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(Final Unofficial Census 1950)
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
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ACTION BEGUN TO OBTAIN BUS TERMINAL
Citizens To Go To Polls For General Election Tuesday

Commission Is Asked To Compel Operators To Act

The City of Kings Mountain, with the complete endorsement of civic and service organizations of the city, went to the North Carolina Utilities commission this week with a request that the commission compel bus companies operating through the city to provide suitable terminal facilities.

Following a meeting of the city board with representatives of the civic and service organizations Monday night, City Attorney J. R. Davis Tuesday addressed a letter to the commission requesting such action and asked that the city would be glad to formally petition a hearing on the matter, if this action is necessary.

Meeting Monday night at the instance of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club's public affairs committee were representatives of the Kings Mountain Lions club, the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, and the Kings Mountain Merchants association along with the city board of commissioners and other interested citizens.

W. K. Mauney, chairman of the Kiwanis club committee, explained the purpose of the meeting, and Mayor J. E. Herndon reviewed previous efforts of the city to work out the bus terminal situation with bus company officials, efforts which, thus far, have proved to no avail.

It was the consensus of opinion among those present that continued effort to work out the matter with the bus companies would not be successful, unless pressure were brought to bear through the Utilities commission, which regulates intra-state carriers.

After this discussion, the city board asked the attorneys of the city, Mr. Davis, E. A. Harrill and W. Gibson Barnes, to address the necessary communications to the Utilities commission, and Mayor Herndon appointed a 11-man citizens' committee to further the project.

Included on the committee are the three attorneys, W. K. Mauney, H. E. Lynch, Paul Mauney, Fred W. Pionk, Carl F. Mauney, M. K. Fuller and Martin Harmon, with Mayor Herndon as ex-officio chairman.

The group agreed that the principal reason for Kings Mountain's being a bus station flag stop is the unwillingness of the bus operators to invest any money in a terminal here and their desire to have a terminal only at the risk of someone else's cap.

Three Local Men Inducted Into Army

Three Kings Mountain men were among the 11 from Cleveland county who went to Charlotte Wednesday for final induction into the army.

They are Clifton D. Hamrick, William Palmer Fulton and Harry Gaither Gosey.

Two of the men were transferred from other boards and were not originally registered from this county.

The board sends 40 men to Charlotte for pre-induction examinations on November 13th. No other calls for November have yet been received, Mrs. Clara Newmann, clerk of the board, said Thursday morning.

Wednesday Closings To End November 22

Majority of Kings Mountain retailers will suspend Wednesday half-holidays, effective November 22nd, according to action of the board of directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association Tuesday night.

The board thus followed customary policy in spending the Wednesday afternoon closings during the Christmas shopping season. The schedule means that the merchants will be open all day on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, which will be observed this year on November 23rd, and on subsequent Wednesdays through Christmas.

At the meeting Tuesday, the board also discussed further plans for the annual Christmas opening parade and celebration, scheduled for the afternoon of November 30th. The board voted to make optional extension of closing hours on that date to 7:30 p. m.



HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION IS PROGRESSING - Construction of the Kings Mountain hospital is nearing completion, as the picture above indicates. Since the picture was made, the hospital area landscape has been changed considerably as workmen are busy laying out drives and walkways. Completion of plumbing installations at the hospital are currently underway and the principal hold-up to final completion of the construction job is shipment of metal doors. (Photo by Carlisle.)

City Awaiting Sewerage Plant Recommendation

The City of Kings Mountain is expecting a report in the near future from state Board of Health engineers with possible recommendations for re-vamping of the city's sewerage disposal system.

A group of three engineers met with the city board of commissioners last Thursday afternoon, after making a survey of the local system, and declined to make recommendations prior to further detailed study.

They indicated however, that they would include recommendations for possible consolidation of the sewerage disposal system.

The engineers here were F. R. Blaisdell, of Asheville, and W. S. McKimmon and W. J. Stevenson, of Raleigh.

Some pressure for improvement of the system, at least at the McGill disposal tank, was indicated this week, when E. Y. McBayler, Gaston county sanitary officer, and P. F. Ashton, of the state board of health, lodged an informal complaint about the defective McGill tank with City Administrator M. K. Fuller. The McGill tank is within the bounds of Gaston county.

