

Population

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Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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Local News Bulletins

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TO ACTIVE DUTY
Dan Britt and Robert Smith, of the U. S. Naval Reserve, have been ordered to report to Bainbridge, Md., for active duty. Both young married men, they are to report on November 1 or 5. Neither has previous Naval service, although both are members of the reserve.

PADGETT TRANSFERRED
Dr. P. G. Padgett, Kings Mountain physician who underwent a major operation in Charlotte last week, was transferred to Kings Mountain hospital Wednesday. His condition was described as satisfactory Thursday.

FALLS IN HOSPITAL
Otis Falls, Kings Mountain business man, has been a patient at Kings Mountain hospital since Friday. He is suffering from a recurrence of a stomach ailment. His condition was reported to be improving Thursday.

MISSION STUDY
Women of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be hostesses to the women of Resurrection Lutheran church Monday evening at 7:30 for the annual Mission Study book review on Latin America. The pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberdin, will conduct the review.

FLORAL FAIR PRIZES
Two prizes that were not announced last week were announced Thursday by Mrs. George Houser. They include a door prize, oil change, wash and grease job, Center Service Station and a first prize of \$250 and a second prize of \$2 for Carmel cake given by Park Yarn Mill Co.

IN MAY COURT
Miss Eleanor Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Myers, has been selected by popular vote as a member of the May Court of Queens College.

FAMILY NIGHT
The congregation of First Presbyterian church will hold a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall of the church Tuesday evening at 6:30 in observance of Family Night. Following dinner, moving pictures will be shown.

TO HEAR MISSIONARY
Miss Mabel Hall, a missionary in the Kentucky mountains, will speak Sunday evening at First Presbyterian church at 7:30. Miss Hall will describe her work in one of a series of "School of Missions" programs at the church.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$147.00 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report of city clerk, Joe Hendrick.

KIWANIS MEETING
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were to hear a discussion of the forthcoming county-wide property revaluation at the regular meeting of the club Thursday night at 6:45. J. H. Quigley was to make the address.

Mrs. Patterson New City School Teacher

Mrs. Helen W. Patterson, of Elizabethton, has been elected to the Kings Mountain schools faculty according to announcement by the office of Superintendent B. N. Barnes.

Mrs. Patterson will teach a third grade and replaces Mrs. Ray Swink, who resigned the position to move out of town.

Mrs. Grady Howard is now substituting for Mrs. W. R. Craig, high school English teacher, who resigned due to ill health. Mrs. George Moss had been filling in at that position but had to report back to Bethel school on Monday.

Postoffice Clerk Finds Honest Woman

Postoffice clerks singled out an honest Kings Mountain citizen last week.

Clerk M. C. Falls reported that Mrs. Vera Cash mailed a package to Charlotte last Friday containing a ladies hand bag she had found in Charlotte the preceding day.

Mrs. Falls said the Kings Mountain woman had returned home with the bag, which contained over \$100, and had located the owner by telephone. The owner's name was on a card in the bag but no address was listed.

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"Nickels for Know-How" Program for Expanding Agricultural Research
(As authorized by the 1951 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina)

([X] VOTE FOR ONE)

- For adding 5¢ per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for a period of three years for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North Carolina.
- Against adding 5¢ per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for a period of three years for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North Carolina.

NICKELS FOR KNOW-HOW SAMPLE BALLOT—Ballots like the one shown here will be used in the "Nickels for Know-How" referendum in which farm people will decide whether they are to contribute five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer to support expansion of agricultural research and teaching in the State. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including wives and husbands as well as 4-H, FFA, and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote. The plan must be approved by two-thirds of those voting to become effective. Proceeds would be turned over to the agricultural Foundation, Inc., at State College to promote research, education, and extension work for the benefit of farm people.

Farmers Will Decide Nickel Assessment

State Research To Be Enhanced On "Yes" Vote

County agricultural officials reported increasing interest this week in the November 3rd referendum to determine whether a five-cent per ton assessment for agricultural research will go on

for feeds and fertilizers.

Popularly known as the "nickels-for-know-how" election, the voting will be conducted Saturday, November 3, at the PMA polling places throughout the state.

If two-thirds of the voters favor the assessment, funds amounting to an estimated \$125,000 will be made available to Agricultural Foundations, Inc., to promote agricultural research at N. C. State college.

Kings Mountain area farmers and their wives will ballot at Beth-Ware school, the polling place for Number 4 Township, while Number 5 Township farmers will vote at Wacc high school.

