

Population

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

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LAST TWICE-A-DAY MAIL DELIVERY FRIDAY



PLAY HERE WEDNESDAY—Ernest Mauney, left and Miles Mauney, right twin duo-pianists, will play a full-dress duo-piano concert at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, beginning at 8:30.

Mauney Twins Play Concert Wednesday

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$159.50 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued at City Hall to First Church of the Nazarene, on Monday, for remodeling old church into a seven-room parsonage, \$1,500, and to Fred J. Wright, Jr., on last Friday, for addition of one room to residence on West Gold street, \$900.

STORY HOUR

Regular Friday afternoon story hour will begin at Jacob Mauney Library at 4 o'clock. Mrs. James B. Simpson will serve as story teller, with Mrs. David Hamrick as hostess. The story this week will be for children from the first through the fourth grades.

LEGION SQUARE DANCE

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold their final square dance at the season at the Legion building Friday night beginning at 8 o'clock. The dance is open to the public.

CONTRACT LETTING

Bids will be opened on 6.5 miles of grading, paving, and structures from a point three miles east of Shelby east and south via Oak Grove to U. S. Highway 74 at Bethware school on April 28, according to announcement by the State Highway and Public Works commission.

FINALS FRIDAY

Jean Cash will represent Kings Mountain high school in the finals of the annual Schoolmasters reading contest to be held Friday night at 8 p. m. at Hamrick auditorium, Gardner-Webb college, Boiling Springs. Jean Lynch won the medal in 1949 and became the 17th Kings Mountain student to win the medal in the past 22 years.

Mrs. Goforth's Mother Succumbs

Funeral rites for Mrs. A. B. Jones, mother of Mrs. L. Ben Goforth, Jr., of Kings Mountain, were held in Lynchburg, Va., on Saturday.

Herndon Says City To Employ Administrator

Mayor J. E. Herndon said Wednesday that he and members of the city board of commissioners are currently interviewing individuals with a view to employing a city administrator.

He said a committee from the city board was interviewing a man on Wednesday, though he declined to name him.

Previously, he added, two other applicants have been interviewed.

Mayor Herndon said the board hoped to employ a city administrator in the near future, and that the board would exhaust all possible means in an effort to secure an able administrator.

The city has been without a full-time administrator since December, when the board, by four to one vote, relieved J. S. Evans, Jr., of his duties as city engineer.

Since that time several civic organizations have offered resolutions urging the board to employ an administrator at the earliest possible moment.

"The board recognizes the need for a full-time administrator," Mayor Herndon told the Herald, "and it hopes to make an announcement concerning the matter within the near future."

Census-Taking Still Underway

Census-taking in Kings Mountain was still underway this week and Doris Blalock, Number 4 Township crew leader, said it would probably be another week before the "completed" tag could be put on the Kings Mountain file.

Rural census-taking will take longer, he added.

Mr. Blalock declined to estimate the final population total of the city, but did say he anticipated "considerable gain" over the figure of 1940.

Meantime, the Herald's census-guessing contest came to an end last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock when a rush of incoming blanks with guesses as to the 1950 total.

Only two ballots were received with postmarks after the deadline, but many people reported they forgot to get in on the guessing game.

There is no indication yet, as to when the \$15 award to the person guessing nearest the final total can be made.

The award will be made on the basis of the official count, and that, of course, will have to await final tabulation in Washington.

Ernest Gardner, of Shelby, estimated Tuesday that the census-taking '50 in the 11th Congressional district was 46 percent complete. Last Friday, a total of 133,278 persons had been enumerated in the district and 7,765 farms had been enumerated.

Gardner is assistant district supervisor.

HEADS CHAPTER RALEIGH

George R. Tolle, of Kings Mountain, a junior in civil engineering, has been elected president of the N. C. State College Chapter of Mu Beta Psi, national honorary music fraternity, for the 1950-51 school year.

County Primary Races Are Set; Six Are Without Opposition

Deadline for filing for county political offices passed at 6 p. m. Saturday, and final-day filings for the May 27 primary were routine and without any last-minute surprises.

