

Population

City Limits 7,193
(Final Unofficial Census 1950)
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for last week totaled \$153.57 according to a report from the office of the city treasurer.

CROSBYS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Crosby have moved into the residence at 409 S. Battleground Avenue. They formerly resided on Pre-nix street.

LEGION SUPPER

A ham-and-egg supper will be served members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, at the Legion building Saturday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m., according to an announcement by Paul Mauney, commander.

STANBURY HERE SUNDAY

Dr. W. A. Stanbury, district superintendent, will deliver the Sunday morning sermon at Central Methodist church in the absence of Rev. J. H. Brendall who is on vacation.

JAYCEES TAKE HOLIDAY

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will not be held on Tuesday, according to an announcement by W. Faison Barnes, president. The meeting was suspended due to the July 4th holiday, Mr. Barnes said.

HOLIDAY FISHING

Persons wishing to fish at the City lake on July 4th are being reminded this week that the city office will be closed on July 4th, and they are requested to purchase their fishing permits on Monday.

AT FORT BELVOIR

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Among 10 ROTC cadets arriving here this week from North Carolina State college for a six-week training program was George R. Tolleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tolleson, Kings Mountain, N. C. The current Engineer ROTC summer camp is the largest of any previous similar activity.

ON HONOR ROLL

MARS HILL. — The names of Demouth Blanton and Barbara Jean Matthews of Kings Mountain appear on the dean's honor list at Mars Hill College for the second semester of the 1949-50 term, released this week from the registrar's office. To be eligible for a place on the dean's list a student must earn a total of 40 quality credits with 1.0 grade below C. Last semester 87 out of approximately 900 students made the list.

Macedonia Enrolled 120 At Bible School

Closing exercises at the Macedonia Baptist church Bible school were held Wednesday night. A total of 120 pupils were enrolled for the school, and average daily attendance was 110. The school was directed by Miss Essie Maheny, who is serving with the Sunday School board of the Baptist State Convention.

Bible study, character training, missionary activities, and handwork suitable to the different ages were provided the faculty which included: Tom Smith, Superintendent of Sunday School, Miss Joyce Jenkins, Mrs. T. E. Moss, Mrs. Vada Herndon, Mrs. Ruth Lynn, Mrs. M. L. Holcomb, Miss Dutch-Cloniger, Mrs. John Weaver, T. E. Moss, Mrs. George Sellers, Mrs. Jess Jenkins, Mrs. Bertha Williams, M. L. Holcomb, and Mr. Williams. Those serving on the refreshment committee were Mrs. Mincie Page, Mrs. Ernest Vicks, Mrs. Baxter Smith, Mrs. M. B. Martin and Kossie Wright.

Rev. Gore Moves To Zionville

Rev. E. O. Gore, pastor of Oak View Baptist church, located several miles south of Kings Mountain on York road, has accepted a call to Zionville it was announced this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Gore, and son, Bobby, moved last week to the Watauga county town, located near Boone. He will serve as pastor of Silverstone Baptist church.

Sons Carl and Harley Gore will continue to live in Kings Mountain it was understood.

The well-known minister was pastor of Oak View church for the past eleven years, coming here to his first pastorate. Rev. Earl Oxford, of Rutherfordton, is serving as supply pastor.

Traffic Light System Approved At Rail Crossing

Mayor J. E. Herndon said Thursday that permission has been obtained from Southern Railway company to tie in a traffic light system with the railroad signal light at the Mountain street crossing and that the light system is already on order.

According to the installation plan, traffic signal lights will be erected at the corner of Battleground avenue and Mountain street and at the corner of Railroad avenue and Mountain street. The signal lights will be synchronized with the railroad's warning light. When a train approaches, the traffic lights will automatically flash a red stop signal to both eastbound and westbound motor traffic on Mountain street.

Effort to secure permission from Southern Railway for erection of the system began many months ago.

