

## Local News Bulletins

### PINNIX HOME

Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church, was brought home by ambulance from Bowman Gray hospital, Winston-Salem, on Sunday. Mr. Pinnix's condition has been described as satisfactory, though his back has been encased in a cast since the automobile accident in which he was injured two weeks ago.

### KIWANIS MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hear an address by Van A. Covington, of Gastonia, at their regular meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 7 o'clock on "What Cotton Faces." Attendance is urged.

### FOSTER DISCHARGED

James H. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Foster, has recently received an honorable discharge from the army, following his arrival from England on Sept. 4. He served in England, France, Belgium and Germany during his tour of duty overseas.

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. P. D. Patrick, president of the Ministerial association, called attention this week to forthcoming World-Wide Communion Sunday to be observed October 7, and he asked all citizens of Kings Mountain to make plans to attend their particular church on that Sunday. Almost all Kings Mountain churches will participate in the observance.

### EXECUTIVES CLUB

Robert Friers, internationally known traveler and humorist, will speak before the members of the Cleveland County Executives club at a dinner meeting at Hotel Charles, Shelby, Friday night at seven o'clock. Advance reservations at \$1.25 per plate must be in the hands of J. W. Osborne, club secretary, by noon Thursday, it was announced. It is the first meeting of the club since early summer.

### WAR DADS TO MEET

Kings Mountain chapter of War Dads will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at the City Hall Friday night at 8 o'clock. It was announced yesterday by E. A. Harvill president. Attendance is urged.

### BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Southern District Brotherhood of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina will hold its next quarterly meeting at Cherryville, N. C., Carlton club house, Friday, Sept. 28th, 1945, at 7:30 P. M. Dr. P. E. Monroe, President of Lenoir-Rhyne college will present the speaker, the Rev. Dr. John L. Yost, President Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

### WITH STERCHI'S

Dan Huffattler, well-known Kings Mountain man, is now affiliated with Sterchi's, which will open a furniture store here in the near future, it was announced this week by E. O. McClain, manager.

### ROBERTS OUT

Captain Thomas Roberts, of Kings Mountain, son of Frank C. Roberts, has been released to an inactive duty status by the army. Captain Roberts received his orders at Fort Bragg Saturday. The Kings Mountain officer served in the European theater for 20 months.

### AT BELK'S

Miss Betty Grantham is now a member of the sales personnel of Belk's Department store, it was announced this week by Hilton Ruth, manager.

### AT DELLINGER'S

Mrs. Hazelene Black, of Cherryville, is now a member of the sales personnel of Dellinger's Jewels Shop, it was announced Wednesday by the management.

### RETIRED ROLL CALL

All members of Bethlehem Baptist church are being urged to be present for services Sunday, which has been designated roll call Sunday.

### WALKS DAY

A visiting minister will conduct services at Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday morning, an annual church walk will be held on Monday, Sept. 28th, and a social will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29th.

## McBrayer Service Officer

Captain John Z. McBrayer, Cleveland county veteran of World War II who lost a leg in the crash of his B-24 bomber in China, has been appointed county service officer by the board of commissioners and will assume his duties on Monday when the office will officially open.

The county board thus follows the lead of other county's throughout the state in making arrangements to handle the needs of discharged veterans.

Captain McBrayer, in Kings Mountain Tuesday, announced that he would be in the city twice each week at an office in the City hall to see veterans of the Kings Mountain area and aid them in every possible way. A full-time office will be maintained at the county courthouse in Shelby.

Recently honorably discharged from the army air corps at Lawson General hospital, Captain McBrayer served with the 14th Air Force under General Clair Chennault, founder of the famous Flying Tigers.

Office hours in Kings Mountain will be: Tuesday mornings, 8 a. m. to Noon; Thursday afternoons, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

"The purpose of this service is to assist all veterans and their families in the solution of all their service problems. Forms will be available, and all information cheerfully furnished on such matters as: Education under the GI Bill of Rights, Loans for the building of a home, or the buying of a farm under the GI Bill, Vocational training, insurance conversion, hospitalization, disability pensions, widows pensions, issuance of grave markers, etc.," Captain McBrayer stated.

