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

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Local News Bulletins

LEGION SUPPER

A hamburger steak supper for all Legion members has been scheduled for Saturday night at the Legion Hall. Time is 6:30 to 9 p. m. Next regular meeting of the organization will be held for Friday, September 8th, at 8 p. m.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week to Dr. Paul Hendricks, for construction of a six-room dwelling on West Mountain street, \$5,000, to Sam McAbee, for residence, \$270, and to Carl F. Mauney, for construction of a garage, \$750.

DIRECTORS MEETING

Directors of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will hold their regular monthly supper meeting at the club on Friday night at 7 o'clock. It was announced by Ollie Harris, secretary.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of City Schools, is attending the annual conference of North Carolina School Superintendents being held at Mars Hill college.

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Mrs. J. N. Gamble and Mrs. Paul Mauney attended the area conference in Charlotte last week of Red Cross officials for a discussion of plans for emergency blood collections. The Red Cross is mapping plans to increase collections of blood, in event of national crisis.

ARP LAYMAN'S DAY

Sunday will be Layman's Day at Bon Clarken, summer assembly grounds of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and a large number of members of the Boyce Memorial ARP church here are expected to go to Bon Clarken for the annual observance.

METHODIST PICNIC

Annual picnic of Central Methodist church will be held at Lake Montonia on next Friday (August 25th) at 6:30 p. m. according to announcement this week. Miss Peggy Hammond, youth director at the church this summer, will be the special honor guest.

NEW MANAGER

I. J. Terry, native of Lexington, Ky., has moved to Kings Mountain to accept a position as manager of Eagle 5 & 10 Store. He is married and is temporarily residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hord while in search of a four-room house or apartment.

TO MANAGE TEACHERAGE

Mrs. Hill Carpenter will assume the duties of manager of the Teacherage on North Piedmont avenue, it was learned Thursday from the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library board. Mrs. Carpenter, physical education teacher at Kings Mountain high school for the past several years, will assume her duties prior to the opening of the school term on September 5. She succeeds Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

McGills Of Gaston Hold Annual Reunion

The McGills of Gaston held their annual reunion at Bethel church arbor off the Cherryville road Wednesday, elected officers for the coming year and enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Some 80 members of the clan were present for the annual gathering and elected the following officers: Wilnot Whitesides, of Gastonia, president; Mrs. George W. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, vice-president; and Miss Ava Ware, of Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer.

Sgt. Myers Leaves For Temporary Duty

Sergeant First Class Clarence G. Myers, Jr., left Wednesday for four months temporary duty at Camp Lee, Va.

Sgt. Myers is a member of the Kings Mountain National Guard unit.

He will attend an army food service school at Camp Lee, Sgt. Myers is mess sergeant of the Kings Mountain company.

Latvian Warns Kiwanians Of Red Danger

Against a backdrop of personal experience as a Latvian citizen, F. Burvis, currently a Charlotte electrical company employee, earned members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at last week's meeting against the Russian Communists, who, he said, intend to conquer the world.

The Latvian recited the history of the Baltic state, which, he said, dates back 4,000 years, and which was guaranteed independence after World War I. The independence didn't last long, and the little nation of 2,000,000 people became a battleground between Nazi Germany and Communist Russia.

First, Russia took over the nation via terms of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact of June 17, 1940. The Russians, Mr. Burvis reported, took over in typical fashion, seizing some 36,000 Latvians and killing 26,000 in the first year of occupation.

The Russians would guarantee independence in one breath, he declared, then pillage, appropriate and destroy at the next.

He said the people were overjoyed when Hitler's armies routed the Russians from Latvia early in the fighting, only to find that the Nazis operated in the same manner as the Russians. "It was the same as under the Communists," he declared.

In 1944, he continued, Latvia again became a seat of war, adding that the Nazis in their retreat, followed the scorched earth policy. They ordered the Latvians evacuated, and those who did not "cooperate" were either shot or imprisoned. But many were happy to run away from the "Red deliverers," he added.

Again, as in 1940-41, Latvian people are exposed to the same dangers, he said, with echelons of deported people leaving the Baltic for unknown places. In turn, the Russians send in their own people and others, who assume names of those deported. He said a general order by the Russians declares married Latvians summarily divorced, with the women forced to marry the invaders.

