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Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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Local News Bulletins

JOINS FUNERAL HOME
Robert L. Moss, of Gaffney, S. C., has joined the staff of Harris Funeral Home here, it was announced this week by Ollie Harris. Mr. Harris said that Mr. Moss has six years experience in this type of work in Gaffney. The Moss family will move this week into an apartment at the Elia Harmon home on E. King street.

STORY HOUR
Regular Friday afternoon story hour period will be conducted at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. J. S. Evans, Jr., as story-teller and Mrs. Luther Candler as hostess. The program is designed for children from grades one through four.

GOLF MEETING
An important dutch supper meeting of the golfing members of Kings Mountain Country Club will be held at the club house Friday night at 7:30 o'clock according to announcement by Buck Presley, golfing manager of the organization. All club golfers are urged to attend the meeting. Mr. Presley said, as several important items are listed in the business agenda.

HAMILTON SPEAKER
Charles Hamilton, Gastonia lawyer and candidate for Congress from the 13th Congressional district, was to be the speaker at the Charter Night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night.

GAULT SAFE FOUND
The safe belonging to Gault's Grocery, stolen several weeks ago and containing \$18 in cash and important papers, was found this week in Long Creek near Bessemer City. The door to the safe had been sawed off its hinges and the cash and papers removed.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permits were issued Thursday to Roy Mauney, for construction of a garage on Myers street, cost \$135, and to J. E. Amos, for construction of a new five-room dwelling on Wilson street, cost \$3,000. Permit was issued on March 2 to C. J. Gaulk, Jr., for construction of a new six-room dwelling on Goforth street, cost \$4,954.

Union Service Drama Sunday

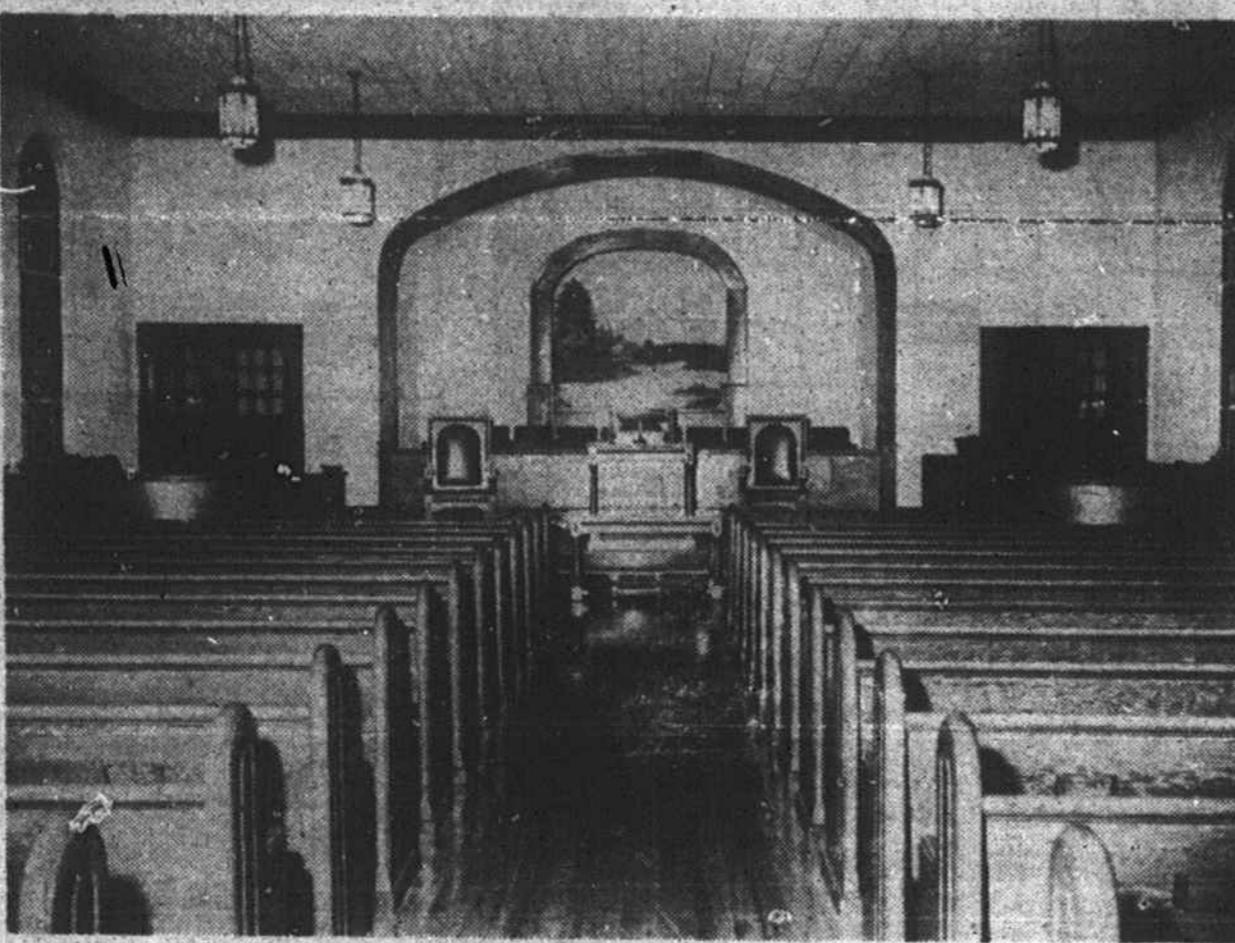
The courtroom drama, "Prisoner at the Bar," will be given at the local High School Auditorium on 7:30 Sunday evening March 12, according to an announcement by Rev. J. H. Brindall. The meeting is sponsored by the First Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, A. R. Presbyterian, Grace Methodist, and Central Methodist churches.

