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POPULATION

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Annual Tax Listing Will Begin Saturday

Local News Bulletins

BANK HOLIDAY

The First National Bank will be closed on Saturday, January 1, a legal bank holiday, according to announcement by officials of the bank yesterday. Patrons are asked to note the holiday and conduct their business on Friday.

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pressley, managers of the Kings Mountain Country Club, will be on vacation from January 3 to January 11, and with the exception of the golf shop the club will be closed during those dates, it was announced yesterday by President P. M. Neisler. An attendant will be in the golf shop each day, it was stated.

CHICKENS BURNED

Fire from an unknown origin destroyed a chicken house at Archdale Farms Sunday morning about 1 a. m. Destroyed also were about 350 one-pound fryers which were in the chicken house, according to Holland Dixon, who said no other damage was done. The building was partially insured.

ALMOST OVER TOP

W. W. Tolleson, chairman of the Girl Scout fund campaign, reported last week that contributions to the drive totaled about \$950. The quota was \$1,000 and Mr. Tolleson urged all who have not yet given to the campaign to send in checks, in order that the campaign may be closed out successfully.

TO INSTALL OFFICERS

New officers and directors of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be installed at the regular meeting of the club next Thursday, January 6. J. Byron Keeter will succeed J. L. McGill as president of the civic organization. The club did not meet Thursday night, taking its annual Christmas season "holiday."

BUILDING PERMITS

Application for building permit was approved and building permit issued Wednesday to Frank A. Adams for construction of a new five-room dwelling on York road, cost \$5,000.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the 33rd week of operations, which ended on Dec. 22, totaled \$193.05. Receipts for the 34th week, which ended Wednesday, totaled \$135.40. The report was made by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

MOSS TO ROCK HILL

John Moss, former president of the Western Carolina league, has accepted a position as business manager of the Rock Hill, S. C., club of the Class B Tri-State league. He will assume his new duties on January 1.

Rites Saturday For Ross Biddix

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 o'clock at Second Wesleyan Methodist church for R. C. (Ross) Biddix, 56, who died around 5 a. m. Thursday at his home at Sadie mill after an illness of 3 years.

Rev. Jessie Hinson, pastor, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Harry E. Crump, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene.

He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of Second Wesleyan Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frances Hufferd Biddix, six sons, Seimore, Ernest, Clarence, J. W., J. D., and Earl Biddix, all of Kings Mountain, four daughters, Mrs. Dargin Childers, Mrs. W. G. Rippey, Miss Helen Biddix, and Miss Betty Biddix, of Kings Mountain, one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Day, of Dallas, and three brothers, Charlie, Lester and Gary Biddix, all of Kings Mountain.

All Persons Are Required To List Their Properties

Annual city and county tax listing will begin Saturday and continue through the month of January.

Both Clarence E. Carpenter, city list taker, and Bright D. Ratterree, county list taker will be at the City Hall every week day for the major part of the month.

Mr. Ratterree, however, will be at Herndon's Store in Grover on January 10, 17, and 24, to list taxes for citizens who live in the Grover area.

All citizens who own property are required to list for taxes during the month of January and penalties are provided for persons who fail to list.

Whether or not they own property, all men between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes.

The list takers are urging citizens to attend to their listing early in order that they will not be inconvenienced by a last-minute rush.

Allen's Brother Accident Victim

Walter Glenn Baker, 32, half-brother of Hunter Allen, of Kings Mountain, was killed instantly the afternoon of Wednesday, December 23, when the rail motor car he was riding north of Entled derailed.

Mr. Baker, of Weldon, was a signal maintenance man for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. He was engaged in installing railroad signal lights in the area and he and his wife had been making their home in a trailer near Weldon while he was working in the area. His wife had already left for Four Oaks to spend the Christmas holidays and Mr. Baker was to have left to join her within a few hours. He and a companion, E. G. McGill, were riding up track on a motor car. A dog ran in front of the rail car, and derailed it. Baker was hurled to the ground and was killed. McGill was only slightly injured.

Funeral services were held Friday at a Smithfield mortuary, with services conducted by Rev. James A. Almond, Methodist minister of Four Oaks. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Park at Smithfield.

The accident victim joined the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in 1935 and was inducted into the army in 1940. He spent three years in service overseas.

