

POPULATION

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

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Township Over Hump On Its Polio Quota

Local News Bulletins

Grover Report \$830; Total Is Now \$3,435

WOODMEN TO MEET
What has been designated as an "important" meeting of the Woodmen of the World will be held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Woodman Hall. Officials are urging a full attendance of the membership.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the 37th week of operations, which ended at noon Wednesday, totaled \$141.28 according to a report by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

SPECIAL SERVICE
A special service will be held Saturday night at 7 o'clock at Second Wesleyan church. It was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Jesse Hinson. The public is invited to attend.

JAYCEE MEETING
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. No formal program has been announced.

CLUB SECRETARY
George Houser has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., succeeding L. E. Abbott, who resigned due to the press of other work. George W. Mauney has been named assistant secretary-treasurer, succeeding Mr. Houser.

KIWANIS MEETING
Presentation of the club's achievement report for 1948 was to feature the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:30. The program was under the direction of the club's achievement committee, of which B. N. Barnes is chairman.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permits were issued at City Hall to G. A. Bridges, on Jan. 20, for repairs on store building on Battleground avenue, estimated cost \$1,500, and to Crescent Hill Development Co., on Wednesday, for construction of a two-family duplex residence on Morris street, estimated cost \$3,500.

FIRE ALARMS
The city fire department answered two alarms this week. On Monday afternoon, the firemen extinguished a blaze resulting in slight damage at Hullener's Garage on Childress street. Gasoline spilled on the floor ignited and spread to the garage work bench. Firemen went to the home of Elizabeth Payne on Waco Road to extinguish a curtain blaze Wednesday. The blaze was put out before the firemen arrived.

HORD ELECTED
L. Gilbert Hord, former Kings Mountain banker, was elected executive vice-president and cashier of the Forest City Security Bank and Trust Company at the annual stockholders meeting of the bank held in Forest City January 18. Mr. Hord joined the Forest City bank last year as cashier. The bank operates branches in Bostic and Rutherfordton.

Pressly Chairman For Easter Service

Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boye Memorial ARP church, will serve as chairman for the annual city-wide Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association and Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will deliver the sermon.

Announcement from the Ministerial association was made this week by Rev. G. W. Fink, secretary.

"As a result of the high order of service, held in the past, a growing interest in the local Easter Sunrise Service has been increasingly indicated," Mr. Fink said, "and it is hoped that even greater interest will be shown this year."

Easter falls on April 17 this year.

Capacity Throng Attends Pioneer Area Banquet

A capacity crowd of more than 200 persons was present at the Woman's Club Monday night for the annual banquet of the Girl Scout Pioneer Area council.

Feature of the program was an inspirational address by Rev. J. Walter Dickson, Jr., pastor of First Presbyterian church, of Belmont, and election of officers for the coming year for the council, which includes Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland counties.

Presiding over the third annual meeting of the group was Miss Edna Rankin, of Gastonia, council president, and the invocation was given by Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Centering his thoughts on the Girl Scout slogan "United by Ideals," Mr. Dickson pointed out that the future hope and accomplishments of the 1,000,000 Girl Scouts in America depends upon interested, alert and consecrated adult leadership. He reviewed the beginnings of the organization from the time of its inception by Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Ga., and stated that its phenomenal growth indicated the great need for such work among girls.

"Loneliness is one of the pitfalls of youth," the speaker declared, as he discussed the four-point basis of Girl Scouting: Belonging, Service, Resourcefulness, and World Friendship. "If we are to have a future," he pointed out, "not to mention what kind of a future—just a plain future—world friendship is absolutely necessary. Girl Scout leaders," he declared, "are wrapped up in handling the ideals and dreams upon which the future of the world depends."

Outstanding recognitions in the area, were accorded Brownie Troop No. 35 of which Mrs. Ennis Atkins is leader, and Girl Scout Troop No. 11, Kings Mountain, led by Miss Elizabeth Hunt and Thelma Paysor.

Mrs. Atkins' troop was awarded a certificate for having achieved all the minimum goals. Added distinction was given the troop by the announcement that it had very nearly attained the maximum goals as well.

For Troop 11 an investiture service and court of awards was held. At this time Annie Mobley Dilling was presented the first badge for first class rank ever awarded in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Carl Rustin, co-chairman of the Gaston county board, presented thanks badges — the highest award (Cont'd on page four)

Hovis To Head ARP Men's Group

Lewis Hovis was elected president of the Men-of-the-Church organization of Boye Memorial ARP church at a supper meeting held at the church Monday night. Mr. Hovis succeeds I. G. Patterson.

Other officers named were Marriot Pifer, vice-president, Garrison Goforth, secretary-treasurer, and John L. McGill, program chairman. The group voted to hold regular quarterly meetings on the fourth Monday in the first month of each quarter.

Feature of the Monday evening meeting was a humorous inspiration address by J. W. (Bub) Beard, of Anderson, S. C., executive secretary of the Living Endowment of Erskine college. Mr. Beard pointed out the great growth and improvements brought about by scientific developments during the past half-century, but declared, "We have done a poor job spiritually." He said more attention to spiritual affairs would make the world better and living more enjoyable.

