

Population

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

YES, POLIO IS EXPENSIVE

COST CHART FOR 15 MONTHS: \$3,088.50

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| HOSPITAL | \$2,857.80 |
| LABORATORY | 18.30 |
| PHYSICAL THERAPY | 133.00 |
| OUT-TREATMENT | 28.50 |
| BRACES-ARM SPLINTS | 45.00 |
| SPECIAL SHOES | 5.70 |

MARCH OF DIMES DOLLARS HELPED HER—Five-year-old Nesbitt Ann Burdall of Midwest City, Okla. is back in school today after 18 months of hospitalization. Nesbitt was stricken with infantile paralysis in June 1948, her spine, right shoulder, arm and hip, her left shoulder and leg severely affected by the crippling disease. Oklahoma County Chapter of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and Nesbitt's parents report expenses for first 15 months as detailed above. For years to come, expenses will continue in diminishing degree. Happiest items—special shoes, \$7.50, proof that Nesbitt can walk again. Large part of cost of care and treatment for thousands of polio victims is carried by National Foundation through contributions to March of Dimes drive, January 16-31.

Kings Mountain Polio Drive To Begin; Quota Is \$5,000

Local News Bulletins

RATINGS ANNOUNCED

Kings Mountain tourist homes have received the following ratings from the Cleveland County Health department, according to an announcement last week: Grade "A", Peeler's Tourist Home and Morrow Tourist Home; Grade "C", Maple Tourist Home.

TAX LISTING

Only 16 days remain for listing of properties for taxes without penalties. City Lister Clarence Carpenter and County Lister B. D. Ratteree were staying busy this week, but they said they should be even busier to a last-minute jam-up were to be avoided. Both Mr. Ratteree and Mr. Carpenter are at City Hall daily from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

LEGION SQUARE DANCE

The American Legion will present a square dance at the Legion building off York road on Friday night from 8 to 12 p. m. Hamrick's String Band will furnish the music. The public is invited to attend. Legionnaires are being asked to wear Legion caps.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

Mrs. F. D. Patrick will serve as story-teller and Mrs. Harry Page as hostess at the regular weekly story hour period for children at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The period is destined to children from grades one through eight.

EXAMS TO START

First semester examinations for Kings Mountain High school students will begin next Thursday, January 19, and continue for two days, ending Friday, January 20, at 2:30 p. m., according to announcement by Rowell Lane, high school principal.

COMMUNICATION

An emergency communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339 A. F. & A. M. will be held Friday night, January 13, at 7:30 for work in the second degree.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending at Wednesday noon totaled \$4,665, according to report of City Clerk S. A. Cruse.

Kings Mountain's quota for the annual March of Dimes campaign which gets underway next week will be \$5,000, and W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman of the drive here was busy this week completing his organization.

Mauney's campaign to raise money for the victims of infantile paralysis and to pay for research to find better means of treatment, is to be conducted between January 16-31.

Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township were most generous in response to the appeal for funds for the fight against polio last year, contributing some \$7,400, far exceeding the \$5,000 quota. Large portion of the money given remains in Cleveland County to treat Cleveland County victims of the dread disease which preys particularly on children.

The year 1949 was a relatively light year for polio in this particular area, with only a few cases reported. However, 1949 was a heavier year than even 1948 for the nation as a whole. The disease has a habit of striking in particular sections of the nation. During 1949, New York, Texas, and California were very hard hit. In 1948, North Carolina was one of the states with highest polio figures.

Mr. Mauney said the campaign here this year would follow closely the drive of last year. "It is easy to ask for funds for this campaign," Mr. Mauney said. "For there isn't a citizen who is not familiar with what polio means, both here and in other sections of the state and nation. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has made it possible for all victims to obtain special treatment which many could not afford, and I am sure that the people of the Kings Mountain area will again support this campaign to the limit of their abilities."

Funeral Friday For W. B. Grigg

Funeral rites for William Ben Grigg, 43, who died suddenly following a heart attack at his home near Morrison Airport Wednesday night, will be held at the home Friday afternoon at two o'clock, with Rev. Paul Horne, officiating.

Interment will be made in Gaston Memorial Park at Gastonia. Mr. Grigg suffered a heart attack Wednesday night at nine o'clock and succumbed an hour later.

He was an employee of Rankin Mill, Gastonia, and a member of West Gastonia ARP church. He was a son of Mrs. Susanne Wright Grigg and the late S. L. Grigg.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, the former Miss Bertie Mayes, a stepson, Gene Grigg, and a stepdaughter, Martha Faye Grigg. Also surviving are eight other and sisters, Zeb Grigg, Hubbard Grigg, Mrs. Lum Dellinger, Mrs. J. W. Hulander, and Mrs. Jim Cobb, all of Kings Mountain, and Dewey Grigg, Gastonia; City, David Grigg, Lowell; and Gerald Grigg, Chocoma.