Surviving, in addition to his half-brother, here, are his wife, Mrs. Irene Boyette Baker, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Baker, all of Four Oaks, and three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Strickland, Smithfield, Mrs. William Kasper, Portland, Ore., and Mrs. R. W. Vaughn, Honolulu, T. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and their family attended the funeral rites.

Hambright Rites Conducted Monday

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 o'clock at First Baptist church for Harvey Logan Hambright, 61, of Grover road, who died around 5 p. m. Christmas Day at a Shelby hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been in ill health for three years.

Rev. Harlan Harris, pastor of First Baptist church of Shelby, officiated in the absence of Rev. C. L. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

A son of the late Maggie Dellinger and Dolphus Hambright, he was a direct descendant of Col. Frederick Hambright, who won fame in the Battle of Kings Mountain during the American Revolution. He developed the Fairview section, south of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, the former Emmie Kytie, one son, Fred Hambright, of Kings Mountain, two brothers, D. D. and C. C. Hambright of Shelby, and two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Hambright, of Clover, S. C., and Mrs. C. P. Goforth, of Kings Mountain.

Active pallbearers were Paul Byers, Frank Hambright, Lloyd Kytie, Ernest Hambright, J. F. Dellinger, Elmer Hambright and J. C. Keller.

Dr. D. F. Hord Begins Practice Of Dentistry Here

Dr. David Fletcher Hord is announcing this week opening of his offices in the Professional Building for the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Hord, Kings Mountain native and son of Mrs. D. F. Hord and the late Mr. Hord, is a graduate of the Emory University School of Dentistry, and previously attended Wake Forest college for two years. He received his degree in March 1946. Following his graduation he was associated with Dr. E. W. Connell, of Mt. Holly, for six months, prior to entering the army, where he served for two years at Fort Jackson, S. C.

He is a member of Psi Omega dental fraternity.

Dr. Hord is a member of First Baptist church, and the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. His wife, to whom he was married in August 1946, is the former Miss Eoline Keeter. They have one daughter, Mary Jo.

Dr. Hord's offices are those formerly occupied by the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Musical Program At First Baptist

The nationally known MASON SWISS BELL RINGERS, consisting of the Rev. and Mrs. Benard Mason, of Los Angeles, Calif., will present a unique sacred concert at the First Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The program will consist of familiar hymns and gospel songs played on a large array of musical instruments rarely heard on any entertainment platform. Some of the instruments to be used are as follows: Swiss Hand Bells, Musical Glasses, Singing Saw, Golden Vibrahary, the world's largest set of Triple Octave Chimes and the instrument of mystery, "The Victor Theremin." The latter instrument has no key-board, strings, reeds or pipes and responds to the motions of the player's hands waving over it in space without being touched. This instrument must be seen and heard to be appreciated.

The Mason Swiss Bell Ringers have travelled and presented their concerts in almost every state in the Union during the last sixteen years. They have appeared in thousands of schools and churches and over many radio stations and have become nationally famous for their interpretation of sacred music on many novel instruments.

There will be no admission charge to this concert but a free-will offering will be received.

Yule Tree Mounted On A \$4,000 Base

There was one Christmas Tree in Kings Mountain that had a \$4,000 base.

Leastwise the tree was centered on the large base amidst a beautiful Christmas scene.

Many Kings Mountain citizens probably saw the scene but didn't realize the base was actually 18 boxed motors, valued at \$4,000.

The tree was in the lobby at Victory Chevrolet Company.

The Herald Staff
Wishes Its Readers
A Prosperous
and
Happy 1949

Kings Mountain Citizens Are Ready To Greet The New Year

Kings Mountain citizens were getting ready this week to ring out 1948 and ring in the New Year Friday night at midnight, as they wound up what was generally a delightful Christmas season.

Most looked forward to a busy and prosperous 1949, though many did not expect the prosperity factor to be as heavy next year as it has been during 1948.

There was some hope that the textile picture, which has developed soft spots during the last quarter of 1948, would clear up and that there would again be sufficient orders for textile products to keep factories here and elsewhere humming.

Retail merchants here, as well as

Many New Registrants On Books For January 8th Beer Election

Heart Ailment Fatal To Scism; Rites Are Held

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. at Patterson Grove Baptist church for John William Scism, 62, prominent farmer of Route 1, Kings Mountain, who died unexpectedly Tuesday morning around 4:45 in a Gastonia hospital after about a week's illness. He had been in ill health for 18 months.

