

POPULATION

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

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Local News Bulletins

IN HOSPITAL
Warren Reynolds left last Thursday for Winston-Salem, where he entered the hospital for treatment and observation.

KIWANIS MEETING
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club met to hear an address by Dr. Benjamin Swain, conductor of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, at the regular meeting of the organization at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 8:45.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permit was issued Hal D. Ward on October 19 for construction of a shed at residence on West Mountain street, estimated cost \$50, according to records on file at City Hall.

IN GLEE CLUB
MARS HILL: Miss Jean McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McClain 307 King street, Kings Mountain, N. C., has been selected as a member of the Mars Hill College glee club for the school year 1949-50. The glee club, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Souther, is composed of 124 students. In addition to performing numerous times on the college campus, the Mars Hill College glee club will appear in concerts at various places throughout the year.

Drunks Dominate Court Session

Ten cases were heard by Recorder Court Judge W. Faison Barnes in regular weekly session at City Hall Monday afternoon, with 8 defendants drawing fines upon conviction on charges of public drunkenness.

One case, against James C. Gamble, who was charged with "defective brakes," resulted in a not guilty verdict for the defendant.

In the other case heard Junior Carroll, local colored man, also known as Junior Leach, was given a suspended sentence of six months, ordered to pay costs and put on good behavior and ordered not to violate any of the laws of the state for six months, after conviction on a charge of temporary larceny of an automobile.

The case has been delayed since August while the defendant was serving sentence in Mecklenburg county upon conviction of charges of driving without a driver's license and reckless driving during the time he had possession of the car, a 1941 Pontiac owned by Edward McNair, Kings Mountain Negro.

At the time of the theft Kings Mountain police reported that the car had been picked up around one o'clock the morning of August 22. The auto had been reported to police as missing at around 10 p. m. the previous night. When picked up the car had been damaged to the extent of about \$150 damage, police said. Roscoe Lewis, of Gastonia, was driving the auto at the time and he stated that the police officer in Mecklenburg county who had arrested Carroll had released the car to him. Officers J. D. Andrews and S. B. Davidson made the arrest here. The case here against Carroll had been pending since August.

Home B. & L. Names Directors

Directors of the Home Building & Loan Association this week elected E. S. Peeler and B. D. Ratterree as directors, to succeed the late J. B. Thomason and Z. F. Cranford.

The newly elected directors will serve until the next annual meeting of the association to be held in 1950. Mr. Peeler is an official of Elmer Lumber Company and Mr. Ratterree is a realtor.

Also at the meeting, the directors named G. A. Bridges as first vice-president to fill the office held by the late Mr. Thomason and elected J. H. Thomson second vice-president, filling the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Cranford.

Other officers are Dr. J. E. Anthony, president, and A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer. Other directors, in addition to the officers and new directors, are I. G. Patterson, L. L. Alexander, and John Mauney.

Bids Are Advertised For Local Hospital

Contractors Invited To Bid On Local Plant

The Cleveland County Board of Hospital Trustees advertised this week for bids for construction of a general hospital at Kings Mountain. The advertisement has appeared in the Charlotte Observer, the Shelby Daily Star and appears on page two of today's edition of the Herald.

According to the formal advertisement, the board of trustees will accept separate bids for the general contract, the electrical contract, the plumbing contract and for the heating and ventilating contract.

Deadline for filing the bids is Tuesday, November 18, at 2 p. m. at the Shelby hospital.

Complete plans and specifications are available for inspection at the Shelby hospital, or at the office of Walter W. Hook, Charlotte architect. Copies may be obtained provided deposits are made.

The plans call for construction of a 24-bed hospital here on a site near the Kings Mountain Country Club and Blackmer & Company purchased by the trustees for the purpose several months ago.

According to the advertisement for bids, the trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

The advertisement for bids follows by something more than four years the action of citizens of the county in voting a \$400,000 bond issue for additions to the Shelby hospital and construction of a hospital here.

