Population

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits

1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City dis figure is from the United States census of 1950.



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PRICE FIVE CENTS

School Board Adopts Assignment

Local News Bulletins

UNION SERVICE

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will speak at Sunday night's union service at 8 o'clock at Central Methodist

TO NEW YORK

George E. Nickels, who has been serving as summer assistant pastor at First Presbyterian church, left Sunday to attend church conferences in New York subsequent to returning to Columbia Seminary at Decatur, Ga., where he is a rising senior.

MATTHEWS BETTER

Eugene Matthews, Herald mechanical superintendent, has returned to work on parttime schedule following ten days recuperation from a slight stroke of paralysis.

Kings Mountain Fire department answered three calls this week according to Ted Gamble, city fireman. Two grass fires were extinguished, one on W. Gold street Thursday, and the other on Wells street, Saturday. Friday, a call was answered to Cansler street, to extinguish a

ELECTED

Bud Ware, Harris Funeral Home employee, was elected Tuesday night to serve as a volunteer fireman. The number of volunteer firemen now totals 25, Fire Chief Pat Tignor re-

TWO PERMITS

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday to gantt & Crawford to erect a house on Belvedere circle, at an estimated cost of \$7,-000. A permit was also isued last Thursday, August 16, to Johnny McGill to build a carport at an estimated cost of

Hartsell Rites Held Saturday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bessie Wooten Hartsell, widow of Rev. Wallace H. Hartsell, pastor of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church from 1928-31, were held Saturday morning from First Baptist church, Hickory, with in terment following in Biglick 9) appointed a committee of

Mrs. Hartsell died last Thurs. day night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. K. Benfield, in Hockory. Born August 31, 1882. she was the daughter of the late Silas E, and Emma Crowell Wooten. She was a native of Moores-

Surviving, in addition to her daughter, are a son, Rev. Bruce Hartsell, of Shepherdsville, Ky., one sister, Mrs. C. E. Coggin of Hamlet, two brothers, W. M. Wooten, of Hamlet, G. L. Wooten, of Kershaw, 'S. C. and three grandchildren,

Final rites were conducted by Rev. E. F. Sullivan and Rev. Paul

Cooper Pacific **Faculty Member**

Dr. E. C. Cooper will serve as a Dr. E. C. Cooper will serve as a member of the faculty at Pacific er of Vice-Presidential Candidate Estes Kefauver but doubts he'll Mr. Gillespie has high regard. Lutheran Seminary, Berkley, Cailf., during the fall semester. Dr Cooper, Mrs Cooper, and a son, Rev. Edgar Cooper, left last weekend for Berkeley. Rev. Eddar "Mr. Gillespie says, but he adds "Keefe is one of the nicest fellows I've ever known" gar Cooper, who has been visit. fellows I've ever known. ing here with his parents and re-

Dr. E. C. Cooper, former prest dent of the Lutheran Seminary at Columbia, S. C., is a veteran Luchaplain at state prison and pas-tor of Lutheran churches in Shel. I just don't like Nixon." ed for law school and if he had any political ambitions at that time he didn't make them by and Chapel Hill

School Board Adopts Budget,

S39,177.75 for instruction service, Are Offering which included local teacher supplements and supplies. Another \$18,710.25 is set up for reason is Special Values school buildings, and \$2,500 is set aside for insurance on buildng and equipment.

Also coming under the current expense budget was \$2,525 for operations of plants and equipment. This includes utilities, jani. firms are participating in the torial salary supplements and trade event and many dollar spe-operational supplies. Some \$2,400 cials dot their counters and of this budget is set aside for shelves. social security and retirement fund payments.

aside for additional sites for ex- per's, Inc. isting plants, alterations, purchase of furniture, heating plants the trade promotion committee of and fees. In addition, \$2500 of the Kings Mountain Merchants this money is for purchase of association, said he was highly new books for school libraries.

the following: ment and reassignment of pupils, and merchant. which were recommended by the N. C. Attorney General's office.

2) elected Mrs. R. S. Lennon
and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Webb to fill vacancies in the city elemen-

3) authorized Supt. Barnes to. fill other vacancies as soon as qualified applicants can be obtained. (The vacancies include one fourth grade teacher, one Negro teacher, and possibly one teacher who would teach one subject in North, West, and East schools giving the principals time off to take care of administrative work.)

