

City Limits 7,206
Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

Local News Bulletins

LEFT TUESDAY Miss Mary Medlin left Tuesday for Newland, where she will hold a teaching position...

HOSPITALIZED Ben F. Beam, Kings Mountain Life Insurance man, entered Kings Mountain hospital Sunday morning...

AT INSTITUTE Franklin L. Ware, manager of the Kings Mountain office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission...

GRID PROGRAM Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear a round-up on the forthcoming high school football season...

HOMING COMING Homecoming Day will be observed at Beulah Methodist church Sunday. A picnic dinner will be spread on the church grounds...

KIWANIS MEETING Harry Cohen, Shelby merchant, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night...

Patrol Officer Mending Rapidly

The condition of Highway Patrolman Bobby Clominger, who was injured in an accident on Highway 49 near Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning, was reported much improved Wednesday.

Patrolman Clominger, son of Mr. and Mrs. June Clominger, of Kings Mountain, suffered a fracture of the upper right thigh when his patrol car was forced down an embankment while he was giving chase to a speeding car bearing a Virginia license.

Labor Day Spells Holiday For Some

Kings Mountain will observe the Labor Day holiday quietly, according to advance indications, though the Monday holiday will mean a long week-end for some citizens.

Schools Enrolled 2,139 First Day

Area Increase 148; City Total Tuesday 1,937

A total of 2,139 pupils enrolled in the seven Kings Mountain school units which opened the 1953-54 term on Tuesday morning. The figure indicates an increase over the 1952-53 first-day enrollment at the schools of 148 pupils.



PUBLIC WORKS CHIEF - Emory C. Nicholson, of Gastonia, is the new city superintendent of public works succeeding Tom S. Henry, who resigned to accept a similar position in Cherryville.

Enrollment at the city's six units Tuesday was reported by Superintendent B. N. Barnes at 1,937.

Mrs. J. C. Nickels, principal of Park Grace Elementary school of the county system, reported a Tuesday enrollment of 202 pupils, a gain of 27 pupils over the 175 reported on the first day of the 1952-53 term.

A total of 1,991 pupils enrolled on opening day last year at the seven units. Opening day enrollment at the city's six school units showed a net gain of 121 pupils over the first-day figure a year ago.

At the end of the first week of 1952-53 term, however, the enrollment had picked up by 51 to 1,867.

The city schools enrollment Tuesday by schools was: High school 368, Davidson high 601, Central Elementary 70, East Elementary 381, West Elementary 272, Davidson Elementary 155.

Total enrollment 1,937. In the city schools, the unit totals for the first day compare as follows with the 1952-53 opening day figures:

High school, a gain of two over 1,867. Continued On Page Eight

Peaceful Valley Waxes Explosive

Peaceful Valley turned unpeaceful Monday night, and James F. (Bud) Childers, a resident of the community, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital as the result.

Mr. Childers received knife injuries in a fracas which reportedly involved a half-dozen Peaceful Valley citizens. All were drinking, officers said they were told, and Childers received a cut after one of the party, later identified as Troy Hannah, grabbed Childers' knife and sampled its cutting edge on the owner's arm.

Hannah's explanation was a somewhat different. Constable Paul Byers said, Hannah told Byers Childers was injured when he fell off the porch onto a chicken coop.

At any rate, Childers doesn't want to prosecute. He told the constable that the accident was "all in fun" and that he knew no damage was intended.

Only one of the half-dozen found himself in the clutches of the law. Furman Boyles accompanied Childers by taxi to Kings Mountain hospital. City Officers Sanders and Carrigan, who had heard of the cutting and had followed the pair to the hospital, booked Boyles for public drunkenness.

Childers was still hospitalized on Wednesday and was reported improving after considerable loss of blood. Dr. P. G. Padgett is attending the wounded man.

Registration For \$72 Million Bond Elections Begins Saturday

Books will open Saturday for the first time for registrations for the approaching state-wide bond issue elections, scheduled for October 3.

Sgt. Franklin Is Repatriated

M/Sgt. Henry Russell Franklin, army careerman and a half-brother of T. A. (Bud) McDaniel, of Kings Mountain, was among the group of war prisoners released Monday by the Chinese North Koreans, according to information received here.

