

Educational Facilities Of Kings Mountain Among Best

Volumes could be written on the history and conduct of the schools of Kings Mountain but space forbids much extension and it is not essential with the aim in mind.

The schools were started here soon after the organization of the town about the year 1874. Naturally the school facilities and attendance were small as the town had small population, but according to the times and needs it filled its place with credit. As time wore on and the population increased new buildings were erected and teachers added to take care of a larger number of pupils until at the present time, 1939, the city with a population of about 7,000 and students in proportion, the schools take second place to none in buildings, general facilities, teachers in number and quality.

There is one large Central School, a beautiful three-story brick structure containing main offices, library, and study, special room and 25 classrooms and laboratories and a large auditorium, and four other buildings that make up the system. The teachers are selected with care as to fitness and ability.

The Kings Mountain school system is composed of four schools, with B. N. Barnes as superintendent. The four schools and their respective principals are:

- Central, D. M. Bridges.
- East End school, Mrs. J. H. Thomson.
- West End school, Mrs. C. C. Rhyne.
- Davidson school, colored, R. J. Davidson.

The total enrollment for the current school year at the beginning of the term was 1,678 an increase of 20 students over the previous year.



This number will increase during the year and Supt. Barnes thought that the 2,000 mark might be reached.

The colored students are not forgotten for there is provided one large school building both the grades and high school branches are taught with a very competent corps of teachers.

Taking the school situation all in all it can be safely stated that no district in the whole South is better equipped to properly educate the children than Kings Mountain and that none who may contemplate locating here need hesitate on the question of schools.

The Kings Mountain High School is an accredited high school according to the standard set up by the Southern Association.

A physical education department under the direction of Crowell Little, star athlete of the University of North Carolina, was inaugurated this school year, in the handsome new \$40,000 Physical Education Building completed with local and WPA funds.

All the buildings of the school system were put in first class condition during the past year.

The Kings Mountain school system is under the able direction of a well chosen school board made up of public spirited and leading business men, namely: Dr. L. P. Baker, chairman, Charles Thomason, A. H. Patterson, P. M. Neisler and Glen White.

Leaders Began Work On Herald

Back in the old days, as it is now, more or less, it was quite the thing for a Kings Mountain boy to qualify himself for a new step on the road to manhood by working on the Herald. He didn't quite belong until he did. That was his first move toward being a he-man and getting hair on his chest, and an announcement to the world that it wouldn't be long until he would be wearing long pants.

For that reason several men in Kings Mountain and elsewhere today look back on their newspaper days with pride and satisfaction.

Here are just a few of them: Paul Neisler, John Floyd, Leslie McGinnis, Julian Krawchek, Harold Hunnicutt, Oliver Ramsey, George Lovell, Grady Abbott, Roy Hunter, Vestal Jones, John Ferguson.

