

POPULATION

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

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Local News Bulletins

PLEDGE FRATERNITIES

Five Kings Mountain students were among the 205 Davidson freshmen pledging social fraternities last week...

LEGION MEETING

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, Ameroan Legion, will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday night at 7:30 at City Hall...

ADMIRAL TO SPEAK

Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, USN (retired), will address members of the Cleveland County Executives club at a dinner meeting at Gardner Memorial at Boiling Springs on Friday evening October 14...

LIONS MEETING

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. The program will be devoted to "Lions Education..."

CREDITOR'S MEETING

First meeting of creditors of Kings Mountain Narrow Fabrics, Inc., which filed petition in bankruptcy on September 24, will be held Friday at 1 p. m. at Mecklenburg county courthouse...

CITY BOARD MEETING

Regular October meeting of the city board of commissioners is scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at City Hall. Only routine business is so far listed on the agenda...

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week which ended Wednesday totaled \$149.01 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

LODGE MEETING

A stated communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M. will be held Monday night Oct. 10, at 7:30 p. m.

Basil Whitener Addresses Jaycees

Basil Whitener, solicitor of the 14th judicial district, addressed members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at their meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night.

Mr. Whitener, who has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for 11th district Congressman in next spring's primary, made a strictly non-political speech, confining his remarks to work of the Jaycee organization.

Mr. Whitener is a former state president of the Jaycees and is very active in both the Gastonia club and the state organization. He praised the Jaycee organization as the best for the development of leadership qualities in young men.

New Florist Firm Opens For Business

Mrs. W. C. Lindsay announced this week opening of Lindsay's Florist, new Kings Mountain flower firm, at 612 East King street, the building formerly housing Cash Plumbing Company.

Mrs. Lindsay, who has moved here from Lebanon, Missouri, said her son, W. C. (Bill) Lindsay, Jr., will be associated with her in operation of the business.

Both are graduates of the Gladys Turner Floral School, of St. Louis, Missouri, she said.

Her husband, W. C. Lindsay, is employed in Shelby with the C & S Construction Company and the new family lives off East King street.

The opening announcement said the firm would specialize in all types of corsages, table bows and vase arrangements, basket and funeral sprays, bouquets and bridal decorations, and wreaths and memorials.

Miss Cloninger Leading Winner At Horse Show

The sixth annual Kings Mountain horse show, co-sponsored this year by the Kings Mountain Lions and Kiwanis clubs, was reeled off at City Stadium Wednesday afternoon and night, with Mary Jo Cloninger, the young York exhibitor, repeating her triumph of last year.

Miss Cloninger, showing most of her prize horseflesh herself, captured no less than seven blue ribbons and about \$200 in prize money. Six of the winners she showed herself, while Miles Wright showed her Magnolia Honeyboy to place first in the five-gaited stake. Miss Cloninger was a crowd favorite, too, and was cheered on all her appearances.

Though rain clouds were threatening throughout the day, they failed to open until the evening show and then only for a few minutes.

The crowd was slim for the afternoon performance, but was much better for the evening show.

The competition was fast, and Judge O. T. Fowler had a hard time of it in a number of classes, several times finding himself forced to order continuance of the class for two or more horses. This was particularly true in the amateur five-gaited stake, which featured a large field of excellent horses.

One of the best features of the show, both from the exhibitor's and spectator's standpoints, was the musical accompaniment of Jimmy Richardson, of Shelbyville, Tenn. Young Mr. Richardson played a Mamond organ and managed the proper tempo for the particular events. The appearance of Mr. Richardson was a last-minute addition to the show arrangements.

Jules Whitten, of Gastonia, was master of ceremonies, Stewart Dellinger, of Stanley, ringmaster, and Dr. Jacob Mauney, of Kings Mountain, veterinarian.

Only accident of the show resulted in no damage to rider or horse, though it might have been worse. Horace Lettzey, Rock Hill professional, took a turn around the ring too fast after driving Dashing Ode to the blue ribbon in the roadster stake. His roadster turned over and Lettzey was dragged along the ground for several seconds before getting a foot loose. But he got up grinning and without injury.

Byron Keeter captured two ribbons, placing third with King O' The Mountain in the Junior Walking Horse class, and taking first place in the amateur walking horse stake with his Wilson's Junior Allen. King O' The Mountain is jointly-owned by H. Tom Fulton and Mr. Keeter.

