

POPULATION

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

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Local News Bulletins

COOPER TO PREACH

Rev. Edgar Cooper, well known young minister and native of Kings Mountain, will deliver the sermon at the regular morning services at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

KIWANIS MEETING

City Engineer E. C. Brandon, Jr. was to address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night.

PARKING METERS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$166.19 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

W. O. W. MEETING

The Woodmen of the World, Camp NC-15, will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. at the W. O. W. Hall.

PASTORS RETURN

Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan church, and Rev. Jessie Hinson, pastor of Second Wesleyan church, were re-assigned to their charges in Kings Mountain by the annual Wesleyan Church conference held at Colfax last week.

AT ASTC

BOONE—Among the 1408 students who have been enrolled at Appalachian State Teachers college this summer are D. B. Blalock and Ben Goforth, of Kings Mountain, and Dan Camp, of Grover.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Henry Huffstetler, well-known route 1 citizen, who has been seriously ill for the past 10 days was reported slightly better Thursday morning.

UNION SERVICE

This week's union service will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

CLASS PICNIC

Members of the Nell Baird Bible Class of Boyce Memorial ARP church were to hold a class picnic at Lake Montonia Thursday evening at 6:45.

JAYCEE PICNIC

Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold a picnic at Lake Montonia Tuesday night at 7:30.

Final Interment Rites Sunday For Thornburg

Final interment services for Staff Sergeant Raymond C. Thornburg, 23, of Bessemer City, who was killed in action in Italy on June 2, 1944, will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock at Betha Methodist church, Bessemer City, with burial in Bessemer City Memorial cemetery.

Rev. H. F. Leatherman, pastor, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Kelly Dixon, of Kings Mountain, a former pastor, and Rev. George Riddle, former Army combat chaplain and pastor of First Presbyterian church of Cherryville.

He served in the Army Air Force as a tail gunner. Full military honors will be given the Bessemer City hero at his final rites.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. N. M. Thornburg of Bessemer City, four brothers, Eugene Thornburg, of Belmont, Leroy Thornburg of Cherryville, and Howard and Melvin Thornburg, of Bessemer City, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Watts and Mrs. Louise Bell of Bessemer City.

Delegates Named To Convention Of State Legion

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, heard a series of talks by representatives of the post at the annual Legion Boys State held in Chapel Hill this summer at their regular meeting Monday night at City Hall.

Among the representatives describing the activities at Chapel Hill were Garland Still, Jr., Charles Blanton, Hunter Wartick, and Herman Mauney. Each took up a different phase of the varied program designed to increase familiarity with the processes of state government and politics.

Commander J. Ollie Harris announced the appointment of Warren Reynolds to the building committee replacing O. O. Walker, who now lives in Winston-Salem.

Other members of the post building committee — which is expected to begin active work in the near future toward the building of a World War II memorial — are Dr. J. P. Mauney, chairman, Paul Mauney, J. E. Herndon, Hal D. Ward, W. L. Ploink, J. B. Keeter, Capt. Earl Wells, B. D. Ratterree and, C. H. Aderholdt.

Commander Harris also announced appointment of the following as delegates and alternate delegates to the North Carolina Department convention which meets in Asheville September 10-13: Delegates are B. D. Ratterree, C. E. Warlick, J. W. Gladden, John H. Moss, Hubert Aderholdt, D. L. Saunders, Jr., and Hal Ward. Named alternate delegates are J. E. Herndon, George Hull Paul Mauney, Ollie Harris and C. T. Carpenter, Jr.

John Gladden, past commander and chairman of the post membership committee, gave a report on the work of his committee and urged members to renew their memberships.

Football Coach Due Here Monday

Kings Mountain's high school's new football coach, Everett L. Carlton, of Winston-Salem, is due to arrive Monday morning to take over his new duties, according to B. N. Barnes, city school superintendent, with the opening pre-season practice awaiting a "green light" from the Cleveland county board of health.

The board was scheduled to meet just after press time Thursday afternoon to consider further action on the polio ban.

Coach Carlton is a recent graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, and holds a grade A certificate in physical education and history. He has been attending Coach Carl Snavelly's coaching school at Chapel Hill this week, Mr. Barnes said.

