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Trading Area ..... 15,000
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LITHIUM CORPORATION BREAKS GROUND—Ground was broken on the construction of a lithium processing plant near Bessemer City Monday morning, with a large group of officials of the company, City of Kings Mountain, Town of Bessemer City, and others on hand for the ceremonies. Pictured, left to right, E. T. Platt, Lithium Corporation's local mining division business manager and building coordinator extracts the first spade

of dirt are Roy Bullard, Bessemer City commissioner, Jack White, Lithium attorney, Kings Mountain, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Mr. Platt, George Glennon, Lithium's chief building engineer, Fred Ormand, of Bessemer City, Mayor Carl Carpenter, C. V. Elrod, R. Lee Thornburg, C. C. Ramsey, and Robert W. Thornburg, all Bessemer City commissioners. (Herald Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Dollar Days Weekend Starts Here Thursday

Twenty-four Kings Mountain merchants are cooperating in a city-wide Dollar Days event beginning Thursday and continuing through Saturday.

Bargain offerings and special purchases are being featured by almost all types of stores, apparel, auto accessory, hardware, jewelry, drug, and variety.

Paul Walker, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said the degree of cooperation by individual merchants and long attention given to the spring Dollar Days event is "the best yet", and he joined his committee in inviting area citizens to take advantage of the special sales event.

In addition to heavy price cutting by the individual merchants, the Kings Mountain Merchants association has scheduled a free movie for youngsters up to age 12 on Saturday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock at the Joy Theatre. The free showing will include a full-length color western feature, two cartoons, and a comedy.

Free parking will also be in vogue during the three-day period, compliments of the City of Kings Mountain. Meterman S. R. Davidson will take a rest and paper bags will cover the meters.



ELECTED — Mrs. J. E. Liptford, of Kings Mountain, was elected vice-chairman of Cleveland County Democrats at the annual convention in Shelby Saturday. Mrs. Liptford succeeds Mrs. Frank R. Summers, of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Liptford Party Officer

Mrs. J. E. Liptford, of Kings Mountain, was elected vice-chairman of Cleveland County Democrats at the biennial county convention on Saturday.

Mrs. Liptford succeeds Mrs. Frank R. Summers, vice-chairman for many years. Mrs. Summers had notified the county chairman she would be unable to continue in the position.

Other officers were re-elected. They are C. C. Horn, chairman; G. R. Cline, second vice-chairman; and David Royster, secretary-treasurer.

In accepting the vice-chairmanship, Mrs. Liptford said, "I am a real Democrat and I shall fill the office to the best of my ability."

The convention session was brief, due to the funeral of Senator Clyde R. Hoey. The convention, as usual, directed that all Cleveland Democrats who attend the Thursday convention serve as delegates.

Chairman Horn announced the following results of Kings Mountain area precinct meetings on May 8:

East Kings Mountain: S. A. Crouse, chairman, Mrs. C. C. Oates, vice-chairman, W. L. Plonk, Leonard Smith, J. E. Mauney, and Ollie Harris.

West Kings Mountain: H. D. Ormand, chairman, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, vice-chairman, H. B. Jackson, Mrs. J. N. Gamble, and Martin Harmon.

Grover: J. B. Ellis, chairman, Mrs. D. A. Moss, vice-chairman, Vance Kiser, Carley Martin, William J. Herndon, and James Byers.

Chairman Horn said he had not received the Bethware report, but that he was naming Wayne L. Ware, Jr., chairman, to attend to completion of the precinct organization.

Hickory Couple To Manage Club

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Byrd, of Hickory, will come to Kings Mountain May 24 to assume the management of the Kings Mountain Country Club; a notice to members revealed Wednesday.

George H. Houser, club president, said announcement had been withheld the past two weeks to allow Mr. and Mrs. Byrd to complete duties at their present employment and to make arrangements for moving to Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd have prior experience in catering at Dunn, where they served civic club luncheons, bridge luncheons and other similar gatherings.

