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(Final Unofficial Census 1950)
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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Local News Bulletins

HAS SCARLET FEVER
Chuck Thomason, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thomason, has been ill with a case of scarlet fever. The attending physician said the case was a mild one.

LODGE MEETING
A stated communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M. will be held Monday night January 8, at 7:30 p. m. at the Lodge Hall.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$121.60 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to officials at the treasurer's office at City Hall.

BUILDING PERMIT
A building permit was issued by the city Monday to Crescent Hill Development Company for construction of a church building on Crescent Circle. Cost of the building was estimated at \$60,000.

WEEKEND REVIVAL
Rev. L. C. Doby, of Thomasville, will preach at a special weekend revival series at Park Grace Church of the Nazarene on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Childress.

TO MAXWELL FIELD
Capt. James Ratterree, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ratterree, left Thursday for Montgomery, Ala., where he will attend the Air Force staff and command school. Capt. Ratterree and his family have been visiting here this week.

CARTER INSTALLED
T. A. (Tommy) Carter, well-known insurance salesman, was installed recently as Worshipful Master of Cherryville Masonic Lodge No. 505, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Carter is well-known in Kings Mountain, working here several days each week.

RE-APPOINTED
I. Ben Goforth, of Kings Mountain, was re-appointed Monday by the board of county commissioners as a member of the county's Tax Appraisal board. Other members, also re-elected, are L. H. Ledford, chairman, and Jim Herd.

TAG SALES
City 1951 license tag sales jumped considerably during the past week and through Wednesday a total of 543 plates had been sold, slightly under half the 1,123 total sold for 1950 according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

LIONS MEETING
A motion picture of the Lions parade and other highlights of the Lions International convention of 1950, held at Chicago, will feature the program at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The club will meet at the W. W. Smith's Club.

FARLEY TO RALEIGH
Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Farley have moved to Raleigh, where Dr. Farley is opening an office for the practice of medicine. For the past 18 months Dr. Farley has been at Duke Hospital, Durham, where he held a residency in pediatrics. Mrs. Farley is the former Miss Rachel Smith, of Kings Mountain.

Attack Victim Out of Hospital

William C. Gordon, 58, who was beaten and robbed of some \$500 at his home on Gantt street on December 31st, was released from Shelby hospital Wednesday but police working on the case had no new developments to report Thursday. Mr. Gordon suffered a broken jaw and severe bruises in a fight with his assailants. He reported to police that two men "jumped" him as he was attempting to turn on a light in his home. After returning from work at the Pauline mill, the men tied him up after the fight, he said, and left with the money, a gun and a flashlight. Special Agent R. W. Turkison of the State Bureau of Investigation, of Hickory, is working with Chief of Police N. M. Farr on the case.

Daniel To Serve New Lutheran Church As Pastor

Rev. Vance Daniel, now pastor of Trinity Lutheran church of Sanford, has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the mission Lutheran church in Kings Mountain, according to word received here from Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod.

Rev. Mr. Daniel and his family will move to Kings Mountain on January 29, and first services by the new Lutheran group are to be held on Sunday, February 4. The Daniel family will occupy a new home, now under construction, on Meadowbrook Road in Crescent Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel have two small children, a boy and a girl. He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college and the Southern Lutheran Theological seminary at Columbia, S. C. Now 32 years of age, Mr. Daniel has served as pastor of the Sanford church since 1943 and prior to that time served as pastor of the Messiah Lutheran church, in Salisbury.

The new church group is to be formally organized on February 4, and arrangements are currently underway to obtain temporary quarters for regular services.

As quickly as completed plans for a church building are received from the architect, the group expects to begin construction. It has already secured a \$60,000 building permit for construction of the church, which is to be built in Crescent Hill. C. T. Bennett will be the contractor.

Rev. Mr. Daniel visited in Kings Mountain on December 26 and again on Monday of this week.

Approval of establishment of the new Lutheran church was granted by the Mission Board of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod on December 4. It had been previously approved by the American Missions board of the Lutheran Churches in America.

The actions were taken on petition by 54 members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

No New Draft Calls Received

There were no new developments at the Cleveland County selective service board this week. However, no news was hardly good news, reports from the Korean War indicated.

