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Bethware Straw Vote Result Dims Consolidation Chances



BATTLEGROUND'S 100,000th 1953 VISITOR-Mrs. Lee A. Usher, right above, of Pageland, S. C., became the 100,000th person to visit Kings Mountain National Military Park this year, arriving shortly after 3 p. m. Sunday with the party pictured. The party included, left to right, Miss Rosa McLamore and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beacham, all of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Usher and Mr. Usher. In 1952, approximately 71,500 persons visited the park. (National Park Service photo.)

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terday.



AT PRESBYTERY Rev. P. D. Patrick and C. D. Blanton attended the fall meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery in session at Camp Hidden Valley, between Salu-da and Hendersonville, last Thursday.

NO COURT MONDAY

Weekly session of City Recorders Court regularly scheduled for Monday afternoon

Compact Patrons Also Oppose **School Merger**

Possibility of consolidating Number 4 Township into one school district is now remote, following a straw ballot conducted in the Bethware district Saturday and a mass meeting held Sunday at Compact Negro school, Bethware patrons cast 466

votes against calling a vote on the consolidation matter, and only 57 for petitioning an elec-

Compact, with 200 patrons estimated to be present by Principal L. L. Adams, voted unanimously Sunday afternoon "to retain the present relationship with the county".

Whether a consolidation of a portion of the township still remained in the realm of possibility was buried in a maze of red tape and detail."

W. B. Harry, Grover school committeeman and acting chairman of the school groups discussing the consolidation possibiity, told the Herald on Wednesday that the Grover group had not diminished at all its desire to join with the other groups in

building a township high school. Whether it is possible to conso lidate Park Grace and Grover county districts with the Kings Mountain district in the face of

the Compact action and the "continuous and contiguous" phrase of the state regulations on school consolidation, none would atempt to answer Wednesday.

merce.

Breviously, it has been freely fused fares, radio and newspaper stated by school officials that it men have asked their views on 500 persons from 34 states, the was not permissible to "jump" the climate, the accommodations District of Columbia, Ontario, districts, that each of the merging and the international situation. Canada, Newfoundland and Ha- districts must be located adjacent | It all came about as simply as



KINGS MOUNTAIN COUPLE GETS KEY TO CLEARWATER - Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Whitey) Whiteside are shown above being greeted by Mayor Herbert M. Brown of Clearwater, Fla., as the Kings pany, is a member of the Kings Mountain couple arrived to spend a two-week vacation as the guest of the Clearwater Beach Resort association. Whiteside, a veteran of two wars, was the first to accept an invitation for an all-expenses paid vacation extended by the Clearwater Disabled American Voterans and the beach assosiation. Others in the picture are officials of the Clearwater chapter, DAV, and Clearwater Chamber of Com-



Chairmen Named For Dimes Drive

Thomasson, **Neisler Accept Top Positions**

Charles A. Neisler and George 3. Thomasson will serve as 'cohairmen of the Kings Mountain division of the 1954 March of Dimes campaign.

Announcement of appointment of the Kings Mountain officials was made Wednesday by George Shull and C. B. Cash, co-chairmen of the Cleveland County campaign

Mr. Neisler, cotton broker affiliated with Blackmer & Com-Mountain Kiwanis club, and has been active in the work of the

Mr. Neisler, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Neisler, Sr., is a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and a cotton broker.

Mr. Thomasson, son of Mrs. C. F. Thomasson, Sr., is a Kings Mountain lawyer. He is a member of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

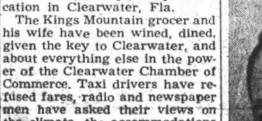
"We are very happy to announce the acceptance by Mr. Neisler and Mr. Thomasson of the important and responsible task of directing Kings Moun-tain's 1954 March of Dimes fund campaign," Chairman Shull and Cash said in making the anouncement. "Kings Mountain has a long record of strong support of this campaign and there s no question but what the 1954 drive co-chairmen will again give the campaign tip-top leadership". The fund campaign will be

conducted in January.

Schools Plan

DIMES CO-CHAIRMEN -George Thomasson, top, and Charles Neisler, below, have been named co-chairmen of Kings Mountain's 1954 March of Dimes campaign. Proceeds from the fund campaign help fight polio and its crippling effects at home and throughout the nation.





m. Judge Jack White is to attend a Superior Court session Monday.

LITTLE THEATRE

Regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre will be held on Tuesday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the organization's office on East King street. Members are urged to attend and to be on time so that the meeting may be completed promptly to avoid interference with play rehearsals

BUS STATION

The Bus S. tion on West King street continues under the temporary management of E. K. McSwain, Gastonia terminal employee. Mr. Mc-Swain is operating the station from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. He said Queen City Coach Company is still interviewing possible terminal managers, but added that he had not been informed what progress had been made toward obtaining a manager.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney attended the District 7 meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's club in one-day session at High Point Tuesday. She was accompanied by Mrs. S. A. Mauney.

