

**Population**  
City Limits 7,193  
(Final Unofficial Census 1950)  
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# Kings Mountain Herald

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## Rail Strike Hampers Business And Mail

### Local News Bulletins

**STORY HOUR**  
Mrs. John Gamble will serve as teller and Mrs. Paul McGinnis as hostess at the story hour to be held Friday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library. All children through the fourth grade are urged to attend.

**PARKING MONEY**  
A total of \$286.56 in revenue was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday. The "take" represented two weeks collection as the meters were frozen on January 31st, and could not be unlocked for the regular weekly collection.

**IN CLUB**  
GREENSBORO, Peggy Arthur of Kings Mountain has been elected to membership in the Medical Technologists organization of Woman's College. A junior, Miss Arthur is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur of 200 West King street. She was among 15 new members elected to the campus club.

**AA MEETING**  
A public meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian church. A prominent physician and churchman from Eastern South Carolina is scheduled to speak at the meeting. The public is especially invited to attend.

**HEAR SELLERS**  
The Boyce Memorial ARP men's organization held its regular dinner meeting Wednesday night and heard an address of church financing by C. G. Sellers, of Charlotte, veteran treasurer of First ARP church. Mr. Sellers, a native of Kings Mountain, related the necessary steps in preparing a church budget and methods of raising funds to meet it. He said his church had found the unified budget method of financing to be the best.

**TO BE EXAMINED**  
Marriott D. Phifer, Kings Mountain business man and air force reservist, received orders this week to report for physical examination preparatory to return to active duty. Mr. Phifer holds a master sergeant's rating in the air force reserve. He served for 42 months during World War II, including 17 months in the Pacific Theatre. He is to report for physical examination at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., on February 19.

### Mrs. Spencer's Father Succumbs

Funeral services for John William Absher of Gastonia, who died in a Homestead, Fla., hospital Friday, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Concord Methodist church in Bessemer City. The rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ray Swink, assisted by Rev. George Riddle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Cherryville, and Rev. N. D. Newton. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Absher was a member of Concord Methodist church. A daughter, Mrs. Bertie Spencer of Kings Mountain, survives in addition to his wife, Mrs. Ida Neal Absher of Gastonia. Five daughters, Mrs. Pearl Ledford of Gastonia, Mrs. Essie Eaker of Homestead, Fla., Mrs. Margaret Short of Cherryville, Mrs. Ava Ford of Cherryville, and Mrs. Lorene Szczepanski of Detroit, Mich., one son, R. E. Absher of Bessemer City; five brothers, Marion of Cherryville, Gus of Bessemer City, Julius of Bessemer City, Charlie of Bessemer City, and S. E. of Dallas.

### Lions Broom Sale Reported Sellout

Last weekend's Lions Club broom sale was a sell-out, according to report by George Houser, chairman of the sale. This meant that the Lions club sold every broom and 200 rubber door mats for a gross business of some \$2,000. Profits from the sale will be used by the local club in blind-bid work.

### Freight, Mail To Some Points Are Embargoed

The nation-wide "sickness" strike continued to hamper shipments of railway freight and mail Thursday. Though there were many back-to-work movements, there were tied up key points and shipment of goods and dispatch of restricted mail depended on destination points. The postoffice on Thursday afternoon was accepting all classes of mail for points in the Eastern part of the nation. It was not accepting second, third or fourth class mail for points west of the Mississippi, nor for Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota or Wisconsin. Freight shipments were embargoed to many points, according to W. M. Moorhead, of the local Railway office. For instance, it was possible Thursday to ship freight or express to Washington, D. C., but not to any point between Spencer and Monroe, Va. Spencer and Asheville were still the most seriously affected terminal points in North Carolina.

### Jaycee Minstrel Cast Announced

Rehearsals for "Jaycee Minstrels of 1951" have been stepped up this week for the new-model show scheduled for a two-night run on February 16 and 17. Word from the Jaycees is that this year's show will be even better than last year's, which played to big crowds at two showings. Stars of the show, as in all minstrels, will be the seven end-men, who include four hold-overs from last year's show and three new performers. The veterans will be Dr. D. F. Ford, as "Rev. Useless," Ben Ballard, as "Lightnin'," Yates Harbison, as "Ras," and Faison Barnes, as "Sassyfras." Others are Wilson Griffin, as "Fireball," Bill Beam, as "Eight-Ball," and Luco Falls, as "Eclipse." I. Ben Goforth, Jr., will also be a repeater as "Mr. Interlocutor." Also featured will be several specialty numbers, and a 60-voice mixed chorus in blackface will furnish the choral background of old and new songs in the minstrel tradition. D. D. Saunders is general chairman of the show, Joe Hedden is musical director and Miss Evelyn Gillespie is the pianist. Admission will be 40 cents and 60 cents.

