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Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(Figures based on registrations of
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Local News Bulletins

TO ATTEND CHURCH

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will attend the evening service at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday night in a body, completing the visiting of churches in the city by the club. The sermon is to be preached by Rev. J. G. Winkler, and the service is the first of the regular summer union services.

MAN TO PREACH

Dr. J. O. Mann, religious education director of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church by Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor.

BAIRD IMPROVING

Dr. E. N. Baird, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, is "getting along very nicely," Dr. J. E. Anthony, attending physician, said Wednesday. Dr. Baird suffered a stroke of paralysis May 22.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Directors of the Kings Mountain chapter of the American Red Cross, in meeting at the Woman's club last Thursday night, re-elected all officers for the forthcoming year. Re-elected were: Rev. P. D. Patrick, chairman; Mrs. C. E. Neisler, vice-president; Mrs. G. W. King, secretary; and Mrs. P. G. Ratterree, treasurer.

GETTYS TO PREACH

Rev. Ebenezer Gettys, director of Young People's work at Erskine college, Due West, S. C., will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church, it was announced Wednesday by W. E. Blakely.

EXECUTIVES SPEAKER

Dr. Gerald Wendt, science editor of Time magazine and consulting editor of Life and Fortune magazines, will be the speaker at meeting of the Cleveland county executive club Friday night at 7 o'clock at Hotel Charles, Shelby. Dinner reservations must be made to Secretary J. W. Osborne in Shelby not later than Thursday afternoon.

FALLS IN STATES

Relatives of Sgt. Cicero Falls, prisoner of the Nazis since 1943 who was recently reported liberated, received a telegram this week from the Kings Mountain man stating that he had arrived in the United States. Sgt. Falls wired that it was not necessary to try to communicate with him as he was en route home. He is expected to arrive in Kings Mountain during the weekend.

HARRICK HOME BOUND

Mrs. Adelaide Harrick, wife of Pfc. Sam Harrick, recently liberated from a German prisoner of war camp, received a cable from her husband this week, stating that he was en route to the United States.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Miss Margaret Sisk, winner of the local and Cleveland county high school readings contests, and Harvey Bumgardner, winner of the local and county high school declamation contests, are to present the program at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the club house Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

BOOKS TO OPEN

Registration books for the June 30 bond election to determine whether or not Cleveland county will embark on a hospital program will be open Saturday. In Kings Mountain, Mrs. P. D. Herndon is registrar for East Kings Mountain precinct (at City Hall), and I. B. Goforth for West Kings Mountain precinct (at Victory Chevrolet Co.)

VFW MEETING

Members of the Johnny William Blackwell Post 2809, VFW, will hold their regular meeting at the post quarters in the Webb building Friday night at 8 o'clock. The post membership has now topped the 100 mark, according to Commander Charles Warwick, and all veterans with overseas service, are invited to affiliate with the post.

WIND SMOKE STAB

Sgt. Lawrence S. Brown, husband of Mrs. Mable J. Brown, was killed in action during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The news of his death was received at Kings Mountain last week.

Kings Mountain Lagging On Individual Bond Buying

With one month remaining, Kings Mountain citizens must do a big job of individual bond-buying if the Seventh War Loan quota of \$180,000 in Series "E," "F" and "G" bonds is to be met, according to a compilation of sales made Wednesday morning by J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain war loan chairman.

The report, obtained from the five local issuing agencies, showed that only \$40,781.25 in "E" bonds, the 2.9 percent interest-bearing securities available only to individuals, had been sold, while \$30,000 in "G" issues had been sold.

The over-all quota of \$500,000 appeared easily within reach since over-all sales totaled \$270,000.

Including the "E" and "G" sales totals, Kings Mountain citizens must still buy \$705,218.75 in the issues for individuals if the quota is to be met.

Mr. Davis pointed out Wednesday that all persons buying bonds today (May 31) will automatically gain one month's interest, since bonds bought anytime during a particular month carry interest from the first day of that month.

"As was expected," said Mr. Davis, "Kings Mountain is doing very well on its over-all quota, but is lagging badly on its quota for individuals. We have a long road to go yet before that quota is reached.

"The Mighty Seventh, as this war loan drive is called, is really two drives in one, and this fact should be realized by bond buyers, particularly those who are accustomed to buying a certain amount of bonds during the war loan drives. This time the amount should be doubled, at the least.

