

**POPULATION**  
City Limits (1940 Census) 6,574  
Immediate Trading Area 15,000  
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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## Local News Bulletins

**KIWANIS PROGRAM**  
The girls glee club of Kings Mountain high school, under the direction of Miss Bonnie McIntosh, was to present a musical program at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:30 at the Woman's Club. Joe Hedden arranged the program.

**LIONS MEETING**  
Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear a musical program by the B & M quartet, Station WOHK Shelby radio singers, according to an announcement yesterday by Dan Huffstetter. The club meets at the Woman's club Tuesday night at seven o'clock.

**JAYCEES MET**  
The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night. Feature of the program was a motion picture film produced by Esso Standard Oil, a Thaw travelogue on India and Ceylon. Charles Alexander arranged the program.

**BAPTIST BUNDLES**  
Clothing for the First Baptist church's program of World Relief will not be collected at the Baptist Scout hut after Saturday according to an announcement by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, but must be taken to the Shelby collection point. The drive is being made by Baptist churches in the Kings Mountain area and all over the South.

**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
A joint meeting of the house and social committees of the Kings Mountain Country Club will be held Monday evening at 7:15 at the club. It will be a Dutch Supper meeting, and full attendance is being urged.

**SECOND WESLEYAN**  
A special service will be held at Second Wesleyan church Saturday night at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. Jessie Hinson.

## Injuries Fatal To Foundryman

Claude Byers, Kings Mountain Negro, died in Gaston Negro hospital about 11:30 Tuesday night, as a result of injuries received while working at Kings Mountain Foundry, on the Gastonia-Dallas road, Monday afternoon.

Byers, age, 36, was hurt shortly after noon Monday while grinding grey iron castings on an abrasive wheel. The wheel broke, witnesses reported, and part of the heavy disk flew against Byers' forehead, knocking him unconscious.

W. A. Frederick, manager of the foundry, immediately ordered an ambulance and took Byers to the hospital.

Kings Mountain Foundry, formerly operated on the Grover road the Frederick home, was moved to its new site last fall.

Byers, age 32, was hurt shortly after noon Monday on the Grover road near the Frederick home, was moved to its new site last fall.

Byers was characterized by Mr. Frederick as one of his most dependable and faithful employees.

Funeral rites for Byers will be held Friday afternoon at Shiloh church near Grover.

## Legal Beer Sales End On Tuesday

Legal sale of beer will end on Tuesday. This is the statement of O. M. Mull, of Shelby, attorney for the county board of elections. According to law the sale ends 60 days after the people vote it out, and the county-wide election having been held on January 8, Tuesday will be the last of legal sales. The county voted almost 9 to 1 against sale of beer and wine, but the vote against wine was, to all practical purposes, superfluous, since sale of wine had been banned by action of the county board of commissioners and city boards of Shelby and Kings Mountain.

## World Day Of Prayer Observance On Friday

### Union Service At Presbyterian Church At 12:30

Kings Mountain's annual World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday at First Presbyterian church from 12:30 to 1 p. m. The local observance is under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women. Majority of the city's business firms will close for the half-hour to enable larger attendance at the service.

The annual worldwide service has been held for many years. It is observed in the heart of Africa, in the frozen reaches of Baffin Land, in the bustling port cities of Latin America, in isolated inland villages of the Orient, as well as in thousands of communities in the United States and Canada. There is no barrier of language, nor of distance, color, or creed. On the World Day of Prayer all make a common approach to the Father. Thus the day has come over the years to be one of the greatest single unifying forces among Christians everywhere.

There has been uninterrupted growth in the movement from its inception, and there are now approximately 13,000 observances in the United States alone. Prayer girdles the globe. Services will begin on March 11 in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, west of the date line, and continue throughout the day, closing with the observance at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, off the coast of Alaska, thirty miles east of the date line.

Almost always the services bring together people of many denominations, many nationalities, several races. Perhaps the Salvation Army furnishes the music as it did last year in Buenos Aires, or a school girl choir, as in one of the observances in China. Maybe the Bantus sing in three African languages, in perfect harmony. In a service in Chinese Christian church in Honolulu, there worshipped side by side Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Negroes, Hawaiians, and many soldiers and sailors from the U. S. A.

