

## Local News Bulletins

### HOSPITAL MONEY BANKED

Funds from the sale of Cleveland County bonds — approximately \$160,000 — earmarked for building of a 50-bed hospital here, were deposited in the First National bank this week, according to Glee A. Bridges, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

### CANCER DRIVE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. E. A. Shenk has been named chairman of the Kings Mountain phase of the Cleveland County campaign for funds for Cancer control, it was announced Wednesday.

### ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Earl Bath, city recreation director, announced this week that the regular Saturday activities program would move outdoors, with softball to replace winter activities. Schedule of activities remains the same, he said.

### SHOW SATURDAY NIGHT

An old-fashioned variety show, featuring a cake-walk, hog-calling contest and special music will be held Saturday night at 7:30 at Park Grace school. The show is under sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 7. Admission will be 15 and 25c.

### KIWANIS PROGRAM

R. T. Hammett, public relations counsel for the Charlotte branch of Standard Oil of N. J., will address members of the Kiwanis club at their meeting at the Woman's club, Thursday night at 6:30. Members of the high school girls' and boys' basketball teams will be guests of the club at this meeting.

### TO AID REVIVAL

Rev. L. C. Plaxix, pastor of First Baptist church, will be song leader at a two-weeks revival at First Baptist church, Lincolnton, beginning Sunday and continuing through April 12. Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of Second Baptist church, Little Rock, Ark., will conduct the services. Mr. Plaxix will not be absent from his pulpit during the revival series, he said.

## Builder's Supply Firm Is Opened

Charles F. and George B. Thomasson, sons of Mrs. C. F. Thomasson and the late Mr. Thomasson, are announcing this week the opening of Thomasson's Builder's Supply. The new firm is in temporary location in the Houser building on Battleground avenue next to Plonk Motor company.

Charles Thomasson, formerly associated with Elmer Lumber company, here, was a salesman for National Gypsum company before returning here a few weeks ago. George Thomasson returned to Kings Mountain last week from the European theater of operations, following discharge from the army. The new firm will deal in cement, lime, plaster, masonite, sheetrock, lath, doors, windows, roofing, paint wall paper, flooring, mortar-mix, cements, nails, builders hardware and a complete line of building materials.

## Cletus Long's Father Succumbs In Oklahoma

I. F. Long, 79, father of Cletus Long of Kings Mountain, died at his home in Chouteau, Okla., on March 19. Funeral rites were held in Hominy, Okla., on March 23. Mr. Long, an attorney, maintained offices in both Hominy and Chouteau. He was a native of Monroe, practiced law there and in Gastonia before moving to Oklahoma. A justice of the peace for many years, he was known by his friends as "Judge." Mr. and Mrs. Long, and Dewitt Long, attended the funeral. Of 11 surviving children, Cletus Long is the oldest.

## Negro In Hospital After Fracas Monday

Emad Ashely, local negro, is in Gas South colored hospital recuperating from injuries received in a fight with a white man Monday. In connection with the case, Lewis Gordon is charged with assault with a deadly weapon, pending recovery of Ashely, as well as destroying public property.

## Red Cross Fund Totals \$3,460; Gifts Are Urged

Kings Mountain's Red Cross fund campaign moved near its goal, according to reports of Wednesday morning which showed the total receipts at \$3,460 against the quota of \$4,050. Drive officials expressed confidence that the campaign would be successfully completed by April 1, closing date of the drive, but urged all workers to complete canvass and to turn in reports by the end of the week.

Among the groups still to report are Grover and the Negro groups. Grover was officially reported to have a total of \$279 in its fund Wednesday, with more to be received, and the colored groups were expected to report on Monday. "We are anxious not only to meet the quota, but to exceed it," J. E. Herndon, chairman of the drive, said Wednesday.

"Our quota was much smaller than the 1945 quota, and even smaller in comparison to 1946 quotas of other cities and counties in the state. This was due to the fact that less demands were made for Red Cross funds in 1945 than were anticipated. The quota of \$4,050 was based on absolute minimum budget figures. Contingencies constantly arise, and we should like to exceed the quota by a satisfactory amount. "Almost one-half of this amount remains right here in Kings Mountain and is used to provide Red Cross services for the people of No. 4 township. "If you haven't already given, do this immediately," he concluded.

## Walker Sells Cleaning Firm

O. O. Walker, proprietor of Walker Dry Cleaning, announced Wednesday sale of the establishment to D. C. McCurdy of Durham. The sale is effective Monday, April 1, and the firm name will be changed to D. C. McCurdy Cleaners. Mr. Walker purchased his business from the late W. F. Logan several years ago.

