

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

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## Local News Bulletins

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
Building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week to B. J. Myers, on Monday, for construction of a new dwelling near York road, \$2,000; to W. M. Gantt, on Monday, for construction of a new three-room dwelling on Chestnut street, \$1,250; and to J. R. Davis on March 9, for remodeling J. A. Fisher establishment, \$500.

**TO ATTEND CONCERT**  
Members of the Kings Mountain school band will go by bus to Charlotte Friday night where they will attend a joint concert by the Lenoir high school and University of North Carolina bands, it was announced this week by Director Joe Heddon.

**BALLOCK RITES**  
Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Isabel Ballock, 81, resident of Bethlehem community, who died early Thursday afternoon, will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at Bethlehem Baptist church.

**KIWANIS PROGRAM**  
Dr. Charles Armstrong, of Salisbury, immediate past president of Kiwanis International, was to address members of the Kings Mountain club at their annual Charter Night meeting Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Woman's Club. It was to be a Ladies Night meeting.

## Funeral Is Held For Mr. Walker

Funeral rites for Samuel Harrison Walker, 75, father of Mrs. H. O. Williams of Kings Mountain, and brother of J. A. Walker of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Main Street Methodist church in Gastonia, with interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery here.

The rites were conducted by Rev. E. H. Blackard, pastor of the church. Mr. Walker was a native of Gaston county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Walker. He was born March 6, 1873, and went to Gastonia in 1890 where he was connected with a harness firm. He became associated with Goodyear Shoe Repairing company in 1919, and established his own concern, Firestone Shoe Shop, in 1934.

He had been in ill health for a number of years, but had been seriously ill only for several days prior to his death early Monday morning. Other survivors are two sons, Pete Walker, Gastonia, and H. H. Walker, Los Angeles, Calif., a daughter, Mrs. J. V. Tarleton, Gastonia, a sister, Mrs. Jake Ford, Lincolnton, and five grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Fred Moss, George Ware, Russell Shelton, Clarke Starnes, Paul and Arthur Walker.

## W. Earle Myers In Phi Beta Kappa

DAVIDSON — Davidson College's Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholarship fraternity, announced today that twelve Davidson students, eleven seniors and one junior, have been elected to membership in that organization.

Among the 12 is W. Earle Myers, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Myers, of Kings Mountain.

Phi Beta Kappa is the prize scholastic fraternity and in order to be eligible a student must have an average of 92 or above for a three-year period. No more than twelve and one-half percent of the senior class can be selected in any one year.

## Imperial To Be Closed Next Week

The Imperial Theatre will be closed next week, Manager Austell Paysour announced yesterday, to make extensive renovations.

Mr. Paysour said the theatre is installing a new floor in the main auditorium, new carpets, and a new, modern heating plant. The building will also be repainted throughout, he said.

If the work is completed, the theatre will re-open on Saturday, March 26. Otherwise, it will not re-open until Monday, March 28.

## Z. F. Cranford Dies Suddenly; Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Zim Franklin Cranford, 69, general manager of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., and for 25 years a citizen of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday afternoon at El Bethel Methodist church.

The rites were conducted by Rev. E. A. Bingham, the pastor, assisted by Rev. R. M. Hauss, and interment was made at Fairview cemetery, in Albemarle. Members of the Stanly county Masonic order administered Masonic burial rites.

Mr. Cranford, who came to Kings Mountain as superintendent of the Cora and Dilling Mills in 1925, succumbed about 2:30 Monday morning, following a heart attack suffered at 10 o'clock Sunday night. He had been in apparent good health and his death came as a shock to the community. He had made a visit to relatives in Albemarle on Saturday and had attended church, as was his custom, on Sunday.

Mr. Cranford first began work in a cotton mill at Norwood, N. C., as a weaver. He later worked at Caples in Montgomery county, and at Randleman, before joining Wiscasset Mills, of Albemarle as assistant superintendent. He came to Kings Mountain from Pendleton Manufacturing company, at Pendleton, S. C. Mr. Cranford continued as superintendent of the Cora mill, after its sale to Textiles, Inc., and became general manager of the plant when it was sold to Scranton Lace Company and became Craftsman Yarns, Inc.

