

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

Manager Recommendation Of Planning Body Declined

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
A total of \$139.66 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning according to a report by the city treasurer's office.

RETURNS FROM KOREA
Pfc. Reid A. Thompson, U. S. Army, recently returned from duty in Korea and has been assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C. He is currently on a 30-day leave, visiting his parents in Kings Mountain.

LEFT FRIDAY
Sgt. Dean Ramsey returned Friday to overseas duty in France after spending the holidays here with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ramsey. He has been in the service two years.

FRIDAY FIRE
City firemen answered a call on Cleveland Avenue Friday afternoon around 3:30 o'clock to the home of Melton Kiser. A gas heater, which had flared up, was under control when firemen arrived. No damage was reported.

TAG SALES
A total of 540 Kings Mountain motorists have purchased 1953 city auto license plates, according to a report by the city clerk's office. Tags must be purchased by February 1, 1953, and price of the tag is one dollar.

BROOM SALE GROUP
Fred Wright, Jr., has been named chairman of the 1953 Lions club broom sale for the benefit of the blind, with J. W. Webster as co-chairman. Other committee members are James Houser, Sam Stallings, Paul Howard, and Carl F. Mauney.

BOOT TRAINEE
SR Hugh Williams, Jr., 440-61-55, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williams of North Piedmont avenue, is now stationed with Company 0884, U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego 33, Calif. He enlisted in the Navy six weeks ago and is undergoing boot training at the California base.

ENTERS CHINCILLAS
Harold Hunnicutt said this week that he is entering all four animals of Hun-Chin Ranch in the first annual show of the Carolinas Branch, National Chincilla Breeders association, to be held in Winston-Salem Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

TAX LISTING
City and county tax listers were working at a busy pace this week, as the tax listing pace increased. With half the month gone, tax listing officials doubted, they said, that had the property owners had completed the listing job. The county and city tax listers are at City Hall daily except Monday, when the county lister is at Grover.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED
The Arthur Hay Fire Insurance Agency, a partnership owned and operated by Miss Helen Hay and David Neill, has been dissolved as of January 1, 1953, according to dissolution notice published today in the Kings Mountain Herald. Miss Hay, who purchased the Neill interest, is now the sole owner, and will continue to operate the agency under the same firm name.

LEGION BULLETIN
Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, who wish to serve as pallbearers at the funeral of Pvt. Pinkney Roberts, Jr., have been requested to meet at Harris Funeral Home Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Members who cannot serve as pallbearers are urged to attend the services at 3 p. m., Sunday at First Baptist church. Commander Sam Collins, who made the announcement, urged all members to wear uniform caps to the service.

Commissioners Vote 3 to 2 For Status Quo

Mayor Garland Still broke a tie vote Monday night, thereby enabling the city board of commissioners to refuse by 3-2 vote a recommendation of the city planning board that steps be taken to set up a city manager form of government.

A motion of C. F. Barry, seconded by B. T. Wright, to seek a legislative amendment calling for an election on a modified "Plan D" or city manager form of government for the city, had failed to carry.

James G. Layton then read a long letter, outlining reasons for refusal to accept the planning board recommendations, and moved that the letter be approved by the board and sent to the planning board. Olland R. Pearson, seconded, and or the 2-2 vote, Mayor Still broke the tie, favoring the refusal and dispatch of the letter.

The letter, text of which is printed below, stated that the city manager election would be called should a petition bearing signatures of 25 percent of the voters be presented.

The five-member planning board had written the mayor and board members on January 9, as follows:

"A number of citizens of Kings Mountain have brought the proposition of a City Manager form of government to members of the Planning Board and the board on November 25, 1952 requested that the Secretary write the Lions Club, Merchants Ass'n, Kiwanis Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce and get the sentiment of the members of these groups on this matter. A reply has been received from each of the above Civic groups and each overwhelmingly endorse a City Manager system for Kings Mountain.

"At a call meeting of the Planning Board on January 8, 1953 with the following present: Byron Keeter, C. E. Neisler, Carl Mauney, Hal S. Plank and L. E. Abbott on motion the board unanimously approved a recommendation that the City Council give serious consideration to this matter of a City Manager form of government and act on this recommendation as soon as possible in order that action can be taken by our County Representatives in the present State Legislature which is now in session.

"Inquiries have been also made to us about the Gas Allotment to Kings Mountain and we suggest that you also give this matter consideration.

"If we can be of any service to you on these matters please call on us."