"More important," he continued, "it is the response by individuals which shows our fighting men that their people at home are giving them full support. We must not fail them."

Five Graduate From Colleges

Five Kings Mountain young women have recently been graduated from college.

The five are Miss Nancy Nickels and Mrs. Alice Mauney Snow, who received degrees at Woman's college, UNC, Monday morning, Miss Betty Lee Neisler, who was also graduated Monday morning from Mary Baldwin college, Staunton, Va., and Miss Doris White, who was graduated last week from Coker college, Hartsville, S. C., and Miss Clara Mae Gantt graduated Monday at Western Carolina Teacher's College, Cullowhee.

Miss Gantt received a B. S. degree at WCTC.

Miss Nickels received a bachelor of arts degree in primary education, and Mrs. Snow earned a bachelor of science degree in secretarial administration. Miss Nickels attended Montreat Junior college her first two years and was a member of Education club and Corsellian society.

Mrs. Snow was a member of Alpha Theta society, the college band, Gamma Alpha, business organization, Chemistry club, and the YWCA.

Miss Neisler was presented with one of two Algernon Sydney Sullivan awards, given jointly by the New York Southern Society and Mary Baldwin college, "in recognition of high personal qualities and unselfish service to Mary Baldwin college."

A major in speech, Miss Neisler has had leads in several Dramatic Club plays. She also has been vice-president of Student Government, house president, student adviser to the Victory Corps, and is listed in this year's "Who's Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges."

Miss White, who received an A. B. degree, was also awarded the Ruth Patrick service award in the awarding of departmental prizes, and was listed on the 1945-46 honor roll. To be listed on the honor roll a student was required to average 85 or better on all scholastic work.

City Has Storm

Kings Mountain was the recipient of a 45-minute rain and hail storm about 8 o'clock Saturday night, which was more violent than the resulting damage would indicate. The hail seemed to have fallen in scattered patches of the city and many homes were reported to be damaged. The damage to the city was not reported.

Trustee Found For V-Gardeners

If Victory Gardeners need any aid and instruction, the Herald now can make the recommendation.

S. A. Mauney, who was a gardener long before folks became Victory Gardeners, came into the office Monday bearing a large size pasaboard box which was virtually filled by a large head of lettuce weighing more than two pounds.

The lettuce was well-headed and very firm, and Mr. Mauney added that his garden is also producing plenty of other fresh vegetables in abundance.

The Herald can testify to the fine quality of the lettuce which has since been transferred from the box to some mighty tasty salads.

Memorial Day Service Held

E. A. Harrill, president of the local organization of American War Dads, made the address at the Memorial Service held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Attorney Harrill prefaced his remarks with the scripture, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The service, was held in Mountain Rest cemetery on the beautiful spot surrounding the grave of Otis D. Green, casualty of World War One, followed a flag-and-parade which moved from the veteran's headquarters in the Webb building, through Mountain, Gaston and King streets to the cemetery. The personnel of the parade included a number of the members of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American War Dads.

After assembly by Frank Glass, Jr. the regular ritual service of the organization was carried out, led by Post Commander C. E. Warlick, who read a declaration by Commander-in-Chief John Logan.

Veterans recently returned from overseas and other veterans took part in the impressive ceremony and the decoration of the grave.

The service was concluded with the sounding of taps by Frank Glass, Jr., and an echo from the opposite hillside by Joe Hord.

Among those attending the service were a number of Gold Star Mothers.

Neisler Twins Receive Diplomas At Fishburne

WAYNESBORO, Va. — Among the 51 cadets awarded diplomas at the 60th closing session of Fishburne Military academy here Sunday were Charles Andrew Neisler and Henry Parks Neisler, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Neisler, Sr., of Kings Mountain, N. C.

Henry Parks Neisler was awarded the all-around athlete's medal for his participation in athletics during the school year.

Presentation of diplomas and awards climaxed the annual closing exercises of the academy.

Betty Grantham, daughter of the Griney Granthams, left Wednesday after spending a week with her parents here. She completed her Freshman year at WCUNC and is to be Waterfront Counselor at Old Mill Camp during the months of June and July.

Lottie Goforth Property Will Be Sold At Auction June 30

The property of the estate of the late Miss Lottie Goforth, including seven lots in the principal business section of Kings Mountain, will be sold at auction on June 30, according to an announcement of sale published in today's issue of the Herald.

