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

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Local News Bulletins

AT CITY HALL

Tommy Owens, recent graduate of Kings Mountain high school, has been employed as a clerical assistant in the city office, according to announcement this week by M. K. Fuller, city administrator. Mr. Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Owens, House 24, Saddle Mill.

TO ROTC CAMP

Frank A. Summers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers, is to leave today for Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he will take a six-week course of training for future officers. He is a student at Georgia Tech and is a Cadet Major in that school's R. O. T. C. engineers corps.

PARKING MONEY

A total of \$148.90 was collected from the city's parking meters on Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk Joe McDaniel.

X-RAY UNIT HERE

The Cleveland County X-ray unit will be in Kings Mountain on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to announcement by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, executive secretary of the county tuberculosis association. The unit will be located in front of Belk's Department store.

AUDITORS RETURN

Members of the firm of Ernst & Ernst, Winston-Salem accountants, returned to City Hall Tuesday to continue the audit of the city's books for the period beginning July 1, 1950.

Breakfield Dies Of Heart Attack

EL BETHEL—Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Bethel Methodist church in Bessemer City for Clyde S. Breakfield, who died suddenly Sunday morning at 3 o'clock in the Kings Mountain hospital.

He had been in very good health until he suffered a heart attack Saturday night at his home here after he had returned home from work.

Mr. Breakfield is survived by his wife, the former Emma Lynch, seven children, all of the home and an adopted daughter, also of the home. Burial was in the Bessemer City cemetery.

Three To Attend Boys State

Three Kings Mountain boys are leaving Sunday to represent the city at annual Boys State, the week-long program at Chapel Hill, sponsored by the American Legion.

Attending from Kings Mountain will be Johnny Kiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kiser, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club; Charles Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mauney, sponsored by the Lions Club; and Jack Still, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Still, sponsored by the American Legion. Paul McGinnis was chosen to attend but will be unable to make the trip.

The representatives were chosen from their senior class of Kings Mountain high school on the basis of scholarship and leadership.

The annual Boys State is a concentrated seven-day program, at which representatives learn about government by practicing it.

Marshal Wright Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Marshall V. Wright, 42, of route one, Kings Mountain, who died Wednesday at K. H. p. a. Mountain hospital, were held Thursday at 3:30 o'clock at Second Baptist church.

Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor, and Rev. W. H. Richmond officiated and burial was in Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Wright was the son of W. A. Wright and the late Mrs. Anna Henson Wright, of Blacksburg, S. C. He was a member of Second Baptist church and was formerly employed by Craftsman Yarns, Inc.

Survivors include his father, one son, Lewis Wright, five brothers, Jonas, John, Marvin, Forest and Horace Wright, and two sisters, Mrs. Roland Waters and Mrs. Aubrey Wilson, all of Kings Mountain.

Case Against Legion Head Is Not Prossed

Emma Spencer, Brown Appeal Court Sentences

Recorder Judge W. Faison Barnes found a busy docket facing him on his return Monday from his wedding trip.

A carry-over case from the previous week, plus a weekend raid on white liquor dealers, clogged the docket and also clogged the courtroom. There was standing room only, and some had to peek in from the windows.

Most interest, perhaps, was in the case in which Warren E. Reynolds, American Legion Post commander, was charged with use of profane language by Mayor Garland E. Still. When Judge Barnes called the case, Solicitor Jack White informed him he was taking a nol prossed. The action by the solicitor had the effect of completely exonerating Mr. Reynolds, who was Legion commander-elect at the time the mayor charged him with using profane language. The incident occurred following a raid by police on the Legion Building, the raid having resulted on seizure of four slot machines.

Considerable interest was also evidenced in the several liquor cases, but Emma Latters Spencer, elderly Negro woman, stole the show, as Judge Barnes handed her a four-month jail sentence, suspended on the following conditions: 1) payment of a fine of \$250 and costs; 2) good behavior for two years. On Tuesday, she filed notice of appeal to Superior Court and was freed under bond of \$500, posted in her behalf by Coley Freeman, professional bondsman.

Sentenced to four months on the roads was Will Brown, Negro driver of a city garbage truck. In making the sentence, Judge Barnes noted that he was not invoking the suspended sentence under which Brown had been freed in February. Brown also appealed to Superior Court and was freed under \$500 bond, signed by himself and his wife.

Both Brown and Emma Spencer had been charged with illegal possession of non-tax paid whiskey for purposes of sale. Both had pled guilty to possession of white whiskey, but had denied they sold it.

In other cases arising from the Friday night raids by city police and county officers, Fred Roberts, his wife, Iva Jane Roberts, George McDonald and Mabel Watson sought, and were granted, continuance of their trials until June 25th.

