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Incorporated Kings Mountain 6,647  
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## Local News Bulletins

### YOUTH CENTER CLOSED

The Youth Center which operates in the Woman's Club, is now closed and will perhaps remain closed for two weeks, it was announced yesterday. The Youth Center is to be cleaned and equipment repaired and renovated, it was stated.

### TROWER PROMOTED

Commander Robert S. Trower, USN, has recently been promoted to that rank, according to information received here this week. Commander Trower, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Norman and a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, is captain of the USS *Valeria*, now in the South Pacific en route to New Caledonia. The ship was commissioned during the past summer at Providence, R. I.

### LIONS MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be supper guests of G. A. Bridges at his home Thursday night at 7:30. No formal program has been arranged.

### CHURCH ROLL CALL

Sunday, September 20, has been designated Kou' Call Sunday at Bethel Baptist church, it was announced this week. At this time the roll will be re-worked and all members are urged to be present.

### BARN BRINGS \$74

The auction sale of the barn on the J. F. Allison property on Cherokee street brought a total of \$74 last Saturday afternoon, with P. B. Falls, colored minister, and blacksmith the highest bidder. George Allen served as auctioneer. The barn was sold by W. H. Creek and L. A. Hoke, new owners of the property, and the barn is already being torn away.

### SENTENCE CHANGED

Sentenced of five years handed Tommy Buff, 16-year-old Kings Mountain boy, in Gaston Superior court last week was commuted to a one-year term in state prison at the end of the court session last week.

### FINGER DISCHARGED

Sgt. Carl Finger, son of Mrs. F. B. Finger, of Kings Mountain, has received an honorable discharge from the army following his return from Europe. Sgt. Finger was credited with 86 points under the army's discharge system.

### PLONK IN STATES

Sgt. Clarence Plonk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk, arrived in Boston, Mass., Monday, returning from the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Plonk served in Africa, Sicily, France and Germany and was overseas almost three years. He is expected home soon.

### TWO MEN DISCHARGED

Kings Mountain men who have recently been discharged from the armed services are Lt. Carroll Barnes, husband of Mrs. Barbara Summitt Barnes, and CPO Raymond McGill, son of Mrs. I. A. McGill.

### ANTHONY PROMOTED

Captain William C. Anthony, of Kings Mountain, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anthony, has recently been promoted to that rank, according to information received here. Capt. Anthony is now stationed on Guam.

### MEETING RAINED OUT

The meeting of the county board of hospital trustees, scheduled for Tuesday in Kings Mountain to consider possible sites for the erection of the hospital here, was postponed due to the heavy rains which fell over the weekend. Another meeting is to be scheduled in the near future, according to Wray Williams, Kings Mountain member of the board.

### High School Seniors Chose Officers Monday

Richardson was elected president of the senior class of Kings Mountain High School during homecoming period Monday. Other class officers are L. P. Stowe, vice-president; Charles McCall, secretary; and Mrs. G. W. Richardson, treasurer. The sponsor of the senior class is Josephine E. Weis.

There are 18 candidates for graduation in the eighth grade and three for ninth grade.



## Carpenter Found Dead On Tuesday

Funeral services for Charlie P. Carpenter, about 68, who was found dead Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 in a ditch near the Cora mill, will be held Thursday afternoon at Mountain View Baptist church, with Rev. Floyd Holland conducting the rites. Interment will follow in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Carpenter had been missing since early Sunday morning, when he left the home of J. M. Goins about 1:15 according to Chief of Police A. E. Aderholdt.

Chief Aderholdt said that the body was found by Pearly Phillips and another man in an eight-foot, rain-filled gulley near the railroad track from the Cora mill.

Police had been notified of the man's absence from home on Sunday and had been searching for him since, it was stated.

Mr. Carpenter lived with his family at the Phoenix Mill village.

