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

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Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS MEETING
 Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were to hear a report on the recent Kiwanis International convention, held at Atlantic City, by President Byron Keeter at the Thursday night meeting of the organization. President Keeter represented the Kings Mountain club at the convention.

LIONS TO BETHANY
 Members of Bethany ARP church will be hosts to the Kings Mountain Lions club members, their wives and guests at a picnic style supper to be held at the church Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Lions members wishing extra reservations are being asked to contact W. L. Plonk.

CLUB NIGHT
 Regular Club Night will be observed at the Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday night at 8 o'clock. It was announced this week by the club social committee. A buffet dinner will be served and the entertainment of the evening will include dancing and bridge, if desired.

UNION SERVICE
 Sunday night's union service will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church, with Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, delivering the sermon. A cordial welcome to attend the service has been extended by Rev. W. L. Pressly, Boyce Memorial pastor.

PREPAID TAXES
 Pre-paid city taxes through June 29 totaled \$12,784.54. It was announced yesterday by S. A. Crouse, city clerk. Figures were not available on June 30 receipts but they were considerable. Mr. Crouse said. The two percent discount period ended June 30. Discount for payment during the month of July is one and one-half percent.

EARLY TO NATS
 Jake Early, Kings Mountain baseball player, has been recalled by the Washington Senators according to word received here yesterday. Early has been with the Chattanooga Lookouts in the Southern Association where he led the league in hitting for several weeks after he reported. He had been released by the Nats in April.

Beth-Ware FFA Group At White Lake Camp

Seventeen members of the Beth-Ware Future Farmers of America club left Monday for a week's recreation trip to White Lake FFA Camp. The group is scheduled to return Saturday.

Members making the trip included Burnie Allen, Carroll D. Costner, Alton Dover, Charles Dover, Dale Dixon, Carol Ledford, John McKinney, Joe Ware, Billy Bell, Bob Huskey, Newell Thornburg, Bobby Ware, W. L. Goforth, Jack Ware, Joe Bell, Billy Spencer and Dwight Ware. Curtis Bell and Howard Champion made the trip as drivers.

July Is Popular Anniversary Month

July is a popular opening month for Kings Mountain business firms, and several are currently observing anniversaries, or have in the past few days.

Among the business firms observing anniversaries this month are Plonk Brothers, 50 years, Dixie Bargain Store, 10 years, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, 5 years, and B. & B. Food Stores, Inc., 2 years.

Red Cross Changes Office Hour Plan

Office hour changes were announced this week by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain chapter, American Red Cross.

Mrs. Gamble said that the office at City Hall will be open each week day between the hours of 8:30 in the morning and noon, with afternoons to be devoted to home contacts and other Red Cross work required outside the office.

The public is being asked to note these changes.

City Engineer Evans Arrived Here Monday

Sarasota Man Begins Duties As City Official

J. S. Evans, Jr., arrived here from Sarasota, Fla., Monday afternoon, and began his duties as city engineer Tuesday morning.

The first two days of his work were well-filled, as he tried to gather in a short space of time general knowledge about city business, as particularly applied to Kings Mountain, and specific knowledge about the city itself.



CITY ENGINEER — J. S. Evans, Jr., arrived here July 4th to assume his new duties as city engineer, succeeding E. C. Brandon, Jr., now city manager of Asheville.

Both days — and Thursday was scheduled for the same — were featured by conferences with Mayor J. E. Herndon and members of the city board of commissioners, and by get-acquainted talks with heads of city departments and other employees.

Wednesday afternoon included a "sight-seeing" tour, as members of the board and Mayor Herndon conducted their new executive officer around the city by auto.

Mr. Evans, married and the father of two children, also had some house-hunting on the agenda. At the moment, he is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler, pending finding of suitable quarters for his family, now at Mrs. Evans' home in Hillsville, Ga.

The new city engineer, graduate of Purdue University, class of '38, and an army veteran, merely set forth "Protestant" in outlining factual information in his application for the city position. He turns out to be a Presbyterian.

Tall and with grey streaks appearing in a head of black hair, the new city administrative officer expressed himself as "very pleased to be in the Piedmont section of North Carolina." It happens that in his application for the Kings Mountain post and in a subsequent interview with the city board, Mr. Evans told the board of a long-time desire to come to the Piedmont section to work and live.

He was "sold," he said, by a close friend in the army who was from Shelby. The friend was Rev. Walter Dickson, now a Belmont minister.

Mr. Evans is a native of Ohio, and former assistant city manager of Sarasota. His war experience included several assignments in which he supervised major construction of public service installations.

"I am indeed looking forward to living and working in Kings Mountain," Mr. Evans said. "I have already been impressed with the obvious friendliness of those citizens whom I have met and of their willingness to help. I shall do my best to discharge the duties of city engineer to the best of my ability."

Hospital Offers Free Nursing Course

Kings Mountain area citizens were reminded this week by Joe Hamrick, Shelby hospital superintendent, that the Shelby hospital offers a tuition-free course of nursing which includes complete maintenance, uniforms and books during the three-year course of instruction.