The drama, taken from actual court records, includes a large cast of local characters. Judge W. Faision Barnes will preside, and Aubrey Mauney will serve as counsel for the defendant. David Neill will act as usher, and David Saunders will play the part of the fingerprint expert. Miss Mary Belle Teague will be an important witness for the prosecution, and Miss Mary Ann Beam will take the part of the prisoner's little daughter. Arthur Crosson will serve as clerk of court. Chief Norwood Fair will act as bailiff, and Robert Neill will be the foreman of the jury.

Local Students Attend Convention

Four delegates, Cornelia Gant, Mary McElveen, John Warlock, and Donald Patterson accompanied by faculty sponsor, Mrs. W. T. Ware, attended the state convention March 3-4. Highlights of the convention was Senator Frank Graham's address "Scholarship and Co-operation." He said that whenever a mind and a book gets together great things such as Watt's steam engine, or Mrs. Spencer's aid in reopening the University of North Carolina after the Civil War occur.

The local chapter served on the placement committee and helped select scholars who will attend the convention in 1951.



TEMPLE BAPTIST AUDITORIUM—Shown above is the interior of the newly-completed auditorium of Temple Baptist Church, which celebrated its fifth anniversary Sunday. Sunday morning services were the first held in the completed edifice. Seating capacity of the auditorium is 350. Rev. W. F. Monroe is pastor of the church.

Solvay Plant Leased To Mineral Company

Contract Is Let On Oak Grove Road

Contract was let Tuesday for the paving of the Oak-Grove Kings Mountain road to A. S. Thompson, Contractor, Inc., of Rutherfordton, N. C.

The Kings Mountain road-paving job is included in a general project for Cleveland-Gaston counties totaling 19.6 miles. Contract was let for the 10.6 at \$131,623.31.

Lewis S. Peck, of Shelby, said he had not yet learned the probable starting time on the Oak-Grove-Kings Mountain paving.

Contracts were awarded by the State Highway commission Tuesday.

Band Concert Next Thursday

The Kings Mountain school band, under direction of Joe Heden, will present a Mid-Winter concert at the high school auditorium next Thursday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock.

The band will play a full repertoire of selections, including overtures, waltzes, novelties, popular tunes and marches, Mr. Heden said.

The program will also include the selections to be played at the district band contest in Salisbury on March 23.

No admission will be charged for the concert, and the public is being urged to attend.

Masons Will Formally Open New Lodge Home At Meeting Monday

Kings Mountain Masons move into their new home in the recently completed Morrison Building Monday night with a stated communication stated to get underway at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting will be attended by visitors from surrounding lodges and refreshments will be served.

