

City Limits 7,206
Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

Local News Bulletins

McGINNIS NAMED
Paul McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, was elected vice-president of the Southern District of the Lutheran Brotherhood at the quarterly meeting held in Belmont Sunday afternoon.

JOINS HOSPITAL STAFF
Dr. R. C. Cloninger, a native of Clairmont in Catawba County, has joined the Cleveland County Hospital staff and will be associated with Dr. John C. Hamrick, in the practice of surgery.

NO SLUGS, PLEASE
City police officers reported this week they had been picking an unusual quantity of slugs, in lieu of U. S. coins, out of the city's parking meters. They pointed out that this type of cheating is against the law and that offenders will be prosecuted, if apprehended.

MUFFLER WARNING
State Highway Patrolman W. D. Sawyer issued a warning this week against use of "guttered mufflers of all types" and said he was going to "crack down" on that motor vehicle law violation immediately. State law prohibits use of "guttered" auto mufflers.

LEAGUES TO MEET
Luther Leaguers from this section will meet Friday evening at Chapel Lutheran church in East Gastonia, with Harold Skinner, student at Lenoir-Rhyne college and summer field worker for the Luther League of North Carolina, to make the featured address. The program begins at 7:30. A large number of Kings Mountain Luther Leaguers are expected to attend, according to announcement by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Grover Lions Club Organizing

Charter Night for the Grover Lions club, organized last Friday night by some 14 grover men, has been set for September 6 at which time the new group will receive its charter from Lions International.

The new Number Four Township organization was sponsored by the Shelby Lions, the sixth club to be sponsored by that group. The Grover club will be open for additional charter members until Charter Night, after which membership will be by invitation only.

Temporary officers of the club, elected at the organizational meeting Friday, are R. B. Keeter, president; Robert E. Hambricht, Jr., first vice-president; Glenn Roundtree, second vice-president; Gene Turner, third vice-president; Dan Jones, secretary-treasurer; Charles L. Queen, Lion tamer; and J. Harold Herndon, tall-talker. Directors are M. H. Camp, W. H. Powell, Rev. Park H. Moore and Rev. S. M. Hughes and other charter members are Arthur Davis, Dewey Montgomery and James Rollins.

The Grover Lions was to meet last night (Thursday) at Grover high school at 8 p. m. for the first official time. Regular meetings have been set for the first and third Thursdays of each month. The club is the seventh in District 31B, Region 3, Zone 1. Norman Trueblood of Elizabeth city, state secretary of Lions International, David White, past deputy district governor, R. S. Gidney, zone chairman, John Ed Davis, president of the Shelby Lions club, J. Lowery Austell, secretary of the Shelby club, H. H. Weaver, Ben Palmer, and Cecil Gilliat, all of Shelby, and Cecil the organization of the new chapter. Trueblood, White, Gidney, and Davis installed the temporary officers of the Grover Lions.

Citizens Donated 50 Pints Of Blood

Kings Mountain citizens donated 50 pints of blood via the Red Cross Bloodmobile Monday. Though considerably below the hoped-for total of 150 pints, Red Cross officials were particularly pleased at the low percentage of rejections. Of the 52 persons offering their blood, 50 were accepted. This total did not include a number of persons who had given blood too recently to be accepted.



BUMGARDNER CLAN GATHERS—Ed Bumgardner, seated near center of photo holding a grandson and a straw hat, celebrated his 71st birthday anniversary last Friday and was honored with a family dinner at the homeplace on York road on Sunday.

Weiner Offered Top Coaching Position Here

Art Weiner, former all-American football player at the University of North Carolina, may be the new head coach of Kings Mountain high school. Mr. Weiner has been tendered the position by city school officials, following a conference here last Saturday, and has indicated he will be able to give the school a definite answer Saturday. Members of the school board's committee to obtain a successor to Coach Shu Carlton, now on active duty with the Marine Corps, are Fred W. Plonk, Dr. P. G. Padgett and Supt. B. N. Barnes. Mr. Plonk said Mr. Weiner, who played professional football with the New York Yankees last year, had expressed a wish to forsake professional football for the more permanent, if less-paid, profession of coaching. The football star is discussing 1951 contract matters with the professional team and expects to reach a decision Saturday.

