

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

STILL PEARSON STALLINGS SEEK OFFICE

Local News
Bulletins

RAMSEUR IN HOSPITAL
Dr. W. L. Ramsey, Kings Mountain physician, is a patient in Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, for observation and treatment.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts collected Wednesday morning totaled \$140.85, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

RED CROSS OFFICE
The office of the Kings Mountain Chapter, American Red Cross, has been closed all week due to the illness of Mrs. J. N. Gamble and Mrs. P. G. Ratterree. Mrs. Gamble said yesterday she hoped to re-open the office on Thursday, weather permitting. Office hours are 8:30 to noon.

SAULINE PLAYERS
The Junior class of Central high school will sponsor the Sauline players, nationally known as "The Aristocrats of Better Entertainment" Thursday, February 5. Proceeds of the performance will go toward funds for the Junior-Senior banquet. Time of the performance will be announced later.

OYSTER SUPPER
An oyster supper for WOW members and members of the WOW circle will be held Saturday night at 7 o'clock at the Woodman Hall. Members of the Phenix square dance team will furnish entertainment for the meeting and the supper will be free, a spokesman for the group said.

TAG SALES
Sale of 1953 auto license plates totaled 734 Wednesday morning, according to a report by the city clerk's office. Tags must be purchased by February 1, and price of the tag is one dollar.

FIRE ALARMS
City firemen answered two calls Friday at 4:50 p. m. and Monday at 9:30 a. m., to a home on the Cherryville road, and to Crawley's Fruit stand on Cleveland avenue. Estimated damages to the Virginia Bush home on the Cherryville road was \$300, while the fruit stand was destroyed, firemen reported.

KIWANIS MEETING
A. V. Washburn, native of Cleveland county and associate superintendent of Sunda school work for the Southern Baptist convention, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday evening at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall. The program was arranged by L. E. Abbott.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Foster

Funeral rites for Mrs. Elnora Mitchell Foster, 70, resident of Fairview Street, were conducted Sunday at 3 o'clock from Second Baptist church. Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor of the church, officiated assisted by Rev. G. G. Eason and Rev. W. H. Redmond. Interment was in the Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian church cemetery near Clover, S. C. Mrs. Foster died Friday at 12:55 p. m. at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Will Pearson after an illness of four months. She was a native of York County, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John J. Farris. She was the widow of the late James J. Foster. Mrs. Foster was a member of Second Baptist church. Surviving are two sons, Howard and Lindsay Foster of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Will Pearson and Miss Freelove Foster of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Robert and Emory Farris of Shelby and Pink Farris of York, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Marshall Burton, Mrs. Earl Martin and Mrs. Floyd Burton of Rock Hill, S. C. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Herald Is Winner In State Contest

Herald Third Among Weeklies On News Work

The Kings Mountain Herald was awarded third place for news reporting among weekly newspapers in North Carolina for 1952, according to results of the 1952 newspaper contests of the North Carolina Press association announced last Friday. One of the annual features of the Mid-Winter Press Institute held at Chapel Hill and Durham, the announcement of certificates and presentation of certificates was made by Lt. Gov. Luther H. Hodges of Leaksville. Contests for weekly newspapers included, in addition to news reporting, feature, editorial, and picture divisions. The Bertie Ledger-Advance, at Windsor, won first place, and the Roanoke Beacon, at Plymouth, won second place, in news reporting. The weekly contests were judged by the staff of the Covington, Tenn., Leader, one of Tennessee's outstanding weekly newspapers. In a summarizing critique the judges wrote the Herald, "In news reporting, you follow the rule about short, snappy leads as well as anyone we have found. By doing this, you have won half the battle to get your reader interested so you can tell him a story. In three years the Kings Mountain Herald had taken one of the prizes in the annual newspaper contests. In 1950, the Herald was awarded first place for editorials.

