

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

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Kings Mountain, N. C., Friday, January 19, 1951

Established 1889

PRICE FIVE CENTS

NEW HOSPITAL MAY OPEN FEBRUARY 12

Local News Bulletins

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$136.63 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

BUILDING PERMIT
A building permit was issued at City Hall Wednesday to Zion Baptist church for repairs. Cost was estimated at \$3,500.

STORY HOUR
Mrs. Grace Whisnant will be story teller and Mrs. Paul Hendricks hostess at a story hour at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Friday from 4 to 5 p. m. for children through the fourth grade. All children are urged to attend.

TAG SALES
City auto owners had purchased 733 city auto tags through Wednesday afternoon, according to a report of S. A. Crouse, city clerk. The total sales compared with 653 sold through January 17, 1950. Motorists are required to display the tags on their cars on February 1.

AT SECOND WESLEYAN
Rev. E. L. Henderson, president of the North Carolina conference, will speak at Second Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday at 7 p. m. Rev. Y. H. Carter, pastor, made the announcement and invited the public to attend.

Monday Court Session Busy

Case against Bertha Case Overby, who was charged with receiving stolen goods, was bound over to Superior court in action at Monday's regular weekly session of city recorder's court at City Hall.

Warrant signed by local police charged the woman with receiving valuables reportedly stolen by her children from the residence of Dr. J. P. Mauney on January 25, 1950. The woman is under \$400 bond.

The children, a boy age 12 and a girl age 14, reportedly admitted to Gaston police they entered the residence and took the goods. They are to be tried in Gaston juvenile court.

The woman threw the valuables into a fire according to Chief N. M. Farr who was instrumental in solving the case.

A total of 14 cases were completed according to a study of court records on file at City Hall. Three defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Cases against Eva Burris and Burben Lee Burris, who were charged with violation of prohibition laws, were transferred to Cleveland County recorder's court for trial.

Leroy Wilson was found guilty on two counts of cashing worthless checks. He was ordered to pay costs on each count and to pay \$20 to the clerk to make each check good. The bad checks were cashed by W. C. Carroll and T. J. Ellison, who brought charges.

Augusta Talley, of Slay, who failed to pay a fine after conviction on charges of driving drunk and without an operator's license, was sent to jail for 60 days.

Garry Bédix was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was ordered to pay \$25 and costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued two years in the case against Harry Wilson charging him with assault on a female.

Paul J. Pendola, of Spartanburg, S. C., was taxed with the costs of court for passing a hill 3 1/2 rods Thompson, of Clover paid costs for speeding 50 miles per hour.

Joseph William Whitley, for speeding 65 miles per hour, was fined \$10 and costs.

Penalty Date Nears On Unpaid '50 Taxes

City and county taxpayers who have not yet paid their tax bills for 1950 are being reminded that penalty for late payment applies February 1.

A penalty of one percent applies on February 1 with additional penalties to be added for each additional month the tax bills are unpaid.

Both city and county treasurers urge citizens to pay their taxes prior to the penalty date.

Peck Says Lake Montonia Road Scheduled For Paving In Spring

Contracts May Be Let In February On U. S. 74 Job

The Lake Montonia road is scheduled for hard-surfacing in the spring and contracts for building an additional dual lane on U. S. 74 from Kings Mountain to Gastonia may be let in February, Lewis B. Peck, division highway engineer said Thursday.

Mr. Peck emphasized that letting of contracts on the U. S. 74 project could be delayed, but he said that present schedule calls for action on this new road next month. The highway department had hoped the project would be in the January projects, he added.

Mr. Peck said the highway department plans no drastic change on the present roadbed of the Lake Montonia road. He said plans call for paving the strip from the York road to the Lake Montonia city gate, where state maintenance ends.

The Lake Montonia road is heavily traveled, particularly during the summer.

Survey on the additional dual lane to Gastonia, to be constructed north of the present strip, calls for junctions with the present two-lane road on the curve at Kings Mountain city limits and at the Love Heights section in Gastonia. The present road would be used for eastbound traffic and the new road for westbound traffic.

