

Unemployment Claims Heavy Here

Ware Reports Claims Totals For Past Month

While there are more people than jobs in Kings Mountain today, the economic situation is not disastrous nor anywhere it, figures of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment Service show.

Though the Employment Service office on Cherokee street is about the busiest public place in the city, there existed on Wednesday morning only four "spot points," which is Employment Service lingo for industries with more than 20 current layoffs.

The four "spot points" Wednesday were listed by Franklin Ware, manager of the Employment Service as:

1) Bonnie Cotton Mills, with about 100 employees, which has been closed due to lack of orders and to make machinery installations. W. K. Mauney, Bonnie official, said the Bonnie would resume operations Monday on a three-day week basis.

2) Consolidated Textiles, Inc., normally listing a payroll of 285 and operating since Christmas on a week-on, week-off schedule.

3) Slater Manufacturing Company, with a peak employment figure of 60, which closed for an announced four weeks due to lack of orders.

4) Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, normally employing 115, which has operated only two weeks since December 1, due to lack of orders.

In addition to the four, the Kings Mountain office estimates it handles about 70 percent of the claims for Frieda Manufacturing Company, which normally employed about 150 persons before it was closed in October and subsequently sold to Carlton Mills, Inc., of Cherryville.

Some lay-offs were reported in smaller scale at other points, but they were not great in number. Kerns Brothers, trucking firm normally employing about 65, laid off 15 employees Monday. Street rumors had placed the layoffs at much higher figures. Clyde Kerns said he hoped the layoffs would prove to be "seasonal."

Keeping Employment Service officials busy were the claim filings of Kings Mountain workers, who, via the Unemployment Compensation program, receive unemployment benefits, based on earnings during the previous year.

Mr. Ware said the average check for Kings Mountain claimants is between \$18 and \$24 for

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Ted Ledford Opens New Firm

Formal opening of Kings Mountain Farm Center will be observed Saturday at the new firm, located at 231 South Battleground avenue, next to A & P Store.

Ted Ledford, owner of the business, made the announcement and said that free baby chicks would be given away as long as the supply lasts, to adults visiting the store Saturday.

The new firm will offer a full line of Purina feeds, as well as other farm supplies, Mr. Ledford said.

Mr. Ledford, well-known resident of route two, has been warehousing Purina products at his home for the past six months.

"We invite everyone to visit our new store on Saturday or at any other time," Mr. Ledford said. "We are very pleased to offer Purina feeds to poultry and livestock farmers of this area."

Gerberding Returns To Pulpit Sunday

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will return to his pulpit Sunday, following two weeks absence due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Dr. Gerberding will discuss foreign missions in his Sunday sermon, marking the annual Epiphany appeal, in a sermon also scheduled for broadcast over Station WKMT.

At Sunday School, it was announced, two recorded talks, accompanied by pictures, one on Japan and the other on India, will be re-played.



MISSIONARIES — Rev. and Mrs. Marion P. Birch, missionaries to Africa, are conducting a series of missionary services at First Wesleyan Methodist church. Services are at 7 o'clock each evening.

Mission Series To Close Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. Marion P. Birch, missionaries to Africa, are conducting a series of missionary services at First Wesleyan Methodist church here this week with services to end Sunday night.

Announcement was made by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Argo, and the public is invited to attend. Color slides and films are also to be shown at each of the services.

Sermon topics for the remaining four days of the series are: Thursday — "Faith's Response To Work Among Women and Children of Africa"; Friday — "Faith Victorious in Evangelism"; and Sunday — "Faith Conquers in Foreign Missions."

The couple will conduct a variety program Saturday night. Native language and native costume illustrations will be given, and a film entitled "Yehudas the Outcast," will be shown.

"Healing of M'Vondo," a film taken from the "American Mission to Lepers" will be shown on Thursday night and colored slides and movies will be shown at each of the other services.

Rev. Mr. Birch will be guest speaker at the District Youth Rally Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church, and he will also speak at both the Sunday morning regular church service and at the Sunday night service. His Sunday night sermon topic is "Faith's Challenge to Future Missionaries."

Services each evening are at 7 o'clock.