Alex Sheppard Rites Thursday

Funeral services for Alexander Sheppard, 75, farmer of route one Grover, who died Tuesday night at 10 o'clock at his home after an illness of two years, will be conducted Thursday at 3 p. m. from Grover Baptist church. A native of Grover, he was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Etter's Sheppard. He was a member of Grover Baptist church. His wife, Mrs. Maggie Randle Sheppard, died two years ago. The body will lie-in-state at the church for one-half hour preceding the rites. Rev. Sam Hughes, Rev. Gordon Weekley and Rev. W. L. McSwain will officiate and burial will be in Grover cemetery. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Dewitt Patterson and Mrs. Frank Hambricht of Kings Mountain and Mrs. M. C. Hardin of Grover; five sons, Ray Sheppard of Plant City, Fla., and Frank of Grover; and Fred Sheppard, all of Grover; two brothers, George Sheppard of Grover and Sigford Sheppard of Shelby; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Randall and Mrs. John Goforth of Grover and Mrs. Andrew Spake of Shelby; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Political Rumor Mill Still Grinds; Several Potentials Decline Entrance

As three more citizens filed as candidates for city offices during the past week, there was evident among political observers and commentators some re-shuffling on who might, or might not, seek office. B. T. Wright, Sr., removed himself from the list of possibilities for the mayoral post, but not as a candidate to succeed himself as Ward 5 commissioner. At the same time, another name cropping up as a Ward 5 possible was that of Robert Osborne. Changed from possible to "red hot" during the week was Warren Reynolds, auto dealer, who is virtually sure to make the race for Ward 2 Commissioner. At the same time, Dan Huffstetler, also rumored a Ward 2 candidate, said he definitely would not offer. Other than the Wright state-

Home B. & L. Had Greatest Growth In '52

Shareholders of Home Building & Loan association held their annual meeting Tuesday, re-elected all directors and heard A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, give what he termed "the best report we've ever had". Mr. Patterson reported the association, organized in 1923, had enjoyed its most prosperous year during 1952 with an increase in assets of \$256,965.32, to bring the total to \$1,301,388. Mortgage loans increased by \$181,272.94, to \$1,058,964.27, and the association showed specific and general reserves at the end of the year of \$104,430.30, an increase of \$13,238.88. Total shareholders on December 31 was 1,341, including 115 Negro citizens. Dividends paid on savings accounts during the year, at the rate of three percent, totaled \$32,730.96. During 1952, Home Building & Loan association made 146 mortgage loans, 33 for new construction totaling \$142,646.36, another 30 for the purchase of dwellings totaling \$79,282.52, and 78 loans for other purposes totaling \$137,238.88. At the end of the year, the association's total number of mortgage loans was 548, with the largest loan for \$19,262.55, Mr. Patterson reported. Other business of the association was routine. The shareholders voted to abolish the former constitution, and will operate in the future from its certificate of incorporation and by-laws. Directors re-elected were Dr. J. E. Anthony, G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, I. G. Patterson, G. A. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, B. S. Peeler, B. D. Ratterree and A. H. Patterson. Officers of the association, all re-elected at a meeting following the shareholders' meeting, are Dr. J. E. Anthony, president; G. A. Bridges, vice-president; J. H. Thomson, vice-president; and A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer. Vice-President Bridges presided over the shareholders' meeting.

Four Appealed Assessments

Four East Gold street property owners, W. K. Mauney, Jr., B. D. Ratterree, Ray Connor and W. K. Mauney, filed notice of appeal with the city clerk last Friday from street-paving assessments confirmed by the city board of commissioners on January 12. The notice of appeal was formally served on City Clerk Joe Hendrick by Constable Paul Byers and Deputy L. L. Hamrick, of the sheriff's office. City Commissioner Olland Pearson contends a petition dated August 5, 1940, covers the East Gold assessment levied by the board at its January meeting. Copy of the appeal statement, dated January 21 and filed by each of the property-owners for the particular amount assessed, follows: "Having given notice of appeal from the assessment levied upon me by the city of Kings Mountain for paving Gold street in said city I do hereby present the following statement of the facts upon which this appeal is based: "In 1946 Gold street in the city of Kings Mountain, North Carolina was paved by the State Highway Department and no assessment was levied upon the property owners of the said street by the then acting city board, and on January 12th, 1953, the city board of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, levied an assessment against my property for this street paving done by the State Highway Department. "Under North Carolina General Statutes 160-81 a Municipal Corporation has the power by resolution of its governing body to levy an assessment to defray expense of local improvements. However, to levy said assessment the governing body must obtain a petition to be signed by at least a majority in number of the owners of the property upon which the improvement is to be made; who, must represent at least a majority of all the lineal feet of frontage of all the land abutting the street to be paved. This is in accordance to North Carolina General Statutes 160-