Erection of the system is designed to alleviate a bad traffic situation which has been constantly worsening. Motorists find it difficult to enter the heavily traveled Battleground avenue (also U. S. Highway 29) from Mountain street. At times eastbound traffic backs up across the rail tracks. Poor vision makes it difficult for westbound motorists to enter Battleground avenue safely.

Lions Officers Are Installed

Officers and directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1950-51 were installed at the meeting of the club Tuesday night.

J. W. (Bill) Osborne, Shelby lawyer, veteran Lion, and past secretary of the district, was the installing officer, and conducted a short, but impressive ceremony in which he outlined to each officer and group of officers the duties of the several offices.

Incoming President Otto (Toby) Williams received the president's gavel from retiring President Sam Weir and told the members of the club he anticipated "an active year."

"A good record for the coming year will require work on the part of each member," Mr. Williams said, "for the day of easy money has passed. I am confident that the forthcoming year will be a good one for the Lions club."

Other officers installed include: Tolly Shuford, Gene Patterson, and Horace Hord, vice-presidents; Dan Huffstetler, secretary; J. C. McKinney, treasurer; Sam Stallings, tail twister; Bob Osborne, assistant tail twister; and Bruce McDaniel, Lion tamer. Directors for the coming year include Dr. N. H. Reed, Hilton Ruth and Erle Powers, two years, and Rev. J. H. Brendall, E. E. Marlowe and Ollie Harris, one year.

Phenix Paying Holiday Bonus

Employees of the Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills will receive vacation payments this week totaling approximately \$13,500, Superintendent R. F. Daugherty has announced.

The payments to employees will be made immediately before the closing of the plant for the July 4 holidays. Persons who have been with the company from one to five years will receive approximately a week's pay (two per cent of annual wages) and those who have been with the company for five years or longer will receive approximately two week's pay (four per cent of annual wages).

FINAL SCORE

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Kirby and Cobb; Harkey and Gates

Miss Frelove Black Retiring On Friday From Postal Service

Kings Mountain citizens buying and cashing money orders Saturday morning will find a new face at the money order window, for Miss Frelove Black, veteran postoffice clerk, will close out her books for the last time on Friday afternoon after almost 31 years as an employee of the Kings Mountain postoffice.

Miss Black is retiring as of June 30, and Millard Prince will take over the duties of money order clerk.



OFF TO BEAUTY CONTEST—Miss Kings Mountain of 1950, 18-year-old Jean Cosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cosh, leaves Friday for Wilmington, where she will represent the city and local Junior Chamber of Commerce in the annual Miss North Carolina Beauty pageant at Wrightsville Beach Monday. Monday's program is a full one, beginning with a parade in the morning, followed by talent contests in the afternoon and the beauty eliminations in the evening. The contest is to be held at the Lumma auditorium.

Local Citizens Watch Korean Development

Kings Mountain citizens, along with the nation and the world, were watching the Korean war with crossed fingers this week. The big question was whether the Communist troops of North Korea would furnish the match to light the fuse of another World War.

Uniformly, the hope was that it would not. At the same time, the consensus of opinion in Kings Mountain appeared to be that the policy of the United States government in supporting the South Korean Republic is the proper one and that Russia, if bluffing, will continue her talking ways until her bluff is called.

Opinions of service veterans, most of whom were mustered out of army, navy and marine corps in 1945 and 1946, varied, but the possibility of entering uniform again was definitely on their minds. Some said they'd wait to be called. Others indicated they would volunteer of off-duty ratings held at time of discharge.

The development in Korea offered a much more serious note to the forthcoming departure on Sunday of the Kings Mountain National Guard unit for a two-week training period at Fort Jackson, S. C. Capt. Humes Houston, company commander, said he had received no word from headquarters, since the Korean blow-up.

The incident brought immediate extension of the draft law, though Secretary of Defense Johnson has said no immediate inductions are planned. The stock market and commodity markets reacted violently to the war news early in the week but had steadied somewhat by Wednesday.

standing out in Miss Black's long career, it is dependability. She estimates that she has missed not more than a total of three months in the three decades due to illness. An attack of flu kept her out for one period, and an attack of mumps did it another time.