Following the afternoon events, the exhibitors were guests of the sponsoring organizations at dinner at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Ribbon marshals were Misses Carolyn McDaniel, Frances George, Shirley Arthur and Pat Neisler.

"We are deeply appreciative of the support given us in presenting the sixth annual horse show," Chairman Jimmy Harris said. "The exhibitors were highly pleased with the whole event."

FARR TO RALEIGH

Police Chief N. M. Farr is scheduled to attend the rally of state law enforcement officers at Raleigh on Wednesday. The meeting has been called by Governor Scott as a part of his war on bootleggers.

Rules Are Given For Floral Fair Flower Department Competition

Rules for entry of flowers in the 1949 Woman's Club Floral Fair to be held on October 28, were announced this week by the committee in charge of the fair flower division.

Members of the committee include Mrs. H. C. Mayes, Mrs. Byron Keeter, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mrs. M. A. Ware, Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Mrs. W. L. Pressley, Mrs. W. L. Ransauer, Mrs. Milton Fryer, Mrs. J. L. McGill. All flowers exhibited become the property of the Woman's club and will be for sale.

1. All flowers and arrangements must be in club house between 8 and 10 o'clock on the morning of the Floral Fair.

2. Judging will take place from 10:30 to 12:00.

3. Specimen flowers (perfect bloom) must be placed in milk or coca-cola bottle. Exhibitors must grow flowers in Division I.

4. In arrangement classes, material and flowers may be obtained from any source.

5. Arrangements may not be removed from club house until 6 p. m.

X-Ray Unit To Be At Phenix Plant

The Cleveland County mobile X-Ray unit will set up for three days at the Phenix Mill next Wednesday, according to schedule of the county health department.

All persons in the area are urged to visit the X-Ray station for free X-Rays. The X-Ray requires only a few minutes. Notification is later made by card to the person receiving the X-Ray on the results shown by the pictures.

The X-Ray unit will be at Phenix Mill Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 12, 13, 14.

It will return to Kings Mountain to the Mauney Mill on October 20, 21, and to Bonnie Mill November 7-12.

B. F. Ormand To Preach Here

Rev. B. F. Ormand, Jr., of Chadbourne, will deliver the sermon at regular morning services at First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Rev. Mr. Ormand is a well-known former citizen of this community. He is the son the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ormand and a brother of Mrs. W. B. Thomson, of Kings Mountain.

In recent months, the Chadbourne congregation under the leadership of Mr. Ormand has just completed building of a new church. (For picture of Chadbourne Presbyterian church, see page three, Section I.)

"It is with real pleasure that the Presbyterian church welcomes home Rev. B. F. Ormand. He has been most successful in his ministerial work, and we invite all citizens of the community to join with the members of the Presbyterian church in hearing him Sunday," Mr. Patrick said.

Bids Are Sought On Used Vehicles

"Anyone may bid on the used motor vehicles now being offered for sale by the city," City Engineer Joe Evans pointed out this week.

Mr. Evans said no bids on the used vehicles - which includes a 1942 Plymouth passenger car and a 1938 half-ton Ford truck - had yet been received, and he thought it possible some people might have been under the impression that only dealers could bid on the used vehicles.

All that is required is posting of a cashier's check in the amount of ten percent of the bid. Bids will be opened at the City Hall at noon next Tuesday. They should be posted with the city clerk.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permit was issued at City Hall Wednesday to First Church of the Nazarene for construction of a two-story, 14-room church building on Cherokee street, cost \$15,000. Other permits issued included on Sept. 30, to Henry W. McGinnis, garage, \$400; on Sept. 29, to J. E. Herndon, garage, \$500; on Sept. 20 to Harry Page, tool shed, \$100; and on Sept. 19, to Mrs. Claude Rhyne, addition of room to residence on West Mountain street, 0500.

Rules Are Given For Floral Fair Flower Department Competition

Division I - Horticultural Division. Section A - Roses. Class I: Red Roses. (a) Best single specimen red rose. (b) Best collection red roses. Class II: Pink. (a) Best specimen pink rose. (b) Best collection pink roses. Class III: Miscellaneous. (a) Best single specimen miscellaneous roses.