During the intervening period, members of the county's board of hospital trustees, the administrative body which handles hospital matters, have seen construction costs mount to new heights. During that period, however, the state has embarked on a medical care program which includes aid to local governmental units in building hospitals and clinics, and the local hospital is to be built with both state and federal aid.

Service Of Jacob Mauney Library Triples In Period Of Two Years

That more and more Kings Mountain citizens are using and enjoying their beautiful Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library is attested by the increase in the circulation of books from 344 in November, 1947, the month the building was opened, to 1097 in August, 1949.

With the exception of the Christmas season, the months of the polo quarantine, and the opening of schools which brings to the children the use of the school libraries, the increase has been steady. Each year the three summer months have had the largest circulation of the twelve, indicating that the children of the community are using their library privilege more than the adults. Records show they have read more than twice as many books as the grown-ups.

Equally gratifying is the increase in the number of volumes, a growth made possible by the gifts of local citizens and business firms. The following figures show progress toward the goal of supplying adequate reading material for the city:

November 5, 1947, 3400 volumes on record.
Added in 1948, 850 volumes.
Added in 1949, 1243 volumes.
3498 volumes on record Oct. 1949.

In addition to these there are on the shelves 600 used donated books that have not been accessioned. The Kings Mountain Herald and the Sunday edition of the New York Times are on the newspaper racks and twenty-three magazines are in the reading room. A patron may borrow the Times a week or more or any other publication, or he may borrow any of the magazines after the next issue has been received.

Although the book collection is



NEW PASTOR - Rev. Clay Childress, above, is the new pastor of Park Grace Church of the Nazarene, succeeding Rev. Paul Horne. He announced this week a two-week special sermon series by Rev. Elgin Doby, of Thomasville, beginning at his church on Sunday.

Grace Nazarene Services To Begin

Rev. Elgin Doby, of Thomasville, will preach a two-weeks series of sermons at Park Grace Church of the Nazarene beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Clay Childress.

Following the opening service Sunday, services will be conducted at the church each evening at 7 o'clock.

"We feel quite fortunate in being able to bring Rev. Mr. Doby to Kings Mountain," Mr. Childress said, "and we extend an invitation to the community to join with us in the special two-weeks series of services."

Names Of Gold Star Mothers Are Sought

Officials of the Kings Mountain American Legion Post are still seeking the names and addresses of a number of Gold Star mothers of the Kings Mountain area, it was announced this week.

The posts of Kings Mountain and Shelby are collaborating in a huge Armistice Day celebration at which mothers of men who lost their lives in World War I and II will be honored.

Gold Star mothers of the Kings Mountain area are asked to contact D. D. Saunders, phone 371, or John Gladden, phone 582-R.

County Concert Group Member Drive Underway

Sale of memberships in the Shelby Community Concert association began this week, with some 100 volunteer workers throughout the county conducting the sale.

The association, beginning its second season, expects to offer a maximum of three concerts featuring some of the nation's top musical entertainment.

Kings Mountain citizens may obtain memberships, at \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, from Mrs. Paul Mauney, Miss Lula Mae Teague, Miss Bonnie McIntosh, or Mrs. George Houser.

A banquet for officers, directors and campaign workers at the Charles Hotel on Monday night officially launched the drive and a special program is being arranged for this occasion.

An indication of the excellent support and enthusiasm of Cleveland County for good music was the almost capacity attendance at the three community concerts during the past season. Judging from advance reports, concert officials feel this season's campaign will be a sell-out, with every seat in the Shelby High School auditorium being subscribed.

The Community Concert plan, which is also known as the "Organized Audience Plan" is now operating successfully in more than 1100 towns and cities throughout the country. Through these facilities some of the smallest and even isolated communities are able to present world-famous artists to their citizens. Under this plan no one is subject to any financial risk since the attractions to be presented are not chosen until the close of the campaign, at which time the exact amount of funds realized for that purpose are known.