On January 12, the board will fill a pre-induction examination call for 75 men. Included in this group will be a large number of 20-year-old registrants.

On January 18, the board will send 40 men to Charlotte for induction into the army. Thus far, only the army has asked for men via the draft process, while the other services have been able to fill their personnel requirements through enlistments.

The two January calls are the only calls currently known by the county board. However, the army has already announced heavy calls for both February and March, which will undoubtedly mean heavier calls on the county board.

RUTH IN HOSPITAL

Hilton Ruth, manager of Bell's Department Store, is recuperating at Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte from an appendectomy, which he underwent last Saturday morning.

Mr. Ruth became ill and was taken to the hospital on Friday. His condition was reported satisfactory Thursday morning, and he is expected to be home within the next few days.

Horn Preparing Bill To Expand County Board, Set Up Districts

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Monday authorized County Attorney C. C. Horn to write a bill for legislative action which would increase the number of commissioners to five and provide for their election by districts. Monday's action follows a resolution by the commissioners last spring in which they ordered the plan to broaden representation on the board.

Mr. Horn told the Herald Monday that he was working on the bill but that it would not be drawn until a full study of the 1950 census report is made. Effort will be made, Mr. Horn said, to partition the county into five districts, with each district as near equal in population as possible.

The proposed plan, which would increase the number of commissioners to five and provide for their election by districts, would also provide for the election of a mayor.

Committee Leaders Named By Stallings



HEADS POLIO DRIVE—Sam Stallings, chairman of the Number 4 Township March of Dimes campaign for 1951, announced Thursday major committee heads for the \$6,000 fund drive.

Polio Campaign Township Quota Set at \$6,000.

Sam Stallings, chairman of the Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township March of Dimes campaign, announced Thursday a major portion of committee chairmen who will assist in the fund campaign designed to raise a minimum of \$6,000 to fight infantile paralysis.

J. C. McKinney will serve as treasurer of the campaign and other committee heads include: Grocery and department stores—W. L. Plonk and Gene Timms, co-chairmen.

Doctors—Dr. P. G. Padgett. Business and individual solicitations—L. E. Abbott, Glee A. Bridges, Amos Dean and David Neill, co-chairmen.

Industrial plants and employees—Jacob Cooper. Iron lung boxes—Dan Huffstetler.

Schools—Rowell Lane. Theatre collections and motion picture publicity—Ollie Harris.

Lawyers and civic clubs—Falcon Barnes. Still to be announced are chairmen for Beth-Ware, Oak Grove, and Patterson Grove.

The campaign is scheduled to get underway on January 15, with an effort to complete it by January 31.

Quota for the campaign is largest in the history of the drive, but smaller than the amount raised in the 1949 campaign. The county quota is \$20,000, and drive officials are hoping that the quota will be over-subscribed.

Funds raised by the campaign are used to conduct research on the dread disease and to provide treatment for polio patients.

Eleven cases of polio were recorded in Cleveland County during 1950, and the Cleveland County chapter is also defraying costs of treatment for more than 30 other county victims of infantile paralysis.

"We intend to meet our quota and to over-subscribe it if possible," Chairman Stallings said in making the initial announcement of the campaign organization.

"Without exception, those who have agreed to serve in this campaign are very enthusiastic concerning its prospects. They know what polio does and how much the funds are needed," Mr. Stallings continued.

He said he expected to complete his organization during the weekend.

City Celebrates Arrival of '51

Kings Mountain welcomed the New Year in quieter-than-usual manner this year, partially due to the fact New Year's Day arrived on Monday, partially due to the Korean War and strained international situation.

The city looked forward to 1951 with mingled feelings and in a general atmosphere of questioning.

Almost all physically fit young men could look forward to duty in some branch of the armed forces, and a goodly number were planning enlistments in the service. Slightly older men weren't sure what 1951 would bring for them, though many thought they, too, many of them veterans of World War II, would return to duty, either via a return to active duty for reservists, or expansion of the draft process to include veterans and older men.

All citizens could look forward to a high level of business activity and to higher taxes. However, the high level of business activity would not increase the supply of consumer goods, such as cars, refrigerators, homes, and other goods, but would be devoted to production of planes, tanks, service uniforms and other war goods.

