

POPULATION

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the 39th week of operations, which ended at noon Wednesday, totaled \$140.31 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

SECOND WESLEYAN
Rev. Roy H. Parker, of Clover, S. C., will speak at special services at the Second Wesleyan church Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Special singing will also be on the program.

KIWANIS MEETING
Rev. J. W. Phillips, chairman of the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district, was to address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:30. The program was arranged by Joe Hedden.

JAYCEE MEETING
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

COURT OF HONOR
Regular February meeting of the Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts was to be held at the City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:45.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK
Rev. A. C. Kennedy, a missionary to China will speak at the First Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Kennedy came home for furlough and because of the critical war conditions in the section where he serves could not return to his field of service, and in meantime is serving as pastor of the Methodist church in McAdenville.

LUTHERAN FILM
"My Name Is Han," is the title of the sound religious film to be shown at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Sunday evening, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p. m. It is the story of Christian Love in action in China, and depicts the success of the Christian Gospel in a land sorely stricken by war and strife. The public is cordially invited to attend.

827 TAG SALES
Sales of 1949 city auto tags totaled 827 Wednesday. It was pointed out that persons who buy tags voluntarily will save a one-dollar traffic violation fine, which will be assessed if car owners are tagged for failure to display the new tags.

Three Teams Enter Legion Cage Event

Three teams, including the defending champions, have entered the third annual American Legion boys high school basketball tournament to be held here March 2, 3, 4 and 5 according to an announcement by Paul Mauney, tournament director.

Fallston, the 1948 champs, and Belwood, of Cleveland county, and Belmont Abbey Ramblers, of Gaston county, have accepted bids to participate in the event.

Invitations have also been extended to Harding high school, Charlotte, Boiling Springs, Cleveland county, Stanley high school, Gaston county, and Kings Mountain high school.

Two top Mecklenburg county teams, Derita and Berryhill, declined invitations due to conflicting dates with the county cage event there. Lowell, top team of Gaston county's Little Eight conference, was unable to accept an invitation according to J. M. Holbrook, principal.

Belwood is entering the tourney for the first time and boasts a fine record in county play. Belmont Abbey was a competitor in the first event, in 1947, and was eliminated by Fallston, a two-timer, who dropped the final game to Piedmont high.

Among other teams being considered are Rutherfordton-Spindale, Western conference contenders, and Granite Quarry, Rowan county quint with a record of 20 wins, two losses this season.

Capacity Crowd Attends Annual Scout Banquet

An overflow crowd of Scouts and Scouters assembled for the annual Kings Mountain District banquet at the Woman's Club Tuesday night and heard an address by Basil Whitener, Gastonia lawyer.

Some 260 persons were present for the event and heard Mr. Whitener praise the Boy Scout movement for its contributions to good citizenship. The meeting was held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

After group singing of "America," led by Dan Huffstetler, Rev. G. W. Fink gave the invocation, and Laney Dettmar, Troop 2 Scoutmaster, led the pledge to the flag. Aubrey Mauney gave the report of the district finance committee, and C. C. Edens reported on the progress of Davidson Memorial Scout camp. A group

Reports on progress of the Boy Scout fund campaign, now underway, could not be obtained Thursday morning. Campaign solicitors had not made their reports. Goal of the drive is \$1,500.

of Troop 5 Scouts gave a Scout playlet, and R. M. Schiele, Piedmont Council executive, presented Mr. Whitener, solicitor of the Mecklenburg-Gaston district.

Mr. Whitener, pointing to the advantages given a boy through Scouting, said that 40 percent of the men serving under Admiral Nimitz in the Pacific during World War II had been Boy Scouts. Of medals for heroism, good conduct, and extraordinary service presented to the men of Nimitz' command, 60 percent went to former Scouts.

The speaker traced the history of the Boy Scout movement, and he said he could speak from experience as a prosecuting attorney for the state that the courts would have much less business if all boys were at sometime enrolled in the scouting program.

The banquet adjourned with group singing of "God Bless America" and repeating of the Scout benediction, led by Buck Early, Scoutmaster of Troop 3.

Mr. Schiele announced that a nationwide broadcast on the Scouting program would originate at the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor Saturday at 2 p. m., with a Boy Scout representing each state participating.

The banquet was one of the highlights of the observance of National Boy Scout Week here.

On Sunday night, St. Matthew's Lutheran church was filled to capacity for the annual Boy Scout union service at which Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, gave the message.

Lions To Sponsor Magician's Show

Hypnosis, telepathy and magic will be the order of the evening on February 18th, when the Kings Mountain Lions club sponsors a local performance of Fayssoux, the Magician and company.