GLEE CLUB HERE

Miss Catherine Edgerton, director of the Barium Springs Orphanage Glee Club, and some of the members of the Glee Club will furnish music for the morning church service at First Presbyterian church here Sunday. A member of the Barium Springs faculty is to speak.

Floral Fair Prize List Is Corrected

In last week's 'Terald report of winners at the ilitieth anniversay Woman's Club Floral Fair, an inadvertent series of errors was made in the list of winners in pie-baking.

The correct list of winners in the pie-baking competition follows:

Lemon pie - 1) Mrs. A. W. Kincaid. 2) Mrs. J. R. Davis, Coccount pie - 1) Mrs. Hun-

Chocolate pls --- 1) Mrs. Gles

m ple — 1) Mrs. J. K Frait pie - 1) Mrs. Ber

Otis Falls. Herald regrets the 5 is glad to make

wall, South Pacific Islands, have to each other visited the site of the famous If there was any surprise in Battle of Kings Mountain.

Supt, Ben Moomaw reported.

The 1953 mark already sur

passes by some 28,000 the 1952

With the autumn color not ex-

pected to reach its peak until

late next week, many visitors are expected to be added to the 1953

figure. Through Sunday some 8,-

figure of approximately 71,500.

he weekend proceedings it was "The trend of visitors to nathe heavy majority cast by Bethtional historic areas has been upware against even holding a conwards for three or four years but solidation election. It had been ten percent of the Kings Mounfreely predicted that the total tain increase can be contributed would be against the merger. directly or indirectly to publicity Nor was Compact's action surabout the drama, "Sword of Gi deon". People come in almost

prising, such an indication having een given at a similar meeting daily stating they had heard aheld a week previously. Sunday's bout the play and wanted to visit meeting was held for the express the battleground," Mr. Moomaw purpose, Principal Adams said,

of inviting proponents from An interesting pact, Mr. Moo-Kings Mountain school board to maw also reported, was that speak before Compact patrons. three-fourths of the visitors to the park come from a radius of None appeared at the meeting, only 100 miles from the battle-Fred W, Plonk, consolidation proponent, said Saturday he had not ground. Some five percent come received such an invitation, Prinfrom bordering states, he added. cipal Adams said Compact Board INJURED

Chairman, J. M. McCree, was to Dean Spearman of route 2, have extended the invitations. suffered a fractured vertebra

DIXION SERVICES

in an accident on the Bethware - Oak Grove road last A quartet from Barium Saturday when the bread truck Springs Orphanage will prehe was driving allegedly sidesent music at the Sunday afterswiped a car, ran down a 12noon church service at Dixon foot embankment and over-Presbyterian church Sunday. turned. He was first taken to Services are at 3 p. m. They have been held during the Kings Mountain hospital and later transferred to Gaston Mesummer months at 90'clock a. m.

dropping a letter in a mailbox Mr. Whiteside is a Purple Heart veteran of both World War II and of the Korean War. In the recent

war, he lost his right arm. As a public relations gesture, the Clearwater Beach Resort Association issued an invitation to members of the Disabled American Veterans organization with as much as 50 percent disability to visit the city for a week at association expense.

Like people waxing suspicious of discounts on currency, the dis abled veterar.s declined the offer in droves. But not the Kings Mountain couple. With an assist from Mrs. Charles Harrill now of learwater and recent Kings Mountain citizen, the Whiteside acceptance was duly posted. Mrs.

Mrs. Dorse Whiteside, mother

of the Kings Mountain veteran,

is handling Whitey's York Road

Adopt Missionary

Grocery chores.

Harrill had suggested to her old friends that the offer was, inieed, bona fide. The result, from reports re

reived by their kin here, and from newspaper clippings forwarded to the Herald by the terrific for the Whiteside couple, ing the first couple to accept the invitation.

Negro School Construction Begun; Opposing Petitioners Are Listed

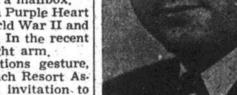
Work on the construction , of has been made with majority of the new Negro elementary school property owners but Mr. Ratterbuilding began Monday morn- ree and Tom Hunter have not a ing, but property negotiations greed to sell their tracts.

with B. D. Ratterree were report-Mr. Kincaid also reported that ed at a "standstill" Wednesday. he had talked to Mayor G. A. State school board officials in Raleigh authorized the begin- said he holds a personal option foreign missionary who will be ning of construction after severon the property from Mr. Ratteral weeks delay pending settleree "at no stated price." The opment of the property snark Even though the state granted Mr. Bridges said, for a recreation department playground for Nepermission to proceed with work, no funds have been deposited as gro children. yet to the Kings Mountain ac-

Mr. Kincaid said that Mr. Bridcount in the school auditors deges told him he would give up the partment, B. N. Barnes, city option if Mr. Ratterree agrees to Missionary Society in which it schools superintendent, said yessell to the school.