Construction of the new dual lane will create a four-lane boulevard between Kings Mountain and Gastonia. It will be a federal aid project.

Hoppe, Will Speak To Presbyterians

Ed Hopper, student at Columbia Theological Seminary, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. He will also speak at Dixon and at the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Sunday evening. Continuing Foreign Mission season, there will be a film shown at the evening service about conditions in Japan.

Mr. Hopper is a graduate of Davidson college and a native of Mississippi. He is in his second year at the seminary.

ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. Helen G. Neal, of Kings Mountain, attended a meeting in Raleigh last weekend of the United Forces for Education. This group includes the National Education Association, National Grange, Farm Bureau, and N. C. P-TA Congress.

Jury Rules Justifiable Homicide In Death Of Ralph David Dover

A coroner's jury ruled justifiable homicide Tuesday in the death of Ralph David Dover.

The jury's finding thus freed Randolph Dover, 19-year-old Washington high school student, of charges of murder in connection with the fatal gun duel at the Dover farm last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Dover died almost instantly when he was struck in the center of the forehead by a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle. His son, Randolph, admitted firing the fatal shot to Sheriff Hugh A. Logan.

The shooting took place between the Dover house and barn and other members of the family testified that the elder man had fired four times, at least three times at his son, according to Coroner J. Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, who investigated.

Mr. Dover died on his son with a .32 Colt pistol with which he had threatened Randolph and a daughter, Mrs. Pratt Howell, in the home a short time before the fatal shot was fired.

The two were some 75 yards apart during the duel and the youth said he fired a first shot over his father's head. A second shot found it's mark and the youth then went into Cherryville to telephone Sheriff Logan and told him that he had just shot his father.

Mrs. Mary Dover, wife of the 57-year-old farmer, testified at the coroner's inquest Tuesday that she had been drinking the night before the fatal gun fight and that a year ago

Tax Listing Pace Slows Considerably

Tax listing had slowed down to a crawl this week and brought a warning from listing officials that the deadline for the annual listing job is fast approaching.

"It appears there's really going to be a last-minute jam-up," B. D. Rittner, county list taker, remarked. "Very few business and manufacturing firms have listed and they're going to cast themselves some time if they wait until the rush begins."

All property owners are required to list for taxes during January. Both city and county listing officials are at City Hall daily from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Males between 21 and 50 are required to list for poll tax.

Loom-Tex Ups Wage Scale

Loom-Tex Corporation increased wages eight cents per hour, according to announcement by P. A. Hudson, superintendent.

The wage raise was effective January 1, 1951, and was reflected in wage payments made last week.

The increase puts the Loom-Tex wage scale on a par with other textile plants in the area, Mr. Hudson stated.

"At the time other firms were raising wage scales last fall, Loom-Tex was just getting into full operations and was unable to institute the increase at that time," Mr. Hudson said. "The company is glad to be able to raise the scale," he continued.

Billy Throneburg With Radford Firm

Billy F. Throneburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, left Wednesday for Radford, Va., where he has accepted a position with Hercules Powder company.

Mr. Throneburg was graduated from N. C. State college last June with the degree of B. S. in Chemical Engineering. He took special work in journalism at the University of North Carolina in the summer and in the fall quarter and served briefly on the staff of the Herald during the Christmas season.

CLUB DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will hold a dinner meeting at the club Friday night at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by David Neill, secretary.

February Quota 55; Inductees To Leave Friday

Forty-one Cleveland County men leave Friday for induction into the army, via the selective service system.

One month hence, on February 19, the Cleveland board will furnish an additional 55 men for induction, according to quota assigned by state headquarters.

Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, said the board had not yet received a quota for pre-induction examination for February.

She reported that 16 Cleveland county doctors registered Monday under the provisions calling for registration of doctors under 50 years of age.

Of the 82 men sent to Charlotte for pre-induction examinations last Friday, 53 were found physically fit for army duty, Mrs. Newman reported.

She also said no information had been received by the local board on two directives announced this week by President Truman. One directive would require any youth volunteering for the service to file an application with his draft board for voluntary induction. The other would allow draft boards which find the business of the board too heavy to incorporate the aid of additional panels.

