

Population

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

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Hospital Had Active Six-Month Operation

Dixon Reports More Than 1,000 Persons Treated

Kings Mountain Hospital opened April 2, completed its first half year of operation on Monday, an active half-year in which it admitted 498 patients.

During the six months, it discharged 621 patients, including the 123 babies born at the hospital.

In addition to the patients admitted, the hospital gave out-patient treatment (emergency and other treatment to persons not admitted on the patient scroll) to 491 persons, both white and colored.

During the period, 71 major and minor operations were performed at Kings Mountain hospital and 31 casts were applied to broken limbs.

The average patient spent 3.9 days at the hospital, which showed a 57.3% occupancy figure.

Figures on the half-year operation were supplied by Joseph T. Dixon, business manager, who reported that total billings to patients for the period approximated \$47,000.

Mr. Dixon pointed out that, with completion of the Lottie G. fourth Memorial wing, now under construction, the hospital would represent an investment in excess of a half-million dollars.

Much new equipment has been added to the hospital facilities since its opening in April. Major items include an oxygen air pressure lock, gift of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, a gas machine and suction machine for the operation room, an incinerator, and several other minor pieces of equipment for the operating room and out-patient department. Also added has been a large-lettered stainless steel sign on the front of the building.

The hospital is a unit of Cleveland County hospitals operated by the county hospital board of trustees. Local representatives on the board are L. Arnold Kiser (Also vice-chairman of the county board), Hunter R. Neisler and C. D. Blanton.

Presbyterian Group To Hear Gibbons

Rev. Charles Gibbons, promotional secretary of the committee on church extension, for the Presbyterian Church, U. S., General Assembly, will address the women-of-the-church organization of First Presbyterian church Monday evening at 7:30.

"Rev. Mr. Gibbons is in great demand as a speaker throughout the South," Mrs. F. D. Patrick said, in making the announcement. "Every woman member of the church is urged to attend and a cordial invitation is also extended other women of the community."

PARKING MONEY

A total of \$150.50 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday, according to a report made by assistant city clerk, Joe McDaniel.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Returns To Kings Mountain On October 15

Another bloodmobile visit has been scheduled for October 15th and Kings Mountain area citizens are being urged to plan now to donate a pint of the vital fluid to help build up the supply which has been seriously depleted by the armed forces in Korea.

Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter officials have pointed out that the Red Cross has been designated by the Department of Defense as the official blood procurement agency for the armed forces.

Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett has issued the following statement:

"Reports have reached us which indicate there is a misconception in some parts of the country regarding the Armed Forces Blood Donor program. Some people seem to have gotten the idea there are two programs—one conducted by the Red Cross, and another conducted by the military. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Red Cross has been designated by the Department of Defense as the official procurement agency for the collection of blood for the Armed Forces. Because there is a tremendous urgency to collect three



THE BRITISH SURRENDER — Shown above is the surrender scene from "Then Conquer We Must", where the British forces hold up the white flag in surrendering to the Mountain Men. Capacity crowds are expected at the Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre Friday and Saturday evenings for the final 1951 performances of the historical drama which commemorates the Battle of Kings Mountain, fought 171 years ago October 7. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Drama Attracts Sell-Out Crowds Final Performance On Weekend

The 100-member cast of "Then Conquer We Must" will complete its 1951 showing of the new historical drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain with final performances Friday and Saturday evenings.

Capacity crowds are expected, in view of a complete advance sell-out of reserved seat tickets and heavy sales of general admission tickets.

Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., ticket chairman, said that all reserved seat tickets had been sold Saturday morning with brisk sales of general admission tickets continuing.

The drama played to packed than 1,000 persons jammed the Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre on Friday evening and more than 900 persons saw the Saturday evening performance.

The "standing room only" sign was hung out at the box office at 7:15 last Friday night and at 7:40 last Saturday evening.

The drama was being presented Thursday night at a make-up performance for the show which was rained out on September 22. The drama will close its 1951 season on the day prior to the

audiences last weekend. More 171st anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, the turning of the tide of the Revolutionary War.

The show continues to receive wide and favorable comment among reviewers and theatre-goers, and the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., sponsor of the drama, is already discussing plans for the 1952 season, in which it hopes to present the new outdoor attraction for a long run.

Author of the drama is Bob Osborne and the director is C. J. Spivey.

Beautification Group Buys Roses

One thousand climbing rose plants have been ordered for November shipment, it was announced this week by officials of the city beautification project.

The long-term aim of the beautification effort is to make Kings Mountain the "Rose City."

Participating in the project are virtually all Kings Mountain civic organizations, members of the several Kings Mountain garden clubs, and other organizations.

On arrival, the plants will be available for purchase by individuals and firms.

Teachers Study Area Resources

Second of a series of meetings devoted to study of the community and its resources by Kings Mountain teachers will be held Tuesday afternoon at the high school library at 3:30.

