

POPULATION

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Hospital Construction Expected To Begin Soon

Local News Bulletins

FIRE PHONE 600
Kings Mountain fire department telephone number, formerly 169, has been changed to 600 it was announced this week.

METER RECEIPTS
A total of \$141.02 was collected from parking meters for the week which ended Wednesday according to a report from City Hall.

CITY TAG SALES UP
Sale of city automobile tags reached 505 Wednesday afternoon, a large gain over sales through January 4, 1949, when only 376 had been sold, according to report of City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

CHILDERS HOME
W. A. Childers, proprietor of Kings Mountain Tin Shop, returned home from Shelby hospital on Wednesday. He had undergone a major operation two weeks ago. His condition was reported much improved.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING
Annual stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the lobby of the bank. Business will include reports for the year and election of officers.

NEW SALESMAN
W. C. Lindsay assumed duties this week as new and used car salesman at Victory Chevrolet Co. according to announcement by W. G. Grantham, Mr. Lindsay, who moved here with his family, recently, is a veteran auto salesman; Mr. Grantham said.

FRYER'S FATHER DIES
Funeral services for Frank J. Fryer of Racine, Wis., father of Milton Fryer of Kings Mountain, were held in Racine Thursday afternoon. Mr. Fryer succumbed Monday afternoon at his home in Racine. He had been an invalid for a number of years.

LEGION SQUARE DANCE
Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will sponsor a square dance at the Legion Building off York Road Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Hamrick's String Band and the public is invited to attend.

LEGION BARBECUE
Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a barbecue supper at the Legion building off York Road Saturday night from 7 to 9 o'clock, with a short business session to follow. Officials are urging a full attendance. Dinner will be served at \$1.25 per plate.

BREAKS LEG
Lawrence Hope, Kings Mountain taxi driver, suffered a broken leg on Tuesday around 3 p. m. in the taxi yard near Cooper's, Inc. The car moved off after he had gotten out of his car to answer the telephone and his leg was caught in the door as he attempted to stop the moving vehicle it was reported.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR
Mrs. Luther Cansler will serve as story-teller and Mrs. J. L. McGill hostess on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock as the regular weekly story-hour period at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. The period is designed for children from the first through the eighth grades.

County and city tax lists were sent out this week with the annual tax listing tax. County Lister B. D. Ratterree and City Lister Clarence Carpenter reported "nothing business" on Thursday morning it was touch-and-go as to whether they'd get time off for lunch. The listers are on duty at City Hall courtroom daily from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Mr. Ratterree will be in Grover at Herndon's Store on January 13 and 23 to accommodate Grover citizens.

Last Rites Held For G. E. Modena, Retired Railman

Final rites were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Freddy Funeral Home in Orange, Virginia, for George Everet Modena, 75, who died Sunday at the Gordonsville, Va., Community hospital after an illness of six weeks.

Services were conducted by Rev. Floyd T. Binns, pastor of Blue Run Baptist church, of which Mr. Modena was a member, and Rev. E. T. Cox, pastor of Gordonsville Baptist church. Interment, with Masonic honors of the Independent Lodge No. 338, Orange, Va., was in the family burying ground at Somerset, Va.

Born at Somerset, Va., March 16, 1874, he was the son of Benjamin James and Elizabeth Gay Modena. He spent his early life in Somerset and at the age of 16 took his first job with the Southern Railway. He later worked at Barboursville, Va., and came to Kings Mountain in 1906 where he served as station agent for 34 years until his retirement in 1940. Following his retirement he spent most of his time on his farm, "Mountain View," at Somerset.

He was a member of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. and A. M., and became a Shriner in 1924. He was never married.

He lived at Somerset with a sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Modena, two nieces, Misses Eda and Addie Modena, and a great-niece, Miss Helen Modena. Other surviving nephews and nieces include M. S. Modena, Somerset; W. G. Modena and C. E. Modena, Washington, D. C.; W. J. Bradshaw, Lynchburg; Mrs. Carroll Thacker, Charlottesville, Va.; and Mrs. W. J. Christian, Jr., Fishersville, Va.

Kings Mountain people attending the funeral were Cline Barber and Cline Barber and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter T. Spearman.

Kiwanis Governor Has Busy Week

Byron Keeter, lieutenant governor of Carolinas District one, Kiwanis International, has had a busy week installing club officials of his district.

Among the men of clubs throughout the district installed as Kiwanis officers this week was a former Kings Mountain citizen, Thomas A. Roberts, who was installed as president of the Forest City club by Mr. Keeter Monday night.

Other installation services conducted by Mr. Keeter this week included, Tryon club officers on Tuesday at noon, Hendersonville Thursday at noon, and Kings Mountain Thursday evening. On Friday Mr. Keeter will conduct the installation of officers of the Asheville club.

Weathers' Retirement Announcement First Major Action Of 1950 Season

The election year of 1950 was opened with a surprise in local circles this week as State Senator Lee B. Weathers, of Shelby, four-term representative of district 27, announced he would not be a candidate for reelection, nor would he seek the 11th district Congressional seat for which he had been mentioned frequently as a possible candidate.