Mrs. Franklin, of Boston, Mass., who lived here several months during World War II, telephoned from Boston early Tuesday morning after hearing the name of her husband listed in news broadcasts. Though she had not yet been formally notified by the army, she said his name, rating, division and next-of-kin listing left no doubt concerning the identity of her husband.

Sgt. Franklin had been a prisoner for almost three years having been captured by the North Koreans in October 1950. He was serving with the Eighth Army, 1st Cavalry division, when captured. A veteran of World War II, including 18 months combat duty, Sgt. Franklin entered the service in the late thirties and, except for one year after World War II, has been on active duty with the army.

Mrs. Franklin is the former Eleanor Chamaue, of Boston.

Board Convenes Thursday Night

The city board of commissioners will hold their regular September meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock, with a zoning change request and action on changing several street names principal items of scheduled business.

The board has scheduled the Thursday night meeting for a public hearing on request of B. D. Ratterree to change the zoning of a corner lot at Battle-ground avenue and Wells street to commercial zone.

The street name changes will precede an effort by the city to properly name and mark all city streets.

Otherwise, the agenda lists principally routine items, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said, including monthly reports from department heads and similar items.

Harmon Property Re-sale Saturday

Fourth re-sale of the T. N. Harmon Estate lot at the corner of Battleground avenue and Falls street will be conducted Saturday.

The bidding will begin at \$8,547, the current high bid placed by B. D. Ratterree, Kings Mountain realtor.

The property was originally sold via commissioner's sale last May, with the several re-sales having been necessitated by continued increases of the bid. Saturday's sale will begin at 10 a. m.

Kings Mountain Woman Seeking \$50,000 Damages

A Kings Mountain woman has filed a civil action in Cleveland Superior Court to collect \$50,000 from a Charlotte man for alleged breach of promise.

The action was filed Monday against L. S. Gattis, Jr., of Charlotte, by Miss Audrey Timms, through her attorneys, Horn & West, of Shelby.

In the complaint, the plaintiff states that upon numerous occasions the defendant promised to marry her and induced her on this promise to live with him as man and wife. Plaintiff also states that she expects to give birth to an illegitimate child in November and that she is advised the birth will have to be by Caesarian section.

The plaintiff further contends that up to the time she began associating with the defendant she was a woman of good character and unblemished reputation. Since her association with the defendant, she alleges that her name has been dragged through the mire, and she asks damages in the amount of \$50,000.

In another action, Miss Timms seeks judgment of \$900 against L. S. Gattis, Jr., and L. S. Gattis, Sr., operators of the Children's Shop in Charlotte. She contends this amount is due her in back wages.

Defendants have 30 days in which to file an answer. No answer had been filed Wednesday afternoon.

Students Clogged City Classrooms

Kings Mountain city schools began the 1953-54 term Tuesday with a full complement of teachers and with the 1,937 students enrolled jamming the facilities.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes reports that the classrooms are crowded to the limit.

Mrs. Donald Deakins, Dallas was elected to teach piano. Miss Margaret Stem of Darlington, S. C., was elected to teach Bible.

John Lewis Porter of Durham, a June graduate of the University of North Carolina, was elected to teach an eighth grade replacing Walter Johnson who had resigned. I. B. Goforth, Jr., an eighth grade teacher last year, was transferred to high school to teach math and science.

Mr. Barnes said that the three temporary classrooms constructed in the auditoriums at East (one) and West (two) schools are "acceptable" and are relieving the crowded conditions in those schools.

The temporary rooms are being used until building programs at the two schools are completed. A new cafeteria addition is to be built at West school, releasing two classrooms, and a new four-room primary structure is to be built at East school, also releasing two classrooms. Bids on the two projects have not been asked but plans are almost complete.

"We will very likely have to ask for parents of many students to cooperate with us in effecting transfers from one school to another to relieve crowded classes," Mr. Barnes said.

He noted that 42 students are enrolled in the fourth grade at East school and only 27 in the West fourth grade. In the fifth grade at West, one teacher has 40 pupils enrolled while at East school two fifth grade teachers have only 59 students.

