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Trading Area 15,000
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Local News Bulletins

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

A chicken pie supper will be held Friday evening from 6 o'clock p. m. 'til 9 at the Fellowship center at Bethlehem Baptist church. The public is invited.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$153.13, according to report of Joe McDaniel, Jr., assistant city clerk.

BUILDING PERMIT

A building permit was issued Monday at City Hall to E. T. Platt for construction of a one-story residence in the Whitesides development at an estimated cost of \$2,400.

MARS HILL CHOIR

The Mars Hill college touring choir, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Weaver, will present a varied program of religious music at First Baptist church here on Sunday morning, March 30.

WORLD SERIES MOVIES

Movies of the 1951 World Series will be shown Friday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Phoenix Plant, Burlington Mills, Inc., recreation room. Also, on the program is an animated cartoon, "Three Blind Mice."

MISS FALLS HONORED

GAFFNEY, S. C. — Paylene Falls, member of the freshmen class at Limestone College, has been chosen as a new member of Cloister, an organization in the Department of Religion, and also the Modern Dance Group. Miss Falls is the daughter of Mr. Craig Falls, York Road, Kings Mountain, N. C.

Natural Gas Hearing Monday

Barring an unexpected change in hearing date, City Attorney J. R. Davis, Planning Board Chairman and Mayor Garland Still will go to Washington this week-end in order to support the city's request for a natural gas allotment in a hearing Monday before the Federal Power Commission.

The city is seeking a natural gas allotment from the Transcontinental Pipeline Company line. Transcontinental, however, is opposing the Kings Mountain application with the plea that it be allowed to furnish the 64 million cubic feet of gas in question to current customers. Also opposing the allotment are the several cities which seek additional gas.

Mr. Davis said he was informed of the activity on the part of other cities in a letter received from FPC Wednesday morning.

Hearing on the Kings Mountain petition has been twice postponed, and Mr. Davis said he did not anticipate another postponement.

He declined to predict the outcome of the allocation request, but said he thought chances are good for the city's obtaining an allocation of natural gas.

Estimate of Barnard & Burk, engineers, of cost of installation of a distribution system is \$890,000. The city has indicated it would finance the installation through sale of revenue bonds.

Overseas Air Mail Packages Restricted

Large packages to servicemen with army and fleet post-office address can no longer be sent by air mail, under a new edict of the postmaster general effective March 15.

Announcement of the ruling was made by George Hord, assistant postmaster, who said the new requirements limit air parcel post going to APO and FPO addresses to two pounds. Size is also limited and the maximum is 30 inches in combined length and girth.

The order of the postmaster general stated that available air transport space is limited and that the restrictions had been recommended by the Department of Defense.

Packages of larger size may still be sent by ordinary parcel post. No restrictions have been placed on size limits of air parcel post from overseas.



WIN SUPERIOR RATING AT CONTEST — The Mixed chorus of Kings Mountain high school, above, won superior rating at the district music contest held in Charlotte last week. The chorus, front row, Howard Coble, director, Barbara Gault, Suzanne Arrowood, Mary Helen Logan, Janice Allen, Gail Sellers, Marcelene Spake, Dolores Davidson, Evelyn Cline, Joan Thomasson, Jo Ann Caveny, Maxine Eubanks, Melba Tindall, Bobbie Barrett, Shirley Payne, Sandra Hovis, Faye Propst; second row, Katy Jones, Freida Allen, Rachel Plonk, Ruby Crawford, Joann Stewart, Ruth Crawford, Shirely Falls, Doris Jolley, Pat Smyre, Frances Sisk, Jane Ormand, Juanita Pearson; third row, Louise Patterson, Patricia Henderson, Janell Medlin, Ruth Fleming, Hazel Greene, Bud Rhea, Bill Childers, Jack Owens, Sherrill Spears, Howard Blanton, Bill Ruth; fourth row, Ann Childers, Ellen Medlin, Jack Moss, Charles Mauney, Bill Briggs, Reginald Murray, Darrel Austin, Douglas Falls, Johnny Kiser, Tim Gladden, and Jack Still.