I. G. Patterson, chairman of the local church's Kingdom Extension fund-raising campaign, reported pledges in excess of \$3,000 and cash payments in excess of \$2,200. The report of the nominating committee was made by W. E. Blakely.

Weir Opening Coal Business

W. T. (Ted) Weir, well-known Kings Mountain businessman, announced this week opening of a new business, Weir's Coal.

The new firm will handle coal sales and features Red Bar Kentucky coal, a high-grade lump coal. "We are specializing in good coal and good service," Mr. Weir said, "and we are confident that we can satisfy our customers completely on their coal needs."

Concert Tickets To Be On Sale

Tickets for the spring concert series of the Shelby Community concert association will be on sale from Tuesday through Saturday next week. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman of the association's Kings Mountain committee.

Members of the local committee, who will have tickets available, include Mrs. W. B. Logan, Miss Lula Mae Teague, Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. M. A. Ware and the chairman.

The concert group, being reorganized after a wartime cessation of activities, expects to present three concerts this spring, featuring top entertainers. A supper meeting of the association is to be held Monday night at 7 o'clock at Hotel Charles to complete organizational details.

It was pointed out that tickets, at \$6.00 for the series, will be on sale only next week. Tickets will not be available at the door for the concert series, it was announced.

Legion Announces Cage Tourney Plans; Paul Mauney Chairman

Third annual Kings Mountain American Legion boys' high school basketball tournament will be held at Central gymnasium on March 2-5 according to an announcement this week by Paul Mauney, tournament director.

Started in 1947 by the sports committee of the Kings Mountain post, the tourney has developed prominence among the high school teams of Cleveland and surrounding counties.

Cleveland county teams have won out in both tournaments to date, Piedmont high school of Lawndale defeating Fallston high school in 1947 by a score of 23-19 to take top honors. Fallston came back in 1948

Bus Companies Are Making Effort To Get New Terminal For City

Mrs. Ridenhour's Funeral Services Held On Sunday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Laura Mauney Ridenhour, 76, prominent Kings Mountain citizen, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, which she had served as organist for 60 years. The rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Stender, assisted by Rev. H. G. Fisher, of Spindale, a former pastor, and interment followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Ridenhour, widow of William A. Ridenhour, died last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Gaston Memorial hospital, where she had been a patient since January 3, following a stroke of paralysis. Her death was not unexpected for she had been in a critical condition since being hospitalized.

The daughter of the late W. A. and Susan Ramseur Mauney, Mrs. Ridenhour had lived an active and useful life, marked by extensive church work as well as in civic and patriotic groups. She was born November 25, 1872. She attended old Gaston college in Dallas, and studied pipe organ at Elizabeth college in Charlotte. She became organist of St. Matthew's Lutheran church at the age of 14, and continued in that capacity for 60 years. For many years she also taught a Sunday school class and was active in the church's Woman's Missionary society. She was a prominent member of the DAR and served for more than 20 years as treasurer of the local UDC organization.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Helen Ridenhour McGill, a sister, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, two half-sisters, Mrs. J. E. Herndon and Mrs. F. R. Summers, and her step-mother, Mrs. Candace Miller Mauney, all of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services conducted here at Macedonia Baptist church, of which she was a member, at 1 o'clock, were followed by brief rites at the Mount Olive church at 3:30. The rites were conducted by Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, pastor of Macedonia church, assisted by Rev. Ed Gore, Rev. P. D. Patrick and Rev. Paul Hayes.

Patrolman Wooten Assumes Duties Here

W. R. Wooten, 21, member of the State Highway Patrol, began duties in Kings Mountain on Jan. 19, replacing Harolotis H. Dayton who had been stationed in Kings Mountain for about two years. Patrolman Wooten exchanged areas with Officer Dayton, coming here from the Canton-Lake Junaluska section.

A Navy veteran, the new officer became a member of the patrol on Nov. 1, 1948. He is a native of Dobson, in Surry county, and is not married. He will reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Ward on West Mountain street.

Lake Montonia Club Directors Meet

The Lake Montonia Club closed out its books for 1948 at a meeting of the board of directors at the home of Harold Hunnicutt, secretary, Monday night.

Report of officers showed the club had enjoyed its best year in history, with 100 active members, and 60 associate members.

Annual stockholders meeting of the club will be held March 8, it was announced.

Monday Is D-Day On Several Fronts

Monday is deadline day on several matters. It is the last day for purchasing without penalties) city and state auto license plates, the last day to pay 1948 taxes without penalties, and the last day for listing taxes for 1949.

Among other things, merchants and industrial firms also will have to complete withholding tax reports by Monday, as well as social security forms.

In the city, a total of 614 auto tags had been sold at City Hall through Wednesday. This total is only about two-thirds the number sold during 1948 and indicates a last-minute buying rush over the weekend.

Penalties on unpaid 1948 taxes are one percent in February, another one percent in March, and one-half of one percent each month thereafter.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Martin

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rose Martin, 68, wife of M. B. Martin, and for over 20 years a citizen of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday afternoon, with interment following in the Mount Olive Baptist church cemetery near Cowpens, S. C.

