Population
City Limits (1940 Census) 6,574.
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Construction Of Kings Mountain Hospital Is Underway

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued during the last week to Warren Reynolds, on Tuesday, for construction of two-four room houses on Second street, cost $4,000, and to E. T. Plott, on last Friday, for a supply house on Mauney avenue, cost $200.

GUEST SPEAKER

The First Presbyterian church will have as its guest Sunday, Mr. John Reagan of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. Mr. Reagan will speak at the Sunday School assembly period, the Youth Fellowship at 6:00 and at the evening worship service at 7:30 p. m.

CLUB NIGHT

Regular monthly Club Night will be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday night. Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock, with dancing and bridge to follow, according to announcement by Bruce McDaniel, chairman of the arrangements committee.

LEGION FEED

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a fried chicken supper at the Legion Building off York Road Saturday night, beginning at 6:30. Price of the supper will be 75 cents per person.

IN HOSPITAL

Miss Irene Allen, bookkeeper at Belk's, is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital where she is undergoing observation and examination for a spine ailment. She entered the hospital Tuesday.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH SERVICE

Boyce Huffstetler, pre-ministerial student at Wofford College, will deliver the message at Sunday evening services at Grace Methodist church Sunday night, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Fink.

Polio Fund Below Quota

Unless there's some extra digging into the pockets, Kings Mountain will fall shy of its $5,000 quota for the March of Dimes, W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman said Thursday.

Mr. Mauney said about $3,500 was in hand, and he estimated another $700 "in sight," indicating a final total of some $4,200.

Numerous reports are still to be received, Mr. Mauney said, including some business gifts, some industrial gifts, and some industrial employees gifts.

He asked that all campaign solicitors complete their work as quickly as possible and turn in the funds to J. C. McKinney at the First National Bank. Mr. McKinney is treasurer of the fund.

Last Friday's golfing stunt for the fund proved quite interesting, with Gaither McCombs, Shelby golf pro, holing out here over an hour ahead of schedule. His cross-country golf tour from Shelby to Kings Mountain required 147 strokes. Of seven persons who correctly guessed the score, four man of the polio fund campaign were from Kings Mountain. They were Bruce McDaniel, Joe A. Neisler, Colin Huffstetler, and Dr. P. G. Padgett.

Kay McCarter Fund HONOR ROLL

Previously acknowledged	$ 935.67
Mrs. Chico McGinnis	5.00
Dupree High	1.00
Ray McKee	2.00
3 Friends	3.00
Pauline Mill Employees	113.50
Leroy Hammett	.50
Henry Ford	.50
Byers Grocery Customers	16.02
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Byers	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Spearman	5.00
J. H. DeBrew, Shelby	1.00
Mr. Jones, Gaffney, S. C.	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. W. C. Putnam	5.00
Oscar McCarter	1.00
Dewitt Patterson	1.00
Francis Greene	1.00
Mrs. Walter Greene	1.00
Mrs. Cleave Davis	1.00
Mrs. O. K. White	1.00
Alex Greene	5.00
Total	$1,107.39

Note: Last week's acknowledgement of a $25 from the Civilian Relief Agency should have read "Red Cross Civilian Relief Fund."

Phone Exchange Personnel Uninformed on Walkout Plans

TO SING HERE — Richard Maxwell, above, nationally known radio singer and philosopher, will appear in person in a special benefit program for the Veterans Hospital program at Central Methodist church Monday night at 7:30. Also in the company are Ivy and Al Walsh, inspirational singers. No admission will be charged. Maxwell formerly played a role on the NBC Seth Parker show.

Both Company, Union In Dark On Situation

Just what the picture will be at the local Southern Bell telephone exchange, should a walkout call be issued as threatened for Monday morning, could not be learned by the Herald yesterday.

Spokesmen for both management and union of the Kings Mountain exchange professed lack of knowledge concerning the possible pattern, should a walkout be called.

Mrs. Robert McDaniel, manager of the Kings Mountain office, said she had received no information whatsoever concerning the possible strike and what service, if any, the exchange would be able to give if the walkout is called. In the 1947 walkout, supervisory employees maintained emergency service during the strike.

