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Immediate Trading Area 15,900  
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## Local News Bulletins

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week of operations which ended at noon Wednesday totaled \$157.24 according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

### ATTENDS LECTURES

Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, attended this week the Knutell-Milner Foundations lectures at Salisbury.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Building permit was issued on Wednesday to Andrew Lovelace for construction of a new four-room dwelling on Oriental avenue. Estimated cost of construction was listed at \$2,000.

### LODGE MEETING

A stated communication of Fairview Lodge No. 333 will be held Monday night at 7:30 at the Lodge hall according to announcement by Paul W. Walker, secretary. All members are urged to be present.

### STUDENT TO SPEAK

Pan Lan, a Chinese student at Davidson college, will speak at Sunday afternoon services at Dixon Presbyterian church and on Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Youth Fellowship meeting, it was announced this week.

### ATTENDS CONVENTION

W. G. Grantham, general manager of Victory Chevrolet Company, was among 75 North Carolina automobile dealers attending the annual convention of the National Automobile Dealers association held in Atlantic City this week.

### LIBRARY STORY HOUR

Regular Friday afternoon Story Hour will be conducted at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library at 4 o'clock with Mrs. G. E. Still as story-teller and Mrs. W. H. Stender, as hostess. Mrs. Still will tell a series of stories through February.

### MINISTERS MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association will meet at 10:30 Monday morning at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, according to announcement yesterday by Rev. J. W. Phillips. A special program has been arranged and colored ministers are being invited to attend.

## Community Chorus Is Organized Here

Community Chorus organized last Thursday evening with the following officers: B. S. Peeler, Jr., president; L. B. Goforth, Jr., vice-president; Miss Alice Ridenhour, secretary; and W. P. Fulton, treasurer.

Thirty-four members began work on the cantata, "Eastertide" by Proffender, under the direction of Franklin Pethel, minister of music at the Lutheran church. Rehearsal for men will begin this week at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening in the First Baptist church. Full practice for both men and women will begin at 7:30. The invitation is still open to any who wish to join this choral group, it was announced.

## Officers Attending Gastonia FBI School

Three officers of the Kings Mountain police department are enrolled at a twice-a-week school for law enforcement officers being conducted in Gastonia by the Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel.

Chief N. M. Farr made the announcement. The courses are held two hours per week, he said. Officers attending the sessions include W. O. Ford, L. L. Hamrick and G. K. Camp.

## Yelton Giving Up Bus Terminal Post

Jack Yelton, manager of the Kings Mountain bus terminal for the past several weeks, said this week he had notified companies operating through Kings Mountain that he was resigning effective February 15.

Clayton Love, representative of Queen City Coach Company, told the Herald that the bus companies were making arrangements to replace Mr. Yelton, but he said he had no announcement as yet.

The bus terminal management has been in a state of flux for the past several months, following transfer of the terminal from the Rural Station at the corner of Bitterground and King to its present E. King street location.



WHEN WAS THIS PICTURE MADE?—Shown above is an aerial view of a portion of Kings Mountain of some years ago. The exact date the picture was taken has not been placed, but older residents will note some familiar landmarks which may enable them to approximate the date of the picture. The Herald has established that the picture was made between 1924 and 1932. Shown clearly is the old school building, burned in November 1932, the ARP church, the former Hord home (now the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library), the old overhead bridge and the old City Hall. The picture was furnished the Herald by Mack Murray.

## Report From Boston: "Kay Is Doing Fine"



IMPROVING — Kay McCarter, who underwent a dangerous operation at Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass., February 2, was reported improving rapidly Thursday morning. Odds now favor her complete recovery from a serious heart ailment that doctors had predicted would prove fatal.

Kay McCarter is "doing fine" at Children's Hospital in Boston, Mass., and the odds now are very much in favor of her complete recovery, following her major operation February 2 to correct a potentially fatal heart ailment. This information was learned by the Herald Thursday morning in a telephone conversation with Mrs. Kelly McCarter, mother of the child, who is in Boston awaiting her daughter's recuperation.

Mrs. McCarter said the doctors were removing the stitches from the incision Thursday morning and that, by the weekend, they should know how much longer the child will be hospitalized. The child has two blood transfusions this week but the doctors feel she will need no more. Mrs. McCarter said that Kay's spirit is high and that she is "not too homesick." She added that the hospital provides plenty of entertainment for its juvenile patients.

Operation and travel expenses for the nine-year-old Beth-Ware school student were supplied by Kings Mountain citizens who contributed more than \$1,100 in assuring the child a chance to live. A portion of the aorta was diseased and was closing up. Final closure would have meant instant death.

