

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 7606. The trading area population in 1945, based on nation board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.



TO FEATURE BANQUET—Jerry Ball, Charlotte public relations man and pianist, will feature the entertainment program of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the annual father-son banquet of the organization to be held Thursday night.

Local News Bulletins

POWER SWITCH-OVER Phifer Road citizens and business firms became power customers of Duke Power Company September 1. The group had been city customers, and were relinquished to Duke several weeks ago.

PRIVILEGE LICENSES Purchase of 1955-56 city privilege licenses totaled \$5,554.05 at noon Wednesday, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

LIONS MEETING The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at 6:45 at Masonic dining hall. A special program has been planned for the evening by Rev. Douglas Fritz, program chairman.

METHODIST Grace Methodist church will observe Laymen's Sunday at church services Sunday morning and evening. J. W. Osborne, of Shelby, will speak at the 11 o'clock hour, and Rev. Kelly Dixon will deliver the evening message at 7:30 p. m.

TO SCHOOL William B. (Bill) McDaniel, member of the Harris Funeral Home staff, left Wednesday for Dallas, Tex., where he will be a student at Dallas Institute-Gupton Jones College of Embalming.

COURT OF HONOR Kings Mountain district Court of Honor will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:45. It was announced by Piedmont Council officials.

P-TA PRESIDENT Mrs. Clarence B. Gunnells, formerly of Kings Mountain, has been installed as president of Charlotte's Hoskins school Parent-Teacher association. Mrs. Gunnells assumed her duties September 1.

LICENSES The Kings Mountain office of the driver's license bureau will be closed Thursday (today) while the examiners, W. C. Willis and H. L. Nolan, both of Shelby, are attending a four-day refresher course for license examiners in session in Chapel Hill.

LAIL REUNION Annual reunion of the Peter and Polly Lail family will be held Sunday at Bethlehem Community Clubhouse. Picnic dinner will be served at 1:00 o'clock, it was announced by Mrs. Guy Bridges, publicity chairman.

MOOSE MEETING The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

METER RECEIPTS City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$155.55 according to Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office.

Ball Will Play For Kiwanis Father-Son Fete

Jerry Ball, well known pianist of Charlotte who wears the title of "Carolina Melody Man," will come to Kings Mountain this evening where he will perform at the annual Father-Son banquet for the Kiwanis club, the meeting to get underway at 6:45 in the Masonic dining hall.

Approximately 100 Kiwanians and their sons are expected to hear Ball tonight, according to President J. C. Bridges. The program has been arranged by John Cheshire and Dr. William P. Gerberding will introduce the popular pianist who has played for hundreds of fund-raising activities in behalf of charitable causes all over North Carolina.

Employed by Esso Standard Oil Company for the past 23 years as special representative, Ball is credited with having raised more than \$65,000 for the March of Dimes in the last four years. During the polo campaign Esso "lends" Ball to various communities over the state to assist in raising dollars for the "dimes" campaign by doing from eight to 10 hour stretches of non-stop piano playing. He plays all requests which are accompanied by one dollar or more and it is seldom a donor stumps him with the name of a tune, old or new, according to Cheshire.

Ball's civic duties include work with the Community Chest, Red Cross, Milk Fund, Cancer campaign, and the blind. He has served as chairman for the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis drive and presents programs at prison camps, blind schools, state hospitals and county homes. For his contributions to the fight against polio, he was recently honored on a national broadcast as the "Good American of the Day."

Ramseur Heads Medical Staff

Dr. W. L. Ramseur, veteran Kings Mountain physician, has been named chief of the medical staff of Kings Mountain hospital by area physicians as the first step toward formal organization of the staff.

In turn, Dr. Ramseur said, he has appointed a committee of three doctors, including Dr. P. G. Padgett, chairman, Dr. P. E. Hendricks and Dr. Kenneth McGill, to present for adoption by-laws for operation of the staff.

The doctors will meet soon to complete the organization, he said. Organization of a hospital medical staff was suggested by the joint accreditation committee of the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association and other groups, which recently gave Kings Mountain hospital provisional approval as an accredited hospital. Final approval awaits completion of the present 14-bed addition to the hospital.

City Tax Levy Of \$164,886 53 Percent In

The city of Kings Mountain's 1955 tax levy is \$164,886.01 and \$88,787.85 or 53.8 percent of the total has already been paid.

Figures on the total levy, valuation, and payments were reported Wednesday by Tax Supervisor Clarence E. Carpenter and City Clerk Gene Mitcham.