### School Band Sets March 11th Concert

The Kings Mountain high school band will present a free public concert at the high school auditorium Friday night, March 11, according to announcement this week by Director Joe Hedden.

The band will play a varied musical program including selections which will be played in the state contests, Mr. Hedden said.

Following the hour concert, reports on activities and expenditures of the two groups supporting the band—the Band-Aid Club and the Band-Parent association will be made.

The public is invited to attend the concert.

## City Election Two Months Away But Little Interest Yet Shown

According to past history, it's a little early yet for announcement of candidacy for city political offices, but it's not too early for talk and behind-the-scenes work. However, whether due to the recent cold spell or some other reason, matters political haven't hit the barber shop conversation stage as yet. And the biennial city election is only about two months away.

The city board, according to law, will formally call the election at its meeting next week. Officers to be filled include: mayor, five city councilmen, and Ward 2 and 3 school trustees.

According to the present charter, the mayor and city councilmen are elected by all the voters, while the school trustees are chosen only by the voters residing in the particular ward. Thus the voters of Wards 2 and 3 will have two ballots, while the remainder will get to mark only one, as far as elective offices are concerned.

Lack of public comment on the election matter leaves a void in speculation over candidates, though most observers are assuming that the members of the present city board, with the exception of Ward

### Boy Scout Donations Now Total \$719.70

Kings Mountain citizens' contributions to the Kings Mountain district Boy Scout fund totaled \$719.70 Wednesday morning, according to announcement by Rev. J. W. Phillips, district chairman.

The report showed that the district is almost at the half-way point on its effort to obtain \$1500 for the forthcoming year's operations.

Mr. Phillips urged all persons conducting the solicitation to complete their work as quickly as possible and he asked persons who wish to contribute to make their donations to him or to B. S. Neill at First National Bank.

### Funeral Friday For Mr. Goforth

Funeral rites for William Franklin Goforth, 66, who died at his home on the Shelby road Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at El Bethel Methodist church, with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Goforth had been seriously ill for the past week, but had been in declining health for several years.

Prior to his illness, he was an electrician. Son of the late Alice Harmon and Sylvanus P. Goforth, Mr. Goforth was a native of Kings Mountain and had lived here all his life. He was a member of the El Bethel church.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Essie Ware Goforth, a son, William Clegg Goforth, of Kannapolis, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Randall, of Florence, S. C., and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, of Kings Mountain, a sister, Mrs. E. C. Canster, of Malden, and four brothers, Jim Goforth, of Charlotte, and Charles Goforth, Ben Goforth, and Bun Goforth, all of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are seven grandchildren.

Prior to the funeral rites, the body will lie in state for half an hour. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. E. A. Bingham, pastor of the church, and Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church.

### Funeral Held For Rev. Pharr

Funeral services for Rev. James Thompson Pharr, 57, pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church at Grover, were held Sunday afternoon at the church, following his death in a Charlotte hospital at noon last Friday.

Officiating at the rites were Rev. Walter Dixon, pastor of Belmont's First Presbyterian church, Rev. Lawrence Cecil, associate pastor of Charlotte's Myers Park Presbyterian church, and Rev. George L. Riddle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Cherryville. Interment was made at Evergreen cemetery, Charlotte. (Cont'd on page four)

## Negro Killed Saturday Night; Charges Dismissed

In spite of a two hour and more session in which Attorney A. A. Powell sought to take the case to Superior Court, all charges against Constable Warren Ellison and Deputy Sheriff P. A. Hawkins, in connection with the fatal shooting of Frank Alexander Burris and wounding of Henry Burris, were dismissed in Cleveland Recorder's Court Monday.

The shooting occurred on Saturday night on the county road near the entrance to Solvay Process Company.

Officers Ellison and Hawkins told the following story: the Burris brothers were parked, but pulled off as the officers' car approached. As the officers stopped the Burris car, a jug of white corn liquor was thrown into the ditch. In the car also were a colored woman, Elinor Dawkins and a Negro man, Roger Adams.