If The Herald Looks Too Big, Read This

The staff thinks today's issue of the Herald looks funny too... The staff is not even sure it likes the result, as yet, but promises some further experimenting, if necessary, to bring about the most pleasing and desirable "New Look," available.

The reason for the change in appearance is installation of a new newspaper press, not brand new, but new for the Herald. It is a Miehle flat-bed press, No. 1A, which the Herald purchased from J. B. Harrison, press dealer and mechanic, by way of the Monroe Enquirer.

The new press has several potential advantages for the Herald, including: (1) enabling the Herald to print a standard size newspaper of eight columns width, and with each column measuring exactly 12 picas (two inches); (2) improved typography, meaning that the Herald printing will be less subject to light spots and blurs and therefore easier to read; and (3) insurance, meaning that the old, aged Cottrill press used here for the past 30 years was getting decrepit and infirm, and thus it was always a question as to its completing the week's several press runs.

Shortening of the width of the columns from 13 ems to 12 ems will mean that the Herald's new columns are designed for the vast mass of prepared advertising material used in almost all newspapers. This will improve the appearance of the majority of advertising, which has been afflicted in the past with waste white space on the borders. In addition, the new Herald page is longer by one and one-half inches, which will aid in handling of large advertising mats previously unusable. In short, the new Herald page coincides in size with a page of the New York Times, the Charlotte Observer, the Shelby Star, the Knoxville Sentinel, and almost all other major newspapers of the nation.

An additional advantage to the Herald will be ability to handle more news and advertising copy with less press runs. Same amount of lineage can be put in 12 pages of the new Herald as formerly appeared in 16 pages of the six-column Herald.

Another advantage will be opportunity to present more of the important news happenings on the front page. Frequently, important news events have been forced inside for lack of sufficient front-page space.

The press arrives in Kings Mountain as the third of a three-way sales deal starting at Rock Hill, S. C., where the Rock Hill Herald installed a rotary press. The Monroe Enquirer purchased the duplex press formerly used at Rock Hill, and the Herald purchased the Monroe paper's Miehle.

Stender District Scout Chairman

1950 Officers Named For Local BSA District

Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will head the Kings Mountain district Scout organization for 1950. It was announced this week.

Mr. Stender, an active Scouter, has served as local chairman of advancement and organization and extension since coming to Kings Mountain, and prior to that time he served as chairman of the Sumter, S. C., district for three years. He also served as a member of the Pee Dee council executive committee and as a Scoutmaster.

Mr. Stender will succeed Rev. J. W. Phillips, as district chairman.

Other officers of the district for 1950 include: Ollie Harris, vice chairman; Charlie Blalock, secretary; treasurer, Aubrey Mauney, commissioner, H. C. Wilson, J. H. Patterson and Rev. J. W. Phillips, neighborhood commissioners.

Plans are already underway for observance here of annual Boy Scout week, February 8-15, featuring the annual district banquet.

(Various committees of the local Scout organization will be published next week.)



SCOUT CHAIRMAN — Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, has been named chairman of the Kings Mountain district for the coming year. Mr. Stender succeeds Rev. J. W. Phillips.

Mrs. W. T. Weir Addresses Lions

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club, at their regular meeting Tuesday night, heard an informative address by Mrs. W. T. Weir, high school librarian, on the subject of "Communism—How It Relates To Our Way Of Life."

Pointing out that the Communists endeavor to infiltrate every walk of life to breed trouble and discontent, Mrs. Weir gave some interesting information on Communist activities in the United States.

One of the most graphic illustrations reported by Mrs. Weir was a magazine entitled "U. S. S. R." printed on high-grade paper and multi-colored, which she said, she found in October in the library mail box. Examining the material she found it full of Communist propaganda and pictures of Stalin, and noted that it was printed at the Russian embassy in Washington. Since October, the magazine has been arriving regularly each month.

Communists work both inside the law and outside the law, Mrs. Weir declared, and listed Sam Hall as the man in charge of spreading Communism in the Carolinas. She pointed out that the Communists are trying to get into the schools, labor, the government, and even the civic clubs, and added that they have been, in a measure, successful. She listed as Communist controlled several labor unions, including the communication workers union, the longshoremen, electrical workers union, and a smattering of others.

Club To Be Closed For Two-Week Period

Beginning today the Kings Mountain Country Club will be closed for two weeks, with the exception of the golf shop, it was announced this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pressly, managers of the club, are on vacation.