A total of six candidates for county offices have no opposition and are automatically 64 Democratic nominees: They are incumbent Coroner Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain; Clyde Nolan, of the State Senate; Incumbent B. T. Falls, Jr., for the state house of representatives; Incumbent F. A. Houser, Jr., for clerk of superior court; Bynum Weathers, for solicitor of Recorder's Court; Mrs. Lillian Newton, for county treasurer; and Dan R. Frazier, for county surveyor.

Dettmar, Hullender Get Kiwanis Awards



TO JAPAN — Miss Marion Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, will leave April 28 for Tokyo, Japan, where she has accepted a position with the civil service branch attached to the United States army.

Lions To Fete Ladies Tuesday

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club will hold their twelfth annual Ladies Night banquet at the Woman's Club Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:30.

Featured address of the evening will be given by H. F. Seawell, Carthage lawyer and humorous speaker, according to announcement by Sam Stallings, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The program will feature special music, and other unusual features.

C. P. Barry will give the invocation, and W. L. Plonk will present Mr. Seawell. Otto Williams will superintend the prize-drawing for ladies, Rev. J. H. Brendall will welcome the ladies and Mrs. Martin Harmon will give the response.

President Sam Weir will introduce special guests.

Mr. Stallings said he was expecting a capacity crowd for the annual event. Other members of the committee on arrangements include Mr. Williams, T. W. Grayson and Horace Hord.

J. K. (Buddy) Lewis, J. R. Bradshaw To Coach Legion Baseball Juniors

J. K. (Buddy) Lewis, of Gastonia, former major league baseball player who rose from the ranks of the American Legion junior baseball program, will coach the 1950 Kings Mountain team.

Coach Lewis will be assisted by J. R. Bradshaw, also of Gastonia, according to W. L. Plonk, athletic officer of Otis D. Green Post 155.

Organizational practice session for candidates for the 1950 Kings Mountain junior baseball team will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 p. m. at City Stadium it was announced yesterday.

Boys born since January 1, 1933, are eligible for the team which is drawn from the Kings Mountain - Bethware - Grover - Seawater City area. Every candidate is urged to be present Saturday at the first session.

Coaches Buddy Lewis and J. R. Bradshaw will not attend the first session but are to begin work with the team on April 29th.

Officials of the team also announced a movie scheduled for the Legion building on Monday night at 7:30 p. m. and urged all candidates to attend.

Post 155, sponsor of the Kings Mountain team, who made the announcement.

The new coaches played junior baseball in Gastonia on the same team in 1934 and served a tour of duty as coaches in the program in 1938 in Gastonia after making distinguished records as players.

Coach Lewis jumped into the major leagues in 1938 in a Washington Senators uniform after a year's prep work at Chattanooga. He played a number of years as a third baseman and finished his career during the 1949 season in the outfield, having switched

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Scoutmasters Win Unselfish Service Honor

Two veterans Kings Mountain Scoutmasters — Laney Dettmar and Jack Hullender — are recipients of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's 1950 award for unselfish service.

The awards were announced by Rev. W. L. Pressly, chairman of the Kiwanis committee on the award, at the annual Ladies' Night banquet of the organization on April 13.

Rev. Mr. Pressly noted that Mr. Dettmar had served for 19 years as a Scoutmaster in Kings Mountain, and that Mr. Hullender has served 16 years.

"I wish to point out," Mr. Pressly said "that both these men have been members of working committees in the Scout organization for all these years, rather than on standing committees. He pointed out that serving as a Scoutmaster requires a minimum of 52 nights a year for regular meetings, not to mention Courts of Honor, special functions, camping trips and the various other requirements of a Scout leader.

Members of the award committee, in addition to Mr. Pressly, were W. S. Fulton, Jr., and Drace M. Peeler.

The awards highlighted the annual banquet, which featured an interesting, fun-filled program of entertainment, including a humorous address by Alan Newcomb, Greenville, S. C., radio artist and author, on the "Psychology of Laughter."