Ministers Alter Prayer Program

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association revised its "prayer-for-peace" program, at a breakfast meeting of the group Monday.

Due to confusion concerning the noonhour call to prayer, the ministers voted to discontinue this phase of the program, but urged all churches, schools, civic and service clubs and other groups to continue devoting special emphasis to prayers for peace.

"The Ministerial association wishes to advise the people of Kings Mountain that the change is not an effort to decrease the amount of prayer, but to strengthen and to unify our efforts," a spokesman said.

The association announced that two special services will be conducted in the city on Sunday, February 11. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, an open meeting of A. L. Jones Anonymous will be held at First Presbyterian church. In the evening, at 7:30, an annual Boy Scout service will be held at First Baptist church, with Rev. W. L. Presley, pastor of Boyce Memorial A. P. church, preaching the sermon.

The breakfast-meeting was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Presley, Rev. J. H. Brencall, Central Methodist pastor, retiring president, turned over the duties of president to Rev. P. D. Patrick, First Presbyterian pastor.

Mr. Patrick expressed appreciation for his service here to Rev. H. E. Crump, who is resigning as pastor of First Church of the Nazarene to accept a pastorate at Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Crump will be succeeded by Rev. Clyde McKenzie, of Concord.

The group also passed a resolution in which it expressed appreciation to the Kings Mountain Herald for its cooperation in presenting news of church activities.

Radio Club Member Of Piedmont Net

The Kings Mountain Radio club, W4DZ, is now a member of the Piedmont Radio Net according to announcement by Harold Hunnicutt.

The local club meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock and the club joins the net meeting on the air at 9 p. m. each Wednesday, Mr. Hunnicutt said. The club meets at Mr. Hunnicutt's "Dog House."

As a public service the club accepts messages to all points of the globe free of charge.

Anyone interested in radio and communications is urged to attend the weekly meetings of the club, Mr. Hunnicutt pointed out.

Lynch Purchases Mountain Street Business Bloc

Haywood E. Lynch, owner of Western Auto Associate Store, has purchased the former Presbyterian Church property and adjoining lot on Mountain street, Mr. Lynch said Thursday morning.

The former Presbyterian church property, a lot containing 75 feet by 100 feet, Mr. Lynch purchased from H. Tom Fulton. The adjoining lot, now occupied by a frame dwelling and containing 50 feet by 100 feet, was purchased from Dr. R. N. Baker and W. D. (Bill) Baker.

Consideration involved in the joint transaction was not announced. However, Mr. Fulton had offered his bloc of property to the City of Kings Mountain several months ago for \$15,000. He had acquired the property from owners of Kings Mountain furniture company, who, in turn, had purchased the lot from trustee of First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Lynch purchased the property with the immediate intention, he said, of erecting a business building to accommodate his Western Auto Store and possibly other businesses. However, he added, the government's freeze on commercial building may prevent early development of the property. Under the current government order, all commercial building is halted until February 15th. After that time, it was announced, commercial buildings may be erected only on authorization of the National Production Authority.

Honor Society Inducts Four

Four members of the senior class of Kings Mountain High School were inducted into the National Honor society in a special ceremony at the school on January 12.

The four seniors inducted were Audrey Byars, Louise Carpenter, Carl Cole and Rance Henderson.

The induction group represented the final five percent of the graduating class and were chosen by secret ballot by the present members and the faculty.

Following the induction ceremony, Rev. T. L. Cashwell, pastor of First Baptist church, made an address on "Scholarship," which he defined as "the ability to use the brain for thinking."

Principal Rowell Lane made a talk to the new members, citing the high honor of membership in the society, and members of the society made brief talks outlining the principles on which the society is founded.

Jim Yarboro discussed "Service." Gene Mauney discussed "Character." John Warlick talked on "Leadership" and Earl Morgan discussed "Scholarship."

Bobby Edens presented Mr. Cashwell, and Valerie Batty rendered a vocal solo. Music was furnished by Miss Cornelia Cobb and Howard Coble.

Carpenter Rites Held Saturday

Funeral rites for Miss Callie M. Carpenter, who died at 10:30 p. m. Thursday night, January 11, were held Saturday afternoon at St. Mark's Lutheran church near Crouse, interment following in the church cemetery.