"Text of the letter read by Mr. Layton and sent to the planning board follows:

"On August 30, 1948, the citizens of Kings Mountain had an election. The ballot was divided into three (3) parts —

Plan A (Mayor-Council)
Plan B (Council-Mayor-Manager)
Plan C (Present Form of Government)

"The tabulation of the votes was as follows:
Ward 1 — 78 For, 1 Against
Ward 2 — 69 For, 2 Against
Ward 3 — 43 For, 2 Against
Ward 4 — 31 For, 1 Against
Ward 5 — 87 For, 2 Against
TOTAL — 308 For, 8 Against

"The results of this election shows that the citizens of Kings Mountain were in favor of our present form of government by a vote of 38 to 1.

"Under our present form of government all the affairs of the City are administered by the Mayor and five (5) Board Commissioners all of whom are duly elected by the voters of the City of Kings Mountain. Under this form of government, no expenditures, purchases, allocations or any other business transactions may be made or entered into without first being brought before the Board and approved by a majority vote. After this has been done, all business discussed by the Board is written up into minutes and kept for permanent record.

"To our knowledge, this is the first administration in the City of Kings Mountain to adhere strictly to the rules and regulations as set forth in the City Charter.



ROBERTS SUNDAY — Final rites for Pvt. Pinkney Roberts, Jr., above, will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at First Baptist church. A Marine, he was killed in action in Korea on October 29, 1952.

Roberts Rites Sunday At 3 p. m.

Final rites for Marine Private Pinkney Roberts, Jr., 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Roberts, Sr., of route two, a Korean war casualty, will be held at First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. H. G. Weekley, pastor of the church, and Rev. E. H. Simpson, of Concord, will officiate and burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery with full military honors.

A Marine Corps reserve unit of Charlotte will serve as members of the firing squad and Legionnaires of Otis D. Green Post 155, of Kings Mountain, will serve as pallbearers.

The body arrived in Kings Mountain Wednesday morning and will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 1 p. m. Saturday, when it will be taken to the home.

Pvt. Roberts, who served with a First Marine division artillery unit, was killed by an enemy artillery shell on October 29, 1952. He left the United States on September 15, 1952, joining the veteran Korean unit on October 1, 1952.

A former Grover high school student, he had entered the service on February 4, 1952, and completed boot training at Paris Island, S. C., Marine base.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, are two brothers, Edward and David Roberts, and five sisters, Mrs. Edith Henderson of Camden, S. C., Mrs. Virginia Frederiek of Greensboro, Mrs. Ethel Dover of York, S. C., Mrs. Isabelle Odom of Varnville, S. C., and Mrs. Donnie V. Miller of Grover.

Lake Montonia Elects Officers

Howard P. Whisnant, Gastonia furniture dealer, was elected president of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., at the annual stockholders meeting of the group held at the courtroom at City Hall Tuesday night.

Mr. Whisnant succeeds Dorus C. McSwain, of Gastonia, as president.

Other officers elected were Dr. O. R. Lewis as vice-president, Harry E. Page as secretary-treasurer, R. H. Crockett, Jr., of Gastonia, as assistant secretary, S. W. Switzer, of Gastonia, as three-year director, and Bonnie F. Norris, Jr., of Gastonia, a director to fill a two-year vacancy left by Mr. Whisnant's elevation to the presidency.

Retiring officers are Mr. Tignor as vice-president, B. S. Neill, Jr., as secretary-treasurer, Mr. Page as assistant and Dr. Lewis and Bill Spencer of Gastonia, retiring directors.

The group discussed many items of business, with some 30 stockholders present. The group voted to sell 50 associate memberships at \$30 each, approving the 1952 arrangement and voted to remit the dues of all officers of the club except the vice-president. Mr. Neill reported 140 shares of club stock held by around 125 persons.

Alexander Buys The Jewel Box From Grayson

Ross Alexander, for the past five years watchmaker at Grayson's Jewelry, has purchased The Jewel Box, on Battleground avenue, from T. W. Grayson.

The transaction was completed last Thursday, and the sale included accounts, merchandise and fixtures of the Jewel Box.

The firm will henceforth be known as Alexander's Jewelry, and will feature a full line of watches, jewelry and gifts, in addition to watch repair service.

Mr. Alexander, a native of Wadesboro, has seven years' experience at the watchmaking trade. He is a navy veteran of World War II, having spent two years in the service.

The Jewel Box was successor to Garland's Jewelry, and was purchased by Mr. Grayson in June 1950. Mr. Grayson will now devote his full time to the operation of Grayson's Jewelry.

Weekley Speaks To Lions Club

Christianizing the world is the only answer to its problems, Rev. Gordon Weekley, pastor of First Baptist church, told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

"Because we have failed to plant Bibles in the hands of four-fifths of the people of the world, we are forced to plant bombs on their heads, he declared.