## Baird Furniture To Open Friday

Baird Furniture, new Kings Mountain retail furniture firm, will open for business Friday, according to announcement this week by Dan Huffstetler, manager.

The new firm will be located in the new building erected on E. Gold street by Dr. D. M. Morrison. Mr. Huffstetler said the firm would offer for sale name-brand furniture and appliances to take care of furniture needs for every room. They include Easy Washers, Zenith radios, Hotpoint appliances, Daystrom dinette suites, Drexel bedroom and living room furniture, New Perfection stoves, Duo-Therm heaters, Armstrong Rhoelium rugs, and numerous others.

## City Buys Pauline Power, Water Lines

The city board of commissioners read into the minutes at their Wednesday meeting a deed to the City of Kings Mountain from Neisler Mills, Inc., calling for conveyance of the Pauline Mill village's electric and water lines to the city.

Consideration involved was \$165.

According to the deed, the city agrees to furnish electricity and water to residents of the Pauline village at regular rates, and the mill agrees to pay to the city \$25 for each water tap made on the company-owned houses.

## LEGION SUPPER

A ham and egg supper will be held at the Legion building for members of Otis D. Green Post 125 Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. All Legionnaires are urged to attend.

## Blind Bogey Golf Tournament Sunday

A blind bogey golf tournament is scheduled to be held at Kings Mountain Country Club Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, according to announcement by Buck Pressley, professional.

A small entrance fee will be charged and prizes given on a basis of the number of entries. All club golfers are urged to enter the tournament, Mr. Pressley said.

## District Junior College Cage Tourney Begins Here Thursday

The Western division tournament of the North Carolina Junior college basketball conference is scheduled to get underway at Central gymnasium Thursday, February 16th. First games of the first round are set to begin at 3 p. m.

The tournament, sponsored by The Mountaineer Club, Inc., will pit the eight top teams of the 10-team western division. They are Gardner-Webb, Belmont Abbey, Asheville, Biltmore, Lees, McRae, Spartanburg, S. C., Brevard, Mars Hill and Mitchell.

Four finalists in the tourney here are to enter the state tournament to be held at Shelby February 23, 24, and 25. Finalists from the eastern division tourney will complete the Shelby tourney. Final first round games are scheduled for next Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. and four teams will be dropped from play by that time.

Semi-finals are scheduled to begin at 7:30 next Friday night and finals and consolation games are set for February 18th.

W. J. Fulkerson, official scorer, announced three of the four officials this week. They are Don

## Board Seeks Further Study On Rate Change

The city board of commissioners tabled for further study Wednesday a possible revision of the city's light rate schedules.

The board had ordered an investigation of the proposal at its January meeting, and L. C. Parsons, superintendent of water and light, reported that a check of December billings, based on users of 200 kilowatt hours and over, would reduce the city's revenue in excess of \$1,000 per month if the present combination rate were used for all customers.

This statement also resulted in tabling the matter indefinitely. Both Commissioners Hudson Bridges and Hal D. Ward, the latter presiding in the absence of Mayor J. E. Herndon, said they had received many complaints since the proposal was advanced last month. Commissioner Carl Mauney, however, argued that his desire to make a lone uniform schedule was an effort to make the rate fair for all users and at the same time keep the city revenue virtually the same.

After Mr. Bridges' motion to table, the board definitely failed to get a second, the board adopted Commissioner A. H. Patterson's motion to table the matter for further study.

Otherwise, the board heard a delegation from the Woman's Club request as much aid as possible in helping to establish a city park and recreation area. Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. W. T. Weir and Mrs. J. N. Gamble, appearing on behalf of the Woman's Club, asked what aid the city might be able to give in the establishment of such a park with a swimming pool.

Mr. Mauney, spokesman for the group, suggested the use of the city's property near the old water tank on Cherryville Road. The board indicated that this property could be available for use at no charge, but it pointed out that the law does not permit use of tax money for recreational purposes. At the same time, the board indicated it would cooperate with the Woman's Club in every way possible within legal limitations.

The board received without action a petition presented by C. J. Gault, Jr., for the paving of Deal Street. The petition bore signatures from the majority of Deal Street residents and property owners. Mr. Gault explained that the petition lacked the signature of Dr. J. S. Norman, who had said he wanted the city to first move some telephone poles off his property. Mr. Parsons was instructed to investigate Dr. Norman's request and to report to the board.

Chief of Police N. M. Farr was told to investigate possibilities of setting up a city dog pound, after he had told the board he was having numerous complaints concerning stray dogs.

## District Scout Banquet Monday; Goal Of Fund Drive Is \$2,000

### G. H. Mauney Is Chairman Of Fund Drive

The annual fund campaign for the Kings Mountain district Boy Scout organization will be conducted next Tuesday, according to announcement by George H. Mauney, chairman of the 1950 drive.