He made no announcements concerning his immediate business plans, but said he expected to remain in Kings Mountain.

At present, Mr. Walker has under construction two business buildings on E. King street, one of which will house a bottling plant and the other a grocery.

Mr. McCurdy is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Silver Springs, Md., National Institute of Dry Cleaning and has several years' experience in the cleaning trade.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Kings Mountain," Mr. Walker said, "and I appreciate their patronage and cooperation. My successor is experienced in the cleaning business, and commend his firm to our patrons."

## School Purchases Bleachers For Gym

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, said this week that an order had been placed with Horn Manufacturing company, Fort Dodge, Iowa, for telescopic bleacher seats for use in the high school gymnasium. The bleachers include two sets of seats one for each side which when not in use, can be folded in telescope fashion into the wall. Seating capacity will be 562. The bleachers are expected to be installed before the 1947 cage season.

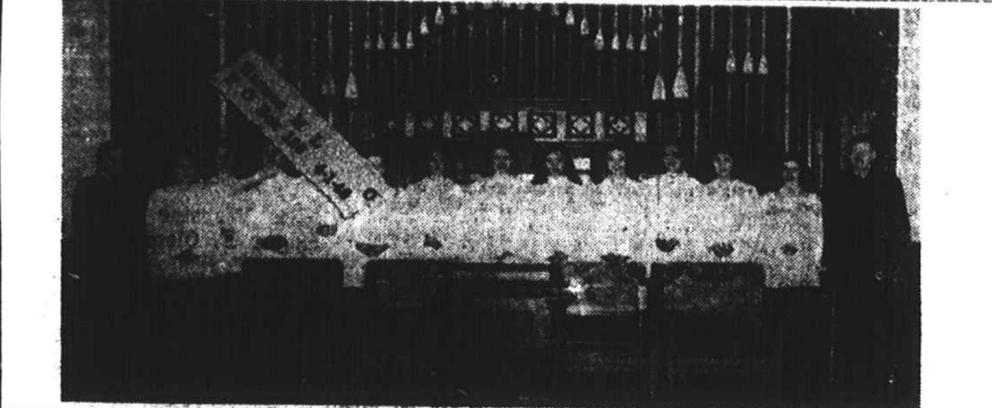
Mr. Barnes said that the seats are the most modern in gymnasium equipment, adding that the Duke University gymnasium is equipped with the same type seats. When the seats are in use, they protrude from the wall eight feet five inches. When folded, only 27 and one-half inches are required.

Mr. Barnes said this type seat would add to floor space for physical education instruction and that the telescopic folding feature has added safety advantages.

B. B. Neill and C. C. Edens served as the school board's committee on the purchase, with Paul Neill and W. J. Fulkerson serving as the board's advisory committee. Purchase price is \$2,900.

## Revival Continues

The evangelistic meeting at Dix Wesleyan Methodist church, which is being conducted by Rev. J. J. Hester, is being well attended. Some 25 persons have professed Christ as their Saviour. The meeting is scheduled to close Sunday night. Services are being held each night at 7:30. Rev. and Mrs. Hester will be in charge of the closing. A cordial welcome is extended to all.



BREVARD CHORUS TO SING HERE SUNDAY—shown above is the choir of Brevard college which will render a program here Sunday night at 7:30 at Central Methodist church. The choir's appearance here will be one of four programs to be given in this vicinity. Musical selections on the program include Schubert's "Ave Maria"; Gounod's "Sanctus"; and Shelley's "Hark, My Soul."

## 200 Present As Lions Hold Annual Farmer's Night Event

Some 200 Kings Mountain area farmers, Lions and their guests attended the annual Lions' Farmer's Night banquet at the Woman's club Tuesday night, all seeming to enjoy the antics of Cullen Johnson, featured entertainer, in a variety program of fun and frolic.

Mr. Johnson, of Station WRAL Raleigh, presented a humorous program of jokes aimed at both farmers and club members, gave impersonations of several radio stars, led a group song-fest, then conducted a "Truth or Consequence" skit in which the participants never correctly answered a question, sometimes to the discomfiture of the participants but not to the audience.

Mr. Johnson's best impersonation was a Kings Mountain variation of the Lum 'n' Abner radio show, and he also impersonated the late President Roosevelt. Jimmy Durante, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra. He was introduced by Otto Williams, member of the committee on arrangements for the banquet. Others on the committee were Allen Herndon, chairman, George W. Mauney, Eugene Patterson and Edwin Moore.

