

POPULATION

City Limits (1940 Census) 6,574
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

National Guard Unit Gets Federal Recognition

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS

Three building permits were issued by City Clerk S. A. Crouse during the past week. On Tuesday permits were issued to J. P. Mayhew, for construction of new five-room dwelling on Cleveland avenue, \$2,400 and to Steve Rathbone, for construction of a drink stand on Bennett street, \$50. On Wednesday permit was issued to W. D. McDaniel for construction of a new five-room dwelling on Sims street extension, \$3,000.

FARMERS COMING

Shelby's Farmers of the Western Carolina League are scheduled to face Lincolnton in a regular loop baseball game here in City Stadium June 26 in the first-half of a Shelby-scheduled double header. The Kiwanis club will sponsor the game.

WINS MEDAL

Park-Grace school winner of the DAR Citizenship medal, awarded annually to fifth grade students in Kings Mountain schools chosen "best citizens," was Kenneth Cloninger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cloninger, according to announcement by Mrs. J. C. Nickels, principal.

UNION SERVICE

Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will deliver the sermon at Sunday night's Union service, to be held at First Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

W. Hill Putnam, well-known Kings Mountain contractor, returned home from Shelby hospital last Friday, after receiving treatment for a stroke of paralysis suffered June 1. His condition was described as improved yesterday.

BAKER GRADUATED

Bloomington, Ind. — Richard G. Baker, of Kings Mountain, was among the 2,051 graduates receiving degrees at the 119th commencement of Indiana University June 13. Mr. Baker received the A. B. degree in zoology.

PATRICK GETS DEGREE

Henry Lawrence Patrick, son of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, of Kings Mountain, received the degree of Master of Science in Industrial Management at graduation exercises at George School of Technology on June 9.

AT CAROLINA BEACH

Eleven boys, Royal Ambassadors of First Baptist church, are among 200 from Cleveland county attending Seaside Assembly this week at Carolina Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole accompanied the Kings Mountain party.

TAX DISCOUNTS

Notices to city taxpayers went out this week informing them that all persons paying taxes before the close of business June 30 would receive a two percent discount. The discount also applies to county taxes paid by June 30.

Bethware Plans Community Fair

The boys in the Veterans Farmer Training program at Bethware high school are showing progressiveness in their community by working with the Progressive club in organizing a community fair according to an announcement made this week by officials of the program.

Some 37 boys are taking part in the program being conducted by Myers Hambricht, agricultural teacher, Jimmy Ware, and A. E. Best.

The community fair project is planned for this fall. The boys are learning to grow better products in the most economical way and are experiencing pride in their achievements. This leads to better farmers and farming, the announcement said.

W. B. Logan Is Named President Of Lions Club

W. B. (Bill) Logan, well-known Kings Mountain business man, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1948-49 at a meeting of the club last Thursday.

Mr. Logan will succeed W. K. Mauney, Jr.

Other officers elected are: S. S. Weir, Jr., first vice-president; J. Ollie Harris, second vice-president; Fred Wright, Jr., third vice-president; Hubert Davidson, secretary; Clarence Flowers, treasurer; Boyer Murray, Lion Tamer, Ned McGill, Tail Twister; and Tolly Shuford, assistant Tail Twister. Directors elected for two-year terms were: Dan Huffstetler, Charles A. Goforth, Jr., and E. K. Whitener. Holdover directors are George Houser, W. B. Thomson and C. C. Edens.

The meeting was held at the Trout Club.

Ballards Open Washerette

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ballard are announcing this week the opening of Piedmont Washerette, a self-service laundry, located in the former B. A. Smith building on North Piedmont avenue.

The new business enterprise is equipped with 15 Bendix washing machines, an extractor and two dryers, and will turn out a ready-to-iron wash in 30 minutes, Mr. Ballard stated.

The firm opened for business on Monday.

Mr. Ballard, a veteran of World War II, served for many months in the army in the Pacific Theater of operations. A former high school, college and semi-pro baseball star, he is now playing the outfield for the Rutherford County Owls in the Western Carolina League. Until recently, he was a salesman at Keefer's Department Store.