Hardin Resigns At Macedonia

Rev. R. L. Hardin, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, has resigned, and will become pastor on February 14 of Berryhill Baptist church in Mecklenburg county.

Announcement of Mr. Hardin's resignation was made Sunday at morning church services. Rev. Mr. Hardin has served as pastor of the Macedonia church for over three years. He came to Kings Mountain from Race Path Baptist church in Rutherford county.

The Hardins expect to move from Kings Mountain the second week of February.

BUILDING FUND DAY Building Fund Day will be observed on Sunday at Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church at 11 o'clock services. It was announced this week by John L. McGill, chairman of the building fund committee.

A virtual capacity crowd estimated at 1,000 persons packed the Shelby high school auditorium Tuesday evening to hear Ernest and Miles Mauney, Kings Mountain's twin duo pianists, in a presentation of the Cleveland County Community Concert association.

The artists showed technical ability for playing delicate runs and trills as well as powerful chords. They both played with a beautiful singing tone and demonstrated understanding of all types of music.

Among the more brilliant compositions were the Romance and the Tarantelle, from "Suite No. 2, Op. 117" by Rachmaninoff and the "Concerto Pathétique" by Liszt. The Romance has a gorgeous melody and the Tarantelle shows "Rachmaninoff's Russian interpretation of the barbaric dance form which had its origin in a dance once believed to be the cure from the deadly sting of the tarantula."

In the Lisza number, the twins displayed the extreme virtuosity necessary for this dramatic composition.

The most unusual numbers were "Perpetual Motion" by Von Weber in which both performers played exactly the same notes at precisely the same time and the "Two Etudes in G flat" major by Chopin which were played simultaneously on the two pianos.

The program opened with the "Chorale Prelude: Sleepers Awake" by Bach (arr. W. G. Whit-

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Merchants To Hold Banquet Monday



RECEIVES DEGREE — Second Lt. Garland Everette Still, Jr., above, graduated from N. C. State College December 17, 1953, and on Saturday reported to Sampson AFB, Geneva, N. Y., where he expects to spend two weeks before transfer to Columbus AFB, Miss., for duty. He received a bachelor of science degree in agronomy and also a commission from the State R. O. T. C. unit. Mr. Still attended Davidson College for two years before entering State college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Still.

Warren Reynolds Building Grocery

A building permit was issued Tuesday to Warren E. Reynolds for construction of a one story building of York road at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

The new building, to be erected between E. King and E. Gold streets on York road, will be leased to H. G. "Pete" Barkley when completed, Mr. Reynolds said yesterday.

Construction on the building was begun Tuesday, and it is expected to be completed within approximately 60 days, according to Mr. Reynolds. It will be a 40 by 80 feet brick structure, with ample parking space to accommodate from 25 to 30 cars. Mr. Reynolds also stated that Mr. Barkley expects to occupy the building as soon as it is completed.

Applications for two building permits were also received by City Building Inspector J. W. Webster on Tuesday. Kelly Dixon applied for permits to build a one story dwelling on Linwood road and a one story dwelling to be located on Monroe avenue. Each of the houses are to be built according to FHA requirements.

Youths Nabbed On Theft Count

Three Kings Mountain youths were arrested by Officers Jack Stone and H. L. Gladden at their homes on Second street Monday afternoon in connection with a series of burglaries in Clover, S. C., on the night of January 16, 1953.

Jack Mullinax, of Iredell county, who was arrested prior to the Kings Mountain youths and also in connection with the S. C. burglaries is now in Lenoir jail. Mullinax has confessed that he took part in the burglaries and has also implicated the other boys, local police said.

The three youths, Gene Grigg, 20, Jimmy Coleman, 19, and Harold Dean Coleman, 17, brothers, are fighting extradition, and extradition procedure is now underway. Jack Mullinax has waived extradition.

Harold Dean Coleman and Gene Grigg are now under probation, according to Martin Ware, Kings Mountain officer.

The two youths were given a hearing in Kings Mountain Recorder's Court September 21, 1953, for breaking and entering, and were bound over to Superior Court where the charge was reduced to forcible trespass. The two youths were put on probation and prayer for judgment was continued for three years.