Five Amendments Before Voters

North Carolina voters will approve or disapprove five proposed amendments to the North Carolina constitution at Tuesday's general election.

Three of the amendments affect the courts of the state, another is designed to safeguard monies in the teacher's retirement fund, and a fifth would raise the pay of the state's legislators.

The retirement fund amendment would prohibit the state from using the teacher's retirement fund for any purpose other than contained in the law. It could not be loaned, borrowed, diverted or otherwise used for other purposes.

The amendment on pay of legislators would raise the pay to \$15 per day for a maximum of 90 days in regular sessions and for a maximum of 25 days in special sessions. Under the current law, legislators receive \$10 per day for a maximum of 60 days. The amendment would also raise the pay of the presiding officers to \$20 per day for the maximum periods.

One amendment would allow a person to waive indictment by grand jury, when represented by counsel, in all except capital cases. It was pointed out by supporters of the amendment that many people arrested are sometimes detained in jail for long periods waiting grand jury action.

A further amendment would allow the General Assembly to prescribe the number of Superior Court judges in a particular district, providing each district has one. This amendment is designed to unclog dockets in congested areas.

Another amendment affecting the courts would transfer authority of the Governor in assignment of judges and calling special terms of court to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Abbott to Head Kiwanis Club

Lawrence E. Abbott, cashier of the First National Bank, will succeed H. Y. Ballard as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club in January, according to results of the annual club elections conducted recently.

Harold Hunicutt was elected vice-president. Directors named for 1951 include: W. T. Weir, Harry Page, E. W. Griffin, E. C. McLain, W. K. Crook, Paul Mauney, and B. S. Peeler, Jr. Retiring President Ballard will serve as a member of the board, ex officio.

Mr. Abbott is currently serving as vice-president of the club. Keeter's Department Store inaugurates a new policy Friday evening, when it remains open until 9 p. m.

The firm is labeling the additional shopping time as "Keeter's Family Night" and is urging patrons to take advantage of the evening hours to do their shopping.

Book Fund Donations Reported At \$750

First reports on progress of the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library book fund campaign showed total contributions of \$750, according to announcement this week by W. K. Mauney.

This report was turned in by the committee handling industrial contributions. Otherwise reports on the campaign were incomplete, but Haywood E. Lynch, in charge of business solicitations, said he hoped to complete this portion of the campaign early next week.

Goal of the campaign is \$2,000.

Moss Completes 25-Year Record

Theodore E. Moss was awarded a bar Sunday at Macedonia Baptist church, the honor marking his completion of 25 years of perfect attendance at Sunday school services.

With exception of the several Sundays he has been away from Kings Mountain, Mr. Moss has attended the Macedonia services, and on other occasions he has attended Sunday school at other churches.

Mr. Moss holds the distinction of being the only charter member of the Macedonia church still actively attending its services.

This church was organized October 31, 1920.

While problems of continuing the record were not too great on the whole, Mr. Moss relates, he does recall one Sunday when it was necessary to wade through knee-deep snow for more than a mile in order to attend Sunday school. He and the other three hardy members present held Sunday school.

Pledge Sorority

DURHAM—Alda Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis, 116 E. Mountain St., Kings Mountain, N. C. was recently pledged as a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, social sorority at Duke University.

School Programs Will Feature Education Week Observance Here

Next week will be National Education Week, throughout the United States, and Kings Mountain schools and other organizations are joining in the observance.

Purpose of the observance, according to the National Education association, is "to remind American people of their duties to their schools." Teachers and schools cannot be effective without public support, the association points out, and the needs of education are constantly changing.

In Kings Mountain, the schools, churches, Parent-Teacher associations, and American Legion are participating in the observance through various programs.

The public is invited to attend the programs and thereby to better acquaint themselves with the functions of, and needs of, the school systems.



BIRCH, THE MAGICIAN - Kings Mountain citizens will have a chance to test the old saying "the hand is quicker than the eye" Tuesday night, when Birch, The Magician, presents his 50-act show at the high school auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock. The show is being sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

Magician Shows Here On Tuesday

Birch, The Magician, will attempt some 50 difficult magical acts next Tuesday night at the high school auditorium when he appears here under the sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the benefit of the organization's fund for underprivileged children. The show begins at 8 o'clock.