## Julian Property To Be Auctioned

P. D. Herndon, Kings Mountain real estate agent, announced this week that the Julian property on East King street has been divided into building lots and will be sold at auction on Saturday, October 6, the sale scheduled to begin at 3 p. m.

The property, formerly the high school athletic field, is bounded also by the York road and Deal street and lies in front of the city water works.

It has been divided into 62 lots each with 25-foot front, but with varying depth.

George Allen is to serve as auctioneer, and Mr. Herndon said that the lots will be sold with the buyer's privilege of taking two additional lots at the same price. Terms can be arranged, he stated.

Part of the property may be seen at Mr. Herndon's residence.

### PLEDGE FRATERNITY

Charles A. and Henry P. Neisler, Jr., twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Neisler, Sr., of Kings Mountain have pledged the Beta Theta Pi fraternity chapter at Davidson college, where they are first-year students, according to an announcement from the college this week.

## Padgett, Released By Army, Will Resume Practice Soon

Captain Phillip G. Padgett, Kings Mountain doctor who spent 15 months in combat areas of Europe, has been ordered to inactive duty status and will resume his practice of medicine in the city within a few months, he said this week.

Capt. Padgett received orders at Fort Bragg Saturday and is on terminal leave until December 31st.

He said that the date of his return to private practice was still indefinite for two reasons: (1) he is seeking a private residence in close proximity to the business district to serve as offices and clinic, and (2) he expects to undergo a few months of medical refresher courses before resuming private practice.

The Kings Mountain medical officer, a native of Rutherfordton county, had been in private practice in the city for three years prior to his entry into the army on July 21, 1942. During his period of service, he served as a combat medical officer in Italy, France and Germany.

His army point total was 115, which qualified him for release from active duty.

## Chairman Keeter Announces Committee Heads For National War Fund Campaign

### Hospital Trustees To Consider Site Next Week; Four Listed

Members of the Cleveland county hospital board of trustees, already rained out in one attempt, have tentatively scheduled a meeting here for Tuesday to consider sites for the Kings Mountain hospital which was authorized in a special bond election during the summer.

Though a number of sites have been under consideration of the board, it is understood that four sites are being given greatest consideration. They are:

1—A tract of the R. S. Plonk property north of West King street, which with adjoining available property, will total 10-11 acres.

2—A tract of some eight acres to the left of the Bessemer City road and owned by Phenix Mills, Inc.

3—A tract on the Cherryville road, a portion of which is owned by S. A. Mauney.

4—The home and grounds of Charles A. Williams on North Piedmonts avenue.

The property of the Plonk estate is said to contain some 6.9 acres, including a small portion which has been released from a lease by the Kings Mountain Country Club association. In addition to this acreage, Blackmer and Company and Wray A. Williams, member of the board of Trustees, have offered to give adjoining portions to bring the total to more than 10 acres.

Some two or three acres of the Phenix Mill property was offered as a gift sometime ago when citizens of the city were discussing the possibility of building a city hospital. L. W. Hamrick, official of the company, said Wednesday morning that Earl Hamrick, another official, had handled discussions with the hospital board and that he did not know what offers had been made.

The Mauney property, across the road from the old city water tank, was also offered as a gift sometime ago. It is said to contain some four acres.

Mr. (Charles) Williams said this week that he had offered his property, including his residence and 22 acres for a price of \$30,000, with an offer to return \$5,000 to the hospital fund and equip a room. He said that he had made the offer verbally, but not formally.

It is understood that the Kings Mountain trustees (C. E. Neisler, L. A. Kiser and W. A. Williams) are looking most favorably on the Plonk Estate property, due to acreage available and freedom of the site from noise.

Selection of the site is the responsibility of the full 15-man board.

The bond issue provides for the erection of a county hospital unit in Kings Mountain, equipped with 50 beds, and an expenditure of \$160,000.