Originally from Gastonia, Mr. Fayssoux has been long associated with the profession and is regarded as one of the best magicians in the business.

His show has recently been playing in the area, and officials of the Lions club said they felt it would be an interesting, fun-filled performance.

The show will be held at the high school auditorium and will begin at 7:30. Admission will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

Bank Adds Vaults In Bookkeeping Room

The First National Bank installed last week fireproof vaults in its second floor bookkeeping department.

The new vaults are used for depositors' ledger sheets and for cancelled checks. Prior to installation of the files the records had to be transferred to the main vault on the first floor each day.

The bank began using the second floor bookkeeping department several months ago. The change was necessitated by increased volume of business, which required use of main floor space for other work.

NAVAL RESERVE

In addition to interviewing men for enlistment in the regular navy, Engineman First Class G. R. Cheney, traveling recruiter from Spartanburg will process men for enlistment in the Naval Reserve. He will be at the Post Office on Thursdays.

County Citizens Own \$9 Million In Bonds

Total net holdings of Series E, F and G U. S. government bonds in Cleveland county on December 31, 1948, was \$9,235,156, according to report of the Treasury Department received yesterday.

The report showed that Cleveland county citizens had purchased a total of \$13,193,079 in bonds since the so-called "war bonds" went on sale in May 1941, and that they had redeemed bonds totaling \$3,957,923.

The figures give the net purchase-price value of the bonds, and do not include any accrued interest.

Net value of bonds held in North Carolina is \$641,439,784.25.

Series E bonds mature in 10 years, Series F bonds in 12 years, and Series G bonds pay two and one-half percent interest semi-annually.

Purchasers of bonds in 1941 will be able to receive the full face value in two more years.

Scout Leaders For '49 Listed

The Kings Mountain District Boy Scout organization for 1949 is as follows:

Chairman—Rev. J. W. Phillips. Vice-chairman—C. A. Blalock. Treasurer—Paul Mauney. Commissioner—Aubrey Mauney. Commissioner—H. C. Wilson. Organization and Extension Chairman, Rev. W. H. Stender, B. S. Neill, Henry McKelvie, J. G. Darceall.

Leadership Training Rev. W. H. Pressly, chmn., L. C. Dettmar, Ben Gold, Jack Hullender and James H. Page.

Finance W. K. Mauney, chmn., J. B. Keeter, G. A. Bridges, C. D. Blanton, J. H. Thomson and B. S. Peeler.

Health and Safety Dr. Phillip Padgett, chmn, Dr. P. E. Hendricks, N. M. Farr, Harry Page.

Advancement (Court of Honor) H. C. Wilson, chmn, George H. Mauney, Jay Patterson, Boyer Murray, L. Arnold Kiser, and Rev. J. H. Brendall.

Camping and Activities C. C. Edens, chmn., Harold Hunnicutt, Wiley Blanton, William Plonk, J. W. Milam and Fred Plonk.

Relationships B. N. Barnes, chmn; Church Relations, G. W. Fink; Inter-Racial Relations, P. D. Patrick; Rural Relations, W. B. Thomson; Publicity, Martin Harmon; School Relations, Rowell Lane.

Bowling Alley To Become Skating Rink

Arcadia Bowling Alley is being converted to a skating rink and will open as Arcadia Roller Rink within the next few days, according to an announcement by the management.

Effort are being made to complete the renovation of the building to open Saturday night, but W. B. Logan, partner in the enterprise, said it might be Monday evening before the rink is ready.

BOARD MEETING

The city board of commissioners was to meet in regular monthly session Thursday night at the City Hall with the principal item of business expected to be consideration of bond issues for expansion of the sewer and water system and for improvement of City Stadium.

Red Cross Drive Chairman Names Committee Heads

George H. Mauney, chairman of the 1949 Red Cross fund campaign which is to begin March 1, announced this week campaign committee chairmen.

They include: Industrial gifts, L. Arnold Kiser. Industrial employees gifts, W. J. Fulkerson and Hubert Davidson.

Business firms, Joe Lee Woodward. Professional gifts: Dr. D. F. Hord. Public employees gifts, W. E. Blakely.

Public schools, Miss Willie McGill. Colored schools and churches, Professors J. A. Gibson and L. L. Adams.

Residential area, Mrs. J. L. McGill. Rural area, Myers Hambricht. Grover and Bethlehem community, Mrs. W. F. Powell.

Ministerial group, Rev. W. H. Stender.

This year's Red Cross quota calls for more than \$6,000. Large portion of the fund to be retained in Kings Mountain for local use.

