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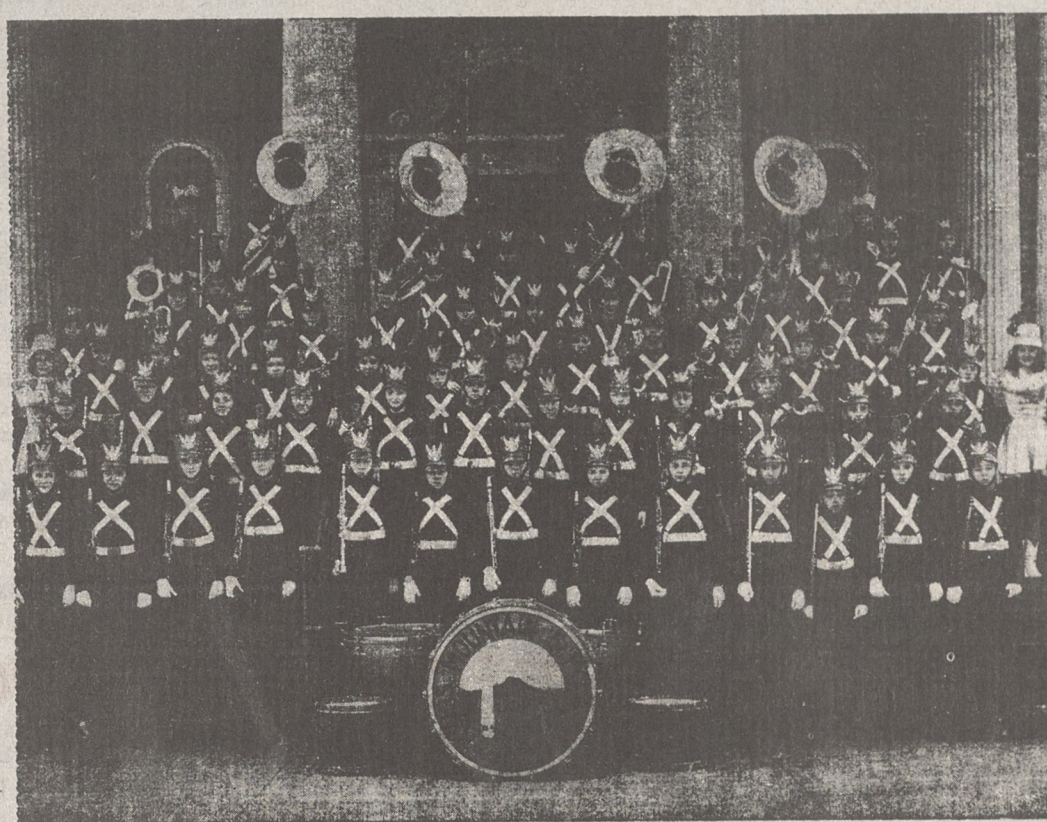
In a long distance phone call to J. B. Keeter last night Ladd Hamrick who accompanied the Band to West Palm Beach, Florida, stated that all the musicians and other Kings Mountain folks were well and happy. Mr. Keeter also talked to Principal D. M. Bridges, who made the trip along with the Band.

Mr. Hamrick said: "Everybody is happy, no one is sick or missing, and we had a wonderful trip down." Mr. Hamrick stated that the train ran as a special from Columbia, and that Capt. Ormand had a grand breakfast prepared when the train rolled into Jacksonville. Captain O'Farrell met the train in West Palm Beach and had all arrangements made for the Band's stay in the Florida City. "Right at this time while I am talking to you the band is out in the park listening to a concert by the Deland, Florida, Band," said Mr. Hamrick.

The mothers and fathers of the Kings Mountain boys and girls in Florida will welcome this bit of information and appreciate Mr. Hamrick's thoughtfulness in telephoning Mr. Keeter.

Copies of this issue of The Herald is being rushed to the Band members and friends in the Florida City.

THE WINNER - 1940 BAND



KINGS MOUNTAIN BAND AT WEST PALM BEACH

PRESIDENT



Ladd W. Hamrick, President of Band Parents Association who accompanied the Band to Florida.

Kings Mountain's Band, the snappiest marching band in North Carolina, is in West Palm Beach, Florida where it is participating today in the Eighth Regional Competition of the National Contest.

Paul E. Hendricks, director of the Band, was wired of the acceptance of the Band as a participant in the festival after it had been recommended by the North Carolina Chairman of the Eighth Regional. Chairman Heney, of the Eighth Region, wired his acceptance from West Palm Beach Saturday morning.

First indication that the band might be accepted came when the band was in Shelby last Friday night, playing for Candidate Broughton. Several of the officers of the Band Parents Association and a few of the members met after Broughton's speech Friday night to discuss the possibility of the trip. When definite word had been received Saturday morning, a meeting was called for Saturday afternoon. At this meeting it was decided that a mass meet-

ing of the citizens of the town would be called for 8:30 Saturday night.