Though the 27th senatorial district is not strictly a county matter, including also Rutherford and McDowell, it had much interest in Cleveland, where the voters are getting ready to choose a sheriff, coronator, clerk of court, solicitor, and county commissioner. Weathers is representative to the General Assembly. In addition to their share of the voting in choosing two U. S. senators and a new Congressman.

Most of the incumbents in the county government are expected to offer for re-election, including Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Clerk of Court Everett A. Houser, Coroner Ollie Harris, Solicitor Bynum Weathers, Representative B. T. Falls, Jr., and Commissioners Andy Brackett, Zeb Cline and Henry McKinney. Kings Mountain will probably also have some candidates in the field for several offices in addition to the



FORMER CITIZEN DIES - George Modena, for 34 years Southern Railway agent here, died this week at his home at Somerset, Va. Mr. Modena was well-known and popular citizen here. He was 75 years of age.

B. & L. Dividends Total \$19,501.90

Shareholders in Kings Mountain's two building and loan associations received year-end, semi-annual dividends totaling \$19,501.90, according to reports this week from the two institutions.

Shareholders of Home Building & Loan association received \$11,550.08 divided as follows: on fullpaid stock, \$6,684.86; on optional savings accounts, \$3,257.34; and on installment shares, \$1,608.08.

Shareholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association received dividends totaling \$7,951.82, divided as follows: on fullpaid stock, \$4,488.94; on optional savings accounts, \$2,263.67; and on installment shares, \$1,100.51.

Patrol Swap Moves Wooten To Canton

W. R. Wooten, state highway patrolman, was transferred to Canton effective January 1st and W. D. Sawyer, formerly at Canton, has come to Kings Mountain it was announced this week.

Transfer of Officer Wooten, who came here about a year ago, was made at the request of Canton citizens it was stated.

Officer Sawyer, a native of Waynesville, is married and has one child. He plans to move his family to Kings Mountain as soon as possible.

WOW INSTALLATION

New officers of the Kings Mountain Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle will be installed at a covered dish supper at the Woman's club next Tuesday night at 7:30. The installation will be conducted by T. P. Lail, of Shelby, district representative. The meeting will be in the upstairs banquet room.

Charlie Falls Rites Conducted Here Thursday

Funeral services were held at Central Methodist church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock for Charles Boyce Falls, Sr., 72, of Gastonia, Kings Mountain native, who died Tuesday afternoon around 4:30 at Gaston Memorial hospital, Gastonia, of a cerebral hemorrhage he suffered 10 days previously.

Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor, conducted the services and burial, with full Masonic rites by Fairview Lodge No. 339, of Kings Mountain, following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Falls was reared in Kings Mountain and in 1932 moved to Lumberton. He came to Gastonia in 1946. While in Kings Mountain he operated wholesale and retail oil companies and was a contractor and farmer. He and his wife, the former Sarah Susan Huffstetler, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1946.

He was the son of the late Regina Goforth and Robert G. Falls. He was a member of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, and St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., Lumberton.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, A. B. Falls, of Kings Mountain, C. D. Falls, of Lumberton, and C. B. Falls, Jr., of Gastonia; three daughters, Miss Vera Falls, of Crossville, Tenn., Mrs. Lawrence Mears, of Emerson, and Miss Ruby Falls, of Gastonia; two brothers, W. O. Falls, of Kings Mountain, and Phillip Falls, of Bessemer City; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mauney To Head March Of Dimes

W. K. Mauney, Jr., will head the annual March of Dimes campaign in Number 4 township, according to announcement made this week.

Proceeds from the March of Dimes campaign are used for the relief and treatment of victims of polio and for research in determining cause of polio and improvement of treatment techniques.

Number 4 Township went all out in gifts to the fund last year, far exceeding its quota.

Mr. Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Company, is a past president of the Lions Club and has an active record in aiding and supporting community charitable ventures.

Chief Farr's Father Succumbed Tuesday

Funeral services were held at Travelers Rest, S. C., Wednesday for W. M. Farr, 75, father of N. M. Farr, chief of the Kings Mountain police department.

Mr. Farr died Tuesday morning around 10 o'clock of a heart ailment.

Among Kings Mountain people attending the rites were Grady King, H. Tom Fulton, P. D. Fulton and R. O. Hord.

Gastonia Highway To Get Dual Lane

Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham, in an interview with Lee B. Weathers of the Shelby Star on Tuesday, re-iterated a statement of several months ago in which he had stated commission plans for making the Kings Mountain - Gastonia highway a four-lane road.

In the statement, Mr. Graham was quoted as listing the project for launching in 1950, provided approval could be obtained from federal authorities.

Federal highways are constructed by the federal government.

Addition of a double lane to the eight-mile stretch would improve one of North Carolina's most heavily traveled and most dangerous transportation arteries.

LIONS TO MEET

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held at the Woman's Club next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Mrs. W. T. Weir will address the club on the subject of "Communism." It was announced by Hilton Ruth, program chairman.



