

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

Local News Bulletins

FAILS TO REPORT
County selective service officials are seeking the address of George Leroy Griffin, of Kings Mountain, who failed to report for induction into the armed forces Tuesday morning.

FIRE ALARM
City firemen answered an alarm Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 to the home of Marvin Bell on Candler street. Cause of the fire was an oil stove explosion in the home. Estimated damage was from \$50 to \$100, firemen said.

KIWANIS MEETING
Forrest H. Shuford, of Raleigh, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday night. The club convenes at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall.

PONY LOOP MEETING
A meeting of all parties interested in formation of a Pony Baseball league here this summer will be held at City Hall next Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock according to announcement by K. E. Morrison.

SINGING SUNDAY
There will be a singing Sunday at the Grace Methodist church beginning at 2:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear some good old time spiritual singing.

BANKERS' MEETING
L. E. Abbott, First National Bank vice-president and cashier, is in Atlanta this week attending a meeting of the Independent Bankers' Association in session there.

INSTALLED
N. F. McGill was installed as an elder and Wendell Phifer, John Cheshire, Oscar McCarter and R. H. Burton, as deacons, of Boyce Memorial ARP church on Sunday. All deacons' terms of office are four years, with the exception of Mr. Phifer, who fills the one-year unexpired term of N. F. McGill.

Dameron Draws Five To Seven Years

Arthur G. Dameron, 23-year-old Negro, was sentenced to serve from five to seven years in state prison by Judge Dan K. Moore in March term of Cleveland County Superior court, in session at Shelby this week. Dameron was found guilty of assault, with intent to kill, and attempted robbery of Barber's Cash Grocery here on March 6. In the unsuccessful attempt to rob Mr. Barber in his establishment on West King street, Dameron cut the grocer with a knife. Dameron waived preliminary hearing before Judge Jack H. White here in Kings Mountain Recorder's court on March 7 and \$1500 bond was set in each case for trial in Superior court. Also receiving sentence Tuesday was William Earl Navey, 20-year-old Kings Mountain youth, who was sentenced to 18 months in prison on charge resulting from attempted robbery of Hunter Patterson, Home Building & Loan Association secretary, on the sidewalk near his home on South Gaston street on Friday night, February 13th. Charles Rodney Smith, 17-year-old youth, who was charged with aiding and abetting in the robbery, received a 12-months prison sentence. Both Navey and Smith had been bound over to Superior court here in a preliminary hearing before Judge White.

Dixon Resigns Hospital Post

Joe Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital since its opening nearly two years ago, has resigned that position. Announcement of the resignation was made following a meeting of the county hospital board of trustees on Wednesday, March 18. Number 4 Township Trustees Franklin Harry, C. D. Blanton and Hunter Neisler, along with County Hospitals Administrator Robert Moser were named as a committee to employ a successor to Mr. Dixon. Mr. Moser said this week that applications for the position are now being received.



INSPIRING SCENE FROM LITTLE THEATRE PLAY—The Emperor Caligula tries to persuade the Roman Marcellus to renounce his faith in the above scene from the Little Theatre production, "The Robe," superbly presented at Central auditorium Tuesday night. Pictured, left to right, are Meek Carpenter as "Marcellus," Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Jr., as "Diana," Franklin Pethel as "Caligula," Mrs. Bruce Thorburn as "Salome," Phillip Baker as "Quintus" and Sam Mitchem as "Sarpedon." The play will be presented again on Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Central auditorium. (Photo by Hubert Carlisle.)

"The Robe" Plays Again Saturday Night

Kings Mountain Little Theatre players will again dramatize Lloyd C. Douglas' best-seller, "The Robe," at Central school auditorium Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

First performance of the religious play was presented on Tuesday night and drew much praise from the small, but spell-bound audience.

Many considered the play to be the Little Theatre's best effort of many excellent presentations during the past three years.

Last performance of the Easter series will be given at the Bessemer City high school auditorium on Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. The Tuesday performance is being sponsored by the Bessemer City Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the cast are Meek Carpenter who portrays "Marcellus Gallio"; R. G. Plonk, Jr., as "Demetrius"; Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Jr., as "Diana Gallus"; Miss Billie Gibbons as "Lucia Gallio"; Mrs. Merle Beatty as "Sara"; John Curtis as Bessemer City as "Melas"; Sam Stallings as "Paulus"; and I. B. Goforth, Jr., as "Pontius Pilate."

