

Lawbreakers Bill Averages \$2,000 Month

Law-breakers in Kings Mountain, ranging from traffic law violators, dealers in whiskey, and other persons who have broken the law, paid a total of \$4,010.80 for these violations during October and November, according to figures of the Kings Mountain police department, announced this week by Chief W. C. Timmons, Jr.

The figures show that 118 arrests were made in October, resulting in fines and bond forfeitures of \$1,235 and court costs of \$924.80, while 122 arrests were made by the city officers during November, resulting in fines and forfeitures totaling \$1,060, and court costs of \$791.

Following are the offenses which were listed on the police department records.

October — public drunkenness 30, speeding 25, drunken driving 10, faulty lights 8, assault with deadly weapon 3, reckless driving 2, violating the city code 2, no driver's license 6, violation of liquor laws 2, gambling 4, larceny 2, vagrancy 1, AWOL 1, running red lights 1, disturbing the peace 1, lottery 1, carrying concealed weapon 2, resisting arrest 1, disorderly conduct 1, abandonment and non-support 2, affray 2, assault 1, assault on a female 2, and storebreaking 2.

November — speeding 28, public drunkenness 37, drunken driving 7, no driver's license 6, disorderly conduct 2, reckless driving 1, violating the city code 2, assault with a deadly weapon 1, resisting arrest 1, AWOL 3, assault 5, violating liquor laws 13, gambling 7, hit and run driving 4, carrying concealed weapon 1, running red light 4.

Barite Deposits In Local Area

By Dr. A. F. Greaves-Walker
RALEIGH, Dec. 15.—The mineral barite is a natural barium sulphate which has found wide commercial use on account of its high molecular weight. Deposits of reasonably pure barite are relatively scarce in the eastern states.

It is white in color but often stained to a yellow color by infiltration of water carrying iron compounds.

The unknown deposits of barite in North Carolina occur in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Madison county, Hillsboro, Orange county, and Kings Mountain and Bessemer City, Gaston county.

The deposits in the Hot Springs area, which are low grade, begin near Bluff and continue northeast to near Stackhouse, a distance of about seven miles. The Hillsboro area begins about 3 1/2 miles southeast of Hillsboro and extends a short distance west. These deposits are also of low grade and are not large. The Kings Mountain deposits lie along a belt that extends in a southwesterly direction from the north end of Crowder's Mountain to King's Creek S. E. The deposits at Crowder's Mountain are of high grade.

In order to improve the quality of the low grade ores, it is necessary that they be put through a flotation process. Experiments have determined that this can be accomplished at a cost sufficiently low to make the product competitive with the "prer" western ores.

The principal uses of barite are in the production of lithopone which substitutes for white lead in paints; in the production of barium chemicals such as barium hydroxide and carbonate; in oil drilling muds; as a filler for paper and textiles and in rubber and glass manufacture.

Its wide use in paints is due to its weight and also to the fact that it produces a good white color that does not readily change under the atmospheric conditions encountered in industrial districts.

The deposits in the state are well developed. This is particularly true of those in Gaston county, and there is no reason why the ores should not be processed and barium products manufactured in the state.

Merchants To Observe Later Closing Hours

Merchants of Kings Mountain will observe later closing hours for the benefit of Christmas shoppers on the final three shopping days before Christmas, as they observe holiday hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

It is hoped that the firms will be open until 8 o'clock each of these days.

The policy announced by the merchants of Kings Mountain is in line with the policy of other communities in the state.

Local News Bulletins

WARE AND SONS HOLIDAY

Ware and Sons, feed manufacturers and wholesalers, will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of Christmas holidays, it was announced Wednesday by the management. The firm will re-open on Wednesday, December 26.

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hear a report by the club's achievement committee at the regular meeting to be held at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:30. Members of this committee include E. A. Harrill, chairman, Harry Page, and Aubrey Mauney.

BASKETBALL GAME

Kings Mountain will play Stanley in a double-header basketball game at the high school gymnasium Friday night at 7:30, according to an announcement Wednesday by C. C. Edens. Mr. Edens said the proceeds from the game will go to a fund to provide for injured high school athletes. At the present time, no such fund is available and expenses of injured athletes must be borne by the athletes themselves. The evening bill includes both boys and girls games, and both Kings Mountain teams will include selected players, including college cage stars home for the holidays. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas Pageant, "Holy Night", will be given Sunday night at the First Wesleyan Methodist church at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Florice Allred and Miss Lillie Miller are in charge and will direct the play. The pastor, Rev. Paul E. Allred, will speak at the morning service on the text, "Until Christ Be Formed In You."