Mrs. Byrd, in Hickory, has served as receptionist for a medical doctor. She is a registered nurse. Mr. Byrd, more recently has been a salesman for a casket-manufacturing concern. The Byrds have two children.

They will succeed Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spidel, who left Kings Mountain to manage a club at Rocky Mount.

The Byrds were employed as club managers on recommendation of the house committee, with the social committee concurring. Members of the house committee are George H. Mauney, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cooper, Mrs. John L. McGill, Hal Plonk, Mrs. George H. Mauney, and W. G. Grant.

CRITICALLY ILL — The condition of T. A. Pollock, who suffered a severe heart attack Sunday night, remains critical, his physician, Dr. John C. McGill, said Wednesday.

Davidson Creek Opponents Add 195 Names To Petition

Bridges Says Buffalo Water Cost \$550,000

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said this week the cost of utilizing the Buffalo Creek watershed as a source of city water would cost from \$550,000 to \$600,000.

He said he based the estimate on conversations with Ed Goter, Foote Mineral Company mining engineer.

Mr. Goter confirmed the conversations and said they occurred last October when the city was faced with a water shortage. He added, however, that the estimates were not engineering estimates, but merely off-the-cuff rough guesses on the cost of such an installation. At the time, Foote was faced with possible curtailment, due to lack of water, which it was purchasing from the city.

"It would have to be decided what size pipe would be used, how much right-of-way would cost, how deep the pipe would be laid, and many other possible variables determinable only after survey and cost estimate by competent engineers," Mr. Goter said.

Mr. Goter added that he had merely made a rough guess at \$50,000 to \$60,000 per mile on an estimated distance from Buffalo Creek of eight to ten miles.

The city has available \$250,000 for water plant improvements, with a portion of it already earmarked for a new dam and reservoir on Davidson Creek and remainder for building an addition to the filter plant and line extensions.

Both the city engineer, W. K. Dickson, and the State Board of Health engineer have advised attention of the city to utilization of Buffalo Creek as the only major source of water in the Kings Mountain area.

New Bank Window In Service Friday

First National Bank will put into service Friday its new exterior change-making window on West Mountain street.

President F. R. Summers said the window would be manned from 2 to 4:30 p. m. daily, except Wednesdays, in order to make change for patrons and to cash payroll checks.

Two 10-minute parking spaces on Mountain street have been rented by the bank from the city for accommodation of patrons. The bank no longer retains a 10-minute reserved space on Battle-ground avenue.

MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Methodist church will meet at Grace Methodist church Thursday, May 20, at 7:30. Officers for the coming year will be installed, followed by the Holy Communion. Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor, will lead the service.

Home Repair — Billy Staggs and Arthur Allen, Troop 13, Earl Bumgardner, Troop 12, and Phil Mauney, Troop 2.

Fishing — H. M. Metcalf, Dinkley Barrett, and Jerry Barrett, Continued On Page Eight

Kings Mountain Kiwanians To Honor Ladies At Annual Banquet Thursday

C. Shaw Smith, director of the Davidson College union and coordinator of student activities, will feature the entertainment program of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the organization's annual ladies night banquet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Smith, assisted by his wife, will present a show of magic and other entertainment.

A graduate of Davidson in 1939, he obtained a master's degree from the University of North Carolina, later served as instructor and commandant of cadets at Oak Ridge Military Institute, as YMCA secretary at Davidson, and during World War II, as director of USO camp shows in 27 nations of Europe and Africa. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity and Omicron Delta Dappa leadership fraternity.

Rev. W. L. Pressly will serve as master of ceremonies and Ar-



EAGLE SCOUT — James Allen Pressly, 13-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly, became an Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor last Thursday. The Eagle rank is highest in the Boy Scout organization.

James Pressly Is Eagle Scout

James Allen Pressly, Troop 1, 13-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly, was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge at the regular monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor Thursday night.

Scout Pressly achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in two years. He holds 32 merit badges.

Scout Pressly became a Boy Scout at the age of eleven. He is in the eighth grade at Central school.

