



ONE OF FLOATS TO APPEAR HERE — "Cracker Express" is one of the several floats which will appear in Kings Mountain's 1954 Christmas opening parade scheduled by the Kings Moun-

tain Merchants association for December 8. The float pictured is sponsored by Lance, Inc., of Charlotte.

### December 8 Parade To Be Biggest Christmas Opening In History

Kings Mountain's biggest-ever Christmas opening parade will be held December 8, according to present plans of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Sam Collins, who with Fred W. Plonk, in charge of the parade plans, said Wednesday that at least a half-dozen floats will appear in the parade, five smart-stepping high school bands, and numbers of local units, including the National Guard company, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Brownie Scout groups, and several high school truces.

Final entry list for the parade is yet incomplete, Mr. Collins said, but he said the present list indicates the December 8 parade will top all previous Christmas opening events in Kings Mountain.

Announcement will be made next week on the line of march, hour, and other specific details.

Floats in the parade will include the "Cracker Express" of Lance, Inc., another by Queen City Coach company and a mammoth Santa Claus float with prancing reindeer. Lon Love, of Queen City Coach Company, has also informed the parade managers that he will ride his famous white stallion, Sir Charles Allen Jr., in the parade, and that his company will also enter one of its modern deck-and-one-half buses.

Contributions totaling \$1,100 for the benefit of the county tuberculosis association's 1954 Christmas seal campaign were reported by the county TB association Tuesday.

Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, executive director, urged all individuals and firms to contribute to the campaign, goal of which is \$10,000. The county was short some \$3,000 of its 1953 quota.

General contribution letters containing three sheets of Christmas seals went out to 6,500 Kings Mountain area citizens Monday morning. Mrs. Jarrett noted that three sheets of the familiar seals are being sent out this year, an increase of one over previous years.

"We hope, she said, that citizens will increase their donations.

Christmas Seal Sale Progressing

### Luckies Pin Third Loss On Alleycats

The Lucky Five handed the Alley Cats their third loss of the season at Shelby Community Center Monday night as the Keglers downed the Independents.

THE SCORES:

Team	W	T	L	Pct.
Shelby	5	0	1	.833
Forest City	4	1	1	.750
KINGS MTN.	3	1	2	.583
Lincolnton	3	1	2	.583
Cherryville	3	0	3	.500
Belmont**	0	1	4	.100
Ruth-Spindale**	0	0	5	.000

(\*includes Belmont wins forfeited to Forest City, and Lincolnton and Belmont tie forfeited to Cherryville by action of WNCNCAA Executive Committee on Nov. 15 and Ruth-Spindale wins forfeited to Shelby, Forest City, Lincolnton and Cherryville by WNCNCAA action on Nov. 22.) (\*\*—Belmont vs. Ruth-Spindale game not counted.)

### New School Site Not Yet Chosen

Site of a proposed elementary school building in the north section of the city had not been selected by the Kings Mountain school board on Wednesday.

School board chairman A. W. Kincaid and Superintendent B. N. Barnes were in Raleigh on Monday discussing the city's school building program with state school board officials.

Mr. Barnes reported that plans for Central school re-lighting were approved and that bids will be sought after specifications are completed.

State officials are studying plans for a North elementary building, he said, and will forward recommendation on size of the structure after approval by the state school board.

The local board has been considering two sites — one at the corner of N. Candler and Walker streets and the other north of Lacey st. between Hamers st. and N. Piedmont ave. A state survey team recommended the Lacey st. site on the basis of "a center of pupil population" in a report on a survey made here on July 7.

Funds are needed badly," she added.

Grady Howard and Paul Walker are co-chairmen of the drive in Kings Mountain.

### Shelby Now Tops In Loop Legal Race

Shelby has been ruled South Group champs and Vaidese, North Group winner, gets the Western Conference crown by default as the result of a WNCNCAA executive committee meeting at Mooresville Monday at which Ruthfordton-Spindale's wins were ordered forfeited via use of an over-age player.