In spite of the general tone of anxiety, most people went about their business as usual. On New Year's Day they ate black-eyed peas and hog jowl and said "Happy New Year" to their neighbors.

Most Kings Mountain business establishments closed for the day, and football fans spent the afternoon tuning in their radios to the various bowl games.

By Tuesday morning, most generally conceded that the holiday season was over and that the year ahead would be a busy one.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Plonk On Wednesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Plonk, 82, prominent Kings Mountain citizen, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. W. H. Stender, of Cameron, S. C., former pastor of the church, conducted the rites.

Mrs. Plonk succumbed at 7 o'clock Monday evening at her home on Gold street. She had been in declining health for the past several years.

A citizen of Kings Mountain since her marriage on February 27, 1889, she was the widow of Rufus S. Plonk, Kings Mountain merchant, textile executive and former postmaster, who died in 1918. She was a native of Reidsville, and was a graduate of Salem college in the class of 1886.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Mary E. Johnston Motley. She was a loyal and devoted member of the St. Matthew's church.

Surviving are 12 children, including four sons and eight daughters. They are: T. Motley Plonk, of Charlotte; R. S. Plonk, of Bessemer City; J. Calvin Plonk, of Kings Mountain; Miss Ethel Plonk, of Winston-Salem; and Kings Mountain, Mrs. W. P. Saunders, of Southern Pines; Mrs. Hugh Orman, of Kings Mountain; Miss Eva Plonk, of Charlotte; Mrs. C. A. Hager, of Hickory; Mrs. W. E. Alexander, of Robbins; and Mrs. W. M. Hite, of Charlotte.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. J. W. Satterfield, of Reidsville, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Prior to the funeral rites, the body lay in state at the church for an hour.

Active pallbearers were R. S. Plonk, Jr., Fred Plonk, George W. Mauney, Wendell Phifer, Dr. W. L. Mauney and William M. Plonk.

Milk Producers, Dairies Commended

Cleveland County dairies and milk producers were commended this week by Dr. Z. P. Mitchell who issued his second report for 1950 as required under the county milk ordinance.

His report follows: "The milk ordinance under which we operate in Cleveland County; that is, Shelby and Kings Mountain, requires the announcing of grades twice each year of all market milk produced and sold under the provisions of that ordinance. Accordingly, we are submitting herewith the names of the producers of such milk for the second time this year.

"The list shows a total of fifty-two (52) local producers who sell their Grade 'A' raw milk to Carolina Dairy, where it is pasteurized and retailed by Carolina Dairy. They are: G. A. Adams; Blaine Baker; A. A. Barrett; Roy Bell; Boyd Beam; Carroll Beam; D. W. Bess; Lee N. Cabiness; Carl Carpenter; W. E. Carroll; Cleo Farms; E. G. Clark; J. L. Cline; Coleen Dixon; C. E. Dixon; C. E. Dixon; H. K. Dixon; R. B. Dixon; H. A. Dover; R. D. Dover; H. R. Early; M. H. Fraser; G. E. Goforth; G. M. Goforth; Colon Grigg; Max Grigg; Ralph Greene; Charles Hamrick; G. L. Hamrick; Tom Hamrick; Yates Harrill; Robert Hunt; Jones & Blanton; D. Ruben McSwain; Jenkins Morrison; George Newton; J. C. Palmer; J. C. Randle; Cecil Richards; L. S. Ritch; Ivan Saine; Coleman Self; W. E. Walker; Ray & Walter Warlick; Brady Warlick; G. G. Warlick; J. C. Washburn; C. A. Whisnant; C. C. Whisnant; Hartford T. Wilks; Hershell Wilson; Cline Wright.

"In addition to these producers for other dairymen sell their Grade 'A' raw milk to Cline Land Dairy, where a portion of it is pasteurized. They are: A. B. Cline; E. H. Cline; C. A. Dalton and J. O. Whitworth.

"The following dairymen produce Retail Raw Grade 'A' milk: Archdale Dairy, Cline Land Dairy, Ryburn Hamrick Dairy, Cleon Humphries Dairy, C. A. McSwain Dairy, State Line Dairy, J. Bunn Patterson Dairy, Sycamore Dairy, Flay Smith Dairy, Charlie Wright Dairy.