The new Masonic Hall is located in the second floor of the building on Gold street. The Lodge is separate from the banquet room and kitchen to be operated by Dr. D. M. Morrison, owner, and occupies about half of the upstairs of the building.

The organization, Fairview Lodge 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is one of the oldest in Kings Mountain, with a charter issued December 8, 1874. Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Lodge was observed at a ladies' right banquet on January 17, 1949.

A total of 23 men have headed the organization since it was organized according to Arnold W. Kincaid, present Worshipful Master. The organization numbers 43 members.

Oldest member in point of service is C. T. Cornwell who has been in the organization here for 45 years.

All members of the organization are expected to attend the meeting Monday night.

Bids Are Asked On City Bonds

Sealed bids for \$18,000 in bonds of the City of Kings Mountain will be received at the office of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh until 11 a. m. March 21, according to legal notice appearing in today's issue of the Herald and according to action taken at the city board meeting on Wednesday.

The bonds are being sold in accordance with action of the board several months ago, with \$9,000 listed as sanitary sewer bonds, and \$9,000 as water bonds.

Of the total, \$8,450 is earmarked for city purchase of water and sewer lines in Crescent Hill, and for water lines on Landrum street.

The bonds are to be issued in denominations of \$1,000, under date of April 1, 1950, with principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National City Bank, in New York.

The plant went into production in early 1943, after several months of testing and building, and was closed in March 1945. It has not been operated since that time.

Power To Be Off Twice On Sunday

Unless you arise by 6:15, you might as well sleep until 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

Power will be cut off Sunday morning from 7 a. m. to 8 a. m. and on Sunday afternoon, from 2:30 to 3 o'clock, while Duke Power Company does some maintenance work, it was announced by the city to their patrons.

DUCOURT SALE

Properties of DuCourt Mills, Inc., bankrupt, are to be sold at auction at the U. S. courthouse, Foley Square, New York, next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Upset price is \$345,000.

The bonds are being sold with the approving opinion of Mitchell and Pershing, New York bond attorneys.

Bidders are requested to name the interest rate, not to exceed six percent, and in multiples of one-fourth of one percent.

The city will mature the bonds at the rate of \$1,000 annually, beginning April 1, 1952, and continuing to 1957, and at the rate of \$2,000 annually from 1958 to 1963.

Each bid is to be on a form furnished by the Local Government Commission and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$360.

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Final interment rites for Private Haskell Thrift, who was killed in action in France on November 30, 1944, during World War II, will be held at Mountain Rest Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. E. O. Gore, pastor of Oak View Baptist church, and Rev. Howard Haynes, of Pineville, will officiate and members of the American Legion will serve as honorary pallbearers.

A memorial service was held on February 18, 1945, at Oak Baptist Church.

Pvt. Thrift was a member of Co. C, 10th Armored Infantry battalion, when he was killed. He had entered the service on April 5, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He went overseas in September, 1944.

He was employed at Phenix Mill No. 2 before entering service and was a member of Oak View Baptist Church.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thrift, now live in Rock Hill, S. C.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pauline Hope Thrift, and two daughters, Hazel Dorene and Paulette Thrift, all of Kings Mountain, three brothers, Howard and Irvin Thrift, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Earl Thrift, of Shelby, and three sisters, Mrs. Rufus Hale and Mrs. Walter Ramsey, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. David L. Atkins, of Rock Hill, S. C.

He moved to the Dixon community many years ago and acquired large land holdings. He was also a textile worker at one time.

Survivors include five sons, Hubert, Dan, George and Charles Stewart, all of Kings Mountain, and Ray Stewart of the U. S. Airforce, stationed in California, two daughters, Mrs. Howard Haskin and Mrs. James Owens, of Kings Mountain, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SYMPHONY CONCERT

The North Carolina Little Symphony under direction of Dr. Benjamin Swain, will play a children's concert at Central school auditorium on Wednesday, March 22, beginning at 2 o'clock. It was announced this week by Mrs. Pauline Mauney. The Symphony has presented free children's concerts here for the past several years.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$109,72 was collected from parking meters during the week which ended on Wednesday according to a report by S. A. Gandy, city clerk.

