

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS



FIRST KINGS MOUNTAIN FOOTBALL TEAM—Shown above are members of the 1922 edition of the Kings Mountain high school football team, first team in the history of the school, and quite "informal," according to reports of team veterans. They are, front row, sitting: Joe Lee Woodward, Herman Hayes, Hoyt Matthews, Tom Fulton, and Jake Hord; second row, left to right: Forrest Houser (standing), Howard Pursley, Lloyd Ormand, Tom Saunders, Hoyle McDaniel, Charlie Saunders (standing); and back row, left to right: Clemonsee Boone, J. M. McGinnis, Plato Goforth, Odell McGinnis, Fred Plonk, Royce Green and Lawrence Lovell. Supt. J. Y. Ervin is the "plain-clothes" gentleman at the back.

Merchants To Stage Christmas Opening Parade Next Thursday

"Relief" Voted To Over-Parking Local Patients

The city board of commissioners met in regular November session Wednesday afternoon, but the major part of the meeting was devoted to routine matters.

Major action by the board was a vote to install a new traffic light at the intersection of York Road and E. King street. The board took cognizance of the accident Tuesday involving a heavy truck and auto, and it was mentioned at the meeting that both drivers "claimed the green light and had witnesses to prove it." It was pointed out that the light now operating at this corner does not have a caution signal and that the light shows both red and green when changing. The new light is to be installed as quickly as it can be obtained.

In another action of interest to motorists here, the board altered slightly its policy regarding parking meter violations. A person who enters a doctor's office and is detained more than one hour may have his ticket voided in the future by getting his doctor's certification that he was detained for longer than an hour (written on the back of the ticket.) Commissioner Carl Mauney offered the motion.

At the suggestion of Fire Chief Grady King, the board voted a ten dollar service charge be made to the Southern Railway for supplying water to train engines. Nearest water stations are Blacksburg, S. C., and Gastonia, and it has been the custom of the fire chief to use fire department equipment in supplying water to the engines when the service is requested. The service charge will be in addition to the regular billing for water.

E. T. Platt asked the board to share half the \$200 cost of improvement to Mauney avenue to make it passable in bad weather and the board agreed to the proposal.

The board also officially adopted (Cont'd on page eight)

Wednesday To Be Last Half-Holiday

Wednesday will be the last day prior to Christmas that Kings Mountain merchants take an afternoon half-holiday, as they follow customary practice of suspending the closings for the Christmas shopping season.

They will be open all day for the first time on Wednesday, November 23, the day before Thanksgiving, and will not resume the closings until after Christmas.

They will, however, be closed all day Thanksgiving, November 24, according to announcement by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. Thanksgiving is one of several regularly observed holidays.

Record Crowd Is Expected For Yule Event

Plans were shaping up yesterday for next Thursday afternoon's Christmas opening celebration in Kings Mountain and the annual pre-Christmas visit of Santa Claus.

Feature of the celebration will be a large-scale parade through the business area, featuring a number of fast-stepping bands, floats, and other features.

The parade will get under way from the Central school building at 5:30 sharp, according to announcement by W. Faison Barnes, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association which sponsors the Christmas opening celebration.

Line of march had not been definitely set on Thursday, but from the high school the parade would proceed South on Piedmont avenue and follow a circuitous route through the principal business district.

It was announced that stores would close at the customary 5:30 hour.

Bands to appear in the parade will include the Kings Mountain school band and school bands from Shelby, Lincolnton, and Gastonia. It is also possible that the Gaffney school band will appear in the parade.

Five floats will be in the parade, including a Santa Claus float, and the Queen City Coach Company float.

Other units in the parade will be the Bantam football teams, Boy and Girl Scout troops of the city, and several kindergarten classes.

Record attendance has been predicted for the event.

In charge of arrangements is a committee including Hilton Bath, chairman, T. W. Grayson, J. C. Bridges, Mr. Halthcock, Sam Weir, W. G. Grantham and John L. McGill.

The parade will mark the official opening of the Christmas season in Kings Mountain, and the city electrical department has been busy this week installing Christmas lights in the business area.

Club Stockholders Meeting Tuesday

Annual stockholder's meeting of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the club dining room.

The meeting will be a Dutch Supper.

Following the dinner, the business session will include election of 12 directors for the coming year, reports of officers and committee chairmen on the past year's activities. Directors elect the officers.

President Paul M. Neisler has appointed Joe H. Thomson, B. S. Neill, and C. D. Blanton to serve as members of the nominating committee.

Members are being urged to make reservations for dinner by calling the club secretary, George Houser.

Dorus H. Allen Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Dorus H. Allen, 58, of 103 City street, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at First Presbyterian church, with interment following in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Allen, a veteran of the 30th Infantry division in World War I, died Friday night at Moore General hospital at Black Mountain. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage suffered two days previously.