Mr. Barnes also reported election of Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr., as West school treasurer.

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Postal Inspector Approves Route Extensions To Serve 501 Houses

Shotgun Victim Jack Martin, 20, Declared Suicide

Jack Martin, 20-year-old employee of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., was found dead Wednesday morning in the upstairs bedroom of his father's home in the Tryon community near Cherryville, Gaston County. Coronor W. G. McLean has ruled the death suicide.

The young Kings Mountain man had been dead since Monday morning, the post-mortem examination established. The suicide victim was found by his father with a shotgun wound through the heart. The gun was the property of Paul Martin, the boy's father.

According to report of Coronor McLean, the boy, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Ora Martin, on Fairview street here, had gone to visit his father over the weekend. The father was away from home at the established time of the shooting, and did not discover the body until Wednesday morning.

Members of the family were at a loss to determine the motive for the suicide.

Funeral rites for the young man were held Wednesday afternoon from the Church of God, with the pastor, Rev. Doc Wilbanks officiating. Interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Froneberger Rites Held

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rebecca Rhoads Froneberger, of Gastonia, wife of a Gastonia dentist and sister of Mrs. Fred W. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday afternoon from Gastonia's Trinity Lutheran church.

Rev. George Lingle officiated and interment was made in Gaston Memorial Park cemetery.

Mrs. Froneberger died at 6:30 Tuesday morning in a Gastonia hospital following a long illness. She had lapsed into a coma three days prior to her death.

Mrs. Froneberger was a daughter of C. J. Rhodes and the late Fuller Torrence Rhodes.

She was a native of Lincoln, N. C., and graduated from Bessemer City High School, and Woman's College in Greensboro in the class of 1932.

She was active in the work of Holy Trinity Lutheran church of which she was a member, serving as the first president of Women of the Church. She played a leading part in the organization of this important women's auxiliary which coordinates all women's activities. She served in the Women's Missionary Society of her church, and was chairman of various circles in the women's auxiliary. She taught a Sunday school class, and was president of the Mary Monroe Bible class. She was a leader of the Brownie Troop, and was active in all phases of the general work of her church.

Mrs. Froneberger taught home economics at Oakhurst High School in Mecklenburg county from 1932 until 1934.

She was a member of the North Carolina Dental Auxiliary, and Phi Beta Kappa in College.

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Froneberger were married in November 1934 in Bessemer City. Surviving in addition to her husband, Dr. H. D. Froneberger, and Mrs. Plonk, are her father, a son, Henry Froneberger, Jr., three daughters, Becky Dann, Sue and Roxanna Froneberger, all of Gastonia, a half-brother, Dr. John S. Rhodes, of Raleigh, and a sister, Isabel Doggett, of Forest City.

Active pallbearers were Hunter Huss, Frank Suggs, Dr. W. A. Anthony, Dr. John Quicker, Dr. James Moser, and Dr. David Tuttle. Honorary pallbearers were members of the church council of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, the Gaston County Dental Society, and the Gaston County Medical Society.

Here Are City Carrier Route Extensions Provisionally Approved By Postal Inspector

Following are the route extensions for city carrier postal service which have been approved by the post office department, subject to adequate street-marking and house-numbering:

Table with columns: Block, Street, Houses, Vacant Lots. Lists various streets and house numbers with corresponding counts.

Herald Seeks Copy Dated Sept. 16, 1943

Wanted - a copy of the Kings Mountain Herald dated September 16, 1943. This issue is missing from the file of 1943 issues and the Herald would like to secure a copy to bring the complete year's issues up to date.

Area Registrants Inducted Tuesday

Ten of 43 Cleveland County men who left Tuesday for induction into the armed services were Kings Mountain area registrants.

The induction group included from the area: Paul Montgomery Chappell, Herbert Albert Hickman, Rudolph Bridges, Marshall Logan, William Andrew McSwain, George Cecil Looney, Jr., Charles Donald Blanton, Jr., Glenn Alton Dover and Cornell Hines.

