

School Music In Kings Mountain

(By Carolyn Carlisle)
Children in our schools today are surrounded by music to an extent never before equalled. The aim of such a music program being to place each child in a musical environment and to bring him musical experiences out of which may grow a full understanding of the art of music.

The State of North Carolina, having adapted The Music Hour Series as a course of study, has placed in the hands of each child from the second through the seventh grade a book which he may use as his own. In the Primary grades emphasis is placed upon the proper use of the singing voice and participation in a singing group. Coincident with this program of singing, the child's musical experience is enriched also by rhythm plays, rhythm band and by listening lesson through the medium of the phonograph.

Higher grades are eligible. This experience will prepare the child for high school glee club work.

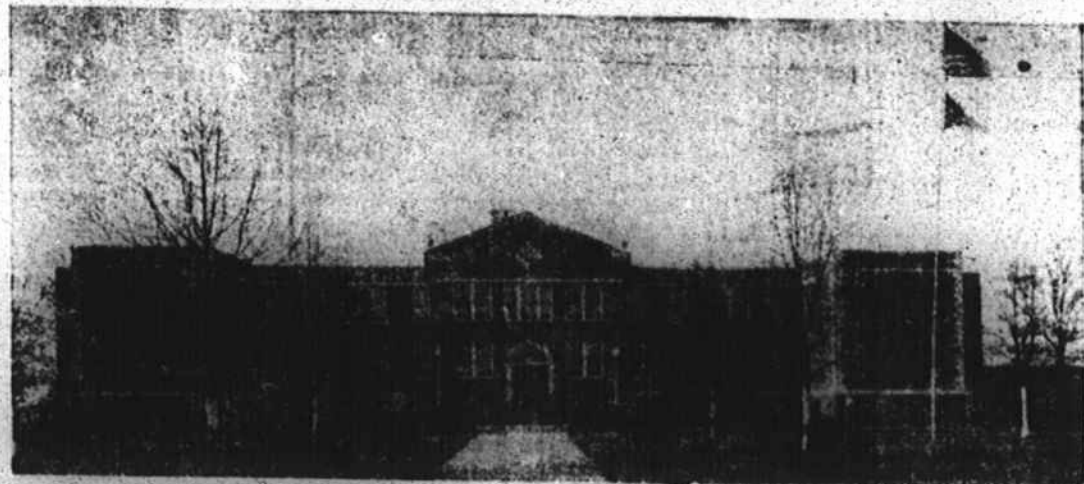
As has been customary for many years each school presents an operetta sometime during the school year — the proceeds of which are used for buying new school music material. Three phonographs and over one hundred music appreciation records have recently been purchased for use in the class rooms.

At present, in the high school there are two glee clubs. The girls having an enrollment of sixty eight members, and the boys' thirty six.

No program of Music Education would be complete without a band. The value of the one here in Kings Mountain speaks for itself and has done more to create a worthwhile musical environment and a love for good music than any other single organization.

Elementary school glee clubs have been formed at each school with 75 participating at Central, forty at East, and thirty five at West. Only those students in the

ONE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN'S FINE SCHOOL BUILDINGS



Central School Building is one of the five that make up the Kings Mountain School System. This building is modern in every respect and houses Primary, Grammar and High School Departments.

Central P. T. Association

The Kings Mountain Parent-Teacher Association was organized in the early twenties. Mrs. E. W. Neal was the first president. There was an enrollment of between forty and fifty people. The Association was affiliated with the national organization.

The years 1930-31 marked the beginning of separate organizations at East and West schools. In 1936 the Central Parent-Teacher Association voted to hold its meetings at night so that the membership could include fathers as well as mothers.

One of the most outstanding activities of the P. T. A. was the furnishing of milk to underprivileged children. The present lunch rooms supported by the P. T. A. grew out of this. The Association also supplied clothes to needy children.

For the last two years the Central P. T. A. has sponsored a pre-school clinic, vaccination clinic safety programs, and has bought first aid equipment for the school.

At the first meeting this year Mr. C. F. Thomason and Mr. C. G. White were elected president and Vice President of the Association. Over 200 people attended the October meeting this year, which broke all attendance records for a P. T. A. meeting in Kings Mountain.

Organization And Expenditures Of Kings Mountain School

For the education of the 1483 white children now enrolled in the Kings Mountain Schools there are three standard elementary and one accredited high school. There are 43 white teachers, exclusive of the superintendent, 40 State allotted, 1 paid by the County, State and Federal funds for Vocational Home Economics, and two paid from local funds.

There are 300 colored pupils now enrolled in the Davidson colored school. There are 10 colored teachers — 7 elementary and 3 high school — all allotted by the State.

In the white school there is one full time teacher of Vocational Home Economics, one for Commerce, one for Physical Education, one for piano, one for Bible, and a special supervisor of Public School Music in addition to the allotted teachers for the various other school subjects.

Including school custodians, cafeteria and office help, the total employed by the school at the present time is 62 plus a large number of students working on NYA.

The total expenditures for last school year were as follows:
For Current Expense:
State Funds \$13,913.00
County and District .. 13,953.00
For Capital Outlay 5,504.63
For Debt Service 4,590.94

Total \$75,962.27
\$3,500.00 of the above amount was realized through a special building fund and \$2,122.55 from fire insurance.

In addition to the above expenditures, the City of Kings Mountain retired school bonds in the amount of \$5,000.00 and paid \$5,490.00 interest, and the school district retired additional bonds in the amount of \$1,000.00 and paid \$450. interest.

By Way Of Mention

Lois Beattie
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By Alice Burton
Patterson Grove Section

Rev. Will Elam of Dover church preached at Patterson Grove Sunday afternoon as the pastor Rev. J. W. Suttle was ill.

Sunday School will be next Sunday morning.

Among those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Ware Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Ware of Kings Mountain; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Champion and children of Oak Grove were guest of the M. L. Thornburgs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goforth recently visited the Grady Goforths of near Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Burton of Charlotte were visitors of relatives in this section Sunday. Miss Pauline Carroll also of Charlotte accompanied them.

Miss Mildred Ledford of Phenix Mill spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Kathleen Goforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards and family are now making their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Edwards.

Miss Ruby Chapman was the dinner guest of Miss Jenny Lee Belk Friday.

Miss Elcise Watterson, student at Patterson Grove and Elsie Ford attended the singing convention at Rev. Earl Armstrong's Tabernacle in Gastonia last Sunday afternoon. They sang a duet and Mrs. Wright accompanied them at the piano. The

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