Mrs. Ballard, the former Miss Bet Roberts, was formerly associated with Dellinger's Jewel Shop.

MISS GRIFFIN GRADUATED

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Miss M. JeAnne Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin, 510 W. Mountain st., was among nearly 1,800 candidates for degrees at the 89th Syracuse University commencement exercises. The university graduated its largest class June 14th in Archbold stadium on campus. Miss Griffin received a bachelor's degree in general speech from the School of Speech and Dramatic Arts.

BUNDY STUDIO MOVES

Bundy Studio has moved to the building on S. Battleground avenue occupied by McCurdy Cleaners-Dyers. The Studio is sharing front floor space of the building with the cleaning firm.

Lions, Kiwanians To Mount Donkeys In Do-or-Die Battle Friday Night

Carlton Is Elected High School Coach

Everett L. Carlton, 27-year-old graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college, has been elected head coach at Kings Mountain high school for the forthcoming year, according to an announcement Thursday morning by B. N. Barnes, Superintendent of schools.

A World War II army veteran, Mr. Carlton, resident of Winston-Salem, played three years varsity football and one year of varsity baseball at Duke university prior to the war. He played two years varsity football and one year varsity baseball at Lenoir-Rhyne following the war, and the past spring aided Coach Clarence Stavovich in conducting spring football practice.

Mr. Barnes said Mr. Carlton has verbally accepted the offer of the Kings Mountain school board and that his signed contract is expected momentarily. He added that Mr. Carlton was chosen by the board over several other applicants.

Simpson Secretary Of Merchants' Group

James B. Simpson is the new secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Mr. Simpson was formally named to the position at a board of directors meeting Monday evening, on recommendation of a committee including Harold Coggins, J. W. Milam and Marriott Phifer.

An army veteran of World War II, Mr. Simpson spent five years in the service, including 20 months duty in the Pacific theater of operations. He has been associated with Kings Mountain Machine Works, Inc., since its beginning.

Aid For Schools Is Ruled Illegal

Attorney General Harry McMullan has ruled that city municipalities have no legal responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the public school system, thus backing the contention of Mayor H. Tom Fulton and City Attorney E. A. Harrell that the city government cannot legally supplement school funds by \$2,000 during the next school year.

The ruling will have the effect of invalidating the \$2,000 appropriation voted unanimously by the board of city commissioners at their June meeting, after a plea for temporary aid in that amount was voiced by A. W. Kincaid, Ward 3 commissioner, and with the backing of the school board, majority of whom were present.

In replying to a letter from Mayor Fulton requesting a ruling on the supplemental appropriation, the attorney general cited a letter to the city attorney of Durham, under date of August 1, 1947, answering a similar question.

Portion of the letter affecting the local situation follows:

"The City of Durham, as a municipality, is entirely separate and distinct from the City Administrative Unit, which is a part of the Public School System of the State, although the boundaries of the City Administrative Unit may be coterminous with the boundaries of the City. As a municipality, the City of Durham has no legal responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the Public School system and, therefore, in my opinion, the City of Durham, as a municipality, cannot legally pay out its funds, from whatever source derived, for the cost of operation of the Durham city schools. The cost of operation of the Durham city schools, in other words, is not a public expense of the City of Durham."

The City of Durham, as was the City of Kings Mountain, was seeking a method to make a supplemental payment to the schools from some source other than ad valorem taxes.

J. Ollie Harris Elected To Head American Legion

J. Ollie Harris, World War II army veteran, was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 135, American Legion at a meeting of the organization Monday night.

Mr. Harris will succeed John W. Gladden as commander of the post when new officers are installed next month.

