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Immediate Trading Area 15,000
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BUILDING PERMITS

Building permit was issued Tuesday at City Hall to Fred J. Wright, Jr., for construction of two one-story houses on Watterson street, estimated cost $800 each.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the 35th week of operations, which ended at noon Wednesday, totaled $143.50 according to a report by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

CONDITION CRITICAL

The condition of Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour, prominent Kings Mountain citizen, was described as critical Thursday morning. Mrs. Ridenhour has been receiving treatment at Gaston Memorial hospital since suffering a stroke last week.

SATURDAY SERVICES

Special services are held each Saturday evening at Second Wesleyan Methodist church, near the Sadie Cotton Mill, according to announcement by Rev. Jessie Hinson, the pastor. The services feature special speakers and singing.

JAYCEE MEETING

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday night at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock. Full attendance is being urged.

Guffey, Browns Draw Road Terms In Court

J. C. Guffey was sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads for assault on a female in Superior Court action in Shelby this week.

A charge of rape was changed to assault in connection with the case.

Three Kings Mountain Negroes were sentenced to the roads in connection with the incident here December 11 in which Edgar Brown was wounded by a pistol shot fired by a Kings Mountain police officer.

Grady Brown was sentenced to serve six months and his brothers, Withrow and Woodrow Brown were each sentenced to serve four months. They were charged with interfering with an officer.

Judge Peyton McSwain presided at the January term of court.

Dry Victory Is Landslide

Cleveland County's dry forces won an overwhelming victory last Saturday as they voted against legal sale of beer by 9,284 to 1,183.

The vote against legal sale of wine — banned for more than a year by county board action — was ever more dry, 9,349 to 904.

Kings Mountain's two boxes joined in the parade, returning 1,300 votes against the legal sale of beer to 308 for it. The vote on the wine matter here was: against legal sale of wine, 1,305; for legal sale of wine, 242.

The election here was conducted busily, but quietly. Dry forces had a full quota of automobiles on the move all day, seeing that voters of the dry ranks cast their votes, and the business of votes usually required some few minutes wait, as citizens jammed the polls. The situation was particularly bad in the West Kings Mountain box, many people reporting standing in line for 30 minutes before they could cast their votes.

A total of 1,532 persons voted at the two Kings Mountain boxes. The totals were as follows:

East Kings Mountain — For beer, 191, against beer, 586; for wine, 147, against wine, 592.

West Kings Mountain — For beer, 117, against beer, 714; for wine 95, against wine, 713.

Legal sale of beer will end in Cleveland county 60 days from the date it was voted out.

Township Quota Is $5,000; Need For Funds Given

Kings Mountain and Number 4 township's fund campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis got underway officially Thursday morning at a kickoff breakfast at the Kings Mountain Country Club, with Chairman Ollie Harris as host.

Goal of the campaign this year is $5,000 in Number 4 township—exactly one-fourth of the county's $20,000 quota.

Actually, the campaign was already underway in Kings Mountain. The Kings Mountain Lions club at its Tuesday night meeting had presented Chairman Harris with a $75 check for the fund, and individual Lions contributed another $335. This total, plus tail twister fees devoted to the campaign, totaled $419.52.

Already in action, too, was the industrial gifts committee, which included George Houser, chairman, Mrs. Harry Page and Jack Day. Mr. Houser reported virtually complete cooperation on the part of all of the city's industrial plants. Many are making available a payroll deduction service to employers who wish to give in this manner, and almost all report much interest in the cam-

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Bank Officers Are Re-Elected

Stockholders of the First National Bank, in annual meeting at the bank Tuesday afternoon, heard reports on the year's operations and re-elected all officers and directors.

The bank statement at the close of business December 31, showed assets of $4,109,497.49. Deposits totaled $3,787,311.40. During the year, the bank increased its surplus to $100,000, an increase of $15,000 during 1948, and increased its undivided profits and reserves fund by $12,350.34. This fund now totals $62,873.91.

During 1948, the bank paid out dividends to stockholders representing six percent on the $100,000 capital stock.