In addition, there is expected to be available a sum of approximately \$30,000 from the Lottie Goforth estate, which was bequeathed for the purpose of helping to build or equip a hospital or aid the poor in obtaining hospitalization.

### Church Attendance Good At Reporting Churches

Only four churches reported Sunday attendance figures this week, the totals showing 684 present at Sunday Schools exercises and 518 at church services.

The failure of committee chairmen to report brought a request from John L. McGill, chairman of the Go-to-Church campaign committee, to resume making of reports.

Attendance by churches follows:

ARP: church school, 136, church, 121.

Presbyterian: church school, 169, church, 101.

Macedonia Baptist: church school, 168, church, 106, night, 76, prayer meeting 30.

St. Matthews' Lutheran: church school 212, church, 190, night 87.

### Airport Use Restricted During Hours Of Church

G. A. Bridges, Kings Mountain merchant and flying enthusiast, announced this week that Bridges Airport, off West Gold street, is in operation and available to flyers, but he also announced restriction of use of the flying field during church hours on Sunday.

"All flyers are welcome to use the airport for flying, but no landing or taking off will be permitted from 10 to 12 o'clock Sunday mornings," he stated.

## Lt. Houston Released

First Lieutenant Humes Houston, who held one of the lowest order numbers in the selective service drawing here, arrived home Saturday night from Fort Bragg and on completion of his terminal leave will revert to inactive duty status.

His arrival here followed more than a year of service in the European theater of operations, where he distinguished himself as an infantry officer, 94th division, won the bronze star medal for heroism in action and collected battle stars for three major engagements.

But his homecoming was topped by his first meeting with his year-old son, Sammy, who had been well-schooled in what his daddy looked like through pictures. The pictures did the work, and young Sam took on to Lt. Houston as if he'd always known him.

Lt. Houston was awarded the bronze star medal for personally deactivating a new-type German mine field near Borg, Germany, under enemy fire.

He said that six mines loaded with dynamite and equipped with pressure-type firing devices blocked the advance. He and another soldier secured a line around one charge and pulled it out. As they pulled, the mine detonated. The other five, Lt. Houston dug out and carried away.

"Scared? You bet I was," he says simply.

He first went into action at the St. Nazaire-Lorient pocket in France, which he describes as a gentleman's war.

"Actually, we were rationed on ammunition, so we'd save up for a few days, then let loose with all we had. The Germans would retaliate and we'd lose some men. Finally, a commander decided we should take the objectives, and this cost us too, but it was valuable experience. When we hit the German battles, we were battle-tired, and it undoubtedly saved us many casualties," he stated.

Inducted into the army on January 21, 1941, at Fort Bragg, Lt. Houston was commissioned a second lieutenant following successful completion of Officer Candidate school, Fort Benning, Ga., on August 13, 1942.

Before entering service an employee of Kings Mountain Drug company, Lt. Houston expects to resume his duties there November 1.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houston, of Pageland, S. C., former residents of Kings Mountain, and the husband of Mrs. Eva M. Houston, of Kings Mountain.



WAR FUND CHAIRMAN — Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain merchant who will again head the city's National War Fund campaign, announced the heads of committees yesterday. Goal of the campaign is \$5,000.

## Keller One-Man City Publicist

Kings Mountain and Coxswain Darwin Keller, who used to work behind the fountain at Griffin's Drug Store, came in for mention in a recent edition of the paper printed aboard the USS Todd, aboard which Keller serves.

The story follows:

"Speaking of home towns, have you ever heard of Kings Mountain, N. Carolina? If you haven't it's no 'Dobby' Keller's fault. The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce has its best representative in the genial coxswain of the 'Smoky Stover.' Although he must revert to Revolutionary war days to find an event of significance in his home town, 'Dobby,' relates with immense pride the story of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

"Modern-day Kings Mountain boasts of a drug store, where in pre-war days the soda jerkey was none other than the Todd Coxswain. We wonder of the boss permitted the habitual cigar behind which 'Dobby' invariably seeks to hide."

