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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

City Board Calls Election On \$350,000 Bond Issue

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS PROGRAM
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were to hear a program at their regular meeting Thursday night presented by the Kings Mountain city committee on Girl Scouts.

AUTO RECOVERED
An abandoned 1941 Chevrolet, stolen from Roscoe Grindle, of Gastonia, on Sunday night, was found on Cleveland avenue Tuesday morning by Officers George Allen and Will Blackburn of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the 47th week of operations, which ended at noon Wednesday, totaled \$140.21 according to a report by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permit was issued March 24th at City Hall to Charles O. Lovelace for construction of a new four-room dwelling on Sims street, estimated cost \$3,500.

JAYCEE MEETING
Billy Harrison of Rocky Mount, state president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, will address members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

CITY EMPLOYEE
Mrs. Hildreth Sherrer began her duties as a stenographer at City Hall Monday morning. Mrs. Sherrer fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Dorothy Hayes, who had accepted a position with the City of Asheville.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
More high school graduates are needed by the U. S. Navy according to Chief Fred W. Jordan of the navy recruiting service. This demand has been occasioned by vacancies occurring in the navy service schools.

Portrait Honors Webb's Father

A portrait of Albert Shipp Webb, for 33 years superintendent of Concord city schools and at the time of his death superintendent emeritus, was presented to the Concord schools at memorial exercises in Concord last week.

The portrait, painted by J. Lee Settlemyre, Kings Mountain artist, was presented by R. Halbert Webb, Sr., only son of the late educator. It was unveiled by Richard Halbert Webb, Jr., grandson of the honoree.

The portrait was presented in behalf of the donor by Luther T. Hartwell, prominent Concord citizen and college classmate of the late school superintendent.

Lail Sentenced To 17-25 Years On Murder Charge

John C. Lail, 59-year-old Kings Mountain man, pleaded nolo contendere to charges of second degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of R. B. Frazier at Margrace boarding house on January 8 in action in Cleveland Superior Court this week and Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, presiding over the session, sentenced him to serve from 17 to 25 years in the state penitentiary.

In another case of interest in Kings Mountain two men received sentences in connection with the robbery of Barkley Brothers grocery in May 1947.

J. B. Shedd, who was brought here recently after serving a jail term in Virginia, was sentenced to serve from two to five years for breaking and entering Barkley's store.

Robert Lee Case, 19-year-old youth, was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail for breaking and entering. His testimony convicted Shedd. At the time of the Barkley robbery, Case was around 17 years old.

Martin T. Massagee, 62, of Gastonia, charged with assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the knifing of his step son-in-law Norman W. Dunbar, also of Gastonia, which occurred on January 8 at a service station just outside the city limits on Shelby road, was given an 18 months suspended sentence and ordered to pay the prosecuting witness \$600.

Henry Burris was convicted of violation of his probation and a previous suspended sentence was invoked.

After Lail had entered his plea the solicitor called Mrs. Sarah Jones as first witness. She was assisting in the keeping of the boarding house where Frazier was shot.

She testified that Lail and Frazier came in together and went to Lail's room. She said about 9 p. m. she heard a shot fired in this room and that she went upstairs. She said she heard Lail tell Frazier that if he did not give him (Frazier) his \$5 he was going to kill him. Then she said she heard two shots fired. She went down and called the police.

In the meantime Lail came out of the room and told Mrs. Jones that he had killed Frazier and that he was upstairs dead. Officer Hayward Allen told of making the investigation and of finding Frazier dead and said that Lail had shot Frazier. Lail told Allen he shot Frazier because he had struck him on the face when he had asked him for money which Frazier is said to have taken in a poker game.

Amos To Represent Central At Greensboro

Billy Gene Amos, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Amos, and a senior at Central high school, won the honor of representing Kings Mountain at the state music festival to be held in Greensboro this month.

Amos was the only student from Central to receive a rating of "superior" at the district festival held in Charlotte last weekend.

He received his rating in the vocal solo group. Other ratings in the vocal solo group included Betty Falls, excellent, and Evelyn Cline, good.

Other ratings included: piano solo, Pauline Mauney and Barbara Gault, excellent; glee club, boys and girls, good; and band, excellent.

Ratings were superior, excellent, good, average, and below average.

Honor Society Inducts Three

Three high school girls — Iris Patterson, Mary McKelvie and Jo Ann Bridges — were inducted into the National Honor Society in exercises held at Central school Thursday morning.

Students are chosen for the high honor by the faculty, who judge character, grades, leadership, and other points.

Bill Amos, president of the local group, had charge of the installation exercises.

Red Cross Gifts Near \$4,000 Mark

Contributions to the Number 4 township Red Cross campaign totaled \$3,930.59 Thursday morning, representing a gain of approximately \$300 during the past week.