"The Revelers," nationally known male quartet, heads the series this year with other concert attractions announced at the close of the campaign.

Wildlife Club Fish Fry Monday

Kings Mountain Sportsman's Wildlife Club is scheduled to hold a fish fry at Lake Montonia Monday night at which time officers for the coming year will be elected according to announcement by Harry Page, president.

The supper is set to begin at six o'clock.

Scout Leaders Laney Dettmar and C. C. (Shorty) Edens, who cooked up a mess off fish at a supper at Carl Davidson Boy Scout Camp recently for the Kiwanis club, will have charge of feeding the group, President Page said.

Nominating committee report will precede the annual election, he said. Members of the committee include Coman Falls, Bill Osborne and C. D. (Red) Wade.

J. D. Bridges is vice-president of the club and C. T. Carpenter, Jr., secretary-treasurer. Directors include Mr. Falls, Hunter R. Neisler, and T. C. McKee. The election will be held to fill the one retiring directorship and the three offices of the club.

The local club was instrumental in aiding the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, of which it is associated, in setting up the Wildlife (Cont'd on back page)

Girls Scout Finance Campaign Underway

Kings Mountain's public drive for funds for the Girl Scouts is underway. Chairman John L. McGill said yesterday.

Quota for the Kings Mountain area is \$1,000. Mr. McGill said and the raised division, under Professor J. A. Gibson, has accepted 82% of that amount as its quota. Chairman McGill said there had been a "good response" to the call for funds and he expressed confidence that the quota would be met.

"I know that Kings Mountain people will be as generous as they possibly can in supporting the Girl Scouts," Mr. McGill said. Members of the collection committee include Mrs. Harry Page, Mrs. W. R. Thomson, Mrs. David Neisler, Mrs. J. G. DeWitt, Mrs. E. T. Platt, Mrs. Geary McCarter, Mrs. Paul Mauney and Mrs. H. C. Mayes.

Annual Woman's Club Floral Fair Is Friday

Half-Holidays End After Yule Opening

Merchants will not suspend Wednesday afternoon half-holidays until after the Christmas opening, according to a poll of members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association; it was announced yesterday by W. Faison Barnes, Secretary.

The Kings Mountain Christmas opening has been tentatively scheduled for November 17, and association committees are now at work making arrangements for the promotion.

According to this plan, the merchants would begin full six-day-per-week schedules the week of November 21.

School Groups To Give Operetta

The dramatics department of Kings Mountain high school will present for two showings next week "Wild Rose" a musical comedy by Charles George.

The operetta, under the direction of Miss Mary Belle Teague, high school dramatics instructor, will be presented at a special performance for students on Wednesday afternoon, November 2, at 3 o'clock, and a showing for the public on Thursday evening, November 3, at 8 o'clock.

Admission for the student showing will be 15 cents, while admission for adults and high school students at the night performance will be 35 cents.

Miss Bonnie McIntosh, music instructor, will direct music by the glee clubs for the performance and the high school dramatics class will make up the stage crew.

The operetta portrays gypsy life as intermingled with stately people. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine, a wealthy couple, have a daughter, Rose, who when a baby was taken by gypsies and replaced with a gypsy baby. Gypsies make their campground near the Valentines each year, and Rose falls in love with Joe, a handsome gypsy. Norman Stafford, a neighbor and son of wealthy Mrs. Stafford, falls in love with Rose Valentine (actually Rose Malena, the real gypsy girl). The plot develops from there.

The cast includes:

- Mrs. Deta Valentine - Clarisse Smith.
Luther Valentine - Willard Upchurch.
Mrs. Nella Stafford - Pat Neisler.
Norman Stafford - Bill Allen.
Brenda Stafford - Betty Cash.
Queen Malena - Jeannene Hallman.
Rose Malena - Betty Falls.
Joe - Richard White.
Theodore - Willingham - Harold England.
Lenore Hastings - Ruth Dettmar.
Glady - Dottie Smith.
Keene - Bobby Crawford.
Clarebelle - Evelyn Cline.
Imogene - Joann Britt.
Zelana - Kitty Falls.
Florette - Shirley Arthur.
Rose Valentine - Jean Cash.