Rev. John Suttle, of Shelby, officiated, assisted by Rev. G. C. Teague. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He was a deacon and trustee of Patterson Grove church, and was superintendent of the Sunday school there for 20 years prior to his illness 18 months ago. He was a member of the Patterson Grove school board.

A native of Cleveland county, he was a son of W. C. Scism, of Shelby, and the late Amanda Elam Scism. His wife, the former Sarah Louise Green, died in 1945.

He was born and raised in the Double Shoals community where he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the Double Shoals Baptist church. He moved to Kings Mountain in 1924.

Other survivors include five sons, Grady, Earl, Mearl, and Lawrence Scism, of the home, and Max Scism, of State college, Raleigh; five daughters, Mrs. Ralph Allen, of Shelby, and Mrs. Ben Hamrick, Mrs. Odess Lovelace, and Mrs. Everette Lovelace, all of Kings Mountain, and Miss Marjorie Scism, of the home; two brothers, L. B. Scism, of Bessemer City, and C. D. Scism, of Shelby; three sisters, Mrs. F. C. Rollins, Miss Minda Scism, and Miss Florence Scism, all of Shelby, and 19 grandchildren.

Active pall bearers were G. A. Bridges, F. R. Summers, E. W. Griffin, J. B. Patterson, C. L. Putnam, and Tom Bridges. Dr. J. E. Anthony, J. O. Plonk, deacons of his church, and member of his Sunday school class served as honorary pall bearers.

Miss Mitchell Resigns As Teacher Of Piano

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that Miss Hayes Mitchell, of Kings Creek, S. C., special teacher of piano, had resigned, due to the death of her mother which necessitated her returning home.

He said that Miss Bonnie McIntosh, graduate of Flora Macdonald college, who had joined the staff in a similar capacity in December, would make an effort to take care of as many of Miss Mitchell's pupils as possible. Should the number prove too many, Mr. Barnes said, efforts will be made to obtain an additional teacher of piano.

WRECK WEDNESDAY

One person was slightly injured Wednesday afternoon at about 4 o'clock six miles south of Kings Mountain on U. S. 29 when a 1941 Oldsmobile turned over. The car was owned and driven by R. L. Green, of 500 Perch street, Greensboro. Mrs. Green suffered cuts and bruises.

JAYCEE MEETING

Member of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Program details were not announced.

Township Polio Quota Is \$5,000

Number 4 Township's March of Dimes quota will be \$5,000. Announcement of the quota was made yesterday by J. Ollie Harris, township chairman.

Cleveland County's quota this year is \$20,000, comparing with a \$10,000 quota last year.

Mr. Harris pointed out that the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, which receives the March of Dimes donations, had sent to date almost \$100,000 back to Cleveland County for treatment and care of polio patients.

Milam Joining Neisler Firm

J. W. (Mike) Milam, assistant manager of Plonk Brothers & Company, has resigned effective January 1, to join Neisler Mills Company, textile sales organization.

Mr. Milam will spend several months at Neisler Mills, Inc., here before joining the sales organization which has offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

A native of Clinton, S. C., Mr. Milam came to Kings Mountain during the thirties as manager of Dixie-Home Store. He joined Plonk Brothers in 1940 and has been with this firm since, with the exception of his service in the navy during World War II. He entered the navy in the summer of 1942 as a lieutenant junior grade, served in Norfolk, Providence, R. I., and other East coast ports before being transferred for duty aboard the USS Lexington, as personnel officer for an air wing. Mr. Milam was aboard the Lexington during the time it was the late Admiral Marc Mitscher's flagship. He later served on another large carrier operating in Pacific waters and when discharged held the rank of lieutenant commander.

Mr. Milam has been very active in civic affairs. He is a charter member and past president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, a past president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, and was chairman of the Red Cross fund campaign two years ago. He is a retiring director of the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Local People Leave For Sugar Bowl Game

Two special Pullman cars were made up here Thursday afternoon and a large number of people from Kings Mountain and surrounding towns embarked for the Sugar Bowl game between North Carolina and Oklahoma at New Orleans, La.