GRIFFIN AT HOME

Wilson Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin and navy pharmacist's mate, is now visiting his parents on an extended leave. The Kings Mountain man recently returned after a long tour of duty in Sicily.

SAUNDERS DUE HOME

David Saunders, Bugler 2e, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Saunders, and husband of Mrs. Edna Houser Saunders, is expected to arrive in Norfolk, Va., and to receive a discharge from the navy on that date, it was learned Wednesday.

GOFORTH IN STATES

Sgt. Eugene Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Goforth, has arrived in the United States and is at Camp Patrick Henry Va., prior to receiving an honorable discharge from the army. Sgt. Goforth is expected home within a few days.

FIRE ALARM

City firemen answered an alarm at 9:30 Tuesday morning and extinguished a fire in a barn at the home of Russel Smith on the York road. Chief Grady King said that damage to barn and feed was estimated at \$200.

EARLY SOME BETTER

The condition of C. L. (Jim) Early, manager of Kings Mountain Furniture company who suffered a severe heart attack Saturday, was described as improved Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Early was taken to Cherokee county hospital, Gaffney, S. C., and has been in an oxygen tent since.

LIONS DONATE

The Kings Mountain Lions club has donated a total of \$65 for use at school cafeterias here to provide meals for needy children. The club gave \$25 to General school cafeteria, and \$10 each to the cafeterias of East, West, Park Grace, and Davidson colored school.

JENKINS NAMED

J. H. Jenkins, of Kings Mountain, was named publicity director of the Catawba Valley Officers association, Woodmen of the World, at a meeting of the group held at the Lincoln camp last Friday night.

CRANFORD DISCHARGED

Carroll J. Cranford, AOM, 1e, of Kings Mountain, has been honorably discharged from the navy, according to an announcement from the Naval Separation Center at Charleston, S. C. AOM Cranford served in the navy for 48 months and saw much service aboard the USS Astoria, navy cruiser. He participated in the Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa operations.

Six Drunken Drivers Fined In Court Monday

Edward Kennedy was bound over to Superior court on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in city recorder's court Monday, and six defendants were found guilty of drunken driving, as the court disposed of a heavy docket. Kennedy was released under bond of \$500.

Handed the statutory judgment of fine of \$50 and costs, plus revocation of their driver's licenses for drunken driving, were Bobbie Rhea, William Dagenhart, Clarence Whittle, and Hoke E. King, and Paul Moose and Roscoe C. Clippard were each fined \$60 and costs on twin counts of drunken driving and driving without a license.

Assessed costs for drunkenness were Ida Burris, Will Lovelace, Ruby Susebee, Carl Lingerfeldt, Bessie Stevenson, Robert W. Whitesides, Will Fields and North A. Belk, while Arthur Hoyle, Skeet Barrett, and D. H. Houser were fined \$5 and costs on the same charge.

Berlin M. Stroupe paid \$50 and costs in lieu of a three-month jail term for carrying a concealed weapon and in addition paid costs on a charge of drunkenness.

Frank Mitchem, found guilty of reckless driving, was fined \$25 and costs, and Tommy Boyce was fined \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct. Wayne C. Baity was fined \$10 and costs on charges of drunkenness, interfering with officers and resisting arrest.

Roy Lovelace, Jr., was assessed costs on charge of conspiracy to violate liquor laws, and a charge of (Cont'd on page four)

Wounded Vets Get 300 Gifts

Kings Mountain citizens have contributed almost 300 gifts for hospitalized servicemen at Mountain Home Veterans Administration facility Johnson City, Tenn. Harry Page, chairman of the "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" campaign announced Wednesday.

Kings Mountain thus exceeded its quota of 270 gifts. Mr. Page reported gift totals were shipped last Saturday but that a number of other gifts had been left at depositories in the business district. He said that these gifts would be mailed Thursday.

Cooperating in the campaign, sponsored throughout the nation by the Red Cross, were the majority of Kings Mountain civic organizations.

Mr. Page reported that gift totals from each group approximately as follows: Kiwanis club, 60, Lions club, 65, American Legion, 65, VFW 10, Junior Woman's club, 5, Senior Woman's club, 5, Junior Red Cross, 45. Mr. Page said that 10 gifts were presented by Myers' Department Store and four by Kings Mountain Drug company.

The other gifts, he said, were unmarked and were not credited to any organization. "I wish to thank each organization who participated in the campaign, each individual who gave a gift, and especially the Junior Red Cross which made a donation of \$50," Mr. Page said. "The cooperation was splendid, and I am sure the gifts will be greatly appreciated."

