

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

OLSEN SAYS SEWAGE NEEDS \$600,000

Engineer Reports On Recent Survey Of City Facilities

William C. Olsen and Associates, Raleigh consulting engineers, have recommended city sewerage system improvements totaling \$600,000 and water distribution improvements totaling \$275,000.

The engineers estimate that the recommended improvements would adequately serve the community until the population reaches the figure of 16,200, which the engineering firm predicts will have occurred by 1971, twenty years hence.

C. W. Mengel, civil and sanitary engineer, met with the city board of commissioners Monday night, outlined the survey report, and answered questions put by board members and Byron Keeter, recently appointed chairman of the city planning board.

Breakdown on the sewerage system recommendations include: 1) For collecting lateral lines, to cover areas not now served by the sewerage system, \$180,000. 2) McGill treatment plant, \$160,000. 3) McGill outfall extension, \$17,000. 4) Ware treatment plant, \$188,000. 5) Ware outfall extension, \$15,000. 6) Mauney pumping station, \$13,000. 7) Pumping station discharge line, \$27,000.

Breakdown on the water system improvements include: 1) Construction on dam to raise it by 23 feet and to provide additional reservoir water of 450,000,000 gallons \$116,000. 2) Filter plant addition, \$162,000. (to double maximum daily capacity of 1,000,000 gallons).

The Olsen Company recommends construction of sewerage treatment plants to replace the current defective and over-loaded McGill and Ware tanks. Type recommended would utilize the separate sludge digestion, trickling filter treatment process, which, Mr. Mengel said, proves much more economical to operate and is the most satisfactory type of plant for treating sewage with a high component of industrial-type sewage. He said this type costs from ten to twenty percent more in original outlay, but that the additional amount is quickly repaid in lower operating cost and degree of treatment.

The engineers recommend pumping the sewage now flowing into the Mauney tank into the proposed Ware tank. Also recommended is relocation downstream of both the McGill (4,000 feet) and Ware (2,000 feet) tanks.

To questions put by Mr. Keeter, Mayor Garland Still and board members concerning sufficiency of the city water supply to serve a proposed chemical plant of Foote Mineral Company, Mr. Mengel said he doubted the present water supply would be sufficient to furnish amounts, even with the proposed improvements. City Administrator M. K. Fuller, pointing out that Foote had not indicated a need for filtered water, asked the advisability of pumping raw water for that purpose from Buffalo Creek. Mr. Mengel replied that he would be glad to investigate and to make a report on that possibility.

Mr. Mengel emphasized the necessity for operation of a sewage disposal system by trained personnel. He said disposal plant

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Christmas Herald To Be Issued Monday

The next issue of the Kings Mountain Herald will appear Monday, rather than the customary date of Thursday, December 27.

The policy of advancing the Christmas week issue of the Herald has been customary for several years and has proved popular with readers and patrons. In addition, it enables the Herald staff and mechanical department to take a needed holiday.

The pre-Christmas edition is customarily used by business firms to convey Christmas greetings to their patrons. Advertising deadline for the pre-Christmas edition will be Saturday at 2 p. m. News deadline will be Sunday at 2 p. m. Readers having news items for the Monday paper are asked to call the office not later than Saturday afternoon, if possible.

Kings Mountain Industry To Begin Holiday Saturday

Several Firms Are Paying Yule Bonuses

Majority of Kings Mountain industry will pull the switch this weekend for Christmas holidays of varying lengths. Most plants will be closed for one week, resuming operations on Monday, December 31.

A number of firms are paying Christmas bonuses, of varying amounts.

Shortest holiday period among textile plants will be taken by Craftsman Yarns, Inc., and Phenix plant of Burlington Mills. Both companies will suspend operations at the end of Saturday's second shift and will resume operations at the beginning of the third shift Wednesday, December 26. Craftsman is paying a Christmas bonus approximating a day's pay, while Phenix announced last week it was paying bonuses totaling \$11,000.

Frieda Manufacturing Company at Crowder's Mountain closes Saturday and resumes operations Thursday morning at 7 a. m. Frieda is paying a Christmas bonus of two percent on gross earnings.

Closing for a week and resuming operations Monday, December 31, will be Neisler Mills, Inc., Sadie Cotton Mills, Loom-Text Corporation, Slater Manufacturing Company, Lambeth Rope Corporation, Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., and Park Yarn Mills.

Mauney Mills and Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, which have been operating on alternate weeks, have been idle this week and also plan to resume operations December 31.