Officers re-elected were F. R. Summers, president, B. S. Neill, executive vice-president, R. L. Mauney, vice-president, L. E. Abbott, cashier, and James S. McKinney, assistant cashier. Directors re-elected included Dr. L. P. Baker, G. A. Bridges, W. K. Mauney, P. M. Neisler, M. A. Ware, Mr. Summers, Mr. Neill, and R. L. Mauney.

Parking Meter Dimes To Aid Polio Fight

It won't get a motorist any parking time, but it'll be all right to put dimes in parking meters during the next two weeks.

The meters don't work in dimes —only on nickles and pennies — but forgetful motorists regularly forget or don't know. The result is that the city finds a few dimes in the meters almost every week.

Mayor H. Tom Fulton announced Tuesday night that all dimes found in the parking meters during the ensuing March of Dimes campaign will be turned over to the fund to fight infantile paralysis.

Bridges & Hamrick Damaged By Fire

Fire which broke out shortly after closing time Monday night caused considerable damage at Bridges & Hamrick Hardware.

City firemen answered the alarm at 6:33 and worked about an hour extinguishing the blaze which destroyed a portion of the store's office at the rear.

Chief Grady King reported only minor fire and water damage, but he said the smoke damage was excessive. Cause of the fire had not been determined, he said, but added that G. A. Bridges, proprietor of the firm, thought it had resulted from a defective furnace flue which runs to its outlet near the office space.

Mr. Bridges said the store had been closed as usual at 6 p. m. The A & P, which adjoins Bridges & Hamrick, closed a short time later, and one of the employees, emerging from a rear door, noticed smoke pouring from the building. He turned in the alarm.

Estimate of damage had not been completed Thursday morning. Mr. Bridges said the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Bridges said he deeply appreciated the "good work" of the city fire department in quickly extinguishing the fire.

"Had it not been for their quick work, it is certain that the loss would have been much greater, and it is possible other buildings may have been burned too," he said.

Bus Firm To Suspend Sunday Morning Runs

The Kings Mountain Bus company will suspend Sunday morning service, effective February 6, according to an announcement this week by Hal S. Plonk, manager of the company.

Mr. Plonk said the reason for the cancellation of Sunday morning service was due to insufficient demand for such a service, proved over the past several years.

The new Sunday schedule of city buses which will go into effect the first Sunday in February will be 1:15 p. m. to 9:15 p. m.

Mr. Plonk said no changes are being made in present week-day schedules.

$175,000 Sewerage Disposal Plant Immediate Need, Engineer Report

Boyce Simonton Funeral Rites Conducted Sunday

Funeral services for William Boyce Simonton, 70 well-known Kings Mountain citizen were held Sunday at 12:30 at Harris Funeral Home, with interment following in the family plot of New Hope cemetery near Woodward, S. C.

Mr. Simonton died about 8 o'clock Friday night at his home. He had been in declining health for the past six years, since suffering a stroke of paralysis, but had been critically ill only for the past few weeks.

Mr. Simonton was a former city clerk, and for almost 20 years served as bookkeeper at the Dilling Mill. A native of White Oaks, South Carolina, he had been a citizen of Kings Mountain for the past 34 years. He was the son of the late Samuel R. and Sallie Harris Simonton.

Funeral rites were conducted by Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, of which Mr. Simonton was a member, assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

Pallbearers were Sam R. Suber, E. W. Griffin, M. A. Ware, W. S. Fulton, N. F. McGill, and Jack Arnette.

Among out-of-town persons attending the funeral were Miss Saralee Harrill, a niece, and R T. Simonton, a brother, both of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. A. C. Calder, a sister, of Greenville, S. C. Other survivors include four sisters, Mrs. E. A. Harrill, Mrs. W. S. Dilling, Miss Bessie Simonton and Mrs. J. M. Patterson, all of Kings Mountain.

Lail Murder Trial Continued

The trial of John C. Lail, 59, charged with the murder of Rollie Boyd Frazier, 41, of Shelby, at Margrace boarding house here last Saturday night, was continued to the March term of Cleveland county Superior court by Judge Peyton McSwain this week. Lail's bond was set at $7,500.

Lail waived preliminary hearing in Recorder's court at Shelby Monday morning. He is alleged to have murdered Frazier at around 9:30 p. m. Saturday night in Lail's room at the Margrace mill boarding house during a gambling argument over a five-dollar bill.

