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**WOMAN'S CLUB OFFICERS** — Pictured above at a recent meeting of the Women's Club are officers for the current year, now busy planning activities for the next 12 months. Front row, left to right, are Mrs. Denver King, president of the Senior Woman's Club, Mrs. Jacob Cooper, and Mrs. C. D. Blanton. Second row, left to right, Miss Ava Ware, Mrs. J. H. Patterson, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mrs. R. D. Arrowood, and Mrs. Luther Cansler. Back row, left to right, are Mrs. W. G. Grantham, Mrs. Carl Mayes, Mrs. Jacob Mauney, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, and Mrs. J. K. Willis. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

## Softball Tourney Opens Friday Night

### Grover, Foote, Craftspun Teams Among 16 Entries

Grover and Craftspun softball teams are slated for play Friday night at City Stadium in opening first round games of the Mid-Western North Carolina Softball tournament, with Foote Mineral Company scheduled on Saturday night.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Grover's Minette Mills team drew the opening clash of the annual 8-county District 8 event against Quinn Gulf Service of Gastonia on Friday at 6:30 o'clock.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., softballers are scheduled to meet the Broyhill Furniture Co. team of Lenoir in the third game of the Friday card, at 8:30 p. m.

Foote is scheduled against Mount Holly Saturday night at 8 p. m. in the second game of the night.

Four games are scheduled for Friday night, beginning at 6:30 p. m., and four contests are carded for Saturday night, beginning at 7 p. m., in the 16-team single elimination event. First round winners return to City Stadium to complete the tourney on August 13, 14 and 15.

District Commissioner Jess Taylor of Shelby announced the pairings this week. He will be here to direct the tournament.

Winner of the district tournament will receive a trophy and \$100 towards expenses of entering the North Carolina Amateur Softball Association tournament at Canton August 24-29.

Trophies will also be awarded second and third place winners and an all-star team will be chosen.

District 8 comprises Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties. All eight are represented in the tournament here except Alexander and Rutherford. Pollo caused the folding of the Taylorsville team from Alexander, a regular entry the past several years.

## Rites Conducted For Mrs. Moore

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lillie Plonk Moore, 69, of York, S. C., sister of Mrs. J. C. Lackey, of Kings Mountain, were conducted from the York First Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon, with interment following in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Moore, widow of B. Neely Moore who died in 1929, succumbed at her home early Sunday afternoon. She had been ill, suffering from a heart ailment, for the past eight months, and her condition had worsened shortly before her death.

Mrs. Moore was a daughter of the late John D. and Margaret Adams Plonk, of Lincoln. Her father died while she was still quite young, and she spent much of her early life in the home of her uncle, the late J. C. Plonk, first at Cherokee Falls, S. C., then at Hickory.

A woman of charm, grace and intellect, Mrs. Moore was active in York civic affairs and was a charter member of the Asbury-Coward Literary club. She was active in the work of the York First Presbyterian church, and was a member of Kings Mountain chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Lackey, is a foster sister, Mrs. Wade Shuford, of Hickory.

## Gerberding Radio Themes Announced

Rev. W. P. Gerberding has announced his themes for four sermons to be broadcast over WKMT the coming four Sundays at 11 a. m. They are: Aug. 9, "Jesus Weeps for Us," Aug. 16, "Jesus Teaches Humility," Aug. 23, "Jesus Gives Speech and Hearing," Aug. 30, "Jesus Teaches Mercy."

The church choir will furnish special music at each service.

## MRS. CASTLE WINNER

Mrs. James Castle, of Crescent Hill Road, was the winner of the International Harvester refrigerator in the recent anniversary sales promotion of Belk's Department Store.

## Visitors To Park Set Record in July

Visitors to Kings Mountain National Military Park broke all previous records again in July, as 16,895 persons were logged into the shrine commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, said the figure doubled that for July 1952 and topped by some 2,000 the previous high record, set two months ago. Sunday is the big visiting day, with an average of about 2,500 persons.