Bonnie Cotton Mills, which has also been operated on short schedules for the past several weeks, hopes to be in a position to resume operations December 31.

Firms paying Christmas bonuses on a percentage of earnings basis, approximating two percent include Sadie Cotton Mills, Mauney Mills, Bonnie Cotton Mills, Mauney Hosiery Company and Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company.

Park Yarn Mills is giving employees a \$25 defense bond each, and Loom-Text Corporation is giving \$10 to each employee.

Outside the textile field, Elmer Lumber Company will close Saturday and resume operations Wednesday. Foote Mineral Company was not sure whether it would halt operations as much as one day.

Superior Stone Company will halt plant operations Saturday and resume them on Thursday, though it expects to do some shipping both Saturday and Monday. The company pays a Christmas bonus to all employees, with length-of-service among the factors determining amount.

White Is Secretary Of Bar Association

Jack White, Kings Mountain lawyer, was elected secretary of the Cleveland County Bar association at the annual banquet meeting of the organization in Shelby Monday night.

Other officers named were: Henry Edwards, of Shelby, president, succeeding Ralph Gardner; A. A. Powell, vice-president; and Joe Mull, treasurer.

The association passed a resolution asking the county to relieve congestion in the county courthouse courtroom, and defeated a resolution calling for a tax on criminal cases to provide funds for establishment of a law library.

All Kings Mountain members of the association attended the meeting. They included: Mr. White, J. R. Davis, E. A. Harfill and W. Faison Barnes.

PARKING MONEY

A total of \$165.00 was collected from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday according to a report of city clerk, Joe Hendrick.

Lt. Ruddock Crash Injuries Are Minor



TO BELMONT — Hugh Ballard, former superintendent of Park Yarn Mills here, has accepted a position with National Yarn Mills of Belmont. He began his new duties on December 10. The Ballards expect to move to Belmont early in January.

Mrs. Barber's Rites Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Wells Barber, 88, who died at her home on Grover road Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock after a serious illness of two months, will be held at Bethlehem Baptist church Thursday morning at 11 a. m.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., and Rev. Robert Hardin will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state for one-half hour prior to the church service.

Mrs. Barber was the widow of the late Beatty Barber, who died in 1939. She had been an invalid for the past five years.

She was a native of Cleveland County and was a member of the First Baptist church. Survivors include four sons, D. A. Barber, of Westminster, S. C., Carroll Barber, of Charlotte, and Cline and Broadus Barber, of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. L. M. Logan, Miss Abba Barber and Mrs. Ethel Yarborough, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Annie Hartley, of Lenoir; a granddaughter she reared, Mrs. Hunter Spearman, of Kings Mountain; four sisters, Mrs. S. S. Weir, Mrs. W. G. Hughes and Mrs. Ben Logan, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. A. C. McCarter, of Clover, S. C.; 27 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

CHANDLER BETTER A. B. Chandler, general manager of Foote Mineral Company, who has been a patient at Kings Mountain hospital was reported improved Wednesday. He has been suffering with severe attack of flu.

Response To Jaycee Appeal Good; More Food Is Needed To Fill List

The next three days will determine if the Jaycees collect enough food to supply Kings Mountain's needy families this Christmas.

The "Buy a Can, Leave a Can" drive to collect food for the needy was reported very successful to date but the club has received names of some additional dozen families from the city's welfare agencies. Citizens are urged to be most liberal in contributing to the "Merry Christmas Baskets", located in most of the city's grocery firms, during the final three days of the collection so that the organization may be able to take care of the larger number of destitute families.

The collection effort is to close around 6 p. m. Saturday, with Jaycee committees to pack baskets and deliver them on Sunday in time for preparation of Christmas meals. Final plans of the collection were mapped at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the club, held at the Masonic dining hall on Tuesday night.

Members of the Junior Chamber agreed at Tuesday's meeting to supply additional food stuffs not collected in the "Merry Christmas Baskets". The group is to purchase some \$100 worth of additional items. Members were also requested to bring any toys not now in use in their homes to the "baskets" on Sunday at the Masonic hall. Citizens who would like to contribute discarded toys to the basket collection hope to supply each of the families with several weeks supply of staple foods.

Kings Mountain Korean Veteran Due Here Today

First Lieutenant William O. Ruddock, of Kings Mountain, was among the injured in the crash of an Air Force B-29 bomber at Shreveport, La., late Monday night.