"In addition to Carolina Dairy and Cline Land Dairy, Biltmore Dairy, Coble Dairy, and Sunrise Dairy also sell milk in the county.

"It is interesting to note that 85,603 gallons of the milk sold per month is pasteurized, and 24,150 gallons per month is sold raw. This makes a total of 109,753 gallons sold each month. Twenty-two per cent (22%) is sold as raw milk. These figures indicate that we are making progress, both as to the total amount and as to the quality of the milk produced in the county.

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L. D. Cash Free Under Bond After Arrest On Arson Charge

Associations Pay \$23,346 In Dividends

Shareholders of Kings Mountain's two building and loan associations received dividends for the six-month period ending December 30 of \$23,346.79, according to reports made by the two associations Thursday.

The total was considerably ahead of the final six months of 1949, when dividends of the two associations totaled \$19,501.90, and indicated larger size of the associations by local citizens as well as profitable operation by the associations.

Dividends to shareholders of Home Building & Loan Association, as announced by A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, totaled \$14,807.79. Dividends on full-paid stock were \$7,742.93, on optional savings stock, \$3,819.96, on installment stock, \$2,966.90, and on prepaid stock, \$338.

Dividends to shareholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan Association, as announced by J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer, totaled \$8,539. Dividends on full-paid stock were \$4,897.71, on installment stock, \$840, and on withdrawn stock, \$356.25.

Pastors Thank Yule Helpers

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association issued thanks to the community and several agencies for the opportunity of putting "Christ in Christmas" during the recent Christmas season.

An open letter from officials of the organization was released this week by Rev. J. H. Brendall, president, and Rev. J. W. Phillips, secretary. It follows:

"The Ministerial Association expresses its high appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation manifested by all who have assisted in any way with the program to put Christ in Christmas this year. The float in the parade made its significant contribution. We want to thank the trustees of the Mauney Memorial Library for the use of the lawn as a site for the little church, also we thank the city officials for supplying the lights. "We feel indebted to all the churches and individuals who worked or furnished funds for this project and offer them our sincere thanks."

Bridge Instruction At Shelby Center

Prince Stan Czetwertynski, of Charlotte, is conducting a series of bridge lessons on the Goren system of play at the Shelby County Center, according to announcement by Shelby officials.

The series of 10 lessons began Wednesday and will continue each Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 p. m. A portion of the period is devoted to instruction and a portion to supervised play.

Persons who wish to enroll for the course should notify Miss Ann Johnson, phone 8119, Shelby.

Prince Czetwertynski conducted a series of bridge lessons at the Kings Mountain Country Club last spring.

Jaycees Will Conduct City-Wide Waste Paper Collection Sunday

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a city-wide waste paper pick-up Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 and continuing until 4 o'clock.

All citizens are being asked to place their bundles of waste paper on the curb in front of their homes or on their porches by 1:30.

Persons with unusually large quantities of paper, who cannot transport it to the front of their homes, should call 573 and arrangement will be made to get the paper.

Mauney, Cashwell Homes Win Contest

Winners of the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by two Kings Mountain garden clubs were the W. K. Mauney home, first, and the Rev. T. L. Cashwell home, second.

Announcement of the winners was made this week by Mrs. Sam Davis.

The contest—for the best outdoor Christmas decorations—was sponsored jointly by the Kings Mountain Garden Club and the House and Garden Club. A prize of \$10 was offered for first place and a prize of \$5 for runner-up. Out-of-town judges made the selections.

Final Rites For Mrs. Sheppard

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Grover Baptist church, in Grover, for Mrs. Maggie Randle Sheppard, 77, wife of Alex Sheppard, of Grover route one, who died Sunday morning in Cherokee County hospital, Gaffney, S. C., after an illness of two weeks.

Dr. Robert Dyer, Rev. W. A. Hoffman and Rev. W. L. McSwain conducted the rites and burial was in Grover cemetery.

