

POPULATION

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

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Local News Bulletins

CITY BOARD MEETING
Regular December meeting of the city board of commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

ATTEND DEDICATION
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney will leave Friday for Jackson, Miss., where they will attend the dedication service of a new Lutheran church.

CHURCH ROLL CALL
A church roll call will be conducted at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Pupils in Kings Mountain city schools will put up their books for Christmas holidays at the end of regular schedules on Friday, December 16.

ATTENDING MEETING
E. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, left Thursday for High Point where he is attending the meeting of the superintendent's division of the North Carolina Education association.

FREE MOVIE PARTY
The Junior Chamber of Commerce and Joy Theatre will collaborate in offering a Christmas movie party for children on the morning of December 24th at 10:30.

CITY AUTO TAGS
A total of 98 persons had purchased city auto tags for 1950 by noon Thursday, Mrs. Ray Kirby, assistant city clerk told the Herald.

LEGION SUPPER
Regular December meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Herndon building, off York Road, Saturday night, a barbecue supper will be served at \$1.25 per plate.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permit was issued on Tuesday to Jacob Burris for repairs and addition of a room at residence on Tracy street, \$800, and to Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Jr., for construction of a new five-room dwelling on Landing street, \$4,500.

Kings Mountain Band Awarded Top Honors

The Kings Mountain school band, under the direction of Joe Heddon, has won top honors during recent performances in other cities. The band took first honors at the Lincoln Christmas parade and the Shelby Christmas parade, and was awarded second place at the Gaffney Christmas parade.

Lions Football Banquet Advanced To December 15

The annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club, honoring the 1949 high school team and featuring an address by Carl Snaveley, coach of North Carolina's Tar Heels, has been advanced to Thursday night, December 15, it was announced this week by the program committee.

In a telephone conversation with Dan Huffstetler, Mr. Snaveley explained that acceptance of the Cotton Bowl bid by North Carolina considerably altered his plans and there

Members of the Grammar Grade football teams earning letters for the past season's play will receive them following the showing of movies by Coach Carl Snaveley at the high school auditorium next Thursday night, it was announced yesterday.

was considerable question to his being able to be here on December 16, previously scheduled date.

A capacity crowd of 250 is expected for the annual fete, including a number of out-of-town sports writers and other dignitaries, in addition to the honor guests. The affair will be at the high school auditorium at 7 o'clock.

Following the address by Coach Snaveley, he will show movies of some of Carolina's 1949 games in the high school auditorium. The showing is expected to begin about 8:30, and will be free to the public, with a special section reserved for members of the four football teams in the Grammar school athletic program.

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club was expected to postpone its meeting for next week one night to December 16, in order to avoid conflict with the Lions banquet. A number of Kiwanians customarily attend the football fete.

C. C. Edens, ticket chairman, said Thursday he had distributed many of the tickets to club members making reservations. He asked others who have not obtained their tickets to pick them up from him. Coach Snaveley returned to North Carolina from Cornell in 1945. Since his return, his teams have won three bowl bids, including this year's invitation to the Cotton Bowl. The 1949 team won seven of ten games.

Coach Snaveley expects to bring with him either some team members or another member of the coaching staff, he told the program committee.

Deadline Approaches For L & M Drivers

Only 3 more Thursdays are left for Kings Mountain persons whose last names begin with L and M to renew their licenses to drive.

License Examiner, W. W. Wright, who is in Kings Mountain on Thursdays only, said that local citizens may come to Shelby but warned that they would "get in the big rush" there also.

The re-issuance program for L and M drivers began July 1 and ends December 31. All persons apprehended after that date with old licenses will be subject to prosecution. Drivers whose surnames begin with N, O, P, and Q will renew their licenses between January 1 and June 30, 1950.

"The rush by L and M drivers has started and will get worse as the deadline nears," Examiner Wright said. He urges all persons in this group who have not obtained renewals to tend to the matter as soon as possible.

His office is located at City Hall, in the courtroom each Thursday, and at the courthouse in Shelby.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week which ended Wednesday totaled \$162.97 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

Shopping Rush Is Expected To Hit Full-Swing During Coming Weekend

Kings Mountain merchants are expecting a full-scale rush of Christmas shopping beginning this weekend, a number reported this week.

Though a considerable amount of Christmas buying has already been done, it has not yet reached the full proportions of the customary final two weeks before December 25th.

In addition to record amounts of Christmas merchandise, Kings Mountain citizens also have an opportunity to buy so-called "regular" merchandise at special prices.



ALL-CONFERENCE--End Bob Jackson, above, senior flankman for the Kings Mountain high school "Mountaineers" this season, was named this week to the Western (Class A) all-conference football team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jackson.

Red Cross Blood Program Outlined

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday heard an informative address on the Red Cross blood program by Mrs. Marion Ritzert, area Red Cross official.

