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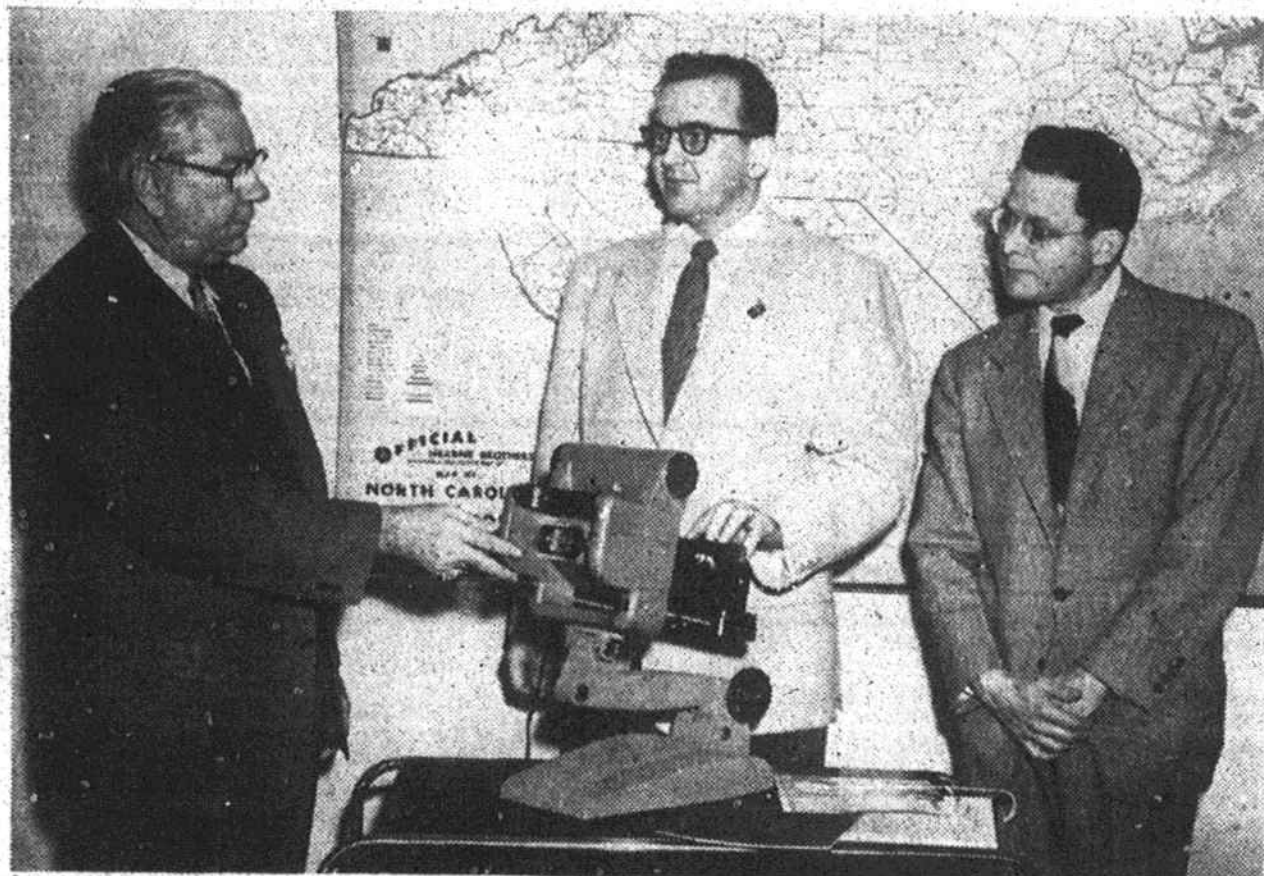
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SCHOOL GIVEN VISION-TESTING APPARATUS—Two officials of the Kings Mountain Lions club, Dr. N. H. Reed, center, and President George H. Houser, right, are pictured as they presented a tele-binoocular vision-testing machine to the city schools. Superintendent B. N. Barnes, left, is receiving the gift. The purchase price of \$230 was obtained by the Lions club from proceeds of last year's broom sale for the benefit of the blind. Dr. Reed is the club tail twister. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$150.35 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday afternoon, according to a report by the city treasurer's office.

DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed in Kings Mountain Friday, February 20, according to announcement this week by Mrs. Jacob Cooper, a member of the council of church women. Full details will be announced later.

LADIES NIGHT

Annual ladies night banquet of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., will be held Friday night at 7 p. m. at the Masonic Hall.

TUESDAY FIRE

City firemen answered a call to Deal street Tuesday afternoon at 3:25 o'clock and quickly extinguished a grass fire at the home of Joe Bennett. No damage was reported.

LIONS PROGRAM

A representative of the ground observer corps unit, of Charlotte, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining hall, according to announcement by W. L. Plonk, program chairman.

ATTEND MEETING

Rev. W. L. Pressly, Lewis Hovis, Mrs. Claude Hambricht, Mrs. B. D. Ratterree, John Cheshire and Marriott Philfer went to Troutman Tuesday where they attended Presbyterian meetings devoted to the "New Life Movement."

LEGION MEETING

District 28 Commander George Luekhart, of Shelby, is scheduled to attend the regular February meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, set for Friday night at the Legion Hall at 8 p. m. Commander Sam Collins has urged all members to attend.

DISTRICT MEETING

Past District Commander J. W. Gladden announced this week plans for a District 28 meeting to be held at the Spindale Legion Hut on Tuesday night at 8 p. m. Commander George Luekhart, of Shelby, will preside and all Legionnaires are invited to attend, he said.

BOARD MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Monday night at 7:30 at City Hall. Mayor Garland Still said a full agenda had not yet been prepared but indicated the majority of the business at hand would be routine.

Lions To Conduct Broom-Mat Sale



DRIVE CHAIRMAN—Hilton Ruth will serve as chairman of the Number 4 Township Red Cross fund campaign, with Glee A. Bridges serving as co-chairman, according to announcement this week by chapter officials.

Ruth To Head Red Cross Drive; Bridges Aide

Hilton Ruth will serve as chairman of the annual Number 4 Township Red Cross fund campaign, according to announcement this week by Rev. W. L. Pressly, chapter chairman.

Glee A. Bridges will serve as co-chairman, Mr. Pressly also announced.

Mr. Ruth, well-known Kings Mountain merchant, is manager of Belk's Department Store.

Initial plans for the fund campaign were formulated at a meeting here with Miss Ann Johnson, of Atlanta, area field office representative.

The fund campaign will be conducted in March and further plans for it, along with the quota, will be announced in the near future.

Missions Expert To Preach Here

Dr. R. H. Gerberding, of New York, executive secretary of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran church, will preach at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock.

He is a brother of the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Prior to assuming his present position, the mission board secretary was for 21 years president of the Synod of the Northwest, one of the fastest-growing synods of the church.

The work of the Mission board covers continental United States, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska and the West Indies.

Profits To Aid Club's Work For Sightless

The Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct its annual broom sale for the benefit of the blind beginning Friday.

Club members will make a house-to-house canvass of the city, as has been past policy, and will offer for sale both brooms (at \$1.50) and rubber doormats (at \$2.50), with proceeds aiding both blind of the state and local sight conservation work.

J. W. Webster is chairman of the project, and other members of the committee are Sam Stallings, Carl F. Mauney, Paul Howard and James Houser.

Under present plans, teams of Lions will vend brooms this week-end and again on Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13.

Mr. Webster pointed out that the articles offered for sale are "good values". They are made in Greensboro at a manufacturing plant for the blind, which employs only blind persons. A portion of the sale price remains with the local club for sight conservation work. Recently, the club presented to Central school a tele-binoocular machine for use in testing the vision of school pupils.

The machine tests vision in 12 different ways and is considered much more effective than the card tests which have been long-used.