An officer in the Marine Corps during the war, he played two years varsity football at Lenoir-Rhyne and was alternate captain of the team one year. Before the war he played three years football at Duke. He also has letters in baseball from Duke and Lenoir-Rhyne.

Last spring he assisted Coach Clarence Stasavich in Lenoir-Rhyne football drills.

TO ATTEND INSTITUTE

James B. Simpson, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, will attend the Merchants Association Management Institute at Chapel Hill August 15-21. Some 120 merchants association officials from 15 states are expected to attend the institute. It was announced that the Merchants Association office will be open as usual during Mr. Simpson's absence.

Burlington, Craftspun Hike Wages; Other Mills Studying "Situation"

Majority of Kings Mountain textile leaders have been scratching their heads for the past 10 days — wondering what to do about the current eight per cent wage increase instituted by some textile plants in the face of a glut in the yarn market and general slowness in many textile products.

Two Kings Mountain mills had joined in the wage increase.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills had announced an eight per cent increase effective the past Monday, and Craftspun Yarns, Inc., announced that an increase approximating eight percent would be instituted next Monday, August 16th. The Burlington increase will be reflected in paychecks of August 20, while the Craftspun increase will

Public Hearing On City Charters Scheduled Monday Night At 7:30

Golfers Urged To Play In Flag Tournaments

Booth Gillespie, greens committee member, announced this week that a flag golf tournament will be held at Kings Mountain Country club on Saturday and Sunday, with prizes for each day's tourney.

Members may play the nine hole tournament either day and may start at any time that is suitable to the contestant.

Three prizes will be awarded for each day's play, Mr. Gillespie said.

"The greens committee is anxious for all members to participate in the tournaments Saturday and Sunday. If a member can't play on Sunday, he should play Saturday, and visa versa. What we want is full participation in the tournaments," he said.

Thieves Rob Belk's Store

Police reported this week robbery of Belk's Department Store here around 2 o'clock Monday night, with missing items reported as a quantity of ladies nylon slips, panties, and hose. Money in the cash drawer, was untouched they reported.

According to Chief N. M. Farr the robber or robbers entered the store by prizing the lock off the front door.

He said that Officers J. W. Roach and S. R. Davidson discovered the break-in at the 2:30 a. m. door check. The officers had checked the door at 1:30 and found it to be in order.

No development was reported in the case at noon Thursday.

It was also reported that the front and back door locks at Grayson's Jewelry store had been "jimmied" the same night but the robbers were apparently "flushed" off by the patrol. The front door was open but the establishment had apparently not been entered.

17 Cases Heard In Recorder Session

Seventeen cases were heard Monday afternoon in City Recorder's court at City Hall with Judge O. C. O'Farrell presiding.

John Lingerfelt requested a jury trial on a charge of riding a female in the front seat of a taxi in violation of the city taxi cab ordinance. He will be tried by jury by Cleveland county Recorders court.

Odelace Robinson, for assault on a female, was fined \$5 and costs.

Ham Craig was ordered to jail for thirty days after conviction on a charge of public drunkenness.

John H. Walker, of Gastonia, was fined \$50 and costs for reckless driving and driving with improper brakes.

Wade Morgan, of Lincolnton, was charged with costs for posting signs on posts inside the city limits in violation of a city ordinance prohibiting such an act.

Arthur Anderson paid costs on conviction on a charge of assault on a female.

Glenn Marshall Campfield, of Henrietta, for driving without a drivers license, paid \$25 and costs.

Joseph Kenneth Logsdon, for speeding, paid costs.

Nine defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Citizens Urged To Attend Meet At City Hall

The city board of commissioners will meet in special session at the City Hall Monday night at 7:30 to hold a public hearing on the proposed charters which will be offered to the citizens in a special election August 28.

Citizens are being urged to attend the session to make any suggestion or criticism they wish to make regarding the two charters, published on July 30, which will be offered.

One charter, which the city has named Charter "A", calls for a manager-mayor-council form of government, while the other, known as Charter "B", calls for a mayor-council form of government.

