

POPULATION

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

State Body Approves East King Bus Terminal Site

Local News Bulletins

IN NEW PARSONAGE
Rev. and Mrs. Frank Petrucci have moved into the new Church of God parsonage. They expect to hold an open house in January.

ATTEND MEETING
John Gladden, district American Legion commander, attended the meeting of the state executive committee in Raleigh last Saturday.

WOODMAN CHRISTMAS PARTY
Woodmen of the World will give a Christmas party at WOW hall Tuesday night December 20. Members are asked to bring favorite dish, and a gift suitable for men or women.

NEW BULLETIN BOARD
Installation of a new, lighted church bulletin board for Central Methodist church has been completed. The bulletin board is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Peeler and B. S. Peeler, jr.

CITY TAG SALE
A total of 180 city auto tags for 1950 had been sold through Wednesday, according to announcement by S. A. Crouse, city clerk. The tags are required to be displayed on autos owned by city motorists by January 1.

METER COLLECTIONS
Parking meter collections for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$169.75. The figure was more than \$7 over the collections of the previous week.

BITES FOR INFANT
Brief graveside rites were held Sunday afternoon for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, who died at the age of one day. Rev. L. C. Pinnix conducted the rites at Mountain Rest cemetery.

STANTON RESIGNS
M. E. Stanton, personal loan manager at First National Bank, has resigned that position, according to announcement by B. S. Neill, executive vice-president. While Mr. Stanton's resignation is not effective until December 31, Mr. Neill said, he has been relieved of his duties.

KIWANIS MEETS FRIDAY
The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will meet Friday night at 6:45 at the Woman's Club. The meeting was postponed from Thursday night to avoid conflict with the Lions club football banquet. The program will feature a film "Pageant of Progress." Produced for the Case Implement Company, the film portrays the progress of man during the last 5,000 years. Lewis Hovis arranged the program.

BROWNIES ON AIR
Wednesday afternoon, December 21, at 4:30 p. m. over Station WGNC, Gastonia, Kings Mountain Brownie Scout Troop No. 14 will present a radio version of "The First Christmas Tree in New England." Brownies participating will be Judy Cooper, Judy Cox, Becky Blanton, Bobbie Stender, Vane Thompson, Guy Ann Henderson, Norma Kay Hamrick, Peggy Craig, Phyllis Dean, Becky Thornburg and their leader, Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

Merchants To Aid Last-Minute Shoppers

Kings Mountain merchants will observe longer hours next weekend in order to accommodate last-minute shoppers. Majority of retail firms will observe Saturday hours beginning Thursday of next week and continuing through Christmas Eve. This means that department stores which customarily close at 5:30 p. m. will be open until 7 p. m. on December 23, 24 and 25. Grocers and some other groups remain open slightly longer.

City Board Passes Bond Ordinances

The city board of commissioners held its regular monthly meeting at City Hall Wednesday night, attending to a number of routine matters. The board formally enacted necessary ordinances to issue \$18,000 in public improvement bonds, including \$9,000 in waterbonds, and \$9,000 in sewer bonds, as prepared by Mitchell and Pershing, New York bond attorney, and adopted a technical ordinance in connection with the bond matters making S. A. Crouse officially the city clerk and treasurer, according to the North Carolina statutes.

The board also: (1) appointed Clarence Carpenter as city tax lister for 1950 at a fee of \$250, and (2) voted to order the city police department to stop checking parking meters on Saturdays at 6 p. m. as on week days. All members of the board were present with the exception of Carl F. Mauney. The bond action merely formalized action of the board at a special meeting on November 28 to purchase facilities of Crescent Hill Development Company in Crescent Hill and of Glee A. Bridges on Landing street. Remainder of the funds over the amounts to be paid for these facilities will be available for other water and sewer capital expenditures.

Mayor J. E. Herndon called attention of the board to a statement from Lewis Hovis for \$225, repair to automobile which was damaged several weeks ago when it hit a manhole on City street. After discussion by the board on the question of the city's liability, the board on motion by Commissioner A. H. Patterson, authorized City Attorney J. R. Davis to settle the matter with Mr. Hovis.