He was a native of Cleveland county and a member of the local VFW and American Legion posts.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel Mammie Thomas Allen, a son, Carroll Allen, Kings Mountain, a daughter, Mrs. Odell Barber, of Gastonia, a brother, Arthur Allen, Kings Mountain, a sister, Mrs. Grier Payne, of Kings Mountain, and one grandchild.

The rites were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick and Rev. W. H. Stender. Full military rites were performed at the graveside by members of the Kings Mountain and Shelby National Guard units. Members of the VFW were active pallbearers, and members of the American Legion post were honorary pallbearers.

Ware To Head CROP Group

J. S. Ware, prominent farmer, was named chairman of the steering committee of the Kings Mountain area CROP organization at a meeting held at First Baptist church Monday night.

Other members of the steering committee are Clyde Randall, Wayne L. Ware and Glee A. Bridges.

The nation-wide CROP program (Christian Rural Overseas Program) is an effort to obtain gifts of commodities for needy overseas persons. It is being sponsored by church organizations throughout the country.

In Kings Mountain the drive begins on Sunday and will continue through November 27. Members of county churches are asked to take their gifts to their particular church, which the First Baptist church, Scour Hut and Bldges and Hamrick have been designated as receiving stations for the city.

Articles desired are wheat, corn, cotton, dried fruit, canned meats, peanuts, soybeans and wool.

Represented at the organizational meeting Monday night were the host church, Bethlehem, Patterson Grove, Oak Grove, Allen's Memorial David's and Second Baptist churches, First Presbyterian church and Boyce Memorial ARP church.

W. A. Grantham Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Walter A. Grantham, 76, father of W. G. Grantham of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday at New Garden Meeting House at Guilford College, with burial following in the New Garden cemetery.

Mr. Grantham died Sunday at St. Leo's Hospital in Greensboro. He had been ill for the past three weeks, suffering from a heart ailment.

He was a native of Wayne county, the son of William U. and Edith Perry Grantham. He had lived at Guilford College for 50 years and for 25 years was superintendent of the college power plant.

Surviving, in addition to his son, here, are his wife, the former Gullie Henley, another son, David, of Newport News, Va., a brother, George Grantham, of Fremont, four sisters, Mrs. Ethie Sasser, Mrs. Loma Sasser, Mrs. Ella Edgerton and Mrs. John Neal, all of Goldsboro, four great-grandchildren, Barbara Ann Grantham and Dorothy Smith, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Howard Kaufman, Guilford College, and Walter B. Smith, Lakeland, Fla., and a great-granddaughter, Carol Ann Kaufman, Guilford College.

Mr. Grantham has visited here many times and was known by many people of the community.

Model Plane Show Plans Progress

Some 20 model flying enthusiasts of the area are expected to compete for a \$100 in prizes at the Jaycee Model Air Show on Thanksgiving Day, according to announcement by President Grady Howard.

The Air Show will be held at City Stadium, and will feature jet model competition.

The competitors are expected to begin trial runs around 10 a. m. Thanksgiving morning, Mr. Howard said, with contest runs beginning at 1 p. m.

Tickets for the event are on sale by members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

METHODIST TRIP

Members of the congregation of Central Methodist church will visit the Methodist Home at Charlotte Sunday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brendall, and choir to present a vesper program. The members are to carry a picnic lunch, which will be served following the vesper service at 5 o'clock.

First Mountaineers Will Hold Reunion

Members of Kings Mountain's first high school football team—winners of 1922—have received invitations to gather for a reunion dinner at the Kings Mountain Country Club Friday night, November 18, and subsequently to attend the 1949 edition's home-coming game with Lincolnton on that evening at City Stadium.

Joe Lee Woodward, one of the original team players, is making arrangements for the gathering and is expecting a good attendance.

All of the team members in the picture of the group (shown above), are very much alive and the majority of them live in Kings Mountain, or close proximity to it.

In the team picture were Joe Lee Woodward, Hoyt Matthews, Tom Fulton, Jake Hord, Howard Pursley, Lloyd Ormand, J. M. McGinnis, Plato Goforth, and Fred Plonk, who still have a Kings Mountain address. Lawrence Lovell and Odell McGinnis live in Gastonia, Royce Green and Supt. J. Y. Ervin live at Shelby, and the more distant addresses are: Herman Hayes, Clarkboro, N. J., Forrest Houser, Washington, D. C., Tom Saunders, South Boston, Va., Hoyle McDaniel, Charleston, S. C., Charlie Saunders, Newport News, Va., and Clemonsee Boone, Radford, Va.

The team had no formal coaching, until late in the season when Fred Ormand took over, and it practiced and played on the old Margrace field, which is now the site of the Margrace finishing plant.

The team physician, also to attend the dinner, was Dr. J. S. Norman. Team members report that Dr. Norman would treat their injuries and would refuse to charge any fee. This was a big boon, as money was not very plentiful.