News of the possibility of obtaining Weiner, receiving end of the famed Justice-to-Weiner passing combination, created considerable excitement among Kings Mountain football fans this week. Statement by school officials that Mr. Weiner's salary requirements were over the budget brought a quick guarantee from The Mountaineer Club that necessary funds would be provided. On Thursday morning the following telegram, signed by heads of the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Jaycees and Merchants association, was dispatched to Mr. Weiner: "Wish to extend to you a most hearty welcome to Kings Mountain if you accept pending position. We will back you wholeheartedly to give Kings Mountain very best athletic program possible."

Should Mr. Weiner not be able to accept the position, a number of other outstanding prospects for the position have indicated their availability, according to statement by Committeeman Plonk.

Morrison Salesman With Pilot Life

Luther Morrison, for the past two years manager of the meat department at Dixie-Home Store, has resigned, effective last Saturday, to become a special representative for Pilot Life Insurance Company. Mr. Morrison, previously in insurance sales work shortly after World War II, will handle ordinary and industrial life insurance and hospitalization insurance sales in Kings Mountain and vicinity. He is a veteran of World War II, having been retired by the army after receiving severe wounds in action in the Pacific Theatre.

The new manager of the Dixie-Home Store meat department is Gene Gladden, of Kings Mountain, who has been the meat department manager of the Dixie-Home Store at Bessemer City, according to announcement by Yates Harbison.

GRACE HOME COMING
Homecoming will be observed at Grace Methodist church on Sunday, August 12, according to announcement Thursday by Rev. T. W. Hager, the pastor. Dr. W. A. Parsons, a former pastor, will preach the morning sermon, and picnic lunch will be served on the grounds following the morning service.

Queen City To Show City Terminal Plans

Another step toward the long-awaited building of a bus terminal in Kings Mountain is expected to be taken Saturday. J. H. Quattlebaum, of Queen City Trailways, telephoned Mayor Garland Still Tuesday morning that he would like to meet with the board of commissioners Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to present proposed plans for the bus terminal and to obtain approval of the same. Mayor Still said Mr. Quattlebaum told him that Queen City is anxious to get started on the bus terminal and expects start pouring foundations before the end of August, provided the proposed plans are approved. Queen City will erect a terminal on the West King street lot adjoining the Puroil service station a site purchased for the purpose several months ago. Mayor Still said he was calling a special meeting of the com-

Taxes, Power Profits Big Revenue Producers, City Statement Shows

The City of Kings Mountain's surplus at June 30, 1951, totaled \$992,721.76, according to financial statement compiled by Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, of Winston-Salem.

The completed report, a follow-up on the 11-month report of examination of the city's financial standing previously filed with the city board of commissioners, showed the city had total assets of \$1,321,722.49, a gain of \$329,000.73. Of the total liabilities, \$47,000.73 was due in current accounts, including utility deposits and pre-payments on 1951 taxes, and \$282,000 was owed for bonded indebtedness.

The city showed an inventory of supplies of \$25,509.63 and cash on hand of \$46,848.57 in the general fund and \$16,398.11 in the cemetery fund.

During fiscal 1950-51, the city received in income from all sources \$346,429.91. Its general fund expenditures totaled \$341,159.62. The city retired \$31,000 bonded indebtedness during the year and paid interest of \$14,592.50.

Only six of 30 revenue items in the 1950-51 budget failed to produce the anticipated amounts. These were: receipts from land-sale certificates, from collection of old accounts, sale of dog licenses, sewer rentals, sale of supplies, and water and sewer connections. Ad valorem taxes and poll taxes returned to city coffers \$76,869.54, more than \$9,000 than was anticipated. But the big gain was the public utilities department, which returned \$217,603.70 in revenue, against anticipated receipts of \$181,000. The gain in gross revenue was \$36,603.70.

Net operating revenue from sale of power, consistently a rival with tax receipts as the big revenue producer for the city, was \$74,412.59.

Department Expense
Of the 12 departments to which city disbursements are charged, seven over-spent the budget estimates. However, none were over-spent by extraordinary amounts. The departments over-spent and the amounts were: Administrative department, \$653.85; sanitary department, \$1,409.54; fire department, \$3,226.46; cemetery department, \$68.73. Continued On Page Eight

Abbott Heads Flood Relief Appeal In City

Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter has been asked to conduct an emergency appeal for \$275 for Kansas City flood relief, and L. E. Abbott, cashier of the First National Bank, has accepted the chairmanship of the special appeal.

Mr. Abbott said this week, in announcing the \$81 had already been received by him for that purpose from sympathetic individuals, that he did not think it would be necessary to conduct a direct solicitation to obtain the funds.

