

## City Shivers As Coal Joins Oil On Scarce List

### Local News Bulletins

**JAYCEE APPOINTMENTS**  
C. F. Thomasson and Grady Howard were appointed to directorships of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, replacing James Houser, who has moved to Charlotte, and Clemonsee McDaniel, resigned. Mr. Thomasson was also named state director. President Jacob Cooper designated Ralph (Frosty) Spearman to serve as sergeant-at-arms, and appointed W. S. Fulton, Jr., to replace Mr. Houser on the program committee.

**HEARING TESTS**  
Mrs. Warlick, county health department nurse, has been conducting check-up hearing tests at Central school this week. Children being given the tests are those on whom defective hearing was indicated in the general tests conducted last month. Mrs. Warlick is using Puratone testing machine donated by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

**SELLS INTEREST**  
Frank F. Sisk, former Kings Mountain citizen, announced this week sale of his half-interest in Victory Cleaners, of Bessemer City to J. D. (Jake) McClain, his former partner in the business. Mr. Sisk said the sale was effective January 10.

**MERCHANTS' DIRECTORS**  
Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association will meet at the Kings Mountain Drug Company Monday evening at 7:15. It will be the last official meeting of the current board and a full attendance is being requested.

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
One building permit was issued by S. A. Crouse, city clerk, during the past week. On Jan. 22 a permit was issued to George H. Mauney for a "play house," off Cleveland avenue, of Army pre-farm construction, valued at \$300.

### Silver Dollar Gets "A" Grade

Kings Mountain had one Grade "A" cafe on the January 27 listing of the Cleveland County Health office, according to announcement made Wednesday. Silver Dollar Grill, with a rating of 90, was in the charmed circle.

Also in the "A" class was Bill's Snack Shop at Grover, with 90.5. These were two of nine county eating places in the top class.

Other Kings Mountain area ratings follow:  
Grade "B": Edward's Cafe, 88; Waffle Shop, 85.5; Arcadia Bowling Center, 85.5; Piedmont Drug Store, 83.5; Trout Club, 82.5; Mountain Grill, 82; Waffle House, 80.

Grade "C": Mayhew's Grill, 74.5; Griffin Drug Store, 74.5; Quality Sandwich Company, 70.5; Mountain View Inn, 70; Harlem Grill (colored), 76.

Among cafes ordered closed until sanitary requirements are met was the Blue Moon Cafe (colored), of Kings Mountain.

### Saturday D-Day On Tags And Taxes

Saturday is D-Day for Kings Mountain citizens.

It's not a war exactly, but deadline day and penalties awaiting these citizens who

- (1) fail to purchase auto license tags.
- (2) fail to list their taxes.
- (3) fail to pay their 1947 property taxes.

All these penalties can be avoided by conforming to the law by the close of business at the City Hall Saturday.

S. A. Crouse, city clerk, reported yesterday sale of 848 city license tags (866 were sold in 1947), and reminded that the city board of commissioners has authorized a \$5 fine on all city motorists who do not purchase and display the tags by February 1.

He also reminded that penalty of one percent on unpaid 1947 tax bills applies February 1.

Meantime, City Tax Lister Clarence Carpenter and County Lister E. D. Battersee were doing rush business as citizens rushed to meet the listing deadline.

### March Of Dimes Report: Pupils Raise \$830.00

An unofficial check of March of Dimes totals raised by school children of Kings Mountain was \$830.43, according to an announcement Wednesday by B. N. Barnes, chairman of the annual drive in Kings Mountain.

The total by schools was as follows: Central, \$527.80; West Elementary, \$139.12; East Elementary, \$113.51; Davidson, \$50.00.

Mr. Barnes said no reports had as yet been received from the civic club committees conducting the industrial and commercial solicitations in the "March of Dollars."

Goal of the campaign in Kings Mountain is \$2,000.

Posted in most business establishments and other public places are the familiar March of Dimes coin boxes and coins were finding their way into most of them.

Funds from the campaign go to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, for use in research for prevention of polio, and treatment of stricken patients.

"Kings Mountain can ill afford to fall to meet its quota," Mr. Barnes said. "We all remember the summer of 1944 when the great epidemic spread throughout the state. Again last summer North Carolina was high on the list of polio states."