A local member of the union estimated that about 50 percent of the personnel of the Kings Mountain exchange belongs to the union. Local members are affiliated with the Gastonia local. She said no word had been received as to strike policy.

Former Citizen Slain Wednesday

A former Kings Mountain man was shot in the back and killed in Greenville, S. C., Wednesday morning.

Robert Thomas Gregg, 24, an overseas veteran of World War II, died around 8:30 a. m. Wednesday upon arrival at a Greenville hospital, according to Deputy T. L. Ridgeway.

Annie Ruth Cobb, 33, of Greenville, is being held under $1,500 bond after admitting that she had shot Gregg during a "spat" and after he had thrown part of a stoveat her, the officer said. The incident took place around 8:15 a. m. the officer said.

She admitted also she had been living with Gregg for the last two years and that they had not been getting along very well for the last year because of his jealousy of her husband and other men. She said that she and her husband had not been divorced.

The shooting reportedly took place in the bedroom of a house owned by the woman. They had been "arguing all night" she was quoted as saying.

The woman admitted owning the gun and stated that Gregg had threatned her with the weapon before. He had slept with the gun under his pillow the night before the shooting, she said.

The victim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Gregg, moved to Blacksburg, S. C., about a month ago, it was learned.

Thomasson Is Hughes' Manager

Charles F. Thomasson, Jr., well-know Kings Mountain man, has been named manager of Hughes Clothing Company, according to announcement this week by Clyde K. Hughes, of Union, S. C., owner of the haberdashery.

The firm, formerly Saunder's Men's Shop, was recently purchased by Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Thomasson served as a salesman with the Saunders firm for the past several months.

The son of Mrs. C. F. Thomasson and the late Mr. Thomasson, he formerly operated Thomasson's Builders Supply and formerly was a salesman for an Atlanta paint concern. He attended Oak Ridge Military Institute and the University of Florida.

He is a member of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the First Presbyterian church. He is a director of the Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, a member of the city zoning commission, and a past director of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

MEETINGS CLOSE

A series of meetings will close Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Church of God. The meetings have been conducted by Rev. E. L. Moore of Clayton, N. C. In the afternoon there will be a singing. Many trios and quartets have been invited. All local surrounding churches have been invited.

WITH STERCHI'S—Charles A. Goforth, Jr., well-known Kings Mountain man, has joined the sales staff of Sterchi's. He was formerly associated with Dellinger's Jewel Shop.

Goforth Joins Sterchi Firm

Charles A. Goforth, Jr., well-known Kings Mountain man, has joined the sales staff of Sterchi's according to announcement this week by E. C. McClain, manager.

Mr. Goforth, for the past three years, has been a salesman at Dellinger's Jewel Shop. He was formerly associated briefly with Sterchi's when the firm operated a jewelry department.

Mr. Goforth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goforth, Sr. He is a navy veteran of World War II, a member of Central Methodist church and a director of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

"We are happy to announce Mr. Goforth's addition to our furniture sales staff," Mr. McClain, said, "and to announce that he is again associated with Sterchi's."

J. P. Mauney Home Robbed January 25

Gaston county sheriff's department reported a robbery at the home of Dr. J. P. Mauney on January 25th.

Thieves made away with some $350 worth of antique jewelry according to Detective Mike A. Jones, of the Gaston office. He stated that the act occurred between 3 and 4 p. m. on last Wednesday.

The home is located in Gaston county, just outside the Kings Mountain city limits.

Detective Jones had no developments to report on the case.

McCarter Child Was To Undergo Operation Thursday At 8 A. M.

Kay McCarter, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McCarter, was to undergo her operation for correction of a serious heart ailment at Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass., at eight o'clock Thursday morning.

No word had been received here at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The child was provided the operation — which required removing of a section of the aorta, large artery supplying blood to the lower extremeties of the body — through the generosity of Kings Mountain citizens who have contributed more than $1,100 to assure her a chance to live. Dr. Robert E. Gross, noted surgeon, was to perform the operation.

Another interesting feature of the community effort to help save the child's life was arrangements through the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter for the supplying of blood for transfusions. After learning that the child would probably require large quantities of blood, local Red Cross officials made arrangements for the transfer of blood from the local area bank to the Boston bank, Mrs. J. N. Gamble said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McCarter are in Boston awaiting the outcome of the operation.