Section B - Chrysanthemums. (a) Best collection large white chrysanthemum. Class I: Yellow. (a) Best collection large yellow chrysanthemums. (b) Best collection small yellow chrysanthemums. Class II: Miscellaneous chrysanthemums. (a) Best collection large miscellaneous chrysanthemums. (b) Best collection small miscellaneous chrysanthemums.

Section C - Dahlias. Class I: Pink Dahlias. (a) Best collection large pink Dahlias.

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H. Y. Ballard To Head Kiwanis Club In 1950

H. Y. Ballard has been elected to serve as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for 1950, according to announcement by the club's election committee.

Mr. Ballard, superintendent of Park Yarn Mills, is now serving as vice-president of the club. He will assume his new office in January, succeeding Byron Keeter.

L. E. Abbott was elected vice-president of the organization. Directors elected include: W. Faison Barnes, Glee Edwin Bridges, Amos Dean, Dr. D. F. Hord, Rowell Lane, J. H. Patterson and Rev. L. C. Pinnix.

Serving on the election committee were past presidents of the club including John L. McGill, chairman, L. L. Benson, W. K. Mauney, Glee A. Bridges, B. S. Peeler and Harry Page.

Lou Ann Herndon Injured In Wreck

Miss Lou Ann Herndon of Kings Mountain, and Misses Edith and Harriet Hook of Bessemer City, were injured in an auto accident at Hickory Saturday night when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a Catawba Transit Company bus.

Miss Herndon and Miss Edith Hook sustained painful lacerations and were hospitalized in Hickory at Richard Baker hospital, but both have since been discharged and are recovering satisfactorily.

The accident resulted from defective brakes on the 1937 Chevrolet driven by Miss Herndon and owned by W. A. Payne, of Kings Mountain, police investigation revealed.

Miss Herndon had driven Miss Frances Payne to Lenoir-Rhyne college for a weekend visit, and the Hook sisters were returning with Miss Herndon for a visit at home when the accident occurred. According to Miss Herndon, an approaching vehicle prevented passing the bus, and steep banks on the sides of the road forced crashing into the rear of the bus.

Miss Herndon received a L.O. stitch on the forehead and a brain concussion, while Miss Edith Hook sustained a fractured nose and a slight concussion.

Local Citizen's Mother Succumbs

Funeral rites were held Wednesday at Toccoa, Ga., for Mrs. W. J. Dunston, mother of Mrs. E. C. McClain of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. McClain was notified Tuesday of her mother's death at her home in Toccoa. She had been in declining health for the past year and had been seriously ill for the past four months. Her death was not unexpected.

The rites were conducted at Northcutt Funeral Home in Toccoa, and burial took place in the family cemetery plot.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. McClain, are two sons and three daughters.

Grammar Footballers Twin-Bill Saturday

The second double header football event of the Grammar Grade Athletic Program is scheduled to be reeled off in City Stadium on Saturday night. First game is set to get underway at 7:30 p. m.

Park-Grace school is scheduled to face East school in the first game and Central and West schools are to tangle in the after-piece.

In last Saturday night's opening double bill, Park-Grace grammar school "Wildcats" defeated Central grammar school "Bullets" 6 to 0 on a pass interception run-back by Fullback Bobby McFall, and West grammar school "Chevrolet Blue Devils" and East grammar school "Keeter Kats" fought to a scoreless tie.

In the opener both teams threatened to score, but the attack bogged down before they hit pay dirt. McFall intercepted a pass by "Bullets" ace Ollie Harris on the Central 35 and raced over for the only score of the game.

West school Fullback Bob Boldt cracked the East school line for a touchdown from five yards out in the second game but the "Blue Devils" were offside and the play was called back just as the game ended.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand for the games. In event of rain, the games will be played on Monday night.

Rites Held Thursday For J. B. Thomasson



TO PREACH HERE - Rev. Russell M. Kerr, Kings Mountain native, will preach at a special series of services at Boyce Memorial ARP church beginning Sunday and continuing through October 14. He is now pastor of the Winstonsboro, S. C., ARP church.

ARP Services Begin Sunday

A special series of services will begin at Boyce Memorial ARP church at morning services Sunday, with Rev. Russell M. Kerr, pastor of the Winstonsboro, S. C., ARP church delivering the sermons.

The services will continue through Friday, October 14, at 8 o'clock each evening, with the exception of Sunday when the evening service will be at 7:30.