"If we will return to God, we can avert this tragedy," he continued.

Reviewing the recent war history of the world, Mr. Weekley said that the beginning of the Korean War was a beginning of change in the world picture. He described the four-fifths of the people of the world in Asia and other non-educated nations as "waking up", and of making new demands on civilization.

He said that the "civilized" world only comprises about one-fifth the people, at one time of no seeming consequence because of distance and the fact that the civilized peoples had all the technological know-how.

Two ways to peace, he listed, are "working on ourselves" and "working on others." He said that this nation has been "majoring on minors", and listed as one of the "minors" the legal sale of alcoholic beverages.

C. D. Ware presented Mr. Weekley. Prior to the address, Dr. N. H. Reed conducted an interview with Boyce Cash, a polio victim of a few years ago, who described the efforts of the March of Dimes officials in returning him to health.

Bank Officials Are Re-elected

All officers and directors of First National Bank were re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders Tuesday.

The stockholders heard reports from officers showing the bank enjoyed a prosperous year. Officials said more stock was represented at the meeting than in several years.

Officers are F. R. Summers, president; B. S. Neill, executive vice-president; R. L. Mauney, vice-president and cashier; J. C. McKinney, assistant cashier; and Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier.

Directors of the bank are F. R. Summers, B. S. Neill, R. L. Mauney, P. M. Neisler, W. K. Mauney, M. A. Ware, Glee A. Bridges, and Dr. L. P. Baker.

Local Phones Top 2,000 Mark

Expanded telephone service was part of substantial progress recorded in Kings Mountain in 1952, according to E. F. Farris, Southern Bell Manager here.

During 1952 the number of telephones in service increased by 202, or approximately ten per cent. As the year ends, 2041 telephones are in service, as against 1839 at the first of the year.

"The number of people with telephone service is regarded as a good barometer of economic health, and the number in service at Kings Mountain continues to increase. We continue to receive a heavy volume of new applications," Mr. Farris said.

Mr. Farris explained that the total number of telephones now serving Kings Mountain is two-and-one-half times greater than at the end of World War II. On

Residential Light Rate Cut Again; Paving Assessments Are Confirmed

Objections To Assessments At Minimum

Question of whether the city could assess for the paving of East Gold street furnished the principal subject of discussion at the hearing Monday night on a large group of street paving assessments.

B. D. Ratterree, one of the property owners, said no petition had been signed for the paving of East Gold street, that the work had been done by the State Highway and Public Works commission, and that he would not pay any assessment. He also said he was representing W. K. Mauney and W. K. Mauney, Jr., other property owners affected, and that their position was the same as his.

George W. Allen, assessed for paving on Deal street, said he wouldn't pay unless the Gold street owners paid. He said Deal street was also paved by the State highway department and the fact of a petition would make no difference. He also contended that assessment for use of highway street money (predecessor to Powell Bill funds) is illegal.

Mr. Allen further suggested that it would be wise for the board to forget all the assessments. He contended that "some streets have been paved for nothing" in the past.

Mrs. H. N. Moss, who was present at the meeting in reference to the paving of Cherokee street, excepted to Mr. Ratterree's statement, saying "I signed no petition, but I'm going to pay my part. Surely you people will pay your part. The town can't improve if people don't work together to make it."

Otherwise, the objections to the proposed street paving assessments were more routine, majority of them limited to requests for correction of footage errors.

Eugene R. Roberts was present to object in person and F. R. Continued On Page Eight

Legion Favors State Bonus

Legionnaires of Otis D. Green Post 155 went on record at the regular January meeting last Friday night as favoring a state bonus and donated \$11.15 to the annual March of Dimes drive.

Twenty-two members were present at the meeting. Commander Sam Collins presided.

The group also voted to proceed with plans to sponsor a dance.

Commander Collins announced that John W. Gladden had been awarded a Century Club citation for signing over 100 members for 1953. Other "Go-Getters" were announced as James S. Ware, Glee A. Bridges, Millard Prince and Commander Collins, each having signed 10 or more members.

KIWANIS MEETING

A report of activities of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club during the past year will be made at the Thursday evening meeting of the club, which convenes at 6:45 at Masonic Dining hall. The program is to be presented by the achievement committee, which includes Rev. W. L. Pressly and Dr. L. P. Baker.



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The donation was one-fifth of the Cleveland County quota of \$25,000. Some \$29,000 was raised last year, it has been reported. Donors of the \$5,000 stated that the gift was presented in gratitude for the care accorded by the county chapter to three children of the Harry family who were stricken with polio last summer.