Funds were withheld in Raleigh late last month pending certification by the Kings Mountain board that it held title to letic field. the 12-plus acres. The new site

is located across N. Watterson street from the present building. ecutor of the estate of Mrs. Es-Frank D, McCall, of Drexel, is general contractor for the job. No action was taken on the The board last Thursday night. Chairman A. W. Kincaid re-ported at that meeting that he Mr. Ratterree, Fred W. Plonk and Mr. Rowe, the surveyor, had vis-ited the site and located corners of the portion which Mr. Ratter-ree declines to sell. Settlement



REVIVAL SPEAKER - Rev. C. W. Farrar, pastor of First Baptist church, of Clover, S. C., will con-

duct a week's series of revival services beginning Sunday evening at Bethlehem Baptist chur- and is replacing the amount with ch, according to announcemen' by Rev. R. E. Robbins, Bethlehem pastor.



"Today there exists a great need for spiritual and political Clearwater Chamber of Com- leadership," Carl G. McCraw, merce, has been little short of Kings Mountain native and Carl G. McCraw. terially. Charlotte banker, declared Tues-

The extra week was provided day night at a meeting of the as a result of the Whitesides be- Kings Mountain Lions club. "Our leadership must show

the world that we don't expect to live in fear of brute force," continued, adding that "the United States has the responsibility to supply leadership. We are honored with that burden, and burdened with that honor." Mr. McCraw, who, in the 30

years since he left Kings Mountain armed principally with a high school diploma and ambition, has risen to the presidency of Union National Bank, reduced his advice to the local level too "Are we content to become

bench-warmers?" he asked. He suggested that all citizens should do their part in promoting the worthwhile community activities among which he listed

Community Chest, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, and the work of the church. "Parents," he contended, "have the duty to lead their boy or girl

to Jesus Christ." Mr. McCraw, in developing his address, cited a passage of edi-

torial opinion, which indicated gloomy future. It mentioned Russia as a threatening, everlooming cloud. Then the speaker reported that the editorial appeared! in Harper's Weekly in 1857.

"It is not necessary to believe the future is lost, if leaders develope and work. Really, it is the dawn of a new day, and the

challenge is to all of us," he continued Mr. McCraw spoke on a gram arranged by Martin Har-

mon, who presented him. Guests at the meeting inclu-Continued On Page Eight

Goblin Parties tion measures still active and awaiting rain.

The city board of commission-Kings Mountain area schools ers last week asked citizens to have scheduled Hallowe'en feslimit consumption as much as tivities beginning Hallowe'en Eve conveniently possible, and asked at the several schools of the combig-customer Foote Mineral Community. pany to cut consumption, Spefifi-

cally, residential users have been asked to dispense with watering lawns, washing cars, and with similar can-wait needs.

Foote Mineral Company imat 7 p. m. mediately agreed to cut consump-Bingo rooms, grab bags, countion of city water by one-third ry stores, variety shows, movie

water from its own reservoir fowever, the rate of inflow into are listed on the night's program. Foote's resevoir is normally small, and Jim Castle, Foote

ing Tuesday's cloudy skies, and

leaving the city's water conserva-

manager, said Wednesday that Hallowe'en festival is to be held continued use from the reservoir without rain will "put us in trou- 6 p. m. A carnival and a parade ble in two weeks".

Mayor Glee A, Bridges reported ters will highlight the evening drop in consumption of city program. water and said the level at the

Grover school has scheduled a city lake was still dropping, but Hallowe'en Eve festival featurthat the rate has been slowed maing a "Black-face Minstrel", with doors to open at 7 p. m. Valuable

"I hope the city's 2,000 water prizes are to be given away by customers will continue to con- firms. serve water as much as possible. West and East Elementary By careful use of our existing supply there should be no inconschools have not planned Halvenience to anyone. The board of lowe'en festivals, Mrs. Rowell commissioners hopes to avoid any Lane, West Elementary PTA

mandatory action on water president announced, due primarusage," he stated. City officials say the level of Plans are being made, she added, water at City lake is the lowest in history. for a Thanksgiving program,

"Main Drag" Busy Place Tuesday **As Trainmen Clear 11-Car Wreck**

Everything seems to happen at \$5,000 but said he could give no once. Tuesday Kings Mountain's estimate on damage to merchan-'main drag'' was a good example, dise in transit.

