

# Citizens Making Plans To Wipe Out Rats Next Week



GUM MACHINE SALES BENEFIT TO LIONS CHARITY PROJECTS—Shown above are officials of the Kings Mountain Lions Club and three of the more than 40 gum machines which appear throughout Kings Mountain. Profits from sale of gum through the penny-vending machines will be used for worthy projects by the Lions club. Members of the committee in charge of setting up the machines were Dan Hufstetter, chairman, Ollie Harris, Charlie Blalock, Oscar McCarter and Boyer Murray. Lions pictured above are: back row, left to right, Bill Thomson, Tail Twister Toby Williams, Paul McGinnis, C. P. Barry, Treasurer Fred Wright, Jr., Bill Logan. Front row, left to right, are Charlie Blalock, Secretary Hubert Davidson, President W. K. Mauney, Jr., and C. C. Edens. —Photo by Bundy.

## Bostic Man Fatally Injured In Accident Here Monday

Oliver Martin, of Bostic, was almost instantly killed in an automobile-truck accident at the corner of Kings street and Piedmont avenue Monday morning around 7:40 during a heavy rain.

Martin was a passenger in a 1941 Chrysler driven by Jack L. Yarbogo, of Shelby, who said he picked the young man up as he was leaving Shelby. Martin died in an ambulance about one mile from the hospital in Gastonia at about 8:15 a. m.

James Black, 20, Kings Mountain Navy veteran, was driver of the truck, a ton and one-half Ford, owned by L. D. Cash, local plumber. Both drivers are being held under \$500 appearance bond for hearing here Monday.

Coroner Will McClain, of Gaston county, said no inquest would be held unless the family requested, according to N. M. Farr, local police chief.

Both drivers reported not seeing the other vehicle, according to Officer J. W. Roach who investigated. The left-front of the truck struck the passenger door of the car according to the report, and Martin was thrown out of the car and across the street. The car was almost completely demolished according to police, while the truck was only slightly damaged.

Black said he stopped at the traffic signal and did not see the oncoming car. He said the truck was in low gear at the time of the impact.

At the time of the accident the traffic signal at that corner was set at blinking on caution on King street (U. S. 29) and blinking on red on Piedmont avenue.

Chief Farr said that the fatal accident was the first in the city resulting from an auto crash since June 1945. Kings Mountain was one of two cities in the 5-10,000 population bracket in North Carolina last year that had no fatalities from auto accidents.

Martin was a native of Bostic but has been working in Charlotte for several months. He is survived by a brother, Will Martin of Shelby; four other brothers, David Martin, Hubert Martin, Willard Martin and Garland Martin, all of Bostic, route 1. He is also survived by his father, O. C. Martin.

## Full House Expected For Cage Go Monday

Capacity crowd is expected to attend the college basketball game between Lenoir Rhyne and Catawba on the high school gymnasium court Monday night, according to indications of advance ticket sale.

Hal Ward, ticket chairman for the sponsoring Lions club, said Wednesday the advance sale has been good, but his returns were incomplete. He added that a limited number of tickets would be available at the gate. Tickets are now on sale at Bell's Department Store and Kings Mountain Drug Store, at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Due to the large number of supporters of both North State colleges here, the game is attracting considerable interest. Houston Black, former local high school basketball star, is a member of the Catawba squad and is expected to see action. The Catawba team is coached by Earl Ruth, former city recreation director here, while Clarence Stasovich directs the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears.

Game time is 7:30.

## Orders Placed For Half-Ton Of Rat Poison

From reports received Wednesday afternoon, the large-sized rodents infesting the city of Kings Mountain and the surrounding area are going to be in for a hard time December 1 and 5.

Hal Ward, of Ward's Seed and Feed Store, said he had taken orders for almost 1,000 pounds of the special rat poison being prepared and sold at cost by the state Department of Agriculture. The purchasers of the rat poison include individuals, farmers, commercial and industrial firms.

The county-wide campaign is to be conducted on next Thursday and Friday. The special rat poison—a combination of red squill, fish meal and dried oats—will be available for distribution at the various order stations at noon and afterward on December 4.

For best results the poison should be placed in rat-infested areas and in troughs and burrows by dark of the same day, and not later than the following day, it was stated.

Marriott Phifer, chairman of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce public health committee, announced that the Jaycee organization, which is sponsoring the city-wide participation in collaboration with the rural campaign, had purchased 12 pounds for use at city schools. He also announced that the City of Kings Mountain has purchased a supply of the poison to use particularly at the city dump and on other city properties.

"We are quite gratified with the response shown to campaign thus far," Mr. Phifer said, "and we hope all persons and firms who have entered orders will use the poison to wipe out rats. Joint cooperation to exterminate rats has been very effective in other communities."

Mr. Phifer further urged citizens who failed to place orders for the special poison to purchase regular commercial varieties, available at small cost at most groceries, drug stores and hardware stores, and use it on the campaign dates.

It was reported that several business firms, now using regular commercial rat extermination services, are requesting "anti-rat treatments" to their properties on the campaign dates.

Members of the Jaycee public health committee include J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Ertle Powers, Drace Peeler and Ned McGill.

## Big Christmas Parade Shaping Up; Queen City To Send Float

### Dode Phillips Lions Grid Banquet Speaker

Dode Phillips, director of athletics at Erskine college will be the featured speaker at the annual Lions club football banquet next Thursday night, December 4, it was announced yesterday.

Expected to accompany Mr. Phillips here is John (Bo) McMillan, coach for the Erskine Flying Fleet which has lost only one game, that by one touchdown to Presbyterian college, this year.

At the banquet the Lions will follow past custom in entertaining members of the high school football team, their coaches, and other guests.

