

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

KINGS MOUNTAIN BECOMES BUS FLAG STOP DuCourt Plant To Be Auctioned March 25th Love Says Companies Are "Out on Street"

Local News Bulletins

SEEKS OFFICE Fred A. Hill, former highway patrolman here, announced recently that he would be a candidate for sheriff of Stanly county. Now living in Albemarle, Mr. Hill seeks to win the Democratic nomination.

CLUB DIRECTORS Directors of the Kings Mountain Country Club will hold a dinner meeting at the club Friday night at 7 o'clock, it was announced by Olive Harris, secretary. Full attendance is requested.

MCBEE SUCCEDES Funeral rites for Elias McBee, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Hilton Ruth, of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday in High Point. Mr. McBee, veteran superintendent of public works in High Point, died Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

BAND CONCERT The Kings Mountain school band concert which was scheduled for next Thursday night has been advanced to March 15. Joe Hodson, band director, announced this week. The concert will be given in the high school auditorium.

LEGION FISH FRY Members of Otis D. Green post 155 will hold a fish fry at the Legion Building off York Road Saturday night, from 7:10 to 9:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

TO ATTEND MEETING A number of Kings Mountain Jaycees and their wives are expecting to attend the third quarterly board meeting of the state Junior Chamber of Commerce organization at Greensboro Saturday and Sunday. Among those expecting to attend are Jacob Cooper, district vice-president, Kings Mountain; President Grady Howard, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Faison Barnes, Ralph Spearman, and Joe Hedden.

JAYCEE MEETING Regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night. The program session will be turned over to I. Ben Goforth, Jr., it was announced, who will discuss plans for the forthcoming Jaycee minstrel.

ATTEND CONFERENCE R. L. Mauney, Paul Spayne, W. L. Mauney and Rev. W. H. Stender attended the Southern Conference of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina on Wednesday. The conference, held at St. Martin's Lutheran church in Albemarle, was a workshop on "Evangelism," on which the Synod is placing major emphasis for 1950.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR Mrs. Gary-Allen Still will serve as story-teller at the regular Friday Afternoon Story Hour period at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, with Mrs. Paul E. Hendricks as hostess. The period begins at 4 o'clock and is designed for children from grades one through eight.

McCartor Child Leaves Hospital

Key McCartor is out of the hospital and considered out-of-danger by her doctor, her mother Mrs. Kelly McCartor, told the Herald Thursday morning. The nine-year-old child underwent a major operation in Boston February 23 and joined her mother, Mrs. Kelly McCartor of the Peter Brent hotel, she is able to be up, but has been instructed to remain in bed, with no step-climbing and much rest. The doctors are to give her a final check-up on Monday, and if she continues to improve as anticipated, will leave for home with her mother on Tuesday. Mrs. McCartor told the Herald.

Trustee Named On Wednesday For Bankrupt

DuCourt Mills, Inc., is to be sold at public auction at a bankrupt sale on March 25th, according to information given the Herald Thursday by M. J. Follin, vice-president in charge of the loan department of Pilot Life Insurance Company. The DuCourt company was adjudicated a bankrupt in the full meaning of the word on Wednesday, and the court appointed Franklin Eilenbogen, of New York City, trustee. This action followed acknowledgement last week by George Duckowney, who had been representing the creditors of the defunct firm, that he had not been successful in reorganizing the company to the satisfaction of the creditors.

Pilot Life Insurance Company holds first mortgage on the property for \$150,000, plus accrued interest. In addition, the Pilot company has assumed certain other obligations on a temporary basis, prime one being payment of the plant's water bill. The city had threatened to cut off the water supply for non-payment, and this development helped to produce the crisis which resulted in appointment of the trustee. Pilot paid the city the \$602.50 water bill Thursday morning, City Clerk S. A. Crouse reported.

Also outstanding are city and county tax bills for 1948 and 1949 which are payable prior to satisfaction of secured creditors.