"The funds are needed. Kings Mountain must do its share in the common fight against this enemy."

While all ages are susceptible to the disease, polio strikes children most frequently.

### Legion To Meet On Tuesday Night

Presentation of World War II American Defense and Victory Medals will feature the regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, The American Legion, scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Medals will be presented to those veterans in the Kings Mountain area who have signed the proper receipt and who are entitled to wear the medals.

Other ARMY veterans desiring to secure the two medals are requested to bring the original copy of their discharge papers to the meeting. Because the Army recruiting department is handling the medal processing for the post at present, only veterans who served with the Army or Army Air Forces can secure their medals through the present source.

Master Sergeant Truman A. Billingsley, of the Shelby recruiting office, is attending to details of presentation of the Medals Tuesday and no announcement was made as to whether there would be a high ranking officer here to be in charge of the ceremony.

Commander John W. Gladden will preside at the meeting.

**ATTENDED CONVENTION**  
P. D. Herndon, of Kings Mountain, attended the tenth annual meeting of the National Cotton Council of America, held at Atlanta, Ga., last week. Included on the program was an address by Gen. George Marshall, secretary of state. Mr. Herndon is a former regional director of the Council.

### Lions Cage Tourny Semi-Finals Friday Night; Local Team Wins

Kings Mountain Independents basketball team face the strong Monroe VFW entry tonight (Friday) at 9 p. m. in the second game of the semi-final round of play in the Lions club tournament. Tyner of Shelby and North Brook are set to battle it out in the opener of the double bill scheduled to get underway at 7:30.

The local team advanced to the semi-finals by virtue of a close win, 42 to 40, over the Firestone entry from Gastonia. Monroe spanked Number 3 all-stars 69 to 23 in the second game of the Wednesday night card that had the fans hanging on the ropes during the entire opener.

It was close all the way in the Independents-Firestone affair, the "Skids" leading 28 to 22 at half-time. Kings Mountain 35 to 23 at the third quarter, with the classy locals breaking a 40-all deadlock with less than a half-a-minute remaining to edge the battlers from Gastonia.

### Walmore Mills, Inc., Will Begin Manufacture Of Towels Here Soon

### Betty Yarn Mill Building Leased By New Concern

Walmore Mills, Inc., expects to begin manufacture of Turkish towels here about February 20.

The new corporation, which has leased the York Road building owned by Troy Whitehead of Charlotte, and formerly by Betty Yarn Mill, is now installing machinery. H. C. Moore, general manager of the new concern, of Gafney, S. C., said the firm expected to conduct a two-shift operation employing from 75 to 100 persons.

He said the cost of goods produced would be in excess of \$1,000,000 annually.

The firm is installing 95 looms with Jacquard heads. However, Mr. Moore said the firm would begin operations on plain weaves. He told the Herald Thursday morning that about half the looms have been installed.

The general manager of the new manufacturing enterprise was in the textile business for many years up to 1935. Since that time he has been a warehouseman and farmer, specializing in growing turkeys and peaches. He expects to commute between Kings Mountain and Gaffney.

### Two Runaways From Florida Found Here

Two run-a-ways from the Florida Industrial School for Girls at Ocala, Fla., were picked up in Kings Mountain Monday on request of Mrs. Alice D. McPherson, superintendent of the school according to N. M. Farr, local chief of police.

The girls were listed as Barbara Clanton, of Deluth, Ga., and Kings Mountain, and Sarah Keener, Gaffney, S. C.

Another of the group of run-a-ways was Louise Hancock, who was reported by the other two as having "stopped off at a bootleggers in Georgia."

The two girls were picked up at the home of C. N. Hendrens here after receipt of a telegram from Mrs. McPherson requesting a check of the residence for the girls.

Miss Eloise Bridges of the school was scheduled to arrive in Shelby late Wednesday afternoon to return the girls to Florida.

### National Jaycee Head Will Speak In Area

John Ben Shepherd, national Jaycee president, will speak at a luncheon meeting of the Charlotte Jaycees on Tuesday and at a dinner meeting of the Gaffney, S. C., Jaycees Tuesday night, it was announced by President Jacob Cooper of the local organization.