BARITONE SOLOIST — Luther McSwain, Jr., a senior, at Bethware high school won an excellent rating at the district music contest at Charlotte last week.

Lions To Fete Farmers Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its annual Farmers' Night banquet next Tuesday night, with 125 farmers of the area to be guests for the annual event.

The banquet will be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock, with J. Graham Morrison, retired Lincoln county agent and well-known humorist, as the principal speaker.

Members of the committee on arrangements are H. B. Bumgardner, chairman, J. G. Darraico and Edwin Moore.

Invitations to attend the banquet are being mailed to farmers of the area this week-end.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. N. H. Reed was guest speaker Tuesday night at the Grover Lions Club. His topic was "Teenage Youth of Today."

County Commissioners Announce They Will Seek Re-Election

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Hazel B. Bumgardner, representing District 2 (Number 4 and 5 Townships).

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Fitzhugh Rolinse, representing District 3 (Number 9 and 10 Townships).

A. C. Brackett, representing District 4 (Number 8 and all Townships).

R. G. Burris, representing District 5 (Number 1, 2, and 3 Townships).

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Student Musicians Make Good Showing

Two Groups, McKelvie Get Top Ratings

Kings Mountain and Bethware musicians won high ratings at the district music contest last week at Charlotte.

The Chorus sang "Lamb of God", 16th century choral arrangement by Christensen and "Morning Now Beckon", a folk song. One of the quotations of the judges, "A beautiful job from beginning to end—musically speaking an excellent piece of work."

The Girls Trio also won a superior rating with their arrangement of "Religion Is A Fortune" by Noble Cain. The trio is composed of Evelyn Cline, Dolores Davidson and Melba Tindall.

The Girls Glee Club received good. The Glee Club sang "Prayer" from Hansel and Gretel and "Is It Raining Little Flower" by Scornolin.

Melba Tindall, alto, and Dolores Davidson, soprano, received ratings of good. Miss Tindall sang "I Heard A Forest Praying" by Peter De Rose and Miss Davidson sang "The Blind Ploughman" by Clarke. Jack Moss, bass, received excellent with his arrangement of "Bells of the Sea" by Solman.

Barbara Gault accompanied the groups. Miss Gault received excellent.

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TO PREACH HERE — Rev. John McSweeney, D. D., prominent Presbyterian minister, will conduct a week's evangelistic series at First Presbyterian church beginning Sunday morning.

McSweeney Series Begins Monday

Annual evangelistic services will begin at First Presbyterian church Sunday morning, with Rev. John McSweeney, D. D., conducting the week's series of services.

Dr. McSweeney will deliver sermons twice on Sunday, both at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. He will preach each evening at 7:30 throughout next week and will conclude the series with two sermons on Sunday, March 30.

Dr. McSweeney is a native of Timmonsville, S. C., and a former president of Presbyterian college, Clinton, S. C. Until a few months ago, he was the pastor of Fourth Presbyterian church of Greenville, S. C., a position he resigned to devote his time to evangelistic and supply work. Dr. McSweeney is a graduate of Columbia Theological seminary and of Davidson college.

"Dr. McSweeney's pastorate in Greenville was typical of his ministry," Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the Kings Mountain church said. "Not only was he loved by his own congregation, but he was constantly called upon for city-wide services. He rendered very active service for the Red Cross and other community institutions and was a leader in the Kiwanis club. It is a privilege to have this outstanding leader and man of God to come to our community. The First Presbyterian church counts it a pleasure to invite the public to these services."

Softball Association To Meet Thursday

Annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Amateur Softball association will be held at the court room at City Hall Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The group was organized here last spring to promote amateur softball. Last season only one league, a men's group, was operated under the association.

Plans for this season call for a girls loop, in addition to the mens league, and possible a church league of younger players, boys and girls.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a softball team in any of the leagues or proposed loops, is urged to attend the meeting.

Tillman Pearson is commissioner of the men's league.