Kings Mountain To Take Part In Victory Clothing Collection

Kings Mountain will participate in the Victory Clothing Collection for overseas relief, scheduled for January 7-31, according to W. L. Plonk, Kings Mountain chairman, who yesterday asked all citizens to plan participation in the drive.

Mr. Plonk, who was chairman of the clothing collection last spring, said that he hoped Kings Mountain would exceed by a considerable figure its gift of almost 5,000 pounds of clothing in the former drive.

Organization of the campaign here is being arranged and further announcement will be forthcoming. All persons contributing used clothing will be requested to write a short note of good will for the recipient of the article, as a means to building international good will.

Henry J. Kaiser, ship-builder and industrialist, is national chairman of the campaign.

"We have been seeing reports of starvation and cold in Europe," Mr. Plonk said, "and I am sure that Kings Mountain will respond to this call."

A list of usable items will be published prior to the opening of the campaign.

Second Snow Of Week Blankets City; Citizens Looking Forward To Holidays

Textile Plants To Cease Work On Saturday

Kings Mountain citizens, with only four shopping days until Christmas, looked forward to the holidays today, as they planned last-minute shopping tours.

It will be holidays for most citizens, as all manufacturing companies will close for periods varying from three days to one week.

All Mauney Textile Interests plants—Mauney Mills, Inc., Bonnie Mills, Kings Mountain Manufacturing company, Mauney Hosiery Company, Sadie Mills—will suspend operations Saturday morning and resume work Thursday morning, as will both Paine and Margrace Mills of Neisler Mills, Inc.

Park Yarn Mills will operate all day Saturday but will be shut down Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, while the Cora Plant of Textiles, Inc. will knock off at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and resume operations at 6 o'clock Thursday morning.

Frieda Manufacturing company at Crowder's Mountain will close with the end of the third shift Friday (Saturday morning), and will re-open with the first shift Wednesday.

Employees of Phenix Mills, Inc., will get the longest vacation. The two Phenix plants will close Saturday and will not resume operations until Monday, December 31.

City employees will get a two-day vacation on Monday and Tuesday of next week, while about all of business firms will close on both Tuesday and Wednesday, as will the First National bank. Both days have been declared official bank holidays by Governor Cherry. The bank also gets another holiday one week later. It will be closed on New Year's Day.

Ware and Sons, feed manufacturers and wholesalers, will also be closed Monday and Tuesday, as will Kings Mountain Cotton Oil company. The Kings Mountain postoffice will be closed only on Christmas day next week, but will also be closed on New Year's day.

"Santa" Greet Firemen On Return From Blaze

When city firemen returned from answering Tuesday morning's alarm, they were presented Christmas gifts—a carton of cigarettes each—by Arnold Kiser.

"We have some real boosters in town and Mr. Kiser is one of them," Fire Chief Grady King said. "We really appreciate his kindness."

Motorists Cautioned On Reckless Driving

Pointing to a record of no fatal accidents in the past 90 days, local law enforcement officers Wednesday commented on the arrest last week of seven persons for drunken driving and cautioned all persons to avoid reckless driving.

"Liquor and automobiles don't mix," said Patrolman Hay B. Ward, "and we expect to continue to enforce the law in this respect. This is the best means we have of preventing highway accidents and fatalities."

Attention Is Called To Christmas Edition

Attention of readers, advertisers and correspondents is called to the fact that the Herald's special Christmas edition will appear on Monday, December 24. This issue will replace the edition which would ordinarily appear on December 27.

Most business firms, according to past custom, will use this issue for Christmas greetings, and while the Herald will make a special effort to contact all firms, the best way to insure your firm of a Christmas greeting is to telephone the newspaper not later than Saturday noon.

Editors should have their copy for the church calendar at the office not later than Friday afternoon, and correspondents should also observe this deadline.

The Herald office will be closed from Monday noon until the following Monday morning, in order to give its personnel a Christmas vacation.



ON ALL-STAR TEAM — Robert Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill and outstanding Kings Mountain high school athlete, was selected for a tackle position on the Western Conference all-star team at a meeting of officials at Hickory last week.

Seven More Servicemen Home With Discharges

Kings Mountain servicemen continued to arrive home this week with discharge and for peacetime Christmases at home.

Among service men arriving recently are Sgt. Dick Baker, army, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, Leslie Mode, marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mode, Lawrence Patrick, marines, son of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, S-Sgt. Arthur Gantt, son of Mrs. Bessie Gantt, Harley R. Gore AOM 2e, navy, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Gore, and Capt. William Anthony, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anthony.