Southern Railway System | One car, transporting chenile rews were busy cleaning up the bedspreads manufactured at Daltracks after an 11-car smash-up ton and Calhoun, Ga., was com-Monday night, the state highway pletely demolished and ended up was burning off bumps on much- sandwiched between an ore car traveled Battleground avenue, the latter on its side across the and city workmen were rebuild double tracks. Another box car

ing a sidewalk on the west side was on top, overhanging from of the main line. the pileup. Folks passing through probab-Several other cars appeared

y got the impression, at first, badly damaged Monday night but that the train wreck was a much after being trucked Tuesday looklarger one, with traffic being re- ed to be only slightly harmed. routed for the highway "burners". Residents living near the crash The main line track was opened were concerned Monday night to traffic at 9:05 a. m. Tuesday when a report got out that a tank morning, less than 10 hours after | car loaded with propane gas was

the pile-up, Both north and south- one of the 11 derailed, Mr. King bound traffic began using the reported Tuesday that the car southbound line of the double was empty.

track, passing through slowly No new automobiles were in while wreck crews took breathers. the derailed cars, he added,

Charlotte Division Superinten-The train wreck occured at dent L. E. King, of Greenville, S. 11:20 p. m. Monday night, about C., estimated damage to the 50 yards south of the West Gold track as negligible, with only street crossing. None was injursome 300 feet being torn up. He ed in the accident, which was atestimated equipment damage at | Continued On Page Bight

House-numbering changes are being invoked by the city 1) to conform with recommendation so the United Sates Post Office department will extend mail deliv-

Park Grace Elementary school ery, 2) to improve fire and police n collaboration with Park Grace protection, and 3) to correct an improper . numbering situation PTA officials have scheduled a Hallowe'en carnival to be held that has existed for three de Saturday night: Doors will open cades. These are the reasons listed by

Mayor Glee A. Bridges in a statement this week reminding citizens of the changes in house numbers. rooms, and refreshments to be urging their compliance and exvended in the school lunchrooms plaining the necessity for the change.

Central Elementary's school Generally, the city is trying to bring order out of chaos on the Saturday with doors to open at umbering business.

Mayor Bridges' statement folof customary Hallowe'en characlows:

"Firstly, and most important, the United States Postal Inspector, in accordance with the Federal Laws regulating mail delivery within the City Limits of a Town or City, requires that all streets be marked and the houses be pro-

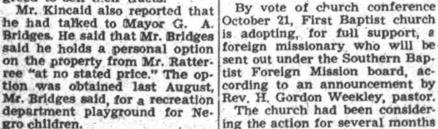
perly numbered

In checking the streets in Kings Mountain, the Postal Inspector found that the City of Kings Mountain did not reach the requirements necessary for extend. ed mail delivery, Mr. W. E. Blakely. Postmaster, of Kings Mounily to lack of space at the schools, tain asked the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to have Streets marked and houses numbered in order to obtain extended mail delivery within the City Limits of Kings Mountain to the homes on streets that qualify for mail delivery. Upon request of W. E. Blakely, the City Board of Commissioners for the City of Kings Mountain unanimously voted to have a committee work on street naming of streets that have no names, and also to number the ouses in accordance with the Jeneral Statutes of North Caro-Continued On Page Eight

> World Community Day Service Set

Kings Mountain churchwomen will join on November 6 in the worldwide observance of World Community Day, with a special service to be held at First Baptist church at 10 a.m.

Mrs. William Herndon will serve as program chairman. Theme of the observance will be "Building Lasting Peace." Aim of the observance will be help for needy homes throu-ghout the world. Those attending the service are being asked to bring donations of house-hold articles for use in refugee camps, orphanages, and siminomes. Desired articles included sheets, pillow slips, blankets, light quilts, draperi-es, and tablecloths,



First Baptists

and the matter was passed following a resolution of the Woman's was stated "wherea's our Lord

created His Church in order that the Gospel of His Kingdom might where; and whereas it is our fer-

vent belief that our Heavenly The signers were: B. D. Ratter- Father has so richly blessed us ree, (both for himself and as ex- with material and spiritual blessings in great abundance; and tello R. Weir); B. T. Wright; T. whereas we are convinced that W. Jackson; A. Biltcliffe; Kelly Dixon; Dewitt Patterson; J. E. Rhea; W. B. Barber; R. E. Clark; C. D. Gladden Floyd E. Thorn-burg; J. W. Crawford; G. F. Sipes; Homer Jones; William A. Hul-lender: Williard Thompkings; dury Union of First Baplender; Williard Thompkins; Delbert Dixon; F. O. Carrol?; Dean McDaniel; and C. J. Gault, of one missionary volunteer." The of one missionary volunteer." The Board of Deacons also recom-

nded the plan.

Mr. Ratterree this week released the names of the signers of a petition objecting to the location be preached to lost men everyof the school and proposed ath-