"I am sure," he said, "that all citizens have seen the pictures and read the news accounts of the vast damage done and suffering caused by the great floods in the Kansas City area, and I feel sure an appeal to Kings Mountain citizens to forward checks for this purpose will not go unheeded."

Checks should be mailed or given to Mr. Abbott or to Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross executive secretary.

Mr. Abbott reported the following donations:

Harold Coggins, \$20; R. L. Mauney, \$15; B. S. Neill, \$10; C. E. Warlick, I. B. Goforth, J. H. Tomson, J. Ollie Harris, F. R. Summers, and L. E. Abbott, \$5 each; and George H. Houser and Miss Jette Plonk, \$3 each.

In addition to the Red Cross appeal, the Kings Mountain Lions club has already forwarded \$25 to the disaster area. This was drawn to Lions International for forwarding to Kansas City.

Moss Elected Wolfpack Prexy

Charles Moss, Jr., was elected president of a county-wide Wolfpack club organized at Shelby Tuesday night.

The new group, which supports North Carolina State College athletic teams and institutional programs, was formally organized by Bill Brannan, former Charlotte Central high school coach who is now director of the Wolfpack clubs, at a meeting of State alumni. Twenty charter members were signed at the meeting and plans laid for a membership drive to enroll 150 members by late summer.

Mr. Brannan told the group that "every effort" would be made to bring the State basketball team to Shelby for a game in late August provided the membership goal is reached.

Membership in the Wolfpack club is open to any person interested in N. C. State College and its activities.

Other officers elected were Charles D. Forney, Jr., of Lenoir, vice-president; John R. McClure, of Shelby, secretary; and Olive Anthony, Jr., of Shelby, treasurer. Mr. Forney was also named chairman of the membership drive.

Services To Induct Seven Men Tuesday

Seven Cleveland county men will be inducted into the armed services, via selective service, next Tuesday. The group fills the county's August induction quota. It was also announced by Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, that a call had been received to fill a pre-induction quota for 30 men on August 14.

Textile Plants Cut Schedules As Slump Hits

Textiles in Kings Mountain, the city's bread-and-butter industry, is in the throes of a slump.

A large number of plants have cut production schedules to about half-time, as inventories have piled up and buyers have ordered the mills to delay shipment on contracted purchases.

The view of most textile men contacted by the Herald is that it will be another month before stabilization occurs and orders begin to flow in again.

They attribute the slump to 1) general over-production of textiles, 2) estimates of a large cotton crop, and 3) uncertainty concerning price ceilings. The latter may be partially settled since action by Congress this week in extending and modifying price control regulations.

Cotton brokers and others in the textile field are also pointing to the August 8 date for another government estimate of the 1951 cotton crop. They think this estimate may have a stabilizing effect on the market and give buyers confidence to re-enter the market.

Indicative of the textile slump is the fact that the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment service processed a total of 2,352 continued claims for unemployment compensation during the month ending July 25. This represents, Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, head of the Kings Mountain branch, said 2,352 weeks of unemployment for Kings Mountain citizens during that month.

Firms still operating on full schedules include Burlington Mills Phenix Plant (operating 16 shifts this week), Park Yarn Mills Company, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, Lambert Rope Corporation, and Slater Manufacturing Company.

Fred Daugherty, superintendent of Phenix, and Hugh Ballard, superintendent of Park Yarn, said, however, they could use some orders. Mr. Ballard said his firm expected to continue full-week schedules for the next two weeks.

Neisser's Pauline and Margrace plants, Mauney Hosiery Company, and Bonnie Cotton Mill are operating on week-on, week-off schedules, while Loom-Tex Corporation, Sadie Cotton Mill, and Mauney Mill are operating on short weeks. Craftspun Yarns, Inc., is also on part-time operation.

Unemployment compensation schedules provide for minimum payment of \$7.00 per week and maximum payment of \$30 per week, based on earnings, for a maximum of 26 weeks during a benefit year.

Mrs. Goforth pointed out that the 1951 General Assembly amended the Unemployment Compensation Act to eliminate the requirement for a one-week waiting period. Benefits are paid by the North Carolina Unemployment commission out of funds received from a payroll tax on employers.

During the past several weeks, members of the Kings Mountain employment service branch have been visiting plants to take claims. Mrs. Goforth said that, thus far, it has been possible to forward the claims to Raleigh on the same day they are received. Processing in Raleigh requires from ten days to two weeks. Average Kings Mountain worker unemployment checks are between \$20 and \$25, Mrs. Goforth said.

