

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

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## Local News Bulletins

**JUDGES AT FAIR**  
Mrs. W. L. Pressly and Mrs. M. A. Ware were judges of flowers and antiques at the Cleveland County Fair on Tuesday.

**LIONS MEETING**  
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall.

**HOME ON LEAVE**  
Pfc. P. D. Herndon, Jr. is spending a ten day leave with his mother, Mrs. P. D. Herndon Efc. Herndon has completed his A and E training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas and has been transferred to Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Ala.

**HERNDON TRANSFERRED**  
James E. Herndon, Jr., air cadet, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon, has just returned to Vance AFB, Okla., after spending a three-day leave with his parents. Herndon entered service in August, 1950, and took his basic pilot training at Greenville AFB, Greenville, Mississippi.

**DANCE WELL-ATTENDED**  
The Square Dance sponsored by Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, last Saturday evening was well-attended, according to report by Warren Reynolds, commander. Mr. Reynolds said the Post will present another square dance in the near future.

**RHEA PROMOTED**  
Joe D. Rhea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rhea, has been promoted to the rating of corporal by the Air Force. He is stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

**Hedden Treasurer Of Directors' Group**  
Joe Hedden, director of the Kings Mountain school band, was elected treasurer of the North Carolina Bandmasters association at a meeting of the organization held last weekend. The association includes bandmasters of North Carolina colleges and secondary schools.

A principal action of the group, Mr. Hedden said, was a favorable vote to require judges of parades and other competitions in which bands are entered, to have the sanction of the Bandmasters' association. Bandmasters violating the action are to be expelled from membership, which would, in turn, mean that the particular band would not be allowed to participate in state and district contests. Mr. Hedden said he voted against the motion, but that it would be necessary for the local band to comply as long as the action stands.

**Neill New Chairman Of Central Board**  
B. S. Neill was named chairman of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church at a dinner meeting of the group held in the church basement Monday night. Mr. Neill, who returned to the board along with seven other new members, succeeds B. S. Feeler as chairman. Other officers elected were Sam Stallings, to replace J. C. McKinney as vice-chairman, and Ben Beam, to succeed Wilson Griffin as secretary.

**City's Powell Bill Share Is \$23,473.72**  
The city received its first check for street-building, via the Powell Bill passed by the 1951 General Assembly, last weekend. Kings Mountain's share of the gas tax rebates for the current year is \$23,473.72. The money is to be used for street improvements. Under terms of the bill, the state also assumes full cost of construction and maintenance on highways through cities.

## Some Procedures Improved, Say City Auditors

Under date of September 12, Ernst & Ernst, Winston-Salem accounting firm, filed a report of examination on city business for the three months ending August 31.

The examination was made at the order of the city board for the purpose of auditing transactions during the period in which O. T. Hayes, Sr., was acting city clerk. The audit had been requested by Mr. Hayes.

In the report, the accountants stated that the city's internal control over cash receipts was much improved following previous recommendations, but it found several of their recommendations not followed, or followed inadequately.

The report stated: "The accounting department of the City has been handicapped during the period under review by a heavy turnover of personnel, and, since August 15, with a shortage of personnel. We understand that a new City Clerk has been employed to assume duties at an early date. This should enable the department to operate effectively. The present personnel appear capable and willing, but overburdened."

Salient criticisms of the accountants included: 1) no improvement in receiving procedures for goods purchased; 2) payment of statements from certain local suppliers without supporting invoices; 3) no improvement in properly auditing invoices; 4) incomplete improvement in matter of purchase orders; 5) no improvement in establishing accountability for materials purchased and for scrap; 6) no action taken on recommendations to control amounts receivable for taxes; 7) lack of consistency in distribution of expense charges for cash disbursed.

The accountants wrote: "We were unable to find adequate support for the following cash disbursements: June 13, check No. 3295, paid to G. E. Still, \$50, miscellaneous police (for information); July 17, check No. 75, paid to Allison-Erwin Co., amount \$389.07, fire department equipment." The accountants stated that improvement had been noted in 11 of the 18 specific recommendations, including 1) no instances of duplicate payments; 2) discontinuation of cash loans to employees; 3) discontinuation of practice of accepting post-dated checks; 4) no instances of cashing unendorsed checks; 5) effective operation of new procedures for controlling cash shortages and overages; 6) improvement in the use of numbered receipts for cash received; 7) improvement in system of controlling paid bond coupons.