"Pilot Life has been trying to force action on the DuCourt matter for several months," Mr. Follin told the Herald by telephone from his Greensboro office. "However, the referee in bankruptcy felt we were secure and wanted to give the DuCourt company sufficient time to reorganize. Pilot is particularly interested in getting the plant back in operation," Mr. Follin continued.

The DuCourt Company purchased the plant from Burlington Mills for a reported price of \$1,000,000. DuCourt operated steadily until January 1949 when it closed down completely and the company filed petition in bankruptcy.

Impact of the shut-down on the community was hard, as the plant, at full production had employed some 250 to 300 persons.

BAKER'S CONDITION The condition of R. C. Baker, prominent Kings Mountain grocer who underwent an emergency operation at Gaston Memorial hospital Monday night, was reported as fair on Thursday morning. Mr. Baker was rushed to the hospital Monday evening and his case was diagnosed as a ruptured stomach ulcer. Except for what he thought was an attack of indigestion three weeks previously, Mr. Baker had been in apparent good health.

Surprise in Store For City's 2,150 Water & Light Customers

By Martin Harmon The city's 2,150-odd light and water customers will get a surprise when February billings are posted March 1.

The surprise does not regard adoption of a new electric rate, recently under discussion, nor special discounts for early payment.

It will be a new card-type statement, carrying the same information and the same good or bad news (depending on the particular customer's consumption), that the old-type bills carried, but it will be a handy-sized card, reflecting progress in the city's bookkeeping department and the result of capital investment designed to cut over-head. Biggest saving will be in postage and stationery. The old-type triplicate bill was costly to print, costly to prepare, and costly to mail. At the current card rate of one cent, the city will save \$23 monthly on its postage bill. Should Congress pass the presently advocated bill to up card rates to two cents, the saving would still be \$21.50 per month, and more customers are being added regularly. Another big saving anticipated is in the overhead by the city's

Red Cross Campaign Quota Here Is \$5,533

Fund Drive Is To Begin On March 1st

Kings Mountain's 1950 Red Cross Fund Drive quota will be \$5,533, it was announced yesterday by Olive Harris, who with L. E. Abbott, is co-chairman of the drive.

Mr. Harris said that of the total \$5,533, \$1,000 will remain in Kings Mountain for Number 4 township use by the Kings Mountain chapter, with the remaining 25.1 percent going to the national organization.

This means that \$4,443.13 is earmarked for local use, with \$1,388 going to the national organization.

Mr. Harris also announced that Mott Taylor, local dry cleaner, will head the colored division of the campaign.

The drive will get underway on Wednesday, March 1, with a kickoff breakfast of campaign committee chairman at the Kings Mountain Country Club, Mr. Harris said.

"Most of us are aware that \$5,533 is a large sum of money to raise," Mr. Harris said, "but I am confident the job can and will be done."

"With an estimated population in Kings Mountain alone of 3,000, the quota figures out to only about 92 cents per person.

"The Red Cross is Kings Mountain's only social service agency operating at home all the time. It's therefore especially necessary that the quota not only be met, but exceeded if possible."

54 Complete Aid Training

A total of 54 Kings Mountain high school students are to receive certificates signifying their completion of Red Cross first aid training, it was announced this week.

The instruction, given by Mrs. Hill Carpenter, is designed to aid in the prevention of accidents.

Those qualifying for the certificates are: Marcelene Spake, Ruth Strickland, Marjorie Tesse, Joan Thomason, Wilma Walker, Annie Mae Whetstone, Madge Wright, Betty Wright, Rachel Blaaton, Sue Bridges, Shirley Bumgardner, Ann Childers, Martha Cole, Joann Crawford, Ruby Crawford, Ruth Crawford, Nan Jean Gault, Betty Gladden, Hazel Green, Martha Green, Ka-

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Merchants' Annual Banquet Monday

A capacity audience is expected to fill the high school cafeteria Monday evening at 7:30 for the annual Employer-Employee banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Chief address of the evening will be made by Wade Saunders, Gastonia lawyer and humorous speaker.

