

POPULATION

City Limits (1940 Census) 5,574
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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Local News Bulletins

ACCEPTS POSITION
Miss Virginia Summers, of Kings Mountain, has accepted a position with the Union National Bank, of Charlotte, and began her duties Thursday.

MAIL MESSENGER
Charles E. Blalock began his duties as mail messenger of the Kings Mountain postoffice this week. Mr. Blalock was awarded the contract as the successful bidder among six persons seeking the mail-carrying contract, according to W. E. Blakely, postmaster.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED
Robert Aldridge, of Greenwood, S. C., will present his current question-and-answer contest at the meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club September 8.

JAYCEES TO MEET
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club at 7:00 o'clock.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were to hear a talk by B. S. Peeler, Jr., at the regular meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club.

NSLI CLAIM AID
Clarence E. Carpenter will be at City Hall courtroom from 9 to 5 p. m. daily through next week to assist veterans in filing claims for National Service Life Insurance dividends.

Officer Wooten Nabs Pair Of Rum-Runners

State Highway Patrolman C. R. Wooten arrested a pair of Negroes Wednesday afternoon for transporting non-tax-paid liquor.

The pair were picked up in a 1942 Chevrolet owned by Cole's brother, Otis Cole. Officer Wooten trailed the car from Buffalo Creek and made the arrest just outside the city limits near West Point service station.

Civic Club Game Under Arcs Monday

The Lions and Kiwanis square off in a "grade" softball battle Monday night at 7:30 at City Stadium in a game designed to produce considerable entertainment for the audience and charity horses for the participants.

In recognition of the recent inter-club charges in which members of both clubs were called "old women," both teams will wear dresses as uniforms, it was announced.

Kiwanis officials reported they had already set their starting line up, and were advancing as candidates for umpiring duties E. S. Neill and A. H. Patterson. To counter with an "eagle eye" of their own, the Lions named Hubert Aderholdt.



SETS WORLD RECORD—Tommy Baker, Kings Mountain model plane expert set a world record for flying jet model planes in the International Model Plane contests held at Detroit. He is shown here holding his plane just after setting the record. The little plane flew at the rate of 144.83 miles per hour.

Baker Flies Jet Model To World Record At Detroit Plane Contests

Tommy Baker, 20-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, was among the top winners in the Third International Model plane contests held in Detroit last week, setting a world's record for jet model planes, and capturing first place for speed control line flying, Class A.

The Kings Mountain entry, who won his trip to Detroit via capturing area honors at Charlotte earlier in the summer, won a handsome trophy and U. S. savings bond by virtue of his world's record for flying jet models. He flew the small jet plane 144.83 miles per hour.

In the control line speed contests, his first place speed time was 112.25 miles per hour.

Young Baker also placed third in jet control flying.

The International contests, sponsored by Plymouth Motor Corporation, ended with a banquet Monday night, at which trophies and prizes were awarded.

A total of 500 top model plane flyers from all over the globe competed in the event and Baker was one of the 167 winners.

He was accompanied to Detroit by his older brother, Phillip Baker, who assisted him in the contests.

Dry Cleaning Firm Entered Last Friday
Police reported entry of Saunder's Dry Cleaning during last Friday night, with some \$100 reported missing from the firm.

Chief N. M. Farr said the entry was made through the skylight on the roof of the building and that the thief or thieves left by the same route.

Discovery of the entry was made Saturday morning. No clothing was reported missing, he said.

No arrest in the case had been made late Wednesday afternoon.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Returns Here Thursday; Schedules Given

Blood will be collected from donors recruited by the Kings Mountain Chapter, American Red Cross, at the Woman's Club Thursday, September 8, when the regional bloodmobile makes a third stop here in the continual search for enough of the vital fluid to meet the demands of patients in the Charlotte area.

Citizens of the Kings Mountain area have been recruited by the local chapter and cards will be mailed this weekend giving the time schedule and other vital information to prospective donors.

Persons signing to donate blood are being urged to keep the appointment, according to Harold Hunnicutt, Kings Mountain blood program chairman. Those who find it impossible to keep the appointment are requested to notify the Red Cross office before Thursday in order that all scheduled hours can be filled and the quota met.

Kings Mountain citizens donated (Cont'd on page eight)

Taxable Valuation To Hit \$5,600,000

Excepting taxable valuation figures on the First National Bank and the Southern Railway, the city's taxable valuation for 1949 totals \$5,327,834, City Clerk S. A. Crouse reported to the city board of commissioners Wednesday.

Last year's total valuation on the two firms' Kings Mountain properties totaled \$256,037, indicating that the final 1949 valuation for city tax purposes will approximate \$5,600,000 — about \$100,000 over the estimate used by the city in preparing its 1949-50 budget.

Public utilities and other specific businesses are, by law, valued for tax purposes by the state.

Broom Selling To Aid Blind

The Kings Mountain Lions club will become a broom-selling organization this weekend, as its members take to the streets to aid the blind.

Goal of the broom sale is 1,000 brooms, with proceeds from the sale going to Guilford Industries for the Blind (where blind people manufacture the brooms) and to the local club's blind aid fund.

The brooms are a top quality, regular size broom, selling for \$1.50.

Teams of Lions are scheduled to make a house-to-house canvass of the whole city.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week which ended on Wednesday totaled \$133.12 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

Long Weekend For Retail Firms

Personnel of the majority of Kings Mountain's retail business firms will enjoy a longer-than-usual holiday this weekend, on the firms close Monday in observance of the annual Labor Day holiday.

According to by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, Labor Day is one of six regularly scheduled holidays.

The firms will be open for business as usual on Tuesday morning, but will observe the customary Wednesday half-holiday, closing at noon.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permit was approved Thursday for Neil Jackson for construction of a one-story residence on Waco road, cost \$2,500.