"We expect our usual good sale," Mr. Webster said.

TAG SALES

A total of 894 Kings Mountain motorists have purchased 1953 city auto license plates, according to a report by the city clerk's office. Deadline for purchasing tags without penalty was February 1.

Political Talk Still Holding Sway, But New Possibilities Are Limited

Political announcements during the past week brought to seven the total number of candidates seeking city office in the May election but left many citizens on the prospect list.

Some of the prospects are considered sure to seek election, while some are in the dark-horse category.

At least one placed a question mark after his name this week, where it had not been placed before.

Lloyd E. Davis, Ward 2 Commissioner, said he was not sure whether he would seek re-election.

Another regarded as an almost-sure candidate, W. B. Logan, mentioned prominently as a candidate for Ward 3 commissioner against incumbent Olland Pearson, said he doubted that he would seek office. However, he declined to completely close the door on the possibility of his offering.

Mrs. Saunders' Rites Conducted Here Tuesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Plonk Saunders, 51, Kings Mountain native and wife of W. P. Saunders, president of Robbins Mills, Inc., were conducted at Resurrection Lutheran church here on Tuesday afternoon.

The services were conducted by Rev. Cheves Ligon, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church of Southern Pines, assisted by Rev. W. O. Nelson, of Robbins, and Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of the Resurrection church. Interment was in the family plot of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Saunders' death at Moore County hospital Monday morning followed a short illness, and came as a shock to her family and friends.

Member of a well-known Kings Mountain family, Mrs. Saunders was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Plonk. She was a member of the Brownson Memorial Church at Southern Pines and was quite active in the religious and civic life of the community. Prior to moving to Southern Pines, the Saunders had lived in Robbins for many years.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Barnhart, of Raeford, and Miss Dorothy Lee Saunders, a student at Queens College, Charlotte. Seven sisters and four brothers survive. They are Miss May Plonk, Kings Mountain, Miss Ethel Plonk, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Hugh Ormand, Kings Mountain, Miss Eva Plonk, Charlotte, Mrs. C. A. Hager, Hickory, Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Robbins, Mrs. W. M. Hite, Charlotte, T. M. Plonk, Charlotte, R. S. Plonk, Bessemer City, Calvin Plonk, Kings Mountain, and Herbert Plonk, Raleigh. One granddaughter, Elizabeth Barnhart, of Raeford, survives.

Palbearers were J. A. Neisler, Kings Mountain, Reid A. Maynard, Burlington, J. M. Pleasants and A. H. Grant, both of Southern Pines, F. W. Warrenton, Charlotte, Wayland Kennedy, Robbins, Dallas H. Nease, Aberdeen.

Rites Conducted For Mr. Bookout

Funeral rites for David C. Bookout, 67, resident of First street, were conducted Monday at 4 p. m. from Second Baptist church.

Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. H. Redmond, Rev. R. L. Chaney, and Rev. R. L. Davis. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Bookout died in Kings Mountain hospital Saturday afternoon at 12:10 o'clock following an illness of several years. A native of Cleveland county, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bookout.

He was a former employee of Craftsman Mills and was a member of Second Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Sue Allen Bookout; five daughters, Mrs. Harold Phillips, Mrs. Roy Hudson, Mrs. Buford Robbs, Misses Edith and Billie Jean Bookout, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, John Bookout of Gastonia; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson and Mrs. George Short of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Nora Grayson of Belmont and Mrs. Dovie Lewis of Forest City.

Hayes, Phillips, Reynolds Have Filed As Candidates For Political Offices



ERSKINE GROUP TO SING HERE—The Erskine College Choralers, a 16-voice glee club under the direction of Miss Helen Ligon, will present a program of solo and group numbers from the Psalms at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Kiwanis To Observe Father-Son Night

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will observe annual father-and-son night at the meeting of the organization Thursday night. Feature of the evening will be a program by Art Thompson, of Charlotte, a magician who will endeavor to demonstrate that the hand is still quicker than the eye. All Kiwanis members are being urged to bring their sons or another boy.