The bond for each was set at \$3,000.

Report Shows 1953 Big Year For Home B & L

Home Building & Loan Association stockholders held their thirtieth annual meeting Tuesday afternoon, heard reports of officers showing the association enjoyed a highly prosperous year, and re-elected all directors.

Immediately following the stockholders meeting, directors met and re-elected all officers and again named Davis & White as attorneys.

Officers of the association are Dr. J. E. Anthony, president; G. A. Bridges and J. H. Thomson, vice-presidents; and A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer. Directors include the officers and I. G. Patterson, L. L. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, B. S. Peeler, and B. D. Ratterree.

Home Building & Loan association, during 1953, showed increases in savings accounts of \$173,112.28, in total assets of \$189,535.07, and in loans of \$198,133.32. Secretary-Treasurer Patterson reported.

At the end of the year, the association loan total had reached 620, with the largest loan \$17,165. During the year the association had made 229 loans totaling \$465,140.78, including \$218,893.33 for new construction, and \$118,593.33 for purchases of real property and other purposes.

The association, at December 31, listed 1,443 savings accounts, and total reserves of \$120,765.95. During 1953, additions to association reserves amounted to \$17,635.65.

The association paid dividends to shareholders during 1953 of \$38,088.46, and counted record total assets at the end of the year of \$1,490,923.07.

The 620 loans included first mortgage loans of \$1,257,097.59.

At the end of the year, the association listed cash of \$101,719.88, and owned U. S. Government bonds worth \$82,400.

Tuesday Penalty Day On '53 Taxes

Kings Mountain citizens have been rushing to pay 1953 city tax bills during the past three weeks, but \$38,510.50 of the levy was still unpaid at noon Wednesday with penalty day nearing.

Penalty of one percent will apply on all unpaid 1953 city tax bills Tuesday, February 2. The same schedule applies on county taxes.

The last day for paying 1953 tax bills at net or par is Monday, it was pointed out by Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor.

Mr. Carpenter urged that all citizens who haven't yet paid their tax bills attend to the matter prior to Tuesday.

Through Wednesday noon, citizens had paid \$87,575.68 into city coffers on the total 1953 tax bill of \$126,946.18. The 1953 levy was thus 69.3 percent paid.

The final few days before penalty day is customarily the busiest of the whole year as respects tax payments, Mr. Carpenter noted, and said he thought this year would be no exception.

Further penalties apply in March and in subsequent months for non-payment.

TO ROCK HILL

Bill Pack, Kings Mountain radio announcer since WKMT went on the air, has joined the staff of WTYC Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Pack assumed his new duties Tuesday.

Thomasson Says Polio Gifts Slim



DAVIDSON MAN — Dr. Shaw Smith, director of student activities at Davidson College, will speak at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning at First Presbyterian church as the church observes Youth Sunday. Dr. Smith will be accompanied by a student quartet which will conduct the Men's Bible Class.

UNION SERVICE FEB. 7

A union service has been scheduled for Sunday, February 7, at Resurrection Lutheran church, it was announced this week by Rev. W. L. Pressly, president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association. The service will be a Scout Week service and will also serve as a gesture of welcome to the community by the Resurrection pastor, Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, Mr. Pressly said.

White And Hendrick May Be Listed On County Ballots In May Primary

It is possible that Kings Mountain may have two new candidates in the field during the county's May Democratic primary election.

They are Jack White, attorney and judge of Kings Mountain Recorder's Court, who may seek the nomination for the North Carolina House of Representatives, and Joe Hendrick, city clerk, who may seek the nomination for clerk of court.

If the incumbents seek reelection, as is expected, Mr. White would oppose Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., and Mr. Hendrick would oppose Everett A. Houser.

Other Kings Mountain citizens expected to have their names on county ballots this spring are Ollie Harris, incumbent coroner, and Hazel B. Bumgardner, District 2 county commissioner.

Attorney White said Wednesday that he had been considering the matter of opposing Rep. Falls for several weeks, but had not reached a conclusion. He would make up his mind within the next "couple of weeks," he said.