Miss Carpenter died suddenly of a heart attack.

Daughter of the late Sylvanus and Emma Weaver Carpenter, Miss Carpenter was reared and lived most of her life in the St. Mark's community, and was a lifelong member of the St. Mark's church. She was 58 years of age.

No close relatives survive. She had resided here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Aderholt.

Rev. L. M. Miller, pastor of St. Mark's church, conducted the funeral rites.

Home Bldg. & Loan Shareholders Meet

Annual meeting of shareholders of Home Building & Loan association will be held next Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at City Hall courtroom.

Principal business of the meeting will include election of directors for the forthcoming year and presentation of reports on the past year's activities by association officers.

State Defense Head To Be Heard Here

E. Z. Jones, state director of civilian defense, will address a joint meeting of Kings Mountain civic clubs on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Masonic Lodge hall in the Morrison building.

Mr. Jones is expected to discuss North Carolina's plans for perfecting a coordinated civil defense organization.

He will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce. Also invited to attend will be members of the Kings Mountain and Grover city boards of commissioners, Red Cross leaders and others.

The program has been arranged by Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain chairman of civilian defense.

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CULLOWHEE. — When he graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1947 there was an honor seal on his diploma; now completing his senior year of college at Western Carolina Teachers College, Dwight Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ware of Kings Mountain, has continued his high scholastic record.

During the five quarters he has been a student at WCTC, Dwight has been named to the honor roll four times. Two of these were the Alpha and two, Beta.

Dwight is preparing himself for a teaching and coaching career. He expects to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and biology in June.

Following his graduation from high school where he made a name for himself on the gridiron, he enrolled for one year at Catawba College in Salisbury. There he played freshman football. His second year was spent at Gardner-Webb Junior College in Bowling Springs. Again he made a name for himself in the football circles.

Upon enrolling at Western Carolina Teachers College in the fall of 1949, Dwight discovered that his year of football at Catawba made him ineligible for further competition. He then offered to assist head coach Tom Young of the Catamounts in any way he could. He, along with Norris Jones, another Gardner-Webb student, was named to coach the Catamount freshman squad. During the two years that Dwight and Jones were coaches the Kit-tymounts lost only two games, winning over such junior colleges as Mars Hill, Brevard, Asheville-Biltmore, and Gardner-Webb.

In addition to his scholastic and athletic accomplishments, Dwight has been active in many extra-curricular activities. He is vice-president of the Physical Education Club and is a member of the Student Senate and of the college Science club.

Dwight has been examined and found acceptable for service in the armed forces. If the postponement he has requested is granted he will obtain his degree before entering the service. Then his coaching career, in his words, "will have to wait until I can get back around to it."

Chairman Stallings Reports Polio Fund Campaign Off To Good Start

Though first report by Treasurer J. C. McKinney showed a cash-on-hand figure of only \$129 in the township's annual March of Dimes financial campaign, the drive was reported off to a good start this week.

Sam Stallings, chairman, said initial reports from soliciting committees indicated that the vast majority of citizens and business firms are responding to the request for funds to fight infantile paralysis.

Goal in the township campaign is \$6,000.

Funds derived from the campaign are used to provide treatment for polio victims and to conduct research to improve methods of prevention and treatment.

Currently, the Cleveland county chapter is defraying costs of treatment for more than 30 polio patients.

"Initial reports indicate the campaign is off to a good start," Mr. Stallings said. "Committee members report they are getting a good reception on their calls and that the people are being quite liberal in making their donations."

The campaign began Monday and continues through January.

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Kings Mountain Man Shoots Himself

James Newton, 44, who lives on the Grover Road, shot himself three times in the stomach at his home Tuesday night.

He is expected to recover, though his condition was reported as "fair" by Shelby hospital Wednesday.

Constable Will Blackburn, who investigated, said a taxi driver who was answering a call to Newton's home heard the shots, then retired from the scene when Newton came out on the porch and said he had been shot. The cabman, Clark Rushing, notified Constable Blackburn, who was first under the impression that some assailant had shot Newton.

