

## Local News Bulletins

### ATTENDING CONVENTION

Earl B. Ruth, city recreation director, is in Atlantic City, N. J., this week where he is attending the National Recreation convention. Mr. Ruth will return here on Friday. Coach Don Parker will be in charge of the Thursday night Industrial Basketball league program, it was announced.

### WAR DADS MEET

Wray Williams, president of the War Dads chapter, states that there will be a meeting of the War Dads on Friday night, this week, at the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock. Each member is urged to be present for it was decided at the last meeting that a partial reorganization would be had at this meeting.

### TAG DEADLINE

Thursday is the final day for buying city license tags before members of the police department begin shooting taggers in to get them — and pay a penalty for being late — according to H. L. Burdette. Personnel in clerk's office where the tags are on sale, said that sales through Wednesday totaled 500, approximately the same as last year.

### KIWANIS PROGRAM

C. M. King, principal of Shelby junior high school, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:30. Mr. King is a member of the Shelby Kiwanis club and chairman of that club's program committee.

### ATTEND SOME MEETING

H. F. Dixon, J. G. Darmoott, Edwin Moore and W. L. Plonk, officers of the Kings Mountain Lions club and Zone Chairman George W. Mauney, attended the zone meeting of the organization held at Shelby Tuesday night. Representatives of the Shelby, Forest City and Cliffside clubs also attended.

### COGGINS DISCHARGED

Sgt. Harold Coggins, well-known Kings Mountain business man, was separated from the army this week, and arrived home Wednesday morning. Sgt. Coggins, who served in the European Theater, has been stationed at Fort Bragg since his return to the United States several months ago.

### WATER LINE WORK

New cast iron water lines are now being installed by the City of Kings Mountain in the Cora Mill village, according to H. L. Burdette, city manager. Laying of a 2-inch cast iron pipe will replace old-lead worn out pipe which will give residents of that section much better water service, it was stated.

### LEGION MEETING

Members of Otis D. Greene Post 155, American Legion, will hold their regular meeting at the City Hall Tuesday night at 7:00. Commander John H. Floyd stated that several important matters are to be discussed and urged a full attendance.

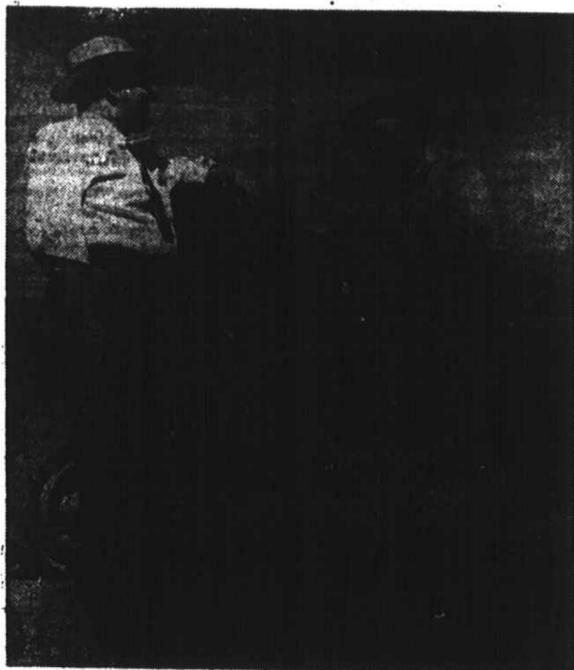
### Service Widow Needs Home; Can You Help?

The graphic pictures appearing in magazines and newspapers during the past few weeks which show the plight of persons seeking places to live came home to the Herald this week.

A young widow whose husband died on the battlefield, came in to ask if there were any way the Herald could help her find a residence for herself and three small children.

The Herald couldn't, and suggested that she need not waste 30 cents on the "For Rent" portion of the classified ad section.

It was not many of any vacancies, and you please call the Herald and see if the aid of this young widow whose husband died serving his country and preserving your home from barbarian hordes?