J. C. Bridges is publicity chairman of the campaign.

Dogs Aid Arrest Of Negro Youths

Bloodhounds from Dallas Prison Camp in Gaston county aided Kings Mountain police in making an arrest of two local Negro youths charged with robbery Monday night.

Ikie Jamison, 16, and Paul Jackson, 18, were arrested around 9:30 Monday night and lodged in jail, charged with assault and robbery of some 70-odd dollars from Will Seawright, colored shoe-shine man, near the home of V. O. Wingo, Negro, on West Ridge street, at about 7:30 p. m. Monday night.

The Paul Jackson named in this story is not Paul Jackson, son of John Jackson, who is employed by Herald Publishing House.

Jamison is free under \$500 appearance bond but Jackson was still in the Kings Mountain jail at noon Thursday having failed to post \$500 bond. Both are expected to be bound over to Superior Court in action at City Recorder's court here Monday afternoon.

Desk Sergeant Palmer Fulton said he received a call about 7:55 p. m. Monday to send a patrol car to West Ridge street and Officers George H. Allen and W. L. Blackburn, accompanied by Officer J. D. Andrews, who was off duty, answered the call.

Officer Allen said they found Seawright near the Wingo home and began investigating his complaint. Some time later they saw the two youths leave the Wingo home where they had "dressed up." They were arrested on suspicion and lodged in jail around 9:30.

The two bloodhounds picked up the trail of the pair at the scene of the assault and robbery, trailed their course some length, and ended up back at the Wingo home where Jamison and Jackson had entered the rear door and changed clothes.

Officers said the dogs then picked up the trail of the "dressed up" pair and trailed them to the jail, where they had been lodged during the bloodhound chase.

The youths then told officers that one had held Seawright's mouth while the other was taking his wallet.

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TO PREACH HERE—Dr. J. McDowell Richards, nationally known church leader and preacher, will preach at a series of services at First Presbyterian church beginning February 21 and continuing through Feb. 27.

Special Services At Presbyterian

Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Ga., will preach at a series of services at First Presbyterian church from February 21 through February 27, it was announced this week by Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor.

Mr. Patrick said services will be held twice daily, at 10 o'clock in the morning at 7:30 in the evening. "It is a real pleasure to announce that Dr. Richards will be here for a series of services," Mr. Patrick said. "He is a nationally known preacher and church leader, and an interesting and forceful preacher of the Gospel."

Wildlife Club Fish Fry Monday

Kings Mountain Sportsmens Wildlife club will hold a "dutch" fish fry February 21 at Lake Montona according to an announcement yesterday by officials of the club.

Club members have been asked to return reservations by Saturday, February 19 and are being asked to bring prospective members to the supper.

Committee in charge of the supper consists of T. C. McKee, Sam Davis and Joe Lee Woodward.

Cost per person is \$1.00 "for all you can eat" the announcement said.

Terminal Plans May Be Known Next Week

Jack Arnette, manager of the Kings Mountain bus terminal, said Thursday he hoped to be able to make an announcement next week on the prospective location of a new terminal.

Mr. Arnette said one bus company official was to arrive here over the weekend for a final check-up on a prospective location.

He declined to divulge possible locations.

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Greene Post 155 will be held at City Hall Monday night at 7:30. Building plans will be discussed.

Township Polio Fund Gifts \$7,406

Number 4 Township contributed \$7,406.38 to the 1949 campaign fund for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to exceed its \$5,000 quota by almost 50 percent.

Complete figures reported Thursday morning by Township Chairman Ollie Harris showed that the Grover area alone contributed \$1,547.65, while the Kings Mountain area gave slightly less than \$6,000.

The complete breakdown of gifts by divisions follows: Individual and business gifts \$894.

Kings Mountain industrial gifts \$670.

Kings Mountain industrial employees \$1,668.37.

Kings Mountain school area \$1,309.97.

(School gifts were divided as follows: Central primary, \$244.05; West school, \$241.85; Central high school and grammar school, \$426.54; East school, \$155.73; Park Grace school, \$144.83; Jack and Jill kindergarten, \$123.50; and Davidson school, \$78.47.)

Grover community \$1,547.65.

(Grover gifts included: community, \$1,216.49; Grover school, \$202.35; Bethlehem church, \$101.51; Dixon school, \$27.30.)

Bethware, Oak Grove, Patterson Grove communities \$649.37.

These gifts included: El Bethel church, \$159.04; David's church, \$117.70; Oak Grove church, \$27.33; Patterson Grove church, \$105.54; Bethware community, \$47.92; show at Bethware, \$30; El Bethel club, \$10; Bethware school, \$183.34; Patterson Grove school, \$36.90; Vestal Colored school, \$15.60; miscellaneous donations, \$22. Chairman Harris noted on his report that H. M. Cash, chairman of this division, gave one-half the donations from each church listed.)