Rushing had taken Newton home at 9:15. Newton shot himself with a .38-caliber pistol about 10 o'clock. Investigating officers also found several shots in the ceiling of the house.

Mr. And Mrs. Poston Injured In Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Poston, well-known Kings Mountain citizens, sustained injuries in an auto accident near Toluca Sunday night.

The car Mr. Poston was driving crashed into a set of cement steps, when it failed to make an intersection on Highway 18. Visibility was poor due to fog.

Both received treatment at the Edwards clinic at Toluca. Mrs. Poston suffered from shock and Mr. Poston received several cuts. The car was virtually demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Poston were returning from Morganton when the accident occurred.

BACK ON JOB

Hilton Ruth, manager of Belk's Department Store, was back at work this week on a part-time basis, following a recent appendectomy. Also returned to work, though using a wheel chair, was Drace Peeler, who suffered a broken heel weeks ago in a fall from the roof of his home.

Tentative Date For Local Unit Opening Given

Kings Mountain's new hospital is tentatively scheduled to open on February 12, according to announcement this week by Robert Moser, administrator of Cleveland county hospitals.

Though it is possible the formal opening may be delayed, present schedule calls for opening on that date.

Preliminary inspection of the new 24-bed hospital on West King street is scheduled for next Wednesday, with final inspection planned for Monday, January 29, Mr. Moser said.

Next Wednesday, the general contractor, sub-contractors and the architect will inspect the building. They will have until the following Monday to correct deficiencies, if any are discovered.

On January 29, the final inspection will be made at 1 p. m., by the county hospital board of trustees, and representatives of the North Carolina Medical Care commission, the U. S. Public Health Service, North Carolina Department of Public Health, the architect and contractors.

Equipment, already on hand, will be installed following this inspection.

Present plans now call for an open house on the opening date February 12.

While listed as a 24-bed hospital, the hospital will actually contain 23 regular beds, plus four children's cribs, and a dozen bassinets, Mr. Moser said.

Plan of operation calls for 24 or 25 regular employees at the hospital, including an office manager, who will handle admissions and financial arrangements, head nurse, several graduate nurses, a dietitian and two orderlies.

There will be no regular staff physician at the hospital, but its facilities will be available for use to all doctors who are members of the Cleveland County Medical society. Other physicians and surgeons who have use of the facilities when called in for consultation by member physicians, Mr. Moser said.

The hospital will be known as the Kings Mountain unit of Cleveland county Hospitals, and it will be under the direct supervision of the 15-member county hospital board of trustees.

Present membership of the board includes J. D. Elliott, chairman, L. Arndt Kiser, W. K. Mauney, Hunter Neisler, A. B. Hamrick, W. H. Covington, Herman Beam, Kester Hamrick, J. R. Cline, W. T. Warlick, Mrs. Mabel W. Krell, C. C. Horn, James Cornwell, C. A. Britton, and Joe Austell.

Mr. Mauney is treasurer of the Kings Mountain unit, while Mr. Beam is treasurer of the Shelby unit.

Dairyman Locates In Kings Mountain

Carl Francisco, field man for the North and South Carolina Jersey Cattle clubs, has set up an office in Kings Mountain.

A graduate of Kansas State college, Mr. Francisco was formerly manager for several years of Middlebrook Farms, Asbury Park, N. J., and is an experienced dairyman.

Mr. Francisco said his new duties included reorganization of several clubs in the area and of assisting county farm agents and vocational agricultural teachers in anything concerning the dairy industry.

The North and South Carolina clubs are associated with the American Jersey Cattle Club, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Francisco moved to Kings Mountain around January 1st and reside at 511 Crescent Hill road.

Elkin's Auto Hit By Reckless Driver

Mrs. E. E. Elkin suffered a slight concussion in an accident Sunday around 3 p. m. near Valdese.

Mr. Elkin and little son were also slightly injured in the mishap.

The Elkin car was going up a mountain near Valdese when it was struck by a vehicle coming down the incline. The driver of the other car was held on reckless driving charges.

Mrs. Elkin has recovered from her injuries. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Crouch, of Wells street.