

POPULATION
Incorporated Kings Mountain 6,547
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(Figures based on registrations of local War Price and Rationing board.)

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Local News Bulletins

SCHOOL NOTICE
J. E. Huneyutt, principal of Kings Mountain high school, said Wednesday that all high school students who have moved to Kings Mountain since the close of school last year and all other high school pupils wishing to make schedule changes should come to the high school Monday morning.

PERSONNEL CHANGE
Miss Dorothy Costner, formerly clerk at Garland's Jewelers, now holds a similar post at Blalock's grocery, taking up her new work Monday. Mrs. D. E. Falls has replaced Miss Costner at Garland's.

FIRE ALARM
The city fire department was called out about 8:30 Saturday morning to extinguish a fire on the back porch of the Falls home on Cleveland avenue. Chief Grady King said the fire started after hot ashes, removed from a stove, were placed in a wooden nail keg on the porch. The ashes burned through the wooden keg and ignited the porch. Slight damage was done to the porch, Mr. King said.

MEYER HERE
Dr. Harold Meyer, chairman of the state recreation commission, and University of North Carolina faculty member, was in Kings Mountain last week to confer with local recreation committee officials regarding a city-wide recreational program.

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night's union service will be held at Central Methodist church at 8 o'clock, with Rev. P. D. Patrick bringing the message. It was announced this week by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, Ministerial association secretary.

CRAWFORD IN STATES
Sgt. Wilson Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crawford, called his parents from an east coast port Sunday night following his arrival from the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Crawford, who has served many months overseas, said he was to report to Fort Bragg and expected to be in Kings Mountain on furlough in a very short time. He has been serving in Italy.

HAY AGENCY MOVES
The Arthur Hay Agency, Kings Mountain insurance agents, has moved from its temporary quarters in the Professional building to offices in the First National Bank building. The firm moved to the Professional building while the bank building was being renovated. Patrons and friends are being invited to visit the firm in its new offices.

ROBERTS IS HOME
Captain Thomas Roberts, son of Frank C. Roberts, arrived in Kings Mountain Tuesday following his return from the European Theater of Operations. Now visiting his wife in Forest City, Captain and Mrs. Roberts are expected to return to Kings Mountain Thursday.

RATION BOARD HOURS
W. E. Blakey, chairman of the local price and rationing board, announced Wednesday that the ration board would no longer be open on Saturday, following receipt of instructions to return to a 40-hour week. The office will be open to the public from 10 to 4 o'clock Mondays through Fridays.

COGGINS HOME
Sgt. Harold Coggins, well-known Kings Mountain man and before entering service manager of Kings Mountain Furniture company, is home on furlough following his recent return from duty in the European Theater of Operations.

KIWANIS MEETING
Chief Walter Anderson, of the Charlotte police department, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the regular weekly meeting of the organization night at 8 o'clock, it was announced mandatory attendance at seven o'clock this week.

COMPLETES BOOT TRAINING
James E. Black, S2c, has been home for nine days visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Self, and other relatives. Seaman Black entered the Navy May 23, and has just completed his boot training at the Naval Training center, Bainbridge, Md. After reporting back for duty, he was put in the commissary Department and will be stationed at Bainbridge for a while.

Horse Show To Top Labor Holiday Events

Merchants Will Close Monday, Open Wednesday

The majority of Kings Mountain retail business houses, financial institutions and offices will close Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday, it was announced this week by Mrs. Lynwood Parton, secretary of the Merchants association.

The firms, however, will be open for business all day on Wednesday. This policy was followed last year. Also to observe the holiday will be the United States Employment Service office, the ration board, the draft board and the postoffice. H. L. Burdette, city manager, could not be reached Wednesday to learn whether city offices would close.

A check of the city's industrial firms indicated the majority of them would operate as usual.

The Kings Mountain Lions club's second annual Labor Day horse show beginning at 3 o'clock at the Old Ball Park on the York road, will highlight Kings Mountain's first peacetime observance of the national holiday since 1941.

Officials of the horse show announced Wednesday that the best horse show ever presented in Kings Mountain is anticipated with a large number of exhibitors expected to compete for the more than \$250 in prizes offered in the 16-class event.

The ring at the Old Ball Park has been completed and the grounds have been pronounced in excellent condition.

Meantime, trucks were dispatched for bleacher seats on Wednesday and 1,000 persons, are to be erected during the week end.

The show on Monday is designed to

Suicide Plane Hit Gore's Ship

Harley R. Gore, AOM 3c, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Gore, of Kings Mountain, is a crew member of the big navy aircraft carrier USS Hancock which on April 7 was hit by a Japanese bomb and plane resulting in 140 casualties.