Coroner Roscoe Letz of Shelby said he was unable to find any evidence of foul play, following an investigation Wednesday morning.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie McClure Carpenter, four sons, Pfc. J. H. Carpenter, of the army, Machinist Mate H. E. Carpenter, Washington, D. C., M. J. and C. R. Carpenter, of Kings Mountain, and four daughters, Mrs. C. Y. Simms, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. T. W. Dettmar of Cramerton, Mrs. J. H. Bennett, of Great Falls, S. C., and Mrs. H. L. Starnes, of Woodruff, S. C.

Another son, Earl Eugene Carpenter, was killed in action in September, 1944.

He received the award for alone deactivating a German mine field, laid with new-type mine, after ordering the men of his unit to withdraw.

The citation follows:

"... For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 19 February 1945. During all operations against the enemy, Lt. Houston has demonstrated a high degree of courage and outstanding leadership. On one occasion, when he discovered an unusual type German mine which was exceedingly dangerous to handle, he directed his men to withdraw and cover him while he alone deactivated the mine field. His conspicuous heroism, fearlessness, and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

All persons are urged to make plans now to be present at services in their church on Sunday, Oct. 7.



### IN EUROPE

Virginia Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Plonk, Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., has arrived in the European Theater of Operations to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross staff assistant. Miss Plonk is one of many young women helping to fill Red Cross needs overseas. Until her Red Cross appointment, she taught in the Thomasville, N. C., City schools. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, A. B., 1941.

## Truman Cancels Trip To City

President Harry S. Truman has cancelled plans to visit Kings Mountain on November 2 in connection with a moved up celebration of the 165th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

This information was received by Glee A. Bridges, chairman of the county board of commissioners Tuesday morning in a night letter from Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who had tendered the invitation to Mr. Truman and who had reported that the President would come to Kings Mountain.

Lee B. Weathers, who had been chairman of the committee on arrangements, Mr. Bridges and other county officials expressed regret at the cancellation and announced that no official celebration will be held.

However, plans are being discussed to invite Mr. Truman to King Mountain next year.

Text of Mr. Hoey's wire to Mr. Bridges follows: "President Truman has definitely decided that he cannot visit Kings Mountain on this trip. He will go to Statesville, and from there to Raleigh and thence to Atlanta by plane. The announcement may not be made until tomorrow."

"Clyde R. Hoey, US Senator."

### 561 Present At Six Churches On Sunday

Church attendance at six city churches was 561 last Sunday, while 736 attended Sunday School exercises. The totals were based on reports from the individual churches.

Attendance by churches follows:

APR—church school, 96

Presbyterian—church school, 129

churche, 79.

Central Methodist—church school

149, church, 186.

Grace Methodist—church school,

109, church, 63 night, 35, prayer

meeting 19.

Lutheran—church school, 167,

church, 147, night, 45.

Macedonia Baptist—church school

86, church, 86, night, 43, prayer

meeting 38.

## Eleven Cases Disposed Of In Court On Monday

Eleven cases were disposed of in city recorder's court before Judge O. C. O'Farrell this week.

Dick Carroll, Robert Beatty and William Belk, all found guilty of drunkenness, were handed 30-day sentences, suspended on payment of costs, as were three negroes, Tom Carroll, Lorenda Moore and George Stevens.

Coley Freeman, found guilty of an affray, was fined \$5 and costs, and Jack Huffstetler was given the same judgment on charges of drunkenness and an affray. T. G. McClellahan was also fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness, and Woodrow Kimble was fined \$20 and costs on the same count.

### PUTNAM IN STATES

Cpl. Wade H. Putnam arrived in Kings Mountain Tuesday night following his return from Europe. Cpl. Putnam, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putnam, arrived in Newport News, Va.,

and is now serving as supply sergeant in the Ninth Air Force.

He held 116 points under the army's point-discharge system.

Cpl. Wade H. Putnam says that Germany was the prettiest country he visited, adding, "though, of course, we did not associate with the people much."

The longest time, he said, was waiting to get home after the war ended.

## Pinnix Seriously Injured In Car Accident Thursday

Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church, is in Bowman Gray Hospital in Winston-Salem suffering from severe injuries he sustained when his automobile skidded and wrecked about 10 miles North of Mocksville last Thursday.