Lumber Company Stock Brings \$400

Thirty-eight shares of stock of Elmer Lumber Company, Inc., were sold at public auction at the City Hall Monday for \$15,200. Successful bidder was Mrs. J. E. Lippford, who had announced that she was bidding for Mrs. Agnes Thomasson, widow of the late J. B. Thomasson, who had owned the stock at the time of his death.

Two other persons entered the bidding. Mrs. Lippford opened the bidding at \$100 per share, par value of the stock, and W. T. Weir raised to \$110. Dr. W. L. Rameur entered a bid at \$135 per share, and the figure continued to mount rapidly. Mr. Weir's last bid was \$275, but Dr. Rameur continued to bid to a top of \$385, before Mrs. Lippford's final bid of \$400 per share. The stock was sold by A. H. Patterson, executor of the J. B. Thomasson estate, and the sale was conducted by Attorney J. R. Davis.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AT HOME MARS HELL.—The following students from Kings Mountain enrolled at Mars Hill College will return home for the Christmas holidays, Friday, December 16-January 2: Demuth W. Blanton, Jean Dunson McClain, Wade R. McSwain, and Barbara Jean Matthews.

Latvian Family, First Displaced Family Here, Arrived On Wednesday

Kings Mountain's first European displaced persons arrived here Wednesday. The family of five Latvians was sent here by the National Lutheran Council resettlement service under the assurance of Aubrey Mauney. They sailed from Bremen, Germany, on December 2 and arrived in Kings Mountain around noon Wednesday. Aleksander Grants, 44, former government clerk in Latvia, is the head of the family and other members include his wife, Alina, 43, a daughter, Inta, 18, and two sons, Adnis, 6, and Alnis, 3. The Grants, who speak very little English, spent five years in a displaced persons camp near Berchtesgaden, Germany, where Mr. Grants was disciplinary officer of the area, which housed some 600 persons.

Christmas Herald On Regular Schedule

The 1949 calendar dictates that the last issue of the Kings Mountain Herald prior to Christmas will be published on regular schedule, a departure from policy of the past several years.

Next week's issue will come off the press on Thursday afternoon, and under date of December 23.

In this issue, a large number of merchants are planning to convey Christmas greetings to their customers. Since this feature of the Christmas issue of the Herald has been a popular one for many years, the Herald staff will make every effort to contact all business firms. Firms wishing to place a Christmas greeting advertisement should call the Herald.

After next week's edition, the Herald will close at noon December 23 and reopen Tuesday morning, December 27.

Kiwanis Honors Past Presidents

"Today neither of the words 'work' or 'thrift' are in good reputation in America," Dr. R. C. Granberry, president of Limestone College, told members of the Kiwanis club December 8 at a program honoring the club's past presidents.

Dr. Granberry, speaking on the subject, "What Made America Great," declared that work and thrift were one of four important factors in the growth of this nation.

The others, he said, were (1) the conviction of freedom within a framework of law; (2) the conviction of the necessity of free enterprise; and (3) the conviction of the values of a moral and religious life.

Bowling Lane served as toastmaster at the meeting and recognized the following Kiwanis presidents: Ladd W. Hamrick, now of Bolling Springs, W. E. Blakely, Harry Page, W. K. Mauney, Glee A. Bridges, B. S. Peeler, John L. McGill, L. L. Benson, and J. B. Keeter. The late Dr. R. N. Baird was another Kiwanis president.

Dr. Granberry was introduced by Paul Coggins, president of the Gaffney Kiwanis club.

A delicious turkey dinner was served, and special table decorations were furnished by Lindsay's Florists.

Holiday Season Parties At Club

Holiday season parties for all age groups have been scheduled for the Kings Mountain Country Club, it was announced this week.