Other officers named were: J. Byron Keeter, first vice-commander; Ned McGill, finance officer; W. L. Plonk, athletic director; C. T. Carpenter, Jr., publicity officer; B. D. Ratterree, sergeant-at-arms; T. A. Pollock, chaplain; F. R. McCurdy, historian; Fred Wright, Jr., Americanism officer; Joe Hadden, Boys' State officer; James S. Ware, child welfare officer; Humes Houston, defense officer; J. C. Bridges, Boy Scout officer; F. R. Summers, oratorical officer; Ollie Harris, graves registration; Dr. W. L. Mauney, service officer; Luther McSwain, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Hal S. Plonk, sons of the Legion officer; Hal D. Ward, disaster and relief officer; J. R. Davis, legal officer; John W. Gladden, membership officer; and Frank Wall, guardianship officer.

The post's executive committee for the coming year will include the past commander as chairman, the incoming commander, vice-commanders, and finance officer, plus Martin Harmon, J. Harold Coggins, C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Hubert Aderholdt.

The post approved recommendation of C. T. Carpenter, Jr., retiring athletic officer, to form a post athletic executive committee, with two co-chairmen of athletics to be appointed by the athletic officer.

Bridges Reports Revaluation Talk

Glee A. Bridges, member and former chairman of the county board of commissioners, notified Mayor H. Tom Fulton and the city board of commissioners this week that the county board had fully discussed, and, in fact, favored some means of property revaluation in the county.

Mr. Bridges addressed a letter containing this statement to the mayor and city board, following statements at the June city board meeting that no acknowledgement had been received by the city board to a letter endorsing a county-wide revaluation addressed to the county board last September.

The letter of Mr. Bridges, dated June 14, follows:

"This letter is with reference to an article appearing in the issue of June 11th, Kings Mountain Herald, also appearing in the issue of June 12th, Shelby Daily Star, concerning the revaluation or equalization of Cleveland County.

"I wish to assure you and your board that your request was not ignored, as your letter and resolution of Sept. 9, 1947, was read in the presence of the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting first Monday in October, and discussed freely and favorably. The entire board realizes as much as anyone that we need an equalization of (Cont'd on page eight)

Political Front Still Quiet Here

The political front was still quiet in Kings Mountain this week, in spite of the fact that the second primary in the gubernatorial run-off between Charles M. Johnson and W. Kerr Scott is only eight days away.

There was minor evidence of some organization work underway by Johnson forces and hints of the same from Scott supporters, but there were few concrete reports of activity, indicating that the second primary will not attract too large a vote here.

State-wide, the candidates and their supporters were using the radio to appeal to the voters, but it began to appear that the interest—even in strongly Democratic North Carolina—in the Republican national convention at Philadelphia next week, might compete with the intra-party fight for governor.



TO ROCKINGHAM — J. E. Huneycutt, Kings Mountain high school principal since 1941, has accepted the superintendency of the Rockingham city schools. He is to assume his new duties July 1.

J. E. Huneycutt Accepts New Post

J. E. Huneycutt, high school principal here since 1941, has been elected superintendent of the Rockingham City schools and will assume his new duties July 1.

Mr. Huneycutt accepted the Rockingham position last Thursday after conferring with members of the school board there.

He will succeed L. J. Bell, who is retiring, after having served as Rockingham superintendent since 1916.

Replacing D. M. Bridges as high school principal here, Mr. Huneycutt came to Kings Mountain following a five-year tenure as teacher of science in the Rutherfordordton-Spindale high school at Rutherfordordton. Prior to that time he had served as teacher of science and mathematics for two years at Battleboro high school in Edgecombe county. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, class of 1934, and received his M. A. degree from the University in 1940. He attended summer school at Appalachian State Teachers college in 1947 and during the present year has taken extension work from both the University of North Carolina and University of South Carolina.

Mr. Huneycutt has been active in both professional organizations and civic groups while living in Kings Mountain. He has served as secretary of the North Carolina Principals association and state secretary of the National association of Secondary school principals since 1944, and is currently president of the South Piedmont Schoolmaster's Club.

As an active member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, he has served as secretary-treasurer of the local organization since 1942. He is also Boy Scout commissioner, member of the Red Cross executive committee, and of the executive board of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association.