Former Chief Issues Blast

The city's ex-police chief, S. R. (Pop) Davidson, issued a statement this week purporting to explain certain charges against him made by City Commissioner Olland Pearson at the time of his dismissal, and also leveled a blast at C. E. Carpenter, current responsible authority in the police department, who had recommended that Davidson be discharged.

The Davidson statement follows: "My Friends and Citizens, the motion made to fire me was made in the courtroom by Mr. C. E. Carpenter. None was present of the commissioners but L. E. Davis, Olland Pearson and Garland E. Still.

"Mr. Pearson stated he gave five reasons for relieving me. 1) That I didn't cooperate with the police officers. He can't get a statement to that effect unless it would be from one of his stooges.

"2) He said caplases were issued to taxi drivers to serve. Actually, a taxi driver came into the office to take to Cherryville to pick the man up.

"3) He said I cancelled parking tickets. I have cancelled only for women who had been to the doctor's office, after contacting doctor's nurses. Others were cancelled because I knew some meters wouldn't give correct time. I was not going to call any lady a liar.

"4) About not cooperating with the judge and this court, I consulted with Judge White virtually every matter.

"5) Mr. Olland Pearson had no information except that given by Mr. C. E. Carpenter, the dictator of the City of Kings Mountain, tax lister, tax supervisor, clerk of recorder's court, desk sergeant for the police department, also director of the police department 'as of now'."

She was a daughter of the late

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Former Resident Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Ben Dixon Phifer, 78, former resident and rural mail carrier for 15 years, were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. from El Bethel Methodist church.

Rev. P. L. Shore officiated, assisted by Rev. W. L. Pressly and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Phifer died at his home in Charlotte Friday evening. He had been in declining health for some time.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Phifer and a native of Cleveland county. Mr. Phifer had lived in Kings Mountain before moving to Charlotte.

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Seven Citizens Now In Race For City Posts

Three more candidates entered their names in the city's political contest during the past week. O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Harold Phillips filed Monday their notices of candidacy for the Ward 4 commissioner post, and Warren E. Reynolds filed Saturday for the Ward 2 commissionership.

To date, seven candidates have entered the race for city offices, with only one office still going begging. No candidates have yet filed for the Ward 1 commissionership. Also going begging at the moment is the Ward 1 school trusteeship.

The candidates to date are: For mayor — Glee A. Bridges and Garland E. Still.

For Ward 2 commissioner — Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 3 commissioner — Olland R. Pearson.

For Ward 4 commissioner — O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Harold Phillips.

For Ward 5 commissioner — Sam Stallings.

Mr. Reynolds, Kings Mountain native and automobile dealer, unsuccessfully sought the Ward 2 commissionership in the 1951 election, running third to L. E. Davis and the late C. C. Edens.

Mr. Hayes, a candidate for mayor in 1951, ran fourth in a four-man field, and was subsequently acting city clerk for a short period. He is a member of Central Methodist church and a Mason.

Mr. Phillips is the assistant superintendent of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., and a partner in Bridges and Phillips Texaco Service. He attended Kings Mountain school, the North Carolina Textile school, and spent four years in the army during World War II, including 42 months in Europe with the transportation corps. He is a member of Second Baptist church, a Mason, a Kiwanian, Jaycee and Woodman.

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Little Theatre Meets Tonight

A meeting of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., has been called for 7:30 p. m. Thursday night at the organizations office on East King street, after which casting will begin for parts in "The Robe", next production by the group.

Several important items of business are to be discussed, President Bruce Thorburn said yesterday, and all members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, who will direct the production, has issued an invitation to any Kings Mountain citizen who is interested in taking part in the religious drama to attend casting for "The Robe" parts.

The play is from the novel by Lloyd C. Douglas as dramatized by John McGreevey and the cast consists of 13 parts for men and 9 for women.

"The Robe" is to be presented sometime in March, prior to Holy Week. The group presented "Ten Little Indians" at Central school auditorium Tuesday night.