Other features will include a prize drawing for the ladies, reports on the past year's work by association officers, and installation of new officers for 1950-51.

New Electrical Firm Opens Here

City Electric and Plumbing Company, Inc., is announcing this week the opening of its Kings Mountain branch.

The new firm, which specializes in sales of virtually all types of appliances, electric and plumbing fixtures, is also offering electrical repair and electrical and plumbing contracting services.

Officers of City Electric and Plumbing Co., Inc., are Roy J. Bullard, Jr., of Bessemer City, president; Fred R. Lovelace, of Bessemer City, vice-president; and Charles W. Harrill, of Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Harrill will serve as manager of the Kings Mountain branch, which is located in the new Morrison Building, at 206 East Gold street.

The corporation first opened for business in Bessemer City on February 8, 1947. Mr. Harrill joining the firm on November 6, 1948. Mr. Bullard will continue to manage the Bessemer City branch.

Mr. Harrill, a navy veteran of three years service, during which he lost a leg in action in the South Pacific, has lived in Kings Mountain since childhood. He is a native of Rutherford county. His wife is the former Miss Dorothy Harmon. He is a member of Central Methodist church, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was previously employed by L. A. Hoke, electrical contractor.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Scism

Mrs. Mary Ellen Wright Scism, 74, wife of W. A. (Bert) Scism, prominent farmer on route 1, Kings Mountain, died last Friday around 3:30 p. m. of a heart attack. She had been in ill health for a number of years.

Funeral services were held at Patterson Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. G. C. Teague, pastor, and Rev. John W. Suttles, of Shelby, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was a daughter of the late Philip and Jane Hamrick Wright and was a native of Cleveland county. She was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist church. She served faithfully and took much interest in affairs of the church.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Earl, Gattus, Raymond and Thurman Scism, all of Kings Mountain, four daughters, Miss Louise Scism, Mrs. Lloyd Phifer, Miss Olive Mae Scism and Miss Ruth Scism, all of Kings Mountain, a sister, Mrs. Susan Griggs, of Kings Mountain, a brother, David Wright, of Kings Mountain, two half-sisters, Mrs. Elsie Champlin and Mrs. Essie Pearson, of Shelby, and four half-brothers, Josh and Will Wright, of Shelby, Buford Wright, of Lawndale, and Forrest Wright, of Salisbury.

Funeralbearers were Gene Patterson, Edwin Moore, Grady Scranton, Earl Palla, R. T. Vasey and Tom Bridges.

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Kings Mountain B. & L. Report Shows Good '49

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association held their annual meeting in the offices of the association on Thursday evening, February 9, re-electing all officers and hearing reports on operations for 1949.

The reports, given by Secretary-Treasurer J. C. Lackey, showed that the association had an active and prosperous 12 months, the association closing the year with total assets of \$685,340.79.

Mr. Lackey reported addition of \$16,325 to the reserve fund for contingencies, which totaled on December 31 \$40,345.

At the same time the association paid out in dividends to shareholders during 1949 a total of \$25,988.53, divided as follows: on full-paid stock \$8,831.16; on optional savings shares, \$4,639.86; on matured shares, \$9,942.51; on prepaid stock, \$2,575.

The association closed 1949 with a total of 1,028 shareholders including 112 colored citizens.

During the year the association made 378 loans, including 120 construction loans, 40 loans for the purchase of homes, eight refinancing loans (on property mortgaged to other agencies) and 105 for other purposes. Mortgage loans of the association at the end of the year totaled \$601,316.24.

The directors were to meet on Thursday evening to organize for the current year.

Directors of the association are: B. Hudson Bridges, Dr. L. P. Baker, W. M. Gantt, C. W. Huihender, R. L. Mauney, C. F. Thomason, W. K. Mauney, J. C. Keller, J. R. Davis, and J. C. Lackey.

Mrs. Gold's Guardian Seeks Cash Recovery

Suit was started last Friday morning in Cleveland Superior court by Solon L. Beam, guardian of Mrs. Eva Gold, against Glee A. Bridges, executor of the estate of R. C. Gold, to collect \$8,404.50.

