Population
Kings Mountain, 6,847
Immediate Trading Area, 15,000
(Figures based on registrations of Ration War Price and Rationing board.)

Kings Mountain Herald

12 Pages Today

VOL. 56 NO. 23 KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C. THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1945 FIVE CENTS PER COPY

Employees of Four Textile Companies Get Pay Hike

Local News Bulletins

FIRST BAPTIST REVIVAL

Rev. G. G. Lanter, pastor-evangelist of Winston-Salem, will be guest minister for aeweek's revival meeting to be held at First Baptist church from June 24-July 3, it was announced this week by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, the pastor. Services are to be held each morning and evening.

FIRE DAMAGES COTTON

Bales of cotton at a warehouse of the Cora Mills were damaged by fire about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, when fire of an undetermined origin broke out in the warehouse. Fire Chief Grady King said that the sprinkler system prevented damage to the building. Damage to the cotton was estimated at $2,500,, by Z. F. Cranford, Cora superintendent.

ATTENDS MEETING

W. L. Plonk, president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, represented the local club at a one-day meeting of delegates from clubs in the district held at Black Mountain Tuesday. The meeting was held in lieu of the annual club convention.

ATTEND LADIES NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moss, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Warlick, Mr. and Mrs. Tolly Shuford and Lawrence Lovell attended the ladies night meeting of the Stanley Lions club at Rankin Lake near Gastonia Tuesday night. The Stanley club was organized under sponsorship of thelocal club.

EXPECTED HOME

Pfc. Sam Hamrick, husband of Mrs. Adelaide Hamrick, is expected in Kings Mountain this weekend. He has just arrived in the United States after being liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany. He telephoned his wife from New York Wednesday morning.

McCARTER ELECTED

Martin W. McCarter, well-known Kings Mountain man, was elected commander of District 11 of the North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars during the two-day annual state-wide convention held in High Point last week end.

—K—

HORD BACK AT WORK

Horace Hord, who suffered a broken leg in a fall about three months ago, resumed his duties as manager of the Home Store Monday morning. Mrs. Helen Greenlish, temporary manager here, was transferred to the Cliffside store.

EN ROUTE HERE

Cox. Charles Harrill, USNR, is expected in Kings Mountain Friday to visit his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Harmon Harrill. Coxswain Harrill is flying across the country from a California Naval hospital, where he has been receiving treatment after receiving wounds in battle in the Pacific.

HORSE SHOW RESULTS

A number of Kings Mountain horses took prizes in the afternoon events at the Shelby horse show Wednesday. Following are the Kings Mountain winners: open junior walking class, fourth, Frosty Morn, owned by Tom Fulton; county-owned five gaited class, fifth, El-Speed Buster, owned by George Allen; county pleasure class, first, George Allen's El-Speed Buster; Cleveland county-owned walking horse class, first, [illegible] owned by Byron [illegible] exhibited by R. [illegible]; second, Mr Mack, owned by Tom Fulton, ridden by [illegible]; third, Tommy's Only Boy, owned and shown by Tom Fulton; stock, Byron Kesler's Daisy Taylor, exhibited by Jimmy Harris; seventh, Fulton Model's Star-Way, ridden by Tom Hughes [illegible].

[illegible] the entire group was then [illegible] [illegible]

Registrations For Hospital Election Show Big Increase

Registration in Kings Mountain precincts for the special hospital bond election on July 7 spurted considerably in the Kings Mountain precincts this week, following action of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs in endorsing the proposed hospital program.

Fgures given by Mrs. P. D. Herndon and I Ben Goforth, registrars, showed that 272 persons have registered, with two Saturdays remaining [illegible]

The bond election, if passed, will mean that Cleveland county will take over the Shelby hospital and will remodel and enlarge the facilities of the Shelby hospital in addition to building a hospital in Kings Mountain.

The Lions club, at its meeting last week, heard considerable discussion on the hospital election, and unanimously endorsed the proposed program. The club also voted to take an active part in aiding the passage of the propositions.

The Kiwanis club, which began active work on obtaining a hospital for Kings Mountain a year ago, also intends to take an active part in the election, and will hold a special hospital program next Thursday night, June 21, featuring addresses by Henry B. Edwards, county attorney, and J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain lawyer, who handled the legal arrangements for the election.

Residents of West Kings Mountain precinct may register at Victory Chevrolet company with Mr. Goforth, and residents of East Kings Mountain precinct may register at the City hall with Mrs. Herndon. A person who registers and fails to vote automatically casts a vote against the proposed program.

Following, inbrief, are the four questions which will appear on the hospital election ballot:

(1) Shall Cleveland county assume the Shelby hospital, together with the $48,000 debt on this building, levying sufficient taxation to retire these bonds?

(2) Shall Cleveland county issue bonds in the amount of $160,000 to erect a hospital in Kings Mountain and levy property taxes to retire these bonds?

(3) Shall Cleveland county issue bonds totaling $240,000 to remodel and enlarge the Shelby hospital and levy property tax to retire these bonds?

(4) Shall Cleveland county be allowed to levy a property tax, not to exceed five cents per $100 valuation, for the purpose of maintaining these hospitals?

Glee A. Bridges, chairman of the board of commissioners, has previously stated that all the four questions must be favored if the board is to carry out the hospital program.

Names Of Service Personnel Desired

All parents and relatives of Kings Mountain men and women in service who did not enter service via the local draft board are requested to file the names of these service men and women with J. G. Darracott, secretary of the Lions club, immediately.

Complete list of names of Kings Mountain service personnel has been compiled by the local draft board and are soon to be placed on the large service honor roll, in front of the old Presbyterian church building.