Six-Month City Statement Shows Budget Is Underspent

Financial report of the city's operations for the first six months of the current fiscal year show the \$302,176 budget underspent.

The report, presented the city commissioners at their regular January meeting Wednesday afternoon, showed that the city spent in the first six months ending December 31, a total of \$143,501.31, or 47.4 percent of the total anticipated expenditures for the year.

The report also showed total income for the first six months of \$168,674.73.

O. O. Walker Not Available For City Post

O. O. Walker, former Kings Mountain business man and now general superintendent of N. E. Brewer Construction Company of Winston-Salem, told the Herald this week he is not available at the present time for the position of city engineer.

Mr. Walker's name had been advanced as a possible successor to Joe S. Evans.

Mr. Walker, who frequently visits here on weekends, said a number of persons had asked him about the possibility of his accepting the city position and asked the Herald to report the statement.

Judge Barnes Heard 23 Cases In Court

A total of 23 cases were heard in the last two sessions of City Recorder's court according to a study of court records.

Fifteen cases were heard in session Monday afternoon and eight were disposed of during the session held on January 3. Judge W. Faison Barnes presided.

Nine defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness. Highlight of the two sessions was the case of Floyd McClain, 43-year-old Kings Mountain Negro, who drew the highest fine from the court in recent years.

McClain was fined \$750 and costs and given a suspended sentence of 9 months after conviction on charges of driving drunk (3rd offense), driving after license had been suspended and altering drivers license. His drivers license was revoked and he was sent to jail for nine months for failure to pay the fine.

Other cases heard included: One against Roy B. Brookshire, of Gastonia, charged with reckless driving, ordered to pay costs of court and to pay damages in the amount of \$200. Raymond Gregory, \$28.06 to Shelby hospital and others. He was driver of a car involved in an accident with Mr. Gregory's automobile on December 13.

Jim Ballard, for public drunkenness and resisting arrest, fined \$25 and costs and ordered to pay \$450 for a police cap.

Charles W. Greene, reckless driving, taxed with the costs. Bobby Keith Sellers, reckless driving, costs.

Plato Durham Herndon, reckless driving, costs.

John T. Doster, Jr., of Great Falls, S. C. driving drunk, fined \$100 and costs.

Elvin Brown, assault on a female, costs.

Withrow Brown, disposal of mortgaged property, noll pros.

James Greene, Jr., disposal of mortgaged property, noll pros.

Robert White, violation of motor vehicle laws, noll pros.

Martin Andrews Ethers, reckless driving, fined \$25 and costs.

City May Set Up Lone Light Rate



CANDIDATE — O. Max Gardner, Jr., 27-year-old son of the late O. Max Gardner, former Governor and Ambassador, announced Thursday he would be a candidate for the North Carolina Senate subject to the May Democratic primary. Mr. Gardner is the first candidate to announce for the 27th district senatorial post, following announcement by incumbent Lee B. Weathers that he would not seek re-election.

Kiwanis Club Hears Chiott

"Do not forget that independence promotes enterprise," Joe T. Chiott, of Asheville, told members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club January 5 on the occasion of the local civic club's annual installation night program.

Mr. Chiott, past lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis division one, urged his hearers to strive for greater heights in 1950, declaring, "Kiwanians are the grass roots of America."

"Ours is a priceless heritage passed down by our forefathers," he continued. "Kiwanians are not members of a play club, but trustees of the community. We must not rest on our laurels, for the past is a prologue."

In his address, Mr. Chiott flayed the Communist programs "which eat into our principles." Pointing out that Hitler did not allow individual thinking, he reported that the former German dictator eliminated 4,600 civic clubs. Mr. Chiott declared there exists in America too much "pink" thinking, and flayed the several socialized programs now being advanced, with particular attention to socialized medicine, which, he said, England had learned does not work. He deplored the government's heavy spending and concluded, "It is up to Americans to keep what our forefathers left us."

Following his address Mr. Chiott installed the officers of the club for 1950. They are: Hugh Y. Ballard, president; J. E. Abbott, first vice-president; J. L. McGill, treasurer; Harold Coggins, secretary; and W. Faison Barnes, Glee Edwin Bridges, Amos Dean, Dr. D. F. Hord, Rowell Lane, J. H. Patterson and Rev. L. C. Pinnix, directors.

Clarence King, of Shelby, retiring lieutenant-governor, presented the pin of that office to Byron Keeter, 1950 lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis district one. He was presented by B. N. Barnes, and J. L. McGill introduced Mr. Chiott.

Mr. Keeter was also honored with a plaque from the club, presented by Rev. W. H. Stender.