Among the feature acts of the Birch show, will be the magician's projected escape from a well-named strong-box, built here by Elmer Lumber Company, and now on display in the window of Bridges & Hamrick. According to the announcement, Birch will escape from the box after being nailed in it on the stage.

Other feature acts include making a live pony vanish, slinking a beautiful girl into four parts, and shooting a live canary into a burning light bulb.

His assistant is Miss Ethel Sperry, young xylophonist, a former radio and concert performer. The Birch show is billed as the largest now on tour in America, with some \$25,000 in equipment, scenery and effects.

Admission will be 60 cents for students, \$1.20 for adults, and tickets are now on sale at Griffin Drug Store and Kings Mountain Drug Company.

Kiwanis officials report that the Birch show is an excellent one, according to recommendations received from other cities in which Birch has played recently.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie To Deliver Sermons

Rev. E. E. Gillespie, D. D., of Greensboro will deliver the morning service at First Presbyterian church on Sunday and will also preach at Dixon Presbyterian church at the 3 o'clock service it was announced this week.

Dr. Gillespie will be filling the pulpit for Rev. P. D. Patrick who is conducting a meeting at Roxboro First Presbyterian church.

"For many years Dr. Gillespie has been a leader in the mission work of the Presbyterian church. He has rendered distinguished service to the church and is recognized as one of the ablest ministers. We invite the public to hear him," a spokesman of the church said.

Employment Security Law Violator Fined

T. L. Whitley, claims deputy, of Gastonia, announced this week conviction of another Kings Mountain citizen for violation of the state employment security law.

Sam P. Barber was found guilty Thursday before Magistrate Lee Roberts and was fined \$20 and costs. Barber becomes ineligible, under the law, for further unemployment benefits for the benefit year.

He was charged with working and not reporting earnings while filing claims for unemployment compensation during the week ending October 20, 1949, Mr. Whitley said.

Some dozen defendants have been convicted in similar cases here during the past year, the claims deputy said.

Macedonia Church To Hear Morrisett

Rev. Stephen Morrisett, head of the Bible Department of Gardner-Webb college, will lecture Sunday night at 7 o'clock at Macedonia Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Morrisett, recently returned from a tour of Palestine and other Holy Land countries, will show pictures of his trip in connection with his lecture, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Hardin.

The public is invited to attend.

Light Vote Anticipated At Local Boxes

The citizens of the United States go to the polls next Tuesday in the biennial general election.

How strong they will be joined in the Kings Mountain area is a question most local political observers decline to answer specifically, except to offer the opinion that the vote will be light.

They point to the lack of local contests, with the exception of some township constable races, and the fact that the county and state are predominantly Democratic as reasons for anticipating a light vote.

Most feel, however, that the Kings Mountain vote will be somewhat larger than the 688 cast in the last off-year voting in 1946, due to an increase in the number of voters and the establishment of another precinct at Beth-Ware.

The vote in the 1948 presidential election year in Kings Mountain was 1,450, but the speculators doubt that this total will be reached.

In spite of North Carolina's traditional record in the Democrat column, party leaders have been busy for the past month holding rallies and otherwise working to get out the vote.

Only Kings Mountain man on the county ballot will be J. Ollie Harris, Democrat, who is unopposed for re-election for county coroner. U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, seeks re-election to a second term.

Polls will open at 6:30 a. m., and will close at 6:30 p. m. in the 28 Cleveland county precincts.

Registration was very light for the Tuesday election.

Kings Mountain area election officials follow:

East Kings Mountain: Mrs. Nell Cranford (D), registrar, T. P. McGill (D) and Frank Glass (R), judges.

West Kings Mountain: B. D. Ratterree (D), registrar, Charles B. Campbell (D) and Clarence P. Goforth (R), judges.

Beth-Ware: Miss Freeloove Black (D), registrar, Clyde Randall (D) and J. S. Ware (R), judges.