The report showed cash receipts during the period June and August of \$110,747.81 and cash disbursements totaling \$89,131.89.

## City Commissioners Vote \$1,000 For Recreation Facility Survey

The city board of commissioners, in a special meeting at city hall Wednesday afternoon, awarded the contract for the purchase of police uniforms to W. Lawrence Logan and voted a maximum of \$1,000 to the recreation commission for a recreation survey of the city.

Mr. Logan's bid was \$61.60 per uniform, including cap, jacket and pants. Belk's Department store was awarded the contract for the purchase of four dozen shirts at a total cost of \$99.52. This was the only bid received for shirts.

Other bids on uniforms included Hudson's Department store, of Shelby, for \$45.55 and Belk's Department store, for \$56.65. Mr. Logan's bid, although highest received, was accepted on the basis of the weave and kind of material.

A. B. Chandler, chairman of the recreation commission, asked for an appropriation of \$1,000 to make it possible to hire a recreational engineer to make a survey of the city.

"When the engineer is obtained it will only take about two weeks before a report could be made to the city council," Mr. Chandler stated. The report would include a survey and detailed plans for

## 83 Local Students Attending 42 Schools

### Gardner-Webb, N. C. State Top Local Choices

Eighty-three Kings Mountain area citizens will be enrolled in 42 prep schools, business colleges, schools of nursing, colleges and universities of the nation during the current year, according to a survey compiled during the past two weeks by the Herald.

Majority of the students will be studying in North Carolina but 14 out-of-state schools are claiming Kings Mountain students.

Sharing honors for most students from Kings Mountain are N. C. State College and Gardner-Webb college, with seven each. Five students from Kings Mountain will be at Woman's College, Rhyme college at Hickory and five at Davidson.

The Herald has made a diligent effort to obtain the names of all students of the area who will be doing their studying away-from-home this year. Recognizing the probability of omissions, the Herald would appreciate having any omissions called to its attention.

In Greensboro, five at Lenoir. Following is the list of schools and their Kings Mountain area students as compiled by the Herald:

N. C. STATE—C. E. Warlick, Jr., Bob Martin, Jimmy Yarboro, Bill Allen, Herman Matney, William Lawrence Plonk, and Garland Still.

GARDNER-WEBB—Ellis Tate, Grover, Annette Harry, Grover, and Jean McRae, Mary Jane Sisk, Sarah Kincaid, Betty Ledford, and Jack Crouch.

WCUNC—Margaret, Harzelson, Pauline Mauney, Peggy Arthur, Margaret Ratterree, and Peggy Mauney.

LENOIR-RHYNE—Doris Lackey, Mary Medlin, Gene Mauney, Bobby Moore, and William A. McSwain.

DAVIDSON—Joe Neisler, Jack Ruth, Ralph Northcutt, John Warlick and William Herndon.

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## Officers Named For School Band

Officers of the Kings Mountain school band for the current year are Shirley Falls, president, Gene Austin, vice-president, Phyllis Ware, secretary, Gene Ellis, treasurer, Kelly Weaver, student council representative, David Kincaid, property custodian, and Bobbie Barrett, Mary Owens, Nora Jane Deese, Charles Yawn, Pasy Goforth, and Tim Gladden council members.

Bud Ware is head drum major. The band is now at work in preparation for the parade season and is memorizing for their performances at football games and other functions.



**CITY CLERK—Joe R. Hendrick, of Shelby, assumed the duties of city clerk Monday morning. A former employee of the state highway commission, Mr. Hendrick was appointed city clerk on September 10. He assumed his duties Monday.**

## Chandler Named Recreation Head

A. B. Chandler was named chairman and W. K. Mauney, Jr., was re-elected vice-chairman at a meeting of the Recreation Commission held at City Hall Wednesday afternoon at 1 p. m.