During this period, Miss Frelove, as she is familiarly known, has worked for four Kings Mountain postmasters. She started to work when the postoffice was re-

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Miss Summers Gives Program For Her Recital

Miss Frances Summers, Kings Mountain soprano, will sing a four-part benefit recital next Thursday evening at the high school auditorium, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Proceeds from the recital will go to the civic club's fund for underprivileged children. Miss Summers announced yesterday a four-group program for the recital. The opening group will include 17th and 18th century Italian songs, and the second group will include 19th century German songs. Following intermission, Miss Summers will sing folk songs from the British Isles and from the United States, and the final group will include a miscellaneous group of melodies.

She will be accompanied at the piano by her sister, Miss Virginia Summers.

Tickets for the recital are obtainable from members of the Kiwanis club at one dollar for adults and fifty cents for students.

The recital program: GROUP I—"Presto, Presto, Io M'innamo-ro," Mazzaferatta, "Sebben, Crudele," Caldara, "Coro Selve," (from "Atalanta"), Handel, GROUP II—"Die Lotosblume," Schumann, "Vergleichliches Standchen," Brahms, "Die Mainacht," Brahms, "Widmung," Schumann, GROUP III—Airs from the British Isles—"Drink to Me Only With Thine eyes," "Londonderry Air," "All Through The Night," Folk Songs from the United States—"Shortin' Bread," "Grandma Grunts," "Home On The Range," GROUP IV—"Silent Noon," Vaughn Williams, "Cradle Song," Gretchaninoff, "Spinning-song," German folksong, "Let My Song Fill Your Heart," Charles.

Textile Plants To Close Week

A big portion of Kings Mountain citizens will be on vacation next week, as majority of textile plants close for the week beginning July 3.

Three plants will not suspend operations, including Loom-Tex Corporation, Sadie Mill company, and Craftspun Yarns, Inc. Park Yarn Mill, which has been operating on a four-day-per week schedule, will run five days this week and will resume operations on Wednesday morning July 5 and again work through Friday. Both the Sadie Mill and Craftspun anticipate vacations later.

Closing for the week will be Mauney Mill, Bonnie Mill, Kings Mountain Manufacturing company, Neisler Mills Margrace and Phillips plants, Mauney Hosiery Company and Burlington Mills' Phenix plant.

Majority of retail businesses will be closed in July 4th only. They will also close on Wednesday afternoon, July 5. The postoffice will be closed along with city offices, and the N. C. Employment office.

In general, drug stores and service stations will be the principal business establishments open.

Guard Unit Off For Camp Sunday

The 62 officers and men of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 120th Infantry Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, will leave Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for Fort Jackson, S. C., for a two-week encampment.

Capt. Humes Houston, commanding, said 56 men from Kings Mountain will make the encampment.

He stated appreciation to Kings Mountain employers for their cooperation in granting leaves of absence to employees who are members of the local company.

Final Rites Friday For Green Child

Funeral services for Tony Houser Green, three-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie H. Green, of route 3, who died at Shelby hospital Thursday morning around 10 o'clock after an illness of only a few hours, will be held at Oak Grove Baptist church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. Earl Armstrong, of Gastonia, will conduct the rites. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Laurinburg Manager Is Named Kings Mountain Administrator

Cleveland County Election Returns (Unofficial)