Total valuation of Kings Mountain properties is \$9,554,589, slightly less than in 1954, and will return at the \$1.70 per \$100 tax rate \$162,428.01. In addition, the \$2 poll tax will return \$2,458. The drop in valuation from 1954 was \$13,376, which Mr. Carpenter attributed to a large decline in valuations on industrial and commercial inventories. The drop would have been much greater except for a large gain in value of real estate, represented by new construction.

The valuation figures show corporations valued for tax purposes at \$4,338,927 and individual properties valued for tax purposes at \$5,165,662.

The corporate breakdown includes: Real estate, \$3,042,539; machinery, inventory, etc., \$807,587; motor vehicles, \$78,367; other property \$685; and corporate excess (valuations received from the state on utility companies and others), \$459,749.

The breakdown on valuations for individuals: Real estate, \$4,167,825; inventory, machinery and fixtures, \$108,324; motor vehicles, \$719,817; and other personal property, \$70,281.

Mr. Carpenter says real estate listed on the tax books shows 3,420 lots and 119.27 acres, (property of churches and other exempted groups are excluded.)

Another category which showed a heavy valuation decline of more than \$31,000 was motor vehicles. It was the second consecutive year this category showed a decline.

The big gainer, real estate, was up \$49,495 for corporations, and \$88,798 for individuals.

Mr. Carpenter said the inventory decline resulted from the new county policy requiring business and industry to list inventory only at 32.5 percent of actual value.

Church Plans New Building

Patterson Grove Baptist church broke ground Sunday for an educational building expected to cost \$50,000.

Participating in the ceremonies were Rev. J. J. Thornburg, the pastor, Frank Hamrick, Brotherhood president; Mrs. A. S. Falls, oldest member of the church; Grady Seism, chairman of the board of deacons and of the building fund; Edwin Moore, Sunday school superintendent; and Max Putnam, church clerk.

Plans call for a 43-room structure 44x93 feet, with ample space for a completely departmentalized Sunday school.

Patterson Grove Baptist church was organized November 15, 1884 with a membership of 72. It's membership today totals 320.

Commissioners In Busy Session; Roberts Named Judge Pro Tempore

The board of city commissioners held a busy session last Thursday night, named J. Lee Roberts judge pro tempore of city recorder's court, and adopted a new policy on water accounts for multi-family dwellings.

Mr. Roberts will serve as judge in the absence of Judge Jack White, and will be paid at the same rate as the regular judge, with the amount deducted from Mr. White's pay.

The new water policy provides that 1) property owners shall be responsible for water bills in multi-family dwellings, or 2) shall be required to install separate meters. The change will effect principally older homes which have been converted to multi-family dwellings. Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel told the board.

In other actions the board: 1) Approved installation of twin-type gas taps in Belvedere, the proposed Gantt & Crawford housing development, at \$40 per twin tap. Mayor Bridges said the gas engineer had approved the fee.

2) Approved petitions to install sidewalk and curb-and-gutter on one block of S. Gaston street, from Mountain to Gold street, and curbing at two corners of Meadowbrook road.

3) Charged off \$91.75 in numerous small utility accounts where customers had "skipped"



DONATION GIVEN TO HOSPITAL—Grady Howard, Kings Mountain hospital business manager, thanks Leland Kindred, Burlington Mills' Phenix plant personnel chief, for a \$600 gift by the manufacturing firm to the hospital. The gift was made to provide furnishings in one of the new rooms currently being added to the hospital.

Bethware To Open Fair Wednesday

Eighth Annual Township Event Plans Complete

Bethware Community will open gates to its eighth annual fair, sponsored by the Bethware Progressive club, next Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock for a four-day run that is expected to top any previous year's events.

Much interest is reported in the event, according to Manager Myers Hambrick, and a record number of exhibitors is expected to compete for prizes offered in the various departments.

Opening day of the fair has been designated as children's day and announcement has also been made that the school cafeteria will be open during the event with sandwiches and soft drinks to be available during the afternoon and complete dinners with homemade desserts to be served at the evening meal.

Riding devices will be set up along the midway and prize drawings will be held nightly at 9:30 with fireworks to follow. Judging of all exhibits and in all departments will take place Thursday. Premium lists, bound in black and lettered in silver, may be obtained from Mr. Hambrick or department heads.

The 1955 state of officers included Charles Goforth, president; Tom Hamrick, first vice-president; Floyd Green, second vice-president; Mrs. Claude Harmon, assistant manager; Edwin Moore, assistant manager; Stokes Wright, secretary, and Mrs. LaMar Herndon, assistant; Hal Mor-

Fieldcrest Firm Promotes Jackson

SPRAY — In organization changes at Fieldcrest Mills, effective September 1, D. A. Purcell was appointed manager of the towel mill in Fieldale, Va., and Arthur L. Jackson was named manager of the synthetic fabrics mill in Spray. The promotions were announced here today by E. W. Medbery, vice-president in charge of manufacturing.