Interviewing his philosophy of laughter with a continuous stream of humorous stories, Mr. Newcomb variously defined laughter as "the window-trimming of life," as a "shock-absorber," and as "the lubricant of life."

He described humor as the best method for relieving tensions and suggested that all persons develop the habit of laughing at others and at themselves.

Another feature of the program was special music by Latvian Violinist Viktors Ziedonis, now of Shelby, with Miss Velta Ilaters, another Latvian as accompanist. Mr. Ziedonis and Miss Ilaters

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LOCAL MANAGER, CANDIDATE — Shown above are J. G. Darracott, left, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, and Woodrow Jones, right of Rutherfordron, candidate for Congress from the 11th Congressional district. Mr. Darracott will manage the "Jones-for-Congress" campaign in Kings Mountain according to announcement this week by Mr. Jones.

Darracott Is Named Jones Manager Here

Woodrow Jones, of Rutherfordron, candidate for Congress from the 11th Congressional district, announced this week that J. G. Darracott, prominent Kings Mountain civic and church leader, would manage his campaign in Kings Mountain.

Mr. Jones, a two-term state representative from Rutherfordron county, is opposed for the Democratic nomination by Charles E. Hamilton, J. Nat Hamrick and Mickey Walker.

Mr. Darracott told the Herald that organization of the "Jones-for-Congress" campaign in Kings Mountain is already underway.

Mr. Darracott came to Kings Mountain from Abbeville, S. C., in 1938 to open Western Auto Associates store, an enterprise he operated successfully for almost 12 years. He recently sold the business to Haywood E. Lynch.

Since coming to Kings Mountain, Mr. Darracott has been prominently identified with the civic and religious life of the community. He is a former president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, Kings Mountain Merchants association, and has taken an active part in the work of the Red Cross and other charitable groups. A former member of First Presbyterian church he was instrumental in the organization of Dixon Presbyterian church and is an elder in the Dixon church.

"I am very pleased to have a man of the caliber of Mr. Darracott directing my campaign in Kings Mountain," Mr. Jones said in making the announcement.

Baptist Revival To Start Sunday

Annual spring revival will begin Sunday at First Baptist church with Dr. J. C. Canipe, of Hendersonville, preaching in a twice-a-day series of services.

The services will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening through Sunday, April 30.

Song leader for the series will be Roland Leath, of Shelby.

"We are indeed happy to present Dr. Canipe to our church and to the community," Rev. L. C. Pinix said in making the announcement. "It will be a real revival of Bible evangelism."

Funeral Held For Mrs. Haynes

Funeral services were held at Kings Mountain First Church of the Nazarene Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock for Mrs. Brentie Florence Haynes, 67, of Monte Vista Drive who died early Tuesday morning in a Gastonia hospital after an illness of several years.

Rev. H. E. Crump, pastor of the church of which she was a member, officiated and was assisted by Rev. John Gregory. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Monroe and Anna Michael Weaver and was a native of Catawba county. She had been a resident of Kings Mountain for the past 10 years and formerly lived in Cherryville.

Survivors include her husband, W. C. Haynes, five sons, Russell Haynes, of Granite Falls, Ernest Haynes of China Grove, Rev. Howard Haynes, of Spartanburg, S. C., Roy Haynes, of Kings Mountain, and Hal Reed Haynes, U. S. Army, New Mexico; four daughters, Mrs. Dorae Whitesides, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Clyde Dills of Gastonia, Mrs. Hazel Plyler, of Pineville and Mrs. Jack Jenkins, of Gastonia; one brother, Dan Weaver, of Gastonia, and two sisters, Mrs. George Armstrong, of Kannapolis, and Miss Ethel Weaver, of Gastonia.

Graham Says Survey Due Soon On Two-Lane Road To Gastonia

Joseph Graham, ninth division highway commissioner told the Herald Monday, that the highway division hopes to have a completed survey of an additional two-lane road between Kings Mountain and Gastonia within the next five to six months.