The names should be left with Mr. Darracott at Western Auto Store not later than Saturday.

Church Attendance To Be Tabulated

KingsMountain's go-to-church campaign, being participated in by all churches in and around the city, and carrying the active endorsement of ten local organizations, will get fully underway on Sunday as churches begin making tabulations of attendance at Sunday services.

Present plan, according to John L. McGill, chairman, is for reports of attendance to be made to three group chairmen, whi will in turn supply the information to this newspaper for weekly publication.

Group chairmen are: L. L. Benson, uptown churches; J. G. Darracott, suburban churches; and Mrs. E. A. Shenk, colored churches.

Mr. McGill pointed out that the information must be in the hands of the chairmen each Tuesday by noon, in order to assure publication.

Each church has also named a subcommittee to make active efforts to increase attendance at and participation in religious activities.

The campaign was launched in May.

"In continuing this campaign," Mr. McGill stated, "we hope not only to increase the regular attendance during the drive, but to increase it permanently. The committee feels that by this method Kings Mountain will find greater participation in Christian activities.

"The campaign applies not only to church services, but to Sunday school attendance, as well," he concluded.

Paul Leonard Urges Economy Measures

J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax association, urged members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting at the Woman's club last Thursday night, to communicate their wishes to members of Congress, as he excoriated governmental policy leading to "more federal control."

Mr. Leonard said that citizens, because of the Truman open-door policy toward Congress, now has its greatest opportunity to prevent complete federal control in the post-war world by communicating their feelings on pending legislation to their representatives in Washington.

He called for cutting off appropriations of government agencies in direct proportion to the drop in needs of men in the armed forces, specifically opposed the pending bill calling for 300,000,000 for support of education, called for legislation making government corporations completely responsible to Congress, and criticized Congressmen who are supporting the bill to add a $2,500 tax-free expense allowance to the pay of Congressmen. He also stated his opposition to the FEPC, now receiving much attention in Congress.

Miss Virginia Plonk Will Enter Red Cross Service

Miss Virginia Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plonk, will leave for Washington, D. C., Sunday where she will [illegible] position with the American Red Cross.

Miss Plonk's training will lead to an overseas assignment.

Ledbetter Put Under $3500.00 Bond

Gaither Ledbetter, operator of Highway Service Station on the Grover road, was bound over to Superior court without privilege of bond in a preliminary hearing in county court at Shelby Wednesday morning. He was formally charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Robert Brakefield, 20-year-old Smyrna, S. C., mill bus driver, which occurred late Saturday afternoon. Later in the day, Justice of Peace R. R. Powell changed his decision and Ledbetter was released under bond of $3,500. The bond was signed by Henry Ledbetter.

Chief of Police A. E. Aderholdt, who aided in the investigation of the case along with Sheriff Raymond Cline, Patrolman H. D. Ward and Officer J. R. Guyton, said the shooting occurred about 6:30 p. m., following a fight.

The victim, he said was shot in the back, below the right soulder blade, the 32- caliber bullet entering near the backbone.

Brakefield, along with a number of friends, had stopped at the service station before the altercation started. After he was shot, his friends carried him to Gaffney, S. C., hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Chief Aderholdt said there were a number of broken beer bottles around the place, indicating a fight had taken place. When he arrived on the scene, the victim and his friends were already gone.

Evidence was offered tending to show that Brakefield and his party including five men besides Brakefield got into an argument with two girls inside the station and that Ledbetter put them all out. After he had put them out, witnesses testified that Ledbetter came back and grabbed a pistol out of the hands of Howard Sanders, assistant in the service station, and went outside again. Within a few seconds a pistol shot was heard outside and Braakefield fell.

Evidence of one witness indicated that Brakefield was shot in the back while he was running. Another testified that Brakefield had hit Ledbetter with a beer bottle.

Falls and Falls, for Ledbetter, asked for a reasonable bond to be named for the lefendant in the ground that he was defending his place against trespassers. The private prosecution was represented by C. C. Horn who assisted Solicitor Bynum Weathers. The hearing took up practically the whole morning in court.

Funeral services for the victim were held at Canaan Methodist church Monday afternoon, with burial following in the church cemetery.

Cpl. Cicero Falls Now Home After 26 Months As Prisoner

When Cpl. Cicero Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Falls, was captured by the Germans near Faid Pass in North Africa on February 14, 1943, he thought his end had come. The Germans odrered the prisoners to stand in formation and he thought they were to face a firing squad.

Instead, there followed more than two years in German prisoner of war camps until he was liberated by the advancing Russians, on April 22, 1945.

Cpl. Falls, now home on furlough before reporting to the army redistribution center at Miami, Fla., on August 1, has just returned here after a visit through South Carolina and Georgia to see parents of men he knew in service — some who were killed or who died in prison, others who are yet to be repatriated.

The months he spent in prison were more or less miserable, he says, particularly the first few months, when he was being transported from one camp to another.

Serving in an artillery observation battalion, Cpl. Falls went over seas in August 1942, went from England to Oran in December, and first went into action on January 30, 1943.

Speaking of his capture, he said, "We knew we were surrounded, and tried to make a breakthrough, but [illegible] We were in [illegible] [illegible] we got out the road [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their big guns with pistols and machine guns.

"After we surrendered, we were lined up and marched into the desert. Without food and water, we marched across the desert, from 3 p. m. Sunday to 3 p. m. Monday. When we finally stopped, we were given salt water to drink, but our tongues were so badly swollen that we probably couldn't have swallowed anything. At night it was as bitterly cold as it was hot in the day, and they gave us no additional clothes or blankets. We were kept in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]