One car was made up for Shelby citizens, with Hold McPherson handling arrangements, and the other car was made up for Kings Mountain citizens, with L. Arnold Kiser handling arrangements. It was the plan of the groups to use the rail cars for hotel accommodations while in New Orleans.

Among Kings Mountain citizens in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Kiser, Johnny Kiser, Charles Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, Charles and Herman Mauney, Miss Virginia Summers, and Miss Ann Mayes.

Among other Kings Mountain people attending the game are E. E. Marlowe, R. G. Plonk, R. G. Plonk, Jr., Eddie Campbell, and Jimmy Harris, who left by car Thursday morning, and J. W. Milam and Paul Mauney who left via the Southerner Thursday morning.

Bank Announces Staff Additions

The First National Bank announced this week addition of two new members to its staff.

The new employees of the local bank are Miss Betty Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hayes, in the bookkeeping department, and Miss Betty Helton, of the Tryon community, who is working in the clerical department.

Miss Helton is a recent graduate of Tryon high school. Miss Hayes has formerly been employed by a Charlotte Insurance firm. She is replacing Miss Laura Sue Randall, who has resigned.

Books Closed Monday; Drys Are Confident

The potential vote in Kings Mountain on the special election to determine whether the sale of beer will be outlawed approaches 4,800 votes, according to information from registrars here who reported a brisk flurry of registrations on Monday, final day of registering.

Both Mrs. Neil Cranford, East Kings Mountain registrar, and Charlie Campbell, West Kings Mountain registrar, said they put in busy days on Monday. Mrs. Cranford reported 122 new names on the voting books, while Mr. Campbell reported 50. Mrs. Cranford said about 200 visiting the polling place to assure that they were registered.

Both reported that many people, of voting age for some years, had put their names on the books for the first time, and that women registrants outnumbered the men.

The last day's brisk pace of registering evidently stemmed from increasing emphasis in the churches of the county on Sunday to vote beer out.

Several churches were reported to have asked their members to enroll in the anti-beer crusade, and the Herald this week is carrying advertising for both pro-beer and anti-beer forces.

While many people are predicting a dry vote by a majority of three to one, Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff, one of the dry leaders, told the Herald Wednesday that the vote against the sale of beer would not be less than ten to one.

"We are aiming at 15 to 1," Rev. Biggerstaff said.

Saturday will be Challenge Day, and the voting will take place on the following Saturday, January 8.

Two Bound Over To Higher Court

Two negroes were bound over for Superior Court action, three others were sentenced to jail terms, and a third was found not guilty in Recorder's court Tuesday in connection with the brawl at Dixie Grill on December 11 in which Edgar Brown, 21, was wounded by a pistol shot fired by an officer of the Kings Mountain police force.

Judge E. A. Harrell found probable cause against Withrow Brown, 19, and Grady Brown, 22, both charged with interfering with arrest and assault with intent to kill, and bound them over to Cleveland county superior court under bonds of \$500 each.

Woodrow Brown, 19, charged with interfering with arrest and assault on an officer, was sentenced to serve four months on the road. The case was appealed and Brown is free under \$300 appearance bond awaiting action on the appeal in Superior court.

Edgar Brown, 21, charged with drunk, assault, and resisting an officer, was sentenced to serve six months on the road, appealed the decision, changed his mind, and is now in jail.

Deloris Brown, 24, wife of Edgar, charged with assault and resisting arrest, was sentenced to serve three months in jail and to be assigned such work as the commissioners of the county deem suitable.

Hubert Glover, 21, charged with interfering with officer while making an arrest, was freed when Judge Harrell dismissed the case against him.

A total of 18 cases were heard at the regular weekly session. Seven defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Other cases included: F. S. Mitchell, of Atlanta, Ga., drunk and indecent exposure, fined costs.

F. V. Hughes, Bessemer City, running a red light and no brakes, fined \$20 and costs.

John Andrews Teaner, of Asheville, speeding, fined \$5 and costs. William Victor Fortenberry, of Shelby, speeding 60 miles per hour, fined \$5 and costs.

Samuel H. Huffstetler, public drunkenness and one-half pint bonded tax paid liquor, taxed with costs.

Walter Upton, Gorgas, Ga., public drunkenness and illegal possession of one quart tax paid whiskey, taxed with the costs.