Lt. Ruddock, en route home from a nine-month tour of flying duty in Korea, called his wife, Mrs. Jackie Falls Ruddock, Tuesday morning from the hospital at Barksdale Air Force base and told her he was least injured of the 11 survivors. He said he had sustained a cut over the eye, a cut on the head, and severe bruises. He did not know, he added, the extent of the head wound.

Lt. Ruddock was a passenger on the plane, though his family was under the impression it was the same plane in which the Air Force navigator had been flying missions over Korea.

Mrs. Ruddock and Paul Mauney, the lieutenant's uncle, flew to Shreveport Tuesday afternoon and telephoned Mrs. Mauney Wednesday that Lt. Ruddock was not badly injured and was being released from the hospital. Mr. Mauney said that Lt. Ruddock would return with himself and Mrs. Ruddock by plane Thursday.

Lt. Ruddock told his wife he had no idea how the crash occurred or its cause. Associated Press reports indicated the crash might have resulted from the plane's hitting a communications line. The AP reported: "The big craft dug a 15-foot-deep hole where it fell, bounced once, then skidded 200 yards knocking a house off its foundation and shearing power and communication lines."

Lt. Ruddock told his wife he was 50 feet away from the wreck when it exploded and burst into flame.

A veteran of World War II, including overseas duty in Italy, Lt. Ruddock was called to active duty by the Air Force in September 1950. He went to the Korean Theatre in March 1951 and had flown a large number of combat missions over Korea.

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SANTA AT BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS PARTY — Santa Claus is shown above as he visited the annual Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, Inc., Christmas party for employees and their families held at Joy Theatre Sunday afternoon. Some 900 persons attended the party and old St. Nick gave out goodies to the children. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Phenix Plant Holds Annual Yule Party

A full house was on hand at Joy Theatre Sunday afternoon for the annual Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, Inc., Christmas party for employees and their families.

The party was highlighted by a visit from Old Saint Nick, himself. Door prizes were awarded adults and Christmas baskets were distributed to children 10 years of age and under.

Door prizes consisted of five large hams and four fruit cakes. Baskets contained oranges, tangerines, apples, nuts, candy, puzzles, color books, toy autos, toy cash register banks, horns, spelling and counting boards, "Fodini" games and crayons.

Ice cream was served to the more than 900 who attended. Joy Theatre distributed popcorn and two Christmas cartoons, a Christmas short and a community sing were filmed.

The local mill employees a round 325 persons. A supervisors party was held last Saturday night.

Bruce Thorburn served as master of ceremonies at the Sunday party. Rev. B. W. Lefler offered prayer and Superintendent John T. Latham welcomed the group.

Legion, Auxiliary To Hold Yule Party

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, and the Legion Auxiliary will hold a Christmas party at the Legion building off York Road beginning Saturday evening at seven o'clock.

Announcement was made by Jack Barber, post adjutant.

The program will include special entertainment and dancing. Refreshments will be served. All members of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary are being urged to attend.

Fire Department Problem Unsolved But Hope Expressed For Settlement

Commissioner E. T. Wright Sr., who last week offered a resolution at the commissioners' meeting to clarify the situation, said other board members had indicated they might relent in their attitude and support his suggestion. Mr. Wright's motion, which failed of a second, was to let the fire chief operate the department to the best of his ability.

Asked if the resignation date would remain effective in event the underwriter representatives do not come here prior to January 1, Chief King replied, "I don't know."

Though the city board met in special session Monday evening to hear an outline of an engineering survey, the fire department problem was not mentioned. Board members and a member of the fire department said it was mutually preferred to discuss the matter when no other item was on the agenda.

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Cab Operator Robbed In Saturday Hold-Up

Bandit Bullet Grazes Shirt Of Smiley Myers

M. H. (Smiley) Myers is still "scared to death" and officers are still trying to locate two Negroes, and their accomplices, who scared him.

The Kings Mountain cab operator reported himself shot at and robbed of \$116 Saturday night, after a hold-up in the Antioch Baptist church section.

The chain of events began here when Myers was flagged by two Negroes standing near Fisher's Tourist Home about 8:30 p. m.

They told him, Myers said, that they had a flat tire "down the road below Park Yarn Mill". Myers said he was answering a Park Yarn call at the time. When he neared the Margrace rail crossing, one Negro stuck a pistol in his ribs, Myers said, cursed him, told him to drive at 30 miles per hour, and to turn off his cab cruising lights.