Mrs. Sheppard was the daughter of the late William and Suzie Ross Randle. She was a member of Grover Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband, five sons, Ray Sheppard, of Plant City, Fla., and Frank, Basil, Flay and Fred Sheppard, all of Grover; three daughters, Mrs. Dewitt Patterson and Mrs. Frank Hambrick of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. M. C. Hardin, of Grover; a brother, W. F. Randle, of Grover; a sister, Mrs. John Blalock, of Kings Mountain; and 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Judge Hears Nine Cases In Court

Nine cases were completed in Recorder's court action during the past week according to a study of court records at City Hall.

Judge W. Faison Barnes presided at the regular weekly session, held at City Hall Tuesday. James Albert Bowen, of Charlotte, was convicted of driving drunk was fined \$100 and costs and ordered to surrender his drivers license for one year.

Marvin Sprouse paid a fine of \$35 and costs after conviction on a charge of driving without a drivers license.

Case against Jullous R. McManes, who was charged with resisting officers and possession of non-taxed whiskey, was transferred to Cleveland County recorder's court.

Roy Adams, for failure to pay tax, was ordered to make the payment and to pay costs of court.

Elmer Allen, found guilty of a abandonment and non-support, was given a six months suspended sentence and was ordered to pay costs and to pay \$10 weekly to the clerk for support of his family.

Prayer for judgement was continued against L. A. Jamerson on payment of costs on a charge of driving without a drivers license.

Two defendants were fined for public drunkenness and one case, against Tillman C. Green, of Rock Hill, S. C., was transferred to Cleveland County recorder's court for trial.

Charges Result From November Fire At Home

L. D. Cash, former Kings Mountain plumber, is free under \$2,500 bond on charges of arson, in connection with a fire in the Cash home on Gantt street here on November 30.

Mr. Cash was arrested Tuesday by R. W. Turkison, SBI agent, who had been aiding local officers in investigating the case, and Chief of Police N. M. Farr.

At the time of the fire, there was suspicion of arson on the part of Fire Chief Grady King, but it was not publicized pending investigation.

Residents who live near the Cash home reported hearing an explosion, shortly before the house was found in flames, and one identified man running away from the house. Firemen also found an old hat in the burning house, and Chief King said that home-made "needles" were found inside the hat band, indicating the fire-bug was a narcotics addict.

Mr. Farr said the SBI had located the man who allegedly set the fire and had obtained a confession from him which implicated Mr. Cash. However, he did not know the name of the fire-bug, SBI Agent Turkison, who signed the warrant for Mr. Cash's arrest, was due in Kings Mountain Thursday but had not yet in appearance late Thursday afternoon.

Chief Farr said the man told him that Mr. Cash had paid him to set fire to the house. Farr said Cash, who was in Florida at the time the house burned, denied the allegations and had retained C. C. Horn, of Shelby, as his attorney.

Firemen extinguished the fire after an estimated loss of \$2,000. Fire insurance coverage on the house was written by Blue Ridge Insurance Company.

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Mrs. Rice To Speak To Presbyterians

Mrs. E. L. Rice, wife of Dr. E. L. Rice, Gastonia surgeon, will deliver a missionary message at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30.

The Rices are former Methodist missionaries to China. Dr. Rice served as physician in a large hospital in Soochow and Mrs. Rice taught in one of the mission schools.

"The Presbyterian church feels most fortunate in being able to secure Mrs. Rice for this service," Rev. P. D. Patrick said, in making the announcement. "She is a gifted speaker with a wonderful missionary message."

Mrs. Rice's address begins the annual world mission observance of the church, which continues through January.

Clown Cage Game Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the University of North Carolina Clowns-Kings Mountain All Stars basketball game, to be played at Central gymnasium Friday night, January 26th, went on sale this week.

Fred Wright, Jr., ticket chairman, said that reserved seat sales have been brisk to date and that he expects a complete sell-out of the ducks in two weeks.

Reserved seat tickets are priced at \$1.50. General admission tickets are also on sale at one dollar.

The Chapel Hill Clowns have won some 70 games with but a single loss over the past four years and feature former UNC football stars Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, who is now a member of the professional Washington Redskins, Art Welner, New York Yankee pro player, Huck Holdash and Dick Bunting.

Coy Carson, former UNC and All-Southern basketball player, is the manager and sparkplug of the team.

Persons interested in purchasing tickets are requested to get in touch with Mr. Wright, Fred Wright, Wilson Griffin, etc., Gastonia, N. C.