In the city manager form, administrative duties are in the hands of a city manager, appointed by the city board of commissioners. The duties of the mayor under this system are primarily to serve as a board chairman and as the titular head of the city government.

Under the council-mayor form, the administrative duties are the responsibility of the mayor, while various board members are appointed to supervise particular departments.

Provision for the special charter election was made in accordance with the act of the 1947 General Assembly. In changing the voting procedure of the city, the act required that a charter election be held not later than December 31, 1948.

Adoption of Charter "B" would, in effect, leave the governmental system of the city virtually unchanged from its status today.

City commissioners have reported a seeming preponderance of favor for the city manager form of government.

Principal objections voiced to them thus far, they report, have concerned the method of electing city commissioners and the proposed change by which school board members would be elected for two years rather than six years. Some citizens, it is reported, favor a return to the system whereby voters in one ward would vote only for the candidate in that ward, rather than for five commissioner or school board candidates. Others are reported to be opposing the school board change, favoring retention of the staggered term plan now being used.

"We are very anxious for all citizens who possibly can to attend the charter hearing Monday night," Mayor H. Tom Fulton said yesterday. "I believe I speak for the board when I say that they wish to represent the will of the people in adopting a new, up-to-date, city charter. The board will be glad to entertain suggestions from all bona fide citizens for improvement in the charters as now outlined."

Fans All-Star Game Called Off; No Park

The Western Carolina class D base ball league "fans all-star" game, scheduled for a Sunday in August, has been called off according to John Moss, president.

No park for Sunday play could be secured in the league area he said.

Fans were to have balloted on the two teams — east and west — and the league had voted to "play the game on a Sunday because of a heavy regular schedule and a number of rained-out games to be played."

Merchants To Take Labor Day Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain merchants will observe the annual Labor Day holiday on September 6, according to announcement by the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Labor Day is one of the several regular annual holidays observed by the association.

Merchants were being reminded of the holiday in this month's association bulletin.

CAPTURES STILL

Constable Warren Ellison reported Tuesday capture of a still on Lake Montonia road and seizure of one and one-half gallons of liquor. No one was at the still at the time of capture but it was reported ready for a "run."

Saturday Is Last Chance To Register

Registration books for the city charter election will be open for the last day on Saturday at the five ward polling places. Challenge day will be Saturday, August 21, and the voting will be conducted on August 28.

No new registration has been called, which means that only new residents of the city, or persons who have changed residence from one ward to another have to visit their registrars.

The books have been open for the past three Saturdays.

City officials are urging all citizens not now registered to accomplish registration in order that they may help determine the future form of the city's government.

Gantt Funeral Set For Sunday

Final interment of Private Howard B. Gantt, 26, son of Mrs. Lona Wise Gantt, formerly of Kings Mountain, who was killed near Rome, Italy, in May 1944, will be conducted Sunday at 4:30 o'clock with graveside military rites in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. Floyd Hollar, pastor of Mountain View Baptist church, of

All members of Otis D. Greene Post 155, American Legion, are requested to meet at City Hall at 4 o'clock to take part in final interment rites for Pvt. Gantt. Commander Ollie Harris announced. Members are requested to wear uniform caps, he said.

which he was a member, will conduct the rites, assisted by Rev. George Leigh, of Kings Mountain.

Burial will be in Memorial Park, a section of the cemetery set aside for war veterans.

Pvt. Gantt was a son of the late Jake Gantt and was a native of Cleveland county. His mother now lives in Lawndale.

Other survivors include five brothers, J. B. Gantt, of route 2, Kings Mountain, Russell Gantt, of Zionville, I. T. Gantt, route 2, Kings Mountain, Thurmond Gantt, of Kings Mountain, and Clarence Gantt of Lawndale; six sisters, Mrs. Woodrow Canipe, of Lawndale, Mrs. William Frye, of Cherryville, and Ruby, Geneva, Juanita, and Louise Gantt, all of the home; and a half-brother, D. W. Gantt, of route 1, Kings Mountain, and four half-sisters, Mrs. Beck Page, Mrs. Ben Page, Mrs. George Conner, and Mrs. Audie Martin, all of Kings Mountain.