Mr. Thorburn, former vice-president, assumed the presidency of the organization on the resignation of Jimpy Spivey recently.

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Erskine Group To Sing Here Sunday Morning

A special musical program will be presented by the Erskine College Choralers at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning at the regular 11 o'clock service, according to announcement this week by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly.

The 16-voice group, under the direction of Miss Helen Ligon, will sing a three-group program of solo and group numbers from the Psalms as follows:

Brother James Air (Psalm 23) — Arr. Jacob.

Bless The Lord, Oh My Soul (Psalm 103) — Ippolito Ivanoff.

Seek Ye The Lord (Psalm 119) — Roberts.

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150) — Frank.

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27) — Speaks—Mr. Tom Chandler.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23) — Shelley.

Cast Thy Burden, Upon the Lord (Psalm 55:22) from "Eljah" — Mendelssohn.

Oh Praise the Lord (Psalm 117) — Hawley.

Offertory — Forest Green — Purvis — Mr. Sebron Y. Hood, Jr.

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) — Bishoff.

He That Dwelleth In the Secret Place (Psalm 91) — MacDermid.

Lift Up Your Heads (Psalm 24) — Oshford.

Miss Cortland Morper is accompanist for the group.

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Week's City Tax Payments Heavy; Clerk Reports Levy 82.2 Percent In

A penalty of one percent applied to \$20,094.85 of the city's 1952 tax levy Monday.

A heavy influx of payments last weekend sent the city's collections up to \$92,945.85, or 82.2 percent of the levy, City Clerk Joe Hendrick reported.

However, the city office workload on mailing penalty notices to delinquents was still quite heavy. A total of 1,144 penalty notices was mailed for the gross tax balance due.

More persons owe 1952 tax bills than have paid, Mr. Hendrick's report showed, the unpaid list totaling 53 percent of the persons listed on the city's tax scrolls. The 82.2 percent of the tax bill already received was paid by 47 percent of the 2,187 taxpayers.



SEEK OFFICE — Warren Reynolds, above, and O. T. Hayes, Sr., below, are seeking election to city offices in the May election. Mr. Reynolds seeks election as Ward 2 commissioner, while Mr. Hayes seeks election as Ward 4 commissioner. Also seeking the Ward 4 post is Harold Phillips.

Masons To Hear Dr. W. M. Boyce

Dr. W. M. Boyce, of Charlotte, a former Kings Mountain minister, will make the principal address at the annual ladies night banquet of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., Friday evening.

The banquet, to be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock, is expected to attract a capacity crowd, including a number of Masonic officials and distinguished guests.

Special music for the dinner will be given by a trio including Rev. Gordon Weekley, Miss Melba Tindall and Miss Louise Gladden, with Mrs. F. R. McCurdy accompanying at the piano. Paul W. Walker will give the address of welcome and Mrs. M. A. Ware will respond. D. E. Tate, worshipful master of Fairview Lodge, will preside. Special guests will be widows of Masons and a tribute to these guests will be given by Past Master W. K. Crook.

Dr. Boyce, pastor of Sardis Presbyterian church, was for five years pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church here. He is president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial association, a past president of the Charlotte Lions club and a 25-year Mason.

Distinguished guests expected to attend the banquet include Dr. Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, senior grand warden of North Carolina; J. G. Johnson, of Charlotte, grand steward, grand lodge of North Carolina; Arnold W. Kincaid, Kings Mountain, grand lecturer, grand lodge of North Carolina; Joel J. Faulk, Charlotte, district deputy grand master, 27th district; Reid W. Howe, Crumpton, district deputy grand master, 28th district; and John H. Floyd, Kings Mountain, district deputy grand master, 37th district.

Dinner will be served by the Kings Mountain Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

OYSTER STEW

Plans were announced yesterday for an oyster stew to be held Saturday from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. at Patterson Grove school. Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children, with proceeds to go to the Patterson Grove Baptist church building fund. Everyone is invited to attend, the announcement reads.