Miscellaneous gifts \$668.72.

(Included in these gifts were: Imperial Theatre collections, \$135.95; Dixie Theatre, \$125.00; Phoenix Women's Club, \$21.10; Lions Club, \$24.52; Kings Mountain Jaycees, \$75; Parking meters, \$5.40;

March of Dime boxes, \$96.42; wishing well, \$61.74.)

"It is easy to see from this report that Number 4 Township had a sizeable part, not only in insuring the county's meeting its quota, but in exceeding it by more than 50 percent. The response of everyone who had a part in the campaign was excellent," Mr. Harris said, "and I wish to state special appreciation to Mrs. Harry Page, George Houser and Jack Day, who headed the industrial gifts group, to H. M. Cash, of the Bethware, Patterson Grove, Oak Grove group, and to all others who aided in the campaign. I also wish to thank each person who contributed to the campaign, and to each school child who worked to fill a card with dimes."

Mr. Harris said the Cleveland county total was more than \$32,000. The county quota was \$20,000.

The complete breakdown on gifts to the fund is on file at the Herald office.

Disposition Of DuCourt Mill Matter Delayed

In a hearing in Federal district court in New York Wednesday, DuCourt Mills, Inc. was given until March 3 to satisfy all creditors with accounts against it of \$200 and less, and another hearing was set for that date to determine whether the company will be forced into bankruptcy or whether it will be allowed to operate in receivership under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act.

This information was learned yesterday by J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain lawyer, in telephone conversation with the New York attorney for the company. Mr. Davis is handling for collection several accounts against the firm.

DuCourt Mills, Inc., has contended that it is not insolvent but merely short of funds, and it further contends that, given time, it will satisfy all creditors in full.

It asks specifically for six months time in which to pay all unsecured creditors, stating that it will pay them in three installments of 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after confirmation.

Mr. Davis said the New York attorney for the firm informed him that only three creditors were present for the hearing in New York.

The following information was given in the affidavits filed in New York:

"Secured creditors include Pilot Life Insurance Co., of Greensboro, N. C., \$150,000, secured by first mortgage; Russellville Mills, Inc., \$123,000 secured by second mortgage, and Crompton-Richmond Co., Inc., \$13,000.

Other creditors are Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America, Youngstown, O., \$8,180; Drape Corp., Hopedale, Mass., \$9,053; Douglas Mills, Inc., Douglasville, Ga., \$4,096; White Electrical Cover Co., Atlanta, Ga., \$10,119, and John M. Yarborough, Pickens, Miss., \$15,073. It is stated that Yarborough has filed an attachment against assets at the mill.

John M. Yarborough, of Pickens, Miss., filed suit Saturday morning in Cleveland Superior court against the DuCourt Mills of Kings Mountain to collect \$15,073.74 said to be due for 90 bales of cotton sold by the plaintiff to the defendant, the plaintiff alleging that the mill is attempting to liquidate and that unless he gets judgment soon his claims will be nullified.

DuCourt Mills, Inc., purchased the Kings Mountain textile plant in mid-summer 1946 from Burlington Mills for \$1,000,000. According to the company statements, it operated the plant at a profit until June 1948, but lost money during the last half-year of operations.

It completely suspended production operations last week. A skeleton office force is still on duty.

Athletics Club Being Organized

Sale of memberships in an "athletic boosters" organization, to be known as the Mountaineer Club, began this week.

Several supporters of the Kings Mountain high school athletic programs are thus forming the nucleus for formal organization of the club in the near future.

Purpose of the group will be active support of local athletics, physically and financially, with the immediate goal of obtaining funds for a week's training trip at Camp Cherokee for the 1949 football team.

Constitution and by-laws are being written and will be voted on at the organizational meeting. Officers will also be elected at that time.

Plans also call for efforts to further increase good sportsmanship among fans and players at local athletic events.

The organization is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Herald.

"B" Boys, Varsity Girls Here Tuesday

Kings Mountain high school boys "B" basketball team will meet Gastonia Junior Chamber of Commerce Juniors here Tuesday night in the second game of a doubleheader that will pit the varsity girls against the strong Firestone sextet of Gastonia. Game time is 7:15 for the opening contest.

The card was postponed from Thursday night at the request of the visiting aggregations.

Return games are scheduled for Feb. 24 in Gastonia. The boys and girls "Bees" meet Shelby there on Feb. 17.