During July, visitors came to the park from 37 states, District of Columbia, Ontario, Bolivia, England, Germany, and South Africa.

## Baker Mile Short Of Speed Record

Flying his model plane only one mile per hour short of a national record, Tommy Baker, Kings Mountain model plane expert, won first place as he represented his branch of service in the National Model Plane championship contest held at Willow Grove, Pa.

The meet, sometimes called the "World Series" of model plane flying closed Sunday with contestants representing the 48 states, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Baker, who is in the air force, flew his plane in the Class A speed event at a rate of speed of 130.78 MPH. One additional mile would have set for the airman a national record.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker and is married to the former Miss Beth Hord.

## Civic Groups To Meet Jointly

The Kings Mountain Lions club will act as hosts at a joint meeting of all civic clubs Tuesday night, when the Carolina Motor Club will present to the city a safety award for 1952.

Arrangements for the joint meeting, to be held on the regular Lions meeting night at Masonic Hall at 7 o'clock Tuesday, were announced by W. L. Plonk. The program will also feature four experts on several phases of traffic safety who will speak briefly on the several phases.

## ARP's Launch Fund Campaign

Boyce Memorial ARP church formally launched a ten-year building fund campaign Sunday. Minimum goal of the fund raising effort is \$50,000.

The Sunday morning service was devoted to consideration of the present and future building needs of the 300-member church, with John L. McGill, chairman of the congregation and building fund chairman serving as moderator.

Outlining the need for the fund were Mrs. W. E. Blakely, Mrs. Claude Hambrick, John Cheshire, and the chairman, Under plan of the fund campaign each fifth Sunday will be designated "Building Fund" day, and building fund gifts will be solicited on those days.

## Argo Will Fill Wesleyan Pulpit

Rev. A. J. Argo, returned missionary from Africa, will succeed Rev. J. W. Phillips as pastor of First Wesleyan church, following the annual church conference at Colfax, which ends Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Argo is a former pastor of the First Wesleyan church, having served the church for eight months in 1943.

Rev. Mr. Phillips is assuming the pastorate of a High Point church, following a successful seven-year pastorate here.

## LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. Number 339 will be held at the Masonic Hall Monday evening at 7:30.

## Auditor Suggests Changes In City Record-Keeping

In his report of examination of the city's books for the year ended June 30, David J. Robinson, Winston-Salem Certified public accountant, listed eight recommendations for bookkeeping improvements, suggested that the city conform strictly to the state statutes in handling paving work and consequent assessments, and also recommended a study of costs and pricing of water charges, possible sewage charges, and higher permit rates.

Mr. Robinson, at the same time, commended the city for making much improvement in its bookkeeping procedures during the past year.

He listed as bookkeeping weaknesses:

- 1) Failure to control amounts receivable for taxes, to properly summarize assessments of taxes, or to control rebates and corrections of taxes.
- 2) Failure to completely control liability for utility deposits.
- 3) Failure to abide by budget accounting.
- 4) No accountability of some permits issued.
- 5) Frequent errors in the preparation and entry of accounting information.
- 6) No accountability of water tap charges.
- 7) Excess of "miscellaneous" sales with no control thereon.
- 8) No accountability of sales of services.

He noted: "Many of the above weaknesses are being worked out by city personnel."

He wrote further, "I strongly recommend a study of City policy on paving of streets. A definite policy, in accordance with North Carolina Statutes, should be established in order to leave no possible question of using public funds in private projects. I also strongly recommend a study of water tap rates, possible sewage charges, and higher permit fees; also that the minutes of the Board of Commissioners contain full information in detail; also that any corrections to the original tap scroll be approved by the Board; and that large checks over a minimum amount be countersigned."

Mr. Robinson noted that he had included in the report a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the period ending May 15, which showed expenditures of \$39,262.14 in excess of receipts. He noted, "This excess was due to reductions in utility rates and unusual and questionable expenses in paving projects with the City receiving nothing for the work."