**LIONS PROGRAM**  
Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of the Lutheran Mission in Kings Mountain, will address members of the Lions club at their regular meeting on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Masonic dining hall.

### Kay McCarter Fully Recuperated After Dangerous Heart Operation

The Kings Mountain Herald's edition of a year ago carried the headline "Report from Boston: Kay Is Doing Fine." Today, Kay McCarter is not only doing fine, but finer. A year ago, the Kings Mountain school girl was recuperating from a tedious heart operation, which was to save her life. Funds for the expenses of the operation were provided by general Kings Mountain citizens, who contributed in a one-week period more than \$1,100 to assure the child of a chance to live. Today none would know the child had been on the brink of death, for she looks the picture of health. She has gained 13 pounds and now weighs a healthy 60, and no longer does she appear listless and inactive. Where her mother once had to read her lessons for her, she now takes care of the studying alone, and is taking the Beth-Ware fifth grade in stride. Kay has a nice souvenir from the operation at Boston. It is a big scar, half-way round her body, where the incision was made en route to correcting the ailing heart. Kay calls it her "holster strap." For Kay, like most of the youngsters of the day, is a red hot cowboy fan. Her eyes light up when the magic name of "Hopalong Cassidy" is mentioned, but she will admit that her top cinema favorite is Roy Rogers. Kay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McCarter, report it's hard to believe the changes in attitude, energy, and healthful appearance of their daughter during the past year. They will be ever-thankful, they say, for the help of the citizens of the community in providing the life-saving operation for their daughter.

### Scouts Heard Lippard; Fund Drive Begins

More than 200 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, their parents and Scouters were present for the annual Kings Mountain district Boy Scout banquet at the Masonic Dining hall Tuesday night. Feature of the program was an address by Rev. A. W. Lippard, chaplain at the State hospital at Morganton, who spoke on the subject "Why I Believe in Scouting."

"I believe in Scouting," the minister said, "because I believe in the youth of today." He decried the habit of bemoaning the juvenile problem from a negative viewpoint. "The youth of today are not hopeless at all, and the actions of a few should not be emphasized by adults," he declared. He pointed out that youth can be molded, by adult leadership, either for good or for evil, and he praised the Boy Scout movement for teaching the finest traits of character, leadership, and clean living. Relating incidents of preaching in prisons, Mr. Lippard said he had never failed to ask himself, "Who failed that boy?" He emphasized the philosophy of "It's better to build boys than to mend men."

Aubrey Mauney presented Rev. Lippard. The annual banquet was one of the major features of the Kings Mountain district's observance of Boy Scout week. On Sunday evening, the annual Boy Scout church service will be held at 7:30 at First Baptist church, with Rev. W. L. Pressly preaching the sermon. The annual finance campaign for the district Scout organization began Wednesday morning, under the chairmanship of Dr. P. G. Feggett. Goal of the campaign is \$2,000.

### Jaycees Met Tuesday At Central Cafeteria

Regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held at Central school cafeteria Tuesday night. Faison Barnes, president, presided and welcomed State Highway Patrolman W. D. Sawyer into the club as a new member. The organization, which had been holding regular dinner meetings at the Woman's club on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, since the club was organized in 1946, voted to move to the Masonic dining hall for future meetings on a temporary basis. On motion of Grady Howard the club voted for appointment of a committee to look toward the building of a clubhouse for the organization. Reports by M. E. Stanton and Bill Beam on the coming minstrel show were heard after which the group rehearsed the minstrel. Wives of members were among the guests present at the dinner.

**LEGION SUPPER**  
Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a supper at Legion Hall Saturday night at 6:30. All members are being urged to attend.

### Polio Fund Jumps To \$5,279.35 Total

#### City To Observe World Prayer Day

Kings Mountain's annual observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at First Baptist church. The Kings Mountain service has been arranged by women's groups of Kings Mountain churches. Mrs. W. L. Pressly is program chairman and will conduct a program on the theme "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear." The service is community-wide and all citizens are being urged to attend.

