

POPULATION

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

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Local News Bulletins

W. H. PLONK BROTHERS
Loy Costner has joined the sales staff of Plonk Brothers & Company, it was announced this week.

FINAL SERMON
Rev. Russell M. Kerr, of Winstboro, S. C., who has been preaching a series of sermons at Boyce Memorial A. B. church this week, will deliver the final sermon of the series Friday night at 8 o'clock.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week to Mrs. Annie K. McAbee, on Thursday, for construction of a new four-room dwelling on Second street, \$400; to Frank Sisk, on Tuesday, to re-roof funeral home on East King street, \$275; and to Oscar McCarter, on Monday, to add two rooms to dwelling on West Gold street, \$700.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week which ended at noon Wednesday totaled \$147.72 according to a report from the office of City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

BAND TO HICKORY
The Kings Mountain school band is among eight school and college bands which will participate Saturday in annual homecoming day exercises at Lenoir-Rhyne college. It was announced this week by college officials.

IN GLEE CLUB
RALEIGH. — Mary Beth Hord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hord of Kings Mountain, was among 40 Meethod students successfully auditioning for the school glee club. Miss Hord sings first soprano.

FUND DRIVE LEADER
Arnold W. Kincaid, prominent Kings Mountain citizen and president of Ideal Machine Shop of Bessemer City, will head the various church groups of Cleveland County in a fund campaign designed to liquidate the \$85,000 debt on the new \$200,000 James Webb Gardner Memorial dormitory for men at Gardner-Webb college, according to announcement this week by Professor Ben Fisher, campaign director.

X-RAY UNIT
The county's mobile X-ray unit, which has been at Phenix Mill this week, will set up next Thursday and Friday at Mauney Mills, Inc., according to announcement by the county health department. The unit is completing the last day of a three-day schedule at Phenix mill today.

SENIOR MASCOTS
Diana Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Flowers, and Sammy Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Humes Houston, were chosen mascots of the senior class of Kings Mountain high school in balloting conducted this week.

YOUTH SERVICE
Kenneth George, ministerial student at Central College, Central, S. C., is to be the guest speaker at a WYPS special service to be held Sunday night at 8 p. m. at Second Wesleyan Methodist church according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. Yancey H. Carter.

Investiture Service At Grace Methodist

On Sunday morning, October 9, Grace Methodist church held a Girl Scout and Senior Troop Investiture service. As "Onward Christian Soldiers" was played the Processional began led by a Boy Scout. Then followed a Color Guard composed of Intermediate Girl Scouts. They were Mary Ann Beam of Central Methodist church, Cynthia Platt of First Presbyterian, Kathryn Ware of First Baptist, and Derice Weir of First Presbyterian. They carried Troop flags, the American flag, and the World Christian flag. Pioneer Girl Scout Area Director, Miss Fannie Funderburke, Chairman of the Local Council of Juliet (Cont'd on page eight)

October Board Session Routine; Vehicles Bought

The city board of commissioners met in regular session Wednesday at City Hall and confined the session to routine business, much to the disappointment of a large audience which had assembled for a scheduled public hearing concerning Garland Still's charges regarding the police department. The hearing had been postponed a day due to the absence of Chief of Police N. M. Farr, who was attending the meeting of law enforcement officers in Raleigh, called by Governor Scott. Few of the crowd remained for the regular session. Principal action of the board was purchase of three vehicles, a police car from Reynolds Motors, a three-quarter ton pick-up truck from Plonk Motor Company and a ton and one-half truck from Victory Chevrolet Company. The board also changed the regulations regarding use of Memorial Park in Mountain Rest cemetery, which has formerly been reserved for burial of veterans killed in World War II whose bodies had been returned from foreign cemeteries. Under the resolution adopted by the board Wednesday, all veterans of World Wars I and II and of and of the Spanish-American war will be eligible for burial in Memorial Park provided they have resided in the Kings Mountain area for a period of 10 years. The board acted after hearing a petition on the matter which was signed by Paul Mauney, Legion commander, Cline Barber, VFW commander, Grady Howard, Jaycee president, and Sam Weir Lions club president. No charge is made for plots in Memorial Park for eligible veterans.

Mayor J. E. Herndon named Commissioner Hal Ward and Carl F. Mauney to serve with him as a three-man committee to secure statements from Crescent Hill Development Company and from Glee A. Bridges on amount they will accept for sewer and water lines in Crescent Hill development and for Mr. Bridges' landing street development. The information is required by the city's bond attorney in preparing a proposed public improvements bond issue which the city expects to offer. Under the law, the city can issue bonds in the amount of two-thirds the net retirement during the previous fiscal year without a vote of the citizens. The city in (Cont'd on page eight)

Grammar Graders Collide Saturday
The third double-header of the season is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 p. m. in City Stadium Saturday night in the grammar grade football league. The coming games will mark a complete round of play among the four teams from Kings Mountain grammar grade schools. In the first game Saturday, Park-Grace school "Wildcats" are slated to face West school "Chevrolet Blue Devils." In the after-piece, Central school "Bullets" are to go against East school "Keeter Kats." Saturday's games should be the most colorful to date, with each school now sporting game shirts with numerals and cheer-leaders. A large crowd is expected for the games. Rain date is Monday night.