He served El Bethel church as steward and Sunday school superintendent, was a Mason, and second vice-president of the Home Building and Loan association.

A son of the late J. B. and Mary Lewis Cranford, he was a native of Montgomery county. His first wife, the former Miss Daisy Huneycutt, died in 1927.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Louder Cranford; five sons, Glenn, of Pearis Harbor, T. H., Marvin Cranford, Sylva, Ala., J. C. Cranford, of California, Willard Cranford, San Antonio, Tex., and Carol Cranford with the navy in New York; three (Cont'd on page eight)

## Miss Summers' Recital Tuesday

Miss Frances Summers of Kings Mountain, a Salem College, Winston-Salem, voice major, will give her graduating recital at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 22, in Memorial Hall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers.

A mezzo-soprano, Miss Summers will present a varied program. The first group consists of classic numbers: "Prepare Thyself, Zion (Christ mas Oratorio)" and "Bis Due Bei Mir" by Bach; "Ah! Spletato" by Handel; and "Presto, Presto Io M'innamoro" by Mazzaferrata.

A group of German lieder follows: "Der Nussbaum" by Schumann; "Vergeliches Ständchen" by Brahms; "Mondnacht" and "Widmung" by Schumann.

The aria chosen for her recital by Miss Summers comes next on the program: "Aria: Omio Fernando (La Favorita)" by Donizetti.

The group of French songs included in her program follows: "Il regardait mon bouquet (Le Roi et le Fermier)" by Monsigny; "Les Trois Prières" by Paladilhe; and "Les Papillons" by Chausson.

Miss Summers will close her recital (Cont'd on page eight)

## North Carolina Little Symphony To Play Concerts Here Thursday

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony orchestra returns to Kings Mountain for its annual visit next Thursday, which feature a public concert in the evening and a special free children's concert in the afternoon.

The evening concert will begin at 8:30, while the afternoon concert will begin at 2 o'clock. Both concerts will be presented at the Central school auditorium.

The orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swain, has announced a varied program for the evening concert "from Bach to Bartok."

The first part of the program will include Bach's "Adagio, from Toccata in C Major," Schubert's "Symphony No. 2 in B Flat Major," and Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll."

Following intermission, the program will continue with Glazounov's "Concert Waltz," Barlow's



**BANQUET SPEAKER — W. L. Halberstadt, above, will speak at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club, to be held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7:30.**

## Lions To Fete Farmers Tuesday

An anticipated crowd of 200 Lions and their Farmer guests will attend the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, it was announced yesterday by Holland Dixon, chairman of the club committee on arrangements.

The banquet, one of the high spots of the Lions year, will be held at the Woman's Club at 7:30, with W. L. Halberstadt, of Charlotte, the featured speaker.

Mr. Halberstadt is owner of Sharon Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Charlotte, and a former college president. A native of Indiana, Mr. Halberstadt attended Central college in Missouri, later took post graduate work at the University of Missouri, and served as president of Howard Payne college, a Methodist school, in 1920-21. For the past 25 years he has been building mausoleums all over the nation, and is a former president of the National Cemetery association.

Mr. Halberstadt is at present chairman of the Charlotte Parks and Recreation commission. Widely traveled in Europe, Africa, and Asia, Mr. Halberstadt spent two months in Europe last fall.

"We are looking forward to another fine Farmer's Night banquet," Mr. Dixon said.

Other members of the committee on arrangements are Toby Williams, Edwin Moore, Hazel Bunker, Craig Falls, and Gene Patterson.

## Red Cross Drive Reported Lagging

The current Red Cross Fund campaign appeared to be lagging this week, in spite of reports from several colored groups showing completion of quotas.

Total receipts Thursday morning, as reported by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain chapter, were \$2,942.35—slightly less than half of the \$6,202 quota.

While returns were incomplete, Red Cross officials expressed concern over the progress of the drive.

"The Red Cross is more in need of funds now, than in the past few years," Drive Chairman George H. Mauney said yesterday. "Majority of the quota for this year will be retained here and used for welfare work in Number 4 township. A (Cont'd on page eight)

## Ledford Seeks Commissioner Post In Ward 4

Paul Ledford, well-known Ward 4 citizen, became the first candidate to enter the spring political wars when he filed his candidacy for Ward 4 commissioner with City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

Mr. Ledford, who works at Pauline Mill, was a candidate for the Ward 4 post in 1945, losing to W. M. Gantt by a vote of 201 to 197.