Mr. Chandler, general manager of the Kings Mountain Foote Mineral Company plant here, succeeds Mrs. Paul Mauney as chairman.

Mrs. Jay Patterson was named secretary of the organization and G. C. Kelley was named treasurer.

The commission agreed to ask the city board of commissioners for funds to employ an engineer to study and set up, by blueprint, physical needs of the city as far as reaction is concerned.

Chairman Chandler appointed vice-chairman Mauney to head the committee to secure an engineer. Others named were Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

The group agreed to meet again when the committee is ready to report.

Members present included Mr. Chandler, Mr. Mauney, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. George Houser, Hunter R. Neisler, Rev. P. D. Patrick, Dr. P. G. Padgett and Mrs. Harry Page.

## New Circular Attacks Mayor

The mayor had some company in the circular business Wednesday afternoon. After renewing his circular war last week, he distributed another on Saturday entitled "S. O. S." in which he called a woman's gripe session.

On Wednesday afternoon, an airplane dumped quantities of another circular entitled "Let's Get Acquainted" over Kings Mountain, in which it was alleged that Mayor Garland E. Still had four times been arrested by city police and had twice paid court costs after having been found guilty of charges of public drunkenness.

The Wednesday circular, signed only "Citizens Committee," also called attention to the Mayor's bankruptcy in 1948, stating that Mr. Still had inventory of \$637 against liabilities of \$10,803.10.

The Mayor's "S. O. S." circular charged "there is wholesale squandering of taxpayers' money" and invited the women of the community to attend a "women only" gripe session on September 20 at 7:30.

**ARP Schedules Special Program**

"The Fruit of the Vine," a symposium on social drinking by Grace H. Turnbull will be reviewed at Boyce Memorial ARP church on Wednesday evening, September 26, at 7:30.

Dr. Phillip Padgett, will discuss alcoholism as a "medical problem" and Jackson S. Hoyle, of Shelby, will discuss alcoholism as a "social and economic problem." The public is invited to attend.

## Three Members Of Board Deny Suit Allegations

Three city commissioner answered a complaint whereby 47 citizens seek to restrain salary payments of City Administrator M. K. Fuller Wednesday. Lloyd E. Davis, C. P. Barry and B. T. Wright, Sr., denied that Mr. Fuller is, in fact, a city manager.

The answer, filed Wednesday by J. R. Davis and Jack H. White, attorneys, stated that Mr. Fuller is merely a "ministerial" officer of the city, without the power of employment, and completely subject to the instruction of the board of city commissioners.

Not represented in the answer filed by Mr. Davis and Mr. White were those who were named by defendants: Mayor Garland Still, Commissioners James G. Layton and Olland Pearson, and City Administrator Fuller.

Mr. Still and Mr. Pearson had previously said they would file a separate answer. Mr. Layton had voted with the majority of the board to instruct Mr. Davis to file an answer, but later told the attorney he would file his own answer through a Newton lawyer, Attorney Davis said.

The attorney further stated that he was filing a separate answer for Mr. Fuller, since certain of the provisions of the commissioners' answer were not required in answer by the city administrator.

The answer filed for Commissioners Barry, Wright and Davis follows:

"The defendants, Lloyd E. Davis, C. P. Barry and B. T. Wright, Sr., Commissioners of the city of Kings Mountain, North Carolina answering the complaint of the plaintiffs on behalf of themselves individually and for the city of Kings Mountain allege, as follows:

"1) That these defendants do not have sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the allegations in paragraph one and, therefore, deny the same.

"2) That the allegations in paragraph two are admitted.

"3) That it is admitted that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain employed M. K. Fuller as city administrator as alleged but all other allegations in said paragraph are untrue and denied except as hereinafter admitted.

"4) That the allegations in paragraph four are untrue and denied.

"5) That it is admitted that an election was held in Kings Mountain in 1948 with reference to a city manager form of government but there were several other issues included in the election which was responsible for the defeat of the managerial form; that all other allegations in said paragraph are untrue and denied except as hereinafter admitted.