Oak Grove Road Will Be Paved In First Phase Of Rural Program
Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham announced Tuesday the first phase of rural road building under the state's \$200,000,000 rural road program. Major road-paving job of the Kings Mountain area will be paving of the road from Oak Grove church to Kings Mountain, via Patterson Grove school, a distance of 5.3 miles, and paving of the road from Oak Grove church to Route 74 near Beth Ware school. The latter paving is a portion of the improvement to the Cline Road, from end of the present pavement of County Club Road via Oak Grove church. The Cline road is under the federal aid secondary roads program for a total distance of 7.1 miles. This, plus the paving of Route 150 from Waco south to Goforth's Store, will mean that Waco citizens will have a paved road to Kings Mountain, though it is somewhat less direct than many citizens, in both communities, had hoped for. The Cline Road and Highway 150 will cross at Goforth's Store, according to District Engineer H. D. Weaver. Mr. Weaver told the Herald Thursday morning that the road from Oak Grove church to Kings Mountain would enter the city via Nebo bridge. He said the road had not been engineered, and he did not know whether the bridge would continue in use or whether this portion of the road would be straightened. Commissioner Graham has stated publicly several times that, where possible, all roads to be improved would follow present road-beds. However, he indicated that, in instances where roads were unusually crooked they would be straightened. In all, Commissioner Graham announced projected Cleveland county road-paving under the first phase of the program totaling 41.5 miles. In making the announcement, he said no priority schedule has been set for building the roads already listed. Work is underway, he said, but many projects will not be started until next spring.

Christmas Parade To Be November 17

The Kings Mountain Merchants Association has scheduled its annual Christmas opening celebration and parade for November 17, according to announcement by Faison Barnes, association secretary, in a letter to members this week. The Christmas opening date, which annually launches the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain, is being held this year at the earliest date in history, and falls in line with the general earlier opening being observed in other cities. The Merchants Association is now busy setting a budget and otherwise laying plans for the event.

Funeral Is Held For Miss Bridges
Funeral services were held Thursday at 3 p. m. at Central Methodist church for Miss Esther Catherine Bridges, 65, native of Gaston county, who died Wednesday morning around 9:43 after an illness of one month. Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, and Rev. Guy Walker, of Gastonia, officiated and burial was in Long Creek Presbyterian church cemetery. She had lived on Alexander street and was a member of Central Methodist church. She was a daughter of the late James and Mary Jane Gantt Bridges. Survivors include two brothers, J. F. and A. H. Bridges, of Gastonia, and a sister, Mrs. L. L. Alexander, of Kings Mountain.

Eight Cases Heard In Recorders Court
Eight cases were listed in the docket of City Recorders court when Judge W. Faison Barnes conducted the regular weekly session at City Hall Monday afternoon. Two defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness. Other cases heard included: Clyde H. Dunn, abandonment and non-support, six months suspended on condition that he support his family. B. J. Myers, driving drunk, fined \$100 and costs and ordered to surrender his drivers license for one year. Bertie Beddix, affray, charged with the costs. William Fox Elkebert, of Cramerton, charged with speeding 50 miles per hour, fined \$10 and costs. Jess Heavner, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, sent to jail for two months. Roscoe Crocker, charged with speeding 50 miles per hour, fined \$25 and costs.

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Application Open For Postoffice Job
Applications for civil service examinations for substitute clerk-carrier at the Kings Mountain post-office are now being accepted, it was announced this week by local post-office officials. Application blanks may be secured at the postoffice. Applicants must reside in the delivery of the Kings Mountain post-office or be bona fide patrons of the Kings Mountain postoffice. Applications should be mailed to the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C. Preference is given veterans as follows: disabled veterans, widows of veterans and wives of disabled veterans, 10 points, all veterans, five points. According to the bulletin announcing the opening of applications, the basic rate of pay for substitute clerk-carrier is \$1.04 per hour, with five-cent per hour annual increases until the rate of pay reaches \$1.54 per hour. The applicant is required to be a citizen of the United States, or owe allegiance to the United States, must be between the ages of 18 and 50, must be 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and weigh at least 125 pounds. Certain applicants are eligible for waiver of age, height and weight requirements.

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