Prior to leaving for Boston, the parents asked the Herald "to thank the people of Kings Mountain for their generosity."

"We are unable to express our appreciation," Mrs. McCarter said.

Legion Post Votes For Junior Baseball

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, voted to continue the junior baseball program at a meeting of the organization held at the building on East Gold street Tuesday night.

John Gladden, membership committee head, announced that the club has 246 members signed for this year, an increase over last year's total.

The post is currently conducting a membership drive with each member being asked to secure a new member this month.

Veterans who served in the armed forces from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1917, and from December 7, 1941, to September 2, (Cont'd on page twelve)

PREACHING HERE — Rev. Boyd C. Kistler of Colfax, N. C., will speak at special Youth services at the First Wesleyan Methodist church Saturday evening, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and on Sunday evening. This will climax a week of activities for the young people of the church. On Friday evening, Miss Laura Bell, school Bible teacher, will speak at the church. The evening services will begin at 7 o'clock.

Teachers Attended NCEA Conference

A large delegation of Kings Mountain teachers attended a leadership conference of the North Carolina Education association in Lincolnton Wednesday.

The program included discussion of state and federal legislative activities with respect to schools, and NCEA activities on local and state levels.

Attending from Kings Mountain were Miss Lois Watson, local president, Mrs. Helen G. Neal, president of the Gaston county unit, Supt. B. N. Barnes, Mrs. Juanita Warren, Mrs. W. T. Weir, Mrs. C. F. Thomasson, Jr., Mrs. Dan Finger, and Misses Katherine Dowd, Annie Roberts, Helen Logan, Marie Lineberger, Alice Ridenhour, and Margaret Goforth.

BAND CONCERT

The Kings Mountain high school band will render a free concert in the Central school auditorium February 23, 8 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Hambright Rites Conducted Here On Monday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lizzie Wells Hambright, 84, who died Sunday morning at 10:35 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. O. Weaver, were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from First Baptist church, with burial following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, Rev. Ralph Farar, of Clover, S. C., and Rev. John W. Suttle, of Shelby.

Mrs. Hambright had been seriously ill for the past several months and her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. Hambright has lived in Kings Mountain for the greater part of her life, though she was a citizen of Clover for some 30 years. She was the daughter of the late A. V. and Lucy Ann Wells and the widow of George Frederick Hambright, organizer and first president of the First National Bank of Clover, S. C. At the time of her death, Mrs. Hambright held a directorship in the bank of which her son, is now president. She was a native of Cleveland county and was a member of the Clover Baptist church.

Surviving are eight children. They include Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. H. V. Herndon and Mrs. C. C. Whisnant, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. R. L. Barber, Greenville, S. C., Mrs. E. D. Howser, Charlotte, Mrs. Steve C. Griffith, Newberry, S. C., and Mrs. A. N Sifford and James D. Hambright, both of Clover.

Five sisters survive, Mrs. B. G. Barber, Mrs. S. S. Weir, Mrs. B. G. Logan, and Mrs. W. G. Hughes, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Andrew McCarter, of Clover.

Also surviving are 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Prior to the funeral rites, the body lay in state at the church for a half-hour.

A large floral offering indicated the esteem in which Mrs. Hambright was held by those who knew her.

Active pallbearers were Nevete Hughes, Conrad Hughes, W. T. Weir, Dan Wells, Ben Wells and Marion Logan.

Home B. & L. Had Good Year

Stockholders of the Home Building & Loan association met in annual meeting at City Hall January 26, heard reports on a prosperous 1949 and re-elected directors for the coming year.

Report presented by A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, showed the association had made 146 loans during 1949 totaling $266,838.51, including 88 for the construction of new homes, 31 for the purchase of homes, and 27 for other purposes.

Mr. Patterson reported an increase in total assets of about $80,000, and an increase in mortgage loans of about $90,000 for a nine percent increase. He reported that the association holds a total of 458 mortgage loans, and that $7,000 had been added during the year to the reserve account.

Other items included: number of shareholders totaled 1,282, including 117 Negro shareholders, and the association paid a total of $23,143.23 in dividends to shareholders (at the rate of three percent) during 1949. Stock held by shareholders on December 31, 1949, totaled $823,516.02.