When the officers told the party they were under arrest, Frank Burris said, "I ain't goin'", and attacked Ellison, throwing him on the ground. Ellison came up shooting and the Negro was instantly killed.

The other two Negro men, meantime, ran away, but only Adams was successful. Officer Hawkins felled Henry Burris with a shot in the shoulder.

The altercation occurred Saturday night about 8:30 p. m.

The hearing was held in Cleveland Recorder's Court at Shelby on Monday.

## Merchants Hold Annual Banquet

Over 175 merchants and their employees enjoyed a laugh-filled evening at the high school cafeteria Monday evening as the Kings Mountain Merchants association held its annual banquet.

Majority of the wit was served up by J. Graham Morrison, of Lincoln, who spent 30 minutes recounting some old jokes, adding some new ones to the delight of the audience.

The banquet was opened by group singing of "America", and Sam Weir gave the invocation. Glee A. Bridges served as toastmaster and presented special guests.

Retiring President Joe Lee Woodward installed the new officers for 1949, including Harold Coggins, president, L. E. Abbott, vice president, and J. C. Bridges, Ollie Harris, O. W. Myers and T. W. Grayson, directors.

In his remarks, Mr. Woodward praised the work of Secretary James B. Simpson and the other officers and directors and declared "the association is the biggest and the best in the history of Kings Mountain." He solicited for the incoming officers the cooperation of the membership and cited the need for "a little harder work" in the coming year to keep business moving.

"We are feeling the leveling off in business that everyone expected," Mr. Woodward said, "but it is not a depression. It is a return to normal which always saw a January-February lull for retailers. It means that merchants and their employees are going to have to work a little harder in the coming year. If they will, there will be no need for layoffs in the retail field."

Incoming President Coggins stated appreciation for the honor of being elected president and pledged to give the association the best job "I am capable of doing." He expressed confidence that the aid of the membership and the officers would enable showing of a good report a year hence.

Secretary Simpson briefly summarized the activities of the year in the regular fields of operation and in trade promotion and stated his appreciation for the cooperation he had received.

Hilton Ruth presented the speaker, and Toastmaster Bridges acknowledged the gift of floral decorations. (Cont'd on page four)

## Local Citizens Attend Hearing On Schools

A number of Kings Mountain citizens went to Raleigh Thursday morning for the General Assembly hearing on appropriations for the state school system.

Among those attending from Kings Mountain were Dr. L. P. Baker, chairman of the board of school trustees, Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Mrs. Paul Mauney, J. B. Keeter, Superintendent; E. N. Barnes, high school Principal; Howell Lane, and Joe Hedden, Mrs. W. T. Weir, and Miss Margaret Goforth, faculty members.

## Legion Cage Tourney In Semi-Finals Friday

### Credit Restrictions Relaxed By Board

Installation buyers, with the exception of automobile purchasers, will have to plank down less effective Monday.

The Federal Reserve board acted Wednesday to lower credit restrictions. Down payments on everything except automobiles were lowered from 20 percent to 15 percent, but the one-third down requirement on purchase of automobiles was retained.

Auto buyers did get their load stretched out, if not lightened. Instead of being required to close out a contract in 15 or 18 months, they will not have 21 months in which to pay, if they wish.

The Associated Press estimated a possible load-lightening on auto contracts of about \$11 per month, depending on the amount of balance outstanding.

The 15 percent down payment will apply to tires, furniture, appliances, and other personal property sold on time contracts.

## City Board Meets Tuesday

The city board of commissioners will hold their regular March meeting at City Hall Tuesday night at 7:45.

Principal items of business on the agenda will be formally calling the regular biennial election for May 10th, and calling of a \$350,000 bond election for the same date, according to Mayor H. Tom Fulton.

Mayor Fulton said the board expected to receive approved data on the bond issues from Mitchell and Pershing, New York bond attorneys, prior to the meeting.

The board announced its intentions of calling the bond election following the February meeting. According to plan, the board will offer the voters three separate issues, with \$250,000 devoted to sewer plant improvement and line extension, \$50,000 for water line extension, and \$50,000 for improvement of the City Stadium.