Dan Payne, Troop 12, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout May 21, 1953, was presented the Gold Palm award, and Dewitt Blanton, of Troop 2, was recommended for Eagle rank.

Robert Chaney, Troop 13, was advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot.

Jim Rollins, Troop 1, was advanced to Second Class rank, and Earl Bumgardner, Troop 12, was advanced to First Class rank.

Merit badges were awarded as follows:

Citizenship in the home — Steve Kessler, Troop No. 1. Citizenship in the Nation — Benjie Moomaw and Dick Hunnicutt, both of Troop 1.

Cooking — Steve Kiser, Paul Hamrick, Dereck Smith, and Gilbert Brazell, of Troop No. 8. Fingerprinting — Erwin Houser, Troop 2.

Firemanship — Jerry Wilson and Paul Hamrick, Troop 8, and Dewitt Blanton, Troop 2.

Home Repair — Billy Staggs and Arthur Allen, Troop 13, Earl Bumgardner, Troop 12, and Phil Mauney, Troop 2.

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Clerk's Injuries Delay Naming Of Appraisers

Opponents of the Davidson Creek dam project this week continued to obtain signatures to petitions asking the city board of commissioners to repeal their decision. The new listing showed 195 additional signatures, bringing the total to date to 602 persons.

Commissioner Harold J. Phillips, who opposes the Davidson Creek project, said he had filed the original petitions, bearing 407 signatures, with Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

Otherwise, the city's proceedings on acquisition of the Grantham-Lynch-Cox property in the Davidson Creek dam area was held up due to injuries to E. A. Houser, clerk of Superior Court. Mr. Houser is hospitalized due to auto accident injuries and does not expect to be dismissed from the hospital until late this week. On petition from the city, it is the clerk's duty to appoint the three-man appraisal team to determine value of the Grantham-Lynch-Cox tract, which the city is obtaining via condemnation procedure.

No answer was filed to the city's suit asking appointment of the appraisal group, and the waiting period has passed.

The petition of the citizens asks the board of commissioner to submit the Davidson Creek project to popular vote, in lieu of halting the project.

The 195 names appearing on the additional petitions include: J. F. Gantt, Rom Earney, Eta Earny, Odrey H. Ernst, Pauline Ernest, Maggie Dotson, M. G. Carpenter, Leonora Carpenter, Jessie T. Bagwell, J. T. Carroll, Janie Carroll, C. B. King, B. D. King, Jim Pearson, Wynon Pearson, W. J. England, Mrs. E. H. Myers, R. P. Welch, John K. Hulleader, Charles V. Cooke, Doris D. Cooke, J. C. Gladden, Lucille Gladden, Mary Gladden, Jane Stroupe, Annie McAbee, Nora Caldwell, B. R. Sanders, Fannie Pearson, Freelove Foster, W. E. Pearson, Will Pryor, Lois Caldwell, Laurence W. Ramsey, Paul Ramsey, Mrs. Rosie L. Ramsey, Sallie Groves, Ella M. Groves, Vanna Guyton, Faye Bridges, H. L. Stewart, Bertie Stewart, S. A. Byers, L. B. Byers, Katherine Stewart, Mrs. Mary Bookout, Billie Jean Bookout, Bud Ross, W. H. Lefever, R. D. Cook, Farris Cook, Willard Dotson, G. Arthur Bar-

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New Lutheran Church To Open

The congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold services in their new church for the first time Sunday.

The pastor, Dr. W. F. Gerberding, will preach at the regular 11 a. m. service, and the choir will sing "Open the Gates of the Temple." B. S. Peeler, Jr., will sing a baritone solo, accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, organist, at the new Moeller pipe organ.

There will be no opening formalities, the pastor said, but formal services will be held at a future date.

On Sunday evening, at 7:30, Dr. Walter B. Freed, eminent Charlotte minister, will preach. Dr. Freed directed the religious portion of Tuesday's Freedom Day celebration in Charlotte, and recently accepted a call to Washington, D. C. Luther Place church. He is a member of the board of directors of Lenoir-Rhyne college and of the Board of Parish Education, Philadelphia, Pa. He is also a lecturer at Southern Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

At the evening service, Miss Frances Summers will be featured soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Herndon.