The Cleveland County selective service board has been ordered to furnish 40 men for pre-induction examinations on September 18, Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk of the board, said Wednesday. October calls have not yet been received by the board, she added.

Many Practice Good Samaritanism In Aiding Disillusioned War Bride

A large number of Kings Mountain citizens and groups of citizens have recently collaborated in an act of Good Samaritanism which will result soon in the repatriation of a Kings Mountain war veteran's Japanese bride.

Mrs. Kimiyo Taguchi Arnold, 31, and her eight-month old daughter, took off from Charlotte Municipal Airport on August 26 on the first leg of a long journey to Mrs. Arnold's native land. They were to have sailed from San Francisco, Calif., Monday aboard the American President Lines' SS President Wilson.

Among groups collaborating were women's groups of the First Baptist church, Grace Methodist church, First Presbyterian church and the Woman's Club. In addition, the Lutheran church used its mission service to arrange passage and to see that Mrs. Arnold, who spoke only broken English, was cared for during the wait between San Francisco arrival and

Blakely Reports Approval Given For New Route

City carrier route expansions have been provisionally approved by the postoffice department to serve 501 houses not now receiving city carrier service.

The route extension will include 150 residences in the Northwest section of the city, 177 residences in the Craftsman Yarns, Inc., vicinity, 117 residences in the Burlington Mills-Consolidated Textiles area, and 57 residences in the southern part of the city.

Notification of the approval was received by Postmaster W. E. Blakely last weekend from Inspector C. C. Keever, who had investigated the postmaster's request for expanded service. Mr. Keever made his survey on August 17 and 18.

The extension, when implemented, will require the addition of one regular employee, the letter from Inspector Keever stated. The service is to be inaugurated as quickly as many of the streets approved have been suitably marked and the houses on them numbered, Mr. Keever continued.

When completely in the city carrier system, the additional territory will cover 6.35 miles and require approximately five hours and thirty-five minutes to cover by foot carrier, the inspector's survey shows.

Inspector Keever wrote Postmaster Blakely in part: "3. You will note that the estimated street time for the new extensions will be 5 hours and 35 minutes. The office time necessary is estimated at 1 hour and 25 minutes. One hour and thirty minutes will be required to handle the parcel post delivery to the areas involved. In all, it is proposed that your daily carrier hours be increased by 8 1/4 hours to handle the proposed extensions including parcel post time.

Man Dies Hour After New "Safe" Highway Opens

Highway officials opened the new lane of U. S. 74 (and 29) between Kings Mountain and Gastonia Tuesday afternoon around 4:30 o'clock and about an hour later a Kings Mountain man was dead, victim of the first accident on the new strip.

George Lee Gordon, 53-year-old Negro resident of route one, was pronounced dead on arrival at Kings Mountain hospital shortly before 5:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Another man, who said he was Lewis Samuel Rochester, 41, of route one, Waterloo, S. C., was hospitalized with painful injuries.

The fatal accident took place at about 5:15 p. m. at the junction of Bessemer City road and U. S. 74, some three miles east of Kings Mountain near the Dr. J. E. Anthony farm.

Gordon was driving a 1942 Chevrolet and was alone at the time of the accident. Rochester was riding in a 1939 Cadillac being driven by Clarence A. Westbrook, of 1801 Chestnut Hills drive, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Westbrook appears to be only slightly injured and was not hospitalized.

State Highway Patrolman Paul Hemphill, of Gastonia, investigated. Continued On Page Eight

Mrs. Ruth's Parents Succumb

Both parents of Mrs. Hilton Ruth, of Kings Mountain, died during the past week.

Her mother, Mrs. Emma Kimbrough Meroney, 82, died late Friday night at her home in Mocksville after a long illness, and her father, Charles Flynn Meroney, Sr., 86, succumbed Tuesday morning. Mr. Meroney, who had been ill five days, was not aware of his wife's death, members of the family said.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Meroney were held Sunday afternoon at Mocksville Presbyterian church. Rev. Paul Richards, the pastor, conducted the service. Funeral rites for Mr. Meroney were held Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. Mr. Richards officiating. Interment for both was in the family plot of Joppa cemetery.