#### Teachers List Schools' Needs

The Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Education association called attention this week to the current legislative program of the United Forces for Education. The 13-point program is being urged upon the 1951 General Assembly, now in session, and the several groups making up the United Forces for Education are seeking public support of the program. The program includes: (1) Appropriations for employment of truant officers to enforce the law requiring children to attend school until they are 16. (2) Continuance of appropriations for the current health program and for its expansion. (3) Continuance of and expansion of the program for handicapped children. (4) Appropriations for necessary school buses. (5) Reduction of the teacher load to 30 pupils per classroom. (6) Provision of adequate school buildings financed by the state, where present law does not permit local financing. (7) Provision for adequate vocational education programs. (8) Expansion of facilities for audio-visual education, including movies, film strips, recorders, radio, etc. (9) Sick leave of 10-days per year for teachers, on an accumulative basis. (10) Extension of the employment term for teachers and principals for more than nine months. (11) A \$2,400-\$3,600 salary range for "A" certificate teachers, and a \$2,900-\$4,000 range for "C" certificate teachers, with proportionate pay for principals, supervisors, college teachers, and others. (12) Increase retirement system benefits (as proposed by trustees of the system) to a minimum of \$40 monthly for 20 years of service and a minimum of \$50 monthly for 30 years of service. (13) Funds for adequate clerical and bookkeeping assistance to the schools.

The United Forces for Education includes the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Farm Bureau Federation, the School Board Association, the State Grange, and the North Carolina Education Association.

#### Film Shown Beth-Ware PTA

Beth-Ware PTA met Tuesday evening at the school, Mrs. Haig Goforth, president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. F. C. Ware gave the devotional followed by a prayer by John Rudisell. A talk on "Facts About North Carolina" was given by Mrs. Leonard Gamble. Mr. Rudisell showed a film, "Meet North Carolina," which was enjoyed by all. Mr. Amos Best's 9th grade and Mrs. Bryan Hod's 4th grade tied for attendance prize. Sandwiches, pickles, cup cakes and coffee was served by the hostesses, Mrs. F. C. Ware, Mrs. Edwin Moore and Mrs. J. L. Thornburg.

**873 TAGS SOLD**  
City auto tag sales for 1951, nearing the 1,000-mark this week: A total of 973 had been sold through Wednesday and brought a reminder from city officials that failure to display the tag on vehicles could bring a citation to court.

#### IN TRAINING GREAT LAKES, ILL.

Grady A. Rhea, Jr., seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hayes of 105 Water-street, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and is now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for specialized training. During this period of training, he underwent intensive drill in such subjects as signaling, navigation, basic ordnance and seamanship. He also was indoctrinated into the ways of the Navy and learned the customs of the service.

### Township Nears Goal; County Quota Topped

Contributions of Number Four Township citizens to the annual March of Dimes campaign jumped handsomely during the past week, leaving the total only \$721.65 short of the \$6,000 quota. Total contributions, as reported by Chairman Sam Stallings Wednesday afternoon, were \$5,279.35, against the previously reported total of about \$3,000. Mr. Stallings said almost all reports have been received from soliciting committees, but that a few are yet to be turned in. "We still have hopes of reaching the quota, though it may require some additional gifts," Mr. Stallings said.

He added that the Kings Mountain committee is particularly anxious to meet its quota, since Shelby and other parts of the county have already over-subscribed their goals. Total collected in the county had reached \$27,279.35 Wednesday.

"I want to thank the many committee members who have worked diligently to make the annual March of Dimes campaign a success, and to thank each donor who has helped to swell the total," Mr. Stallings said. Persons who have not made a contribution to the March of Dimes and who wish to make one should call Chairman Stallings or Treasurer J. C. McKinney.