Mr. Ledford paid his five dollars filing fee two days after announcement by Ward 4 Commissioner John H. Moss that he would not seek re-election.

Otherwise, political talk was becoming somewhat more prevalent, though no concrete announcements were made.

Known to be interested in running for mayor were George W. Allen and D. D. Saunders. Mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor was former Mayor J. E. Herndon, who held the post for two terms a decade ago. Mr. Herndon, himself, was non-committal when questioned concerning his possible candidacy. However, he did not close the door on the possibility.

Most political observers were working on the assumption that the present mayor and members of the city board, with the exception of Mr. Moss, would offer for re-election.

## Mrs. Ransom Dies Of Heart Attack

Final rites for Mrs. Bryte Baker Ransom, well-known former citizen of Kings Mountain, were held at the Lutheran church in Charlotte last Saturday afternoon, with burial taking place in the Charlotte city cemetery.

Mrs. Ransom died of a heart attack in a Charlotte hospital Thursday night, March 10. She had been hospitalized for five weeks receiving treatment for a heart ailment, but her condition was not regarded as critical, and she had been expecting to leave the hospital soon.

Mrs. Ransom was a niece of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Baker and lived with them during most of her childhood. She later taught school here, serving as high school principal in 1909 when school was conducted over some downtown store buildings. During the thirties, she was principal of two schools in High Point, and later took graduate work in sociology at the University of North Carolina. For several years she had been executive secretary of the Charlotte Traveler's Aid.

A native of Fallston, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Baker. Her husband, R. E. Ransom, died two years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. William Abernathy, Chapel Hill, and Mrs. Bryte Baker Hall, Washington, D. C., three brothers, Blaine Baker of Fallston, Dr. Morris Baker, of Camden, N. C., and Dr. Banks Baker, of Philadelphia, Pa., and two sisters, Mrs. B. B. Miller, of Mt. Uila, and another sister, the former Miss Bertie Lee Baker, whose married name was not available here.

## Athletic Boosters Club Meet Monday

A meeting to formally organize an athletic boosters club, to be known as the Mountaineer Club, is scheduled to be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall with all persons interested urged to attend according to announcement by club organizers.

Membership sales have been under way for several weeks and organizers report much interest in the plans of the new organization. Similar clubs in other cities have been highly successful in creating a better athletic spirit and increased attendance at athletic contests.

Primary objectives of the new club during its first year is to raise funds to send the high school football team to Camp Cherokee for a week's training trip before school opens.

Initial business will be adoption of a constitution and possible election of officers or temporary leaders.

**CLUB DIRECTORS**  
Directors of the Kings Mountain Country Club will hold a dinner meeting at the clubhouse Friday night at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by George W. Mauney, assistant secretary.

## Lions Second Annual Talent Show Friday



**EVANGELIST — Dr. Louis S. Gaines, of Fayetteville, will be guest evangelist at the First Baptist church next week. Services will be held both morning and evening beginning on Sunday.**

## Baptist Series Starts Sunday

Dr. Louis S. Gaines, pastor of Fayetteville's First Baptist church, will be the principal speaker at a week's series of services at First Baptist church, beginning Sunday.

Services will be held both morning and evening, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Pinnix. Morning services will be held at 10 o'clock and evening services at 7:30.

In addition to sermons by Dr. Gaines, special music and junior choir work will be conducted by Q. L. Fry of Hickory.

The Kings Mountain church's revival series is one of approximately 100 being conducted simultaneously by the Kings Mountain, and two other Baptist associations.

The public is invited to attend the services.

## Huffstickler Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Martha Kennedy Huffstickler, 83, who died at her home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, were held Thursday afternoon at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church, with the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly, assisted by Rev. W. F. Munroe, officiating. Interment was made at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Huffstickler, widow of Albert L. Huffstickler who died in September 1947, succumbed following a long illness.

