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Kings Mountain Tops Victory Loan "E" Quota

Report Shows Total Sales Of "E" Issues \$118,115.00

Sale of "E" bonds spurred to a near-record figure last weekend and during the first few days of this week to send Kings Mountain well over the top on the Victory Loan campaign, with total bond sales of \$490,820, and with \$118,115 in "E" bonds included in this total.

At the same time, state campaign officials announced that sale of "E" bonds through December 31 would apply to Victory Loan quotas, though the drive officially ended December 8, and J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain chairman, urged purchase of this type bond for Christmas gifts.

The Victory Loan total was one of the best in all the loan campaigns with the "E" bonds sale far exceeding the amount of this type bond sold during the Seventh War Loan campaign.

Mr. Davis, who has headed all of the loan campaigns, issued a statement praising the citizens of this area for their support of the drive: "Kings Mountain citizens have rallied behind this campaign to give it one of the best records of all the drives. For a time, the drive seemed to be lagging, but the total of sales through this week shows that Kings Mountain has done its part.

"The people who purchased the bonds are to be congratulated, not only on their patriotism, but on their foresight, for government bonds remain the best in investments and the best way to fight inflation. "I also wish to thank the bond-selling agents who have done a fine job in handling all the additional work involved—and at no profit to themselves."

Following is the report by issuing agents of bond sales during the Victory Loan campaign (figures include report up to Wednesday morning):

First National Bank	\$392,195
Home B. and L. Assn	84,750
Pauline Mill	850
Post Office	2,125
Margrabe Mill	9,900
Total	\$490,820

Aldermen Limit Number Of Taxis

The City of Kings Mountain will issue no additional taxi licenses, according to action taken by the City Board at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

H. L. Burdette, city manager, said the board, after hearing a delegation of taxi men request limitation, agreed to set the maximum for Kings Mountain at 21, the number of taxis now operating in the city.

This action has been taken in a number of surrounding cities and had been under consideration by the board.

He added that the number of taxis now operating here would be one per 750 persons, using an estimated population figure of 15,000 persons, which includes Kings Mountain and surrounding area.

M. A. Ware Injured When Hit By Auto

M. A. Ware, well-known Kings Mountain man, sustained a broken collar bone and painful bruises when he was struck by a car on West Trade street in Charlotte Saturday night.

Mr. Ware was given treatment at Memorial hospital, Charlotte, but is now at his home here. He hopes to be back at work Thursday.

He said the car which struck him was driven by a negro under the influence of alcohol.

Legion Of Merit Award Is Given To Dr. Padgett

Dr. Philip G. Padgett, of Kings Mountain, now returning to his medical practice here following his recent discharge from the army, has received the Legion of Merit Award for meritorious conduct for a 14-month period of combat service in Italy and France.

Former Captain Padgett received the award Saturday.

The citation accompanying the medal follows:

"Philip G. Padgett, Captain, Medical Corps, 111th Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy and France from 10 January 1944 to 19 February 1945. During the bitter days of the Italian winter campaign, Captain Padgett, as surgeon of the 1st battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, braved enemy shellfire to establish his aid station and treat all men wounded during the critical operations. In the drive to, and beyond Rome, Captain Padgett, then 2nd battalion surgeon, worked tirelessly, frequently exposing himself to assist the aid men in removing the wounded and effect the quickest possible evacuation of all casualties. On one occasion during the advance through Southern France, he worked for 22 hours without rest in order to treat 165 wounded men. Throughout the operations in which the regiment participated, Captain Padgett, by his constant attention to duty, and his disregard for personal comforts and safety, contributed materially to the combat efficiency of his unit by insuring the most prompt and effective medical attention, and his actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army."

Dr. Padgett had previously been awarded the Silver Star.

Gifts Are Urged For Servicemen

Harry Page, chairman of the citizens committee in charge of the "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" campaign, issued an appeal Wednesday to all citizens of Kings Mountain for 100 additional gifts, in order that the city will meet its quota of 270 gifts.

Mr. Page said that the gifts must be received by noon Friday, in order that they may be shipped Saturday. Deadline for receipt of the gifts has already been extended.

Persons supplying gifts are requested to have them wrapped in Christmas paper and leave them at one of the following places: Griffin's Drug Store, the Red Cross office in the City Hall, Kings Mountain Drug Store, Bridges and Hamrick or at the Pauline Mill office.

Members of the American Legion have supplied 60 gifts for the hospitalized veterans and members of the Lions club gave some 40 at their meeting Tuesday night.

"These gifts are needed immediately," Mr. Page said, "in order that we might, in a small way, brighten Christmas for men who have been wounded in battle and now are on the slow road to recovery."