### John D. Jones' Mother Succumbs

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Union Methodist church, near Rutherfordton, for Mrs. Amanda Jane Jones, 82, who died here Tuesday at 4 p. m. after an illness of five weeks. Rev. Ellis P. Green officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Jones died at the home of her son, John D. Jones, route two. She was the widow of the late L. C. Jones and had lived at route two, Rutherfordton. She was a member of Union Methodist church. Survivors, in addition to Mr. Jones, are five daughters, Mrs. N. W. Miller, of Rutherfordton, Mrs. S. E. Miller, of Leesville, S. C., Mrs. J. C. McFee, of Greensboro, Mrs. Frank Smith, of Bostic, and Mrs. L. J. Crowe, of Spartanburg, S. C., 25 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

### Red Cross Leaders At Charlotte Meeting

Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. Ben H. Goforth and Mrs. J. S. Evans, Jr., represented the Kings Mountain Red Cross at a meeting in Charlotte Tuesday of the Charlotte Regional Coordinating committee, Red Cross blood program. Principal discussions concerned organization for forthcoming blood collections in the several cities of the region, with attention given to more efficient methods of collection. The Bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain on March 14. Quota for the next three visits here is 375 pints of blood, which breaks down into quotas of 125 pints for each visit. Local officials say it requires 200 volunteers to obtain 125 pints of blood. It was announced at the meeting that citizens of the Charlotte region are responding well to the call for blood, with a new record having been set in January, when 6,100 pints were collected.

### Hayes Completes Basic Training

Baxter M. Hayes, Jr., seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hayes of 105 Water-street, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and is now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for specialized training. During this period of training, he underwent intensive drill in such subjects as signaling, navigation, basic ordnance and seamanship. He also was indoctrinated into the ways of the Navy and learned the customs of the service.

### T. W. Grayson Elected Head Of Merchants

T. W. Grayson, well-known Kings Mountain jeweler, will serve as president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for the coming year. Mr. Grayson was elected to the presidency in a mail ballot conducted by the association last week. He will succeed as president J. Wilson Crawford.

For other officers, the merchants elected Glee Edwin Bridges as vice-president, and Paul McGinnis, Menzell Phifer and W. S. Fulton, Jr., directors to serve a two-year term. Holdover directors are Wilson Crawford, ex officio, C. D. Blanton, Drace M. Peeler, Amos Dean, C. E. Warlick, and Charlie Spearman.

The new officers will be installed at the annual employer-employee banquet of the association to be held Monday night. Results of the balloting were announced by W. Faison Barnes, association secretary.

### Final Rites Held For C. A. Baity

Funeral services for Charlie Anderson Baity, 71, who died Sunday around 4 a. m. at his home on route two, were held Monday at 4 o'clock at the home. Burial was in Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery. He had been ill for one month. Mr. Baity was a native of Yadkin County but had lived in Kings Mountain for the past 50 years. He was the son of the late James and Emily Lewis Baity. He was formerly employed by Margrace mill.

Survivors include his wife, the former Laura Gilbert, a son, A. P. Baity, and five daughters, Miss Maude Baity, Miss Lois Baity, Mrs. Stella Flowers, Mrs. Clarence Flowers and Mrs. L. W. Wright, all of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Alex Baity, of Lynchburg, Va., Isaac Baity, of Gaffney, S. C., and Harrison Baity, of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Dave Gladden, of Gastonia; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Funeral Conducted For J. H. Burrage

Funeral rites for J. H. Burrage, 72, former Kings Mountain citizen, were held Tuesday at Williamsburg, Va., with interment at Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Burrage died suddenly Sunday afternoon at 12:05 at his home in Williamsburg following a heart attack. Though he has suffered from a heart ailment some years ago, he had recently been in apparent good health. Surviving are three sons and two daughters, L. Lawrence Burrage, of Williamsburg, Gene Burrage, of Florida H. L. Burrage, of Richmond, Va., Mrs. J. D. Hord, of Kings Mountain, and Miss Ruby Burrage of Williamsburg. Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

### 202 Men Examined For Army Thursday

Two hundred two Cleveland county men went to Charlotte Thursday for pre-induction physical exams to determine their fitness for service in the army. Included was a large number of Kings Mountain area men. On February 19th, the board will send a group of 55 for final induction. Mrs. Clara Newman, selective service board clerk, said that 235 had been ordered up for the Thursday pre-induction exams, but that several reported change in status after the orders were filed. She urged all registrants to report any changes in status, such as marriage, or other facts, as quickly as the change occurs.

### Alexander To Speak At Annual Merchants Banquet On Monday

H. Y. Alexander, of Charlotte, will deliver the principal address of the evening at the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association Monday evening. The banquet will be held at the Masonic dining hall in the New Morrison building, beginning at 7:30. Announcement of the plans for the annual affair were announced this week by E. C. McClain, chairman of the committee on arrangements. Tickets will be \$2.00 per person and reservations can be made by telephoning the Merchants

### City Board Approves Right-Of-Way Plan

#### Plans Advance For New Lane Of Highway 74

Progress toward contract-letting for the construction of an additional dual lane on Highway 74 to Gastonia was furthered Thursday morning. The city board of commissioners, in special session, passed a resolution agreeing to defray one-third the cost of right-of-way for the portion of the road which will be built within the city limits.