A children's party will be held at the club on Friday afternoon, December 23, from 4 o'clock until 5:30, with Mrs. James B. Simpson in charge of arrangements.

On December 29, the club has scheduled a dance for the Teen-Age group, and the club will hold its customary New Year's Eve dance on December 31.

Music for both dances will be furnished by The Statesmen, a dance band led by Sammy Couble of Belmont, and playing regularly at engagements in Raleigh and the vicinity of N. C. State College.

Local Teacher Group Supports Federal Aid Bill

The Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education association has adopted a resolution urging favorable action on Senate Bill 246 to provide federal aid for schools without federal control of the spending.

Announcement of the action of the local teacher group was made this week.

The resolution states that the federal aid is needed to equalize educational opportunity throughout the nation.

The resolution follows: Whereas, we realize the educational inequalities existing among the states; and

Whereas, we recognize the futile efforts of the poorer states to offer adequate education to their youth; and

Whereas, we believe that to maintain a democratic form of government each child must be trained to the fullest extent of his innate capacity in order to become a forceful citizen in whatever states he may choose to live in adulthood; and

Whereas, we believe that, because of unequal distribution of both children and wealth, Federal Aid to Education is the only solution to the problem, therefore

Resolved, that the Kings Mountain Unit of the North Carolina Education Association go on record as urging the House of Representatives to take favorable action on S246 or on a similar bill providing federal aid without federal control as early in January, 1950, as it is possible.

Church Unveils Mauney Memorial

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney returned this week from Jackson, Miss., where they attended on Sunday the first services in the new Trinity Lutheran Church.

The services included the unveiling of the Mauney Memorial Tower setting, a gift of the W. A. Mauney family of Kings Mountain and Lincolnton, and honoring the late W. A. Mauney and the late D. H. Mauney.

The Tower setting graces the entrance of the new \$160,000 structure.

The program for the opening ceremony described it: "This copyrighted setting was given by the W. A. Mauney family of Kings Mountain and Lincolnton, N. C., in memory of W. A. Mauney, (father) and D. H. Mauney (son). The statue of Thorwaldsen's Christ was sculptured by Drapato Studio, New York City. The stained glass window and revolving globe of the world are the work of Henry Keck Studio, Syracuse, N. Y."

The program, acknowledging gifts of \$19,625 "in their names," showed pictures of W. A. Mauney, D. H. Mauney, and W. K. Mauney in addition to Dr. and Mrs. P. F. Hagan.

Pastor of the Jackson church is Rev. H. B. Schaeffer, D. D., former pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church here. One of the dedication speakers was Rev. W. B. Schaeffer, son of Dr. Schaeffer.

Jaycees, Lions Plan Yule Cheer For Needy

Members of the high school band, "weathered-out" last Saturday on their scheduled pick-up of toys for underprivileged children, were blessed with better weather Thursday and were at work gathering them in time for a repair job by members of the Lions club and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Hoyle McDaniel, Jaycee Christmas activities chairman, said there had been a good response to the appeal for toys and announced that member of both clubs would gather at Mauney Hosiery Company Tuesday night to put the toys in good repair.

Mr. McDaniel said the Lions and Jaycees are also collaborating in giving Christmas baskets to the poor. The baskets are to be distributed the morning of December 24. They will be prepared the night of the 23rd, also at Mauney Hosiery company.



HEADS MINISTERS — Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for 1950. He succeeds Rev. J. W. Phillips.

Brendall To Head Ministers' Group

Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for 1950.

Election of officers for the coming year was held at a meeting of the association held on Monday.

Mr. Brendall will succeed as president Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, Rev. T. W. Fogleman, succeeding Rev. L. C. Pinnix; secretary, Mr. Phillips, succeeding Rev. G. W. Fink.

Other principal business of the meeting was a resolution by the ministers asking that they use the Red Cross as a clearing house for Christmas gifts to the underprivileged. The ministers are being requested to forward lists of needy families, with correct addresses, to Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross executive secretary. In this way, it was pointed out, duplication would be avoided.