FARM OFFICIALS—Pictured above are Tom Farmer, secretary-treasurer of the Shelby National Farm Loan Association, and Wayne L. Ware, of Kings Mountain, a director of the association, looking at Mr. Ware's lime spreader. This piece of machinery has been of practical help to Mr. Ware in his intensive farming operations. Mr. Ware has been a director for 15 years of the Kings Mountain National Farm Loan Association, which association was merged with the Rutherfordton Association and is now the Shelby NFPA. He is a great booster of his national farm loan association and says that many farmers in his section would have been in a bad fix had it not been for the help they received from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia and their national farm loan association. Mr. Ware does general farming and is an extensive peach grower in Cleveland County.

## Junior Chamber Is Organized; George Ware Chosen President

Forty-six Kings Mountain men between the ages of 21 and 35—the majority of them veterans of World War II, completed organization of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting at the City Hall Monday night and elected George Ware president of the organization.

Other officers elected were: Hoyie (Shook) McDaniel, vice president, Martin Harmon, vice president, Vernon Crosby, secretary, and Jim Page, treasurer.

Directors for two years chosen were: George Houser, James Houser, Clemonese McDaniel, and William S. Fulton, Jr.

One-year directors are: Karl Sawyer, Bill Logan, Carl Finger and W. K. Mauney, Jr.

The organization voted to hold regular meetings on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7 p. m. However, no meeting will be held Friday night, February 1, due to the close proximity of the organization meeting. Next meeting is to be a dinner session on February 15.

Meantime, directors and officers will meet Friday night at 7 o'clock at the City Hall to draft a constitution and make arrangements for obtaining a charter from national headquarters.

Out-of-town Jaycees present for the organization meeting and assisting in the election of officers were Dick LeGrande, immediate past president of the Shelby club, Kenneth Baumgardner, Gastonia, vice president of the state organization, Bob Abernathy, Gastonia, past state president, and Bill Baley and Charlie Aylor, members of the Shelby club.

Formal organization of the group followed a meeting held the previous week at which 42 were present.

Junior Chambers of Commerce are civic in nature and their activities are designed to benefit the community.

The organization has had a large growth throughout North Carolina and the nation in recent years.

Only men between the ages of 21 and 35 are eligible for membership.

### Morrison Purchases Powerful Army BT-13

Dr. D. M. Morrison, proprietor of Kings Mountain Airport on the Grover road, announced this week purchase of a BT-13 army trainer, which he described as the "fastest, most powerful plane ever to land at an air port here."

Dr. Morrison said that the plane would be at the airport Sunday for passenger trips.

A single-engine plane, it develops 450 horsepower.

Dr. Morrison also announced that the runway at the airport has been lengthened to 4,500 feet and that the hangar is nearing completion.

### Ratterree Signs Pro Grid Contract

Fride Ratterree, well-known Kings Mountain man and star tackle of the Wake Forest Deacon Deacons, has signed a contract to play football for the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League for the 1946 season, according to an Associated Press report from Chicago last week.

Ratterree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fride Ratterree, Sr., has been a mainstay of the Deacon Deacon line for the past two seasons. The team had a successful season, ending it with a victory over the University of South Carolina in a New Year's Day bowl clash at Jacksonville, Fla. He will graduate from Wake Forest in June.

He is the first Kings Mountain man to sign a professional football contract.

## Home B. & L. Had Good Year

Officers and directors of Home Building and Loan Association were re-elected last Thursday night at the annual stockholder's meeting of the organization at which A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, reported an excellent year for the financial institution.

In his annual report, Mr. Patterson pointed out that loans had shown a gain of \$44,000 during 1945, for the first gain in five years, reported assets had increased by \$78,000, and that the association had added \$6,000 to its reserve fund for contingencies.

Total assets of the association at the close of business for 1945 were \$535,823.45, as compared to \$457,173.77 on December 31, 1944. Included in the total assets is \$297,189.80, in mortgage loans. The reserve fund is \$23,000.