Roberts and his wife, jailed on charges of illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor for purposes of sale after an early evening police raid, made bond and were then jailed again later in the evening. Police apprehended the couple, along with McDonald and Mabel Watson, in Roberts' automobile, with a half-gallon of white whiskey. McDonald, who was driving Roberts' car, was booked on a charge of driving a motor vehicle without a license. Roberts was charged both with possession and transportation of non-tax paid liquor, and both the women with possession of the white whiskey. In the early evening raid, police had found nine and one-half gallons of white whiskey on the Roberts premises. The case was continued on request of Roberts' attorney, C. C. Horn, who told the court he had

Alfred Wilson And J. D. Martin Killed When Hit By Car Tuesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday for two men killed near Kings Mountain early Tuesday morning when struck by an automobile.

Alfred R. Wilson, 40, and J. D. Martin, 35, both of route one, died after being struck by the car, driven by Charles W. Summerville, 29, of Belmont, who was in county jail at Shelby Wednesday in default of \$5,000 bond on a charge of manslaughter.

The accident took place less than one mile south of Kings Mountain city limits on the York road at around 12:30 a. m. Tuesday. Martin was killed instantly and Wilson died a short while later at Kings Mountain hospital.

Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, who investigated along with Sheriff Haywood Allen and Highway Patrolman W. D. Saw-

Kings Mountain Area Horsemen Win Show Honors

Rain clouds played hide-and-seek over City Stadium Wednesday, but they didn't open during the proceedings and the Kiwanis Club reeled off its horse show on schedule.

The e between performance rains and threatening clouds hurt attendance, but horse show officials said they were well-pleased with the results, in view of the conditions.

Kings Mountain area competitors took their share of the ribbons and prize money.

H. Tom Fulton, former Kings Mountain mayor who now operates his horse business out of Flat Creek, Tenn., won first money in both the amateur walking horse stake and the walking horse stake, as he rode his mare, Nell Fulton, to victory over all competitors.

Another big winner was Barbara Ford, pretty Clover, S. C. horsewoman and a veteran of Kings Mountain shows. Relegated to show ribbons in the afternoon events, Miss Ford concentrated on blues in the evening events, capturing first places in the ladies five-gaited class, the amateur three-gaited stake and the amateur five-gaited stake. She also placed third in the harness stake.

Another Kings Mountain show veteran, Mary Jo Cloninger, again took home a large share of the ribbons, winning the five-gaited stake over three veteran horsemen with Magnolia's Honey Boy, and also taking the three-gaited stake with Bright Lights.

Marriott Thifer rode Goforth Stables' Miss Tarheel to first place victory in the pleasure class.

One of the features of the show was the exhibition of the George King harness team. Mr. King, a Greensboro automobile dealer, made a donation of \$100 to the Kiwanis club's fund for underprivileged children.

The Kiwanis club and their wives entertained exhibitors at a picnic at the home of Byron Keeter following the afternoon performance.

Following are the winners of the 23 classes, with horse named first, and rider second:

Afternoon Events
Open Children's Horsemanship: first, Lou J. Genfus, Frances Gettys; second, Wilder's Dream, David Justice; third, Special Occasion, Mary Gilmer; fourth, Echo, Sally G. Griffith; fifth, Little Champ, Tommy Shockley; sixth, Lady Jane, Nancy Waldrop.

Three-Gaited Class (Open): first, Nancy Finest, Ross McConnell; second, Naughty But Nice, Frances Gettys; third, Diamond Jim, Carolyn Brookshire; fourth, Reverie's Summer Breeze, Virginia Earl Dellinger.

Walking Horse Class (Open): first, Midnight Mae, Rex Watts; second, The Walking Man, Bill Patrick. (Cont'd on page eight)

Union Service Schedule Given
Rev. P. D. Patrick, president of the Ministerial Association, announces the schedule of the Union Services of the five participating churches for the summer. It follows:

June 24, Rev. R. L. Councilman of Burlington, at First Baptist.

July 1, Rev. W. P. Gerberding, at A.R.R.; July 8, Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., at Presbyterian; July 15, Rev. W. L. Pressly at Central Methodist; July 22, Rev. W. L. Pressly, at St. Matthew's Lutheran; July 29, Rev. P. D. Patrick, at A.R.P.

August 5, Rev. J. H. Brendall, at First Baptist; August 12, Rev. W. P. Gerberding, at First Presbyterian; August 19, Rev. J. H. Brendall, at St. Matthew's Lutheran and August 26, Rev. P. D. Patrick, at Central Methodist.