## Church Women Urged To Donate Bundles

Annual clothing collection conducted by the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women in conjunction with World Day of Prayer, will be continued Friday by ladies of First Presbyterian church it was announced this week.

Mrs. Phillip Padgett said yesterday that bundles should be brought to the Presbyterian church before 4 p. m. Friday, March 4.

"Anyone wishing to contribute bundles to this drive is urged to do so," a spokesman said.

## Regular Club Night To Be Held Saturday

Regular monthly Club night will be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday night at eight o'clock.

A buffet dinner will be served and reservations should be made at the club house not later than noon on Saturday.

## Initial Reports Indicate Good Start On Red Cross Fund Drive

Though reports were few and scattered yesterday, first indications were that Kings Mountain's 1949 Red Cross fund campaign was off to a good start.

While a total of only \$476 had been deposited to the account of the Red Cross from the current drive, a campaign worker in the Industrial division had a total of \$800 to forward to his group worker, and drive officials expressed the opinion that a good start had been made.

Most of the money turned in was from the residential division, headed by Mrs. J. L. McGill, which had virtually completed its work.

Quota for the 1949 drive is \$6,202, of which 81.7 percent will be retained in Kings Mountain for local Red Cross work.

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## Mountaineers Edge Belwood, Meet Fallston

Kings Mountain High School's Mountaineers ran hot and cold Wednesday night in the opening round of the third annual Legion Basketball tournament, but they ran hot when it counted to eliminate Belwood high school 41-34.

In the opening game of the tournament Fallston's Flyers, defending champs and pre-tourney favorites, had an easy time of it as they dumped Belmont Abbey 61-30.

The pairings pit Fallston against the Mountaineers in the first game of the semi-finals Friday night.

Completion of second round play was underway Thursday night with Waco taking on Charlotte's Harding high school, and Granite Quarry tangling with No. 3.

From the spectator standpoint the Mountaineer-Belwood game was the highlight of the opening night, and not because of partisanship to the local cause.

With only four minutes of play remaining, the score was locked at 32-32 as big Ray Warlick, Belwood's bespectacled forward paced an uphill climb. He followed up a game-tying basket with a successful free throw to send Belwood ahead by 33-32 and Mountaineer hopes dropped as their big center Herman Mauney fouled out.

But the team fired up to ice the game. Hunter Warlick sank a basket to put the Mountaineers ahead permanently at 34-33 a few seconds before the rest period at the three-minute mark, but Jack Ruth proceeded to get hot for the necessary insurance. In the final three minutes, Ruth, who tallied 14 points during the evening, sank two baskets, one a beautiful long shot, and set up another with an expert bit of passing to Herman Jackson. He lost credit for another which went through the hoop a couple of watch ticks after the final gong sounded. Bill Amos sank a foul for the remainder of the final scoring spree. Meantime, Belwood was held to a lone foul shot by Troy Warlick.

In the opener, Fallston took an early lead and kept adding to it. Royie Wright tossed in eight baskets and a free throw to get game scoring honors with 17 points, while Elliott was not far behind with 14. Belmont Abbey, with a team of promise. (Cont'd on page four)

## King Winter Marches Icily Into March

King Winter, who with the exception of a few minor tantrums, had taken the role of the benign ruler all season, acted up in no uncertain manner over the weekend, and the mercury was still hovering at low marks Thursday morning.

The weather break, coming after an unusually mild January and February, caused heavy duty for oil and coal dealers, and added gray hairs for the peach farmers and other fruit growers.

So far, most fruit growers thought their orchards were still all right. One man reported an estimated 20 percent loss, but in general the cold had not yet blacked out the crop as it did in this area last year.

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"We are anxious to keep the figures flowing in, both for an accurate check on progress of the drive, and to end it successfully next week, if possible," he said.

George H. Mauney, campaign chairman, reiterated his appeal for liberal contributions, pointing to the past record of the Red Cross, both on local and national levels, as the top service organization.

"While the service of the Red Cross during the past few years alone justifies continued support of the organization, the Red Cross has not been content to rest on its laurels but is constantly moving into new fields of service," Mr. Mauney stated.

He mentioned specifically the blood bank program and local welfare work.