Meantime, drive officials urged committee chairman to complete their reports.

The colored division was to meet at City Hall Thursday night to make final reports.

Following are total of receipts to date, by divisions: Industrial, \$1,185; industrial employees, \$687.80; business, \$629.79; residential, \$522.93; colored division, \$237.20; schools, \$187.50; professional, \$139; clergy, \$29.21; Grover, \$212.16; Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, \$100. Goal of the drive is \$6,202.

Rites Sunday For Pfc. Cansler

Final interment for Pfc. Grady G. Cansler, 31, who was killed in action in Luxemburg January 21, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge, will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Graveside rites will be conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, with the local service organizations administering full military rites.

Pfc. Cansler, a native of Gaston county, lived in Kings Mountain almost all his life. He entered the army in March 1944 and served with

All members of the American Legion and VFW posts are requested to be at Harris Funeral Home by 3:30 Sunday afternoon to assist in conducting funeral rites for Pfc. Grady Cansler. Members are asked to wear organization caps.

Company E, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th division. He was a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and attended Lincoln Memorial college, Cumberland, Tenn. He was a member of First Presbyterian church and was a clerk at Pauline Store at the time he entered the service.

His body will arrive here Friday and will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the funeral hour. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cansler, his wife, Mrs. Gayne C. Thrasher, two daughters, Diana and Caran Cansler, all of Kings Mountain, and two brothers, Luther Cansler, Kings Mountain and Anthony Cansler, of Charlotte.

Kelly Will Head Craftspun Yarns

G. C. Kelly will succeed the late Z. F. Cranford as general manager of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., it was announced last week by H. J. Megargel president of the company.

Mr. Kelly, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., joined Craftspun as assistant superintendent about 18 months ago and had held the position of superintendent since January 1.

He came to Kings Mountain from Lola Mills at Stanley, and had previously held positions with American Thread Company, Dalton, Ga., and Dixie Mercery Company, of Chattanooga.

Local Merchants Reported Ready For Kings Mountain Bargain Days

Kings Mountain retail merchants are joining together this weekend in presenting Kings Mountain Bargain Days, with almost all retail firms participating.

The three-day event begins Friday morning and will continue through Monday.

The participating merchants, acknowledging the return of "price" as a major factor in retail selling, are joining in a general assault on prices during the three-day bargain event by two methods. They are offering regular, staple merchandise at special prices, and have combed the markets for special purchases for this particular trade event.

Participating are hardwares, furniture stores, department stores, specialty shops, grocers, appliance stores and others.

Nothing Sure, But More Rumors On City Politics

City politics remained quiet this week, with no further candidates filing for office up the 11 o'clock Thursday morning, but the rumor mill was working up a few choice morsels.

Mentioned as possible candidates were Hal D. Ward for Ward 5 commissioner, and B. Hudson Bridges for Ward 4 commissioner.

Mr. Ward, proprietor of Ward's Seed and Feed Store, told the Herald that several persons had been encouraging his candidacy but he said he had not made a definite decision to run. A former highway patrolman, Mr. Ward ran second in the five-man race for sheriff of Cleveland county in 1946.

Mr. Bridges was a candidate for the Ward 4 post two years ago. Announcing late, he ran third in a four-man race.

Indications are that all of the present city commissioners, with the exception of Ward 4 Commissioner Moss, and Mayor H. Tom Fulton will seek re-election, though no definite commitments have been made. The matter was discussed informally following Monday afternoon's city board meeting, but none announced his candidacy. Present indications are that the incumbents will run as a ticket.

Reported politicking but not yet announced is Otto Guyton, expected to seek the Ward 3 commissioner post now held by T. J. Ellison.

Only candidate who has formally filed by paying the five dollar fee is Paul Ledford, who seeks the Ward 4 commissioner post.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 10, and candidates are required to file for office five days before the election day.

No activity has been reported on the two school board posts which are to be filled. Terms of Ward 2 and 3 commissioners expire this year. Arnold W. Kincaid, Ward 3 trustee, is expected to run again, but C. C. Edens, Ward 2 trustee, has indicated that he will not seek re-election.

Throneburg On Tour With Duke Glee Club

Durham. — James C. Throneburg of Kings Mountain was among the 42 members of the Duke University Men's Glee Club chosen to accompany the club on its Spring tour of Northern cities. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yates F. Throneburg, of 900 W. Mountain street.

The men chosen from the 62-man chorus and accompanied by Director, J. Foster Barnes, left Monday to present concerts in six cities. They will broadcast from WCBS in New York City, Saturday, April 2, from 4-4:15 p. m.

The Glee Club sang Monday evening in Washington, D. C. Other cities in the club's itinerary include: Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday, March 29; Pittsburg, Pa., Wednesday; Lancaster, Pa., Thursday; New York City, April 1; and Philadelphia, Pa., Monday, April 14.