In closing, Mr. Burvis declared: (1) The Communists have as their one great aim the world revolution. (2) The Communists live in the imagination that the revolution can be brought about by force. (3) The Soviet Union is regarded by them as the chief force in the world revolution. (4) The Communist parties outside the Soviet Union are branch offices or auxiliary troops of the party.

Stating that people of this nation who have no concept of the Communist tyranny are often incredulous concerning its terrors, he declared, "God forbid that those who look down on us from their height, their seeming security and their seeming superiority may not suffer one day the same bad misfortune as we (Latvians) bear it now."

Street And Sewer Work Progressing

City street crews were busy this week finishing the job of widening South Piedmont avenue, from Mountain street to E. Gold street.

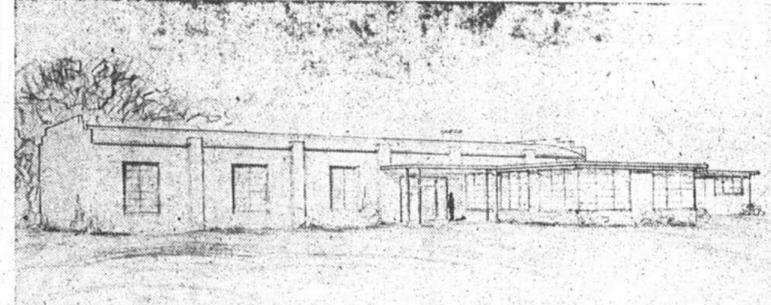
The West side of the street was previously widened and treated with tar and gravel surfacing, and city street crews began work on the East side of the street Wednesday.

City officials also reported the sewer installations on North Waterson and North Sims streets virtually completed. This work was done by Abe, Asheville contractors. It is designed to provide sewer service to two large residential areas.

First Group Of Cleveland Men Took Physical Exams Thursday

The reactivated draft operated again in Cleveland County Thursday morning, as 62 men were transported by bus to the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot for preinduction physical examinations.

A special bus left Shelby at 7 o'clock for the trip to Charlotte. Several men ordered to report for preinduction physical examinations failed to report. Mrs. Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the selective service board said. They included: Rex L. Owens, Ralph Adams, Jr., Albert J. C. Martin, John Franklin Varner, Curlee Ross and Gene Watson.



SKETCH OF PROPOSED LEGION BUILDING—Shown above is an architect's sketch of the Legion Building, located on East Gold street, as it will look after proposed remodeling is completed. The taller part of the structure is the present building, with the two additions, to the south (front) and to the east, sketched in. Plans call for an auditorium, a dining room, a kitchen, a locker room, ladies' and men's rest rooms, a game room and a refreshment bar. A building permit secured from the city several weeks ago listed the estimated cost at \$12,000. Van Wageningen & Cothran, Sheiby architectural firm, recently completed plans for the remodeling work and is now in process of making blueprints.

Taxable Property Listed at \$5,501,078

Valuation Off From Last Year By \$83,827

Taxable property in Kings Mountain for 1950 totals \$5,501,078, a net loss of \$83,827 from the valuation for 1949, according to figures announced yesterday by S. A. Crouse, city clerk and treasurer.

The downward trend thus continues for the second consecutive year. Biggest drop is shown in listings of personal property which has shown a downward trend since the high of 1948, when listings of personal property for taxes totaled \$1,964,144.

The figure this year is \$1,487,974, a considerable drop from the \$1,696,373 in 1949. In general, it was pointed out, inventories of industrial plants showed a steady drop from the peak at January 1948.

Real property totals continue to increase slightly, realty listings totaling \$3,692,516 for the current year, a gain of approximately \$113,000 over 1949. Listings of motor vehicles also accounted for a portion of the drop in personal property listings, owners of Kings Mountain automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles listing a total of \$593,102 in motor vehicles this year, a drop of \$107,000 from the total in 1949. This was attributed to a general decline in "blue book" values of cars. Listings are taken from the pricing chart of the American Association of Automobile Dealers.

