

Population

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

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Local News Bulletins

TO GRADUATE

Miss Betty Kiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kiser of route 3, is one of twenty-eight students to graduate from Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, at the end of the winter quarter, February 27.

HOSPITALIZED

Otis Falls, proprietor of City Service Station, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital, where he is suffering with a stomach ailment. He was reported somewhat improved Wednesday afternoon.

TUESDAY FIRE

City firemen answered a call to Loom Tex Mills Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock and quickly extinguished a blaze underneath the floor of the picker room. The fire was believed caused from waste materials in the room and no damage was reported.

ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Iris Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Patterson, and Miss Shirley Sellers, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Sellers, are among those named to the honor roll at Erskine College where they are members of the junior and senior classes respectively. To be included on this list, grades of 90 or above on academic subjects or only one grade below 90 are required.

SOFTBALL MEETING

A meeting of the Men's Softball League has been scheduled for city hall courtroom Thursday, February 26, at 7:30 p. m. Commissioner Ellis King announced this week. Representatives of all 1952 teams and any other persons interested in fielding a team are requested to make plans now to be present at this meeting, he said.

LITTLE THEATRE

A meeting of the general membership of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., has been scheduled for Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Plans for presentation of the annual Battle of Kings Mountain drama will be furthered and committees for "The Robe" will be announced. President Bruce Thorburn said. All members are urged to attend.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$160.07 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Weir

Funeral services for Mrs. Estelle Ratterree Weir, 91, resident of 219 Center street, Mooresville and former resident of Kings Mountain, were conducted Saturday at 4 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Weir died at her home Friday morning at 11:45 o'clock after an illness of one week. She was the widow of the late W. Boyce Weir.

Central P-TA Plans Founder's Program

Central Elementary Parent-Teacher Association will celebrate Founder's Day at a meeting at Central school next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

Hamrick Thinks County's Realty Total To Double

The county board of commissioners may get final figures next Monday on real property valuations in the county, when the commissioners meet in special session.

Max Hamrick, county auditor and tax supervisor, said this week that tentative figures indicate a total real property valuation of about \$70,000,000, exclusive of Duke Power Company listings of \$9,000,000 and the corporate excess figures received from Raleigh of \$3,500,000.

Rites Are Held For Mrs. Walker

Funeral rites for Mrs. Annie Kiser Walker, 82, resident of route 1, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Central Methodist Church.

Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of the church officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Walker died Monday morning at 9:30 a. m. at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. G. Everhart in the Crowders Mountain section. She had been in ill health for several years.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the widow of the late James W. Walker and was a member of Central Methodist church.

Area Industries Re-Instituting Payroll Deduction Bond Plan

Howard Rollins, Cleveland County industrial chairman of U. S. Defense Bond sales, announced this week that industrial firms in Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township are cooperating in a special Payroll Savings plan drive, part of a special county-wide program to boost sales of defense bonds.

Rollins, who is manager of the Cleveland Cloth Mill in Shelby, was recently named county industrial chairman by George Blanton, Sr., who is general chairman for the Defense Bond program in the county.

Hugh Logan New Police Chief Here

Former Sheriff Assumed Duties Last Thursday

Former Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Jr., is Kings Mountain's new police chief.



NEW CHIEF — Hugh A. Logan, Jr., was named city police chief last week and began his new duties on Thursday. Mr. Logan is a former sheriff of Cleveland County.

He assumed his new duties last Thursday after the board of commissioners, in a special session the previous evening had appointed him chief by a 3 to 1 vote. Commissioner Lloyd Davis made the motion, Commissioner C. P. Barry seconded, and Mayor Garland Still supported.

Commissioner Olland Pearson opposed. Commissioner Baxter Wright had left the meeting before the police chief matter was aired.

The board also relieved Clarence E. Carpenter of his temporary responsibility for the police department operation.

Chief Logan was employed at a salary of \$300 per month. He succeeds as chief S. R. (Pop) Davidson, ending a brief period in which the department operated without a chief of police, each shift being the responsibility of the particular senior officer.

The commissioners, after hearing a report from Schools Supt. E. N. Barnes and Trustee Fred W. Plonk, agreed to convey a small city-owned tract off Waterson street to the schools, for the purpose of supplying a site for a colored school.

The board instructed the street department to alleviate a drainage problem near the Mack Connor home, and authorized stoning of Crescent Circle.

In other actions, the board authorized contracts with a Mr. McKee, of Morristown, Tenn., to repair and clean the McGill septic tank for \$800, to clean the Mauney tank at \$450, and to clean the Ware tank at \$550. Mr. McKee had told the board he could put all of them in workable condition.