Dr. R. N. Baker plays two roles, as "Capt. Fulvius" and "Tiberius"; Miss Bernice Harrison as "Helen"; Mrs. H. L. Campbell as "Cornelia Gallio"; Robert Grigg as "Senator Gallio"; Mrs. Franklin Pethel as "Phoebe"; Miss Barbara Matthews as "Theodora"; Phillip Baker as "Quintus"; Miss Jane McGirt as "Rhoda"; and Hal S. Plonk as "Simon Peter."

The cast also includes Franklin Pethel as "Caligula"; Sam Mitchem as "Sarpedon"; and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn as "Salome"; Hubert Carlisle, and Bruce Thorburn play the part of soldiers, Miss Joan Britt plays the part of a woman and Connie Padgett plays the part of a child. The recently re-organized Choral society presents several renditions at the opening of the play. Franklin Pethel will direct the group.

Choir To Sing Dubois Work

A special Palm Sunday service will be presented on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 by the senior choir of Central Methodist church which will sing "The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ," by Clement Francis Theodore Dubois. The 24-voice choir will sing one chorus in Latin which is a prayer at the conclusion, and the remaining choruses will be sung in English. The soloists are Margaret Cole, Mrs. Delbert Dixon, Shirley Falls, William Briggs, Jo Ann Dixon, Earl Marlowe, and Burlie S. Peeler, Jr. The choir is under the direction of Bonnie McIntosh, director and organist, and Burlie S. Peeler, Jr., assistant director. Author of the musical presentation is an early twentieth century French composer, who was organist at the Church of the Madeleine and professor of composition at the Paris Conservatory of Music. He wrote for the voice as well as for the organ, and received numerous honors for his compositions, including the French Legion of Honor award.

X-RAY UNIT

Mobile X-Ray unit will be in front of Bell's Department store here Thursday, March 26 from 10-11:45 in the morning and from 1-4 o'clock in the afternoon. Persons who need a birth certificate are urged to have their chest X-rays made at this visit.

Go-Ahead Voted On Negro School

Site Purchase Is Approved By School Board

Kings Mountain district board of school trustees, in regular March meeting at Central school Wednesday, March 18 at 4:30 p. m., voted to proceed with the purchase of a new Negro school site and to construct a new elementary building at the new location.

Motion was made by Mrs. H. E. Lynch, seconded by Dr. P. G. Padgett and carried unanimously.

The action authorized the board's building committee to continue securing options on land for the new site and to construct a new building, as recommended by the state school board planning committee several months ago.

Chairman Arnold Kincaid presided and all board members were present, along with Superintendent B. N. Barnes and Principal Rowell Lane. J. A. Gibson, Davidson school principal, was present for the first part of the session.

Under the present plan, Davidson high school pupils would continue classes in the present building.

The new site is located several hundred feet west of the present Davidson building and contains some 12 and one-half acres.

Edward Member J. R. Davis made a motion authorizing the building committee to execute an option with Robert R. Byers for some of his property on the site. After second by Dr. Padgett, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis also offered a motion authorizing the superintendent to secure or employ a person to landscape and grade the playground at East school, which was approved by the board.

Mr. Barnes reported that the

Wright Won't Seek Re-Election; Harris Not To Enter Mayor Race

Baxter T. Wright, Sr., Ward 5 commissioner, will not seek re-election to that position, and Ollie Harris, mentioned frequently as a possible mayoral candidate, will not offer for that position. These two announcements, made formally Wednesday, were the principal outward developments of the city's 1953 political campaign this week. No new candidates had entered the field at noon Wednesday. Mr. Wright, who is proprietor of Wright's Barber Shop, in his statement, said: "I wish to thank the citizens of Kings Mountain for their kind support and encouragement in every way during my term as commissioner and for the interest of each individual who has asked me to seek re-election. However, I wish at this time to announce I will not seek re-election." Mr. Harris, Cleveland county coroner and Kings Mountain mortician, acknowledging that that he had been urged to offer for the office of mayor, said, "I am highly flattered at the suggestions of many friends that I seek the office of mayor at the

Jaycee Minstrels Show Postponed

Jaycee Minstrels of 1953 have been postponed two weeks, D. D. Saunders, chairman of the promotion, said Wednesday afternoon. The show, an annual project of the organization for the past several years, will be given two for nights, on April 10 and 11. Mr. Saunders said, "We regret the postponement, but several conflicting matters forced it," he said. The show was originally scheduled for Thursday and Friday nights.