While the facetious writer would find more of interest in Kings Mountain than his story would indicate, the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce (if and when one ever comes into existence) should give a retroactive vote of thanks to Publicist Keller.

He is the son of Mrs. E. F. Keller, who now resides in Gastonia, and the letter to his mother containing the clipping was postmarked "Tokyo" in big red letters.

A brother, Stokes Keller, SK 3c, is also in the Pacific aboard another navy cargo ship. He has served in both theaters of action, and was a member of the crew of the USS Susan B. Anthony, sunk in the Normandy invasion. He is now aboard the USS Muscatine.

Another brother, Pvt. Jacob Keller is in the army at Camp Blanding, Fla.

## Mrs. Ridenhour Retires After 60 Years As Church Organist

When Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour, dean of Kings Mountain organists, plays at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday night, she will be completing almost 60 years as organist for the church, having served during the pastorates of no less than eight ministers. Mrs. Ridenhour says "almost 60," for she really isn't sure of the exact date she first played the old foot-pedal-type organ in St. Matthew's church—oldest church edifice in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Ridenhour tendered her resignation as church organist, effective October 1, at the September meeting of the church council.

It was while Mrs. F. P. Matz, of Reading, Pa., was in Kings Mountain and instructing Mrs. Ridenhour in music that she first began playing the organ, and Mrs. Ridenhour recalls that the years were 1885-86, which would soon make her period of service near the 60-year mark.

Pastor at the time was Dr. L. A. Bikle, for many years pastor of the church.

"The church building was remodeled and the pipe organ installed between Dr. Bikle's leaving and the arrival of Mr. (now Dr.) C. K. Be-

## Drive Begins Next Week; Goal \$5,000

Byron Keeter, chairman of Kings Mountain's \$5,000 National War Fund campaign, announced this week his city-wide organization to handle the campaign and stated that the drive would begin next week in conjunction with campaigns throughout the nation to raise \$115,000,000 for 22 member agencies, all of which provide comforts and entertainment for members of the armed forces and emergency relief to nations formerly occupied by oppressors.

Kings Mountain's quota is the same as in 1944, and Mr. Keeter said his organization was virtually the same as last year, when the quota was met in full.

Chairman Keeter announced the following committee heads.

Treasurer: Frank R. Summers.  
Industrial: W. K. Mauney.  
Business District: Hilton Ruth.  
Outlying Business District: B. S. Peeler.

Professional Men: E. A. Harvill.  
Individual Gifts: Mrs. Frank R. Summers.

Schools: B. N. Barnes  
Public Employees: H. L. Burdette.  
Sadie Mill: George Houser.

Phenix Mill No. 1: C. G. White.  
Phenix Mill No. 2: A. M. Aspinwall  
Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company: Aubrey Mauney.

Pauline Mill: Harry Page.  
Margrave Mill: J. H. Thomson.  
Park Yarn Mill: H. Y. Ballard.

Cora Mill: Z. F. Cranford.  
Mauney Mills, Inc.: Carl F. Mauney  
Bonnie Mills, Inc.: Jacob Cooper.

Advertising: W. R. Craig, Jr.  
Publicity: Martin Harmon.

Member agencies include the USO, United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian War Relief, United China Relief, American Relief for Czechoslovakia, American Denmark Relief, American Relief for France, Greek War Relief association, American Relief for Holland, American Relief for Italy, United Lithuanian Relief, Friends of Luxembourg, American Relief for Norway, Philippine War Relief, Polish War Relief, United Yugoslav Relief, American Field Service, Refugee Relief Trustee, U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

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## City Expected To Have Ration Board Until Jan. 1

Kings Mountain is expected to have a ration board at least until January 1, according to local board officials.

Though little could be learned concerning the consolidation of the Kings Mountain and Shelby boards, W. E. Blakely, chairman of the local board, said that this information was given by L. W. Driscoll, manager, in a telephone conversation recently.

Effective Monday, the board's paid personnel will be reduced to two, Mrs. Nell O. Thomson, chief clerk, and Mrs. Madge P. Wartick, price clerk, it was stated.