He admitted the shooting to Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, J., and Chief Deputy Haywood Allen, who investigated the killing

One witness, Miss Sara Jones, was on the scene when the murder occurred, according to Officers Logan and Allen. Miss Jones, daughter of the owner of the boarding house, stated that she heard a shot as she sat downstairs, and that she stood outside of the room shortly after and heard the two men arguing. The girl added that during the argument she heard Lail threaten to kill Frazier unless he gave him a five-dollar bill, and a few minutes later she heard two more shots fired.

Frazier, a native of Rutherford county, was shot in the shoulder and the left side, one bullet piercing his heart. He was a veteran of World War II.

Lions Heard Polio Chairman

Carlos Young, of Shelby, chairman of the county's current polio fund campaign, outlined the needs for meeting — and surpassing, if possible — the county's quota this year, before members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. Young, himself a victim of polio, during last summer's epidemic, gave an interesting report on the way funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were spent in North Carolina during last summer's epidemic, which resulted in 2,496 cases. Cleveland county alone recorded 102 cases, including nine deaths, Mr. Young said, while Kings Mountain totaled 28, slightly more than one-fourth the county's total.

He reported that the state has re-

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KIWANIS PRESIDENT — J. Byron Keeter, prominent Kings Mountain businessman, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for 1949 at the meeting of the club last week. Mr. Keeter succeeds J. L. McGill. (Herald photo by Sundy.)

Kiwanis Officers For '49 Installed

Officers and directors for 1949 were installed at a special installation night program of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night, January 6, with Clyde M. King, of Shelby, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis district 1, conducting the installation.

New officers of the club are J. Byron Keeter, president, who succeeds John L. McGill, Hugh Y. Ballard, vice-president, and Harold Coggins, secretary-treasurer, re-elected.

New directors installed were Dr. P. G. Padgett, Drace M. Peeler, Dr. J. S. Mauney, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Dr. R. N. Baker, L. E. Abbott, and J. E. Anthony, Jr. Past President McGill is a member of the board ex officio.

75th Anniversary Banquet Monday

Members of Fairview Lodge No. 339 A. F. & A. M. will observe the 75th anniversary of the founding of the lodge at the annual ladies night banquet to be held at the high school cafeteria Monday night at 7 o'clock.

M. E. Hoffman, of Asheville, Grand Master of North Carolina, will be the speaker at the event.

Masons in charge of ticket sales for the banquet are J. Ollie Harris, Bruce McDaniel and Oscar McCarter.

A capacity crowd is expected for the event.

Commissioners Hear Dickson Survey Report

W. K. Dickson, Charlotte sewer engineer who has completed a survey of the city's water and sewer systems, made his report to the city board of commissioners Tuesday night and recommended as soon as possible construction of a $175,000 sewerage treatment plant to serve the area of the city now served by the McGill tank on Potts creek.

Mr. Dickson gave reports on what he said was a complete survey of the city's five-tank sewerage system, designated the so-called Mauney disposal tank as the "next worse," and said the cost of absolutely necessary sewer line extensions would total approximately $33,000.

Mr. Dickson's report was the main item on the board's agenda Tuesday night and consumed the major portion of the meeting.

Describing his survey of the McGill tank, which he reported serves 665 houses in an over-all area of 720 acres, Mr. Dickson said the present tank is badly overloaded and added, "What you are doing is dumping raw sewerage into Potts Creek."

He said two types of sewerage disposal plant could be built; one an activated sludge method disposal system which would cost about $175,000 and require $2,800 power annually to operate, the other an aerial filter system which would require an original expenditure of $184,000 and cost about $500 worth of power annually to operate. He recommended the sludge method as the best. He said the investment should take care of the McGill tank area through a population growth of the city to 14,000—15,000.

Mr. Dickson gave the following report on the remainder of the city's sewerage disposal system:

The Mauney tank serves 362 houses and an area of 320 acres, with an

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Accident Victims Return To Homes

Mrs. O. W. Myers and Mrs. B. W. Gillespie, injured last week in a wreck near Charlotte, have returned to their homes here, after receiving treatment at Memorial hospital in Charlotte.