The shake-up leaves Kings Mountain in a tie for third place, but with Lincolnton, and moves Forest City to the No. 2 spot.

Shelby had closed shop for the season when the action took place and was unable to meet Vaidese, Lexington, South Piedmont and Belmont. Valdesse camp, declined to play Vaidese for the WNCNCAA championship, an event previously ruled out after the new groupings of the schools.

### County Cagers Rest On Friday

Bethware high-school cagers move to Lattimore Tuesday night and Grover moves to Mooresboro to continue Cleveland County Basketball Conference play.

Bethware downed Grover in the opening game of the season. Both teams are idle Friday.

On last Thursday at Bethware, Coach Jeff Wells' clubs evened the count with Tryon in a pair of practice games.

Bethware's girls won an overtime contest 57-52 after finishing with Tryon at 50-all at the end of the regular playing time. Laura Morris paced the winners with 33-points and Lib Bolin had 19 as Bethware led at the half by 37-34. Paysour paced Tryon with 20.

In the boys game, Bethware scored a 48-40 verdict with Jack Barrett hitting 15 and Ralph Hord 14. Lynn had 16 for the losers.

Bethware's girls boast six lettermen, including five starters from last season and All-County Guard Wilma Ledbetter. Della Champion fills out the forward threesome with Morris and Bolin and Lib Barrett and Nancy Bell run the guard positions along with Ledbetter.

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Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at the home of the deceased, Mrs. R. L. Plonk, 1000 N. Candler st., Kings Mountain. Burial will be in the Kings Mountain cemetery.

### Coach, 2 Players In Bowl Contest

Dewitt Blanton and Ken Cloninger are members of the East team, of which Coach Shu Carlton is assistant coach, which is scheduled to face the West team in the annual Optimist Bowl game in Asheville Thursday afternoon.

The Thanksgiving Day contest will bring together some of the finest high school players ever to perform in Western North Carolina.

Coach Carlton and his two players, along with Buddy Mayes, East team student manager, left for Asheville the middle of last week and have been busy in drills since then.

The Kings Mountain coach appeared on WLOS-TV prior to the professional football game last Sunday with a report on the East squad and several players have also appeared on programs during the week.

Coach Carlton, who was assistant coach on the 1949 North Carolina team for the Charlotte Shrine Bowl game, received another honor this week when he placed in the top five among some 44 western area coaches in a preliminary ballot to select the west team coach for the annual NCHSAA football game at Greensboro next August. Another ballot will be taken among the coaches to select one of the top five for the job.

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Broken toys collected will be mended by members of the department and distributed Christmas to children of needy families. Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said that all toys, either large or small, will be appreciated.

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Persons wishing to contribute may do so by calling 254.

### Surgeon Group Inducts Plonk

Dr. George W. Plonk, of Raleigh, was among more than 1,000 surgeons inducted last Friday as new fellows in the American College of Surgeons in cap-and-gown ceremonies closing the annual five-day clinical congress of the world's largest organization of surgeons, held at Atlantic City, N. J.

Dr. Plonk, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, is on the staff of Rex hospital, Raleigh. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, he attended the University's medical school for two years, then completed his medical work at Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa. After interning at Lakenau General hospital, he served on active duty with the army in Italy, then spent two years at a hospital in Memphis, N. C. He returned to Philadelphia for a further study in surgery at University of Pennsylvania and took a residency at Lakenau before going to Raleigh for the general practice of surgery. His wife is the former Miss Margaret Cooper, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper, of Kings Mountain.

Fellowship entitling the recipient to the designation, "F. A. C. S." following his name, is awarded to doctors who fulfill comprehensive requirements for acceptable medical education and advanced training as a specialist in one of the branches of surgery, and who give evidence of good moral character and ethical practice.

### Big Field Is Expected For Amateur Stock Car Race At Speedway Sunday

Some 30-35 hopped-up stock cars are expected Sunday for the strictly amateur racing event at Kings Mountain Speedway. The race is to get underway at 2 p. m., with time trials starting at 1 o'clock.