The money from the sale of the property, according to the terms of Miss Goforth's will dated January 15, 1941, is to be used "to build or equip or help equip an institution, clinic or hospital, located within Kings Mountain, to give medical and surgical aid, free or at reduced cost, to the poor and helpless citizens of Kings Mountain."

A. H. Patterson, administrator, executor of the estate, said Wednesday morning that the property would be sold in lots and also as one complete block. He also said that a number of the lots in the business section of Kings Mountain are being offered at interest.

Union Services Begin Sunday At ARP Church

Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor of Central Methodist church, will preach at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday night, as the five uptown churches renew their annual practice of holding union services on Sunday evenings throughout the summer months.

The services will continue on each Sunday evening through September 9th.

Participating in the services, in addition to the ARP and Methodist churches, will be First Baptist, St. Matthews Lutheran and First Presbyterian churches.

The subject of his sermon on Sunday night will be "The Glory of Christianity."

On Sunday night, June 10, Rev. W. H. Stender, Lutheran pastor, will preach at the Methodist church.

Due to the absence of Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church who, with his family, has been on vacation in Mississippi, full schedule of the summer services could not be obtained Wednesday, but the schedule will be carried in a future issue.

"It is a pleasure to announce the beginning of the annual union services," said Rev. P. D. Patrick, president of the Ministerial association. "The ministers feel that the holding of these services does much to unify the city's religious movement."

T-Sgt. Paul Walker Wins Bronze Star

T-Sgt. Paul W. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker, of Kings Mountain, has been awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious service in action, according to information received by his parents.

Sgt. Walker is in Germany, where he served with an armored division.

Sgt. Miller Cheers On Victory In Italy

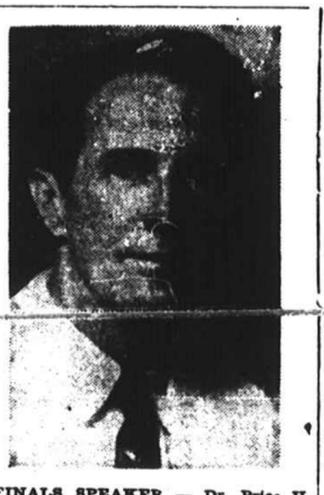
WITH THE 15TH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND, Italy. — "It's all over here!"

Excitement reached a high pitch when the 351st Air Service Squadron somewhere in Italy received the news that they had been waiting for. Mechanics put aside their tools, clerks stopped their endless checking, supply men turned from their counting and cooks ran out of the mess hall to join the rejoicing. Staff Sergeant Fred L. Miller, Gastonia, N. C., bombsight mechanic joined the others as the news spread like wildfire. Broad grins were on every face. Celebration was in the air, but all the men realized that this was not the end of the war. After the speeches, party and general festivities, they all buckled down to their next job—that of moving the Air Forces out of Italy and toward Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Miller, of Kings Mountain, N. C., and the husband of Mrs. Dessie Elizabeth Miller, Lafayette, Georgia.

FIRST GI LOAN

Gus B. Hartsoe, of Kings Mountain became the first GI veteran to qualify for a loan under the terms of the GI Bill of Rights this week. The loan was obtained from the Cleveland Building and Loan association in Shelby. Hartsoe, entered the navy on December 9, 1943, and was discharged on July 3, 1944. Father of six, he is employed at Frieda Mfg. Co.

Seniors Will Get Diplomas Friday; To Hear Dr. Gwynn



FINAL SPEAKER — Dr. Price H. Gwynn, psychology and education professor of Davidson college, will address Kings Mountain high school graduates at annual commencement exercises to be held at the high school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Houston-Led Unit Praised

The mine platoon of anti-tank company, 302nd infantry, led by First Lt. Samuel Humes Houston, of Kings Mountain, received high praise for its achievements against the Nazis during the period February 6—March 13. Story of the accomplishments of the platoon led by Lt. Houston was given in the V-E Day extra of The Attack, 94th infantry division newspaper which was published in Germany.

A portion of the newspaper account reads:

"On the night of February 6, when the Division was facing the famous 'Switch Position' of the Seigfried Line this platoon filled its assigned mission by clearing a path through the mine fields up to the dragons teeth for the assaulting companies to attack.