Persons interested should write for information and application blanks to: Director of Nurses, Shelby Hospital, Shelby, N. C.

Veterans Administration Approves Textile School For Kings Mountain

Black Sox-Sluggers To Tangle Saturday

Kings Mountain Black Sox, Negro baseball team, will play the Cherokee Sluggers from Blacksburg, S. C., here in City Stadium Saturday night at 8 p. m., according to announcement by Hugh Ballard, of the Kiwanis club.

The Kiwanis club sponsored a Negro game here on June 24, with the Kings Mountain team winning 6 to 3.

Admission for the game will be 35 and 60 cents. Mr. Ballard said.

METER RECEIPTS
 Parking meter receipts for the week which ended at noon Wednesday totaled \$128.93 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

Recommend Hord For Rural Carrier

Bryan Hord, regular city carrier, has been recommended for appointment as regular rural carrier to succeed Boyd Harrelson, who retired on June 30, after almost three decades of delivering mail to rural Kings Mountain.

Announcement of the recommendation of Mr. Hord was made by Postmaster W. E. Blakely, who said that Howard S. Wright, under post-office personnel set-up now listed as a "regular substitute carrier," had been recommended for regular carrier, and would take over Mr. Hord's city route when the appointments are approved in Washington.

Recommendation of the postmaster is customarily tantamount to appointment.

Mr. Blakely said a temporary appointment would be made to fill the vacancy created by the Wright appointment until a civil service examination can be held.

Paul Bell, Route 2 substitute for the past several years, is currently carrying the mail to citizens who live on Route 2.

Brazilian To Speak Here Twice Sunday

Ismael Andrade, citizen of Brazil and student at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., will preach at the Dixon Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at four o'clock to the Youth Fellowship at the First Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Mr. Andrade is much in demand as a preacher. At present he is teaching Portuguese to foreign mission candidates at Montreal and addressing most of the conference which are being held there, this summer. He plans to return to Brazil upon the completion of his study here in the United States. He plans to devote most of his time to the work of the University at Garahuns.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. J. S. Norman is in a serious condition at Duke hospital, Durham, where she underwent a throat operation Wednesday. Mrs. Norman had been a patient in Memorial hospital, Charlotte, for a week, prior to her transfer to Duke.

Board Expected To Adopt Budget At July Meeting

The city board of commissioners will hold its regular July meeting next Tuesday night at 7:30 at City Hall, with principal item on the agenda formal adoption of the 1943-50 budget.

The board tentatively set the budget in May, calling for approximately \$301,000 expenditures during the next fiscal year, and tentatively set the tax rate at \$1.85 per \$100 valuation.

It is expected that the tentative budget and tax rate will be adopted as the final budget. Only change would come from increase in the total taxable valuation over the estimated figure of \$5,500,000. City Clerk S. A. Crouse reported Thursday morning that figures had been received from the county but had not been totaled. Also awaited are figures from the state on certain properties which are valued by the state for tax purposes (including Southern Railway, Duke Power and similar properties.)

Also on the docket is a public hearing on a minor change in the zoning ordinance transferring a lot on the York road into the industrial zone. The board has already approved the change, barring objections.

Other matters on the agenda are also routine, including formal authorization to allow the city treasurer to proceed with advertising property for sale for delinquent taxes, and presentation of regular monthly reports.

Mickler Buys Walters Firm

Walters Flowers is now being operated under the ownership and management of Troup Mickler, (pronounced Mike-ler), until recently of Tavares, Fla., following an exchange of businesses between Mr. Mickler and C. H. Walters, former owner of Walters Flowers.

Under the exchange agreement, Mr. Mickler became owner of Walters Flowers and Mr. Walters became owner of Mr. Mickler's wholesale and retail establishment in Tavares.

The firm will continue to operate under the same trade name of Walters Flowers, Mr. Mickler said, and will specialize in supplying floral decorations and flowers for weddings, funerals and other special occasions. In addition, the firm will stock at all times corsages and potted plants.

Mr. Mickler has spent 15 years in the floral business, beginning work with flowers before he had finished high school. He is married and is the father of two boys age seven and four.

City Delivers Water To Thirsty Campers

Chief of Police N. M. Farr and L. C. Parsons and Kim Stepp, city employees, received a letter of thanks this week from a group that was supplied water at Camp Cherokee through efforts of the three men.

Jimmy Johnson, of Raleigh, director of the Kings Mountain Camp Conference, signed the letter, as did some 160 children and adults, who were camping in the South Carolina State Park when pumps failed, leaving them without water.

Mr. Johnson came into Kings Mountain around 7:30 p. m. June 16th and requested help for the group, Chief Farr said. The police chief contacted Mr. Parsons and Mr. Stepp arrived at the camp with a tank of water around 9 p. m.

Water was also delivered to the camp the following day until the pumps had been repaired. The city street sprinkler truck was used to deliver the precious commodity.

Morrison's Guess Wins Him A Tire

Luther Morrison, who is a specialist in cutting steaks and other meats, also knows his rubber.

Mr. Morrison's estimate of the number of miles run on a Lee tire was closest to the actual number and won for him the free new tire offered at an opening promotion by Marlowe's Home and Auto Supply.