In a note on the street assessments receivables, Mr. Robinson wrote, "The street and sidewalk assessments of 1942 and prior are deemed to be uncollectible. Street assessments of 1953 have a balance of \$9,619.70, less a reserve of \$2,588.31 for Deal and Gold streets which are in dispute as to their legality."

The auditor suggested that the city should consider the installation of property ledgers, since present capital assets are arrived at by totaling expenditures over

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## 'Home town Night' For Drama Friday

### Tax Advertising Is Now Beginning

The county is advertising for the first time this week sale of property for unpaid 1952 tax bills. The listing of Number 4 Township delinquents appears in today's issue of the Herald.

The city, as is customary, will begin advertising its property sale on unpaid 1952 tax bills in next week's issue. It was announced by C. E. Carpenter, tax supervisor.

Both Mr. Carpenter and R. M. Gidney, county tax supervisor, urged immediate payment of tax bills to avoid further penalty and expense.

## Petrosino Rites Held Wednesday

Andrew Petrosino, 50, husband of Mrs. Ellen Falls Coker Petrosino, was found dead at his room on E. Tremont avenue Tuesday afternoon.

It is thought he died sometime Monday, according to word reaching here. He was operator of the Wheel-Inn Cafe on South Boulevard in Charlotte.

A native of Toronto, Italy, Mr. Petrosino was a resident of Kings Mountain and was a member of Central Methodist church here.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Falls Coker Petrosino, of Kings Mountain, and a brother, Pasquale Petrosino, and two sisters, Mrs. Anita Magrini and Mrs. Cornelia Petrosino, all of Toronto, Italy.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Central Methodist church. Rev. Boyce Methodist pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Hillard Baker, Sam Stallings, L. P. Ware, Boyce Murray, M. C. Poston and E. E. Marlowe.

## Harmon Property Re-sale Saturday

The T. N. Harmon Estate property at Battleground avenue and Falls street will be re-sold for the third time Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the site. The bidding will start at \$7,911.50.

B. D. Ratterree currently is the high bidder for the property, which is being sold at commissioner's sale by court order.

After Saturday's sale the bidding will remain open for ten days.

Martin L. Harmon, Jr., is commissioner.

The property, occupied by a two-family frame dwelling, is the corner lot fronting on Battleground avenue, Falls street and Cherokee street.

## Local Citizens Urged To Attend Friday Showing

"Sword of Gideon" begins its third weekend Thursday night at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military park with the show directors and cast looking forward to "Home Town Night," which has been set for Friday.

City officials, as well as civic club officers have been issued special invitations to attend the Friday night performance, and other Kings Mountain citizens are urged to see the newly-revised presentation on the same night.

Alan Phillips, drama publicist, said that the purpose of the special "Home Town Night" is to give the cast the "lift and encouragement" of playing to a hometown audience.

He continued, "Since the drama is of, by, and for the citizens of Kings Mountain, it is felt that one night should be set aside in order that residents of the city could attend as a group."

Mr. Phillips added that the Little Theatre has been greatly pleased at the number of out-of-state visitors who have seen the 1953 production. Present last week for the two performances, Saturday's having been postponed due to heavy rain, were visitors from Italy and Puerto Rico.

In addition, cars bearing license plates from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and New Jersey have been noted in the parking lot.

Tickets sell for \$2 reserved seats, \$1.20 for general admission and 60 cents for children. Full information may be obtained by calling the Little Theatre office, phone 485-W.

Since last season's presentation, the script for the drama has been revamped to give a smoother, faster-moving, and an easier-to-follow plot. Mr. Phillips pointed out. The sequence of scenes and some of the speaking parts have been changed to improve the drama. These improvements give a clearer picture of the events leading up to and including the historic battle of October 7, 1780.

## Merchant Outing Next Wednesday

Annual employer-employee outing for the Kings Mountain Merchants association will be held at Lake Montonia next Wednesday afternoon, with a record crowd expected. Yates Harbison, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said yesterday.

Mr. Harbison reminded all merchants to make ticket reservations by Saturday by calling the association, phone 381. He also said that the outing is open to non-members of the association as well as members.