The schedule was arranged by Rev. W. L. Pressly, chairman of the union service committee.

BIDS NOT RAISED
Original bids on the properties of the late J. B. Thomason Estate, sold at auction on Saturday, June 2, were not raised by the deadline Tuesday. A. H. Patterson, commissioner, said yesterday. The properties, sold under court order, brought a total price of \$26,257.

yer, said that according to sick marks on the road the Summerville auto was on the wrong side of the road at the point where the men were struck. Both men were employed in Gastonia and had returned to Kings Mountain by bus and alighted at the intersection of the Gastonia highway and N. C. 161 had walked around a mile and one-half to the point on the road where the fatal mishap took place.

Summerville was alone at the time of the accident and was driving a 1947 Chevrolet. He told investigating officers that he "didn't know how he got on wrong side of the road" and that he thought he had hit only one person. Coroner Harris said that none of the parties had intoxicants on their breath. He said that Martin was dragged under. (Cont'd on page eight)

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Olsen Company Will Do Work For \$2,500 Fee

The city board of commissioners met in brief special session Monday afternoon and authorized signing of a contract with Olsen Engineering Company, of Raleigh, to make a survey of the city's sewage disposal and water distribution systems.

Cost of the survey, expected to require about three months, will be \$2,500.

F. H. Mengel, representative of the Raleigh firm, was present at the meeting and explained that his company would send an engineering party to Kings Mountain to obtain complete data on both systems. In turn, his company will compile the data and make recommendations for long-term improvements for both systems, together with estimated costs of the construction involved. He said the company would make the survey with full consideration of the possibility and feasibility of consolidating the sewage disposal system.

The city has been discussing the survey contract with the Olsen Company for the past several months, it being first considered by the Herndon administration.

After discussion of the proposal, Commissioner C. P. Barry moved inclusion of the \$2,500 fee in the forthcoming budget and Commissioner B. T. Wright seconded. Both motions carried unanimously.

E. A. Harrill, city attorney, reported to the board that the city had on its books an ordinance requiring citizens to clean their lots periodically. The board had discussed at previous meetings the drafting of an ordinance requiring cleaning of vacant lots to eliminate fire and health hazards.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Commissioner Wright.

Legion Auxiliary To Sponsor Show

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a local talent show called "Going Places," to be presented at City Stadium on next Thursday and Friday, June 21 and 22.

A professional director, Miss Judy Cassini, arrived here this week to direct the show and other promotional work in connection with it.

She said that proceeds would go to the benefit of the Legion Auxiliary's park and playground recreation fund.

In connection with the show, the Auxiliary is planning to run a baby contest, scheduled to begin Friday and continue through 4 p. m. the following Friday, Miss Cassini said.

Miss Cassini said that the Legion Auxiliary committee in charge of the promotion included Mrs. C. L. Jolly, Mrs. Sam Hamrick, Mrs. W. W. Souther, Mrs. J. N. Gamble and Mrs. George Allen.

Methodists Plan Dad's Day Program

Special program honoring fathers will be given at Central Methodist church Sunday, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brendall.

All fathers present will be recognized, Mr. Brendall said, and the sermon subject will be "The Head of the Family?"

Groups of children will also participate in the special program.

Tox Pre-Payments Total \$5,067.39

Pre-payments of the 1951-52 city tax levy totaled \$5,067.39 through Wednesday afternoon, Joe McDaniel city clerk, said yesterday.

The total represented payments by only six taxpayers who were paying in advance to obtain the two percent discount allowed by law for payment prior to July 1.

Largest tax bill paid was by Burlington Mills' Phenix Plant, totaling \$4,571.23.

The city is collecting 1951 taxes on the basis of a \$1.90 tax rate, prevailing rate during the current year.



LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATED—Shown above are four Kings Mountain students who have recently received college degrees. At top left, is Charles Ervin Warlick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warlick Sr., graduated from N. C. State college with the degree of B. S. in civil engineering, and at top right is George Tolleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tolleson, also graduated from N. C. State with the degree of B. S. in civil engineering. At lower left is another N. C. State graduate, Harvey L. Bumgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel B. Bumgardner, who received a B. S. Degree in poultry science. At lower right is Lemuel Dwight Ware, graduated from Western Carolina Teachers College with a B. S. degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Ware.

Bus Fares To Go Up To 15 Cents In City

Board Discusses Electrical System Needs

The city board of commissioners, in special meeting Thursday afternoon, granted Kings Mountain Bus Company permission to raise one-way fares from 10 cents to 15 cents, and also agreed to purchase gasoline during the next two years at regular wholesale rates from Fred W. Plonk, Shell distributor.

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