A native of Kings Mountain, Rev. Mr. Kerr is the son of Rev. G. L. Kerr, a former pastor of the Boyce Memorial church.

He received his theological training at Erskine seminary and Princeton seminary, after completing undergraduate work at Davidson college.

"We feel very fortunate in having Mr. Kerr come to us for a week of special services," said Rev. W. L. Pressley, the pastor. "He is an outstanding young minister and we cordially invite all citizens of the community to hear him next week."

Deadline Saturday For Messenger Bids

Deadline for filling bids for the position of mail messenger at the Kings Mountain postoffice is Saturday, Assistant Postmaster George Hord reminded local citizens this week.

On Thursday morning three bids had been received for the position, which is granted by contract on low bid basis. Charles E. Blalock, who has held the contract for the past several weeks, resigned effective October 31.

Persons interested in the position are required to file bids on special forms obtainable from the postmaster, and they are to be addressed "Proposal for Mail Messenger," with the name of the bidder on the outside.

The bidder will be required to furnish his own truck, enclosed for protection of mail matter, and to carry all mail to and from dispatch stations.

Mountain Men Defeated Ferguson Detachment 169 Years Ago Today

October 7th is a banner day in American history, marking as it does, the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which turned the tide of victory toward the struggling American colonies in their fight to get free of the British yoke.

Today marks the 169th anniversary of this battle, which, though infinitesimally small in proportion and insignificant in material as compared with modern warfare, was credited with being the beginning of the end of British efforts to put down the rebellion of the colonies.

The folder on Kings Mountain National Military Park gives the following account of the Battle of Kings Mountain:

"Pushing northeastwardly through the cold night rain, the (Mountain-men) expedition forded Broad River at sunrise in the continuing down-

Former Mayor Succumbed To Heart Attack

Funeral services for Jonah B. Thomasson, 76, citizen of Kings Mountain for more than 50 years, were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Thomasson died suddenly of a heart attack about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Lipford, a sister-in-law, where he and Mrs. Thomasson were paying an afternoon call. Mr. Thomasson had complained of slight indigestion and lay down on the couch. When Dr. J. E. Anthony arrived to administer treatment, he found Mr. Thomasson had already passed. He had been in apparent good health and his death came as a shock to his family and the community.

Though in semi-retirement for the past several years, Mr. Thomasson, for years a prominent Kings Mountain businessman, continued to serve as president of Elmer Lumber Company and was a vice-president of the Home Building & Loan Association. He served as mayor of Kings Mountain from 1939-41, was a member of the Kiwanis club and an active Democrat. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian church, and served on the building committee of the present church structure. For many years, he had spent the winters in Palm Harbor, Fla., returning to his East King street home for the summer months.

A native of York county, S. C., he was the son of the late James Butler and Nannie Bryan Thomasson.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Agnes Kendrick Thomasson, three brothers, B. M. Thomasson, Greenville, S. C., J. C. Thomasson, Gastonia, and M. E. Thomasson, of Carolina Beach, and two sisters, Mrs. W. Y. Abresch, Gastonia, and Mrs. F. J. Schook, Carolina Beach.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church. Interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were I. G. Patterson, L. Arnold Kiser, B. S. Peeler, Grady W. King, P. M. Neisler, Sr., and Harry Page. Honorary pallbearers were H. D. Hicks, B. S. Neill, J. O. Plonk, F. R. Summers, deacons and elders of the Presbyterian church, and officers and directors of the Home Building and Loan Association.

Grayson's Begins Special Promotion

Grayson's Jewelry is launching this week a four-week Treasure Chest promotion, during which time some lucky persons will obtain for nothing five handsome prizes, including two ladies watches, two men's watches and a diamond ring. Grayson's is advertising "no strings attached" and "everyone a winner."

By dropping in the store, a person gets a key which may open the chest, for there is one correct key in each 1,000 to be given away. If key fails to open the chest, the person may still use the key as a one dollar credit on any purchase of ten dollars or more.

"After dismantling and passing through Hambright's Gap, some three-quarters of a mile west of Kings Mountain, the frontier detachments moved rapidly into their preassigned positions around the ridge. Seeking cover in the wooded ravines, the Whigs advanced, and Campbell and McDowell hurriedly passed through the gap at the southwestern end of the ridge, taking their positions respectively on the (Cont'd on page eight)"