Week's Politics Speculatory

It was a quiet week politically, from the standpoint of new candidates for city offices, but the paucity of announcements was not fully indicative of the activity underway.

Candidates already filed were for votes, Mayor Garland Still got out another circular, and there was much scurrying about among potential candidates and strong pullers.

Generally speaking, next week was being mentioned as spring-board date for a number of candidates for city office, and the names getting the big play included a long list of probabilities, potentials, and possibles.

One observer said of Former Mayor H. Tom Fulton, "he's definitely running," but others doubted it just as ardently.

W. G. Grantham, prominently mentioned as a Ward 5 commissioner candidate, pointed to next week as decision time, and another Ward 5 possible was J. C. Keller. Listed as "sure" to seek office was T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, expected to run again for the Ward

Belmont Firm Promotes Ballard

Hugh Y. Ballard, former Kings Mountain citizen and for ten years superintendent of Park-Yarn Mills here, has recently been promoted to the position of superintendent of National Yarn Mills, Inc., of Belmont. Mr. Ballard joined National Yarn Mills, Inc., slightly more than a year ago as assistant superintendent and personnel director. In his new position, Mr. Ballard succeeds Jonathan L. Rhyme, who has resigned. Mr. Ballard is well-known in Kings Mountain, where he was active in civic affairs of the community. He is a former president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Dr. Hendricks Now Building 12-Room Clinic

Construction was proceeding rapidly this week on the 12-room medical clinic of Dr. Paul E. Hendricks.

Dr. Hendricks, currently on active duty with the army and stationed in Charlotte at the induction center, expects to be released from active duty about July 1 and anticipates that the clinic, located at the corner of Candler and West Gold streets, will be ready for use at that time.

Formerly a residence and most recently occupied by Neal Grissom, the property was obtained by Dr. Hendricks from C. D. Blanton and J. L. McGill.

The house is being completely renovated to make a modern 12-room medical clinic, both utility and in exterior appearance. In addition to two waiting rooms, the building will contain a nurse's office, three treatment rooms, an x-ray room, two baths, electrocardiography room, and ear, nose and throat treatment room.

The clinic will be completely air-conditioned and the old peaked roof is being replaced with a modern-type flat roof. Asbestos shingles are being used for outside weather boarding.

Sam Davis is installing the air conditioning plant, and Clyde Blanton is supervising the carpentry work.

Cancer Drive Begins April 8

Mrs. Hubert Davidson is chairman and Mrs. S. S. Weir, Jr., co-chairman of the annual Cancer Fund drive scheduled to begin here on April 8.

Announcement of the Kings Mountain division drive leaders was made by Mrs. Craig Jones, of Shelby, county chairman.

Kings Mountain quota has been set at \$750. Mrs. Davidson reported yesterday.

The drive is sponsored by the Cleveland County Chapter, American Cancer Society. Funds collected in the nation-wide drive are used to combat cancer and to treat cancer patients.

Last year, only \$445 was raised toward the Kings Mountain quota.

M. N. Kendrick's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Marcus Nevitt Kendrick, 72, of Mount Holly and brother of four Kings Mountain citizens, were conducted Saturday at 11 a. m. from the First Baptist church of Mount Holly.

Rev. J. D. Williams, the pastor, officiated and burial was in the Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte.

Mr. Kendrick died last Thursday at 8:30 p. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Kokoska in Charlotte following a heart attack suffered early Thursday morning.

He had lived in Mount Holly for 30 years going to live with his daughter in Charlotte about a year ago. He was the son of the late John and Bell Nevitt Kendrick. A prominent business man, he was connected with the Kendrick Brick and Tile company of Mount Holly.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maude Hamrick Kendrick; two sons, Linwood of Charleston, S. C., and Joe Kendrick of Shelby; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Kokoska of Charlotte; five sisters, Mrs. Agnes Thomasson, Mrs. Flossie Ware, Mrs. Mary Liptford, and Miss Margaret Kendrick, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. P. L. Ware of Mount Holly.

Also surviving are four grandchildren.

Township Administrative School Unit Recommended



HONORARY OFFICIAL AND PARENTS — Billy Gene Sanders, 12, right, who has been unofficially adopted by the police department and given honorary city titles, is pictured above with his invalid father, Simon Sanders, and his mother. The police department is sponsoring the color picture, "Hiawatha," at Joy Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2, with proceeds going to Young Sanders' educational fund.

Interest on unpaid city street paving assessments applies on April 1 at the rate of one-half of one percent per month, Joe R. Hendrick, city clerk, reminded citizens yesterday.