Kings Mountain citizens listed motor vehicles totaling \$700,153 for 1949 and \$595,498 for 1948. The total listing of \$5,501,078, with a tax rate of \$1.80 per \$100 valuation, should return to city coffers during the current year \$99,119.41.

Breakdown on tax listing for recent years follows: 1950—Realty, \$3,692,516; personal property, \$1,487,974; corporate excess, \$320,588; total, \$5,501,078. 1949—Realty, \$3,579,898; personal property, \$1,696,373; corporate excess, \$318,634; total, \$5,584,905. 1948—Realty, \$3,469,979; personal property, \$1,964,144; corporate excess, \$308,456; total, \$5,742,579.

PARKING MONEY

The parking meters in downtown Kings Mountain collected a total of \$148.55 for the week which ended at noon Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

Eastern Star Reception Held

Some 185 guests called at the Masonic Hall last Friday afternoon at a reception honoring Arnold W. Kincaid, of Kings Mountain, associate grand patron of the North Carolina Order of Eastern Star, and Mrs. Maude Baynor Foy, of Kinston, associate grand matron.

Among the group calling at the reception presented by the Bessemer City and Kings Mountain Eastern Star chapters were guests from Raleigh, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Asheville, Belmont, Roseboro, Gastonia, Shelby, Black Mountain, Crenton, Lowell, Fallston, Salisbury, Sanford, Kinston, Elizabeth City, Durham, Hickory and Elkin, including several members of the grand committee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges greeted the guests and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bridges introduced the guests to the receiving line. Miss June Smith directed the guests to the punch bowl, where members of the Bessemer City and Kings Mountain chapters served. Punch was poured by Mrs. Roy Moore, Mrs. D. M. Morrison, and Mrs. Amrose Clontger, Mrs. Floyd Noblett and Mrs. G. A. Bridger supervised the register and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Callis said goodbyes.

In the receiving line, in addition to the honored guests, were Mrs. Theo Lynn, worthy matron of the Bessemer City chapter, Mrs. A. W. Kincaid, worthy matron of the Kings Mountain chapter, G. A. Bridges, worthy patron of the Kings Mountain chapter, Mrs. Mae H. Willman, worthy grand matron, of Asheville, Jesse M. Henley, worthy grand patron, of Roseboro, Mrs. Helen Rimmer, grand conductress of Sanford, Mrs. Hilda Halliburton, grand Esther, of Asheville, Mrs. Viola Dawson, grand Ruth, of Charlotte, Marshal Dilling, past grand patron, of Gastonia, George R. Bennett, past grand matron, of Greensboro, Mrs. Rheta Henley, past grand matron, of Roseboro, Mrs. Elspeth C. Setzer, past grand matron, of Charlotte, Mrs. Leola M. Byerly, past grand matron, of Gastonia, Mrs. Hugh Stevens, grand representative, of Asheville, Mrs. Lucille Davis, district deputy grand matron, of Charlotte, Mrs. Arvella Gregory, district deputy grand matron, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Claire Leonard, district deputy grand matron, of Shelby, Harvey Bird, district deputy grand patron, of Durham, Dewey Sigmon, district deputy grand patron, of Hickory, and Edward Hood, district deputy grand patron, of Elkin.

Following the reception, five chapters of Eastern Star were hosts to the worthy grand matron and patron at 8 o'clock, some 150 persons attending this meeting. Host chapters were Bessemer City, Kings Mountain, Shelby, Fallston and Camp Hill.

Graham Says Montonia Road To Get "Fullest Consideration"

Pauline Mill, Fulton Home Damaged By Fire

The city was victim of an epidemic of fires this week. City firemen were called out three times, beginning late Sunday night, with an alarm at Pauline Mill. Early Tuesday morning the fire department was called to put out a fire in an automobile on Grace street, and they extinguished a fire at the home of C. L. Fulton on West Mountain street Thursday morning.

Total damages on the fires had not been completely estimated Thursday afternoon. City firemen answered the alarm on the Fulton residence fire at 7:15 Thursday morning. The fire was caused by a defective chimney at the rear of the house and resulted in considerable damage to the kitchen and roof. Firemen sprayed the blaze with two streams of water before extinguishing the blaze. The fire destroyed more than \$2,000 worth of property.