Mr. Purcell replaces J. D. Moore who is resigning October 1 to take a position with another company. Mr. Moore will serve in an advisory capacity with Mr. Purcell until his resignation becomes effective.

Mr. Purcell is a native of Rockingham County and graduated in textiles from North Carolina State college. He has been with Fieldcrest since 1938 serving as superintendent of the blanket mill, superintendent of the blanket and sheeting mills in Draper, N. C., general superintendent of the two Draper plants and the bleaching and finishing operations at Spray and assistant manager of the towel mill.

Mr. Jackson, formerly superintendent of the synthetic fabrics mill, replaces J. G. Halsey who is being transferred to the staff of the vice president in charge of manufacturing and will work on special assignments.

A native of Kings Mountain, Mr. Jackson has been associated with the synthetic fabrics mill since December 1949. He earlier was a staff assistant in the research and quality control department, having joined Fieldcrest immediately upon his graduation from N. C. State college in June 1948.

Before graduation he had worked in the weaving departments of Neisler Mills and Kings Mountain Rug Company in Kings Mountain. He studied industrial administration at Yale university and attended Westminster college under the Navy's V-12 program. He recently completed the course in advanced management at the School of Business Administration, University of North Carolina.



PROMOTED — Arthur L. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jackson, of Kings Mountain, has been promoted by Fieldcrest Mills at Spray to manager of the company's synthetic fabrics plant.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will make a one-day visit in Kings Mountain Monday with goal of the blood collection set at 125 pints.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain chapter which is sponsoring the visit, said that donors would be received from 11 o'clock until 5 p. m. Monday afternoon at the Woman's club.

Ratterree Enjoys 90th Birthday; Attends Church, Birthday Dinner

Sumter C. Ratterree, longtime Kings Mountain citizen and retired school teacher, observed his 90th birthday Sunday.

Long noted for his erectness of bearing and dignity, Mr. Ratterree is in good health and spent a busy day as he observed the 90th anniversary of his birth on September 4, 1865 — only a few months after the Civil War ended at Appomattox Courthouse. He attended Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, of which he is the eldest member in point of years, attended a birthday dinner at New South Restaurant given by his son, B. D. Ratterree, returned home and read five chapters of St. John from a new large-print New Testament, birthday gift of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly.

There were many gifts to open, among them a spread collar and harmonizing black-and-pink tie, gift of his granddaughter, Miss Margaret Ratterree, here from Fort Benning, Ga., for the birthday celebration. Others present were Mrs. Pride Ratterree, his daughter-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Diaz, of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Diaz is Mr. Ratterree's foster-granddaughter.

Mr. Ratterree does not hear well and his eyes are not as strong as they once were, but otherwise, he said, he feels well, adding, "Besides there's no use

139 Area Students To Attend Colleges And Trade Schools

John Gerberding Is Exonerated By Trial Board

Rev. John Gerberding, son of the pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, was exonerated last week of charges of heresy by a Lutheran church trial board at Milwaukee, Wis.

It was the second heresy trial in the history of the church's Northwest synod, another trial board having found another young pastor guilty a few weeks earlier.

The trial board found Rev. Gerberding, 33, innocent on seven of eight charges and set the other aside. The board, in turn, asked administrative action by the church synod to correct what it called "this offensive situation." The decisions of the board were unanimous.

Pastor Gerberding, who pleaded innocent to the charges of deviating from official church doctrine, said he was "surprised" by the verdict. He was reached at his home several hours after the decision was read to him in the hearing room and stated he "did not expect unanimous acquittal."

The trial board, which deliberated five hours after hearing testimony during two days, read this statement to Pastor Gerberding: "For two days your trial board listened to the testimony and evaluated the evidence submitted to it. . . . During that time the committee became increasingly aware of obvious confusion, immaturity and inconsistencies in Pastor Gerberding's expression and testimony given before the examining committee, the invest-

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Transportation will be provided by local automobile dealers and persons interested are invited to telephone the city car dealers.

Kings Mountain topped all chapters in the Charlotte regional blood center area in the percentage of blood taken per population last year. Should a 125 pint quota be reached at each of four visits of the blood collecting unit scheduled here during the year, a make-up collection will not be needed. Mrs. Gamble noted. A number of cities have faced suspension from the blood program, the official added.



JOINING HERALD — Robert L. (Bob) Hoffman, Gastonia newspaperman, will join the staff of the Kings Mountain Herald Monday. Mr. Hoffman will succeed Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., who resigned to accept the position of area salesman for International Correspondence Schools, Inc.