Only other reports from the township were \$344 netted at a community song festival at Grover on Sunday and \$11.15 collected at the January meeting of the American Legion Post last Friday night.

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Chairmen of the employees division of the industrial organization were listed as — Harold Phillips, Craftsman; Bruce Thorburn, Burlington; B. S. Neill, Jr., Margraze; Hoyle McDaniel, Mauney Hosler; Clarence Black and Rufus Mitchem, Mauney; Leonard Smith, Sadie; Bob Morrison, Bonnie; Haskell Wilson, Loom-Tex; J. C. Smathers, Park Yarn; Harry E. Page, Pauline; Brooks Tate, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Co.; and C. W. Cradic, Slater Brothers.

Professor J. A. Gibson was listed as Negro chairman.

Missionary To Speak To Lutheran Women

Miss Clara Sullivan, missionary to China, will be the guest speaker at Resurrection Lutheran Church Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. This program is sponsored by the Women of the Church of Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran churches.

Miss Sullivan, a missionary for more than twenty years, was interned twice, during the recent turmoil in China.

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Residential Users To Get Another Cut

City power users will get another cut March 1, according to action of the city board of commissioners Monday night.

By 3-2 vote, the board voted to cut residential rates an additional ten percent as of March 1. James G. Layton made the motion and Olland Pearson seconded. B. T. Wright and C. P. Barry opposed.

M. K. Fuller, general superintendent of public works, estimated the cut would cost the city about \$4,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year, or about \$1,000 per month.

The cut equalizes the rate reduction previously given commercial users. Under present billing schedules, commercial users get a 20 percent discount, while residential users have been getting only a ten percent discount.

Commissioner Lloyd Davis was absent.

In other actions the board: 1) Approved a requested change in the zoning ordinance, designating a portion of York Road neighborhood trading area rather than residential. No objections were voiced to the change after advertisement of the proposal.

2) Voted to provide a reserved parking space on S. Piedmont avenue for the First Baptist church educational director.

3) Authorized issuance of a privilege license to Oakley Shenk for operation of a pool room.

4) Authorized payment of a bill of \$264 to the N. C. League of Municipalities for coding work.

5) Accepted the resignation of Ollie Harris as civil defense chairman, effective on obtaining of a replacement.

6) Approved a price increase of 10 cents per square foot on cemetery lots in Section 5 of Mountain Rest cemetery, effective February 1. Superintendent Sam Suber made the recommendation.

7) Voted payment of \$50 to the women of Second Baptist church for serving the Parsons banquet dinner.

8) Contracted with Orkin Company for pest control service at City Hall for \$10 a month.

9) Voted refund of \$67.55 to E. R. and J. K. Roberts for 1950 and 1951 taxes paid on property found to be outside the city limits. The board also authorized cancellation of the 1952 tax bill on the same property.

10) Voted to prohibit parking on the North side of W. Mountain street from Railroad avenue

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Masonic School Next Wednesday

A school of instruction for the 37th Masonic District will be held with Fairview Lodge No. 339 here in Kings Mountain Wednesday, January 21st.

Beginning at 3:30 p. m. Camp Call, Lodge No. 534, will exemplify the first degree. At 5 p. m., the Mooresboro Lodge No. 388 will exemplify the second degree. At 7:30 p. m., Cleveland Lodge No. 202 will exemplify the third degree. All of this work will be under the supervision of District Deputy Grand Lecturer Raymond Rhyme, of Belmont.

At 6:45 p. m. barbecue will be served by "Red" Bridges of Shelby, at \$1.50 per person. Persons planning to attend the supper are being asked to notify James B. Simpson or A. B. Chandler by Tuesday.

The meetings are open to all Master Masons.

Furniture Sought For Needy Family

The Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter is seeking articles of used furniture for the Robert Hutchins family, a negro family which lost its home on the night of December 27.

The Hutchins home on Lake Montonia Road was completely destroyed by fire, including all its furnishings.

Persons having discarded articles of furniture they wish to donate should call Mrs. J. N. Gombis, Red Cross secretary.

Bob Patterson In Honor Group

Bobby Earl Patterson, of Kings Mountain, is among 68 students at Baylor University initiated in the school's chapter of Alpha Chi, national honor scholastic society Wednesday, according to announcement by Dr. E. B. Thompson, faculty sponsor.

Baylor juniors, seniors and graduates who are in the upper five per cent of their class, scholastically, are eligible for membership in Alpha Chi. The requirements for the Baylor chapter of Alpha Chi are higher than those for the national organization which allows members from the top ten per cent.