The plaintiff contends that after the death of R. C. Gold, the defendants qualified as executor of the estate at the request of Mrs. Gold and received from her \$7,254 in government bonds and also collected certain additional amount in rents. The plaintiff contends that the defendant used undue influence in securing these sums and that demand has been made upon the defendant to turn these amounts over to the guardian, who was appointed on January 5 this year. This demand has not been complied with it is alleged.

Mr. Bridges told the Herald Tuesday that his attorney, J. R. Davis, was formulating an answer to the complaint and that it would be filed in the near future.

Capacity Throng Attends Annual Kings Mountain District Banquet

More than 200 Scouts, Cubs, Scouters and other guests were present Monday night for the annual Kings Mountain district banquet held at the Woman's Club.

The group heard an inspirational address by Rev. George Schott, Jr., pastor of Calvary Lutheran church of Spencer, and heard reports on the past year's program.

Other features included presentation of 16-year service pins to Scoutmasters Jack Huihender and Laney Detmar, the latter introduced as the "Dean of Scouting" in Kings Mountain.

It was announced that the Cub Scout pack of the ARP church was rated first in the pre-banquet uniform inspection with a score of 93. Other ratings included: Troop 2, 90; Troop 5, 88; Troop 1 and Lutheran Cub pack, 87; Grace Methodist Cub pack, 78; and Macedonia Cub pack, 74.

Rev. Mr. Schott, in his address, pointed to the failure of the world in developing youth, and appealed for full support of the Boy Scout organization and other youth programs.

Mr. Schott pointed out that the major portion of this nation's criminals range in age from 17



IN SENATE RACE—Shown above are Senator Frank P. Graham, left, and Robert Rice Reynolds, right, who are major contestants for the U. S. Senate nomination in the May Democratic primary. Former Senator Reynolds, who retired from politics in 1944, defies the North Carolina East-West tradition in seeking the office. He had been rumored as a candidate against Shelby's Senator Clyde Hoey, before his announcement that he would oppose Graham for the unexpired portion of the term of the late J. M. Broughton.

Negotiations On Bus Station Break Down

Kings Mountain today is a bus flag stop.

This development occurred Thursday when officials of the bus companies operating through Kings Mountain were unable to work out arrangements with Lindsay McMackin, owner of the property where the East King Street terminal has been located for the past few months, to continue a rental.

Clayton Love, representing Queen City Trailways, told the Herald at 3:50 Thursday afternoon that the companies had no alternative except to make the city a flag stop until better arrangements could be made.

Also here for negotiations with Mr. McMackin and in efforts to secure a terminal operator to replace Jake Yelton, who resigned effective Wednesday, was J. A. Livingston, of Atlantic Greyhound Corporation.

"On behalf of my company, and I am sure I can speak for Greyhound too," Mr. Love said, "I am deeply regretful of these developments. However, I want to assure the public, particularly those who depend on bus transportation for conveyance, that Queen City will endeavor to remedy this situation as quickly as possible."

"Meanwhile, bus drivers of both companies will be instructed to stop along the route to pick up passengers, as they have been doing where possible since the terminal was moved," Mr. Love continued.

Many people, since the terminal has been moved, have been flagging the bus at the corner of Battleground and King, where the terminal was formerly located.

"We're out on the street," Mr. Love told the Herald.

Mr. McMackin has told the Herald Tuesday that he was "tired of messin' and changing." He had contemplated, he said, making the required additions to his property in the way of rest rooms and waiting rooms, but, he added, he was unwilling to go to the expense unless the operators were willing to enter into long-term contracts for the property. He was also unwilling, he added, to rent again to an individual manager, when it appeared the bona fide management more than a few weeks.

Leon Pridgen, around 35, of Lancaster, S. C., was bound over to Superior court on a charge of hit-and-run driving in action taken at regular weekly session of City Recorder's court, held at City Hall Monday afternoon with Judge W. Faison Barnes presiding.