4) voted to install gravel walkways and a gravel driveway at the new North School,

5) voted to raise Coach John Gamble's pre-school coaching supplement to \$150 from \$100, and also to raise Gamble's regular supplement to \$50 per month.

6) voted a \$5 per week increase in salary for Miss Gaynell Scruggs, who is a secretary in the high school principal's office. 7) voted to buy a tract of land approximately 70 feet x 161 feet adjoining Central School proper. ty from Mrs. Henry Jones for a price of \$4750, providing Mrs.
Jones will sell additional property in this same tract desired by

the board to straighten the school

Baptist church cemetery, Oak. Supt. Barnes, J. W. Webster, and of bids for work in the Central gym and plumbing work at both Central and Davidson Schools.

10) discussed the grounds situation at North School and agreed to ask the city to alter the water drainage system which is dump-ing water from North Piedmont avenue onto the school property,

MASONIC MEETING An emergent communication

for work in the second degree of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., will be held Monday night at 7:30 at the lodge hall.

Retailers Holding The City School Board of Trustees adopted a current expense budget of \$105,183, and a capital outlay budget of \$189,199.35 for the coming school term in its regular meeting Monday night. Current expenses will include \$39,177.77

Kings Mountain business firms will observe Dollar Days Thurs-

Majority of Kings Mountain

A feature of the event will be a prize drawing from trade certi-The capital outlay budget is ficates in denomination of \$5 to primarily broken up into two \$15. The drawing will be conduct-parts, with \$149,449.35 going for ed Saturday afternoon at 5 p. m. purchase of building sites and in the Railroad Avenue parking new buildings, while \$37,000 is set- area across the street from Coo-

Charles Blanton, chairman of new books for school libraries.

In other actions, the board did Kings Mountain merchants to tain. make the Dollar Days event a 1) adopted forms for assign- successful one for both customer

"Much effort has gone into the plans for Kings Mountain Dollar Days," Mr. Blanton said. "The degree of participation is good, both in number of firms participating, and depth of purchases for the three-day Dollar Days sale. Many firms are offering double bargains, both special purchases and back-to-school bar-gains, It's a good time to shop in Kings Mountain."

Whitener, Nolan

"It's an easy ticket to cam-paign for," comments Basil L. Whitener, 11th district Democra. 2,818% on 92-day bills. tic nominee for Congress.

"I think we came out pretty good, "interposes Clyde Nolan, of Shelby, one of North Carolina's 72 delegates to the Democratic

national convention Mr. Whitener was in Kings Mountain Monday afternoon af. those on which committments had ter returning from Chicago. where he combined business and politics, handling a problem for

the convention. John Kennedy.

Mr. Whitener says he knows As to the unpopularity of Mr. Kefauver among his Senate colleg-

"The Southern delegation to Congress is pretty clannish, and when a Southerner adopts views and cast votes opposed to the traditional southern viewpoint, he is in disfavor," Mr. Whitener

Mr. Nolan thought the convention quite successful from the Continued on Page Eight

"Keefe Nice Guy", Says Gillespie Of Fraternity Brother Kefauver

tain citizen, is a fraternity broth- ket since 1932. vote for him.

Mr Gillespie's voting doubts latives, will return from California to Pottstown, Pa., where he is a Lutheran minister.

Stem mainly from the fact of President Elsenhower's recent poor health and the likelihood that the Republican party will renominate Richard Nixon for vice - president this week. Like that time, he was getting preparmany people, Mr. Gillespie notes, ed for law school and if he had

Mr. Gillespie hasn't crossed an known.'

Booth Gillespie, Kings Moun. | "x" by a Democratic national tic

But for Kefauver personally, The two were freshmen at the University of Tennessee in 1920 and pledged Kappa Sigma fraternity They were mutually hazed as fraternity pledges are

Mr. Gillespie describes Kefau. ver as "a good old country boy."
"Anybody would like him and
everybod did," Mr. Gillespie continues. "He wasn't too much of a ladies man but he moved around enough and was quite popular. At c law school and if he had oblitical ambitions at that he didn't make them dent and Mrs. Stokes Wright, sec-

Now Total \$21,787

City Tax Collector J. W. Web-ster reported late Wednesday afternoon that his office has received \$21,787.67 in pre-paid

Mr. Webster says a rough estimate of the amount of prepaid payments expected to come in this month would \$35,000 to

Taxes pre-paid during the month of August are discounted at a rate of two percent, while payments in September are discounted at a one percent

Money Squeeze Is Noted Here

The tight money market is squeezing a little in Kings Moun-

The prime interest rate to gilt edged borrowers in New York has advanced to four percent and this increased interest cost is being reflected nation-wide.