Board Votes Wire Fence For Stadium

Florette Henri Commissioned To Write Drama

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., will present a new historical drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain this summer.

The group voted Monday night to commission Florette Henri, author of the best-selling historical novel "Kings Mountain" to do a drama on the battle for presentation this summer.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., president of the organization, said the commissioning of Mrs. Henri was necessitated due to inability of the organization to complete "satisfactory" contractual arrangements with Robert Osborne, of Kings Mountain, author of the drama "Then Conquer We Must", which the group presented last summer.

"Necessity of obtaining a new drama is regretted by the Little Theatre," Mr. Peeler said, "but the Little Theatre membership voted 22 to 1 against accepting conditions which Mr. Osborne said he required."

Mr. Peeler said that the contractual agreement with Mrs. Henri calls for a simple 10 percent royalty on net ticket sales (after federal taxes), with a \$500 advance payment against the anticipated royalties. The Little Theatre would have use of the Henri play as long as it wished.

"Mr. Osborne said he required a \$500 advance to bind the contract, plus a flat fee of \$75 per performance. In addition, he required that the Little Theatre contract to present the drama for five consecutive years, with a minimum of six performances annually. Mr. Osborne also reserved the right to cancel the contract on 60 days notice, should a professional company desire to purchase the copyright," Mr. Peeler continued. "These conditions, were unacceptable to the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc."

A resolution of appreciation and commendation was voted Mrs. A. B. Chandler, director, and the cast and production staff of Laura and other details of the presentation were completed.

I. Ben Goforth, Jr., was named director of the next play, The Campbell's Are Coming, a comedy of life in the Ozark hills, to be presented by the group in late April.

Jaycees Elect Ben Ballard

Ben Ballard was elected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the organization held at Masonic dining hall Tuesday night.

Mr. Ballard heads a slate of officers elected for the year 1952-53. The new group, which will be installed at the annual charter night banquet in May, includes:

Joe Hedden, first vice-president.

Paul Walker, second vice-president.

Pete McDaniel, secretary.

Rudi Wuennenberg, treasurer.

Bill Beam, sagerant-at-arms (Jaybird).

Yates Harbison, Jack White and Luco Falls, each elected to two-year directorships.

Holdover directors are J. C. Bridges, I. Ben Goforth, Jr., Bill Page.

The new Jaycee president will succeed W. K. Mauney, Jr. He won a clear majority over three other candidates, A. B. Chandler, Mr. White and Mr. Hedden.

Vote in the presidents race and for the directorships was by secret ballot.

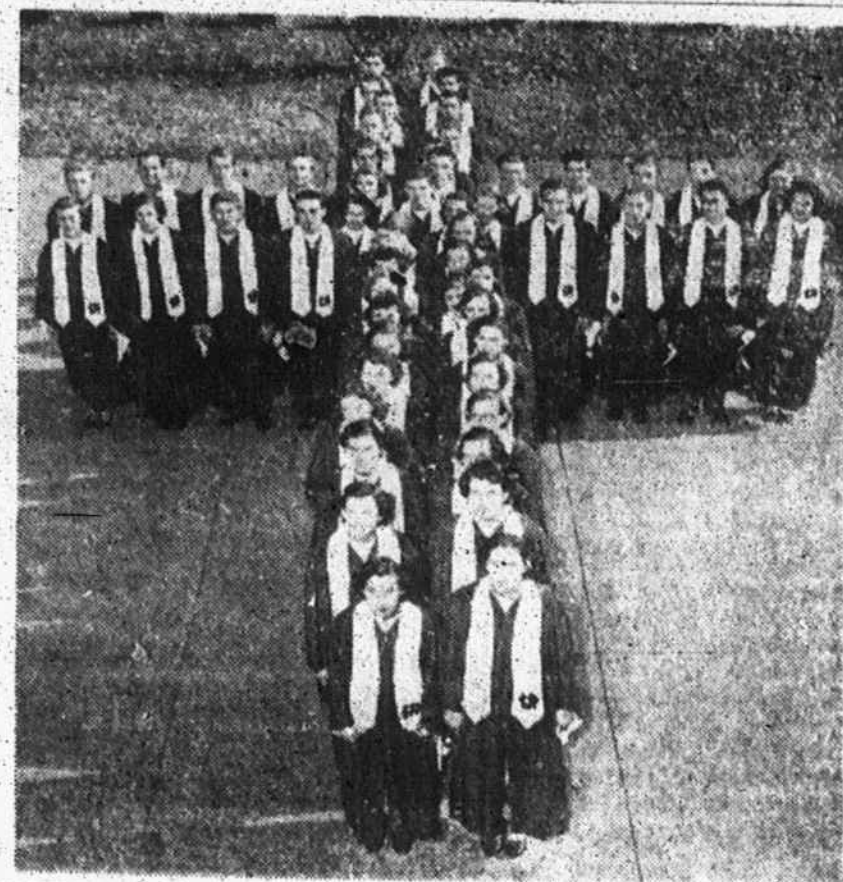
President Mauney presided and Bill Fulton welcomed Sam Mitchell as a new member of the organization.