Mrs. Ritzert described the advancement in scientific use of blood to save lives and cited many examples of the saving of lives because of the Red Cross blood program.

She said that some 200 donors are required to get 100 pints of blood, experience shows, and pointed out that blood is made available at no cost to the patient from Red Cross blood banks the nation over.

"The recent war taught us what blood is worth as treatment," she continued, and cited the case of a leukemia patient in Albemarle who cannot live unless she receives a pint of blood every two weeks. An employee of Firestone Mills in Gastonia, she reported, had received some \$4,000 in blood plasma through the Red Cross and is perfectly well today.

In explaining the blood set-up, Mrs. Ritzert said that whole blood is maintained for 21 days. If not used after that period, it is processed into plasma or other blood derivative. One derivative, "albumen," is used in some operations to cut danger of loss of life from shock, she explained.

She pointed out the advantage of the blood bank arrangement for disasters such as the Texas City, Tex., fire and explosion, and for national emergency. She said blood is used to treat victims of radio-activity. "We are still giving blood to Nagasaki victims," she declared.

In the question-and-answer period following her address, Mrs. Ritzert explained that there is no pain in the blood-giving process and that 95 percent of the few reactions were mental, rather than physical. "A guy sees the other getting pale and gets scared. He faints and the pale fellow laughs at him," she reported.

Mrs. Ritzert was presented by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross secretary. Mrs. Ben H. Goforth had presented Mrs. Gamble.

Phenix Christmas Scene One Of Best

Citizens of Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills, and passers-by, nightly witness one of the best Christmas scene displays to be found in Kings Mountain.

Perched atop a corner of the mill is Jolly Old St. Nick, about to descend a chimney, and on the corners are huge Christmas candles. A lighted "Merry Christmas sign set high on the building wishes good cheer to all in this Christmas season.

Also present were committees representing Grover, Beth Ware, Patterson Grove, several industrial plants and Davidson school.

Mrs. Junious Haywood, Negro Junior Red Cross chairman, also attended the meeting representing her division.

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Cost of administering a pint of blood to a patient varies among the many hospitals in the Charlotte area, it has been noted, but the blood is always free of charge.

Jaycee Resolution On Engineer Matter In Error, Says Patterson

Jaycees Say Executive Needed By City Full-Time

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce unanimously passed a resolution at its Tuesday night meeting which placed the organization on record against "the action of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain in abolishing the office of City Engineer."

The 40-odd Jaycees present heard the resolution read by W. Faison Barnes and there was no discussion. The resolution had previously been recommended for adoption by the board of directors.

The resolution follows: "WHEREAS the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is an organization which is dedicated to the highest ideals of general community welfare, one of the most important of which is good government;

"AND WHEREAS we believe that good government is the individual responsibility of every citizen and every civic group;

"AND WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain has seen fit to abolish the Office of City Engineer and to summarily dismiss the present City Engineer;

"AND WHEREAS we believe that the government of our City is a sizable and important business, having a budget of approximately \$300,000 annually; and that it would not be sound policy for any business of like size to be without a full time executive head upon whom full responsibility is placed;

"AND WHEREAS we do not believe that our City government can operate any more efficiently without a full-time executive than could any private business;

"AND WHEREAS the mayor and the members of the Board are not full-time employees, but public officials, who are not expected to devote full-time to City government;

"AND WHEREAS the action of the Board will leave the City without a full-time executive;

"AND WHEREAS we feel that the action of the Board was hasty and ill-advised and not in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Kings Mountain;

"BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce go on record as opposing the action of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain in abolishing the Office of City Engineer; that we urge the Board to reconsider its action in the public interest and in the light of general public indignation; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Board and to the Kings Mountain Herald, with the request that it be published."

Bloodmobile Visit Set For January 4

The blood program committee of the Kings Mountain chapter, American Red Cross, met Wednesday night and completed plans for the fourth visit of the Bloodmobile here on January 4.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Woman's club on that date from 9:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., Harold Hunnicutt, chairman of the blood service program committee. The visit was first scheduled for January 2 but was changed Thursday.

Remainder of the committee includes Mrs. Mary Goforth, recruiting; Mrs. W. B. Thomson, scheduling; Mrs. Robert Miller, volunteer services; Mrs. E. W. Griffin, canteen; and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., publicity and information.

L. L. Benson, chairman of the Kings Mountain chapter, was present at the meeting.

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Merchants Set Christmas Schedule

Christmas schedule for Kings Mountain retail merchants was announced this week by W. Faison Barnes, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Mr. Barnes said the majority of business firms would observe Saturday hours on the final three shopping days before Christmas, December 22, 23, and 24 and would close on Monday, December 26. The stores will be open on December 27 and the morning of December 28, but will resume the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday the 29th.

Saturday hours means that department stores stay open until 7 p. m. rather than the customary 5:30 closing hour, with grocers staying open slightly longer.