Mr. Patterson called attention in his report to the deaths during the year of J. B. Thomasson, charter member and long-time officer of the association, and of Z. F. Cranford, who had served for many years on the board of directors.

Directors re-elected included, in addition to Mr. Patterson, Dr. J. E. Anthony, G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, J. G. Patterson, L. L. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, B. S. Feller, and B. D. Satterfield.

Following the stockholders meeting the directors re-elected all officers. They are: Dr. J. E. Anthony, president, G. A. Bridges, and J. H. Thomson, vice-presidents, and A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

Regular Friday afternoon story hour will be conducted at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. W. B. Thomson as story-teller and Mrs. E. T. Plott, hostess. Miss Nancy Dickey, student at WCUNC, conducted the story-hour period last week. The period is designed for children from grades one through eight.

Harris, Abbott Head Red Cross Fund Drive

Quota Not Yet Received; Group Chairmen Named

Ollie Harris and L. E. Abbott will serve as co-chairmen of the 1950 Red Cross Fund Drive in Kings Mountain, it was announced this week.

The annual fund campaign will begin on March 1.

Quota for the Kings Mountain drive has not yet been received, Mr. Harris said, pending information from area headquarters.

Plans for the annual fund drive were formulated Tuesday night at a meeting of Red Cross directors.

Committee chairmen already named include: Sam Stallings, industrial division; business solicitations, Dr. Nathan H. Reed, and Dr. D. F. Hord; house-to-house solicitations, Mrs. Mary B. Goforth; publicity, Haywood E. Lynch; rural division, Hal Ward. Still to be announced are chairmen of the several rural communities in Mr. Ward's division.

The co-chairmen, local Red Cross officials and several committee members are planning to go to Charlotte Friday to attend a regional meeting of Red Cross officials.

Further facts concerning the campaign, the quota and other details are to be announced in the near future.

Funeral Friday For J. B. Self

Funeral rites for James B. Self, 63, who died Wednesday afternoon at Shelby hospital, will be held Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at Central Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brendall, officiating, assisted by Rev. Kelly Dixon. Burial will be in Bessemer City Memorial cemetery.

Mr. Self, who lived on Grover Road, suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday. Prior to that time he had been in apparent good health. He was a mason and contractor.

He was the son of the late Aaron and Sarah Wacaster Self.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Black Self, a daughter, Mi[illegible] se[illegible] a[illegible] in[illegible] Mr[illegible] Se[illegible] b[illegible] w[illegible] a[illegible]

TO MANAGE FIRM—Dan Huffstetler, above, announced this week plans for opening of a new furniture store here. The new firm will be known as Baird Furniture and will be managed by Mr. Huffstetler.

New Furniture Firm To Open

Kings Mountain will have another retail furniture store within the near future, according to announcement this week by Dan Huffstetler, partner and manager of the new firm.

The name of thecompany will be Baird Furniture and it will be located in the new Morrison building just being completed at the corner of Gold and Cherokee streets.

Partners in the new firm will be Fred Baird, manager of Baird Furniture Company, of Shelby, and Mr. Huffstetler.

According to Mr. Huffstetler, a large amount of purchases have already been made and they expect to open by February 10.

Both Mr. Baird and Mr. Huffstetler were formerly associated with Sterchi's, Mr. Baird having managed the Shelby store for a number of years, and Mr Huffstetler having been a salesman with Sterchi's here for almost four years.

Mr. Huffstetler is a member [illegible] of the Kings Moun[illegible] mber of Ma[illegible] rch, and a [illegible] Mountaineer [illegible]

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LEGION SQUARE DANCE

Regular Friday night Square Dance of the Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Legion building off York Road, beginning at 8 o'clock. Hamrick's String Band will furnish the music. The public is invited.

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High School To Hold Career Day Program Wednesday; 16 Speakers

Annual Career Day will be held at Kings Mountain high school next Wednesday, with some 16 specialists in as many different vocations to be on hand to give students practical advice on what field they might someday want to enter.

Announcement of the program, to be an all-day affair and with all members of the high school participating, was made by Miss Elizabeth Hunt, chairman arrangements for the Career Day program.

