

POPULATION

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Record Vote Predicted In Beer Election Saturday



LOCAL YOUTH RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR POLIO—Eight-year-old Boyce Cash, shown above receiving treatment for infantile paralysis at Camp Sutton, is one of 209 North Carolina polio victims still hospitalized.

Herald Headlines Reveal City's 1948 History

As Kings Mountain looks forward into 1949, a review of the news events of 1948 shows that the city spent an active, prosperous year. The city was liberal with its gifts, actively supporting a large number of worthwhile causes...



NEW DENTIST—Dr. D. F. Hord, native of Kings Mountain, announced last week opening of offices for the practice of dentistry in the Professional building.

County To Vote On Legal Sale Of Beer, Wine

Kings Mountain citizens will join their Cleveland County neighbors Saturday and will go to the polls to determine whether to continue the legal sale of beer within the bounds of the county. Prediction for the election was a record vote both in Kings Mountain and throughout the county...

Business Gifts Chairman Named

Dan Huffstetler will head the business gifts section of Number 4 township's annual March of Dimes drive. It was announced yesterday by Ollie Harris, township chairman.

Beer Election Facts

Polls Open: 6:30 a. m.
Polls Close: 8:30 p. m.
Polling places: East Kings Mountain precinct at City Hall courtroom. West Kings Mountain precinct at Victory Chevrolet Company.

Site For National Guard Motor Shed Being Purchased By City

Local News Bulletins

SERIOUSLY ILL
Boyce Simonon, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, is seriously ill at his home. Mr. Simonon has been in ill health for several years, but his condition has become serious in the past several days.

SUFFERS STROKE
Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour is critically ill in Gaston Memorial hospital following a stroke of paralysis Monday morning at her home here. She had not regained consciousness Thursday morning.

TAG SALES
Sale of city auto tags total 400 Thursday morning, somewhat less than half the number of tags bought during 1948.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the 34th week of operations, which ended on Wednesday, totaled \$145.52 according to a report by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

LEGION MEETING
Regular January meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion will be held at the courtroom at City Hall Monday night at 7:30 p. m.

LIONS MEETING
Carlos Young, of Shelby, Cleveland County chairman of the March of Dimes fund campaign, will speak at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, it was announced yesterday by Dan Huffstetler, program chairman.

Arrangements were being completed this week for purchase of a two-and-one-half acre tract as a site for a National Guard motor shed and eventual site for a National Guard Armory.

The City of Kings Mountain is purchasing the tract — at the corner of Mountain street and Phifer road — from Mrs. G. W. King and Mrs. J. H. Thomson.

Announcement of the purchase was made by Mayor H. Tom Fulton, who said National Guard officials had informed him that contract for building a \$25,000 brick veneer motor shed 50 feet wide by 72.8 feet long, would be let prior to March 31.

The deed for the property now being drawn has a contingency clause providing that the purchase price will be returned by the sellers and the lot returned to them in event it is not used for the purpose outlined during the next 12 months.

The site was chosen from several investigated by the city board in cooperation with the North Carolina National Guard. Members of the city board serving on the committee to investigate sites were Carl F. Mauney, John H. Moss and Marriott Phifer.

"The city administration is very happy to announce completion of arrangements to purchase this site," Mayor Fulton said. (Cont'd on page eight)

Book Fund Gifts Now Total \$1,350

Contributions to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Book Fund totaled \$1,350 this week, according to announcement by J. Byron Keeter, chairman of the second annual financial campaign.

- Mr. Keeter reported additional gifts of \$150. Gifts previously reported totaled \$1,200.
Additional gifts include:
Griffin Drug Store \$10.00,
A. W. Kincaid \$10.00,
J. R. Davis \$5.00,
E. A. Harris \$5.00,
Saunders Men's Store \$5.00,
Park Yarn Mill \$25.00,
Plonk Brothers \$25.00,
Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Gastonia \$50.00,
Victory Chevrolet Co. \$15.00.

X-Ray Fund Now Needs \$653.50

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce needs \$653.50 to complete its quota for the T-B X-Ray machine. Report by Chairman Joe Hedden Wednesday morning showed a gain of more than \$500 since the last report, including a contribution of \$200 from Park Yarn Mills Company. Also included were several contributions from Grover citizens and business firms.

Harmon, Veteran Grocer, Retires

M. L. Harmon, who has been dispensing groceries in Kings Mountain since 1896, retired December 31. Manager of the grocery department of Plonk Brothers & Company since 1933, Mr. Harmon first entered the grocery business in Kings Mountain in 1896, as an employee of the late Capt. Freno Dilling at the Dilling Mill Store.

In 1916, he purchased the business from the Dilling Mill and operated it until 1931. He joined Plonk Brothers in 1933.

Mr. Harmon is a native of Cleveland county. He first came to Kings Mountain in 1894 and attended school here.

He is an elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church and a Mason.

Lodge To Observe 75th Anniversary

M. E. Hoffman, of Asheville, Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the 75th anniversary banquet of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., to be held at the high school cafeteria Monday night, January 17. Members of the lodge are now arranging details for the event, and ticket sales will be handled by Bruce McDaniel, Oscar McCarter and J. Ollie Harris.