R. Summers, president of First National Bank, said Wednesday, "We are taking care of our customers and anticipate handling our usual rush fall business. However, interest rates are advancing a little. Note renewals are being made but we are informing our customers future renewals will be at slightly high-

borrowing costs rose to a 23-yearhigh. The average rate rose to

Kings Mountain's building-andloan associations are also effect ed, though in minor key. The building loans are handling no more FHA or GI loans—made at 1/2 percent interest—other than

been previously made. This is a minor portion of the buildingand-loan business here. a client and being a spectator at the convention. And Mr. Nolan surer of Kings Mountain Build-Ben H. Bridges, secretary-trea

was commenting on the results of ling & Loan association said, "We are meeting our committments Mr. Nolan was "right" with but money is tighter. We are mak-Estes Kefauver for vice-presi- ing no further loans at less than dent, voting for the Tennesseean six percent. The situation may though majority of North Camro. change, but that is the picture lina's delegates were for Senator today."

William F. Young, assistant

treasurer of Home Building & hiring of janitors, the setting of janitor's salaries, and the taking regards him at a "fine fellow." Loan association, said his firm was also out of the FHA . GI loan business, "The big trouble," he remarked, "is inability of cusues and the Tennessee Democratic tomers to acquire the down payorganization leaders, Mr. White. ment. We're making convention ner guesses "it's because of his al loans when the customer meets the requirements.'

Why is money tighter here and everywhere?

The answer, as usual stems from supply and demand. There have been heavy borrowings nationwide and here. Meantime, the Federal Reserve bank has increased its rate of interest, making money more dear to member banks who borrow from the Fedeal Reserve bank. These higher costs, plus the tightness of supply, mean higher borrowing costs for new borrowers seeking money.

Ned McGill Heads McGills Of Gaston

Ned A. McGill was elected president of McGills of Gaston at the annual reunion on August 15. He succeeds W. Lawrence Plonk, who was inducted into the army theday of the reunion.

Other officers named, were Miss Mary McGill, vice-president, and Miss Nancy Plonk, secretary-treasurer Miss Willie McGill is permanent historian.

The members of the clan gath ered at Bethel Church arbor to hear a short address by Dr. W. P. Gerberding and to enjoy a picnic

retary-treasurer.

Coronor's Jury Clears Gardner In Franks Death Willie Junior Gardner, 30-year-

old Negro, has been cleared of blame in the highway death of William Lloyd Franks on the Lake Montonia road July 28. Coroner Ollie Harris held an inquest into the death of Franks at city courtroom Tuesday night

at 7:30 o'clock, and a coroner's jury relieved Gardner of all blame for the accident. Foreman B. T. Wright read the verdict of the jury as follows, 'We find that the deceased came to his death as the result of a complete fracture of the skull, and we find no evidence that the driver of the truck, Willie Gardner, was at fault."

Members of the jury were Mr. Wright, Richard Barnette, J. C. Bridges, T. W. Grayson, William (Bill) McGinnis, and Henderson

Willie Gardner was the first witness to appear before the jury The truck driver said he had left Kings Mountain enroute to his home, which is near the scene of the accident, when he saw the car coming straight at him at a high rate of speed as his truck rounded a curve. Gardner said he was traveling about 40 milesper-hour when the car struck his truck aft of the cab.

Eddie Lee Gardner, 17-year-old brother of the driver, was a pas-senger in the truck. He substantiated his brother's testimony and added the truck's right wheels Jury Awarded were off the pavement when the car hit their vehicle.

Mrs. Ruby Scates, a passenger in the Franks' car, testified that she remembered nothing about the accident or the events leading up to the accident.

She said that she met Franks at er rates. Naturally, new appli a Gastonia mill, where he worked, cants are getting a more thorough by a previous appointment about credit check or meeting more 5:15 a, m. on the day of the accistrigent collateral requirements." dent. They came to the Silver Vil-The Wall Street Journal report. la in Kings Mountain, she said, ed Tuesday that the U. S. Trea- and remained there until around

which were at the train station plant. in Gastonia, she added. Mrs. Scates said she remembered dy to accept this figure saying it been demonstrated. I was the mothing following the time they was "excessive," and filed an exnothing following the time they left for the train station.