Surviving are a son Robert Huffstickler, of Gastonia, four daughters Mrs. Bertie Murphy and Mrs. Minnie Bridges, both of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Nell Smith, Mayo, S. C., and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Greene, of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are 27 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Prior to the funeral rites at 3:00 o'clock yesterday, the body lay in state at the church for an hour.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the 45th week of operations, which ended at noon Wednesday, totaled \$141.74 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

## "Career Day" Program Scheduled At High School; Speakers Listed

High school students will be offered a unique program on Tuesday when the local high school holds its first "Career Day."

Feature of the day's activities will be open forums conducted by some 15 local and visiting persons. The general aim is to acquaint the students with what they may expect in several fields of endeavor.

A student will be allowed to choose three jobs in which he thinks he might be interested and will attend the sessions on these three. In addition, two general assemblies will be held during the day for a general resume of the full program.

Miss Lula Mae Teague, director of Christian Education of the First Baptist church, will discuss Christian education work.

Miss Margaret Goforth, Central elementary teacher, and Miss Mary Uden DePriest, Shelby teacher, will

## Big Entry List For Talent Show Is Reported

A full evening's entertainment program will be the order of business Friday night, as the Kings Mountain Lions club presents its Second Annual Talent Show, open to students of Kings Mountain area schools.

Most recent report of Gene Timms, entries committee chairman, showed that 26 individual acts — including both solo and group work — would be presented, ranging from singing and music to recitations, imitations, etc.

The program will include both humorous and serious acts.

There is also scheduled an audience participation stunt, in the form of a cake walk. Three cakes, one 12 pounds and two of four pounds each, await the winners.

For the contestants, various cash prizes are offered, and Dellinger's Jewel Shop is offering a trophy for the most outstanding individual performance. As an added attraction, last year's winner, Delvin Huffstickler, will present his Al Johnson-type version of "Mammy". This act will not be considered in the competition.

All the prizes are being displayed in the window of Griffin's Drug Store.

Admission for the event is 30 cents for adults, 60 cents for children.

Dan Huffstickler is chairman of the event, while Bill Osborne is publicity chairman.

Entries listed by Mr. Timms include: Billy Gene Amos, Fern Barrett, Palmer Huffstickler, Joyce Lovelace, Gerald Lovelace, Melba Tindall and Nan Jean Gantt, Bobby Wilson and Dan and Dean Blackwell, Billy Briggs, Boyce Huffstickler, Richard Goins, Patricia Anne Short and Letha Marie Walker, Jean Hartsoe, Bobby Janders and Sidney Bond, Earl Morgan, Bob Lawing, J. B. Weaver, and Bobby Martin, Charles and Henry Foster, Dickey Woodward and Floyd Gregory, Larry Collins, Charles Blanton and Billy Gene Amos, Evelyn Cline, Dorothy Fulton, Sue Bridges and Mildred Roper, Annie Ruth Bishop, Linda Hartsoe, Jack Moss and Billie Sue Mitchum, and Dotty Smith.

## Pastors Ask Free Wednesday Nights

The public was asked by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association this week to avoid scheduling of meetings and other secular gatherings on Wednesday evenings.

The association, in meeting Monday at the Lutheran church, pointed out that Wednesday evening had long been considered a "church night."

"We are sure it is thoughtlessness on the part of many who do this planning," a statement from the association read. "The life of the individual grows busier with each day. Tension mounts in the tempo of living. That is all the more reason we should pause and let our minds be stayed on God."

Most churches hold mid-week services on Wednesday evening.

J. Lee Settlemire, Kings Mountain artist, will lead the forum on art, while Ben Jenkins, county agent, will discuss farming.

Joe Hedden, high school band director, will lead the forum on music, and Mrs. O. W. Myers will discuss retail selling.

Health and physical education vocations will be discussed by Mrs. Hill Carpenter and Everette Carlton members of the local faculty, and telephone office work will be outlined by Mrs. Lillie Dunkel, chief employment officer of the Southern Bell Charlotte office.

Nursing will be outlined by Miss Joyce Medlin, supervisor of nurses at Gaston Memorial hospital, and Miss JeAnne Griffin will lead the forums on radio work. Holt McPherson, managing editor of the Shelby Daily Star, will discuss journalism.

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