According to the survey and resolution, the city and state will pay for right-of-way of 133 feet at the city limits, the right-of-way tapering to 100 feet at a distance of 406 feet to the west. This point is near the house formerly occupied by Walters Flowers and now owned by Troup Mickler, of Eustis, Fla. It is anticipated that the house will have to be torn away or moved back.

The city's portion of the right-of-way will require no cash outlay. It will be charged to the monies accruing to it from the state highway fund.

Under present plan, the proposed dual lane will converge with the present road-bed near the Mickler property.

The city also discussed with Highway Engineer Lewis Peck the possibility of widening the present road to a width of 34 feet from the proposed intersection to the point where E. King street widens to 34 feet. Mr. Peck explained that the federal government, which is sharing cost on the construction, would not approve these plans unless a 100-foot right-of-way were provided. He said, however, that he felt the state department would approve the widening, provided the city agreed to pay the cost, again out of its highway credits, and agree to restrict parking along the street.

Though no action was taken, it was indicated by the board that it would seek to have E. King street widened to 34 feet. Eleven cases were completed in recorder's court Monday according to a study of court records on file at City Hall. Nine defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness. Ray Tomlin, charged with assault on a female, was taxed with the costs of court and prayer for judgment against him was continued for two years. Albert King, Bessemer City Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after conviction on a charge of driving without an operator's license.

### Wee Folk Shop Opens Friday

A new Kings Mountain business firm will open Friday morning. The Wee Folk Shop, located in the building formerly occupied by Woodward & Son, will feature nationally advertised children's wear for all ages from infants to age ten. The new firm is owned and will be operated by Mrs. John Cheshire and Mrs. David Cash. New fixtures have been installed by the firm and present an attractive display. Majority of the new stock of merchandise has arrived, although some items have been delayed by the rail situation, the announcement said. "We are very happy to announce the opening of the Wee Folk Shop and to offer a complete line of children's wear to the people of King Mountain," the new merchants stated.

### Markets, Cafes Graded By County

The Cleveland County health department has released ratings of markets and cafes in the county, not including those inside the Shelby city limits. Kings Mountain placed 17 markets in the "Grade A" category in which 23 firms were listed and four of nine cafes in the same select roster. The following Kings Mountain and Kings Mountain area markets were listed as "Grade A": A & P; J. E. Aderhold and Sons Grocery; B & B Food Store; T. F. Ballard Grocery; Barkley Brothers Grocery; L. W. Barrett Grocery; Crawford Grocery; Dixie Home Store; W. M. Cantt Grocery; Gault & Sons Grocery; Huffstetter's Grocery, Route No. 1; Margrace Mill Store; Payne's Grocery. (Cont'd on page eight)

### Friday Is Last Day To List Taxes Here

Friday will be the last day the Number Four Township tax books will be at City Hall according to Bright D. Ratterre, list taker. Some citizens have been listing late here this week, he said. Penalty for late listing was effective on Monday. After Friday citizens will have to go to Shelby to list. Mr. Ratterre estimated that some 350-400 township citizens have so far failed to list property for taxes. He also estimated in increase in the total valuation, with some building having taken place and an increase in number of automobiles and television receivers.

### Hall To Conduct Special Services

Rev. B. Frank Hall, D. D., pastor of Pearsall Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, will conduct a series of special services at First Presbyterian church here beginning February 18. Announcement that Dr. Hall would conduct the annual February week of special services was made by the pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick. Dr. Hall is a native of Wilmington. He was graduated with high honors from Davidson college and attended Union Theological seminary, where he was awarded a Hoge Fellowship, highest honor obtainable at the seminary. Before returning to Wilmington, Dr. Hall was pastor of Central Presbyterian church, St. Louis, Mo. In 1948, he went to Europe as Presbyterian representative on the General Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. The services will begin on Sunday morning, February 18, continuing through February 23. Two services will be held daily, at 10 a. m. when Dr. Hall will teach the book of James, and at 7:30 in the evenings. "We feel most fortunate in obtaining Dr. Hall for our annual February series," Mr. Patrick said, "and we cordially invite the community to join our members in hearing him."

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