During the business session, the club voted to sponsor the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district camporee at Davidson Memorial Scout camp in May after request by Jaycee Bruce Thorburn for assistance in the event.

The regular meeting scheduled for April 15 was deferred until April 21 in order that the entire membership might attend a third district meeting at Cleveland Hotel in Shelby. Shelby Jaycees are hosts for the meeting.

The club also voted to co-sponsor a testimonial dinner for Judge E. Yates Webb along with the other nine civic clubs of the county. The event will mark the occasion of Judge Webb's 80th birthday anniversary and will be held at Gardner-Webb college on May 23.

The club also approved a donation of \$25 to the Red Cross fund drive.



LENOIR-RHYNE CHOIR TO SING HERE—The 58-voice A Cappella choir of Lenoir-Rhyne college will sing here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in a special service at Resurrection Lutheran church. The choir is directed by Kenneth B. Lee.

College Choir To Sing Here

The 58-voice A Cappella choir of Lenoir-Rhyne College will sing a three-part program at Resurrection Lutheran church here on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock.

The choir is under the direction of Kenneth B. Lee. Among its members are Mary Medlin, second alto, of Kings Mountain, and H. G. Fisher, Jr., of Spindale, son of a former pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The program will include:
Part I — Leisring's "Let All the Nations Praise the Lord," Carissimi's "Plorate Fili Israel," Grechaninoff's "O Gladness Light," and Christiansen's "Praise to the Lord."

Part II — Willan's "Hodie Christus Natus Est," Schumann's "Le, Though I Wander," Christensen's "A Snow Mountain," "Bread of Tears," and "Beautiful Saviour."

Part III — Liszt's "Benedictus," Rachmaninoff's "Gloria Be To God on High," Christiansen's "A Cradle Hymn," Schreck's "Advent Motet (Entrance Scene)," and the Christiansen arrangement of "Built on a Rock."

"We cordially invite the people of Kings Mountain to hear this excellent choir," Rev. Vance Daniel, Resurrection pastor, said in announcing the program.

1945 Values Will Be Revaluation Basis; County Employs Bob Neill

Values of real property and construction prices prevailing in 1945 will be the basis of revaluation of property for tax purposes in Cleveland County, according to action of the county board of commissioners who met in special session Monday afternoon.

The board also appointed Robert Neill, of Kings Mountain, to the position of supervisor of the county's tax maps and appraisal system, the appointment to take effect on completion of the revaluation by Cole-Layer-Trumble Company, engineering specialists in property appraisals.

Mr. Neill is currently employed by Joyce Mapping Company, and will later serve in the employ of the Cole-Layer-Trumble firm before assuming his duties with the county. When he begins his work with the county, Mr. Neill will receive a salary of \$300 per month, plus travel allowance of six cents per mile.