Coroner Harris reported to the jury that he found Mrs. Scates' bags and six cans of beer in the sewage plant, the jury awarded right front portion of the car, but Mr. Mauney \$3,500 that he could not determine whether either Mrs. Scates or Mr. Franks had been drinking. He added that he did smell alcohol 98 acres in the tract of land. when Mrs. Scates was removed from the wrecked vehicle

Patrolman D. W. Spratt, who investigated the accident, was callegal firm of Kings Mountain, led and told of the location of the and E. R. Warren of Gastonia. two vehicles following the acciany eye-witnesses to the mishap. The inquest was held before Mullen of Gastonia. some 50-60 persons to the city

Bloodmobile Trip Set September 10

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a visit to Kings Moun. 10 days in which to appeal the Wright added. tain Monday, September 10, ac- court's decision, but that he not cording to an announcement by been notified of any appeal. Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the local Red Cross

Mrs. Gamble reported that th mobile unit will be stationed at Kings Mountain Woman's club from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m. Quota for this visit is 125 pints of blood. This will mark the first Bloodmobile visit to Kings Mountain since the new "blood credit-card" system was adopted by the Charlotte Regional Blood Center.

Under this system, a blood do. nor receives a credit-card covermily or dependent parents for a period of six months. Only persons with these credit-cards are eligible to receive blood from the gistration of 23 citizens at West Red Cross. If persons other than Kings Mountain and Mrs. Nelle donors receive blood, it will be on Cranford said she added names a replacement basis.

B. F Maner, Kings Mountain insuranceman, is blood program chairman for the local unit.

PRESBYTERIAN

Robert A. Gordon, of Gas-tonia, will speak at Sunday morning services at First Presbyterian church. Mr. Gordon will also speak at 9 o'clock worship services at Dix-on Presbyterian church.

Gerberding Quits Recreation Body



B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, will address the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. Mr. fore his appointment. Falls is expected to discuss the Pearsall Plan concerning the pu- members appointed to the comblic schools which is to be con- mission by the city board from living on the opposite side of the

Mauney \$3,500

The City of Kings Mountain came out \$3000 ahead in the litiation involving a condemnation that I write this letter, I believe action against Paul Mauney, it is the first time in my life that east of this avenue and all childwhich was heard in Gaston Counhave refused or quit a task which real living on York Road and east

ed by Clerk of Superior Court President of the Kiwanis Club to Paul Monroe, had set a price of be the club's representative on \$6,500 for 2.56 acres of land tak- the new Recreation Committee, I en from Mr. Mauney by the city accepted too readily, because of Gillespie street, and Baker street, via condemnation for construct my intense interest in the Cause who have been attending Central diner to pick up Mrs. Scates' bags, tion of a new sewage disposal

ception to the board's figures. After three days of testimony

including a trip to the site of the

Mr. Mauney had contended that the construction of the plant had decreased the value of the other Attorneys for the City of Kings Mountain were J. R. Davis and Jack White, of Davis and White

Mr. Mauney was represented Judge Hugh B. Campbell of

Charlotte was the presiding ju-Members of the appraisal

Noblett.

Resignation Is "Reluctant," **Pastor States**

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, elected last week chairman of the recently appointed city recreation com-mittee, resigned from that body Tuesday

the commission but felt his posi-tion as a minister, the fact of the signed with the following excepcommission's limited funds and tions: the lack of interest in an expanded recreation program by many leaders of the city dictated his ac-

He said he would not have accepted appointment to the com- West school, mission, had he made a thorough investigation of the situation be-

Dr. Gerberding was one of five Central school Mrs. J. N. McClure, Woman's signed to North school. club, Dean Payne, Kings Moun- 4) All children living tain Junior Chamber of Composite side of the railroad merce, and Eugene Timms, Lions from East School, grades 1 - 8,

Dr. Gerberding wrote Gene of the recreation commission:

"It is with great reluctance, chagrin, and a feeling of guilt of Recreation for the citizens of all ages of our community. I be- School, lieve my zeal for this activity has gue (boy's baseball): I served for a time on the City Recreation Committee while plans were be. ing discussed and drawn for the land which the city acquired and

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Bethware Fair Barbecue Set

at 5:30

Tickets were mailed to adverboard, which returned a figure of tisers and others this week by 6,500 for the property, were Stokes Wright, secretary of the oke Coon, Wray Plonk, and F. fair, who also announced that extra tickets can be obtained at Mayor Glee A Bridges said \$1.50 each. Reservations should be Wednesday that Mr. Mauney had made not later than Tuesday, Mr.