WOOTEN IN RALEIGH

William Wooten, highway patrolman is in Raleigh this week attending the Patrol School.

Record Crowd Is Anticipated For Floral Event

Everything was pronounced in readiness yesterday for Kings Mountain's annual Woman's Club Floral Fair.

Competition for the more than 100 prizes in the various divisions - including floral displays, candy-making, baking, etc.-was expected to be unusually keen, and floral fair directors were also anticipating record breaking crowds for the event.

As has been the custom in the past, dinner will be served at the Woman's Club both at noon and in the evening. The dining room will open at 11:30 a. m. for the noon meal, and it will remain open until 2 o'clock. It will open at 5:30 for the evening meal and is to remain open until 7:30.

Turkey dinner will be served for \$1.25, with a special children's plate available at 75 cents. It was also announced that a chicken salad plate will be served.

Out-of-town judges will choose the winning entries in the various divisions.

Mrs. H. C. Mayes, chairman of the flower division, said yesterday that she anticipated an unusually large display of fall flowers from the city's gardens.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. E. W. Griffin with Mrs. M. A. Ware co-chairman.

Merchants have supplied an imposing prize list, and the Woman's Club, sponsor of the event, expects the Fair to be "bigger and better than ever."

The Floral Fair annually attracts not only many Kings Mountain people, but many out-of-town citizens as well.

"Pieces For Peace" Being Sought Here

Kings Mountain church women are being urged this week to complete packaging "Pieces for Peace" for collection on World Community Day November 4.

The "Pieces for Peace" drive, sponsored throughout the nation by the United Council of Church Women, is under sponsorship locally by missionary societies of the churches.

In the campaign, fabrics are sought for shipment to needy peoples overseas, though good garments are not being excluded from the collection.

Particularly desired are cotton, woolen, and print yard goods.

The fabrics should be packed in a cardboard container 15 x 24 inches (to fit the balers which pack the material for overseas shipment) and wrapped in a yard and a half of blue denim. Also desired are sewing tools, such as needles, thread, tape, etc.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$145.14 was collected from parking meters Wednesday, according to a report from the office of City Clerk S. A. Crouse. Money is collected from the meters each Wednesday afternoon and \$145.56 was collected the previous week. Majority of the weekly collection goes toward payment of the meters.

Spooks And Goblins To Convene At Schools For Hallow'en Antics

Monday night is Hallow'en, the night the witches, spooks, and goblins prow!

In Kings Mountain, special Hallow'en programs have been planned at majority of the schools, with carnivals scheduled at East and West schools and with the Student Participation Organization of the high school presenting a costume-square dance at the high school gymnasium.

At the square dance, prizes will go to the three participants exhibiting most unusual costumes. The dance begins at 8 o'clock.

East school Parents - Teacher association is sponsoring a Hallow'en carnival, beginning at 6:30. A full evening's entertainment is planned, with proceeds from patrons to be used for the purchase of playground equipment for the school. The West school Hallow'en Carni-

val begins at 6 o'clock. The following schedule of events has been announced by the West School Parent-Teacher association:

- 6:00 Supper in the cafeteria (hamburgers, hot dogs, slaw, cake, coffee and other drinks).
7:00 Entertainment in auditorium by Jack and Jill Kindergarten.
7:15 Judging of costumes and crowning of Carnival King and Queen.
7:35 Cake Auction, Mud Poston, auctioneer.
8:00 Cake Walk (tickets five cents).
8:30 Hallow'en dance group performance.
The rooms are to be opened at 8 o'clock to feature fishing ponds, grab bags and other Hallow'en stunts, and candy and cookies will be on sale at a special booth.