The Kings Mountain man was not injured in the attack which took 29 lives, wounded 76, and left 35 listed as missing.

Announcement of the damage to the Hancock was recently made by the navy department.

AOM Gore, still aboard the carrier, was last home in July, 1944.

Following is a portion of the Associated Press account of the attack:

"The attack occurred on the day that a fast carrier task force found and sank the Japanese super-battleship, Yamoto when it left the shelter of homeland waters in an attempt to attack invasion forces at Okinawa.

At the time, the Hancock was cruising south of Kyushu, southernmost of the main Japanese home islands.

"A single dive bomber known as a Judy came out of a cloud 5,000 yards from the Hancock, swooped low over the ship, banked, and dived straight for it. The Judy dropped its bomb from an altitude of 50 feet.

"The bomb exploded on the flight deck, penetrated the forward section of the deck, and damaged the hangar deck. Caught by the blast, the Judy cartwheeled and crashed on the flight deck. The twin blows destroyed 16 planes on the flight and hangar decks.

"Fires started by the bomb and plane were quickly brought under control and within four hours the ship was ready to receive its carrier planes.

The Hancock, commanded by Capt. Robert F. Hickey of Montague, Calif. is a veteran of more than eight months' fighting in the Pacific. Its records include the sinking of nine enemy warships in a single day during the battle of Leyte Gulf. In addition by mid-June she had bagged 32 enemy merchant vessels and accounted for 241 enemy planes. Seventy-two of the planes were shot down over Tokyo in a single day.

Mrs. Cline Receives Note From White House

Mrs. A. E. Cline last week received a note of appreciation from William D. Hassett, secretary to President Harry S. Truman, in response to a note written the president by Mrs. Cline.

Text of Mrs. Cline's note follows: "I believe with all my heart that your every day home life is going to mean more to the U. S. A. or to the world than any one thing. Please keep it up.

"My constant prayer is: God bless you and all of yours in all that you do or say.

"A friend.

"Mrs. A. E. Cline.

The reply, written from the White House August 22, follows:

"The President has read your kind note with the deepest appreciation. He asks me to thank you for writing to him as you did, and especially for your remembrance of him in prayer.

"Very sincerely yours,

"William D. Hassett,

Secretary to the President."

COUNTY BOND SALES
Citizens of Cleveland county have purchased \$6,490,731.75 in "E" bonds and made total purchases of \$23,931,944.25 in all issues, according to a report announced Sunday by J. P. Robinson, of Charlotte, regional chairman.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., general chairman of the Lions horse show committee, said Wednesday that entries for the local show will be taken up to the time of the particular events Monday afternoon. It was previously announced that a deadline for entries would be Thursday, August 30th, but Mr. Mauney said this was only to assure printing of entries in the official horse show program. He urged all exhibitors to enter their horses by Thursday night, if possible, in order that the program might list all possible entries.

be the best ever presented to a Kings Mountain audience with prize money increased considerably over that offered in previous shows.

The 16-event show includes classes for walking horses, three-and-five-gaited horses, and ponies. Also included is a fine-harness class and classes in ladies' and gentlemen's horsemanship.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children, including federal tax.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from members of the Lions club.

A large crowd, boosted by the Labor Day holiday, is expected to attend the event, and a large number of local and out-of-town horses are expected to be exhibited.

List of entries could not be obtained Wednesday due to the absence of J. G. Darracott, club secretary.

Davis To Speak At Legion Meet

J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, will speak at the regular meeting of Otis D. Greene Post 155 American Legion, at the City Hall Tuesday night, as the local post, with others throughout the state, celebrate the signing of the surrender terms by the Japanese.

John Floyd, post commander, said the special program will be in the nature of a thanksgiving service for the end of hostilities.

He also issued a specific invitation to all service men of both World Wars, regardless of whether they are affiliated with the local post, to attend the meeting.

The meeting will begin at eight o'clock.

"Mr. Davis will bring us an interesting message," said Commander Floyd, "and we hope that all members, and all service men and veterans will attend."

Mrs. Mauney Gives Books To Library

Mrs. W. K. Mauney has donated the following books, some of which are new to the Kings Mountain Public Library: "This, Too, Shall Pass Away," George Rong; "Land I Have Chosen," Ellen Berlin; "For C. Douglas," Wife To Mr. Milton, give Us Our Trespasses"; Lloyd Robert Graves; "The Cabin In The Clearing," James A. Braden; "The Knave of Diamonds," Ethel M. Dell; "The Adventure of Old Man Coyote," Thornton Burgess; "Light's Up," Grace S. Richmond; "The Cabana Murders," Joel Dane; "The Whispering Cup," Mable Seely.