City Fathers Hold Routine Session

The city board of commissioners held a routine meeting Tuesday night at City Hall, devoting most of their time to studying recommendations for minor detailed changes in the city charters to be offered the citizens in a special election August 28.

The changes to be inserted will be delineated at the public hearing on the charters Monday night, it was announced, and will be subsequently published, along with any other changes which may be made.

The board granted a beer license to Dorus Huffstetler and issued July reports on the operation of city departments.

Polio Cases Now Total 14; Shelby Boy Stricken While Visiting Here

Kings Mountain Thursday listed 14 cases of polio since the epidemic began, as two additional cases had been reported since last week in the rural areas.

Another case had also developed here, according to information given by Harry Page at the Pauline Mill. Mr. Page said Larry Surber, 10-year-old Shelby child, who had been visiting his grandfather Willis Surber, had become ill this week and had been hospitalized. Mr. Surber had reported that the child was paralyzed in one leg and that the case had been definitely diagnosed as polio. Local doctors did not attend this case.

Of the other cases one developed last Thursday afternoon, August 5, and the other one Sunday. Both

Inspection Lane Has Busy Week, Leaves Saturday

Auto inspection lane No. 5 will conclude its current operations in Kings Mountain on Saturday — at noon and is not scheduled to return here until September 22, when it will remain here for a seven-day period.

The lane has been doing rushing business on its current trip here, having inspected 634 cars through Thursday morning at 10:30, as motorists rushed to meet the deadlines.

According to current highway department rules, all cars of 1936 models and older, as well as 1947 and 1948 models are required to complete inspections and show "approved" stickers by August 31, 1948, while all vehicles of the year models 1937 and 1946 are required to be inspected on or before September 30, 1948.

The vehicle lane manager reported that two cars had been condemned and ordered off the roads during the past week. This meant that the vehicles had to be moved by wrecker, as they are not allowed to be driven even to a garage.

Motor department officials are urging all car owners to get their cars inspected before the deadlines fall.

Other deadlines on car inspections follow: All motor vehicles of the year models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945, shall be inspected on or before October 31, 1948.

All motor vehicles of the year models 1940 and 1942 shall be inspected on or before November 30, 1948.

All motor vehicles of the year model 1941 and 1949 shall be inspected on or before December 31, 1948.

McGill Opens Golf Range

Ned McGill, former secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, announced yesterday the opening of Alex's Golf Range on the Gastonia Road a mile East of Kings Mountain.

The range, which is well-lighted for night play, is 300 yards long. Mr. McGill said he had a good supply of top quality golf balls, and a variety of clubs for both women and men. He further added that golfers anxious to improve their game, and who wished to use their own clubs, would be welcome to do so.

The establishment will also feature a concession stand selling soft drinks and light refreshments.

Mr. McGill said that arrangements are being made to assist amateur golfers to learn the game.

Re-Surfacing Work Nearing Completion

Re-surfacing of city streets nearing completion this week, according to a statement from city officials.

Sherrill Paving Company, Winston-Salem contractors, had completed double coating of Phenix and Church streets, and had applied single coatings to Fulton street, Candler street, Juniper street, Watterson street, the last block on West Gold street, Pine street from the Mauney Mill crossing to Candler street, West Ridge street from the overhead bridge to Candler street, and Cora street, from Second Avenue to Cleveland avenue.

Work is to be completed in West Kings Mountain this weekend and the paving crews will move to the eastern portion of the city next week it was stated by E. C. Brandon, Jr., city engineer.

The August 5th case, reported by Dr. P. E. Hendricks, was J. C. McClain, 13-year-old son of James McClain, and the case which developed Sunday as reported by Dr. J. E. Anthony was Walter Oates, nine year old son of Rhone Oates, who lives near Compact colored school.

Both cases were described as mild and both children are being treated at home.

Meantime the county board of health was to meet Thursday afternoon to make a decision as to lifting the ban on polio gatherings for children. The ban had previously been extended to August 16, and county schools were tentatively scheduled to open on that date.