Murder Drama Tuesday Night

"Ten Little Indians", a mystery drama by Agatha Christie, will be presented at Central school auditorium Tuesday night at 8 p. m. The play is being produced by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, through special arrangement with Samuel French and is being directed by Mrs. Phillip G. Padgett. Featured in the cast are: Philip Baker as "Jim Narcott", Dr. R. N. Baker as "Rogers", Mrs. Dudley Rainey as "Mrs. Rogers", Miss Cornelia Dick as "Vera Claythorn", B. S. Peeler, Jr., as "Philip Lombard", Bruce Thorburn as "Anthony Marston", Delbert Dixon as "William Bloore", Ed Smith as "General MacKenzie", Mrs. Aubrey Mauney as "Emily Brent", I. B. Goforth, Jr., as "Sir Lawrence Wargrave", R. G. Plonk, Jr., as "Dr. Armstrong". Committee chairmen include Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, program and tickets; Mrs. Charles Mettner, make-up; Mrs. Rudi Wuenenberger, publicity; Mrs. Franklin Pethel, properties; Luther Cansler, lighting and sound; and Sam Stallings, stage and set. Little Theatre season tickets will be honored and tickets, priced at 60 and 85 cents, will be on sale at the door.

SCHOOL BOARD

Kings Mountain district board of school trustees met here last Thursday with members of the state school board building planning committee according to E. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent. Regular January meeting of the city group scheduled January 19, has been postponed to await a report from the state body, he said.



FILE FOR CITY OFFICES—Shown above are three citizens who filed during the past week for city political offices, two of whom are seeking re-election and one of whom is entering the political arena for the first time. They are, left to right, Mayor Garland Still, Sam Stallings, and Commissioner Olland R. Pearson. Mr. Stallings seeks the Ward 5 commissionership now held by B. T. Wright, Sr.

Two Incumbents File; Stallings Seeks Ward Post

Three candidates, including two incumbents, filed notice of candidacy for city offices during the past week. Olland R. Pearson, incumbent Ward 3 commissioner, filed shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday, while Mayor Garland Still filed for re-election Tuesday afternoon. Sam Stallings filed for Ward 5 commissioner last Thursday.

Penalty On Taxes Applies Monday

Though tax payments, as usual, have taken an upturn during the past few days, numerous penalties are going to apply next Monday, unless many more payments are made by noon Saturday. Penalty day for unpaid county and city tax bills is February 2. With February entering on Sunday, it means that Saturday is the final day for payment at par. The February penalty is one percent of the tax bill, with added penalties each month thereafter. City taxpayers had paid \$80,774.97 on 1952 tax bills through Monday, or slightly more than 71 percent of the total levy of \$113,040.11. In spite of the fact that more than \$33,000 of the 1952 levy remains to be paid, payments were running ahead of last January, a comparison of figures from City Clerk Joe Hendrick showed. January payments, through Monday totaled \$14,146.67. On the comparable date last January, only two-thirds or 67 percent of the 1951 levy had been paid. Mr. Hendrick said he is expecting heavy payments this weekend, prior to the Monday deadline. The city office closes at noon on Saturday.

1952 City Levy Is Reported 71 Percent Paid

Other officers named included H. C. Wilson, assistant chairman; E. E. Marlowe, fund drive chairman; Bruce Thorburn, chairman of displays and exhibits; N. H. Reed, treasurer; and Jack Huler, district commissioner. Chairman Webster also announced plans for the annual Boy Scout Week church service. The service will be held on February 8 at 7:30 p. m. at Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church with Rev. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, delivering the message. Tickets for the annual banquet will go on sale this week. Persons interested in attending the banquet may secure tickets from Mr. Harris.

Webster Named Scout Chairman

J. W. Webster has been named chairman of the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district succeeding J. Ollie Harris. Announcement of the new officers of the district was made this week and the annual Boy Scout banquet was set for Friday, February 13, at 7 p. m. at the Masonic dining hall in the Morrison Building.

STATE TAX AID

B. W. Lefler, of Shelby, of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, will be in Kings Mountain each Thursday and Friday at City Hall to help Kings Mountain area citizens file state income and intangibles tax returns, according to announcement this week.