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Idea Advanced At Wednesday Board Meeting

L. C. Parsons, superintendent of the city's water and light department, was instructed by the city commissioners Wednesday to make a study of light rate revenues with a view toward eliminating the three different rates currently used by the city and establishing only one light rate.

The idea was advanced by Commissioner Carl F. Mauney, who pointed out that the variance in rates created complaints on various sides, caused the light department undue trouble, and also made accounting more costly. He suggested that a customer who used 50 kilowatts should be charged for 50 kilowatts, regardless of whether he used it for electric lights, cooking, or other purpose.

The suggestion found quick agreement by other members of the board.

Action of the board at the Wednesday meeting were otherwise routine.

The board heard a delegation of Deal street residents who requested paving of that street, and heard the reading of a petition from Fulton street residents who asked curb and gutter improvements to Fulton street extension. No action was taken.

Otherwise, the board voted to ask Bonnie Cotton Mills to remove the platform on the mill's cotton warehouse, in anticipation to improvements this spring to E. Gold street, and it voted to refund M. C. Poston \$4.00, when it was found a lot owned by Mr. Poston had been twice listed for taxes last year.

The board also inspected the City Hall with a view to providing the Red Cross with better office facilities, but took no action pending arrival of erectors for a new water-and-light department billing machine.

Smith Funeral Friday At 3

Funeral services for John North Smith, 76, former mining engineer and longtime resident of the Ey Bethel community, will be held Friday afternoon at three o'clock at El Bethel Methodist church.

The rites will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Swink, assisted by the former pastor, Rev. Mr. Forbis, and burial will be made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Smith, who had been in ill health for several years, died at his home at 4:20 a. m. Thursday morning. He was a member of the El Bethel church, and a former Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

He was the son of the late John and Sue Hopper Smith. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Margaret Emily Huffstickler; two sons, Robert D. Smith, of Pomona, Fla., and Walter Smith, of Gastonia, and three daughters, Mrs. Robert Ware, Kings Mountain, Mrs. C. D. Gamble, Waxhaw, and Mrs. Guy Roberts, Shelby. One brother, B. A. Smith, of Kings Mountain, survives. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Another son, Eddie Smith, succumbed in 1948.

Bank Stockholders Re-Elect Officers At Tuesday Meeting

Meeting shortly after the 49th annual stockholders' meeting Tuesday directors of the First National Bank voted two important changes in policy, according to announcement by President Frank R. Summers.

They are: (1) to pay two percent interest on savings accounts on amounts up to \$1,000; and (2) to eliminate service charges on checking accounts of churches, church organizations and certain other non-profit organizations.

The directors also voted to install an air-conditioning system in the bank, the installation to be completed by the current summer.

Penalty On Taxes Applies February 1

Penalty on unpaid 1949 tax bills will apply February 1, City Clerk and Treasurer, S. A. Cruse reminded this week.

Though a large portion of the city tax levy has been paid, there still remains a sizeable portion which is as yet uncollected.

Ralph Elliott Named Officer Of Ginners

Ralph Elliott, husband of the former Miss Sara Mae Falls of Kings Mountain, was elected one of two vice-presidents of the Carolina Ginners Association in annual session at Shelby last week-end.

Mr. Elliott, who lives in the Sharon community, had formerly served on the association's board of directors. He is well-known in Kings Mountain.

Building Permits

Building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week to Paul Cole, on Jan. 6, for addition of room to residence on McGinnis street, \$150, and to E. W. Griffin, on Jan. 5, for addition of room to residence on West Mountain street, \$1,200.

To Receive Award

Ladd W. Hamrick, former Kings Mountain citizen, will be one of three men in the 11-county Piedmont council to receive the Silver Beaver award for service to Scouting at the annual meeting of the council in Gastonia on Tuesday night.

Other items of the report showed income from water and light deposits at \$2,040, income from court costs and fines at \$4,536.82, and from privilege licenses \$6,678.39.

Parking meters had returned \$9,914.53 to city coffers, but \$1,525.62 of this figure had been applied to paying for the meters.

Other expenses

Paul Byers Owner Of Puro Station

Paul Byers, well-known Kings Mountain service station attendant, is now owner of the Pure Oil Service Station, located on the corner of West King street and Battleground avenue in the former location of the bus station.

The station was formerly leased from the Puro Company by Jack Arnette. Mr. Byers was a station attendant during that time.

The station will offer car repair and washing and greasing service and will carry a complete line of Puro gas and oil products, Mr. Byers said. The firm will also be dealer for Yale tires and tubes and batteries.

The building has been recently remodeled and is completely modern in appearance.