"6) That it is admitted that the auditors in their report, stated that there were some minor irregularities but it is denied that same had occurred under the supervision of M. K. Fuller and that all other allegations in said paragraph are untrue and denied.

"AND FOR A FURTHER ANSWER to the complaint of the plaintiffs, these defendants allege:

"1) That on or about August 1, 1950 the Mayor and Board of Commissioners in office at that time for the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina employed M. K. Fuller, a man who was well qualified both by college training and actual experience as city administrator for the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina and that he continued in this capacity until the new Mayor and Board of Commissioners were elected in May of 1951.

"2) That on May 24, 1951, the

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## Franks' Condition Reported Improving

J. B. Franks, route 2 citizen of the Park View Mill community who was seriously wounded by a shotgun blast last week, was reported improving by Kings Mountain Hospital officials Thursday.

Mr. Franks was given emergency treatment at the hospital immediately after the shooting, by Dr. P. G. Padgett, and surgery on the injured arm was performed by Dr. Craig Jones.

Dr. Jones said he removed a considerable portion of bone, shot and damaged muscle from the wounded man's arm, and that it was impossible to predict as yet how much loss of function of the arm Mr. Franks would suffer. He said there was a possibility that later bone-grafting surgery would improve the condition of the arm.

## Ticket Sale Indicates Capacity House For Opening Of Drama



**WOUNDED — Pfc. James R. Brackett, of Kings Mountain, was wounded in action in Korea on September 2. He is receiving treatment in an army hospital in Tokyo.**

## James Brackett Is Wounded

Pfc. James R. Brackett, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brackett, of Grace street, has been wounded in action in Korea.

Pfc. Brackett wrote his parents, in a letter postmarked September 6, saying he had been wounded and was then aboard a hospital ship. In a later letter from their son received here Tuesday and postmarked September 13, Pfc. Brackett wrote that he was in an army hospital in Tokyo and remarked, "I guess I'll be here awhile."

He had written in the first letter that one leg was in a cast, that the other was bandaged, and that he had received several blood transfusions.

His parents were officially notified by the War Department Wednesday that Pfc. Brackett had been wounded in action on September 2.

He had been in Korea about four months, after entering service last December 6 and receiving basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Before entering service, Pfc. Brackett had attended Kings Mountain high school and had been an employee of Neisler Mills' Margraze plant. He is 22 years of age, and was serving with the 17th Infantry regiment, 7th Infantry division.

**RETURNS TO AFRICA**

Pfc. Thomas P. Baker, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, returned this week by plane to the Air Force base at Tripoli, Libya. He had been on detached service to participate in model airplane contests conducted in this country. His wife is the former Miss Mary Beth Hord.

**School Trustees Adopt Budget For 1951-52; Total \$274,848**

Kings Mountain district board of school trustees adopted the 1951-52 budget totaling \$274,848.86 at the regular monthly meeting held Monday night.

The board also took several other actions and discussed several items, including a motion by Mrs. H. E. Lynch on insurance for high school varsity football players. Mrs. Lynch's motion failed of a second but the board met in special session Tuesday at 5 p. m. to discuss the matter further.

Mrs. Lynch's motion Monday night was for the board to authorize the athletic director to take money out of gate receipts to pay for an insurance policy for as many players as were insured last year. The Mountaineer Club, Inc. paid the premium on the policy last year for around 30 football players.

The school group policy offered to parents of students by the board and paid for by the parents covers all school activities and sports except football. It was pointed out.

Although the motion failed of a second, the board expressed interest in the project and met Tuesday with all members except Mr. Kincaid present to discuss insurance policies. The question

## Cast Of 100 To Re-Enact Battle Story

"Then Conquer We Must," the historical drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, opens Friday evening for the first of six performances. Curtain-time is 8 o'clock.

Officials of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, sponsors of the drama, are expecting a capacity crowd both for the opening performance and for Saturday evening's showing.

Mrs. Charlene Padgett, ticket sales chairman, told the HERALD at noon Thursday that only 14 reserved seat tickets remained for opening night, with about one-third the 241 reserved seat tickets.