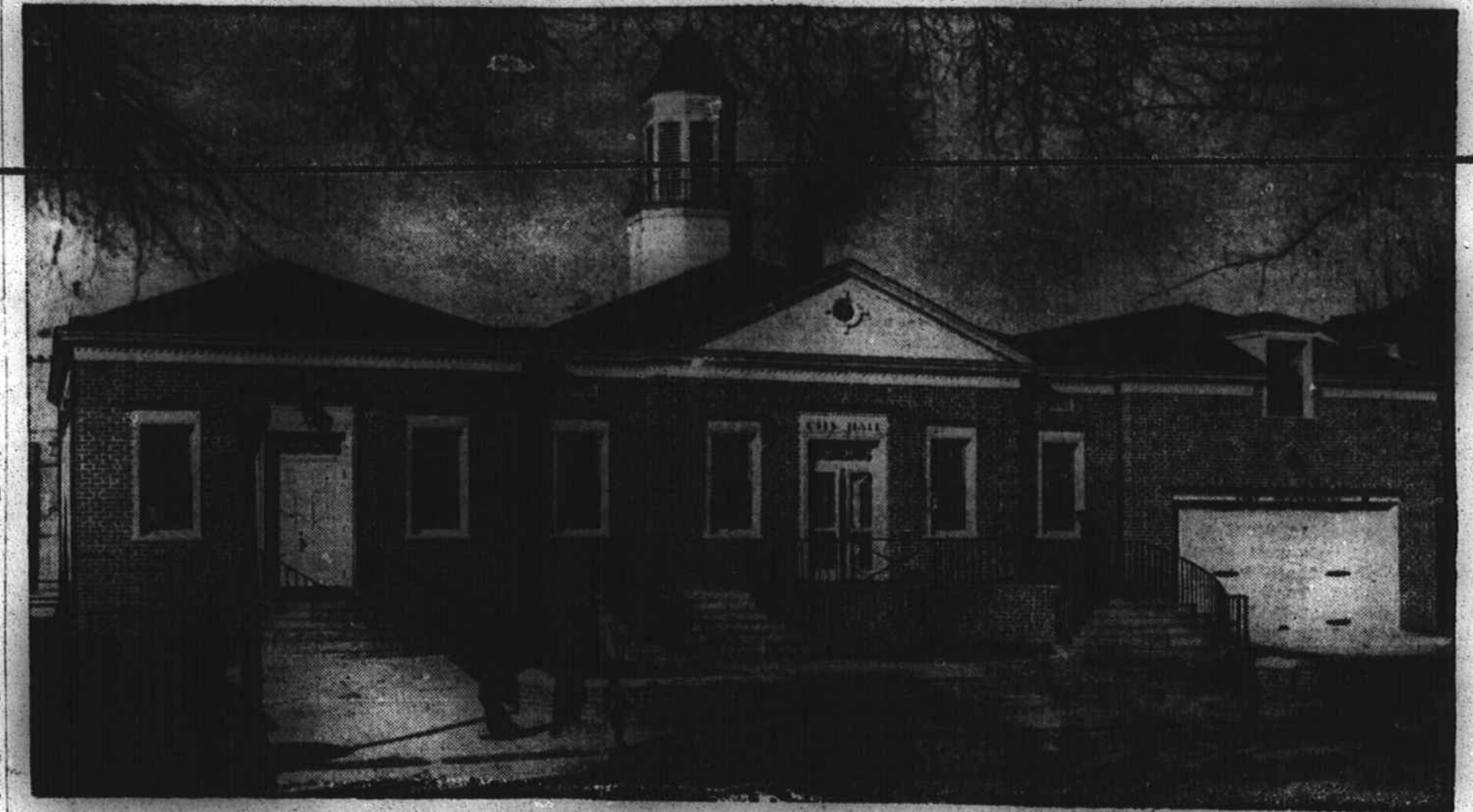
Kings Mountain Outgrows House As Town Hall - Erects Modern Building

Note the comparison of the two Town Halls of Kings Mountain. The picture is the first municipally-owned Town Hall, which was purchased in 1923 from B. S. Preler for \$10,000.00. Before that time the town rented a building on Railroad Avenue. Below is the handsome City Hall which was completed during July 1937. Offices for all the city departments, the Public Library, the Court Room and jail are located in this \$43,000 piece of property.

City Officials at the time the building was completed were: Mayor J. E. Hernoon; Commissioners: C. E. Neisler, Jr., J. K. Willis, R. C. Gold, W. K. Mauney, J. B. Mauney and Treasurer, Charles Dilling.



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KINGS MOUNTAIN'S NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMPLETED 1937

A PROGRESSIVE INSTITUTION GREETSA PROGRESSIVE CITY On Fifty Years Of Progress

We would be lacking in both sentiment and appreciation if we failed to take note of the 50 years' growth of Kings Mountain.

PHENIX MILLS are progressive — anything that is in step with progress we congratulate and especially our city — its churches, schools, civic organizations and its industries. All of these are a part of the great plan of progress and safe community life.

We are glad of the opportunity to express our sentiments on this, The Fiftieth Anniversary of The Kings Mountain Herald.

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