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Trading Area 15,000
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Local News Bulletins

PAGES TO MOVE
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Page expect to move this weekend into their new brick home on Shelby Highway.

BACK FROM CAMP
Sfc. F. R. McCurdy and Sgt. J. C. McKinney returned Sunday from Camp Rucker, Ala., and a two-week summer encampment with the army's organized reserve corps.

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night's union service for five city congregations will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 8 o'clock.

TO AUDIT BOOKS
A three-man staff of auditors from Ernst & Ernst, Winston-Salem auditing firm, arrived this week to conduct the annual audit of the city's books for the fiscal year 1951-52.

PASSES EXAM
Dr. James Claude Gantt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gantt, has been licensed to practice dentistry by the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners.

STREET RE-SURFACING
Taylor Construction Company has notified the city that it expects to be in Kings Mountain about the middle of August to begin street re-surfacing work for which the firm holds contract.

GINNERS' MEETING
Meeting of the Piedmont district, Carolinas Ginnners association, will be held in Shelby at the Forest Lake club Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

GOSPEL CONCERT
The All - American quartet from Decatur, Ill., radio station WJZ, and the Sisk quartet from WOH, Shelby, will present a gospel concert Friday night at 8 o'clock at the South Shelby Grammar school.

IN WASHINGTON
W. Earle Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Myers, has accepted a position as physicist with Reed Research Laboratories of Washington, D. C.

Lions Club Issues Call For Crutches
George Houser, president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, issued an appeal to persons who have borrowed Lions club crutches to return them, if no longer needed.

Warning Issued On Street Work
City street crews were beginning Wednesday initial paving work on a number of city streets, with a section of Sims and Grace streets as the starting points.

Grover School Will Open October 1 For Full Term

'Split Term' Issue Is Compromised By Board Action

The county school board effected a compromise Tuesday in the dispute concerning the "split term" for Grover school, ordering the school to open for a full consecutive term on October 1.



DIES IN KOREA - Cpl. Harvey Lawson, above, died from wounds received in action near Hadokkom-gal, North Korea, on July 10. He was the son of Mrs. Ada L. Lawson of route three.

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Members of the Grover school committee were also present for the Tuesday session. They are: J. B. Ellis, chairman, C. F. Harry, Jr., B. H. Wright, Conrad Hughes and Carl McGinnis.

Schools May Open On September 2

Tentative opening date for Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school of the county system is September 2. Superintendent B. N. Barnes said yesterday.

Bethware School Attendance Good

John Rudisill, principal of Bethware school, reported attendance "good" for the first 10 days of the school's summer session which began last week.

Early-Citizen F. W. (Sam) Cansler Recalls Kings Mountain of 1880's

In the year 1882 on a wagon drawn by two mules, one of Kings Mountain's first settlers came here to live. Now some seventy years later, he again returns here on a visit.

Home B. & L. Firm Outgrows Charter Limit

Stockholders of Home Building & Loan association will meet on August 14 to consider amending the charter of the organization, according to announcement this week by A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the institution.

Bills To Reflect New Power Rates

First-of-the-month statements to Kings Mountain utilities customers go in the mail Friday, the first statements reflecting the newly revised power rates recently adopted by the city board of commissioners.

Nazarene Church Sets Homecoming

First Church of the Nazarene will observe its annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, with dinner at the church at 1 o'clock, and with an afternoon service beginning at 2:30, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. E. McKenzie.

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Gas Reservation Recommended

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St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold a Communion Service at 9 a. m. Sunday.

Merchants Vote New Year's Day Retail Holiday

Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, in accordance with a poll of members, have set New Year's Day as an official holiday for retail stores.

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Portrait Fund Tops \$300-Mark

Total contributions through Wednesday noon to the Lottie Goforth Portrait Fund topped \$300.

City's Filter Plant "Running Hot"; No Shortage Difficulties Expected

The recent hot weather has caused Kings Mountain citizens to increase their consumption of water to what might be record consumption.

Presbytery Body Elected McGill

John L. McGill, elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church, was elected chairman of elders of First Presbytery at annual meeting of the group at Ebenezer ARP church, near Charlotte, last Thursday.

MOSS REUNION

The annual Moss Reunion will be held Sunday at Mt. Zion church, located three miles from Cherryville on the North Brook road. Dinner will be served at 1 p. m. and special singing will feature the program.