Mrs. Charles Campbell, librarian, who was granted a leave of absence early in the year has been back at her post in the library for the past month.

AT PLOWE BROTHERS
Miss Louise Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Wright, assumed the duties of bookkeeper at Plow Brothers and Company this week, it was announced by the management.

Mrs. Patterson Resigns As Herald Society Editor

Mrs. A. H. Patterson, for many years society editor of the Herald, has resigned effective this week, and will be succeeded by Mrs. Humes Houston.

Mrs. Patterson resigned due to the press of other duties, and her resignation was accepted with regret by the Herald.

Mrs. Houston will be in the Herald office on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and on Wednesday. She will handle all society news and will also conduct the Herald Personal column. The Herald earnestly requests all persons to transmit their news in these departments either by telephone or by seeing Mrs. Houston personally. All are also requested to remember the deadline, which is 2 o'clock Wednesday, and they are asked to contact Mrs. Houston as early as possible each week.

Teen-Agers Urged To Attend School

With recent announcements that six to eight million men and women will soon be released from the armed services, that an equivalent number will be released from war industries, and that two million war workers have lost their jobs since Japan surrendered, J. E. Huneyutt, high school principal, today predicted a temporary period of unemployment for youth of school age and urged that those who had dropped out of school return to complete their education.

Mr. Huneyutt backed up his prediction of unemployment with a statement from Reconversion Director John W. Snyder that unemployment would reach five million or more within three months, perhaps eight million by next spring.

During the last school year the Kings Mountain High School membership dropped from 252 at the end of the first month to 222 at the close of school, a decrease of 30 pupils. In the entire Kings Mountain School System the membership dropped from 1554 to 1492, a decrease of 125 pupils.

The decrease in membership has been due chiefly to pupils going to work, those staying at home so both parents could work, and to the few who went directly from a school into the armed services, he said.

In most cases employers will offer returning service men their former jobs and in other instances more experienced and more mature employees will replace those of school age, he stated.

With keener competition for employment, it is important that a young person have the best possible foundation, he pointed out, adding that the army and navy have realized this fact and have provided for Veterans' Education.

"If school can help returning soldiers, it can certainly help boys and girls who are not yet old enough for the armed services," Mr. Huneyutt stated.

Mr. Huneyutt also stated that the school would do everything possible to help those who have dropped out when they return to the class room.

Truck-Load Sugar Stolen; FBI Making Investigation

Kings Mountain's sugar-short citizens found themselves in an even shorter situation last Friday morning when it was reported to police that a truck load of the hard-to-find commodity had been stolen during the night from Warlick's Terminal on West King street.

The trailer-truck contained 25,000 pounds of sugar consigned to Ware and Sons, wholesalers, and no trace of the sugar had been found Wednesday morning, State Highway Patrolman Hal B. Ward reported.

Meantime, an intensive investigation has been underway conducted by Patrolman Ward and Special Agents Jack Ward and Kermit Johnson of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Though officers declined to give any details of the investigation, it is known that many persons have been questioned concerning the theft.

Mr. Ward said that the truck, driven by two negroes, A. K. Goodlet and another driver named Hopper, was being brought to Kings Mountain from Savannah, Ga.

The truck broke down at York, S. C., Mr. Ward stated, and the drivers telephoned Kings Mountain to send mechanics to repair it.

At about 7 o'clock Thursday night Frank Tessemer, trucking company mechanic, and Walt Smith, assistant,

City, Park Grace Schools To Open Next Wednesday

All schools in the Kings Mountain city system and Park Grace school in the county system will open for the 1945-46 term on Wednesday morning, September 5, at 8:30, according to announcements by B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent, and Mrs. J. C. Nickles, principal of Park Grace school.

Mr. Barnes said that only a half-day session will be held on Wednesday, but that full schedules would be maintained, beginning Thursday. He also said that first grade pupils will not return for afternoon schedules during the first few days.

A general assembly in the auditorium is not planned for any of the city schools on Wednesday morning. It is felt that the time on Wednesday will be needed for properly classifying pupils rather than holding opening exercises. On Friday morning the public is invited to each of the city school buildings for appropriate opening exercises.