East Kings Mountain residents vote at City Hall, West Kings Mountain residents at Victory Chevrolet Company, and Beth-Ware precinct residents at Beth-Ware school.

Cleveland county Democrats are holding a pre-election rally at the Shelby Community Center Monday night, with barbecue and speaking by party leaders and candidates on the menu.

Jaycees Of District To Meet Tuesday

Representatives of 11 Junior Chamber of Commerce organizations will meet here Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock for a third district meeting.

W. Faison Barnes, president of the Kings Mountain Jaycees, said guests will include North Carolina President Bucky Snider, of High Point, and District Vice-President Al Brown, of Concord, in addition to other Jaycee officials.

Girl Scout Fund Drive To Start Monday; Campaign Goal \$1,100

Annual Kings Mountain area Girl Scout fund campaign will begin next Monday with a goal of \$1,100, according to announcement yesterday by John L. McGill, fund drive chairman.

Mr. McGill also announced the solicitation organization as follows:

E. King street, civic clubs, Grover rd.—Mrs. W. W. Tolleson, Mrs. J. G. Darracott, Mrs. Sam Weir.

Cherokee st., Mountain, York rd.—Mrs. David Hamrick, Mrs. J. S. Evans, Jr.

E. Gold st., portion of Mountain st.—Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr.

Industrial—Mrs. Harry Page.

Mrs. George Houser.

Bessemer City rd., Piedmont ave., and Cherryville rd., Mrs. A. W. Kincaid, Mrs. J. E. Mauney.

N. Railroad ave., Shelby rd.—Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Jacob Cooper.

Negro division—Prof. J. A. Gibson.

The fund campaign begins Monday, just after the close of National Girl Scout Week, and Mr. McGill said he hoped the drive could be finished by Saturday, November 11th.

To assist that citizens give liberality to the fund in order that the local Girl Scout work can be further expanded.

Local News Bulletins

LEGION SUPPER - A fried chicken supper will be served Legionnaires at the Legion Hall Saturday night from 6.30 to 9 p. m. It was announced this week by James Bennett, adjutant.

WORK STARTED - Footings were poured Wednesday for the new addition to the Legion Building on East Gold street. Brick laying is to be started soon, a spokesman said.

PARKING MONEY - A total of \$151.26 in revenue was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

BUILDING PERMITS - Permit was issued to L. C. Parsons on Monday for covering residence on East King street, estimated cost \$150.

STORY HOUR RESUMED - The first children's Story Hour of the current school year will be conducted Friday afternoon at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library from 4 to 5 o'clock, with Mrs. L. W. McSwain serving as story-teller and with Mrs. E. T. Platt as hostess. The story hour program is designed for children in grades one through four.

REHEARSALS BEGUN - The Kings Mountain Choral society, which recently presented a full-dress public concert, began rehearsals Thursday night for a special Christmas program. Franklin Pethel, director, announced that the society will welcome new members. Rehearsals are held at the St. Matthew's Lutheran church recreation room.

IN POLICE GROUP - PANAMA CITY, Fla.—Prevention of sabotage and protection against attack on United States Air Force bases will be increased with the graduation Saturday, November 4, of a new class of Security Patrol Air Police. Among the airmen to be graduated are Pvt. D. C. Hardin, son of Mrs. Dennis Crawford, Kings Mountain, N. C.

W. C. Kimmel Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for William Carl Kimmel, 64, a former employee of Margrace Mill, were held Sunday afternoon at Harris Funeral Home, with interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, conducted the rites.

Mr. Kimmel, who had been in ill health for the past year, succumbed Saturday morning at 6 o'clock at a hospital in Black Mountain.

He was born at Louisville, Ky., but he had lived in Kings Mountain for many years.

Surviving are a son, Harry Kimmel, superintendent of the Pauline Mill, two grandsons, Bob Kimmel, a student at N. C. State college, and Jimmy Kimmel, of Kings Mountain, a brother, Ernest Kimmel, Washington, D. C., and a sister, Mrs. Robert Hansell, of Salisbury.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. at Harris Funeral Home, with interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Arrangements for purchase of the machine for \$5,000 were completed Tuesday morning. The machine is to be delivered Monday.

The city board approved the purchase at a special session Monday night.