HEADS KIWANIS CLUB - Hugh Y. Ballard, superintendent of Park Yarn Mills, was to be installed Thursday night as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for 1950.

Rites On Sunday For Sgt. Long

Final interment rites for Staff Sergeant Winfield V. Long, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Long, of Floyd street, will be held at Second Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday at 2 p. m. with full military burial at Memorial Park, Mountain Rest cemetery, to follow.

Rites will be conducted by Rev. Eugene Wall, of Cramerton, and Rev. Floyd Hollar. The body, which

NOTICE
All members of the VFW and American Legion posts are urged to meet at Harris Funeral Home at 1 o'clock Sunday to attend services for Sgt. Winfield Long. Members are urged to wear uniform caps.

arrived in Kings Mountain Thursday, will lie in state at the church for one-half hour prior to the service.

Military services will be conducted by the Kings Mountain National Guard company and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts will serve as honorary pall bearers.

Sgt. Long was killed August 1, 1943, during a raid over Polesi oil fields in Romania. He was serving as a tailgunner on a B-24 bomber, at that time based at Alexandria, Egypt. He entered service in May, 1941.

He is survived by his parents and one brother, Clifford J. Long, of Kings Mountain.

Evans Engineer With Road Body

Joe S. Evans, Jr., former city engineer, has accepted a position with the State Highway commission as one of five senior project engineers in the ninth division.

Mr. Evans has begun his duties. He said he expects to be assigned principally to road-building projects developing out of the state rural roads bond issues.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church will conduct an ordination service at Temple Baptist church on Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Monroe. Oscar White and T. B. Yarboro are to be installed as deacons of the Temple church. Rev. T. W. Fogleman is to fill the First Baptist pulpit at Sunday evening services.

Kings Mountain Citizens Donate 85 Pints Of Blood For Area Bank

Kings Mountain area citizens donated 85 pints of blood at the Woman's club Wednesday in what Red Cross officials termed "a successful visit" of the bloodmobile.

The total far passed the 36 pints donated on the third visit of the Charlotte regional blood recruiting unit on Sept. 8, 1949. Blood collected here on previous visits totaled 73 pints on Nov. 5, 1948, first visit of the unit, and 83 pints on May 3, 1949.

Blood collected from almost daily visits to points in the Charlotte area

Work To Begin On Arrival Of Materials

Construction of the Kings Mountain hospital will begin as quickly as materials are delivered or their delivery assured.

This means that the 24-bed general hospital here will be completed, or nearing completion, about November 1, 1950, according to W. K. Mauney, county hospital trustee and treasurer of the Kings Mountain unit.

Mr. Mauney said Thursday morning that the policy would be to get materials on hand before construction began in order to speed the building program without delay.

All necessary details concerning bonds of successful bidders on the contracts have been completed, he added, and the contracts call for completion of the job within 10 months after construction is begun.

Crosland Construction Company, general contractors on the project, notified Walter W. Hook and Associates, architect, on January 2, that it was ready to begin work as quickly as the necessary materials are assembled, or their delivery assured.

The new hospital, a completely modern one-story building, will be built on a tract off W. King street lying between the Kings Mountain Country Club and Blackmer and Company.

Total cost of the construction is to be approximately \$234,000, with one-third of the amount to be furnished by the federal government, one-third by the state, and the remaining third by the county. Citizens of the county voted a \$400,000 bond issue several years ago for the building of a hospital here and for improvements of the Shelby hospital.

First Basketball Games On Tuesday

Kings Mountain high school careers are scheduled to open the 1950 basketball slate Tuesday night at Central Gymnasium against teams from Tri-High, of Caroleen. First game is set to get underway at 7 o'clock.

The Mountaineers, completely depleted of experienced players by graduation of seven of last year's starters, will be banking in 1949 reserves and "B" team graduates.

Johnny Kiser, Steve Jones and Fred Tate will provide what little height the Central boys will possess. Richard White and Jimmy Kimmel will probably make up the rest of the starting five, according to Coach Don Parker.

Other players out for the team include John Warlick, Carl Moss, Charles Shytle, Jim Cobb, Albert Brackett and Charles Mauney.

The girls team is also reported to be hurt by full-scale graduation of the 1949 regulars and Cash Mabel Carpenter will also be depending on reserves this year.

Coach Everett Carlton has been working out his "B" team boys and the group includes several prospects that might see varsity action this season.

CRANFORD RE-SALE

Re-sale of the home site and adjoining property of the late Z. F. Cranford will be conducted at the site next Thursday morning at 10 a. m. Originally bid off at \$17,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Herndon, the property is now being offered at auction again after A. E. Yarboro raised the bid to \$18,375.

Kings Mountain Citizens Donate 85 Pints Of Blood For Area Bank

is processed and stored for free use in area hospitals by patients needing blood or derivatives. Quota for each visit of the unit is 100 pints.

"The Red Cross expresses its appreciation to Kings Mountain area donors and to everyone who had a part in the successful visit of the bloodmobile Wednesday," Harold Hunicutt, chairman of the blood service program, said yesterday.

Another visit of the bloodmobile is scheduled in about four months.