Miss Hunt said that each student will have his choice of hearing the discussions in three vocational fields. Group sessions will be held following a chapel program at 8:45 a. m. and in another assembly session at 1 o'clock, designated students will make two-minute talks summarizing the 16 discussions on vocations.

Leading the discussion groups will be: law, Faison Barnes, Kings Mountain attorney; teaching, Miss Bessie Simonton, retired Kings Mountain teacher; art, Mrs. Jean Girth, Bessemer City; civil service, M. C. Falls; textiles, Martin L. Rhodes, of Belmont, superintendent of the state vocational textile school at Belmont; dairy farming, H. P. Dixon, manager of Archdale Farms; dentistry, Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentist; phography, Timm Hord, Shelby and Kings Mountain photographer; watchmaking, T. W. Grayson, Kings Mountain jeweler; business secretary, Miss Lillian Self, of Shelby's National Business College; medical secretary, Dean Paul H. McEwen and Miss Mary Beth Hurst, of Lees-McRae college, Banner Elk; radio technician, Luther Cansler, Kings Mountain, and electrical engineering, Charles Bryant, Sr., Gastonia.

In addition, a representative of Eastern Airlines will discuss commercial aviation, representative of the Charlotte Observer will talk on various phases of newspapering, and service recruiting sergeants will discuss the vocational careers available in the army, navy and marine corps.

In addition to Miss Hunt, the arrangements committee for the program includes Miss Helen Logan and a number of students members.

Ground Broken For 50-Bed Unit Tuesday Morning

Work on the construction of Kings Mountain's 50-bed, 24-room hospital began Tuesday.

Crosland Construction Company, general contractors for the $221,000 plant, had a bulldozer on the scene Thursday, plus several trucks, busy with the job of shaping up the site for actual building.

Here superintending operations Thursday were William P. Crosland, of Columbia, head of the contracting firm, and Caroll P. Reid, construction superintendent of the Kings Mountain job.

Mr. Crosland estimated the building of the Kings Mountain hospital would require about six months.

Funds for the hospital are being provided jointly by the county, state and federal governments. County funds were voted some three years ago in a special hospital bond issue, which provided $160,000 for a hospital here and $240,000 for improvements to the county hospital at Shelby.

The construction of the hospital provides for building of a 25-car parking area in front of the building, in addition to parking areas for hospital personnel and doctors.

W. K. Mauney, member of the county hospital board of trustees, is treasurer of the Kings Mountain project.

The building will be of modern construction and architectures, as designed by Walter W. Hook and Associates of Charlotte.

The hospital site on West King street adjoins Blackmer & Company, the Kings Mountain Country Club and R. S. Plonk estate properties.

Hullender Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Sara Clark Hullender, 70, were held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Presbyterian church, interment following in the Hullender family cemetery off Cherryville Road.

Mrs. Hullender was found dead in bed last Friday morning about 9 o'clock. Death, which had occurred about three hours earlier, was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of York county, Mrs. Hullender was the widow of John A. Hullender. She had lived here about 50 years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are one son, Jack Hullender, and four grandchildren.

Prior to the funeral rites, the body lay in state at the church for an hour.

Lawson Rites Held Thursday

Final rites for Dilliard B. Lawson, 49, who died in a Shelby hospital Wednesday afternoon after a month's illness, were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Church of God.

Rev. Frank Petrucelli, pastor, was in charge of the services and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ada Phillips Lawson; the following children, Phillip, Bobby, Billy, Harvey, Johnny, Tommy, Bessie, and David, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Beulah Owens of High Point; three sisters, Mrs. Woodrow Hawell and Mrs. James Sinclair of Union, S. C., and Mrs. Ross Poteat of Woodway, Va. and one brother, Benton Lawson of Converse, S. C.

Merchants Banquet To Be February 13

Annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will be held at the high school cafeteria Monday evening, February 13, at 7:30 p. m., according to announcement this week by T. W. Grayson, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Wade Saunders, Gastonia lawyer and humorous speaker, will make the chief address of the evening, and the program will also feature installation of new officers and directors for 1950-51.

The event will be the customary employer-employee affair, and tickets are limited to 200. Ticket reservations may be made by calling W. G. Gentry, ticket chairman, or W. Faison Barnes, secretary.

Other members of the committee include, L. E. Abbott, Yates Harbison and E. E. Marlowe.