Bridges To File Answers To Suits In Gold Matter

Glee A. Bridges, executor of the estate of R. C. Gold, will file answers this week to two Superior Court suits which (1) seek recovery of certain bonds conveyed to him by Mrs. Gold, and (3) seek to recover two pieces of property conveyed to him by Mrs. Gold.

The suits, brought by Solon L. Bean, Mrs. Gold's brother and guardian by court appointment, allege that Mrs. Gold was incompetent at the time she made the conveyances.

In the answer, being drawn by D. Z. Newton and J. R. Davis, attorneys for Mr. Bridges, does not deny the fact of the conveyances, but does deny all other allegations, including the allegation that Mrs. Gold was mentally incompetent at the time the conveyances were made and further denying the allegation that the executor was endeavoring to take advantage of Mrs. Gold, pointing out that Mr. Bridges had cared for Mrs. Gold and the late Mr. Gold before Mr. Gold's death, and that, in accordance with the desires and intentions of the late Mr. Gold, Mr. Bridges would continue to properly care for Mrs. Gold during the remainder of her life.

The answers point out that Mr. Gold's personal property and effects were left to Mrs. Gold for lifetime use, with the remainder, at Mrs. Gold's death, to go to Mr. Bridges.

The answers admit that Mrs. Gold was not competent on January 5, 1950, date Mr. Bean was appointed her guardian, but deny that she was incompetent on the dates the conveyances of bonds and property were made.

Mr. Bridges further states in the answer:

"That on April 15, 1949, the only money defendant had as executor of the aforesaid will was \$153 deposited in the First National Bank of Kings Mountain, North Carolina; and that, in talking with Mrs. Eva Gold about the conveyances of bonds and property were made.

Mr. Bridges further states in the answer:

"That the answers admit that Mrs. Gold was not competent on January 5, 1950, date Mr. Bean was appointed her guardian, but deny that she was incompetent on the dates the conveyances of bonds and property were made.

The answers further state that the conveyances of bonds and property were made in good faith, in accordance with the wishes of the testator.

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Town of Grover Requests K. M. To Furnish It Fire Protection



CHARTER PRESENTED—Harold England, 1st president of the Kings Mountain High School Key Club, school service organization, is shown receiving the club's charter from Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, of Salisbury, former president of Kiwanis International. In brief remarks at last Thursday night's Kiwanis meeting, at which Key club members and their parents were guests, Dr. Armstrong commended the Kiwanis club for its work in organizing the high school club.

Prior to the presentation, Kiwanians and their guests heard an address by Charles Ervin, also of Salisbury, and a past Kiwanis governor. Mr. Ervin urged continued effort at development of leadership among the young people in the community.

Paul Mauney, on behalf of Neils Mill's Pauline plant, appeared before the board to ask replacement of a four-inch water line on Walker street, pointing out that Neils could not now get sufficient insurance coverage on this plant, due to insufficient water pressure. After the board stated a lack of money for replacement, and after a survey of the water line system in this area, Mr. Mauney indicated that the mill itself would install the line on the South side of Walker street. The board, in turn, agreed to write the state highway department for right-of-way permission. Walker street is owned and maintained by the state highway department.

Otherwise the board disposed of routine business, passing resolutions for sale of \$18,000 in water and sanitary sewer bonds on March 21, and to provide for tax refunds to J. E. Herndon in the amount of \$126 and to Graham Thornburg in the amount of \$2,000, correcting a clerical error in the instance of Mr. Herndon's 1949 tax bill, and refunding to Mr. Thornburg for a house (Cont'd on page eight)

Jaycee Minstrel To Be Repeated

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, following successful showing Tuesday night of "Jaycee Minstrels" of 1950, will do a "by popular demand" repeat performance of the show at the high school auditorium Saturday night, March 18.

Announcement was made yesterday by Jaycee officials, who also announced that the repeat performance would be at lower prices of 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

It was also announced that the Minstrel Parade, rained out Tuesday afternoon, would be conducted on the afternoon of March 18 at 3 o'clock.

Tuesday night's showing, presented before a crowd of more than 300, was reeled off in 90 minutes of rapid-fire entertainment which brought frequent laughter and applause from the audience.

Among the high lights, in addition to minstrel-type jokes spun at the expense of several prominent citizens by the black-faced minstrel men, were solo renditions by D. D. (Salty) Saunders, B