Mr. Cooper said the local club had been invited to attend both meetings. Those who wish to attend should contact Mr. Cooper for full details.



**NEW CITY ENGINEER** — Shown above is E. C. Brandon, Jr., of Thomasville, who will arrive here over the weekend to assume the duties of city engineer. (Cut courtesy Thomasville Tribune.)

### City Engineer On Job Monday

E. C. Brandon, Jr., new supervising engineer of the City of Kings Mountain, will arrive here Sunday and will assume his duties on Monday.

S. A. Crouse, city clerk, said a letter was received this week from Mr. Brandon, stating that he would arrive on schedule.

He will reside temporarily at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler until he can obtain housing accommodations and move his family here.

Announcement was made by the city last week of appointment of Mr. Brandon. The position is a new one for the local administration, which will charge the new official with responsibility of all engineering operations, it was stated.

Mr. Brandon has been employed with the City of Thomasville.

In making the announcement of Mr. Brandon's appointment here, the Thomasville Tribune lauded him as a "civic and church leader." It further editorially condemned the Thomasville city commissioners for dilatory action in delaying appointment of Mr. Brandon as public works superintendent of Thomasville.

### Band Emphasis Week Scheduled

Officials of the Kings Mountain Band association announced this week scheduling of Band Emphasis Week for February 16-21.

Feature of the promotion will be a concert by the Kings Mountain high school band on February 19, when the group will include in the program its 1948 contest selections.

Aim of the promotion is to further the progress of the band which was re-organized last year and attained marked success under the direction of Joe Hedden, when it captured top honors in its class for both marching and musical excellence.

The band association, made up of citizens interested in the furtherance of the band's activities, parents and band members, and others, endeavor to aid the organization by providing financial and moral support, by creating and maintaining interest in the organization, and by cooperating with band officials. Membership in the organization is open to all citizens.

Further announcements concerning the band and Band Emphasis Week will be forthcoming later.

### Sipes Home Totally Destroyed By Fire

The home of Jake Sipes on Sims street extension was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock.

The fire started when a defective oil stove blew up while Mr. Sipes was working on it. Mr. Sipes told Fire Chief Grady King.

The fire department was summoned to the scene but could do no fire-fighting—the location of the house being outside the limits of the hose.

The home and furnishings were partially covered by insurance.

### Final Rites Held Monday Morning For Mrs. McGill

Funeral services for Mrs. Addie Long McGill, 79, life-long Kings Mountain citizen, were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church, with the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly, officiating. Interment was made in Bethel cemetery near Kings Mountain.

Mrs. McGill succumbed Saturday morning at 6:20 at her home on Mountain street. She had been ill for the past six weeks, and death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mrs. McGill was born in the Bethel community near here. She was the widow of Andrew J. McGill, who died in 1941. She was the daughter of Perry R. and Melissa Lackey Long. A well-known and respected citizen, Mrs. McGill was a loyal and active member of the Boyce Memorial church. She was for many years a teacher in the junior department of the Sabbath School and participated in the women's organizations of the church.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur D. McGill, Atlanta, Ga., and Howard H. McGill, of Dallas, Texas; a daughter Mrs. W. Kenneth Crook, of Kings Mountain; five brothers, Charles Long, of Concord, Oscar Long, of Council, and Robert Jacob and William Long, of Dallas, Texas; four sisters, Mrs. T. A. McGill and Miss Sarah Long, both of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Ellen Long, of Gastonia, and Mrs. A. H. Patterson, of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Wendell Phifer, L. V. Hallman, R. L. Plonk; Fred W. Plonk, Charles E. Warlick, and M. A. Ware.

The body lay in state at the church for an hour prior to the services.

### Thirteen Cases Heard In Recorders Session

Thirteen cases were tried in regular weekly session of City Recorder's court Monday afternoon at City Hall before Judge O. C. O'Farrell.

G. M. (Dock) Mauney, for public drunkenness and disorderliness, was sent to jail for sixty days.

Ray Weaver was fined \$50 and costs for passing a worthless check. John Devin Quinn was freed on an assault count after the plaintiff withdrew the warrant and paid the costs.