Other pronouncements by the Commissioner included:

(1) Next local area rural road scheduled for hard-surfacing will be in the Bethlehem community.

(2) Re-routing of Highway 29 outside the city is more futuristic, due to necessity for agreement between the South Carolina highway department, the federal government roads commission, and the regional road-planning board, as well as North Carolina officials.

(3) No change is contemplated on the present in-city route of Highway 74, though the road (E. King street) is to be widened



WOODROW JONES, OF RUTHERFORDTON, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS FROM THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. MR. DARRACOTT WILL MANAGE THE "JONES-FOR-CONGRESS" CAMPAIGN IN KINGS MOUNTAIN ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK BY MR. JONES.

K. M. Postoffice Received Order For Curtailment On Thursday

Friday will be the last day of twice-a-day mail delivery here, as the Kings Mountain postoffice complies with the order of the Postmaster General to pare deliveries and otherwise cut expenses of operation.

Announcement of the change was made Thursday by Postmaster W. E. Blakely, immediately after receiving the new instruction in the Postal Bulletin, date of April 18.

The postoffice department had asked Congress to either increase rates or boost appropriations to avoid a large deficit. Congress had done neither, and the paring program was the result.

Other than the immediate cessation of twice-a-day carrier delivery and parcel post delivery, it was not yet determined what other effects the changes would have on operations at the Kings Mountain postoffice.

Basic idea behind the service curtailment order was to save on salaries and wages, the Postmaster General said, and he further stated that salaries and transportation form 96 percent of total postoffice expenditures.

One result of the new policy here will surely be that many people will not receive their daily mail until the afternoon.

Postmaster Blakely and other local postoffice employees were still studying the 36-point directive on Thursday for possible effects on service and personnel.

Among the points in the directive was that third-class mail is not to receive preferential treatment.

No hope of succor to persons wanting to receive their mail more quickly was held out to local citizens through the medium of renting postoffice boxes. All boxes at the Kings Mountain postoffice are currently rented and there already existed a waiting list of persons who wish to rent boxes.

England Wins Hoey Contest

A Kings Mountain high school senior walked off with the Hoey medal for the second straight year as Harold England won the annual county-wide declamation contest for boys held at Gardner-Webb college at Boiling Springs on Thursday night, April 13th.

The seventeen-year-old student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. England and advanced to the county finals after winning the annual Davis contest held at Kings Mountain high school on March 24. He was adjudged winner of the Hoey contest over five other contestants.

His subject was "A Stranger Within Our Gates."

England was awarded the Davis medal in 1949 after winning first place in the contest held that year but the medal went to Kel and Mrs. J. Wylie Blanton, won England became the 10th Kings Mountain winner in the last 15 years. Principal Rowell Lane said this week.

Faison Barnes To Head Jaycees

Faison Barnes, prominent Kings Mountain lawyer, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1950-51 at the meeting of the organization Tuesday night.

Other officers named included: Dr. D. F. Hord, first vice-president; Ralph (Frosty) Spearman, second vice-president; Dean Payne, secretary; I. Ben Goforth, Jr., treasurer; and Yates Harbison, sergeant-at-arms. Directors named included James (Stumpy) Houser (one year), and J. T. McGinnis, Fred Weaver, and F. R. McCurdy (all for two years).

Prior to the election of officers, Faison Barnes welcomed four new members to the club. They are: Dr. L. T. Anderson, Fred Hawthcock, Billy Phifer and Charles Moss, Jr.

Henry Fetters, president of the Albemarle club, was present at the meeting, brought greetings from his organization and extended to the local Jaycees invitations to attend a district meeting at Albemarle on April 28, and the club's ladies night party on May 1.

Commenting on the rural road program, Mr. Graham said he thought the road-building program was going well and referring to his promise made here several months ago in an address to the Lions Club, added, "I trust Kings Mountain doesn't feel quite as much like a red-headed stepchild as it did."