Mr. Hendrick also made a report on street assessment payments which showed total payments through Wednesday noon of \$3,957.04.

Majority of the payments covered assessments approved by the city board of commissioners on January 12.

Stroke Fatal To Mrs. McFadden

Mrs. Minnie McFadden, until a few months ago a Kings Mountain citizen, died last Saturday at Port Angeles, Washington, at the home of a niece, according to information received here.

Full details concerning the death of Mrs. McFadden, about 77 years of age, were not received here but it was understood that she had suffered a stroke of paralysis about 10 days prior to her death.

The body is being returned to Atlanta, Ga., her home for many years, for burial, and funeral is expected to be on Saturday, at the home of the H. M. Patterson & Son Funeral Home, 1020 Spring Street, Northwest.

A widow, Mrs. McFadden came to Kings Mountain a number of years ago to reside with the late Mrs. J. M. Garrison. She was a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and quite active in the work of the Boyce Memorial ARP church while she lived here. After the death of Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. McFadden resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ware.

A number of nieces survive, including Miss Mary Thompson and Miss Lurline Thompson, both of Charlotte.

Weekley To Give Easter Sermon

Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, pastor of First Baptist church, will preach the sermon at the annual community-wide Easter Sunrise service at Mountain Rest cemetery, according to announcement this week by Rev. P. D. Patrick, chairman of the

Gold Street Cemetery Entrance Dedicatory Rites Sunday At 3

Special ceremonies dedicating the completion of a new entrance to Mountain Rest cemetery will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the site on East Gold street.

Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, will be the principal speaker at the special ceremonies, and Mayor Garland E. Still will be the master of ceremonies.

Other ministers will take part in the 20-minute rites to which the public is invited. Sam R. Suber, superintendent

State Survey Group Reports On School Needs

A State Department of Public Instruction school planning survey committee has recommended that the city schools administrative unit discuss with the county board of education expansion of the Kings Mountain unit to include all of Number 4 Township.

The survey committee recommended further that efforts be made to provide one white high school and one Negro high school for all of Number 4 Township.

The survey was made by a six-member committee from the State Department of Public Instruction.

The report, recently received from Raleigh, was first considered by the city school trustees at their meeting of March 18.

Text of the report follows: "The Division of School Planning of the State Department of Public Instruction arranged for a survey to be made of the Kings Mountain Schools on the above date at the request of the school board. The survey committee studied statistical data covering the past twenty years, and also studied spot maps of pre-school, and elementary school populations. In order to secure first-hand information the committee visited each of the schools and residential areas.

Upon the basis of this study the survey committee makes the following comments and recommendation:

"It is recommended that the Kings Mountain School Board consult the Cleveland County Board of Education with a view to expanding the Kings Mountain Administrative Unit to include all of township four. An enlarged district would make it possible to maintain more adequate high schools for each race. Some of the benefits which could result from larger high schools would be improved instruction in shopwork, and vocational subjects, better recreation and athletic programs, improved libraries, science departments, and improved cafeteria services. The adoption of such a plan for the white schools would relieve the presently over-crowded elementary schools.

"The County Board of Commissioners will be better able to provide for the total educational needs of township four if the Kings Mountain City Board of Education and the Cleveland County Board of Education could get together and make provision for a district high school for each race.

"A. Davidson School: 1.) It is recommended that a site of at least 15 to 25 acres for a new union school should be obtained immediately.

2.) Before any construction begins a plot plan should be developed with space requirements blocked out for the entire project.

3.) First construction on the new site should be an elementary school unit composed of at least five classrooms, health site, office and storage space. Heating and other service systems should be large enough to care for future additions.

4.) If the school district can be enlarged to include township four, then high school facilities should be provided. Among these facilities are classrooms, multipurpose room, cafeteria, library, and administrative space. If the enlarged district cannot be formed, consideration should be given for transporting the high school pupils to a nearby school.

B.) White Schools: 1.) Secure a site in the northern part of town and erect a modern

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Sunday Power Cut-Off Scheduled

The city electrical department announced this week that a power cut-off Sunday afternoon would be made from 1:30 to 4 o'clock and will effect customers on Crescent Hill Road, Meadowbrook Road, South Candler Street, and some customers on Gold street and Railroad avenue.

Patrons are being asked to note the service interruption and to plan accordingly.

The department will enable the department to make needed line changes, according to Hunter Allen, superintendent.