Question of the necessity for the sewage disposal plant outlay recently offered and defeated in a special \$600,000 sewage bond election was advanced. The commissioners agreed that the cleaning job would be a cheap investment to determine whether the large outlay is currently mandatory.

The board adopted a resolution by 3 to 1 vote to call a bond issue to build a recreation plant, provided the sewage tank cleaning eliminates the need for a new disposal system. Commissioner C. P. Barry opposed, while Commissioners Layton, Pearson and Davis supported.

The board voted unanimously to place on a pay-or-cut-off basis sewage service to persons outside the city limits. The board recently set up at \$150 per month charge for this service. Under the new policy, the fee is payable with utility bills by the tenth of the month. Service is to be discontinued thereafter, if the bills are not paid, the board voted.

Recreation Body Studies BurMil Site Proposal

Members of the city's parks and recreation commission, meeting at city hall last Friday at 5 p. m., discussed an offer from Burlington Mills, Inc. to transfer a site for a recreation center, provided \$50,000 is raised toward construction of the project.

The letter, written to the city board of commissioners and dated January 10, 1953, stated that the offer would be withdrawn if not accepted within one year from date.

Other stipulations of the offer included a provision that the property be used as a recreation project site and, if for any one-year period it was not used for that purpose, the land would revert to Burlington Mills, Inc.

The offer also stipulated that the \$50,000 to be raised to secure the transfer not contain any city funds, that the money be contributed by private citizens and business and industrial firms.

Dr. P. G. Padgett, chairman, also told the group of two additional proposed sites for the project, one near Bonnie Cotton Mill and another just outside the city limits on Grover road.

The group agreed to look into the Burlington offer in more detail and Chairman Padgett appointed G. C. Kelly, as chairman, and W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Hunter R. Nelsler to a finance committee to study the matter.

The group voted to again sponsor a Little League and an additional baseball league for older boys.

Present at the meeting in addition to Dr. Padgett were John T. Latham, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Nelsler, J. C. Smathers, Jack White, Fred W. Plonk, Mrs. Harry Page and Jack Hullender, members of the commission, and James (Red) Layton, city commissioner.

Rumors List Old, New Candidates

Political activity increased during the past week, as two more candidates added their names to the growing list of contestants for city elective offices.

Speculation on other possible candidates continued, as vacancies still existed in the candidate list for two positions. Generally, political observers thought the races were far from "set", with more candidates expected to seek a majority of the positions.

The mayor's race, though it remained a two-man affair, was expected to attract George W. Allen and H. Tom Fulton. Neither officially has said "yea" or "nay" on the question of entering the race, with Mr. Allen countering queries with the statement "there's plenty of time yet". Sentiment among political observers is about even on whether Former Mayor Fulton will again seek the office. Already announced are Glee A. Bridges, hardwareman, and Garland E. Still, the incumbent.

Speculators list Incumbent James Layton and J. Pat Tignor as most likely candidates for the Ward 1 commissionership, and think Dr. D. F. Hord and George H. Houser two likely candidates for the Ward 1 school trusteeship now held by J. R. Davis. Mr. Davis has indicated he won't seek re-election.

There is some question whether the Ward 2 race, now listing Warren Reynolds and Incumbent Lloyd Davis is yet complete, but few names are being offered as potential candidates. In Ward 3, the word is that T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, former commissioner, will attempt a comeback as will Ben A. Smith, also a former commissioner.

Davis Seeking Re-election, Elgin Is Opposing Pearson

Nine Candidates Now In Race For City Posts

Two more candidates entered the race for city elective offices during the past week.

Incumbent Lloyd E. Davis filed notice of candidacy for Ward 2 commissioner, the position to which he was elected two years ago, and C. L. (Curly) Elgin, employee of Burlington Mills Pre-nix plant, filed notice of candidacy for the Ward 3 commissionership. Mr. Elgin opposes Commissioner Olland R. Pearson who has previously filed for re-election. Mr. Davis is being opposed for the Ward 2 post by Warren E. Reynolds.

Still going begging were the Ward 1 commissioner post and Ward 1 school trusteeship. Nor is there yet a contest for Ward 5 commissioner.

The candidates to date: For Mayor — Garland E. Still, incumbent, and Glee A. Bridges. For Ward 2 commissioner — Lloyd E. Davis, incumbent, and Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 3 commissioner — Olland R. Pearson, incumbent, and C. L. (Curly) Elgin. For Ward 4 commissioner — O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Harold Phillips.

For Ward 5 commissioner — Sam Stallings.

Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Elgin paid the five dollars filing fee to City Clerk Joe Hendrick. Neither made formal announcement statements, but Mr. Elgin remarked that he was interested in "good clean government" and that "he would work for all the people, all the time, rich or poor, white or black." He also said he was interested in more public recreation. Mr. Elgin is a veteran of World War II, and a Baptist.