**Drama Facts**  
Curtain-time: 8 o'clock, each performance.  
Performance dates: September 21, 22, 28, 29, October 5 and 6.

Site: The amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park (entrance nine-tenths of one mile East of museum).

Admission: Reserved seats, \$2; general admission \$1.20; children, 60 cents.  
Tickets: On sale at gate each performance night, daily at Kings Mountain Little Theatre office, East Gold street, phone 485-LW.

ots left for Saturday evening.

General admission tickets will be on sale at the entrance to the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park, scene of the show, also scheduled for September 25 and 29 and for October 5 and 6.

Members of the cast have been hard at work for several weeks completing work for the opening and three dress rehearsals have been held this week.

Author of the drama is Robert Osborne, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, while Jimmy Spivey is serving as director.

Visiting the set Wednesday evening was Dr. Laura Plonk, of Asheville, former Kings Mountain citizen, and director of the brilliant pageant commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain presented in 1930 as a feature of the battle's sesqui-centennial celebration.

Miss Plonk was highly complimentary of the work accomplished, show officials said.

Playing the lead roles of Col. Patrick Ferguson and Virginia Sailer are two Gastonians, Robert S. Lawrence, who also serves as co-director, and Mrs. Ellen Atkins.

Other leading roles are being played by Jerry Hawkins of Shelby, Jack White, Gene Mitchem, Jack Atkins and George Gray, Jr., of Gastonia, Lester Roark, of Shelby, Faison Barnes, Sonny

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**SUPERINTENDENT—John T. Latham, above, is the new superintendent of Burlington Mills Corporation's Phenix Plant. Mr. Latham, formerly on Burmill's spinning division staff at the Greensboro main office, succeeded Fred Daugherty as Phenix superintendent last month.**

## Pinkie Randall Died Thursday

Pinkie Lee Randall, 51, died at her home on route two Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock after an illness of several months.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Pinkney E. and Susan Whisman Randall. She was a former employee of Keeter's Department store and was a member of El Bethel Methodist church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hill Lowery, and a brother, Alex Randall, both of Kings Mountain; four sisters, Mrs. Floyd Herndon and Mrs. Theodore Herndon, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. R. L. Forbis, of Shelby, and Mrs. G. A. Brown, of Liberty, N. C.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. at El Bethel church. The body will lie in state for one-half hour prior to the service, which will be conducted by Rev. F. W. Swink and Rev. T. W. Fogleman. Burial will be in Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery.

## Hancock Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Anderson C. (Doc) Hancock, 78, were held Thursday at Second Baptist church at 4 o'clock. Rev. B. F. Austin and Rev. J. R. Howe officiated and burial was in Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Hancock died at Kings Mountain hospital Monday morning around 8 o'clock. He had been in ill health for two years.

He was a native of York County, S. C., but had lived in Kings Mountain for over 60 years. He was the son of the late John and Mary Sanders Hancock. He was a retired farmer and resided on McGinnis street.

His wife, the former Miss Barbara Ann Van Dyke, died in 1942.

Survivors include two sons, John Hancock, of Kings Mountain and George Hancock of Waco six daughters, Mrs. E. L. Nolan and Mrs. John Killian of Shelby, Mrs. L. O. Lemmons of Siler City, Mrs. J. R. Dycus of Sanford, Mrs. Ray Carroll of Cherryville, and Mrs. Dillion Sikes of Cana, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. John Bumgardner of Gastonia, Mrs. Addie Turner of Bessemer City, Mrs. Lola Robinson and Mrs. Fannie Spargo of Charlotte, and Mrs. Lamar Ashe of York, S. C.; a brother, George Hancock of Louisville, Ky.; 27 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Keeter Horses Win In Gastonia Show

Byron Keeter won several ribbons at the Gastonia horse show last weekend.

On Friday, Mr. Keeter rode his "Red Raider" to a first place in the junior walking horse class and mounted "Fashion Lady" for second place in the junior stakes.

On Saturday, the local horseman placed first in the championship stakes aboard "Fashion Lady," with "Red Raider" gaining seventh place with Jimmy Harris up.