A large number of stockholders attended the annual meeting.

Officers are: Dr. J. E. Anthony, president, J. B. Thomason, first vice president, Z. F. Cranford, second vice president, A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer.

Directors include Dr. Anthony, Mr. Thomason, Mr. Cranford, Mr. Patterson, G. A. Bridges, I. G. Patterson, J. B. Mauney, L. I. Alexander and J. H. Thomson.

### FINGER IN STATES

First Lieutenant Fred E. Finger, son of Mrs. F. E. Finger, landed in the United States Sunday, returning from the European Theater of Operations. Lt. Finger is expected to be in Kings Mountain within a few days.

## Merchants Association Supports Chamber of Commerce Organization

### Court Docket Heavy; Drunken Drivers Fined

City recorder's court business, which had dwindled to almost nothing for the past two weeks, took a definite upturn Monday with 21 defendants facing the bar of justice, according to records in the office of City Clerk Karl Sawyer.

Highlighting the Monday session were five cases of drunken driving, with each being found guilty.

M. B. Bourdeaux, Golden Roberts, Robert Carl Helms and Yates Daniel Blanton each received statutory sentences of three months in jail suspended on payment of fines of \$50 and costs. In addition, their driving licenses were revoked for 12 months. Gerald Shytle, found guilty of driving drunk and driving without a license was fined \$60 and costs, in lieu of a three-month term.

Reeves K. Royster was given 30 days in jail when he failed to pay fine and costs on a charge of public drunkenness and Woodrow Kimball was fined \$25 and costs on the same charge. James E. Harfiss was fined \$10 and costs as was Goldie Boyce, both on charges of drunkenness.

Mary Stanly Barringer, also charged with drunkenness, was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of costs and the condition that she remain outside the confines of Kings Mountain for a period of 12 months.

In other cases involving drunkenness, the following were assessed with the costs: James A. Price, James C. Early, B. C. Bippy, H. K. Morgan Ned Hord, and Will Harris. On the same charge, Dolph Chambers was fined \$5 and costs, and James Boyce paid a fine of \$15 and costs in lieu of a 30-day term.

Traffic violations resulted in two cases. Joseph Russell Green was given a two-month term for reckless driving, suspended on payment of a fine of \$55 and costs, and Earl C. Bailey received the same judgment, suspended on payment of a fine of \$15 and costs.

## Victory Clothing Campaign Ends Today; More Are Needed

W. L. Plonk, chairman of Kings Mountain's Victory Clothing Collection, issued a last-minute appeal to the citizens of the community Wednesday morning, urging them to bring in at least 1,000 pieces of old clothing for the needy peoples of war-ravaged nations before the end of the collection tonight.

Mr. Plonk reported that 6,500 pieces of wearing apparel have already been received, and he said that Kings Mountain, within sight of the 7,500 goal, should not fail to reach its quota.

He announced that the campaign would definitely end as scheduled with all apparel collected to be shipped Friday morning to this state's principal depot and then on to Europe, China, the Philippines and other needy nations.

He also announced that Park Grace School had written 2,000 letters for enclosure with the clothing, adding that the seventh grade at this school captured the prize for the greatest number of letters written. Announcement of winning classrooms at other schools will be made next week.

"I would like to congratulate Mrs. J. C. Nickles, the principal, and her students for the excellent manner in which they responded to this request. They have a splendid school."

Mr. Plonk also praised Davidson colored school for the neatness of its letters.

Clothing should be taken to Plonk Brothers and Company prior to 5:30 this afternoon.

### CHARIFICATION

In a short news account in last week's Herald, it was stated that William Leigh, of Kings Mountain, was fined \$30 and costs in county court on charges of prostitution and indecent exposure at a hotel. Recent information reveals that William Leigh, of Kings Mountain, is in the army at Fort Bragg. The man fined was another William Leigh, of Shelby.