Mr. Morrison's guess was 33,100. The tire had actually been run 33,462 miles.

E. E. Marlowe, owner of the new establishment, said no less than five persons guessed 33,000 miles to miss by a short margin. More than 300 persons entered estimates, ranging from 3,000 miles to 60,000 miles.

Citizens Enjoy Hot, Happy 4th Holiday



STATE GRADUATE — Jones Fortune, above, son of Mrs. W. L. Fortune, graduated from N. C. State college in June with bachelor of science in textile chemistry and dyeing. He is employed by Tennessee Eastman Corp., Kingsport, Tenn., in the chemical sales department.

Belk's Installing New Wall Fixtures

Belk's Department Store is continuing a two-year remodeling program this week, as it installs complete new wall fixtures on the main floor.

The new wall fixtures, of modern design and finished in light brown veneer, will completely change the interior departmental arrangement. "The change will mean a consolidation of departments to provide more ease in shopping for customers, in addition to the improved appearance," said H. L. Ruth, manager.

During the past two years the firm has installed a central heating plant, fluorescent lights, a sprinkler system, Marflex floor and a terrazzo lobby.

Baker Wins Detroit Trip

Tommy Baker, Kings Mountain model plane expert, will go to Detroit for the second consecutive year to participate in the International Model Plane contest.

On Wednesday, Baker and Roger Little, of Charlotte, were named to represent the Charlotte area at the contests, following the second annual Model Air Circus held in Charlotte Monday.

Baker entered planes in each senior event of the Charlotte contest and captured two first places in control-line flying, one second place and one third place in control line competition, a fourth place in control line stunting, and a third place in control line jet flying. In addition, he was awarded the special Eddie Rickenbacker award.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, young Baker has been a leader in model plane competitions throughout the South for the past several years. In the Detroit events last year, he captured two second place and one fifth place awards.

CHURCH HOMECOMING

Annual homecoming will be held at Love Valley Baptist church, route 2, Kings Mountain, on Sunday, it was announced yesterday by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Reding.

Famed Cramerton Square Dance Team To Appear Here July 15th

The Cramerton Gingham Team will give an exhibition of folk dancing at the high school gymnasium on Friday, July 15, according to a spokesman of The Mountaineer Club, Inc., sponsors of the event.

Also on the evening's program is square dancing and the premier television showing direct from Station WBTB, Charlotte.

Members of the famous dance team, from nearby Cramerton, are scheduled to dance with patrons as instructors, after their exhibitions. Some twelve couples make up the dance team, which was featured in an article in The Charlotte News several weeks ago. The team is rated as one of the best in this section of the state.

The dance event is scheduled to

Theatres, Soda Fountains Did Rushing Business

The July 4th weekend passed hotly and happily for the big majority of Kings Mountain citizens. No serious accidents were reported to mar the holiday, and some citizens, of course, were still vacationing at beaches and mountain resorts through the end of the week, as a number of industrial plants observed annual week-long holidays.

In general, Kings Mountain showed more local activity on July 4th than in some years past. Many people were taking the week holiday at home attending to minor paint jobs, grass-cutting, and other household duties which had been allowed to pile up.

Almost all stores were closed Monday, but drug stores and service stations reported a rushing business, and the city's movie houses—among the cooler spots in town—were filled to virtual capacity Monday night.

Tuesday, too, was brisk from the business standpoint, with grocers rushed as the citizens restocked larders after the long weekend. In spite of the heat, many golf enthusiasts took advantage of the Monday holiday to spend a day on the fairways, both in nearby towns and on the Country Club course. One fellow complained that he overdid it and came close to sunstroke.

Lake Montonia had a full complement of swimmers.

To follow up the holiday, the Mountaineer Club sponsored a well-attended baseball game Tuesday night.

The several textile plants which had announced a regular running schedule for the week were joined in part-time operations Tuesday by the Bonnie and Sadie Mills.

Two minor wrecks were reported. A Charlotte taxicab found its brakes "gone" Monday morning and jammed into the rear of Joe Lee Woodward's car, and a rattle-trap driven by a man under the influence of drink rammed into Hugh Ballard's Hudson at a South Carolina beach. Damage was not severe in either case.

A number, with holidays over, were still nursing painful cases of sunburn.

"One of the quietest of Fourth's," was the way Chief Farr described the Independence day holiday.

Postal Receipts Up Over 1948

Though slightly below first quarter receipts, total sales of postage at the Kings Mountain postoffice during the quarter ended June 30 showed an increase of \$855 over 1948 second quarter receipts, according to an announcement yesterday by W. E. Blakely, postmaster.

Receipts are based on sales of stamps for first, and fourth class mail, and receipts from second-class and third-class mail.

Figures do not include money order fees.

Money order sales showed a drop from the 1948 second quarter figure, to \$87,800 from the last year figure of \$98,200.

The television show will be on the air until the dance begins, according to Dan Hufsteter, chairman of the committee directing the event.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Arthur Sprouse and his Melody Drifters, local square dance band.

Admission will be 30 and 60 cents, general, and 25 and 50 cents for dancing.