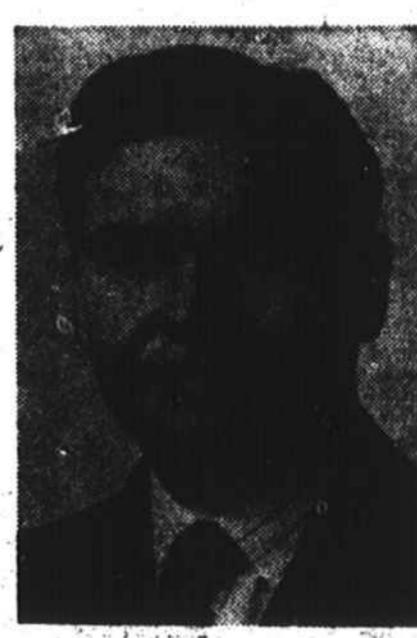
Mrs. Pinnix was also injured, suffering lacerations of the head requiring the taking of a number of stitches, and Miss Margaret Kendrick, who had accompanied the pastor and his wife to Winston-Salem, suffered painful bruises.

The accident occurred on the return trip.

Mrs. Pinnix and Miss Kendrick returned to Kings Mountain Friday. Mr. Pinnix is said to have sustained a fractured back and possible internal injuries.

His condition Wednesday was reported "as well as could be expected." He had been placed in a plaster cast on Monday. Mrs. Pinnix was reported improving nicely at her residence here.

Though first-hand details of the accident could not be obtained, it is thought that the Hudson car of Mr. Pinnix skidded on a curve on the Winston-Salem-Mocksville road, went out of control, and overturned. The car is badly damaged, with top battened in, all windows smashed, and the body badly warped.



KIWANIS SPEAKER—R. L. Gamble, above, South Carolina Commissioner of Labor and formerly affiliated with Neisler Mills here, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night.

## Kiwanis Club To Hear Gamble

R. L. Gamble, Commissioner of Labor for South Carolina, will address the Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting Thursday night, the subject of his address being "Post War Industrial Relations."

Commissioner Gamble studied Textile Engineering at Georgia Tech and Law at the Chattanooga College of Law, Chattanooga, Tenn. Following this, he entered Textile work and was employed during 1934 and 1935 at Neisler Mills, Inc. While working for the La France Mill in Anderson county, S. C., he was elected to the House of Representatives from which he resigned to join with the S. C. Department of Labor.

At present, he is serving his second term as Commissioner of Labor, having been appointed both times by Gov. Olin D. Johnston and unanimously confirmed by the S. C. Senate.

C. E. Neisler, Jr., president of Neisler Mills who secured Mr. Gamble as speaker for this occasion said, "We will be happy to welcome Commissioner Gamble back to Kings Mountain even for such a short visit and we feel certain that his many friends will be glad to see him again."

## Price Panel Reports Activities For August

A report of the activities of the Price Panel of the Local War Price and Rationing Board during the month of August shows a total of 86 retail stores visited by board representatives.

The Panel was pleased with the large degree of improvement shown in compliance with posting and pricing regulations. Very few overcharges were found on the items listed to be checked on the routine survey, it was stated.

Following a Panel hearing, J. E. Mauney, owner of J. E. Mauney's store, made a voluntary contribution to the Treasury of the U. S. of \$275 for overcharges found during the August Food Survey and a subsequent check of the store.

The selling prices of 100 food items will be checked in the September Food Survey.

## Compensation Claims Not Anticipated Here

Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, Kings Mountain USES representative, said Wednesday that she does not anticipate much call for Unemployment Compensation benefits from Kings Mountain citizens pointing out that at the present time there are sufficient job openings to take care of 150 persons with textile experience.

A person able and available for work and who can be placed in suitable work is not eligible for unemployment compensation, Mrs. Goforth explained.

At the present time, it was stated, no claims are being paid in Kings Mountain.

"The job outlook is good in Kings Mountain," Mrs. Goforth said, "and I do not believe that we shall find many valid claims for compensation in the immediate future."

The USES office is keeping in close contact with employers in order to keep an accurate list of available jobs.