Harry Kimmel, Pauline Mill superintendent said damage from the Sunday night fire at the mill would total in excess of \$2,000. Only one loom was destroyed by the fire, but several suffered severe water damage. The fire resulted from a defective wiring connection and broke out only about 15 minutes before the plant was to begin operations on the Monday morning shift.

Firemen found connecting hose unnecessary for this fire, as the mill sprinkler system extinguished the blaze. The fire in the automobile of Loy Camp on Grace street occurred at 2:45 Tuesday morning. Damage was slight, Fire Chief Grady King reported.

Grayson To Quit Draft Position

T. W. Grayson, Kings Mountain jeweler and member of the Cleveland County Selective Service board, said this week he is resigning from the board.

This means that the board is now seeking two new members from the Kings Mountain area. The board having planned to increase its membership from three to five men.

Mr. Grayson told the Herald he was resigning effective August 22nd, but Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, said Mr. Grayson had agreed to serve until a replacement had been appointed.

Members of the selective service board are appointed by the director of selective service, on recommendation by the clerk of court.

Mr. Grayson said he was resigning from the board due to the press of other duties. He has served on the board for more than a year. He is a veteran of World War II.

Recreation Body Meets In Shelby

Members of the Kings Mountain Recreation Commission discussed ways and means of building a community recreation center here with members of the Shelby Recreation Commission at a dinner meeting in Shelby Wednesday night.

The dinner was held at Shelby's Community Recreation Center. Outlining methods by which Shelby secured its handsome plant were Clayton Perrault, manager of the center, and Holt McPherson and Henry Edwards, members of the Shelby commission.

The Shelby group suggested that first steps would be selection of a suitable site and a check of the legal standing of the city recreation commission.

Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman of the Kings Mountain commission, said the local commission expects to continue efforts along this line.

Attending the meeting, in addition to Mrs. Mauney, were Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. J. H. Patterson, Mrs. Harry Page, Dr. P. G. Padgett, W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Hunter Neisler.

Young Democrats Of District To Meet

A district meeting of Young Democrats of the 11th Congressional district will be held at Brackett's Cedar Park, near Cosar, on Saturday, September 9, it was announced by W. Faison Barnes, chairman of the Cleveland County organization.

Mr. Barnes said U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Congressional Nominee Woodrow Jones, Solicitor Basil Whitener and other party standard-bearers have been invited to attend.

Supper will be served and tickets for the gathering are now available at \$1.50, Mr. Barnes said.

Morticians To Convene Here

Some 50 members of the North Carolina Funeral Directors association will attend a ninth district meeting to be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club Monday evening, according to an announcement by J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician and district governor.

The district includes Union, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland counties. State officials expected to attend the meeting are President Fred Kesler, of Henderson, Vice-President W. N. Hovis, of Charlotte, Secretary Luther Culpepper, of Elizabeth City, and Clyde O. Robinson, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalming Board.

Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock, and the business session following will include a discussion of new laws concerning funeral directors.

Beth-Ware Fair Plans Progress

Plans for the annual Beth-Ware Community Fair were going forward this week, according to an announcement by Myers Hambright, fair manager.

The annual three-day community event will be held at Beth-Ware School grounds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15 and 16.

The R. C. Lee Riding Devices will be on hand to furnish a special treat for the youngsters, and Friday, September 15th will be School Day, with special events and contests staged for children and with special reduced fares for children on the riding devices.

Mr. Hambright said the annual pre-fair barbecue supper, for Fair Premium Book advertisers, has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 30.

Exhibits are expected to be better than ever, Mr. Hambright said, with many entries in the several divisions, which include livestock, field crops, horticulture, domestic science, live-athome program and other community activities.

The fair is sponsored by the Beth-Ware Progressive club.

Ware Wins Degree At Indiana School

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — William P. Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ware, 606 W. Gold street, is among the summer term graduates of Indiana Technical College in Fort Wayne. He received the B. S. degree in aeronautical engineering. Ware came to Indiana Technical College in the spring of 1948. The school awards the bachelor's degree in 27 months in aeronautical, chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical and radio engineering by omitting many of the cultural courses while retaining the fundamental mathematics and engineering courses.