Pridgen is accused of knocking down Ada Worley and a small boy on York road near the city limits around 11 a. m. on February 9th. He was arrested in Lancaster that night after Walter Carroll, Jr., of Gastonia, had given Kings Mountain police the license number of the vehicle Pridgen was driving at the time.

The woman was hospitalized after the accident but was released.

A total of 23 cases were heard according to a study of court records on file at City Hall. Nine defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Edward McNear, 27-year-old Negro school teacher who was charged with hit-and-run and reckless driving in an accident on January 18th in which Mrs. Ledford was injured, was taxed with the costs of court.

Paul Stephenson Neely, Manchester, Ga., who was arrested and charged with reckless driving after an accident on East King street near Dilling street on January 28th in which four cars were involved, was fined \$10 and costs.

Other cases heard include: Case against Alfred Plato Rich, of Gastonia, charged with reckless driving, fined \$35 and costs. Chester Smarr, attorney, \$51 and costs. Claude Washington Johnson, of

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Cagers In Semi-Finals Play Friday at 7:30

Capacity crowds are expected Friday night for the semi-final games of play in the Junior college conference basketball tournament which is scheduled to go down to the wire in the finals Saturday night at Central gymnasium.

Friday night's first game is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 o'clock and pits the winner of Thursday afternoon's opening game between Asheville-Biltmore and Mitchell 48.

Thursday Scores: Asheville-Biltmore 48, Mitchell 46. Spartanburg 61, Mars Hill 50.

more and Mitchell against the winner of the Belmont Abbey-Lees-McRae game Thursday night.

The second game Friday night will pit the winner of the Thursday 5 o'clock game between Spartanburg and Mars Hill against the winner of the Thursday night game between Gardner-Webb and Brevard.

Saturday night's play will pit the losers of Friday night's games in the opener, with Friday's winners squaring off for the title.

Spartanburg edged Gardner-Webb Tuesday night 63-62 at Bolling Springs for second place in the schedule race and forced a last minute switch in the brackets of tournament play.

Belmont Abbey and Lees-McRae ended regular play with identical 7-6 records, Brevard took down sixth place, Mars Hill seventh and Mitchell eighth.

The semi-finals—all four teams set to play Friday night—(Cont'd on page eight)

Rites Held For L. L. Guyton

Funeral services were held at Grace Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Luther Lawrence Guyton, 45, of Great Falls, S. C., and a former resident of Kings Mountain who died in a hospital at Lancaster Saturday morning.

Rev. G. W. Fink, pastor, and Rev. C. Y. Cooley and Rev. B. F. Austin officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Guyton had suffered a heart attack about two weeks previously and died after having suffered two additional attacks.

He was a son of the late John J. Guyton and Mrs. Frances Cobb Guyton, who survives. He was born in Cherokee county, S. C., and had lived in Kings Mountain for 25 years. He was a textile worker.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carrie Ballard Guyton, two daughters, Mrs. James Suttles of Great Falls, and Miss Peggy Guyton of the home, two brothers, Coley L. and Otto Guyton, of Kings Mountain, and four sisters, Mrs. J. P. Todd, Miss Ruth Guyton, Mrs. Leon Hamrick and Miss Lottie Guyton, all of Kings Mountain.

Funeralbearers were Old Moss, Forrest Moss, Clyde Templeton, Neal Allen, Erickard Roof and Johnny Gardner.

HARMON IMPROVED T. N. Harmon, well-known Kings Mountain man, who has been a patient in Gaston Memorial hospital for the past week, was reported much improved Thursday morning. Though in declining health for the past 18 months, Mr. Harmon had been able to be up prior to becoming ill the night of February 9.

FUGLITY CHAIRMAN Mrs. Paul Mauney has been named publicity chairman of the Red Cross blood program. It was announced this week by Harold Hunicutt, blood program chairman for the Kings Mountain chapter. Mrs. Mauney succeeds Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Jr.