Martin Harmon welcomed the farmers to the annual event and "special guests, including heads of farm agencies and organizations in the county were introduced by H. Tom Fulton. Clyde Randall, on behalf of the farmers present, thanked the club for its hospitality. P. D. Herndon, president of the North Carolina Crop Improvement association, reminded Kings Mountain farmers of the North Carolina fees show to be held in Shelby in January and urged them to plan now for entries in the event. A delicious chicken dinner was served by the ladies of Grace Methodist church. Dinner music was rendered by Mrs. Thomas Templeton.

## Four Arrested In Tate Theft

Two colored men, one-legged Dub Brown and Junior Leech (alias Carroll) are lodged in city jail on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in connection with theft of jewelry from the C. O. Tate establishment in the Professional building Friday night.

Also indicted in connection with the same case, charged with receiving stolen goods, are Elma Harris, negro, and Thelma Hudson, negro. Police Chief W. C. Timmons said Mr. Tate furnished a list of missing items totalling \$696, and that about \$300 in jewelry had been recovered. Brown was arrested Friday, and police say they found some of the missing jewelry in a tomato can, buried in a trash pile. Majority of it was found after a search in Gastonia.

Leech was arrested in Charlotte, Monday, where Charlotte policemen, acting on information furnished by the local department, detained Leech when he was trying to enlist in the army. Officer N. M. Farr said the pair had entered the second floor jewelry shop by breaking the latch off the door.

If probable cause is found in preliminary hearing here, the quartet will be bound over to Superior Court.

## Wesleyan Revival Meeting Now Underway

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## High School Baseball Opener On Tuesday

Kings Mountain high school Mountaineers open their 1946 baseball schedule at Cliffside next Tuesday, returning to the Western Conference was after several seasons' absence. Needless to say, prospects are hardly considered bright. Gladest led in the lot of team candidates is Chris Edens, second baseman, but he's ineligible and won't be able to play until three weeks of the season have passed. Pitching is also a weak point, with F. C. Humphries, Jimmy Edgins and Ralph Northwest the principal prospects. Tentative starting line-up of the remaining eight men follows: Bill Detmar, 1b, Billy Gene Amos, 2b, Ralph Smith, 3b, Dwight Ware, ss, Bill Cochran, lf, Don Glass, cf, Bob Neill or Calvin Payne, rf, and Don Britt or Bobby Huffstetler, c.

## Hamrick Wins Medical Degree

Ladd W. Hamrick, Jr., of Kings Mountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hamrick, was among the 42 seniors of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, receiving degrees of doctor of medicine in graduation exercises at the school on Sunday. Dr. Hamrick, who is undergoing the state medical board examination on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, will then go to Barnes hospital Washington university, St. Louis, Mo. for internship. He has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the army medical corps reserve and will remain on inactive duty status until completion of his internship, expected to be approximately nine months. Dr. Hamrick at the time of his graduation was serving as editor of the Journal of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. The commencement address was given by Dr. Thomas T. Mackie, of New York, nationally known authority on foods and nutrition.

## Lions Benefit On Friday

Tickets for the appearance here of Bashful Bob and his troupe of Blue Ridge Mountaineers, who will present a variety entertainment show at the high school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock, are now on sale by members of the Kings Mountain Lions club, who are predicting a full attendance. Proceeds derived from the attraction will go to the Grace Methodist church building fund to aid replacement of the edifice destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

The troupe of entertainers, from Lincolnton was organized in 1935. When the war interrupted, Bob Broome, the master of ceremonies and his troupe went into service. The troupe reorganized in the army. For eighteen months the entertainers performed at places in the Aleutian Islands and over a radio station on Attu. When the war ended, the men decided to remain together as a unit. Broome said temporary replacements were necessary while waiting for the last two members of the outfit to get their discharges.

In the group are three guitars, mandolin, violin, banjo, piano, string bass, a nine-foot rubber hose and washboard, a tap dancer, a comedian, and three singers. Admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. C. C. (Shorty) Edens is in charge of arrangements for the event and tickets may be purchased either at the door or from any member of the Lions club.

## Death Claims Sister Of Local People

Mrs. Florence Ross Dobyns, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Ross of Cleveland county, died in West Chester, Pa., March 23. Funeral services held there were attended by Mrs. D. M. Falls of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Mamie Ross Self of Bessemer City. Surviving are four children, Mrs. Frank Keelick, West Chester, Pa., Mrs. Maria Dobyns Wyth, Mead, Pa., E. P. Dobyns, Kalamazoo, Mich. and T. W. Dobyns with the army in Germany, three brothers, E. V. Ross and B. C. Ross, both of Kings Mountain, and a sister Mrs. Mamie Ross of Bessemer City.