He has served as Sunday school teacher, associate superintendent and superintendent of the Sunday school of First Baptist church, of which he is a member.

"It is with considerable regret I learned of the resignation of Mr. Huneycutt," said B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools. "I know I (Cont'd on page eight)

Local Company Was Inspected On Wednesday

Kings Mountain company, North Carolina National Guard, was officially recognized by a group of inspecting officers on Wednesday.

Formal recognition was completed at 7 p. m. when the local unit, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn., 120th Inf., was added to the Guard payroll.

Capt. Humes Houston is commanding officer of the company and Lt. Frank Wall is executive officer.

Col. D. L. Hardee, of the Senior Army Instructors office, Raleigh, headed the inspecting delegation, which included Lt. Col. J. A. Cook, of Charlotte, regular army ORC instructor, Lt. Col. M. S. Parham, commanding officer 3rd Bn., 120th Inf., and Capt. W. B. Donovan, who started the local company on its way several weeks ago, of Raleigh.

Present at the formal affair Wednesday night were Col. Peyton McSwain, of Shelby, C. O., 120th Inf., Capt. Gerald Goforth, C. O. of the Shelby company, and Capt. Reed of Morganton.

Wray Hearing To Be Friday

Fred (Slim) Wray, under bond of \$1,000 from Cleveland county Records court on a charge of robbery, is scheduled to get a hearing in Shelby Friday, according to Garland Roberts, clerk of the court. He is also scheduled for hearing on gambling charges along with four other men involved in an alleged Monday night gambling leading up to the alleged robbery.

Wray was arrested Tuesday morning by Deputy Sheriff G. C. Looney on a warrant signed by Bright Blackwell and issued by Lee Roberts, justice of the peace.

Wray and Blackwell were charged with gambling on a warrant signed by Deputy Looney and others listed on the warrant included Benny Brackett, of Gastonia, Roy Phillips, and Paul Hord.

Blackwell charged Wray with "assault and did put him in fear of his life by means of threats and violence and did take from his possession the sum of \$150 property of Bright Blackwell."

Wray reportedly used a pistol in recovering the \$150 he claimed was "taken" from him in the game.

The robbery was said to have taken place in the city limits near Blackwell's home around 5:30 a. m. Tuesday.

Services Friday For F. L. Wright

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at Grover Baptist church for Floyd L. Wright, 54, Grover farmer who was almost instantly killed Wednesday morning when Southern Railway Train No. 36 struck his automobile at a rail crossing in Grover.

Coroner Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, who investigated the tragedy, said that the automobile was hurled 84 feet from the point of impact. Mr. Wright's body, thrown (Cont'd on page eight)

Jaycees Working On Beauty Show; Nineteen Have Entered Contests

Nineteen Kings Mountain damsels have entered the Third Annual Beauty Pageant of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, according to announcement by the entries committee yesterday.

These girls and several in addition will vie for the titles Miss Kings Mountain of 1948 and Miss Kings Mountain Junior, 1948, in the beauty parade scheduled for the high school auditorium next Friday night, June 25, at 8 o'clock.

Already entered in the event are Bobbie Simmons, Kitty Falls, Jean Cash, Bernice Harrison, Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Dettmar, Betty Falls, Pat Jolly, Billy Sue Gates, Louise Lindsay, Christine Myers, Erlene Surber, Marlyn Surber, Helen Ethimlow, Nancy Dickey, Harriett Owens, Dor- (Cont'd on page eight)

Juniors Here Saturday, Monday Nights At 8

Kings Mountain junior baseball team is scheduled to meet Bessemer City's juniors in City Stadium Saturday night at 8 p. m. in the first elimination-round meeting of the two teams this season.

Coch H. H. Eden's team was scheduled to play in Gastonia Thursday (last) night.

The locals are back home again Monday night, facing Shelby in City Stadium at 8 p. m. in the second meeting of the two teams.

On next Thursday Kings Mountain is scheduled to play in Forest City.