No registration is required and all purchasers of feeds and fertilizers are eligible to vote. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

Provisions for the election were set up by the 1951 General Assembly, the act also providing a re-submission of the question in three years, provided the next week is favorable.

Members of the county election committee convened Friday morning at the agricultural building in Shelby to further plans for the election. Local area members of the committee are J. C. Randle and Mrs. Claude Harmon, Number 4 Township, and W. H. Lutz and Mrs. Heyward Moss, Number 5 township.

Agricultural officials make a good case for the small assessment, pointing out the growth of North Carolina agriculture production during the past decade and listing goals for 1960 which they feel adequate research can enable farmers to meet.

Increase were also enacted on postal rates, but Kings Mountain postoffice officials Thursday morning had not yet received official notification of the amount and effective date of the increase.

The increases mean that publishers will pay more for mailing newspapers, that there will no longer be a "penny post card," this cost going to two cents, and that third-class mail, familiarly known as circulars, will cost the mailers an additional half-cent per piece. To get a letter delivered "special," the rate will be 20 cents, rather than 15 cents.

Assistant Postmaster George Hard said advance information on the pending rate increases indicated that some of the new rates would be effective at once, while others would not go into effect until July 1, 1952, beginning of the postal department's fiscal year, but he added that no official bulletin had yet been received on the charges.

The excise tax increases are expected to be passed on to the consumer, which means that prices will advance next week.

The personal income tax increases is expected to begin biting as quickly as schedules can be mailed by Collectors of Internal Revenue. The personal income tax increase approximates 11 percent over last year's rates.

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Stores To Suspend Half-Holidays Soon

Kings Mountain merchants will continue their regular Wednesday half-holiday until Thanksgiving, according to announcement this week by W. Faision Barnes, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Mr. Barnes said the directors of the association voted recently to suspend the Wednesday afternoon closings from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

Grammar Grid Twin Bill Set

Plans were announced this week for a grammar grade football doubleheader to be played at City Stadium on Monday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m.

All three grammar grid teams will see action in the twin bill, with one team, the winner of the first game, to play in both games according to announcement by officials of the Mountaineer Club, sponsors of the program.

Tickets, priced at 25 and 50 cents, are to go on sale today for the event and a large attendance is anticipated.

Operated for the past two seasons as a four-team loop, the program has been slowed this year, at least from the spectator standpoint, by the necessity of playing single game cards. Two games were played each playing date in 1950 and large crowds attended.

West Elementary and Park Grace school were combined this season due to a shortage of players at the schools. East and Central elementary schools entered teams in the league again this season.

Dan Huffstetler, who is handling arrangements for the November 5th event, announced yesterday that the Kings Mountain school band will attend and will march between the games.

David Neill, West-Park Grace coach, said this week that his team and East school would play at the park Friday afternoon. The game was not played last Friday as scheduled.

In 1924, served three years in the U. S. Army with service at Corregidor in the Philippines and returned to California to make his home.

His family here didn't hear from him until several years ago. He was in the lumber mill business in California. He still had not been home since that day in 1924.

But he came back Saturday and spent a busy four days here looking over the town ("It's changed a lot, didn't hardly recognize the place") and visiting relatives had friends.

Mr. Phifer left Wednesday morning, going to Birmingham, Ala., to join his wife, who was visiting relatives there, and to return to his adopted city in his way up.

There he was confronted with a somewhat different main-street scene than he had remembered—the rail depot was gone and so was Mountain View Hotel—but he felt he was in the right town.

Spotting the sign "Phifer Hardware," over a building, he entered and Campbell Phifer promptly spoke, "Yes sir, what for you?" After a brief pause, the stranger said, "Campbell, don't you know your brother Dempsey?"

Dempsey Phifer, youngest son of the late William Butler and Amanda Dixon Phifer, arrived in Kings Mountain last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Phifer left Kings Mountain



TO PREACH HERE — Dr. Harold J. Dudley, general secretary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, will preach here Sunday at morning services at First Presbyterian church and at afternoon services at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Synod Secretary Will Speak Here

Rev. Harold J. Dudley, D. D., general secretary of the Synod of North Carolina, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Dr. Dudley will also preach at Dixon Presbyterian church at the Sunday afternoon service at 3:45.

Mr. Dudley is a former pastor of Presbyterian churches in Kinston, Wilson, and in Birmingham, Ala.

He is also a former professional baseball player, a profession he left to enter the ministry.