The meeting will be held at the high school cafeteria at 7 o'clock.

## 44 Completed Sales Training

A total of 44 Kings Mountain retail salespersons received certificates Monday night showing successful completion of the two-week sales course presented jointly by the North Carolina Department of Education, city schools and the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

The two-week course devoted to sales methods was well-attended with a total of 66 enrollees, and it was taught by Mrs. Dell Putnam, state department expert.

J. W. Milam, association president said that plans are already being mapped for another course next summer to offer further instruction in selling.

Personnel of firms participating in the course will be listed next week.

## Southern Bell Laying Underground Cable

The hum of the pneumatic drill and the digging underway on Mountain street is for the laying of a Southern Bell telephone cable designed to expand service of the local exchange.

The cable will be laid from the telephone office in the Fulton Building to the corner of Piedmont avenue and King street at McGill's service station, according to Carl Blanton, service manager here.

C. M. Allen Construction company, of Charlotte, is contractor in charge of the work.

### LIBRARY HOURS

Following is the schedule of open hours at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library: Mornings, 10 a. m. to noon, except Mondays. Afternoons, 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., except Thursdays and Saturdays. Evenings, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. The library is closed on Sundays.

## New Phone Directory Lists 300 New Users

Telephone subscribers received new directories last weekend, and it was a happy day for the subscribers and telephone operators alike.

An approximate 300 additional telephones are newly listed in the current directory, which gives some idea of how hard it was to find a number, now it will be possible to give a number instead of asking for "John Smith's residence."

The directory is current up to November 1, according to Carl Blanton, local office service manager, and only about 13 telephones installed since that date are not listed.

Patrons are urged by the telephone company to destroy old directories and to use the new ones in calling numbers. Use of the number speeds service and insures accurate ringing of calls, it was stated.

## Auto Service Charges Hiked

If you are a flat tire, it will cost more to be one!

Not literally, of course, but when your car has one it will cost more.

Eight service stations announced yesterday increases in prices for fixing flats to 75 cents, as well as price increases for both washing and lubrication, which will now be \$1.25 each. Former prices prevailing were one dollar each.

A spokesman for the service station operators said increased costs of supplies, which have been constantly going upward, necessitated the increase.

## Presbyterians To Hear Cummings

Rev. D. J. Cummings, D. D., a native of Staunton, Va., and an honored missionary of the Presbyterian church in Korea, will bring both morning and evening messages at First Presbyterian church Sunday, it was announced by the pastor Rev. P. D. Patrick.

"It is with great pleasure that I make this announcement," Mr. Patrick said. "It is of vital interest that we hear one who knows conditions of that part of our confused world, and also one who will bring us news of Christians who have remained true throughout these years of suffering."

The public is invited to attend.

## Annual DAV Flower Sale Is Saturday

Annual Disabled American Veterans flower sale will be conducted in Kings Mountain this weekend, according to John W. Gladden, local chairman of Chapter 19, Gastonia, the sponsoring organization.

The parsonage committee of Central Methodist church will sell the Forget-Me-Not in the downtown area all day Saturday.

Local textile firms are to be solicited today, according to the announcement. The annual sale is for benefit of disabled veterans of the wars and Mr. Gladden said, "Give a little for those who gave a lot."

Five Kings Mountain veterans are members of the Gastonia chapter.

### BELK'S DINNER

Belk's Department Store held its annual employees banquet Tuesday night at the Woman's Club, with Mrs. Della Putnam, distributive education teacher, presenting a program and motion pictures on salesmanship. The dinner featured turkey, with all the trimmings, and Hilton Ruth, store manager, served as master of ceremonies. Dinner music was played by Jean Davis. Favors were presented to those present.

## Jaycees Supporting T-B Drive, Symphony

Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce directors voted purchase of a \$25 Tuberculosis bond and a \$25 membership in the Kings Mountain Symphony Society at their dinner meeting held at the Country Club Tuesday night.

It was also announced that W. S. Fulton, Jr., had been named chairman of the organization's Christmas activities committee.

These actions featured a large amount of business transacted at the meeting.

### FALLS' CONDITION

The condition of Herman Falls, well-known Kings Mountain brick mason, who was critically injured in an automobile wreck near Chester, S. C., Saturday night, was described as somewhat improved Wednesday morning, according to relatives. Mr. Falls, who is in Pryor hospital at Chester, suffered several fractured ribs, a punctured lung, and a number of severe cuts. Other passengers in the car were Benny Rayfield, I. H. Falls and William McCall, who was driving the car in which Mr. Falls was riding. Two other passengers in the other car involved in the accident were not injured.

## Tuberculosis Bond Sale "Splendid" Here; Sale Of Seals Is Underway

Mrs. Hunter Neisler, chairman in Kings Mountain of the T-B bond advance sale of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association, announced yesterday total purchases of \$585.50, which she described as "a splendid record."

The T-B bond sale drive launched the annual drive for funds with a goal of \$8,000. Seals to individuals were mailed to citizens of the county this week.

Other figures on the T-B bond sale showed that Shelby purchased a total of \$1,284.50, while rural areas purchased a total of \$459.50 of the bonds.

Members of the committee conducting the solicitation here were Mrs. D. L. Saunders, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. Hugh Ormand, Mrs. R. H. Webb, Mrs. E. T. Platt, Mrs. J. M. Rhea, Mrs. Hayward Lynch, Mrs. Charles Dilling, Mrs. Grady McCarter, Mrs. George Peeler, Mrs. William Houser, and Mrs. J. G. Darracott.

"I would like to express the appreciation of the whole committee for this fine response," Mrs. Neisler said. "The business and industrial firms have indeed given generously and our total advance sale was much increased over last year."