Old Assessment Question Aired

An old question concerning street-paving assessments of East Gold, Fairview and Deal street was broached again at last Thursday's city board meeting, as Commissioner O. T. Hayes said he felt all the assessments should be collected or refunds should be made to those property-owners who had paid the assessments.

Several board members and Mayor Glee A. Bridges voiced agreement and City Attorney J. R. Davis was instructed to check into the legalities involved.

Mayor Bridges and Attorney Davis reminded that the paving assessments had resulted in legal action from several Gold street property owners, who obtained Superior Court decisions invalidating the assessments. Mayor Bridges said the assessments were invalidated by the court, due to the city's inability to present proof of amounts spent in improving the particular street.

The three streets were hard-surfaced in 1950-51 as a joint project of the Herndon administration and State Highway commission. The city did the pre-surfacing work, including grading and stoning, and the state highway department did the paving, charging the cost to the city's credit account, a predecessor to the Powell Bill fund in aiding cities with street improvements.

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Physicians Have Salk Polio Vaccine

Kings Mountain physicians now have Salk polio vaccine for administration to children ages five to nine years. One physician noted that experts in the field regard children in the five-to-nine age group most susceptible to infantile paralysis.

After a thorough re-check of polio vaccine and techniques of its manufacture, the federal public health service cleared the vaccine for further use in the prevention of polio.

Western Carolina Is Most Popular With 13 Students

The Kings Mountain area will send 139 students to 57 colleges, universities and preparatory and specialized institutions this fall, according to a list compiled by the Herald.

Western Carolina college, at Cullowhee, heads the list with 13 area students enrolled for the 1955-56 term, while Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone, and North Carolina State college, Raleigh, lists nine area students each. Eight area students are enrolled at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Hickory.

In 1954, Kings Mountain students attending colleges totaled 142, while the 1953 total was 107. The list of students and their institutions, as compiled, follows:

- WESTERN CAROLINA (Cullowhee) — Don Bumgardner, Bill Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yawn, Eddie Goforth, Dewitt Blanton, Jr., Jimmy Short, Elmer (Bud) Rhea, Jr., Gene Patterson, Sherrill Spears, Jerry King, Bob Hullender, and Carroll Bridges. WOMAN'S COLLEGE — Joyce Biser. APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE — Bob Go-

The Herald annually seeks to list all area students enrolling at colleges and universities for post-high school training. Recognizing the possibility of omissions, the Herald invites any student whose name does not appear on the list to convey the information to the newspaper.

forth, Jane Goforth, Earle Marlowe, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bush, Peggy Keeter, Tommy Keeter, Ellis Tate, and Rachel Hardin, all of Grover.

LENOIR-RHYNE (Hickory) — Rachel Plonk, Charles Yelton, Dick McMackin, Anita McGinnis, Jim Kimmel, Juanita Lackey, Richard White, and Tommy Baker.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA — Delvin Huffstetler, Walter Griffin, William Prince, and Dean Westmoreland, the latter of Grover.

LEES-MCRAE JUNIOR COLLEGE (Banner Elk) — Don McCarter, Jane Ormand and Sue Keeter, Ann Ormand, and Faye Houser, all of Grover.

ERSKINE COLLEGE — Shirley Ware, Joyce Owens, and Louise Patterson.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE — Buddy Mayes, Ivan Weaver, Paul McGinnis, Jr., Bobby Jackson, Gordon Baity, David Kincaid, Carl Cole, Johnny Kiser, and Charles Mauney.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY — Harley Dixon and Bobbie Oxford.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA — Jackie Bob Pinkelton, Ray Goforth, John Houser, and Charles E. Sheppard, all of Grover.

DUKE UNIVERSITY — Andy Cockrell, of Grover, and Reginald Murray.

CLEMSON COLLEGE — Bill Cockrell, Scott Wright, both of Grover, Edward Kelly, Manly Hayes, Bob Kimmel, and Hugh Lancaster.

WAKE FOREST — Palmer Huffstetler.

GARDNER-WEBB JUNIOR COLLEGE — Libby Camp, Willard Upchurch, Ray Wright, Wayne Haynes, and Marvin Atkinson.

MONTREAT COLLEGE — Sarah Jackson.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE — Dale Dixon, Bobbie Barrett, and Coy Lee Brown, Jr.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE — Jeanene Hallman.

LIMESTONE COLLEGE (Gaffney, S. C.) — Ann Dilling and Joan Gail Cadieu.

MARS HILL JUNIOR COLLEGE — George Hord, Jr., and

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