Only small gifts are being requested, including stationery, tobacco pouches, playing cards, and gifts of similar type.

Another Manufacturing Firm Is To Begin Operation Soon

Equipment for Velma-Craft, another new Kings Mountain manufacturing enterprise, has arrived, and the firm will begin manufacturing chenille spreads and shag rugs as quickly as the machinery can be set up, it was announced this week by C. G. White, one of the partners in the new concern.

The new plant, located on the York road, is owned by Mr. White and George W. Mauney, Kings Mountain cotton broker, and will be under the active management of Vernon Crosby.

The company is named for the wives of Mr. White and Mr. Mauney. Mr. White said that the firm would employ about 20 persons per eight-hour shift.

Chenille spreads and shag rugs will be the principal products of the new

Earl B. Ruth Is Appointed City Recreation Supervisor

Earl B. Ruth, of Charlotte, former basketball star at the University of North Carolina, and recently released from active duty in the navy, has been employed as city recreation supervisor and will assume his duties on January 1, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. E. A. Sheny, secretary of the city recreation commission.

Mrs. Shenk stated that Mr. Ruth comes to Kings Mountain highly recommended for the position which the commission has been endeavoring to fill since last spring.

The program will be financed through funds raised last May in a community campaign.

Mr. Ruth was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1938, served for two years as physical education director of Piedmont Junior high school in Charlotte, and served as assistant superintendent of State parks from March to September 1941. At that time he returned to the University of North Carolina and was awarded a master's degree in physical education there in 1942.

He served in the navy as a welfare and recreational officer. "It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mr. Ruth to fill this position," Mrs. Shenk said, "and from the high commendation he has received, we are confident that he will satisfactorily perform the duties of city recreation supervisor."

Routine Cases Feature Weekly Court Session

Routine counts, the majority of them for public drunkenness, featured Wednesday's city recorder's court session which resulted in disposition of 18 cases.

Marvin A. Helms, found guilty of driving an automobile without a license and in a drunken condition, was fined \$60 and costs on both counts, in lieu of a three-month road sentence, and Harold Lee Biddix, taxi driver, was fined \$25 and costs for speeding.

Assessed costs for drunkenness were Willie B. Payne, Robert C. Porter, Herbert Metcalf, Nathan Bright, Ralph L. Ray, W. C. Brown, Ora Bivens, Max W. Whitworth, and Lloyd Mitchem. Ralph Morrow was fined \$5 and costs on the same charge, and Madge Grigg was also fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Joseph P. Tarlton, also charged with drunkenness, failed to appear and forfeited bond of \$25.

Kenneth McGaha was fined \$10 and costs for driving with improper lights, and Mildred L. Biggers was handed the same judgment for driving without a license.

In cases tried in special session December 6, Jiles Corvial was fined \$150 and costs for violation of the Turlington act, while Clyde Thomas and Cornelius Crosby were each fined \$50 and costs on the same charge.

3,000 See Santa Claus

A crowd estimated at more than 3,000 persons thronged into Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon to see Santa Claus and the Christmas parade put on by the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Old Nick arrived by airplane per schedule and seemed to be at home perched across the neck of a mammoth elephant, one of two in the parade.

The city business section was crowded with people long before the parade began, as youngsters strained to get a good vantage point.

The parade was led by the city police car, followed by the high-stepping Shelby high school band which played well in spite of the freezing weather. Next came the city fire truck, well-laden with youngsters, followed by an army truck, shaggy-laden, with the two elephants and Santa Claus following.

The state highway patrol car was next in line, followed by a group of boys and girls on decorated bicycles, with a truck of a local furniture firm bringing up the rear.

Santa Claus threw out pieces of candy and other presents as long as his supply lasted.

At the end of the parade, Carl Cole and Martha Ann Cox were adjudged winners in the beauty contest and were crowned queen and

Herald Christmas Issue To Appear December 24

The Herald will publish a special Christmas edition on December 24, and will skip its regular edition of December 27.

There are two principal reasons for this Christmas week change: (1) for many years merchants and business firms have been using Herald advertising space for Christmas greetings to Kings Mountain citizens and since the December 27th edition would follow Christmas, some have requested the earlier publication; (2) the earlier publication date will give the Herald staff an opportunity for a well-deserved Christmas vacation.

Correspondents and subscribers are requested to remember this change and get in news and other material early. The special Christmas edition will be in the mails the morning of December 24, and all copy should be at the Herald office by noon Saturday, December 22.

Football Team Honored Tuesday

Almost 200 persons jammed the Women's club Tuesday night to eat a turkey dinner, hear a talk by Earl Bright, University of South Carolina athletic director, and to honor the high school football team at the annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The group also cheered and clapped enthusiastically when Program Chairman W. E. Plonk, in presenting Earl Bright, presented the support of the club in using the high school team as an adequate place in which to play by the 1946 football season.