Sgt. Baker returned from the European theater of operations, while Sgt. Mode returned from the Pacific theatre.

Lt. Patrick was discharged Friday at Camp LeJeune and will resume his education in the near future.

Sgt. Gantt, in service for three years, spent 22 months in the European Theatre of Operations.

AOM Gore, in service 28 months, spent 20 months aboard the USS Hancock, and holds the Victory ribbon, Philippines Liberation ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with 10 battle stars.

Capt. Anthony, recently returned from the Pacific theatre, arrived in Kings Mountain Tuesday.

Mauney Twins Guest Artists With Symphony

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., went to Augusta, Ga., Sunday where they attended the second concert of the season of the Augusta Little Symphony orchestra, which included a duo-piano rendition by Ernest and Miles Mauney, well-known Kings Mountain musicians.

The Kings Mountain artists played "Festivals," by Debussy-Ravel, and also played in the orchestra, Miles playing the oboe, and Ernest Mauney, the bassoon. The other bassoonist was Robert Chenoweth, army warrant officer and musical director for the fourth corps area.

The following is a portion of the review of the concert appearing in Monday's Augusta Herald:

"Augusta's Little Symphony Orchestra surpassed expectations for the second time in its short career Sunday afternoon, presenting another thoroughly enjoyable program to local concert-goers in the music hall of the Municipal Auditorium.

Appearing as guests on the program were Ernest and Miles Mauney, a duo-piano team that performed with masterful precision. The Mauneys, twin brothers and technical sergeants in the army, traveled here from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to take part in the afternoon's program. They played "Festivals" by Debussy, and responded to applause for encores with Milhaud's "Braziliers" and the famous Little Shostakovich polka from "The Age of Gold ballet."

The young Mauneys' part in the concert would have made the evening well-spent, but a full and entertaining program of favorite classical selections gave the audience more than its "money's worth"—which, incidentally, would have been about \$415, the amount collected at the end of the concert through freewill donations for the symphony's support."

Coal Shortage Still Serious As Winter Hits

Kings Mountain citizens looked forward to a white Christmas for the first time in many years this week, as another snow put a blanket of white on the city Tuesday afternoon.

Service stations and garages, after a one-day respite from last week's snow, began working at top speed again as motorists who had taken off chains prematurely, had to put them on again. These were the lucky motorists who had chains or were able to obtain one of the few sets in town. The others just parked the cars.

One man reported his carburetor frozen and another got his engine started, but the brakes were frozen and the auto wouldn't budge.

Traffic continued to move along the highways, though at a slow pace.

None seemed to mind the weather until they glanced at the coal bin and saw what was happening. Coal was doing a magician-like disappearing act, and Claude Hambricht, Kings Mountain coal dealer, said the situation is still "bad," in spite of deliveries of the half-ton ration to 200 persons Tuesday and arrival of two coal cars the same day. He said that more coal is expected by the end of the week, but that shipments are indefinite due to the heavy amount of freight and the weather.

He urged all Kings Mountain coal users to conserve their supplies and announced that no deliveries will be made on Monday and Tuesday of next week, though deliveries would be made on Sunday, in event expected shipments arrive.

Ice-slick sidewalks and roads had all walking with careful tread and a few persons had the misfortune of suddenly finding themselves in a horizontal position. However, no injuries have been reported except to respective dignities.

Temperatures have been well below freezing, though the mercury has been higher during the day—high enough to melt slightly the icy snow.

Merchants continued to be in the middle of the Christmas buying rush, and some reported last-minute shipments of special Christmas merchandise. White dress shirts continued on the "out" list, and there have as yet been no reports of nylon hose for sale.

The postoffice personnel was probably the most over-worked group in town, as they handled loads of Christmas cards, letters and packages daily.

Thomson Warns Against Wrecks

Mayor J. H. Thomson today asked the people of Kings Mountain to help keep the city free of holiday accidents during the Christmas season. Mayor Thomson expressed the hope that citizens of Kings Mountain will actively cooperate with the National Safety Council and 130 cooperating organizations in making this an accident-free Christmas.

"This is the Christmas we have been awaiting," he said, "this is the Christmas when the spirit of peace should permeate every heart. An accident will destroy that spirit for members of any affected family. Therefore, let us make an effort to avoid accidents during the holiday season.

"If we are careful, considerate and courteous, we can further this cause for ourselves and our fellow men. Above all, let us remember to hold down our speed on the streets and highways to a sensible figure, especially since cars are far below pre-war standards."