EXAMINATIONS

Examinations at Central High school will begin Wednesday afternoon May 26, and will end Friday afternoon, May 28, according to Mrs. Wanza Davis, of the superintendent's office. The school cafeteria will remain open through Friday noon, May 28, Mrs. Davis said.

Local News Bulletins

AWARDED DIPLOMA

Volunteer Fireman Frank Blanton was awarded a diploma from the Fire College and Drill School May 6, in Charlotte. According to Fireman Ted Gamble, in order to qualify for a diploma, a fireman must attend the school four years.

ASSIST AT FUNERAL

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and Officers Tom Gladden, Jack Stone, P. B. Sanders, Ralph Ware, R. R. Carrigan, B. P. Cook, and Bill Bell assisted Shelby police at the Clyde R. Hoey funeral Saturday in Shelby.

METER RECEIPTS

Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$151.47, as reported by Joe McDaniel, of the city clerk's office.

ONE FIRE

Only one call was answered this week by the Kings Mountain Fire Department as reported by Ted Gamble, foreman. On Monday, firemen were called to extinguish an oil stove blaze on Owens street. No damage was reported.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY

Rev. P. D. Patrick, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, and Dan Stewart, represented First Presbyterian and Dixon churches at the annual meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery which convened in Spindale Tuesday.

BANK HOLIDAY

First National Bank will be closed Thursday in observance of a North Carolina legal holiday, commemorating Mecklenburg county's Declaration of Independence in 1775.

PATTERSON BETTER

A. H. Patterson was reported improving steadily from an operation he underwent last week at Charlotte Memorial hospital. The family expects that Mr. Patterson will be able to return home before the end of the week.

SUPPER TUESDAY

A supper meeting of the Men of the Church of First Presbyterian church will be held Tuesday at 7 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Announcement was made by Robert Osborne, president of the men's group who said that Miss Margaret Stem, Public School Bible teacher, would be the speaker.

Lambeth Building Finishing Room

Lambeth Rope Corporation, on Philter Road, has begun construction of an addition to its plant to be utilized as a finishing room.

Frank Burio, general manager, said the new construction will provide 2,500 square feet of floor space and will result in a better balanced operation.

C. T. Bennett Construction Company is contractor for the brick addition.

Lithium Firm Breaks Ground For New Plant

Ground breaking ceremony was held Monday at 11 a. m. for a million dollar processing plant to be built by Lithium Corporation of America, Inc. E. T. Platt, business manager of the mining division and building coordinator, officiated.

The plant is being built on the western edge of Bessemer City's town limits. The building, Mr. Platt stated, will be 150 feet by 500 feet and will be the biggest plant of this type in the world.

When the plant is completed, Mr. Platt said, two main products and two by-products will be processed with lithium carbonate as the basic product.

The general construction contract to be awarded within a week, and actual operation of the plant employing some 300 employees is expected to begin sometime in October, Mr. Platt also stated.

George Glennon, chief engineer of building, from Minneapolis, Minn., attended the ceremony, along with city officials from Kings Mountain, Bessemer City, and an estimated crowd of 50 spectators.

Mayor, Clerk Work Overtime On Bonds

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and City Clerk Joe Hendrick worked overtime Monday night, appending their signatures and thereby authenticating 600 City of Kings Mountain bonds at a value of \$1,000 each.

The bonds, with interest coupons attached, had just been received from the printers.

Mayor Bridges and Clerk Hendrick signed 100 in a half-hour, estimating they could hold their speed to complete the work in three hours. The bonds will defray expenses of water, sewer, and recreation plant capital expenditures.

ATTEND MEETING

Dr. D. F. Hord and Dr. R. N. Baker, Kings Mountain dentists, have returned from a three-day meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society in session at Pinehurst.

Winston-Salem Native To Direct "Sword of Gideon" Production

William C. Trotman, of Winston-Salem, will be managing director of "Sword of Gideon", the historical pageant commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, for the 1954 season.

Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Trotman, a graduate of the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in dramatic art, was made this week by Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Little Theatre publicist.

The drama, the third season for "Sword of Gideon", will be presented at Kings Mountain National Park Amphitheatre the final two weekends in July and the first two weekends in August.

It was announced that preliminary tryouts for parts will be conducted at Kings Mountain High School auditorium on June 10 and 11, with final tryouts at the amphitheatre on June 12. Both speaking parts and non-speaking dancing and choral roles are open to all Kings Mountain area citizens, as well as to citizens in neighboring cities.

Mr. Trotman's first experience

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FUNERAL HELD — Funeral rites for Mrs. H. N. Moss, 78, above, were conducted last Thursday afternoon. A citizen of Kings Mountain for over 70 years, she succumbed suddenly on May 12 following a heart attack.

Mrs. H. N. Moss' Rites Conducted

Funeral service for Mrs. Mildred Allison Moss, 78, was conducted from First Presbyterian church last Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Rev. P. D. Patrick officiated and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Moss, widow of Capt. Henry Nicholas Moss who died in 1938, succumbed at her home on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:45 a. m. following a sudden heart attack at 4:30 that morning. She had been in good health prior to the attack.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Catherine Dixon and Hugh Parks Allison. She moved to Kings Mountain more than 70 years ago with her family and in 1893 was married to the late Capt. Moss.

Mrs. Moss was an active life-long member of First Presbyterian church and took an active part in the civic life of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are two sons, Nicholas A. Moss of Staten Island, N. Y., and George W. Moss of Kings Mountain, and four daughters. Continued On Page Eight

Cancer Fund Goal Is \$1,000

The Junior Woman's Club will conduct the annual appeal in Kings Mountain for the American Cancer society, it was announced this week by Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth, chairman of the fund appeal.

Goal of the Kings Mountain fund-raising effort is \$1,000. The county-wide goal is \$4,000.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur is serving as co-chairman of the drive and all members of the Junior Woman's Club are serving on the several solicitation committees. Mrs. Hudspeth added.

Contribution boxes will be placed in the city's business firms, and business and industry will be asked to support the appeal. The proceeds will be used, as formerly, in research for determining cause of cancer, treatment methods, and possible cures.

Mrs. Don W. Blanton is treasurer of the fund.

"Kings Mountain has never failed to meet its quota for the Cancer Fund," Mrs. Hudspeth noted, and urged that citizens give liberally to the appeal.

Crawford Selling To B. & B. Food

Agreement for sale of Crawford's Market to B. & B. Food Stores has been concluded and the transaction will be concluded on or about June 1. It was announced yesterday by J. Wilson Crawford, owner of Crawford's Market.

The purchase by B. & B. Food Stores, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ford and Mr. and Mrs. H. Tom Fulton, will involve inventory and fixtures. The B. & B. firm has obtained a lease on the building occupied by Crawford's Market. The building is jointly owned by Mr. Crawford and W. K. Mauney. In turn, Mr. Crawford said, he has concluded an agreement for sale of his interest in the building to Mr. Mauney.

B. & B. now operates a grocery on West Mountain street. It expects to completely renovate and modernize the Battleground avenue building now occupied by the Crawford firm, with a large outlay to be made for modern fixtures.

Mr. Crawford said that, while his future business plans are indefinite, he will continue to live in Kings Mountain and to conduct a "business of some kind".

Wilson Crawford and his brother, Harold Crawford, resumed ownership of the grocery establishment in 1946, re-purchasing it from W. T. Weir, after the Crawford brothers were discharged from the army after World War II. Prior to World War II, the brothers had operated the business with their father, the late W. J. Crawford, for many years. A Kings Mountain merchant, Wilson Crawford purchased the interest of Harold Crawford several months ago.



TO DIRECT DRAMA — William C. Trotman, of Winston-Salem, has been appointed managing director of the forthcoming season's production of "Sword of Gideon", scheduled for Kings Mountain National Military Park Amphitheatre on four weekends beginning July 22.

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