Other members of the committee are B. S. Peeler, Jr., and John Plonk.

Tickets are \$1.50 per person, and a barbecue dinner will be served, beginning at 6 o'clock by Red Bridges of Shelby Swimming will be available to all during the afternoon. Mr. Harbison added.

## Three Youths Admit Many Petty Thefts

Three 14-year-old youngsters have admitted to a series of petty thefts and attempted entrances to several local business establishments.

Chief Hugh Logan and City Police Officers, P. R. Sanders and R. R. Carrigan said Wednesday that the youths had admitted attempted entrances to Bonnie Mill and Mauney Mills store and Ward's Seed and Feed, where they broke a window glass in the attempt.

According to police they ransacked several automobiles parked in front of First Baptist church, King's Garage, and Lake Montonia, taking from them chewing gum, cigars, handkerchiefs, matches, a packed lunch, and gas caps.

They also admitted taking a cake from the A & P Food store, candy from the Silver Villa, and two cans of beer from a home they admitted entering.

The three boys told police they were searching for money.

## Local News Bulletins

### OAK VIEW REVIVAL

Rev. B. B. Caldwell, Greenville, S. C., minister, and evangelist, will conduct a series of revival services at Oak View Baptist church beginning Monday and continuing each evening at 7:30 through August 16.

### HOME COMING

Home Coming day will be held at Oak View Baptist church Sunday, August 9. All members, former members, singers and friends are urged to be present. Lunch will be served on the grounds at 12 noon.

### HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Cora D. Hunter, former resident, is receiving treatment for hip injuries at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Hunter suffered a fall on July 26. She may be written in care of the Florida hospital, room 204.

### GUEST MINISTER

Dr. E. A. Sloan, of Due West, S. C., will conduct the morning service at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly, is on vacation during the remainder of the month.

### AT FIRST NATIONAL

Mrs. Mary Anne Hendrick, wife of City Clerk Joe Hendrick, has joined the staff of First National Bank. Mrs. Hendrick has held a similar position for the past six years with First National Bank of Shelby.

### TENT REVIVAL

Rev. James W. Self is conducting an old-fashioned tent revival on Fairview street, which is continuing this week with services each night beginning at 7:30. The revival series began July 30.

### KIWANIS BARBECUE

Members of the Kiwanis club and their families will eat a barbecue dinner prepared by Red Bridges, of Shelby, Thursday night. The supper will be held at Lake Montonia at 7 o'clock.

### METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$175.36 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

### LEGION MEETING

Regular August meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Home on E. Gold street Friday at 8 p. m. Commander C. E. Warlick announced yesterday.

### COACHES

Coaches Everett Carlton and John Charles are in Greensboro attending the annual coaches clinic sponsored by the North Carolina High School Coaches Federation.

### FIRE ALARM

Kings Mountain firemen answered a fire alarm about 3:15 Wednesday afternoon, and extinguished a grass fire on West King street near the hospital nurses' home. No damages were reported.

## Lions To Conduct Rummage Event

The Kings Mountain Lions club will again conduct a Fall Rummage Sale and will begin collecting clothing for it on August 23.

Arrangements for the rummage sale, a successful promotion of the club last autumn, were completed by the Lions club directors this week and were announced by Dan Huffstetter and J. W. Webster, who will serve as co-chairmen of the project.

The project is being expanded this year, with a community-wide clothes gathering effort scheduled. Items desired are discarded clothing of all kinds, including shoes, shirts, dresses, suits, children's wear and other similar garments.

## Paul J. Hutchins Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Paul Julius Hutchins, 47, resident of Gantt street, who died Friday morning at 6:30 a. m. following a five months illness, were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. from Mountain View Baptist church in the Crowders Mountain community.

Rev. Floyd Hollar, pastor of the church officiated, and burial was in the Pisgah Methodist church cemetery in Rutherford county.