Former Citizen Very Much Alive

Charles Harrill, former Kings Mountain citizen, now of Clearwater, Fla., gave another man a real surprise recently, when they met in Clearwater.

Harrill, navy veteran who lost a leg after a Japanese suicide plane crashed his ship in the late days of World War II, had been reported to have died of his wounds, and his shipmate, Allen Porter, had regretfully believed the "scuttlebutt".

Here is the story of their meeting by Ruth Dyckman in the Clearwater Sun: "From time to time strange experiences are recounted for which no explanation can be offered. Allen Porter who lives at the Fleetwood Apartments has had such an experience.

"During World War II he served in the Navy aboard the USS Whitehurst, DE634. His particular friend was Charles Harrill.

"After serving for 20 months in the South Pacific, came the invasion of Okinawa and they were attacked by Japanese suicide planes. They shot three of the planes down but the fourth hit the ship, sending a bomb through the hull to the side. This was April 11, 1945.

World Prayer Day Service On Friday

Meter Cop Gives Chief Nice Welcome

They all look alike to the parking meter cop. City Policeman Ralph (Babe) Ware, making his regular rounds last Thursday was doing less than normal business on writing out tickets for over-time violations.

Ending a round near the newly installed meters across from City Hall, Officer Ware spied a red flag and dutifully wrote out the ticket.

A few minutes later, Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., who had just been sworn into his new office, came out and found the parking ticket on his car. Chief Logan exhibits a receipt for a dollar to prove he paid the over-parking fee.

William Bennett Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for William Arthur Bennett, 59, resident of 319 Waco road, were conducted Monday at 4 p. m. from St. Matthews Lutheran church.

Rev. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of the church, officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Bennett died in Kings Mountain hospital Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. after an illness of five days. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett.

A veteran of World War I, he served with the 120th Infantry regiment. He was a member of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

For the past 11 years, he was agent here for the Home Security Insurance Company.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Wright Bennett, a daughter, Mrs. Jack Mull of Kings Mountain and one grandchild, Wade Bennett of Kings Mountain, and three sisters, Mrs. John Ford and Mrs. Alice Jones of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Carl Mayfield of Gastonia, also survive.

Active pallbearers were James Bennett, Dorus Bennett, Lloyd Bennett, Burton Bennett, Ray Wright, and Hunter Allen.

Ruth Appoints Committee Heads For Forthcoming Red Cross Drive

Hilton Ruth, chairman of Number 4 Township's forthcoming 1953 Red Cross fund campaign, announced yesterday committee chairmen for the drive which will be conducted in March.

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CANDIDATES — Shown above are C. L. (Curly) Elgin, left, and Lloyd E. Davis, right, who have filed for city political offices. Mr. Elgin seeks election as Ward 3 commissioner, opposing Incumbent Olland R. Pearson, while Mr. Davis seeks re-election as Ward 2 commissioner. Mr. Davis is opposed by Warren E. Reynolds. Both paid their filing fees last weekend.



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Grace Church Scene Of Annual Observance Here

Kings Mountain's annual community-wide World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in Grace Methodist church, as Kings Mountain citizens join with Christians in 18,000 other American communities and 114 nations.

Purpose of the observance is two fold: 1) To unite all Christians in a bond of prayer; 2) To make an offering for Christian missions at home and abroad.

Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Jr., is program chairman for the service, which is on the theme "Walk as Children of Light".

Friday's observance will be the sixty-sixth annual observance of the world-wide day of prayer. The service is sponsored by the National Council of Churches' Department of United Church Women, and here by the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen of which Mrs. O. W. Myers is chairman.

The 1953 services will use a service prepared by the women of Africa. The theme is taken from Ephesians 5:8. Among the unusual features of the program will be a call to worship accompanied by drums and a thanksgiving "Song of the Emancipated", chanted to the rhythmic clapping of hands, in the custom of native Africans.

Traditionally held on the first Friday of Lent, the World Day of Prayer is a twenty-four hour period set apart for a globe-circling demonstration of Christian unity, through prayer and meditation, with offerings used for missions projects at home and abroad. When February 20 dawned on the international dateline, Queen Salote and her devout subjects in the Tonga Islands will be among the first to speak a common prayer, which will be echoed from continent to continent in hundreds of languages and dialects until the day draws to its close with Eskimos in the frigid Arctic and Samoans in the tropical southwest Pacific voicing the final "Amen".

Lions Broom Sale Gets Extension

The annual Lions club Broom sale for the benefit of the blind, has been extended through this week. J. W. Webster, sale chairman said yesterday.