"The enemy was taken off balance by complete surprise when the attacking units came through these paths to take the line of pillboxes. As the attack progressed and a breakthrough effected, this platoon remained with the leading elements clearing roads of mines and roadblocks.

"Again the platoon distinguished itself by crossing the Saar river with the first elements. They were assigned a mission of clearing the road leading from the landing site to Serrig. After being hampered by sniper fire for four hours they completed their mission into Serrig.

"On the jump-off to the Rhine from the Division's bridgehead across the Saar River on March 13th, it again opened road blocks under the security of darkness to enable the armor and heavy close supporting weapons to stay up with the forward rifle elements.

"This platoon was led by 1st Lt. Samuel H. Houston . . .

Lt. Houston wrote his wife, Mrs. Eva Mae Suber Houston, that he was in Paris on a three-day leave when news of victory was received.

He wrote that he was on the street when the news spread that Germany had surrendered and that immediately great crowds swarmed into the street, shouting and jubilant over the news. When he finally extricated himself from the crowd, he wrote, he was three blocks away from the spot he had been when the news came. He had been pushed along by the crowd, almost unconscious that he was moving.

Keester Horse Wins Cherryville Ribbon

Byron Keester's "Strolling Major", fine gelding walking horse, took first place in the walking class in the horse show held at Cherryville Tuesday afternoon. It was the only prize captured by Kings Mountain entries.

The horse was ridden by Dr. Huse Cline of Shelby, well-known horseman, who took three firsts in the Kings Mountain show two weeks ago.

Other Kings Mountain horses entered in the Cherryville event were Mr. Keester's Daisy Taylor, Tom Fulton's Early Dawn, Hugh Ballard's Chief, and A. P. Warlick's Major.

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62 To Receive Diplomas; Final Program Given

Kings Mountain high school seniors, including 12 graduates of the 11th grade and 50 graduates of the 12th grade, will receive diplomas Friday night, as final commencement exercises close the school's 1944-45 school year. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, director of Christian education of the North Carolina Presbyterian synod and faculty member Davidson college, will make the principal address at the graduating exercises.

Dr. Gwynn, while a student at Yale university taking work for the Ph.D. degree, made a special study of the place of religion in public education and has recently written several articles in this field. He is professor of psychology and education at Davidson and is chairman of the North Carolina Council of Churches' committee on weekday religious education.

Dr. Gwynn will be introduced by B. N. Barnes, principal of Kings Mountain schools.

The invocation is to be offered by Rev. J. G. Winkler, and will be followed by the singing of "America."

Following the address by Dr. Gwynn, the Girls' glee club will sing Amy Worth's "In the Field Where the Daisies Are," and diplomas will be presented by J. E. Huneycutt, principal.

Houston Black, president of the senior class, will present the senior class' gift to the school, and C. G. White, members of the school board, will present medals.

Rev. L. C. Pinnix will give the benediction.

This year's commencement program began on Sunday night when a large crowd heard Dr. R. C. Grier, president of Erskine college. Due West, S. C., preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Meantime, final examinations have been underway during the past week and final examination schedules are to be completed today.

Merchants Ask Parking Limit

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, in meeting at the office of the organization Monday night, recommended that merchants and sales personnel of local firms park their cars in back lots, and voted to request that the city police department enforce the one-hour parking limit in the downtown business section in order to alleviate the congested parking situation.

The merchants also voted to ask the city to mark off parking spaces in the parking areas on each side of the railroad, pointing out that many persons park their automobiles in such a manner as to prevent full utilization of the space available.

The parking law would apply to Kings Mountain drivers, with special courtesy cards to be given to out-of-town motorists allowing them unlimited parking privileges.

The merchants also issued a special request to shoppers, asking them to help in the conservation of critically short wrapping paper and paper bags by bringing shopping bags with them to local stores.

Discussion was heard on the possibility of organization of a Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, but no action was taken.

President Truman Invited To City

President Harry S. Truman is being invited to come to Kings Mountain October 7, on the 100th anniversary of the famous battle which turned the tide of the Revolutionary war.

It had been previously announced that President Truman was to visit Statesville in October, and, according to a story appearing in the Shelby Daily Star last week, letters have been sent to Washington officials and to Senator Hugh McPherson of Statesville to ask if the President's engagement at the Battle of Kings Mountain might not be set so that he could also come to Kings Mountain.

President Herbert Hoover spoke at the battleground in 1928 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the battle.