## Heart Attack Fatal To Russell Guyton

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Second Baptist church at Kings Mountain for Russell Guyton, 36, member of the Kings Mountain police force, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon as a result of a heart attack. Mr. Guyton had been given a leave of absence because of ill health and had been reported better, before suffering the sudden attack Saturday. The Rev. Floyd Hollar was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. B. F. Austin and W. L. Harkey. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Duffy Shelton Guyton; four children Jimmy, Dewitt, Pansy, and Naomi Guyton; his mother, Mrs. J. J. Guyton, three brothers, Lawrence of Great Falls, S. C., Otto of Charlotte and Golia Guyton of Kings Mountain and four sisters, Mrs. Paul Todd, Mrs. Ruth Spots, Mrs. Leon Harkey and Miss Louise Guyton, all of Kings Mountain.

## Two New Firms Receive State Charters

Charters of incorporation have been granted to two Kings Mountain concerns by Secretary of State Thad Eure, according to Associated Press accounts from Raleigh in the past week. The chartered concerns are: Kings Mountain Textile corporation, of Kings Mountain, to deal in Textile products, authorized capital stock \$100,000, subscribed stock \$3,000, by Carl F. Mauney, George Houser and L. Arnold Kiser.

Bob's-Cola Bottling company, of Kings Mountain, to sell soft drinks, authorized capital stock \$100,000, subscribed stock \$400, by R. B. Grigg, Sr., R. B. Grigg, Jr., and J. Robert Abernathy, all of Gastonia. Carl F. Mauney, one of the incorporators in Kings Mountain Textile corporation, said Wednesday that this firm would deal in knitted fabrics, now very popular in the East. At the present time, the firm will resell products custom-knitted in eastern mills, but he said that in the future plans call for possible erection of a manufacturing plant here. Among the products will be ladies' knitted sport shirts, ladies' bathing suits, and children's mercerized cotton sweaters.

Bob's-Cola Bottling company will occupy a portion of the building now being erected by O. O. Walker on E. King street. R. B. (Bob) Grigg, one of the stockholders and well-known Kings Mountain salesman for Gastonia Coca-Cola Bottling company, could not be reached for a statement Wednesday concerning expected capacity of this new firm, or details of possible opening date.

## Constable Race Is Getting Hot

Except for official filing of candidates, including the incumbents of the county school board, and a flurry of candidates for constable of No. 4 township, politics was fairly quiet in Cleveland county this week. Almost all candidates, of course, were busy seeing folks and mapping strategy for the days when the heat will be on. The county elections board was organized as scheduled last Saturday, with Virgil Weathers of Shelby as chairman, and already filed for candidates for the constable nomination are J. Garfield Royster, Ross Gregory and J. Austin Librand, all of Kings Mountain, plus Incumbent W. L. Blackburn of route 2, Grover. Johnny Jones, former member of the Kings Mountain police department, has previously announced that he will be a candidate, as has Alfred B. Slayton. Mr. Gregory manages the Midway Lunch, Mr. Royster works at Margrace Mill, and Mr. Librand works at Phenix Mill. Mr. Librand is a World War I veteran.

Two candidates have also filed for the Democratic nomination for magistrate of No. 4 township. They are Lee Roberts, well-known barber, and C. Floyd Williams, publisher of the Kings Mountain News, a monthly servicemen's paper. Mr. Roberts is a member of the Baptist church, a Mason, and a member of the Lions club. Present magistrate is Boyd Putnam, a Republican. Incumbent members of the school board who filed this week are Chairman A. L. Calton, Lattimore, C. D. Forney, Sr. Lawndale, W. H. "Coot" Lutz, Waco, B. Austell, Earl, and R. L. Plonk, Kings Mountain. Clyde Bridges and D. L. Willis have officially posted their fees for the sheriff's race.

## Messick And Musical Bells To Appear Here

The Carolina Assembly Group of Hendersonville and Greenville, will present Clarence Messick and his musical bells in the high school auditorium next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Messick has a collection of more than 200 types of old and rare bells made of wood, glass, and other unusual materials. He features in his musical selections "Seven Musical Bells," "Early Chimes," "Prizeless Bells," "Gold Bells," "English Hand Bells," "Tuned American Cow Bells," and "Tuned Russian Glass Bells and others." The program is sponsored by the Student Council of the Kings Mountain high school. Admission will be 12 and 25 cents.

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