Ware graduated from Kings Mountain high school and served in the U. S. Army for about two years, attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

Commissioner Talks Roads At Meeting Here

Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham, of Iron Station, promised "fullest consideration" of local citizens' request for hard-surfacing of the Lake Montonia road at a dinner here Monday evening.

"Commissioner Graham, County Advisory Committee member Wayne L. Ware and Tom Cornwell, and Ninth Division officials were entertained at dinner at the Kings Mountain Country Club by city officials and interested citizens.

Commissioner Graham said that the Lake Montonia road had been under consideration for improvement, but that it had not yet been determined whether the road would be improved. He said it was possible that it could be improved out of regular highway funds, if not under the special rural roads bond money, and promised to look over the road in the near future.

Commissioner Graham presented the commission with a petition from some 150 citizens who are served by the Lake Montonia road, pointing out the need for improving the road.

The commissioner said the Korean War had already resulted in crimping highway department plans for road work, with recent bids on road-building higher, and with material shortages already existing or anticipated.

"Bids on roads during the first three months of this year were generally lower than had been expected, but recently they have been higher," the commissioner said, "and we frankly don't know just how far we shall be able to stretch the money available."

L. Arnold Kiser asked the commissioner to aid in improving the road into Davidson Memorial Scout camp, a road not now on the county system. Division Engineer Lewis Peck explained that the highway commission might be able to give some aid in improving the road as a "community" road.

Joe A. Neisler asked improvement of a half-mile strip of road running from the Stragrace Mill village to the Beeson Creek Road, the latter now being out of that improvement of this road would eliminate rail crossings for a large number of motorists daily.

Commissioner Graham and his staff agreed to drive over all the roads and to do "everything possible."

Roberts Bound Over On Charge Of Rape

Charlie Roberts, 45-year-old farmer of the Oak Grove section, was bound over to the October term of Superior court in a Reformer's court hearing at Shelby Tuesday and is being held until bond on a charge of raping a 21-year-old mother of three children.

Martin Ware, deputy sheriff, was the only witness to take the stand in the hearing. Ware testified that according to his investigation Roberts came to the home of Mrs. Willie Mae Willis of Oak Grove at midnight while her husband was at work in Kings Mountain. Ware said the woman told him that Roberts asked her to open the door and give him a piece of bread for a hungry child who was with him. He is charged then with forcing his way into the home and raping Mrs. Willis whose youngest child is one month old.

Deputy Sheriff Ware said that Roberts admitted the attack in a confession made at the Cleveland county jail following arrest at his home at 8:30 p. m. on the evening following the alleged crime.

Lions To Hear Crowell Little

Crowell Little, Davidson college football coach, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club, according to announcement by William Plunk, program chairman.

Mr. Little is beginning his first year as coach of the Davidson college football team. He is a former head coach at Kings Mountain high school and was a star quarterback at the University of North Carolina, playing on UNC teams from 1935-37. He was high school football coach here in 1938.

High School Football Practice Began Tuesday; 45 Out For Team

With the 1950 football practice season only in its second day, candidates for the Kings Mountain high school team got down to rough work Wednesday with a light scrimmage session.

Some 45 students reported for uniform issue Monday morning and Tuesday morning the squad under the direction of Head Coach Shu Charlton and Assistant Coach Don Parker, assisted by Line Coach Pride Ratterree, of Lenoir Rhyne College, an All-State lineman with Wake Forest in 1945, took to the field at City Stadium.

Hot weather Thursday sent the team back into shorts for "dry run" scrimmages and conditioning exercises.

Other players out for the 1950 team include Robert Gorth, Guy Fisher, Dekle McMackin, Gene Welch and Dickie Webb, of the 1949 roster and Kenneth Davis, Bill Ruth, Steve Jones, Bob Goforth, Fred Price, Charles Guyton, Thurman Burns, Don Cloninger, Jimmy Weaver, Douglas Falls and Dean Ayers, newcomers.

Players lost from the 1949 team by graduation and otherwise include All Conference End Bob (Cont'd on page eight)