### Today Is Final One For Listing Taxes

Today — Thursday — is the final day for listing county and city taxes, and both Charles G. Dilling, county auditor and tax supervisor, and H. L. Burdette, city manager, announced that there would be no extension for regular property listing.

Citizens who fail to list their properties by the close of business today will have to visit the county office at Shelby and the city office here to list their taxes and also pay a penalty for late listing, it was stated.

Meantime, J. B. Ellis, county and city tax lister who is at the City Hall courtroom, said that listing had been very brisk this week and he added that it was his opinion listing was ahead of last year. However, a large number still have not listed, he pointed out, urging citizens of Number 4 township to visit him Thursday to avoid the trouble of making two separate listings and to avoid the penalties.

## March Of Dimes Response Good

B. N. Barnes, co-chairman of the Cleeland County March of Dimes campaign for the benefit of the fight against infantile paralysis, reported this week that the school organization "is really making the dimes march," but added that a working organization to solicit business firms would be necessary to assure Kings Mountain of meeting its share of the county quota of \$10,000.

Mr. Barnes said that such an organization would probably begin work next week.

He said that incomplete preliminary returns showed a good response to the appeal, first begun in honor of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself, an infantile victim.

Collections have been taken at each showing at the Dixie and Imperial Theatres this week, and both

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## Action Taken To Improve City Parking

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, in meeting at the City Hall Monday night, passed a resolution urging the organization of a Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and also took steps to alleviate the present limited parking situation in the business section.

The 55-minute session found the merchants enthusiastic concerning the possible formation of a Chamber of Commerce and the resolution pledged endorsement of an active cooperation in which a Citizens Committee in such a project.

Discussion on the subject was varied, with the general trend favoring organization of a Chamber of Commerce to work in conjunction with the Merchants Association, thus enabling each to have full-time paid executive personnel.

The resolution as passed read: "The Kings Mountain Merchants Association commends to the commercial, industrial and professional groups of the city the proposed organization of a Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, and the association pledges to give such a project its full backing and cooperation."

Many of the members present urged immediate action.

Discussion concerning the limited parking facilities in the business section resulted in appointment of a committee including Hilton Ruth, J. G. Darracott and O. O. Walker to work out means of improving the situation. The committee is to request of the city board immediate marking off of parking spaces on city streets in the business area and also to arrange parking areas on vacant lots in the business section.

The group also voted to hold its customary employer - employee banquet during February, the date to be arranged. At this meeting, officers for the forthcoming year will be installed.

A committee, including Byron Keeter, chairman, John L. McGill and Martin Harmon, was named to make arrangements for the banquet, and a committee to conduct a vote among association members for the purpose of electing new officers and directors was appointed. This committee includes E. C. McClain, chairman, J. W. Milam and O. W. Myers.

## Baird Granted Leave Of Absence

Dr. R. N. Baird, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.B.P. church has been granted a one year leave of absence in which to further recuperate from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered last summer, it was announced this week.

Dr. Baird had previously planned to return to the pulpit on January 1 but his physician advised a longer rest before he assumes his full ministerial duties.

Action of the church board was taken at a meeting held recently.

Dr. and Mrs. Baird expect to leave this week end for Augusta, Ga., where they will spend two months with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burkhalter. Mrs. Burkhalter is Mrs. Baird's sister.

## James F. Bookout Rites Conducted

Funeral services for James F. Bookout, 80, who died in Rock Hill, S. C. hospital Friday, after he suddenly became ill on Wednesday, were held Sunday afternoon at Bethesda Presbyterian church, near Rock Hill.

He was the uncle and great-uncle of a large number of Kings Mountain people. Among those attending the rites were Mrs. E. B. Olive, Hal Olive, Mrs. A. L. Allran Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allran, Mrs. Greer McDaniel, Betty McDaniel, Wilburn McDaniel, Mrs. W. C. Patnam, Fulton and Mike Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fulton, Miss Winifred Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crawford and children of Bethany and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Hoke and son, Charles, of Lincoln.

200 Items of Apparel Needed by 5:30 This Afternoon