A large number of local citizens were claimed by death during 1948. Among the more prominent deaths were: Mrs. A. J. McGill, Mrs. Mary Harmon, Mrs. E. A. Shenk, Dr. R. N. Baird, P. D. Herndon, Dewitt Hull, J. Tracy McGinnis, Boyce Early, George Barber, Ah White, John Fletcher Ware, O. C. O'Farrell, F. C. Roberts, C. P. Barber, C. T. Dixon, John Seism and Harve Hambricht.

Economically the city did well, though a curtailment in textiles the last quarter threatened to dampen the Christmas spirit. New businesses opened included City Auto & Home Supply, Davis Laundry, Piedmont Washerette, and Haywood E. Lynch Realty Company. Sales of business included purchase of Parson Funeral Home by Harris Funeral Home, purchase of Hord Furniture Company by Cooper's, Inc., and purchase of Piedmont Drug Store by Mrs. C. P. Barry. The Logan Supply Company Record Shop moved to an uptown location and Kings Mountain Drug Company began extensive remodeling.

The city's professional groups also increased in number, with two new dentists (Dr. R. N. Baker, and Dr. D. F. Hord), a lawyer (W. Faison) (Cont'd on page seven)

Local People Injured In Wreck

Mrs. O. W. Myers and Mrs. W. B. Gillespie sustained slight injuries Wednesday when the car in which they were in route Winston-Salem was involved with two others in a wreck near Charlotte.

Both Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Gillespie were hospitalized in Charlotte, but sustained only minor lacerations, which were described as painful but not serious. Mrs. Myers sustained minor head cuts, while Mrs. Gillespie sustained knee cuts. Miss Eleanor Myers, third occupant in the Myers car was not injured.

Carl Kiser, a passenger in one of the other cars, received knee injuries.

The accident occurred at 12:10 p. m., at the intersection of Highway 16 with the Mt. Holly - Huntersville road. Three cars were involved in the crash, the Myers car, a car driven by Ralph Moody of Whitnel, and a car owned by Margaret Higgins of Huntersville, the latter vehicle a more or less innocent bystander. After the crash of the Myers and Whitnel cars, the two autos crashed into the Higgins car which was parked and unoccupied at the time.

Mrs. Myers was taking her daughter to Salem Academy, where Miss Myers is a student.

O. W. Myers said his wife, who was driving the Myers car, blamed the accident on poor vision caused by the rainy, foggy weather.

ALLEN TO NEW YORK

George W. Allen, Jr., well-known Kings Mountain man, left last weekend for New York, where he has accepted a position with Neisler Mills Company, textile sales agency. Mr. Allen, a graduate of N. C. State college, has been associated with Neisler Mills, Inc. here for the past several months.

DuCourt Reported Ceasing Operations

DuCourt Mills, Inc., was making plans to cease operations this week.

Circumstances concerning the situation, including final shutdown date, length of shutdown and other details could not be obtained by the Herald, due to inability to contact Superintendent J. W. (Bill) Heim.

A member of the mill's office force said, "All I know is that the mill is closing."

DuCourt has been manufacturing broadcloth. At full operation it employs 360 people with a payroll of about \$15,000 weekly.

Merchants' Directors Nominate Candidates For Offices For '49

Harold Coggins, secretary-treasurer of Cooper's, Inc., and Charlie Bialock, owner of Bialock's Grocery, have been nominated as candidates for president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for 1949-50.

Nominations for officers of the association were made in accordance with the by-laws of the organization by the board of directors at their meeting Monday night.

Other nominations include: for vice-president, L. E. Abbott, and B. S. Peeler; for directors, E. B. Smith, O. W. Myers, J. C. Bridges, Floyd Payne, Sam Collins, T. W. Grayson, Charlie Spearman and J. Ollie Harris.

A mail ballot among the membership will be conducted in the near future, with members to choose four of the eight nominees for directors.

Four current directors have another year of their two-year terms remaining. They are W. G. Grantham, Hilton Ruth, Sam Davis and Marriott Phifer.

The directors also discussed plans for the annual banquet of the association which is tentatively scheduled in February.

Symphony Group Seeking \$250

Members of the Kings Mountain Symphony Society are renewing this week their drive to obtain \$750 in memberships — amount required to bring the North Carolina Symphony orchestra here for a concert this spring.

Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman, said a minimum of \$250 is required to complete the membership drive and urged all citizens who have not renewed their memberships to do so at once.

The Symphony is tentatively scheduled to come to Kings Mountain on March 24 for a formal concert in the evening and for the free children's concert at the school during the day.

Mrs. Mauney said that the additional funds would have to come primarily from individuals, since majority of business and industrial firms had already renewed their memberships.

Aiding in the campaign are Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Mrs. Bruce McDaniel, Mrs. I. G. Patterson, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. E. C. Brandon, Jr., Mrs. B. S. Neill, B. S. Neill and Charles A. Goforth, Jr.

Retail Firms Resume Weekly Half-Holidays

Majority of Kings Mountain retail establishments are again observing Wednesday afternoon half-holidays, resuming the customary weekly half-holiday on December 29.

The retail firms of the city suspended the half-holidays during the months of November and December for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

Four Local Cases On Docket Wednesday

Four Kings Mountain cases are scheduled for Superior Court action at Shelby Wednesday according to a court docket released this week.

The cases are: J. C. Guffey, rape. Withrow Brown and Grady Brown, secret ass. ult. Woodrow Brown, assaulting an officer.