Al Rolston, of Kings Mountain Mica Company, will address the group and following his talk will conduct a tour of the mica mine operated by his company.

The continuing program on Resource Use Education was launched in Kings Mountain city schools on September 11, when Dr. Richard L. Weaver, director of Resource Use Education, State Department of Public Instruction, addressed the teachers. He emphasized the value of using local situations and areas as laboratories for school work. "Know thy community" is the first commandment of a successful school program, Dr. Weaver pointed out. He concluded his address by showing the film "Tar Heel Family".

Full knowledge of the community's resources will enable teachers to improve instruction, with the eventual aim improved education for use of local resources, the department of education feels.

The public is invited to attend the Tuesday afternoon meeting and to tour the Kings Mountain Mica Company plant.

The Kings Mountain city schools planning committee for Resource Use Education includes: Rowell Lane, high school principal, chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gamble, West school; Miss Jette Plonk, East school; Mrs. T. A. Pollock, Central grammar school; Mrs. Josephine E. Weir, Central high school; Miss Mildred McKinney, Central primary; and L. E. Abbott, citizen member.

DR. HORD HOME
 Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., returned home Thursday morning, after receiving treatment for pneumonia and pleurisy at Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital.

Lefler Succeeds Hager; Forbis El Bethel Pastor

Ministerial appointments of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference, announced at Greensboro Sunday by Bishop C. J. Harrell, included transfer of two Kings Mountain ministers and the return of one.

Rev. B. W. Lefler, recently in the Winston-Salem district, will succeed Rev. T. W. Hager as pastor of Grace Methodist church, and Rev. R. L. Forbis, retired, succeeds Rev. Ray Swink as pastor of Elbethel Methodist church.

As was expected, Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., returns for a fourth year to Central Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Brendall was also re-elected as the director of evangelism for the Gastonia district.

Rev. Mr. Lefler is expected to arrive in Kings Mountain next Wednesday and will preach his first sermon at the Grace church on Sunday, October 14. Rev. Mr. Hager, who goes to Henrietta in the Marion district, will deliver his final sermon at the local church on Sunday.

El Bethel church has been a member of the Concord circuit. The church is withdrawing from this group and will join with Penley's Chapel as a new two-church circuit, with Mr. Forbis serving both churches. Rev. Mr. Swink goes to a pastorate in Davidson county, near Lexington.

In another change, Dr. W. A. Stanburn, superintendent of the Gastonia district for the past six years, becomes pastor of First Methodist church at Asheboro. He is being succeeded by Rev. C. W. Kirby, who has been pastor of First Methodist church at Canton.

Press Continues To Praise Drama

"Then Conquer We Must", the historical drama by Bob Osborne which commemorates the Battle of Kings Mountain and completes its schedule of performances on Friday and Saturday evenings, continues to receive praise from the press of the Piedmont area.

Among the comments recently noted are: Zoe Kincaid Brockman in the Gastonia Gazette: "... 'Then Conquer We Must' should take its place with 'The Lost Colony' and 'Unto These Hills' as a precious nugget, a heady concentrate of history of which North Carolina will be immensely proud."

Clarence Griffin, in the Forest City Courier: "... Those who love outdoor drama and pageants should not miss the latest historical play 'Then Conquer We Must'... the acting is superb."

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TO ATTEND MEETING

J. E. Gamble and Marriot Phifer were elected to attend the meeting of the First Presbyterian of the ARP churches in Charlotte, October 9. Announcement was made by Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor.

Lions To Conduct Fifth Annual White Cane Sale On Saturday

The Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct its annual White Cane sale for the benefit of the State Association for the Blind on Saturday.

Announcement was made, by Carl F. Mauney, chairman of the annual sale, who pointed out that the local club is joining 281 other North Carolina Lions clubs in the fifth annual White Cane Drive.

Co-chairmen of the local drive is John H. Lewis. School girls will conduct a street sale Saturday, it was announced.

Once each year every citizen of North Carolina is given the opportunity to join this Association, help the blind and express thanks to God for his own good fortune of seeing. The White Cane Drive and Membership Enrollment Campaign of the North Carolina State Association is a State-Wide project of North Carolina Lions. During the week of October 1-6, 12,500 Lions all over the State will be joining in the sale of tiny White Cane and Association Memberships.

The white cane walking stick with a red tip is used by the blind in traveling on busy streets and highways. The blind and ONLY THE BLIND may, by law, use such a cane. There is also a White Cane Law in North

World Communion To Be Observed

Air-Pressure Lock Has First Customer

The oxygen air-pressure lock at Kings Mountain hospital, a respiratory apparatus designed to save the lives of babies with respiratory difficulties, had its first customer last Friday.

James Ronald Flowers, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Flowers, route 1, Kings Mountain, spent 18 minutes in the air-pressure lock. When placed in the apparatus, the child was cyanotic or "blue. He was soon breathing normally and 18 minutes later emerged from the air-pressure lock a normal, healthy child. He was discharged from the hospital Wednesday.