WAR CASUALTY — Funeral rites for Cox, Woodrow W. Falls, Kings Mountain native who was killed in action near Okinawa, will be held here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Central Methodist church.

Falls Funeral Sunday At 2 P. M.

Funeral rites for Coxswain Woodrow W. Falls, 24, Kings Mountain native who was killed in action near Okinawa on May 26, 1945, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Central Methodist church.

Rev. J. H. Brendall, the pastor, will conduct the services, and interment will be made at Mountain Rest cemetery, with full military rites.

The body will arrive here Friday and will remain at Harris funeral home until 1:30 Sunday. It will lie in state at the church for a half-hour prior to the funeral services.

Cox, Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Falls, Sr., of Gastonia, lost his life while serving aboard the USS Bates. He entered the navy in 1942. For 12 years he had lived in Lumberton, where he was a member of Lumberton Methodist church.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Beeson Cuthbert, of Pembroke, a son Woodrow W. Falls, Jr., three brothers, Bergen Falls, Kings Mountain, Dewey Falls, Lumberton, and C. B. Falls, Jr., of Gastonia, and three sisters, Miss Vera Falls, Crossville, Tenn., Miss Ruby Falls, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Lawrence Mears, of Clerkin.

Cancer Fund Drive To Start

The 1949 campaign for funds for the American Cancer Society will get underway next week. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Kings Mountain chairman.

A total of \$800 for the fund was contributed in Kings Mountain in 1948.

Cleveland county's 1949 quota is \$3,000, Mrs. Arthur said. Co-chairman of the drive is Mrs. W. W. Tolleson.

Funds raised by the American Cancer society are used in research in an effort to discover causes and cures of the dread disease which annually causes the death of many people all over the nation and the world.

Contracts Awarded On U. S. 74 Job

The State Highway Department awarded contracts late Thursday morning for the building of Highway 74 from a point 600 feet west of Kings Mountain to the bridge over First Broad River. Contracts went to low bidders among 31 who sought the contracts.

Low bidders were: roadway, Neal Hawkins, Gastonia, \$121,321; structure, W. F. Brinkley & Son, Granite Quarry, \$52,022; and moving buildings, H. & H. House Moving Company, Guilford College, \$45,395.

Bond Election Will Be Held On May 10th

The city board of commissioners completed legal technicalities in connection with the proposed \$350,000 public improvement bond issue election on Monday, as the board formally called the election for May 10th.

With only Commissioner John Moss absent at the special session Monday afternoon, the commissioners voted unanimously to offer (1) a \$250,000 issue for sewer plant improvements and line extensions, (2) a \$50,000 issue for water line extensions, and (3) a \$50,000 issue for completion or erection of a municipal stadium.

The election, as had been planned by the board, will therefore be held on the same day as the regular biennial election for city offices.

The bond issue results will be determined separately. Thus, it is possible that one, or two, or all three of the issues will be approved or will fail.

Under the constitutional amendment voted by the citizens of the state in the November general election, a majority of those voting will determine the results.

No special registration will be called for the election, which means all persons now registered may vote.

For persons not registered, the registration books will open on Saturday, April 16, at the five ward polling places and will be open for three consecutive Saturdays through April 30. Saturday, May 7, will be challenge day. Registration books will be open from 9 a. m. until sunset on the designated days.

Election officials are the same as those appointed for the general election.

Calling of the bond election follows the announced intention of the board at the February meeting.

The largest issue, for sewer bonds, follows recommendations from a Charlotte engineering firm on improvements for the city's sewer system, with major portion of the \$250,000, if approved, to be used in renovating and enlarging the overloaded McGill sewer tank.

Kiwanis Farmers' Night April 7th

Some 100 Kings Mountain area farmers are being invited to attend the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club which will be held at the Woman's Club next Thursday night at 7 o'clock. It was announced yesterday by Glee A. Bridges, chairman of the club's committee on arrangements.

Mr. Bridges said the speaker for the event will be announced later. Other members of the committee are Wray A. Williams, J. E. Anthony, Jr., Paul Mauney and Myers Hambricht.

Program For Easter Service Announced

Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will deliver the sermon at the fifth annual Easter Sunrise service at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery, according to announcement yesterday by Rev. W. E. Pressley, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The service, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, has become one of the most popular union services of the community.

According to the program announced by Mr. Pressley, it will begin this year at 6:15 a. m., with a concert by the Kings Mountain high school band. At 6:30, Rev. J. W. Phillips, association president, will give the invocation.

Rev. J. H. Brendall, Central Methodist pastor, will read the Scripture, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, First Presbyterian, pastor, will pray the Easter prayer. Rev. T. W. Fogleman will give the benediction. Special music will be directed by Mrs. N. F. McGill, organist and choir director of Boyce Memorial ARP church.