Action on the revaluation work, which is now underway, was the principal business of the Monday meeting, and prior to the decision to use 1945 values as a basis for revaluation, the commissioners studied several examples of the work as furnished by Cole-Layer-Trumble.

The study revealed wide divergence in property listings, as had been contended by advocates of the revaluation.

Among the examples:
A house and lot in Shelby, which was worth \$2,790 in 1945, is on the tax books at \$800. (It's value in 1950 was appraised at \$5,040.)

A farm of 118 acres in Number 6 Township worth \$16,920 in 1945, is on the tax books at \$13,415.

A farm of 54 acres in Number

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TO SPEAK HERE — Holt McPherson, Shelby newspaperman, will speak at Central Methodist church Monday night.

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COMPLETES COURSE — Thomas N. Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glee A. Bridges, was recently graduated from the all weather radar observers course at James Connally Air Force Base, Texas.

Bridges Receives Commission

WACO, Tex.—Thomas N. Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glee A. Bridges, of 513 W. Gold street, Kings Mountain, was graduated from the all weather radar observers course at James Connally AFB, Tex., it was announced recently.

He was a member of the second class of radar cadets to receive commissions since the program started in September 1951.

Bridges was a member of the honor society in high school, and later attended college at Georgia Tech.

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Installation Work To Start On March 31

Construction on installation of an industrial-type wire fence at City Stadium is expected to begin March 31, city officials have been notified.

Allison Fence Company has confirmed acceptance of a bid made several months ago to construct a wire fence around the Stadium property for \$4,747.78.

The board of commissioners voted acceptance of the Allison bid at a special meeting last Friday night.

The action followed a discussion of recreation projects with A. B. Chandler, chairman of the city recreation commission, and was unanimous. Commissioner Olland Pearson made the motion and Commissioner Lloyd Davis seconded. All members of the board were present, except Commissioner James Layton.

Mr. Chandler had reported to the board his conversations last week with W. L. Easterling, manager of the Local Government commission, state agency which superintends municipal issuance of bonds. Mr. Chandler said it was the advice of Mr. Easterling to offer a recreation bond issue to the voters, though that Local Government commission would not allow issuance, due to several factors, including both the city's debt structure in relation to other capital needs, and the current ban on use of structural materials for certain uses.

Mr. Chandler agreed that it would be a year, at the earliest, before a new city stadium could be ready.

Only other actions of the board were routine. It voted to ask the North Carolina Board of Health to check the sewer and water system survey of the Olsen Engineering Company and authorized transfer of a taxi franchise from Bill Whetstone to Frank Roper.

Red Cross Drive Is Progressing

The Number 4 Township Red Cross fund campaign was reported two-thirds completed by campaign officials Wednesday morning.

Though detailed figures of receipts to date were not announced, Fred Plonk, fund drive chairman, said the campaign was "two-thirds complete," indicating receipts of approximately \$4,200. Goal of the campaign is \$6,500.

Completion of solicitation work was reported by the business district committee, the advance gifts group, and the residential group.

Still to be completed are the solicitations by the rural, Negro, and industrial employees divisions.

Mr. Plonk reported himself and committee chairman as "highly pleased" with the progress of the campaign, but he urged all persons not yet contacted to make a donation.

Persons not yet contacted should call Mrs. L. E. Abbott or Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, chairman and co-chairman of the residential division, and arrangements will be made to receive the contributions. Mr. Plonk said.

"There's an old saying that the last mile is the hardest," Mr. Plonk said, "but the goal of \$6,500 can definitely be reached. The cooperation of solicitation committees and of individual donors has been exceptional and we are looking forward to reporting soon that the goal has not only been met, but over-subscribed."

Surcharge On Postals Goes Off Saturday

The 10 percent surcharge on postal cards, when they are purchased in quantities of 50 or more, goes off with the close of postal business Friday.

Local postal officials were notified of the repeal of the postal card surcharge in the Postal Bulletin of Tuesday.

The bill repealing the surcharge was approved March 12, and is effective "on and after" March 22.

After Friday, postal cards will vend for two cents each, regardless of the quantity purchased.