Teachers Meetings Tuesday

Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock all white teachers will meet at Central School for a general teachers meeting, conducted by Superintendent Barnes. In the afternoon there will be divisional meetings conducted by the principals. At the Davidson Colored School a divisional meeting will be conducted by Principal John A. Gignson at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon at 2:00 o'clock a general teachers meeting will be conducted by Mr. Barnes. Teachers of Park Grace school are to meet Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

Compulsory Attendance Age

Superintendent Barnes has called attention to the fact that there is a new school attendance law in effect setting mandatory attendance at seven to fifteen years, instead of seven to fourteen as was the law in former years. It is now a violation of the law for a child to stop attending school at fourteen. The pupils is now required to go to school until he or she is fifteen years old.

Superintendent Barnes has urged pupils who have not finished high school to continue their education. Now that the war emergency is over, it is advisable for teen-age pupils to drop their tools and go back to school, he said. "Teen-agers should not sacrifice educational opportunities at this time for the weekly pay envelope," he said.

Entrance Age

The law with regard to age for entrance is the same as last year. A child must be six years old on or before October 1st to enter this year. Children entering for the first time should present three certificates — birth certificate, certificate showing immunization against diphtheria, and certificate showing vaccination against small pox. It is also hoped that all children entering will have been vaccinated against whooping cough.

The system generally is ready for the new term, Superintendent Barnes said. Yesterday all janitors went on the job to clean and prepare the buildings and grounds. Principals are also on the job getting everything ready for the new term, he stated.

Eight Auto Accidents On Three-Mile Stretch

Reporting eight automobile accidents between Kings Mountain and Grover on Highway 29 during the past weekend, Patrolman Hal B. Ward this week pointed out to motorists that the speed limit is still 35 miles per hour and warned drivers against high speeds.

The accidents resulted in over \$3,000 in property damage, Mr. Ward said, and resulted in hospitalization of five persons. One car was completely demolished.

"The speed limit is still 35 miles per hour," Mr. Ward said, "and I wish to warn motorists against driving at high speeds in automobiles which are old and very likely have defective parts as well as weak tires."

Recreation Body Gives Statement

Mrs. E. A. Shenk, chairman of the city recreation committee's committee on securing a director for the Kings Mountain recreational system, this week released a committee-approved statement giving facts relative to the committee's inability to secure a director and outlining the policy of the group.

The statement reads:

"The recreation committee, set up by the city in April, has been constantly following every lead given it in trying to secure a full-time recreation supervisor.

"Several men have come to Kings Mountain, studied our plans, and endorsed them, but we were not able to persuade them to take the position.

"Money so generously contributed to this project is in the bank. Present plan is to keep promoting the program of the youth center and keep in touch with the state's office of recreation which is conducting a house and would be helpful in securing a director.

"We are agreed we shall wait until we are sure that we have a director who would be able to give us the kind of program that would put Kings Mountain in a class with the best."

Negress Under Bond On Charge of Theft

Louise Williams, wife of Sam Williams, negro truck driver for the City of Kings Mountain, is free under \$500 bond following her arrest on charges of unlawful possession last Friday.

It is alleged that the colored woman picked up a night deposit bag belonging to Plunk Motor company and that she refused to return it.

The bag, according to the warrant, contained \$150 in currency and 10 checks totaling \$103.55.

Police headquarters stated that the bag was dropped on the street and that witnesses stated the Williams woman was seen to pick it up.

The defendant has constantly denied that she has the bag or that she has seen it, it was stated. She is to be given preliminary hearing in city recorder's court Monday.

Nineteen Leave For Examinations

Nineteen white men left Kings Mountain Wednesday morning for Ft. Jackson, S. C., and pre-induction examinations to determine their fitness for service in the armed forces.

Of the 19, three had volunteered for immediate induction. They were William Lloyd Carroll, Elzie Horns, and Robert Clarence Pearson.

James Leslie Hullender was designated group leader.

Others in the group, majority of them, 18-year-olds, were:

Hershel Nathan Davis, Hill Alexander Carpenter, Charlie Quinn Robison, Dewey Ambrose Styers, Paul Oates Rippy, Cameron Stokes Ware, Miller Eugene Hughes, Carl Eugene Champion, Leroy Gene Champion, Thomas Franklin Morrow, Herman Sprouse, Arthur Leonard Anderson, Henry Lloyd Walls, Earl Lee Grigg, Austen Junior Elmore.

McGee Appeals City Court Judgment

Sam McGee, given a suspended sentence of 30 days on the roads and fined \$10 and costs for public drunkenness in city court Monday, entered notice of appeal to Superior Court.

In other cases tried, Lawrence Huffstetter, Charlie Rathbone and Joe Gofforth were fined five dollars and costs for drunkenness, while Charlie Rathbone was assessed costs on the same charge.