| Precinct | Smith | Graham | Jones | Hamilton | Cline | Allen | Elam | Hamrick |
|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| Dover | 149 | 68 | 160 | 54 | 98 | 121 | 121 | 95 |
| Bethware | 100 | 143 | 136 | 85 | 34 | 221 | 35 | 153 |
| Holly Springs | 140 | 41 | 138 | 14 | 100 | 80 | 120 | 53 |
| Youngs | 134 | 88 | 186 | 31 | 115 | 121 | 116 | 11 |
| Boiling Springs | 215 | 180 | 271 | 75 | 166 | 937 | 201 | 173 |
| Sharon | 68 | 84 | 96 | 43 | 65 | 87 | 109 | 38 |
| Patterson Springs | 208 | 76 | 215 | 51 | 80 | 209 | 171 | 104 |
| Earl | 192 | 58 | 186 | 43 | 121 | 128 | 163 | 78 |
| East Kings Mtn. | 493 | 319 | 457 | 341 | 290 | 538 | 329 | 467 |
| West Kings Mtn. | 530 | 373 | 553 | 318 | 303 | 608 | 375 | 499 |
| Grover | 180 | 54 | 131 | 92 | 106 | 132 | 83 | 143 |
| Waco | 183 | 115 | 180 | 95 | 116 | 161 | 145 | 155 |
| Shelby 1 | 178 | 559 | 871 | 341 | 592 | 676 | 760 | 389 |
| Shelby 2 | 680 | 410 | 765 | 311 | 534 | 534 | 623 | 500 |
| Shelby 3 | 472 | 351 | 599 | 199 | 335 | 502 | 472 | 356 |
| Shelby 4 | 499 | 264 | 541 | 204 | 303 | 462 | 414 | 354 |
| South Shelby | 358 | 307 | 476 | 175 | 294 | 388 | 372 | 302 |
| Queens | 119 | 100 | 178 | 37 | 38 | 183 | 141 | 82 |
| Double Springs | 138 | 53 | 132 | 42 | 81 | 107 | 118 | 69 |
| Lattimore | 200 | 109 | 230 | 58 | 100 | 211 | 180 | 123 |
| Mooreboro | 91 | 62 | 117 | 28 | 85 | 69 | 85 | 106 |
| Polkville | 236 | 193 | 304 | 102 | 208 | 223 | 292 | 125 |
| Delight | 42 | 53 | 63 | 21 | 73 | 21 | 60 | 31 |
| Lawndale | 237 | 292 | 420 | 104 | 261 | 274 | 363 | 171 |
| Failston | 234 | 113 | 239 | 83 | 157 | 198 | 189 | 145 |
| Double Shoals | 60 | 41 | 75 | 29 | 72 | 30 | 65 | 37 |
| Mull's | 207 | 105 | 230 | 47 | 203 | 114 | 214 | 81 |
| Casar | 121 | 60 | 141 | 19 | 113 | 64 | 89 | 78 |
| Totals | 7004 | 4701 | 8113 | 3042 | 5071 | 6760 | 6465 | 5018 |

Allen, Jones, Smith, Hamrick Lead Here

Kings Mountain Democrats voted early and often last Saturday, and when the counting was completed, the local folk had voted "right" for three of the four candidates, supporting Willis Smith for U. S. Senator, Woodrow W. Jones for 11th district Congressman and Haywood Allen for sheriff.

Kings Mountain was "wrong"—meaning that its favorite failed to win—in the recorder race, again giving a majority, as in the first primary, to L. T. Hamrick, Jr., in the race for recorder. However, Mr. Hamrick's margin over Rueben Elam, second to Hamrick in the first race by 31 votes, was not as great as in the first race on May 27th.

Haywood Allen was the most popular candidate of the four, followed by Woodrow Jones. Mr. Allen was accorded 1,367 votes at the Beth-Ware and two Kings Mountain boxes, to 627 for J. Raymond Cline, a lead of 740 votes.

Mr. Jones' vote for Congressman totaled 1,146, a lead of 402 over the 744 votes cast for Charles E. Hamilton, of Gastonia.

Mr. Smith led Senator Graham by 1,123 to 835, a lead of 288, and Mr. Hamrick led Mr. Elam 1,051 to 789, a lead of 262 votes. The pattern of votes was not too greatly changed from the first primary, as all the second primary leaders here led in the first.

The election was a quiet one, from the standpoint of conduct at the polls, and election officials reported no untoward incidents. Counting was completed quickly.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Gantt

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bessie Turner Gantt, 49, widow of Arthur Durham Gantt, were conducted Saturday afternoon from Central Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Brendall, conducted the rites, assisted by Rev. J. M. Barber, and interment was made in St. Luke's Lutheran church cemetery.