Some Say "Fired," Some Say "Quit," But Police Chief's Job Is Vacant

The city has been without a police chief since last Friday afternoon. City commissioners, in called session Friday night, accepted the resignation of Chief S. R. (Pop) Davidson, which they thought was being tendered. Ex-Chief Davidson says he did not resign. At any rate, the city has no chief and the status, at the moment, is this: senior officers are boss of each shift, while final authority and responsibility rests with C. E. Carpenter, director of personnel of the department. The board session was called by Mayor Garland E. Still to hear a recommendation by Mr. Carpenter that Chief Davidson be relieved of his duties. All members were present except Commissioner C. P. Barry, who was absent. Mr. Carpenter, in making his recommendation, told the board, "I have enough work to do, I can't afford to lose time on headaches when somebody's not cooperating. . . He's (Chief Davidson) never cooperated with the board, he's always gone to other persons for advice." After Mr. Carpenter left the meeting, the board discovered that Chief Davidson had turned in his badge at the police department earlier Friday afternoon. This action followed a meeting of officers of the department late Friday afternoon, a meeting which Mayor Still and Commissioners Olland Pearson and Lloyd E. Davis attended. After hearing that he had turned in his badge, the board contacted Chief Davidson by telephone and was told that he was resigning. Motion to accept the resignation was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Davis. The board also voted to in-

Mother's March For Polio Fund Thursday Night

Kings Mountain's March of Dimes drive continues this week with a "Mothers March" Thursday night at 7 p. m., school student division drive Friday and general mop-up work. Reports already in total amount \$2,500. Co-Chairmen Grady Howard and N. H. Reed yesterday reported the drive going well but urged workers to make reports to their chairmen and asked the chairmen to submit their reports as soon as possible. Kings Mountain Jaycees and police officers reported some \$450 collected at Sunday afternoon's four hour roadblock at the corner of Cleveland avenue and East King street. An iron lung positioned at the intersection aided the collectors. Junior Chamber of Commerce officials have reported plans to up that figure to \$500 with club funds. Kings Mountain Lions, in regular meeting Tuesday night, donated \$204 to the drive. Mrs. Bill Harry, Grover chairman, has turned in \$750 already and Irving S. Baxter, president of Baxter Paper Corporation, Patterson, N. J., has sent in a check for \$50. The company has a plant at Grover. No report has been made from other community chairmen and only about half of the industrial and industrial employees drive has been completed, the chairman reported. Over \$100 has been collected by Boy Scout Troop 12 in the theatre boxes and not counted in the total and no report has been made on donations through city parking meters. Ollie Harris, a director of the Cleveland County Polio chapter, reported this week that the chapter has purchased another iron lung which will normally be located at Kings Mountain hospital. The county unit now owns two iron lungs, he said, with one currently being used by a Lattimore polio victim. Members of the Junior Woman's club are to conduct the "Mothers March", with members being asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Sam Hamrick tonight at 6:45 p. m. Others on the committee with Mrs. Hamrick are Mrs. George Blalock, Mrs. James White, Mrs. James Jonas, Mrs. Kathleen McCluney, Mrs. Grady Yelton, Mrs. Don Blanton, Mrs. Charles Alexander, Mrs. Denver King and Miss Diana Gamble. The group plans to solicit contributions from citizens in all sections of the city and from the Margrace and Park Yarn communities. Persons desiring to contribute to the annual appeal for funds to combat and treat polio are being requested to leave porch lights burning until collectors arrive.

BELLS AND WHISTLES

Church bells will ring and industrial plant whistles will blow tonight (Thursday) at 7 p. m. to signify the beginning of the "Mothers March" portion of the annual polio fund drive. Citizens desiring to contribute are requested to leave porch lights burning or to telephone drive headquarters, Phone No. 216-R.

State Symphony Tickets On Sale

North Carolina Symphony tickets for the 1953 season are now on sale and can be obtained here from Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, it was announced this week. Mrs. Mauney said that a two-dollar general membership ticket will entitle the owner to admission to all North Carolina Symphony concerts during 1953, while a junior membership for elementary and high school pupils is obtainable for 50 cents and carries the same admission privileges. The full symphony is to give a concert in Gastonia, on or about April 13, while the Little Symphony will play in Shelby prior to that date, Mrs. Mauney added. Other memberships are: active, \$5; donor, \$25; patron, \$100. Persons desiring tickets should call Mrs. Mauney at 149-J, she said.