Final Rites Held For Wreck Victim

Funeral services were held at Second Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Pvt. Harry Neal Foster, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Foster, of Third street, who was killed in an accident near Aiken, S. C., early Monday morning.

Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor, and Rev. W. H. Redmon conducted the rites and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Shelby National Guard company had charge of the military rites.

Pvt. Foster, who was stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., was returning from a weekend visit with his parents here. He entered service in June and took his basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He had lived in Kings Mountain for 14 years. He was a native of Gastonia.

Two other soldiers and four Negroes were killed in the accident as two cars collided near the town of Belvedere, between Aiken, S. C., and Augusta, Ga.

He is survived by his parents, John L. and Mattie Mae Bradley Foster, one brother, Billie Ray Foster, and two sisters, Mary Helen and Barbara Jane Foster, all of Kings Mountain.

MYF To Give Yule Program Sunday

At the evening service Sunday night at 7:30, the Methodist Youth Fellowship will present a Christmas program. Under the direction of B. S. Peeler, Jr., the Youth Choir will render a short program of Christmas music followed by a brief devotional program led by the Intermediate Youth Fellowship. In conclusion, the Senior Youth Fellowship will present a playlet, "The Other Wise Man," under the direction of Miss Mary Belle Teague.

The young people who are to take part in the play are: Patricia Prince, Bill Allen, Barbara Gault, John Warlick, Dickey Croker, Randall Williamson, Reginald Murray, Dorothy Smith, Bob Goforth, Joan Hayes, and Walter Griffin.

Lighting effects and sound effects are being arranged by B. S. Peeler, Jr. In charge of decorations are Barbara Gault, Mrs. Baxter Payseur, and Mrs. J. C. McKinney, Jr.

The play will be presented Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the youth chapel for the Senior MYF. Everyone is invited to the evening performance.

Jaycees Seek Old Toys For Needy; Band To Make Collection Saturday

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, with the aid of members of the school band, will conduct a collection of old toys Saturday in the annual Jaycee project to make Christmas a happy one for underprivileged children.

The collection will be city-wide, and the Jaycees are asking all citizens to place old toys on their front porches in order that they may be picked up. Toys that are broken will be repaired by the Jaycees.

H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel is chairman of the committee conducting

Walker's Name Is Projected As Successor

City Commissioner A. H. Patterson, noting the resolution passed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night concerning the abolishing of the position of city engineer, pointed out to the Herald Thursday morning that the action of the board of commissioners was to relieve City Engineer Joe S. Evans of his duties on December 31, and that the action did not mention abolishing the position.

Mayor J. E. Herndon said he had no further comment on the matter. The Mayor on November 24, had given as reason for relieving Evans that the board was abolishing the job as unnecessary.

Commissioner Patterson went further in questioning the resolution, by projecting the name of O. O. Walker, former citizen, as a possible successor to Evans. He did not amplify except to say he thought Mr. Walker would be available for the post.

Mr. Walker is currently employed in construction work and is a veteran construction man. He was in the dry cleaning business here during the war, and was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in the 1947 election.

Girl Scout Troop Invested Sunday

The Investiture service of Girl Scout Troop 12 was held Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. This troop is sponsored by the Boyce Memorial Associated Reformed Presbyterian church and the First Presbyterian church.

As "Onward Christian Soldiers" was played the Processional began led by the Flag Bearers and Color Guards composed of Intermediate Girl Scouts. They were Jean Arthur, Sara Houser, Judy Logan and Derice Weir, of Troop 19 First Baptist church; Ann Elise Stender, Billie Gibbons, Kay Allen and Becky Blanton of Troop 4 Lutheran church.

Pioneer Girl Scout Area Director Miss Fannie Funderburke, and Miss Flo Stabler, Area Field Worker, were followed by the troop to be invested and their leaders: Mrs. Dean McDaniel, Mrs. W. L. McMackin and Miss Bernice Harrison, the troop committee and Presbyterian Church committee. Also following were Presbyterian Brownie Troop 32 and their leaders and troop committee; A. R. P. Cub Pack 4 with their leaders; Adult Girl Scout Executives, Boy Scouts of Troop 1 First Presbyterian church were ushers.

Green horseshoes marked the pews for all Scouters and committees. An artistic arrangement of small yellow chrysanthemums with green foliage added to the beautiful setting for the service.

The Investiture Ceremony was conducted by the two ministers, Rev. W. L. Pressly and Rev. P. D. Patrick, and Miss Funderburke. Mr. Patrick approached the altar and lighted the single taper before the Cross, which symbolized the Church of Christ. He then presented the Troop to Miss Funderburke and Miss Stabler for the investiture. The troop formed in the horseshoe position before the altar, and Miss Funderburke lighted the three tapers in the three branched candelabrum from the single taper. These represented the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. As each troop member lighted

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