Funeral services conducted here at Macedonia Baptist church, of which she was a member, at 1 o'clock, were followed by brief rites at the Mount Olive church at 3:30. The rites were conducted by Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, pastor of Macedonia church, assisted by Rev. Ed Gore, Rev. P. D. Patrick and Rev. Paul Hayes.

Mrs. Martin died January 20 in Shelby hospital, having suffered a stroke the previous day.

She was a loyal member of the Macedonia church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three sons, Fred Martin, of Burlington, Master Sgt. Jesse Martin of Greensboro, and Ermon C. (Abie) Martin, of Kings Mountain, five daughters, Mrs. Vernon Queen, Belmont, Mrs. Claude Queen, Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Andrew Linder, Clifton, S. C., Mrs. Ferrell Robbins, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Earl Stroupe, of Kings Mountain, and three brothers, Robert Fisher, Gaffney, S. C., Jasper Fisher, Cowpens, S. C., and Alex Fisher, Pacolet, S. C. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were grandsons of Mrs. Martin, and flower bearers were her granddaughters.

Inspection Lane Here Until End Of Month

Motor vehicle inspection lane four moved to Kings Mountain Tuesday and will remain here through Monday. All motor vehicles of year model up to and including the year models 1936 are required to be inspected by the end of January.

Grover R. Kiser, of Forest City, is supervisor of lane four, which is located on Tracy street, between West Gold and West Mountain.

The lane will move to Shelby February 1 and return here on February 26.

Other deadlines for inspection during the first inspection period, Jan. 1-June 30, are as follows:

- 1937 and 1938—Feb. 28.
- 1939 and 1940—March 31.
- 1941 and 1942—April 30.
- 1943 thru 1947—May 31.
- 1948 and 1949—June 30.

1949 Chevrolet Went On Display Saturday

Over 3,000 persons attended the premier showing Saturday of the 1949 Chevrolet at Victory Chevrolet company showroom according to officials of the firm.

Also present at the showing were three top officials of Chevrolet, W. E. Girard, southeast and regional distributor of Atlanta, Ga., and Thomas E. Brents, zone manager, and John C. Diehl, assistant zone manager, both of Charlotte.

Interested people flocked to the showroom until 11 p. m. one official reported. The new car went on display over the entire country Saturday.

Purol Company Is Terminating Joint Set-Up

Efforts are underway to obtain a new bus terminal for Kings Mountain. It was announced this week by Jack Arnette, manager of the local station, now operated in conjunction with Terminal Service Station at the corner of Battleground avenue and King street.

Necessity for the change was created by the Purol Company, owners of the service station, who had previously ordered the station freed from its bus terminal connections on January 1.

Mr. Arnette said yesterday, however, that the Purol Company had granted a time extension until new quarters could be obtained.

Most possible development will be building of a new terminal. Mr. Arnette said, due to inability to find suitable locations on which buildings are now available.

L. C. Myers, Atlantic Greyhound supervisor from Atlanta, was here Wednesday investigating possible sites for the new terminal. Queen City Coach Company, other operator out of Kings Mountain, had made a survey previously.

Mr. Arnette said the two companies hoped to complete arrangements for a site and building of a new terminal in the near future.

As the crossing point of Greyhound and Queen City lines Kings Mountain has a heavy bus schedule and heavy traffic. Mr. Arnette said that 33 schedules go out from Kings Mountain daily, including 16 buses to Shelby and Asheville, 11 south to Greenville and Atlanta, and 26 to Charlotte and points north.

Lions Heard York Lawyer

R. B. Hildebrand, York, S. C., attorney, told members of the Lions club Tuesday night that the nation needs to give much attention to the matter of prison reform if it is to adequately protect society.

Mr. Hildebrand, who spoke on a program arranged by M. E. Stanton, cited several instances of young men, who had committed relatively minor infractions, being sent to the South Carolina state prison where they came in contact with 2,000 criminals, many of them, "of the worse and hardened variety."

"We cannot expect these young men to come out and make good citizens in a situation like that," Mr. Hildebrand declared.

Prior to Mr. Hildebrand's address, J. W. Milam, a past president, welcomed Robert McDaniel as a new member of the organization. President W. B. Logan announced that the club would present its annual spring talent show during March.

Club Schedule Has Temporary Change

No evening dining room service will be available at the Kings Mountain Country Club through Tuesday, February 1, it was announced this week by Hunter Neisler, chairman of the house committee.

Mrs. J. H. Pressly, club hostess, is on a brief trip to Americus, Ga. Luncheon service will be available and Sunday dinner will be served at noon as usual.

Regular club night will be held on February 5, according to announcement from the club social committee.

Whitener To Speak At Scout Banquet

Basil Whitener, prominent Gastonia lawyer and district solicitor, will make the feature address at the annual Kings Mountain district Boy Scout banquet to be held at the Woman's Club the evening of February 8, according to an announcement this week by Rev. J. W. Phillips, district chairman.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club also scheduled for the same night, and will be held at the Woman's Club.

The meeting will also feature annual reports of the district Scout organization.