Mr. Hendrick, who came to Kings Mountain from Shelby, was away from Kings Mountain Wednesday on a trip to Florida, city office employees said, and could not be reached for comment on his projected candidacy. Several months ago Mr. Hendrick admitted to some interest in seeking the nomination for clerk of court, but later said he didn't think he'd make the race. In the past two weeks, more than normal frequency.



JAYCEES PRESENT INFANT INCUBATOR — Gift of an infant incubator, shown above, to the Kings Mountain hospital by the Junior Chamber of Commerce was not made too soon, it turned out, as the greatly-needed piece of equipment was put into use less than ten days after announcement of the gift on January 5. Clyde Bess, Jr., Negro baby born prematurely on January 13, was the first infant to use the appliance. The seven-month baby weighed only two and one-half pounds when born and has been in the incubator since birth.

Local News Bulletins

TAG SALES

A total of 584 Kings Mountain motorists had purchased 1954 city auto license stickers through Wednesday, according to report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk. Fifty of the total were purchased this past week. The "tags" are priced at one dollar.

TREASURE CHEST

Anold Thompson won \$37 in trade certificates at the weekly drawing last Thursday in the Merchants Association treasure chest promotion. The drawing is again set for 3:30 p. m. Thursday in front of Cooper's, Inc., with the jackpot at \$372.

DIXON SERVICE

Students from Davidson College will present the program at Dixon Presbyterian church Sunday as the church observes Youth Sunday. Two of the students will bring the message at the 4 o'clock worship service hour, and a quartet will present special music.

TO HEAR TEEN-AGERS

The Entre Nous Teen-Age Club will present the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, it was announced this week. Taking part will be Harold Jackson, president, Gary Allran, Tommy Gelbert and Lyvonne Lindsay. The club meets at Masonic Dining Hall at 8:45.

METER RECEIPTS

Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$125.86, as reported by Martin Ware of the city police department. An additional \$400 in dimes were removed from the meters and turned over to the March of Dimes fund.

Listing Deadline Monday At 5 p. m.

Final day for listing properties for taxes is Monday. The listing period has been extended one day, due to the fact the final day of January comes on Sunday.

City and county tax lists will be at City Hall through Monday at 5 p. m.

Under state law, penalties of up to ten percent of the amount of the tax are assessed for late listing or for failure to list. All property owners are required by law to list their properties for taxes.

GRASS FIRE

City firemen answered one call during the past week, according to C. D. Ware, fireman. Tuesday afternoon at 4:45 firemen answered a call to extinguish a grass fire in a vacant lot on Benfield road.

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CO-CHAIRMAN GEORGE THOMASSON SAID WEDNESDAY THAT CONSIDERABLE STEAM IS BEING PUT UNDER THE SATURDAY NIGHT BENEFIT DANCE, SCHEDULED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM BY THE ENTRE NOUS CLUB, A HIGH SCHOOL TEEN-AGE GROUP, WHICH IS LISTING THE KINGS MOUNTAIN KIWANIS CLUB AS CO-SPONSOR.

A city-wide advance ticket sale is being conducted and the request of the ticket salesmen is: "Buy a ticket whether you can come or not."

Both round dancing and square dancing will be on the Saturday night program, which begins at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained at Kings Mountain Drug Company and Bridges Hardware, it was announced.

Mr. Thomasson also reported that Fote's Mineral Company's \$271.52 topped industrial employees contributions to date, and that the Mother's March, conducted last Thursday night by the Junior Woman's club netted \$154.22. On Tuesday night, donations by members of the Kings Mountain Lions club added \$31 to the till.

"We need those gifts badly," Mr. Thomasson said.

Bus Terminal Parking Area Being Surfaced

Queen City Coach Company is installing drainage facilities preparatory to hard-surfacing the parking area at the Kings Mountain Bus Terminal.

A. P. Warlick, Kings Mountain contractor, said Wednesday he had entered into a contract with the Queen City company, owner of the terminal, to install drain tile and catch basins and to surface the area with tar and gravel.

Mr. Warlick said, with good weather, the work could be completed in a week. The project was begun Monday.