HOSPITALIZED

George F. Lattimore, secretary-treasurer of Park Yarn Mills company, has been a patient in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, for the past week.

Still Asks Dismissal Of Fuller, Parsons



AWARDED DEGREE — Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, of Potstow, Pa., was awarded the degree of Master of Sacred Theology at commencement exercises at Lutheran Theological seminary, Philadelphia, in June.

Mayor Charges Negligence On Wright Job

Mayor Garland E. Still, charging City Administrator M. K. Fuller and Superintendent of Public Works L. C. Parsons with negligence "intended or otherwise," recommended their dismissal "as of now" last Friday afternoon.

He also recommended immediate dismissal of Acting Police Chief S. R. (Pop) Davidson and Officer Warren Ellison, the latter rapidly taking on the appearance of an in-again-out-again-Finnegan, on the grounds that the current budget was set up for only six policemen, other than the chief, desk sergeants, and motorcycle patrolman.

The recommendations were made at what the Mayor considered a special meeting of the board of commissioners, called for 3:30 p. m., July 27. City Attorney J. R. Davis doubted it was a meeting, due to the absence of City Commissioners Davis, Barry and Wright.

Recommendations to dismiss Mr. Fuller and Mr. Parsons re-

Cooper Awarded Master's Degree

Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, pastor of Evangelical Lutheran church, New Hanover, Pa., and former Kings Mountain citizen, was awarded recently the degree of Master of Sacred Theology by Philadelphia's Lutheran Theological seminary.

The degree was conferred on Rev. Mr. Cooper at commencement in June.

Rev. Mr. Cooper's thesis for the degree was presented in the form of an historical pageant depicting the life of the New Hanover congregation. The pageant was presented last September as a feature of the 250th anniversary of the church. Some 1,400 persons saw the pageant and more than 150 persons were in the cast.

Rev. Mr. Cooper was one of nine receiving the master's degree from the seminary. He was graduated from the seminary in 1945 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper, of Chapel Hill, where his father is a Lutheran minister. He is a brother of Jacob Cooper, of Kings Mountain.

Communion Service To Be Held Sunday

On Sunday the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at a special 9 o'clock morning service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The service will be completed prior to the Sunday School hour and a number of new members will be received into the congregation at this special service.

At the 11:00 o'clock morning service the message will be brought by Mr. Raymond Bost, student assistant to the Pastor. Mr. Bost, a senior at the Lutheran Theological Southern seminary, Columbia, S. C., will conclude his work at St. Matthew's Sunday and return to Columbia.

He supplied St. Matthew's last fall, and moved his family here in June to supply the church until the arrival of Dr. Gerberding. The Bosts have been residing at 904 West Mountain Street.

KIWANIS MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and their families were to attend a picnic Thursday night at 6:45 at Beth-Ware school, with the Beth-Ware community serving as host.

Drama Casting Nears Completion; Rehearsals Get Underway Friday

Casting was virtually completed this week for Then Conquer We Must, Bob Osborne's historical drama to be presented at Kings Mountain National Military Park this fall, and rehearsals are scheduled to begin Friday evening.

Announcement was made this week that four additional roles have been filled for the drama, with three of them being filled by Kings Mountain citizens.

Oliver (Red) Falls will play the part of Archibald Storey, colonist who was sympathetic to the British, and Mrs. T. E. Jackson, of Bessemer City, will play the part of Mrs. Storey. Clay (Mud) Poston has been cast in the role of Lord Cornwallis, and W. Faison Barnes is to play the part of the brilliant, blustering Col. Harleton.

Bob Osborne, author of the drama, said that most parts are cast but that a few roles remain to be filled.

Citizens Reminded Of New System

City utilities customers were reminded again this week to bring bills with them when paying accounts, due to a new bookkeeping system installed by Accountant Howard Walker.

Utilities customers paying by cash are asked to bring their bills with them. Customers paying by check are asked to note the account numbers (found to the left of the address on the bills) on their checks.

Joe McDaniel, Jr., assistant city clerk, also said he had been notified by the postoffice that some of the bills are undeliverable, due to incorrect addresses. He urged that all customers failing to receive bills by the second day of any month call the City Hall and supply the correct address. "When making up a cut-off list on the eleventh of the month," he naturally assume that customers have received their bills."