Mrs. Gillespie, who suffered a knee injury, returned home Sunday, and Mrs. Myers returned home Tuesday. Mrs. Myers is still confined to bed, having received painful head and back injuries, and severe bruises.

The accident occurred at an intersection of the Huntersville road shortly after noon January 5, as Mrs. Myers was driving her daughter back to school at Winston-Salem, Miss Myers was unhurt.

Unemployment Claims-Takers Are Busy; 826 Claims Filed Last Week

As they have since August, a number of Kings Mountain citizens have come to appreciate again the small, but helpful unemployment compensation benefits which, of course, don't compare to the weekly pay check, but which help to keep sufficient groceries on the table.

For the week ending January 9, a total of 826 Kings Mountain persons entered claims for unemployment compensation. Mrs. Nancy B. Webb, a jolly ex-proofreader for the Charlotte News, is the local claims-taker, and, after listing the total, was quick to point out that this did not mean that 826 people in Kings Mountain are unemployed. Many of the claims were of the "spot" variety, which is Unemployment Compensation commission lingo for temporary layoffs. Some instances were for extended Christmas holidays from local textile plants which this year many plants, lacking orders, officially termed layoffs.

Of the 826 applications for the week ending last Saturday, 103 were filed by World War II veterans. Many were collecting for temporary layoffs just as their neighbors were. They filed under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act provisions rather than for regular unemployment compensation provisions because they would get higher unemployment pay.

The minimum check a worker draws is $4.00. The maximum is $20. The payments are based on the worker's income during the next-to-last calendar year completed. This means that present unemployment benefits are based on what the worker made in covered employment during 1947. Covered employment is any work in a plant, store, or other place of business in which eight or more persons are employed for 20 weeks during the year.

The maximum number of benefits paid in one calendar year is for 16 weeks. The present week-on-week-off operational policy of some local mills insures that a worker can collect benefits for the "off week" over a term of approximately eight months.

The Unemployment Compensation program is a phase of the national social security program begun in the thirties. The funds come exclusively from employer contributions (which begin at 2.7 percent of the company payroll, go down according to experience rating).

Claims must be filed by unemployed workers for each week they are eligible for, and expect to collect benefit checks. Claims may be filed at the office of the state Employment Service on Cherokee street, or at places designated by the claims-taker. For mass group filing, the claims-taker has been working at City Hall.

Six-Month Report Shows Budget Of City Is 51.5 Percent Spent

The city's $305,000 budget for the fiscal year 1948-49 was 51.5 percent spent, at the close of business December 31, according to a six-month report given by City Clerk S. A. Crouse at the regular meeting of the commissioners Tuesday night.

The report showed income for the first six months of $182,820.98, expenditures of $157,539.64, and a cash balance at the end of six months of $39,598.48.

Of the various city departments, the general department was highest listed in percent of budget spent, the $8,941.08 representing 77.3 percent of the budget appropriation. In best shape budget-wise was the light and power department, which had expended $33,754.66, only 40.8 percent of its budget appropriation.

City Engineer E. C. Brandon, Jr., pointed out that the city was well within its budget, even though the figures showed more than half of it spent. He said that expenses in some departments for capital outlay items are heavier in the first six months of the year.

The report showed total 1948 property tax collections of $57,836.14, or 60.4 percent of the total levy. Mr. Crouse also reported the following percentage collections for prior years: 1947—97.5 percent, 1946—97.5 percent, 1945—97.6 percent.

Sale of water and lights was the biggest income factor during the first six months, totaling $85,593.69, followed by property tax collections. Other income items included: $5,562.23 from the city's share in the tax on beer (voted out last Saturday,) $6,820.95 from court costs and fines, and $4,369.67 from parking meter collections. The report also showed that 237 dog licenses had been purchased (at $1.00 each), income of $366.50 from sale of fishing permits, and $231 from parking violations.

Largest expense item was in the light and power department with total expenditures of $33,754.66. Water and sewer departments had cost the city $15,299.99, and $14,846.60 had been paid for debt service, including paying off $6,000 in city bonds, $8,801.25 in interest, and $45.35 in bank commissions.

Per the pay-on-receipts contract with the Magee-Hale Park-o-Meter company, the city had paid out $3,069 against the purchase price of the parking meters.

The police department had cost the city $11,628.25.