POPULATION

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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, Miss Summers, a graduate of Salem College, spent last year at the University of North Carolina where she took graduate work in commerce, economics and banking.

MAIL MESSENGER

Charles E. Blalock began his duties as mail messenger of the Kings Mountain postoffice this week. Mr. Blalock was awarder the contract as the successful bidder among six persons seeking the mail-earrying 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. Mr. Aldridge visited the club last year and presented an interesting audience participation contest. The announcement was made by Rev. W. L. Pressly, who arranged the program.

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. Reports on the recent quarterly board meeting will be given.

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. Mr. Peeler was to report his experiences during a recent study course with the West minister College Choir at Princeton, N. J.

NSLI CLAIM AID

Clarence E. Carpenter will be at City Hall courtroom from 9 to5 p. m. daily through next week to assist veterans in filing claims for National Service Life Insurance dividends, it was announced by officials of the American Legion, which has employed Mr. Carpenter for this purpose.

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.

Arrested were Joe Davis, Kings Mountain colored man who has served time on the roads, and Willie

The pair were picked up in a 1942 Chevrolet owned by Cole's brother, Dry Cleaning Firm Otis Cole. Officer Wooten trailed the car from Buffalo Creek and made the arrest just outside the city limits near West Point service station. Willie Lee Cole is charged with aiding and abetting in transportation of non-tax paid whiskey and Davis. who was driving, is charged with transporting non-paid whiskey. Some 12 gallons of the "white

lightning" was found in the car. The two Negroes were to be given route. a hearing in county Recorders court at Shelby Thursday morning.

Civic Club Game Under Arcs Monday

The Lions and Kiwanians square off in a "grudge" softball battle Monday night at 7:30 at City Stadium in a game designed to produce considerable entertainment for the audience and charley hors-es for the participants.

In cognizance 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 B. S. Neill and A. B. Potterson. To counter with an "eagle eye" of their own, the Lions named Hub-ert Aderholdt.

Hugh Ballard is scheduled to pitch for the Kiwanians, while, he Lions have a trio of hurlers in-

cluding Charlie Warlick, Charlie Moss and J. C. McKinney.

The game was originally billed for 5:30, but has been changed to an evening affair, Admission will be 15 and 40 cents, Proceeds will go to the clubs' activity funds.



SETS WORLD RECORD—Tommy Baker, Kings Mountain model plane ex- for cement production are limestone, linus convention held at Chapel Hill He said, however, that he expected pert set a world record for flying jet model planes in the International clay or shale, fuel and water. 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 representatives pointed to a large miles per hour.

Baker Flies Jet Model To World Record At Detroit Plane Contests

mong 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.

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 the whole city. thief or thieves left by the same

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.

Tommy Baker, 20-year-old son of Taxable Valuation Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, was a To Hit \$5.600,000

Excepting taxable valuation figuses 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

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

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.

Here Thursday; Schedules Given Blood will be collected from don- Long Weekend

ors recruited by the Kings Mountain For Retail Firms Chapter, American Red Cross, at the Woman's Club Thursday, September 8, when the region! blocumobile makes a third stop here in the continual search for enough of the vital fluid to meet the demands of paients in the Charlotte area.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Returns

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 ronors.

Persons signing to donate blood are being urged to keep the appointment, according to Harold Hunnicutt, Kings Mountain blood program chairman. These 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)

Personnel of the majority of Kings Mountain's retail business firms will enjoy a longer-thanusual holiday this weekend, as 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 bus-iness as usual on Tuesday morn-ing, but will observe the custo-mary Wednesday half-holiday. closing at noon.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permit was approved Thursday for Nell Jackson for conon Waco road, cost \$2,500.

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 after-

Mr. Evans made the statement in connection with a report to the board on the meeting, held in Raleigh Tuesday, of the special com-mission 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 Wednes. ELECTED TO OFFICE - Byron Keeday hearing was a so-called "technical" meeting, with mineral experts Jasper L. Stuckey, of Raleigh, told ion, Carolinas district, of Kiwanis Miss Fannie Carpenter, who resignthe commission that the four needs

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

Still Condemns Police Department

The city board of commissioners, ter will have supervision of a numin special session Wednesday afternoon, heard a self-styled "speech" Shelby, Marion, Morganton, Ashe-from Garland Still, in which the ville, Hendersonville, Forest City, Kings Mountain business man con and Kings Mountain, among others. demned the city police department as grossly "inefficient and incompe.

Among other things, Mr. Still charged that (1) "everybody is cuss- club, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Grantham, ple are wondering why bootleggers Byron Keeter.
operate so easy," and (3("the taxpayers are entitled to a good policedepartment." He suggested that the governor Clarence King of the Shelboard should give the "citizens a good police department or resign." Commissioner T. J. Ellison said

that he had heard less complaints than in some years about local law enforcement, Commissioner A. H. Patterson said he had heard no complaints, and Mayor J. E. Herndon said the board would be happy to receive any information indicating that Mr. Still's charges were valid.