Educated at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, he was a teacher and coach at Woodberry Forest school before graduating from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. He received the degree of Master of Theology from the seminary in 1941 and the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Southwestern Presbyterian College, Memphis, Tenn. in 1945.

Dr. Dudley had continued to maintain an active interest in sports and recreation throughout his career as a Presbyterian minister, having served on numerous church committees promoting recreational activities. In 1948, he served as editor of Recreation Review, official magazine of the North Carolina Recreation Society.

"We are particularly glad to have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Dudley," Mr. Patrick said, "and we invite the community to join us on Sunday."

Church To Study Reformation

The festival of the Reformation, commemorating Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 theses to a Wittenberg, Germany, church door, on October 31, 1517, will be observed Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, will discuss the historical events of the Reformation at Sunday school, and the doctrinal aspects at the morning service at 11 o'clock. The evening sermon will be based on Luther's catechism, the fourth commandment, "Luther Started Christian Family Life." The subject will also be the feature of the Luther League meeting.

"All who love freedom should observe this day," Dr. Gerberding said. "There is an ecclesiastical dictatorship, as well as a political one, which is threatening our liberties today."

First Baptist BTU Council Meets

On Sunday afternoon at 4:45 p.m. the Training Unit of the First Baptist Church or regular monthly meeting for officers of the individual units.

Conferences will be conducted as follows:

Presidents, group captains, pianists, and choristers: Mrs. W. B. Logan and Miss Betty Davis, conference leaders.

Leaders, counselors, and vice-presidents: W. B. Logan, conference leader.

Bible readers, leaders and mission committees: Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., conference leader.

Social chairman: Miss Lula Mae Teague, conference leader.

Secretaries: Misses Betty Hayes and Martha Cox, conference leaders.

King Mountain churchwomen will join in the observance of World Community Day on Friday, November 2, at a special community-wide service at Central Methodist church at three o'clock.

Mrs. Jacob Cooper is chairman of the community-wide observance, which has as its purpose the encouragement of women to work together for a more Christian world order, and the development in every community of public opinion favorable to the growth of understanding and good will toward all people in all the world."

The theme of the 1951 observance is "Live Thy Faith."

"It is another way of saying that faith without works is dead; that we must have both themes and projects," Mrs. Cooper said.

"World Community Day, since its beginning in 1943, has stood for both.

It is not a day to observe

and forget. It is the rallying day for another year of faith at work for the Church Women of the United States."

In the eight years churchwomen of the United States have collaborated in the annual observance, much aid has been pro-

1951 City Property Valuation Figures Over Six Million Mark

School Audit Shows Surplus Of \$810,456

Kings Mountain City Schools showed a surplus balance of \$810,456.69 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, according to the audit report recently completed by George H. Emery, certified public accountant, of Statesville.

This was an increase of \$99,177.78 over last year's surplus of \$711,278.91.

The report, received by the school board, listed total assets for the recent fiscal year at \$912,363.35.

A breakdown on assets included: cash on hand, \$118,918.35; deposit with county to apply on bonds not yet due for payment, \$4,000.00; school property, \$789,445.66. Further breakdown on school property assets showed sites valued at \$56,000.00; buildings, \$561,470.00; and equipment, \$50,450.00. Library books, also included in school property assets, are valued at \$11,525.00.

Liabilities listed in the report showed \$200 for State loans and a bonded indebtedness of \$101,706.66, for a total liability of \$101,906.66.

Receipts, in local funds, totalled \$186,260.91. A partial breakdown of this figure showed receipts from Cleveland county, \$11,887.96; veterans training program, \$12,719.79; vocational education, \$2,176.00; and from churches and civic organizations (For Bible teacher), \$2,646.50.

A total of \$67,342.56 in disbursements of local funds was listed in the report. Of this, \$16,059.10 in supplementary salaries and \$407.97 in supplementary janitor wages; and \$8,939.41 for veteran training are among items reported in current expenses. Among capital outlay items are listed: additional sites and improvements of grounds, \$195,15; alterations and additions, \$4,633.54; and equipment, \$1,731.61.

The completed audit included a check of all transactions made during the recent fiscal year, as well as verifications of the assets and liabilities at June 30, 1951.

In summing up his report, the auditor gave the following opinion:

"Subject to the foregoing comments, and after having performed all the services specified in the program of audit procedure which pertain to the particular records under review, the exhibits and schedules appended hereto and forming a part of this report, present, in our opinion, a fair view of the financial position of the Kings Mountain City Schools insofar as pertains to the local funds at June 30, 19