death a suicide and ruled an inquest unnecessary. Later, however, several members of the family expressed the opinion that the shooting was accidental and requested an inquest.

The autopsy was performed by Dr. Craig Jones, assisted by Neal Grissom.

The autopsy revealed that Ramsey died of internal hemorrhages, after the .32-caliber pistol bullet had entered Ramsey's right side, punctured the liver, passed through a vertebrae, punctured the right lung, and lodged near his right shoulder blade.

Coronor Harris, on making his first determination, said members of Ramsey's family had told him their father had previously threatened suicide.

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SCENES FROM BATTLE DRAMA — Pictured are scenes from "The Sword of Gideon", which will open Thursday night for its 1955 season. Three of the pictures are from former productions, while the inset picture at right, below, is the familiar

marble obelisk erected by Congress to commemorate the Battle of Kings Mountain. Attendance has averaged 5,000 per year since the Little Theatre first presented "Then Conquer We Must!" in 1951. It opened "Sword of Gideon" in 1952.

#### Little Theatre Has Scheduled 15 Performances

"The Sword of Gideon", Florette Henri's drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, will open for a 15-performance season Thursday night at the Kings Mountain National Military park amphitheatre. Curtain time will be 8:15. Officials of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, producers of

#### Drama Tickets

Reserved seat tickets for "Sword of Gideon" may be obtained in advance for any of the 15 scheduled performances at the Little Theatre office at the Woman's Club. Tickets will be on sale at the Battlefield Amphitheatre boxoffice prior to each performance. Ticket prices are: reserved seats, \$2; adult general admission, \$1.20; child (under 12) general admission, 60c. The Little Theatre telephone is 943-W.

the outdoor drama, said Wednesday that all details of the production are completed for tomorrow's opening.

The drama will be presented each weekend — on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening — through August 13.

The cast, working on the 1955 production for several weeks, held dress rehearsal at the amphitheatre Tuesday night, and had scheduled another for Wednesday night.

Lead roles in "The Sword of Gideon" are being taken this season by Beff Leonard, of Lexington, as Rice McDermott; Susan Moss, playing the part of Sally for the second season; and Doug Swink, high school faculty member, playing the part of Col. Patrick Ferguson, the British commander, for the first time.

Returning in the top comedy roles will be Dr. P. G. Padgett, as Billy Fover, the thiefing medicine man; and Mrs. M. A. Ware, as the Widow Smith.

The drama is based on the history of the Battle of Kings Mountain, credited by Thomas Jefferson as "turning the tide" of victory against the British in the Revolutionary War.

"The Sword of Gideon" is being presented for the fourth consecutive season. In 1951, the Little Theatre produced Robert Osborne's "Then Conquer We Must!"

One feature of the production repeated from 1954, will be the authentic Indian dances of Gene Mauney. Mr. Mauney's dancing

#### City Carrier Routes Extended

Kings Mountain postoffice added a number of in-city areas to city carrier routes on July 1, Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir reported Wednesday.

They include York road (100-400 block), the 100 block of Slater st., the 600 blocks of East Gold st., Mauney ave., and Floyd st., Oriental ave. (100-400 blocks), the 100 block of Owens st., Sadie loop in the Sadie Mill village, Hendricks street, the 100 block of Lynn st., Church st. (600-700 blocks), the 500 block of Woodside drive, and the 100 block of Guyton Loop.

He also listed First and Second sts. (900-1000 blocks), the 400 block of Morris st., the 100 block of Rosewood ave., the 100 and 200 blocks of North Sims st., the 300 block of North Carpenter st., and the 800 block of W. King st.

#### Churchwomen Issue Call To Prayer

The Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen is asking all area church congregations to participate in a world-wide call to prayer at church services on Sunday.

Mrs. James B. Simpson, council president, said that the World Council of Churches has issued the appeal to all churches to unite in prayer for the Geneva conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday.

She noted that a special prayer service for the four-power conference will be held in the Cathedral of Geneva under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, simultaneously with opening of the conference. Some 162 member denominations in 47 countries of the world are to participate. In the appeal, she added.

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J. Neal Grissom, Harris Funeral Home embalmer, has resigned to become manager of Jackson Funeral Home in Hendersonville. He will assume his new duties on August 1.

Mr. Grissom, Gastonia native, came to Kings Mountain four and one-half years ago. He is a graduate of Gastonia high school and Gupton Jones College of Mortuary Science, Nashville, Tenn., where he received the DMS degree. He is a World War II Marine Corps veteran.

He is president of the Kings Mountain Optimist club and is a Red Cross first aid instructor here. He is married to the former Miss Ann Price and they have two sons, Neal Grissom, Jr., age 12, and David Grissom, age 6.

#### Woman's Club

The Woman's club will serve dinner Sunday at 12:15 at the Woman's clubhouse, it has been announced. Fried chicken and roast beef plates will be available, and advance tickets may be purchased from Mrs. P. E. Hendricks, at telephone no. 125, or from Mrs. J. M. Cooper, at telephone no. 310.



PUBLIC WORKS CHIEF — Grady Yelton, Kings Mountain citizen, will assume the duties of city superintendent of public works on August 1. Mr. Yelton will succeed E. C. Nicholson, who resigned in June.

#### Carolina Mines Manager Named

Peter R. Peterson, of Vancouver, B. C., has been named general manager in charge of erecting machinery for the operation of Carolina Mines, Inc., it was announced Wednesday by J. E. Herndon, vice-president.

Mr. Herndon said Mr. Peterson was elected by the board of directors of the company in a meeting here Tuesday. Mr. Peterson attended the board meeting. He was also elected a member of the board of directors and as managing director of the company's mining operations.

Mr. Herndon said that the firm's manager is a veteran of 35 years experience in mining operations, that machinery for granite mining operations is expected to arrive soon, and that the firm hopes to be in operation within six months.

Roads into the company's mineral lands — which lie between the peaks of Kings and Crowder's Mountain, have already been cut.

#### Richard Hord Found Dead

Rev. Richard Winfield Hord, 44, of Vale, Kings Mountain native, was found dead in bed at his home Wednesday afternoon about 2:30.

Details concerning his death are incomplete, but it was reported that Mr. Hord was to meet his wife around noon at his mother's home, here. His wife had been away from home since Monday afternoon. When Mr. Hord failed to meet his wife, she was driven to Vale by Robert Hord, a brother.

Mr. Hord was pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist church, Vale. He is survived by his wife and two children.