The team met with a modicum of success, though a complete record of the games has not been compiled. In an early game, Gastonia was played to a 0-0 tie, considered a "moral" victory, and the first win came on a Friday the 13th, as the Mountaineers trounced Mt. Holly, 19-0. Later in the season, Kings Mountain, playing at home, defeated Cowpens, 1-0. This was the first score in those days. Cowpens, behind 7-0, walked off the field late in the game when they became enraged at the official for a 15-yard penalty. The charge: personal foul.

Coincidentally, the 1922 team played Lincolnton, losing by 12-0.

Most of the veterans can spin most interesting yarns about the games and particularly the trips to other places, made in the old open-style automobiles over roads that the modern-day motorist would call cowpaths. Reportedly, a car was mired deep on one trip and the players were out to push. Hoyt Matthews was pulling at the radiator. But Lloyd pulled too hard. The radiator fell off.

Chief injuries of the season were suffered by Lawrence Lovell, who

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Local News Bulletins

GRIMES IMPROVING

Joe Grimes, who entered Charlotte Memorial hospital about two weeks ago, is reported in an improved condition this week.

BANK OPEN FRIDAY

The First National Bank will be open Friday. The bank will not observe the customary Armistice Day holiday, it was announced by E. S. Neill, executive vice-president.

WITH SAUNDERS

Charles Thomason has accepted a position as salesman with Saunders Men's Shop, it was announced this week by D. D. Saunders, manager.

X-RAY UNIT HERE

The Cleveland county mobile X-Ray unit is scheduled to finish out a week's stay at Bonnie Mill Friday and Saturday. No further schedule has been announced.

JAYCEE MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Program details had not been completed at press time Thursday.

ABOARD TANKER

J. B. Weaver, son of Mrs. Carrie Weaver, has been assigned to a Pacific fleet tanker, the USS Calient (AO-53). The Kings Mountain sailor's address is: J. B. Weaver, USS Calient (AO-53) FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued to J. R. Cline, on Wednesday, for re-roofing of building on West Mountain street, \$350, and to First National Bank, on Monday, for closing in stairway on West Mountain street, \$50.

GIRL SCOUT FUND

Contributions to the Girl Scout finance campaign in Kings Mountain totaled \$700 Thursday. Goal of the drive is \$1,800, and Chairman John L. McGill is urging campaign solicitors to complete their work.

MISTRIAL ORDERED

Judge J. C. Rudolph, at Newton, ordered a mistrial Monday in Cleveland Superior Court, in the civil action brought by administrators of the estate of Charles Dan Dillard against the City of Kings Mountain. Dillard died after a fall on Battleground avenue two summers ago, and the administrators charged that a defective sidewalk caused the death of the boy. The city refused to admit that the fall resulted in the boy's death. City Attorney J. R. Davis and E. A. Harrell represented the city, and C. C. Horn and J. L. Hamme represented the plaintiffs.

Book Fund Gifts Now Total \$357

- Contributions to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Book fund reached \$357 this week, according to announcement by B. S. Neill.
- Contributions reported this week totaled \$220.
- Goal of the campaign is \$2,000, all of which is to be used in purchasing new books for the library. Donations reported this week included:
- Flonk Motor Company \$ 5.00
 - Western Auto 10.00
 - Joe Lee Woodward 1.00
 - Kings Mt. B. & J. L. 15.00
 - Grayson Jewelry 5.00
 - Center Barber Shop 2.00
 - Baker's Grocery 2.00
 - Dean Buick Company 5.00
 - J. C. Lackey 5.00
 - Home Building & Loan 10.00
 - Griffin Drug 10.00
 - Ward's Feed & Seed Store 2.00
 - Bialock's Grocery 31.00
 - Ted Gamble 1.00
 - Center Service 5.00
 - Friendly Billiard Parlor 2.00
 - Panther Shoe Shop 1.00
 - Dellinger's Jewelry 5.00
 - McGinnis Furniture 5.00
 - Otis Falls 10.00
 - Myers Department Store 25.00
 - Dr. Paul E. Hendricks 10.00
 - Dr. L. P. and Dr. Robt. Baker 5.00
 - J. R. Davis 5.00
 - Dr. O. P. Lewis 5.00
 - Dr. D. F. Head 3.00
 - W. W. Tolson 5.00
 - Bridges & Hamrick 10.00
 - Kings Mountain Drug 10.00
 - Keeter's Department Store 35.00
 - Coopers, Inc. 15.00

MAIL MESSENGER

J. L. Bond, of route 3, Kings Mountain, assumed the duties of mail messenger at the Kings Mountain postoffice November 1. He succeeds Charlie Bialock, who resigned. Mr. Bond was the successful bidder among eight who sought the post which is awarded on a contract basis.

Santa Claus To Pay Annual Pre-Christmas Visit November 17th