Mr. Plonk also asked for support of all civic organizations of the city "in seeing to it that the city stadium is completed by next year."

Also present at the meeting were Joe Patrami, assistant coach at USC, and Ted Twomey, former Notre Dame all-American and USC line coach.

Mr. Enright, who has recently returned to the University of South Carolina after a tour of duty in the navy, is athletic director and head football coach. His team meets Wake Forest in a New Year's Day bowl game at Jacksonville, Fla., in a renewal of the tight 13-13 tie played by the two teams at Charlotte Thanks giving Day.

Coach Don Parker announced awards for team members, each of whom stood and announced his name and position.

One lad drew a big laugh when he arose, announced his name and said, "Left-back."

Other guests at the meeting were J. E. Hunsyett, high school principal, and Thomas Templeton, faculty member.

Mr. Enright gave a humorous talk, peeviling in gridiron jokes, but he closed with a serious note.

remarking on the school team's record, he congratulated the team members for their work on the football field.

"You have started well," he said. "Football builds you physically and it builds you mentally. You're learning to be a better citizen through learning discipline and team play. It is fine to learn to be a good loser. That's sportsmanship. But you always want to win, and that's the way it should be."

Following Mr. Enright's talk, Coach Twomey showed the group motion pictures of USC-Clemson and USC-Miami games.

Coal Supply Limited As Cold Weather Hits

As Kings Mountain shivered in the coldest of this winter's cold snaps, Claude Hambright, Kings Mountain coal dealer, Wednesday warned local citizens to conserve their fuel supplies, stating that the local supply is still limited.

Local News Bulletins

GIFTS FOR VETERANS
Mrs. Lywood Parton, president of the Junior Woman's club, yesterday asked all members to bring gifts for hospitalized servicemen to her net later than Friday. "At the present time, only five gifts have been turned in, and the club's quota is 25," Mrs. Parton said. Gifts to hospitalized servicemen, she added will take the place of the customary club Christmas gifts to other groups.

KIWANIS MEETING
B. V. Reid, of Charlotte, manager of Swift and Company, will speak to members of the Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 6:30 according to an announcement by club officials. Mr. Reid's topic will be "Food."

NEILL IN STATES
Sgt. Buren Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill, called his parents from Newport News, Va., on Tuesday afternoon, following his arrival from the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Neill was expected to report to Fort Bragg for discharge and is expected home within a few days.

OLIVE CALLS HOME
Lt. Don Olive, son of Mrs. E. B. Olive, telephoned his mother from a West Coast port this week, following his return from the Pacific area. Lt. Olive is expected to arrive in Kings Mountain within a few days.

SEAL SALE INCREASES
Sale of Christmas seals in Cleveland county totaled \$3,300.51 Wednesday, it was announced by Mrs. C. Ruth Hamrick, Jr., of Shelby, seal sale chairman. Mrs. Hamrick said that Bangle Day in the Kings Mountain schools, held last week, resulted in an additional \$30.91 for the county fund to fight tuberculosis. She stated that only about one-third of persons receiving Christmas seals in the mail campaign had forwarded money for the seals and urged that all persons mail checks for the seals immediately.

LIONS MEETING
Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will meet at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 6:30 and will hear an address by Edward McHanna, district governor. The meeting is being held on December 18 in place of the regular meeting which was scheduled for Christmas night.

EXECUTIVES CLUB
Robert Kaszay, of Rochester, N. Y., author and world traveler, will speak to members of the Cleveland County Executives club at their dinner meeting at Hotel Charles, Shelby, Friday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. Kaszay will discuss the subject "What Russia Means to Us."

CITY LICENSE TAGS
City officials reported Wednesday that 90 new 1946 city license plates have been bought by local motorists, as they urged others to buy now and avoid the last-minute rush. License plates are required to be bought and displayed on automobiles by January 1.

MRS. BALLARD RESIGNS
Mrs. Charles Ballard, who was a member of the staff of Dellinger's Jewel Shop, resigned her position on December 1. Mrs. Ballard is expecting her husband home from the Pacific Theater in the near future. The firm is now under the management of Mrs. Haselina Black, who has been associated with the business for several months.

COURT OF HONOR
The regular monthly Court of Honor for Boy Scouts of the Kings Mountain area will be held Thursday night at the courtroom of the city hall at 8 o'clock, it was announced.

WIFE AT FREDMONT DRUG
Mrs. W. H. White, well-known Kings Mountain woman who recently returned from a long tour of duty with the United States Army, is now at the Fredmont Drug store in Charlotte.