Ollie Harris, who addressed the board concerning the rules governing the use of Memorial Park in Mountain Rest cemetery was asked to investigate them further and to Goal of the broom sale is 1,000 make some recommendations for brooms, with proceeds from the sale use of the plot, now dedicated for going to Guilford Industries for the burial of World War II veterans who lost their lives overseas.

The board also informally discussed traffic problems in the city, and it approved a taxi franchise application from Billy Thomas Whetstine, Teams of Lions are scheduled to after first granting permission for Lawrence Burton to discontinue operation under his franchise, as was requested by Burton.

Mobile X-Ray Machine To Visit Phenix Plant

nated to the Cleveland County TB regiment. Association for free use of the coun-Mountain at Phenix Plant of Bur- company, received an official comlington Mills on September 19, 20, and 21, according to announcement by association officials.

No X-Rays will be taken during the period September 12-17 the announcement stated. Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, association secretary, will be in Memphis, Tenn., attending the annual convention of the Southeast States TB Association and Mrs. Jack Raymer, mobile unit chief, will attend the North Carolina Public Heal. Association convention in Greensboro.

Scheduled locations of the unit include: September 26, 27, 28 - Margrace

Mill, Kings Mountain. September 8, 9, 10-Shelby, courthouse square,

to have a free chest X-ray made as the distinction of being the only 3rd soon as possible and to plan to use battalion officer to receive such a the service annually.

curable. The disease is contagious, commander of the North Carolina 50-caliber machine guns,

City's Chances For Cement Plant "Good As Any" City and Park Grace Schools Begin Year City and Park Grace Enrollment Up



Over Last Year

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. Baines, superintendent of ter, president of the Kings Moun. city schools, reported a full faculty tain Kiwanis club, was elected lieu. With the exception of a third grade conferring with the commission. Dr. tenant-governor of the first divis- teacher at West school, to replace 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 Byron Keeter president of the possible addition of an eighth grade Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and at East school and addition of a sev-Kings Mountain merchant, was elec. enth grade at West school. However, ted lieutenant governor of the first the latter change will not be made division, Carolinas Kiwanis clubs, until completion of the pesent buildat the annual convention held at ing program at the school, Mr. Barn-

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

'Home Brew" Makers Draw Court Fines

were Aubrey Mauney and Arnold Seven cases, including conviction of two men for making home-brew, ing the police department," (2) peo. Dr. Robert Baker and Mr. and Mrs. were heard in regular session of City Recorders court held Monday - Mr. Keeter succeeds as lieutenant afternoon at City Hall, Judge governor Clarence King of the Shel- 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 "homebrew." Emitt Hughes drew a fine of \$15 and costs for manufacturing intoxicating liquors and possession of five and one-half gallons of "home

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.

Guard Unit Returns With Honors; **Houston And Smith Are Commended**

The 56 officers and men of Kings National Guard, read in part: end after a successful two-week en-The mobile X-Ray unit, purchas carrying honors in the form of offi-

To Kiwanis Office

As lieutenant governor, Mr. Kee-

ber of clubs in this area, including

Attending the annual meeting at

Chapel Hill from Kings Mountain

SQUARE DANCE

sor a square dance at Arcadia

Skating Rink on Thursday night,

September 15, it was announced

this week by officials of the or-

ENTERS HOSPITAL

positor, entered Memorial hospi-

tal at Chralotte Thursday after-

noon to undergo an operation. Mr.

Walker recently suffered a sever-

ed tendon in his right hand in an

accident while at work.

Horace M. Walker, Herald com-

The W. O. W. camp will spon-

Chapel Hill this week.

by Kiwanis club.

ganization.

In addition, Capt. Humes Houston, y's residents, will be in Kings commanding officer of the local

> Enlistments in the Kings Mountain company of the North Caroling National Guard are available again, it was announced this week by Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer. Recruiting was suspended prior to the twoweek 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.

mendation for his record of service Citizens are urged by TB officials during the encampment, and had

commendation, If discovered early enough, tu-berculosis has been, found to be Major General John H. Manning,

Mountain's national guard unit, "Capt. Samuel H. Houston . . . are Headquarters and Headquarters commended for your record of ser-Company, 3rd battalion, 120th in vice during the 1949 Summer Enfantry, returned home over the week campment of the Thirtieth Infantry Division Tennessee . North Carolina campment at Fort Jackson, S. C., and National Guard. In military service we usually received rewards from ed by the Kings Mountain and Shel. cial recognition as the best organ- out training commensurate with the by Junior Chambers of Commerce ized and most efficient headquar- effort we individually expend. through public subscription and do ters company in the 120th infantry Therefore, the knowledge that your have done your duty well should give you a measure of pleasure and justifiable pride of accomplishment. It is directed that a copy of ...is commendation be made a part of your official military record. Your devotion to duty during this period of field training reflects great credit not only upon yourself, but also upon the National Guard of the United States."

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 twoweeks 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 mensome of whom had never seen the weapons before-underwent extensive duty on the firing range, firing carbines, M-1 rifles, bazookas and