Near Archdale Farms, Myers relates, another cab was approaching, and he blinked his car lights. The Negro with the gun fired the pistol. The shot was a near-miss. The bullet tore a hole in Myers' jacket and in a pack of cigarettes. Myers slumped over the steering wheel, and was hauled into the back seat where one of the pair turned him over and extracted the money from his wallet.

"He's mighty limp", Myers said the starker remarked, and the other replied, "If he moves, shoot him again."

Myers rode on in the back seat, not knowing where he was going. Later the car stopped, the assailant

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HOLD-UP VICTIM — M. H. (Smiley) Myers, Kings Mountain cab operator, reported himself the victim of a hold-up by armed robbers Saturday night. He said a pistol shot fired by one robber grazed his jacket.

Stores To Begin Longer Schedules

Kings Mountain merchants will remain open later for the benefit of Christmas shoppers beginning Thursday night.

Majority of department and variety stores will observe so-called Saturday hours which means they will be open until 7 p. m. through Christmas Eve. Schedules of jewelers will coincide with those of the majority of the department stores, with the exception that the jewelers will be open until 9 p. m. Christmas Eve.

Furniture stores will not lengthen their schedules until Saturday, remaining open until 7 p. m. both Saturday and Christmas Eve.

Almost all Kings Mountain retail firms will observe a two-day Christmas holiday, closing December 25 and 26.

It appears at the moment that majority of Kings Mountain firms will forego a New Year's holiday, though two firms have announced they will be closed two days for New Year's as well, closing on January 1 and 2. These are A & P Food Store and Bated Furniture. Dixie-Home Store, which had previously announced it would close for two days' New Year's, reported there had been a change in company orders and the New Year's holiday policy is still tentative.

SCHOOLS CLOSING

Christmas holidays began Wednesday for Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school pupils and will begin Thursday for students of Bethwars school. The city and Park Grace schools will resume regular schedules January 3, while Bethwars students return to school Monday, December 31.

Local News Bulletins

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED The Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and will open again Thursday, December 27. Announcement was made by Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian.

SNOWS HOME Capt. and Mrs. Maynard Snow and children, Ann and Linda, arrived in Kings Mountain Monday from Midwest City, Okla. Capt. Snow, on active duty with the airforce, is to report for duty at Boston, Mass., shortly after January 1st.

NO COURT MONDAY Regular weekly city recorder's court session will not be held Monday, December 24, it was announced this week. Next session will be held on Monday, December 31.

KIWANIS MEETING Joe Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, will address the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at its meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall. The program was arranged by the committee on underprivileged children.

TO BE EXAMINED Jack Slink, city schools faculty member and assistant coach, is among a group of Davidson county men scheduled to receive physical examination Friday to determine his fitness for duty in the armed services.

106 TAGS SOLD A total of 106 Kings Mountain auto owners had purchased city license tags through Wednesday noon, according to report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk. The tags went on sale Monday.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE A candlelight worship service will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran church on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p. m. The young people of the church plan a Christmas caroling at the church after the service.

MCGILL'S MOVE Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill have moved to the residence in Crescent Hill formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Art Welner. The McGills purchased the residence several weeks ago. The Welners have moved into a new house recently constructed in Crescent Hill.

Lutheran Church To Give Pageant

The Sunday school of Resurrection Lutheran church will present its Christmas program Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

Recitations will be made by the younger children of the church at the beginning of the program, after which a pageant, "The Star Lighted Path", directed by Mrs. Mary Mitcham will be presented. The cast of characters include: narrator, Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Jr.; angels, Mrs. Robert Whitesides, Mrs. Bob Ledbetter, Mrs. Gene Tighe, Mrs. Betty Ramsey, Esie Marie Foster, Mary Ann Foster, Mrs. Dorus Bennett; Naomi, Mrs. Wray Plonk; Rachel, Miss Anita McGinnis; Mary, Mrs. E. R. Coter; Joseph, Gailher Ledbetter; Shepherds, Paul McGinnis, Jr., Gene Gladden, Sam Mitcham, David Plonk, Ronald Tigor; wise men, Hal Plonk, Dorus Bennett, Rufus Mitcham; intermediate girl, Miss Jean Plonk.

Following the pageant gifts will be exchanged.

Weather Condition Reported Improved

The condition of Lee B. Weathers, publisher of the Shelby Daily Star, was reported slightly improved Wednesday morning.