Legion To Hold Yule Square Dance

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a Christmas Square dance at the Legion building off York Road next Thursday night, December 22, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Announcement was made by Commander Paul Mauney, who said a good band had been signed for the dance.

He also announced that the Legion building will be open to members on Saturday night of this week.

BUILDING PERMITS Building permits were issued at City Hall on Tuesday to W. K. Crook, for repairs to house on York road, \$400, and to Jacob Burris, for repairs and addition of a room to house on Tracy street, \$600.

Red Cross Hopes To Set Record On January 4th Blood Collection

"January 4th might not be a good time to give blood but remember— it's time when blood will be needed badly by patients in hospitals who have been injured in holiday accidents," Harold Hunnicutt, chairman of the Red Cross blood program, said this week.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to visit Kings Mountain for the fourth time on Wednesday, January 4, 1950. The unit will again be set up in the Woman's club house.

Blood from the bloodmobile drives is processed and sent out by the Charlotte regional blood bank to all hospitals in the area, for use without charge (except for administrative fees which vary in different hospitals) by patients needing blood or its derivatives.

A goal of 100 pints, enough to supply the area hospitals needs in an average day, is set for each visit of the bloodmobile.

"Whether you are rich or poor in as little as an hour's time you can give a Christmas present — a pint of your blood — that may mean life for a fellow-man, one who may be

Approval Comes Over Objections Of City Board

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has approved the present temporary site of the Kings Mountain bus station.

Information concerning the decision — in spite of refusal by the city board of commissioners to approve it — was contained in a letter from the commission's director of motor passenger transportation under date of December 10.

Meantime, Jack Arnette, local station agent who holds a lease on the E. King street location where the terminal has been operated for the past several weeks, did not say whether he would go ahead with plans to re-model the building according to outlined specifications for more waiting room space and additional rest rooms.

Mr. Arnette was in conference Thursday with Clayton Love, Queen City Trailways representative, and J. A. Livingston, Atlantic Greyhound representative, discussing operation of the local terminal.

The letter from E. A. Hughes, Jr., of the Utilities Commission, was addressed to J. H. Quattlebaum, vice president in charge of traffic for Queen City.

It reads: "On October 29th we returned to you the proposed plans for the Kings Mountain Bus Station, showing the approval of this Commission.

"Since the Commission approved the proposed plans, it appears that the town officials of Kings Mountain have indicated that they will not approve the building or the location.

"This is to advise that as far as this Commission is concerned, the present location and the proposed extension to the station have our approval and you are authorized to proceed with remodeling the station according to the plans which have been approved by this Commission."

The city board, though it had no direct authority in the matter, had nevertheless declined to give a letter of approval of the East King street site, and in several conferences with bus company representatives, had objected to the location as too far from the center of the city. It has also suggested unofficially that the bus companies should build a terminal here.

Mr. Arnette said he expected to have an announcement concerning the local terminal within the next few days.

Library Schedules Friday Story Hour

A story hour will be held at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock for third and fourth grade age groups, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Phyllis Baker.

Mrs. Garland Still will be the story teller, and Mrs. E. T. Plott will serve as hostess.

The library was overflowing for last week's story hour and a capacity attendance is expected for Friday's story hour.

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stricken with some deadly disease or one who may have been seriously injured in an accident, or even yourself. You have it in your power to save lives — blood, donated by citizens all over the Charlotte area, is saving lives and easing suffering every day — and your gift of life is needed." Chairman Hunnicutt continued.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter secretary, has reported that several Kings Mountain people have recently used blood supplied through the program. Two children are being supplied a blood derivative for a rare type of internal bleeding. "We said, and without a steady supply of blood from the Red Cross program would be unable to continue their fight against death.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are aiding the drive by serving on the recruitment committee headed by Mrs. Ben H. Goforth. Persons wishing to contribute blood are urged to contact a Jaycee, Mrs. Goforth or the Red Cross office, in (Cont'd on page ten)