Approximately seventy five citizens and band parents met in the Band Room of Central School at the last meeting. Ladd W. Hamrick, president of the Band Parents Association, presiding, explained the circumstances of the meeting to those who were not informed, and Band Director Hendricks read the telegram which had been received.

A vote of the fifty-six parents either present or represented at the meeting showed forty-three for the trip and 14 against. The parents were then asked to pledge as much as they could, and \$108 was raised thus. Donations from the public were then asked for, and the remainder raised. The meeting was in session for about two and one-half hours.

After the business session, plans were made for sending the musicians to West Palm Beach. A wire was sent to the director of the contest, for reservations, and D. M.

Bridges put in charge of handling reservations on the train for those attending.

L. M. Ormand, retired conductor on the Southern Railway System, went to Jacksonville, Fla., Monday morning to arrange for breakfast for the 92 persons making the trip. The train, which left Charlotte Tues-

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PUBLICITY DIRECTOR



Charles F. Thomasson

MAKES RATING OF ONE IN PLAYING AND MARCHING

THE RATING FOR SIGHT READING WAS 2

The pride and joy of every Kings Mountain Citizen... The Band... was awarded the highest rating possible in both playing and marching... according to long distance phone call last night from West Palm Beach, Florida, from Ladd Hamrick, President of the Band Parents Association to Charles Thomasson, Publicity Director. The coveted ratings of One were awarded by the following judges of the Eighth Regional Band Contest: A. R. McCalister, President of the School Band Association of Joliet, Ill.; Dr. Frank Simon, Director of Band, Cincinnati Conservatory Music and Conductor of the Armco Band, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Hubert Clarke, Director Long Beach Municipal Concert Band, Long Beach, Calif.

The rating given by these three judges to the Kings Mountain School Band were as follows: For Concert playing, a rating of ONE; For Competitive Drilling, a rating of ONE; These ratings automatically eliminates the local Band from further participation in next year's State Contest.

In the Soloist Contest Work, D. F. Hord, Jr., and Earnest Mauney were awarded ratings of ONE.

The Drill Contest was held last night at 8:00 o'clock.

The local Band as well as Gaffney, S. C., were put in a group of "A" Bands including De Funck Springs, Lenoir, Charlotte, DeLand, Miami Beach, West Palm Beach, Sebring and Miami.

This contest was held on the West Palm Beach Football field with over 10,000 spectators looking on, and at the conclusion of the competitive drill, twenty three Bands, massed played a closing concert to the large assembly.

The Concert contests were held Friday afternoon and made the rating of which all Kings Mountain is proud.

The above information was telephoned to C. F. Thomasson, Publicity Director, from West Palm Beach by Ladd W. Hamrick, President of the local Band Association, at 1:30 Saturday a. m.

"The people of Florida were extremely nice in every respect, and did everything possible to make our visit as pleasant as possible."

Some of the officials taking much interest in the Kings Mountain Boys and Girls, and the Band as a whole, were Mr. Arthur C. Black of West Palm Beach, of the Recreation Committee, Mr. Sam Quincey, and Mrs. Larry P. Hoffman, also of the Recreation Office.

Others instrumental in the welfare of our Band were Mr. Austin Doughty and Mr. J. P. Hancock. Looking after the program, and arranging our part in the programs was Mr. Cecil Vaughn. Mr. Bob Chamber, with the Florida Motor Lines did everything he could to accommodate with his Bus service.

Mr. Hamrick stated further: "Especially do we want to thank Editor of the Palm Beach Post and the Palm Beach Times for the fine publicity given the Kings Mountain School Band."

"Also we home people want to thank Mr. G. J. Martin, Manager of the Alhambra Hotel for taking care of our Boys and Girls, and Mr. Kaleor, Manager of the Tramor Cafe, and Leo Gabriel, Announcer, who interviewed the Bands."

Mr. W. K. Mauney who accompanied the Band, said that several spectators who sat near him in the stands last night acclaimed the Kings Mountain Band by far the most outstanding and peppiest band on the field.

Director Paul Hendricks who is largely responsible for the success of the band was overjoyed at the ratings made by the boys and girls from the Best Town In the State.

Citizens of Kings Mountain have co-operated with Director Hendricks and school officials in producing a Band that the entire Southland is proud of. The interest shown in the Band was manifested by the fact that the necessary funds to finance the Florida trip was raised in a few hours. And it turned out like one band student said before he left: "We can't let Kings Mountain down, we'll do the best we can," and the best was good enough according to the judges.

THE BEGINNERS - 1937 BAND



THE DIRECTOR

PRESIDENT-ELECT

ACCOMPANIES BAND TO FLORIDA



Paul E. Hendricks, who lead his boys and girls to another victory in West Palm Beach, Florida, yesterday.



J. B. Keeter, President-Elect Band Parents Association.



Kings Mountain's two veteran Conductors Captains O. C. O'Farrell and B. M. Ormand who went ahead of



the band party and made arrangements for the stay in Florida.

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