Ben V. Davis, of Shelby, was fined costs for running a traffic light and Harold E. Ross was fined costs for no drivers license and ordered not to drive until he secures a license.

The following were fined costs for public drunkenness: Melvin Proctor (Shelby), Henry Patterson, Ralph Ware, G. C. Harris, George Melton, Jack R. Dover, L. R. McClelland, and Will R. Brown.

### JAYCEE MEETING

Regular, semi-monthly meeting of Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Woman's club building Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. It was announced by Ned McGill, secretary, yesterday.

### Politics Slightly Frozen Too, But Rumor Mill Lists Some Candidates

It was cold in Kings Mountain during the past week, but not too cold for political talk in some circles.

With the May primary just a hop-skip-and-jump away, public activity on the political front was still negligible, and many average citizens, as well as the politicians, were thinking it was time for some action.

In Kings Mountain, the rumor was out that Glee A. Bridges, for eight years a county commissioner, would not seek re-election, but Mr. Bridges himself was not talking, at least for publication.

In the event Mr. Bridges does not offer again, speculation concerned who might be a candidate for the board from Kings Mountain. Reported "talking about" the matter of candidacy was D. L. Saunders, who had brief service on the city board as an appointee last year, while other names being mentioned were W.

### No Word Yet On Emergency Oil Allocation

Kings Mountain has had a cold week, and the prospects Thursday morning were for a continuation of the frigid condition.

Citizens here, like many more who live on the Eastern Seaboard and otherwise easterly states, not only had to move around through ice and snow, but the many fuel oil and kerosene users were kept constantly busy looking for a dribble of fuel to keep warm inside their homes.

Last week's good news that emergency fuel allocations had been secured for the city was still in the "getting here" stage Thursday morning. Local fuel dealers reported that bills of lading on the shipment of the six-car allotment had not been received. Only information at hand was that the rail tank cars had been dispatched early in the week from Norfolk, Va., for Houston, Texas.

Meantime, coal users, who have been in relatively good shape so far this winter, can look forward to similar treatment. Claude Hambright said yesterday that he had been notified that 15 inches of snow in the coal fields had cut down coal mining operations and had virtually stopped coal shipments. He said he expected no more shipments "until it thaws," with the exception of two "lost" cars which he hoped to locate. He said his company would be able to accept no orders until more coal was received, and added that it would probably be the middle of next week until more shipments would be made.

Coal users were urged to conserve their supplies to avoid later discomfort.

Users of stoker coal are in better shape. Mr. Hambright said he had plenty of stoker coal on his yards.

While fuel was the big news of the cold wave, which started with a combination coating of snow and ice last Friday night, there were other inconveniences. Merchants reported business "frozen up," with the exception of calls for heavy foot wear, and many a citizen was telling his friends how he slipped on the ice.

Temperatures hovered near the freezing point all week. A midday thaw would be replaced by below-freezing cold at night and many cars stayed in garages. Motorists who got out managed pretty well on the more traveled streets, and most highways were open by Monday. But there were several slick spots which made back wheel spinning the order of the day and indicated some future business for tire dealers. Weather men were not optimistic about an immediate change in this area. The prediction was for more snow and icy rains, and the clouds bore out this threatening prediction.

### Merchants' Voting Deadline Saturday

Deadline for return of ballots in the annual election of officers of the Kings Mountain Merchants association is Saturday. It was announced yesterday by Ned McGill, secretary.

Mr. McGill said a large number of ballots had already been returned, but he urged those who have not yet voted to attend to the matter at once.

Post card ballots for officers and directors were mailed all members last weekend.

K. Mauney, I. M. Allen, and Joe A. Neisler. In connection with the mentioning of Mr. Mauney, there was some question as to whether the "senior" or "junior" connotation should be added. In some circles the talk concerned the former mayor and long-time city commissioner, and in others the talk was of W. K. (Billy) Mauney, Jr., now president of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Mr. Allen, former sheriff and a perennial in county political talk, was thought to be ready to make a bid for a commissioner post. Mr. Neisler, also a former city commissioner, is a member of the district Democratic executive committee.

Another rumor-of-the-week was that Mayor H. Tom Fulton would be a candidate for the state House of Representatives. However, Mr. Fulton was out-of-town and could not be reached for a statement.