The Fair will be held September 12-15

Saturday Last Day To Register For September 8 Special Election

Only one Saturday remains to authorize local elections to sus-

orted more registration activi. bly in recent special session ty last Saturday and expect ever ing the donor, his dependent fa. greater activity on the forthcoming Saturday, September 1 will be challenge day.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur reported re-

of 11 voters to the East Kings Mountain pollbook, All previously registered citi.

citizens either via age or residence, to get their names on the voting books and therefore be eligible to vote on September 8. husband. The citizens will adopt or re-

grants for private schools and to urday.

tive the so-called Pearsall Plan, Kings Mountain registrars re. as adopted by the General Assem-

In addition to this amendment the voters will also act on three others which were offered by action of the 1955 General Assem-These are:

1) An amendment to allow limited necessary compensation for members of the General Assem-

2) An amendment changing the date for convening of the Genezens are eligible to vote. The re- ral Assembly from January to gistration period enables all new February of each biennium, 3) An amendment to allow a

married woman to exercise power of attorney conferred by her The registrars will be at the ject a constitutional amendment respective precinct polling places provide education expense from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Sat-

Enrollments The city schools board of trustees adopted an assignment plan for each of the city's public

Plan Tentative,

Pending Actual

school students in its regular monthly session Monday night. These assignments are tenta-tive, and the board may change them at the opening of school, September 4, in order to equalize school and classroom enroll-

The plan, as adopted, says, "All children are assigned to the same schools they attended last year or would have attended provided, however, those children having satisfactorily completed the course of instruction of any The St. Matthew's Lutheran school are assigned to the next minister said he regretted to quit succeeding grade in the school to

> 1) All children in grades 1-6 living east of the railroad on Gold street and to the south of Gold street who have been attending Central school are assigned to

2) All children who would have attended seventh and eighth grades at West School are assigned to 3) All children in grades 1-8

sidered by the electorate on five civic and service organiza- railroad from Central School and September 8. The Lions club tions. The other members are north of Childers street who have convenes at 7 o'clock at the Wo- W. L. Plonk, American Legion, attended Central Schoom are as-4) All children living on the op-

> who have been attending East school are assigned to the North Mitchem city clerk and secretary School except children living on First and Second streets. These children are to return to East 5) All children, grades 1-8, living on Cleveland Avenue and

I have been asked to perform. of York road, who have been at-A board of appraisers appoint. When I was approached by the tending Central or West Schools,

> school, are assigned to East The board agreed, without formal action, to follow the state laws set forth by the 1956 Special

Session in regard to assignment

and re-assignment of pupils. This law says" The parent or guardian of any child, or the person standing in loco parentis to any child, who is dissatisfied with the assignment made by a board of education may, within ten (10) days after notification of the assignment, or the last publication thereof, apply in writing to the board of education for the re-assignment of the child to a diffe-The ninth annual Bethware rent public school, Application for Fair barbecue, annual pre-fair re-assignment shall be made on dent. He had ben unable to find of Kings Mountain and James Fair barbecue, annual pre-fair forms prescribed by honoring fair program ad. vetisers and supporters, will be education pursuant to rules and held at Bethware school next regulations adopted by the board Wednesday afternoon beginning of education. If the application for reassignment is disapproved, the board of education shall give written notice to the applicant by registered mail, and the applicant may within five (5) days after receipt of such notice apply to the board for a hearing, and shall be entitled to a prompt and fair hearing on the question of reassignment of such child to a different school. A majority of the board shall be a quorum for the purpose of holding such hearing and passing upon application for reassignment, and the decision of a majority of the members present at the hearing shall be the decision of the board If, at the hearing, the board shall find that the child is entitled to be reasregister for the September 8 spepend local schools. The amend signed to such school, or if the cial election on constitutional ament, if adopted, will make effect board shall find that the reassignment of the child to such school will be for the best interests of the child, and will not interfere

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Alexander Becomes Postmaster Friday

Charles L. Alexander will take the oath of office as Kings Mountain postmaster Friday af-

Mr. Alexander and Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir said they had been informed by Postal Inspector Hayes that he would be here Friday afternoon to close Mr. Weir's accounts and to turn the office over to Mr. Alexander.

Friday marks the end of the postal month.

Mr. Weir became acting post-master on January 15, 1955.