Winford Marteen, track manager, said yesterday that some 20 South Carolina drivers have already entered, along with the 10 previously announced entrants.

"It will be a bigger and better race than the track opener here on Nov. 6," Mr. Marteen said. "I urge everyone to go to the church of his choice on Sunday morning and come to the races in the afternoon," he added.

Manager Marteen said that hot dogs, coffee and cold drinks will be available at the track, which has a 1,000-seat grandstand, and is a one-half mile clay track, steeply banked.

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Admission to the race is two dollars and Promoter Clyde Hillender has announced that children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

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### Junior Baseball Age Limit Is Increased

Age limit for eligibility of players in the American Legion junior baseball program has been set back four months, according to information learned here last week.

The new ruling states that boys born on September 1, 1937 or thereafter will be eligible to participate during the 1955 season.

The previous eligibility date was January 1 — i. e. boys born on or after Jan. 1, 1937 were eligible in 1954.

Two players on the 1954 Kings Mountain Legion team will again be eligible next season under the new ruling. They are Winifred White, infielder, and Cecil Shope, Bessemer City southpaw pitcher. Pitcher Ralph Hord missed by three weeks gaining another season of eligibility. Outfielder George Harris gained another season and now has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

Funeral details had not been learned here, but were probably held in Attmore Tuesday.

The University of Maryland has tested an experimental harvester that picks tomatoes 50 per cent faster than the average pickers.

### Matthews' Brother Dies Of Leukemia

George Preston Matthews, 55, brother of Eugene Matthews, Herald mechanical superintendent, died at Duke hospital last Friday night at 10:20. Death was attributed to leukemia.

He had been ill for the past ten weeks.

Mr. Matthews, born in Steadman, had lived in Attmore, Ala., for the past 12 years, where he was chief bookkeeper for a lumber concern.

Surviving, in addition to his brother here, are his wife, a daughter, two grandchildren, a brother and sister.

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### IMPERIAL THEATRE

Kings Mountain, N. C. Phone 134  
TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
"SOUTHWEST PASSAGE"  
in technicolor with Rod Cameron  
Cartoon

FRIDAY - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26-27  
Double Feature — Opens at 11 o'clock  
"GHOST CHASERS"  
with Bowery Boys  
Two Cartoons — Comedy  
"FOUR FACES WEST"  
with Joel McCrea

MONDAY - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29-30  
"FRANCIS JOINS THE WACS"  
with Donald O'Connor, Julia Adams, and Francis, the Talking Mule  
Two Cartoons

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY DECEMBER 1-2  
"LET'S DO IT AGIN"  
in technicolor with Jane Wyman and Ray Milland  
Cartoon

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**SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS**  
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Mon. - Tues. — 2 for 1 Days  
BIG-FIRST RUN PICTURE  
Glenn Ford — Gloria Graham in  
**"HUMAN DESIRE"**  
NEXT WEEK:  
Wed. - Thurs. — 2 for 1 Days  
(2 ADULTS FOR THE PRICE OF 1)  
Dana Andrews — Jeanne Crain  
— in —  
**"DUEL IN THE JUNGLE"**

**DRAGNET**  
Warnercolor  
Ben Alexander, Richard L. Green  
No. 2  
George Montgomery  
**GUN BELT**  
Technicolor  
Sun. - Mon. - Tues. November 28, 29, 30  
2 BIG HITS 2  
**CARNIVAL STORY**  
Anne Baxter - Steve Cochran  
Lyle Bettiger - George Nader  
Technicolor  
No. 2  
Greater than King Solomon's Mines! M-G-M's  
**MOGAMBO**  
— with —  
Clark Gable - Ava Gardner  
Technicolor  
Feature No. 1 at 6:30  
Feature No. 2 at 8:30  
Mon. - Tues. — 5c per Car

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WARNER BROS. PRESENT  
**ALAN LADD DRUM BEAT**  
IN DELMER DAVES  
They called him 'Injun-Lover'... They called on him when everyone else had run away!  
**CINEMASCOPE**