A native of Rutherford county, Mr. Hutchins was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hutchins and was formerly employed as a picker at Craftsman Mills plant here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mae Connor Hutchins and two sons, Joe Hutchins and Charles Hutchins, both of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are four brothers, Albert and Tom Hutchins, both of Rutherford, Gus Hutchins of Hickory, and Fred Hutchins of Kings Mountain, and four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Hutchins of Rutherford, Mrs. Mamie Hutchins of Siler City, and Mrs. Annie Epley and Mrs. Della Harrison, both of Kings Mountain.

## Kings Mountain Citizens Gave 127 Pints At Recent Bloodmobile Visit

A total of 127 Kings Mountain area citizens contributed a pint of blood at last Friday's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile set up here at the Woman's Club.

The call for blood donors was made in conjunction with the gamma globulin campaign and in replenishing blood demands in Korea. Gamma Globulin has been used in many places to help fight polio epidemics.

Citizens added to the "Gallon Club," those who have contributed as much as one gallon of blood, are Sam Ballard, Thomas H. Davidson, Broadus Moss, Booth Gillespie, Frank M. White, Hall R. Goforth, John Lackey, and J. C. McKinney.

The "Gallon Club" now numbers 18 donors.

The list of donors who contributed to the bloodmobile here Friday follows:

Miss Alice Winfred Fulton, Guy W. Fisher, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Carl E. Mauney, Jay H. Patterson, Mrs. G. H. Mauney, Samuel R. Davidson, George H. Houser, Halbert E. Webb, Paul W. Walker, Ted W. Gamble, Charles A. Neisler, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Frank Morrow White and Johnny P. Houser.

## Growing City Woman's Club Re-organizing

Members of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club met Tuesday and heard presented a new constitution and by-laws, including changes to meet the needs of a re-organized and growing club.

The new charter, when adopted, will also meet requirements of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Officers for 1953-54 are: Mrs. George H. Houser, president; Mrs. W. T. Weir, first vice-president; Mrs. Jacob Cooper, second vice-president; Mrs. Denver King, third vice-president; Mrs. Vernon Crosby, recording secretary; Mrs. Jay Patterson, assistant recording secretary; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. D. Blanton; Mrs. Jacob Mauney, treasurer; Miss Ava Ware, historian; Mrs. Earl Ledford, chaplain; Mrs. Luther Cansler, Junior Club sponsor; Mrs. Grady Patterson, past president.

The club has been completely re-organized into three departments: fine arts, of which Mrs. W. G. Grantham is chairman; American Home and Education, of which Mrs. R. D. Arrowood is chairman; and public affairs and welfare, of which Mrs. J. K. Willis is chairman. The departmental meetings will be held monthly at a time set by the particular department.

Committees named for the year are:

Finance — Mrs. Carl Mayes, chairman, Mrs. Grady Patterson, Mrs. E. T. Platt, Mrs. Jacob Cooper, Mrs. Jacob Mauney.

Notification — Mrs. Robert Miller, chairman, Mrs. H. L. Campbell, Mrs. J. G. Darracont.

Membership — Mrs. E. W. Griffin, chairman, Mrs. Hubert Davidson, Mrs. B. A. Murray, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Fred Finger.

Club Editor and Publicity — Mrs. Paul Hendricks, chairman, Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Miss Annie Roberts, Mrs. C. A. Butterworth.

House — Mrs. Jacob Cooper, Mrs. Paul McGinnis, Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Vernon Crosby.

General Projects — Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Mrs. B. B. Spedel.

Also Dr. N. H. Reed, W. Brown Ware, John P. Lackey, T. W. Hamilton, Jack Anthony, Clarence Yates Harbison, Mary S. Mauney, Dr. Laverne Anderson, Furman Wilson, Mack Smith, Harold Cloninger, Thomas H. Davidson, Wilbur G. Smith, Ray W. Cline, J. T. McGinnis, Grady K. Howard, John D. Warlick, Eugene Tignor, Lester R. Howell, William A. C. Eldon, Louise Early, Bobby Bridges, Mrs. Virginia Herndon, Beverly P. Jackson, and Booth Gillespie.

J. C. McKinney, Clarence T. Dixon, Ruth W. Shutt, Carl Bag.

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