Had the air-pressure lock, a donation to the hospital by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, not been available, the old-fashioned oxygen method of respiratory aid would have been administered. Percentage of successes with the old method was said to be questionable.

Dr. W. L. Ramsour was attending physician.

Girl Scout Weekend Camp Is Scheduled

October 12-14, Girl Scouts, 10 years of age and over, have an opportunity to spend weekend of fun and outdoor activities at Camp Rotary, the Council's established camp located near here at the foot of Crowder's Mountain.

Application blanks may be secured from troop leaders or the Girl Scout office, 101 W. Second Ave., Woman's Club Bldg., Gastonia. Cost of the weekend, \$2.00, should be sent to the office with application by noon, October 9th.

Mrs. Gene Blanton, field director, will be in charge of the weekend camp. She will be assisted by Miss Jane Bachman, acting field director, troop leaders and committee members.

All girls and adults attending camp are asked: (1) To arrive Friday afternoon, October 12 between 5 and 6 o'clock; (2) To bring nosebag supper, bad roll with four blankets, flashlight, tin cup, tin plate, fork, spoon, toilet articles, shirts and blue jeans, sweater.

Program emphasis for the weekend will include hiking, outdoor cooking and nature study. Everyone will participate in campfire programs Friday and Saturday nights, and a special Scouts' Own Service on Sunday morning. Campers will leave for home by 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

ARP Church Sets Special Services

Annual special services at Boyce Memorial ARP church will begin Sunday, October 14, with Rev. Charles E. Edwards, of Columbia, S. C., delivering the sermons.

Announcement was made by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly. Rev. Mr. Edwards, a native of Tennessee, was educated at Erskine College and Princeton university. He is a former U. S. Navy chaplain.

"Mr. Edwards comes from a long line of ARP ministers," Mr. Pressly said. "He always brings messages of importance and Boyce Memorial ARP church invites the citizens of the community to hear him."

Lutheran Vesper Hour Is Advanced

Sunday evening Vesper service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church has been advanced to 7:30 p. m., according to announcement this week by the pastor, Dr. W. F. Gerberding.

Dr. Gerberding will continue his Sunday evening sermon series on the Ten Commandments, discussing this week the second commandment "God's Name."

Dr. Gerberding said that the Sacrament of the Altar would be administered both at the morning and evening services Sunday, as the church participates in World Communion Sunday.

DRUM MAJOR

Donald Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, has been chosen Drum Major for Western Carolina Teachers College band. The announcement was made by Dr. Price, band director of the college.

Local News Bulletins

ROBERTS REUNION
 The descendants of Hugh K. Roberts will celebrate their annual reunion at Antioch Baptist church, Sunday, October 7th. All relatives and friends are invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

TO SPEAK
 Bill Gower, of Carbondale, Ill., a student at Bob Jones University will be guest speaker at the 11 o'clock hour at the Missionary Methodist church Sunday, October 7. The announcement was made by Rev. H. S. Scruggs, pastor.

BUILDING PERMIT
 A building permit was issued to S. M. Hasbury at the city Hall on Thursday, September 27 for the construction of a filling station on Cleveland avenue at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

REVIVAL SERVICES
 Rev. Sylvester Elliott, pastor of First Baptist church of Cherryville, will preach at twice daily revival services at Temple Baptist church, beginning Sunday, October 14, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Monroe. Services will be conducted at 10 o'clock in the mornings and at 7 o'clock in the evenings through October 21.

Girl Scout Fund Goal Is \$1,000

Kings Mountain's 1951 quota for the Girl Scout financial campaign is \$1,000, according to announcement this week by Paul Mauney, chairman of the annual fund-raising drive.

The quota for Kings Mountain is based on local Girl Scout registration, Mr. Mauney said, at five dollars each. A total of 200 Kings Mountain girls are registered in the Girl Scouts.

Chairman Mauney said that next week, October 8-13, is being devoted to the fund-raising campaign throughout the Pioneer Area Council.

Funds raised over and above the \$1,000 quota will be retained locally for use in expanding and developing the Girl Scout program.

Mr. Mauney said he and the soliciting committee hopes to complete the campaign next week.

Women Are Invited To Gripe Session

Mayor Garland Still said this week the second women's gripe meeting—first regularly scheduled one—would be held on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at City Hall courtroom.

About 35 women were present for the first "special" women's gripe session on September 20.

At that meeting, the Mayor said he would hold regular women's gripe meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Bell Completes Cable Installation

Upwards of 70 families who live at the Margrace community and on the Grover Road will soon be able to get telephone service. Ned E. Huffman, of Gastonia, Southern Bell district manager said this week.

Installation of the Margrace cable was completed Saturday, Mr. Huffman said, and work on individual installations began Monday.

Service will be available to all those who desire it along the cable route, Mr. Huffman said. Side routes to the main cable will be installed as practicable in the future, he added.