Mrs. Gantt died at Shelby hospital last Friday morning at 5:30. She had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on June 19, and she never regained consciousness. Though she had been in declining health for several weeks, her condition had not been regarded as serious. She was a native of Gaston county and a member of the Central Methodist church.

Surviving are a son, Arthur Eugene Gantt, and two daughters, Mrs. Keith Almond, Albenmarle, and Mrs. Packard Elliott, of Shelby. Active pallbearers were J. E. Mauney, B. S. Peeler, B. S. Neill, C. H. Aderholdt, H. O. Williams, C. T. Carpenter, Jr., H. R. Parton, and J. R. Davis.

Kings Mountain Country Club To Burn Mortgage Friday Night

Majority of the construction has been accomplished since 1946, though preliminary work on the golf course was done prior to World War II. In 1946, work on the clubhouse and golf course was resumed and the club was formally opened on June 20, 1947.

Manley K. Fuller To Assume Duties On August 1st

Manley K. Fuller, for the past three years, city manager of Laurinburg, has been employed as Kings Mountain's city administrator and will assume his new duties on August 1st. Announcement was made yesterday by Mayor J. E. Herndon. As city administrator, Mr. Fuller will fill the city's top executive position, a post that has been vacant since December 31. For the past several months, Mayor Herndon and the city board of commissioners have been interviewing applicants for the position.

The new city official is 50 years of age, a Methodist, and a former county auditor of Columbus county for seven years. A graduate of Duke university (then Trinity college), Mr. Fuller is married and the father of one son, who recently began practicing law in Hickory.

"We are happy to announce appointment of Mr. Fuller as city administrator for the City of Kings Mountain," Mayor Herndon said. "The board of commissioners is confident that he has the experience, ability and temperament to conduct the business of the city in a manner which will be most suitable not only to the board but to the citizens of the community."

"Our information is that Mr. Fuller has done a very effective job as city manager at Laurinburg," Mr. Herndon continued. "Mr. Fuller will come to Kings Mountain at an annual salary of \$5,700, plus an annual expense account of \$900."

Mr. Herndon said the incoming administrator was seeking a dwelling for rent or purchase. Mr. Fuller will fill the position formerly held by Joe S. Evans, Jr., and prior to that time by E. C. Brandon, Jr.

Juniors To End First Round Play

Kings Mountain's American Legion junior baseball team is scheduled to finish the 1950 first round schedule Friday night at Cherryville and was scheduled to play Lincolnton at Lincolnton yesterday (June 29) afternoon in a crucial scrap.

After Friday's final game the Kings Mountain team and fans will probably still be very much interested in outcome of other games, including Lincolnton at Gastonia Saturday and Lincolnton at Taylorsville Monday.

Sporting a record of 9 wins, three losses against Lincolnton's 9 wins, two losses going into the scrap June 29th, the Mountaineers needed another win over Southpaw Tommy Harkey to practically sew up a second round berth. A combination of a loss to the ace Lincoln pitcher and Lincolnton losses to Gastonia and Taylorsville, would still give the Lewismen a deadlock for the coveted second spot. Only two teams from Kings Mountain's league can advance into further play in quest of the state championship. Gastonia has the top spot sewed up.

The top two teams in League 2 are to face the top pair in loop 1 in a four-team league playoff similar to the first round. The two top teams in that series of home and home games are to meet in a best two games out of three series for the area championship.

Hamilton Thanks Friends For Support

Charles E. Hamilton, Gastonia lawyer and unsuccessful candidate for the 11th district Democratic Congressional nomination, was in Kings Mountain Monday seeing friends and thanking them for their support of his candidacy.

"I wish to express my appreciation to the many friends who supported me in the primary," Mr. Hamilton said. "I met many fine people in Kings Mountain and throughout the district during the campaign, and I thoroughly enjoyed getting acquainted with them."

Mr. Hamilton added that he had congratulated Woodrow W. Jones, of Rutherfordton, successful candidate, and that he had pledged him his support in the general election in November.