City's Chances For Cement Plant "Good As Any"

Kings Mountain appears in a good position for selection as a site for a state-built cement plant as any other area in the state, City Engineer J. S. Evans told members of the city board of commissioners in special session Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Evans made the statement in connection with a report to the board on the meeting, held in Raleigh Tuesday, of the special commission investigating the possibilities of building such a plant.

In a second meeting on Wednesday, the commission was told by a number of geologists that North Carolina should explore further into availability of materials before going forward with building a cement plant.

The Tuesday hearing, attended by Mr. Evans, featured reports from Chambers of Commerce representatives, city and county officials, from New Bern and Sanford, in addition to Kings Mountain, and the Wednesday hearing was a so-called "technical" meeting, with mineral experts conferring with the commission. Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, of Raleigh, told the commission that the four needs for cement production are limestone, clay or shale, fuel and water.

At the Tuesday hearing, New Bern representatives pointed to a large deposit of limestone and a need for expanded industry in the eastern part of the state, Mr. Evans said, while Sanford area supporters pointed to opening of a coal mine in the (Cont'd on page eight)

City and Park Grace Schools Begin Year



ELECTED TO OFFICE — Byron Keeter, president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, was elected lieutenant-governor of the first division, Carolinas district, of Kiwanis International at the annual Carolinas convention held at Chapel Hill this week.

Keeter Elected To Kiwanis Office

Byron Keeter, president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and Kings Mountain merchant, was elected lieutenant governor of the first division, Carolinas Kiwanis clubs, at the annual convention held at Chapel Hill this week.

As lieutenant governor, Mr. Keeter will have supervision of a number of clubs in this area, including Shelby, Marion, Morganton, Asheville, Hendersonville, Forest City, and Kings Mountain, among others.

Attending the annual meeting at Chapel Hill from Kings Mountain were Aubrey Mauney and Arnold Kincaid, delegates from the local club, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Grantham, Dr. Robert Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeter.

Mr. Keeter succeeds as lieutenant governor Clarence King of the Shelby Kiwanis club.

SQUARE DANCE

The W. O. W. camp will sponsor a square dance at Arcadia Skating Rink on Thursday night, September 15, it was announced this week by officials of the organization.

ENTERS HOSPITAL

Horace M. Walker, Herald compositor, entered Memorial hospital at Charlotte Thursday afternoon to undergo an operation. Mr. Walker recently suffered a severed tendon in his right hand in an accident while at work.

Guard Unit Returns With Honors; Houston And Smith Are Commended

The 56 officers and men of Kings Mountain's national guard unit, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd battalion, 120th infantry, returned home over the week end after a successful two-week encampment at Fort Jackson, S. C., and carrying honors in the form of official recognition as the best organized and most efficient headquarters company in the 120th infantry regiment.

In addition, Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of the local company, received an official commendation for his record of service during the encampment, and had the distinction of being the only 3rd battalion officer to receive such a commendation.

The commendation, signed by Major General John H. Manning, commander of the North Carolina

Enlistments in the Kings Mountain company of the North Carolina National Guard are available again, it was announced this week by Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer. Recruiting was suspended prior to the two-week encampment at Fort Jackson, S. C. Several vacancies exist and there is much opportunity for quick advancement in rank. Capt. Houston said. The company is currently moving into the recently completed National Guard motor shed on West Mountain street, and drills will be conducted there in the future, it was announced.

A battalion honor was received by Sgt. John S. Smith. He was adjudged to have showed most initiative and most efficiency of the men of the local company.

The company had a full two-weeks of hard field work, in which considerable bad weather was encountered. With some 23 raw recruits among the 50, the unit nevertheless successfully established a wire communication net and radio communication net on a three-day field problem and all of the men—some of whom had never seen the weapons before—underwent extensive duty on the firing range, firing carbines, M-1 rifles, bazookas and 50-caliber machine guns.

Enrollment Up Over Last Year On First Day

First-day enrollment at Kings Mountain city schools, which opened for the 1949-50 school year Thursday morning, showed a net gain of 18, and Park Grace elementary school showed a net gain of 21, according to figures announced Thursday afternoon.

Considerable gains were reported in all the city elementary schools, and at Davidson colored high school but the opening day population at Kings Mountain high school was down by 23, with only 326 on hand as compared with 349 on opening day in 1948.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, reported a full faculty with the exception of a third grade teacher at West school, to replace Miss Fannie Carpenter, who resigned to accept a position at Burgaw. He said, however, that he expected the school board to fill the vacancy over the weekend.

The city system has two additional faculty members this year through a combination of two factors, one being the reduction of teacher load and the other last year's increase in school enrollment. The two new teachers make possible addition of an eighth grade at East school and addition of a seventh grade at West school. However, the latter change will not be made until completion of the present building program at the school, Mr. Barnes said.

Total city school enrollment was 1,663 Thursday, including 1,142 (Cont'd on page five)

"Home Brew" Makers Draw Court Fines

Seven cases, including conviction of two men for making home-brew, were heard in regular session of City Recorders court held Monday afternoon at City Hall, Judge W. Faison Barnes, presiding.

The men were convicted on charges of manufacturing "home brew" and possession of quantities of the beverage. John Dawkins drew a fine of \$25 and costs for manufacturing intoxicating liquors and possession of four gallons of "home-brew." Emmitt Hughes drew a fine of \$15 and costs for manufacturing intoxicating liquors and possession of five and one-half gallons of "home brew."

Three defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness. Two paid fines but a third, Bill Beatty, was sent to jail for 15 days.

Willie T. Sisk, convicted on an assault charge, paid costs. George Pittman, on a non-support charge, paid the costs of court.