Goal of the campaign is \$2,000. "Kings Mountain has always responded most liberally to the appeal for funds to promote Kings Mountain area Scouting," Mr. Mauney said, "and I feel confident that this year's response will be just as adequate as in former years."

The fund-raising committee, in addition to Mr. Mauney, includes Dr. P. G. Padgett, Drace Peeler, J. C. Bridges, Joe H. Thomson and Charles F. Thomason. Solicitation organization, as announced by Mr. Mauney, follows:

- Mountain Street, Herald, City Hall and Post Office—J. B. Keeter and E. C. McClain.
- Railroad Avenue — Glee E. Bridges and L. E. Abbott.
- Filling Stations — Grady Patterson and John Cheshire.
- Cherokee Street — Amos Dean.
- North Piedmont Avenue Area—Jim Page.
- East King Street Business Area — Drace Peeler.
- Kings Mountain Laundry, Tin Shop, and Hullender's Garage — E. A. Harrell.
- Professional Men — Dr. Paul E. Hendricks.
- Schools—Rowell Lane.
- Neisler Mills, Inc., Margrace and Patricia plant—W. J. Fulkerson and W. B. Thomson; Pauline plant—Harry Page and L. L. Davis.
- Craftspun Mills — Sam McAbee.
- Burlington Mills — Sam Stallings.
- Sadie Mills — Arnold Kiser and George Houser.
- Kings Mountain Mfg. Co.—Jay Patterson.
- Mauney Mills, Inc. — Nelson Ledbetter.
- Mauney Hosery Mills, Inc. — David L. Mauney.
- Bonnie Mills — Jacob Cooper.
- Park Yarn Mills—Hugh Ballard.
- Superior Stone Co. — Carl Mayes.
- Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Co. — Claud Hambright.
- Elmer Lumber Co. and J. E. Herridon Co. — Drace Peeler.



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Mrs. E. W. Griffin was named vice-president, and Mr. Pressley was named secretary. Other members are Mrs. W. T. Weir and Mrs. W. R. Craig.

At the meeting, the board heard a report from Mrs. Charles Campbell, librarian, showing that library circulation during 1949 jumped more than 50 percent over the previous year.

The board superintends operational details of the library, including employment of the librarian, purchase of books, promotional activities and other allied activities.

Mr. Lynch, new president of the board, was instrumental in the establishment of the first Kings Mountain public library. While editor of the Kings Mountain Herald, Mr. Lynch advocated the establishment of a public library. It was first operated at City Hall. In 1946 the Jacob S. Mauney family announced plans for presentation of a library to the city and the presentation of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library was made in 1947.

## City Bond Data Goes To Raleigh

Operation of the library's physical plant is directed by a three-member board of trustees including a representative of the Mauney family, one member of the city board of commissioners and one member of the school board.

Data concerning \$18,000 in City of Kings Mountain bonds, including \$9,000 water bonds and \$9,000 sewer bonds, was mailed to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh on Tuesday.

S. A. Crouse, city clerk, said he expected their sale by the commission in the near future.

## TAX PAYMENTS HEAVY

City taxpayers rushed to pay their taxes in January, prior to the first penalty date, according to report this week by S. A. Crouse, city clerk and treasurer. Mr. Crouse said a total of \$17,882.36 in city taxes were paid during the month of January. About 80 percent of the 1949 levy has now been paid, he reported.

## Rites Conducted For Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Mamie Compton Wells, 60, died Sunday afternoon at her home on the York road following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at Oak View Baptist church, of which she was a member. The pastor, Rev. Ed Gore, officiated and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Wells is survived by her husband, H. V. Wells; seven daughters, Mrs. Annie Loughridge, Mrs. John Bumgardner, and Miss Virginia Wells of Kings Mountain, Mrs. P. R. Gladen of Charlotte, Mrs. Carl Morrow and Mrs. R. L. Deas of Gastonia, and Mrs. Jack Bumgardner of Lowell; four sons, John of Alta Vista, Va., Ralph, Claude, Henry Wells of Kings L. Compton of Gastonia.

## IN HONOR GROUP

HICKORY—Jack Gunnells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Gunnells, of Kings Mountain, a member of the freshman class at Lenoir Rhyne College, was among students listed on the college's first semester honor roll, according to announcement by E. L. Setzler, registrar.

## City Watching Coal And Phone Strike News; Coal Supply Good

Kings Mountain, with the nation, was watching with interest the strike news this week, particularly the efforts to settle the coal strike and the new efforts to avoid a telephone strike.

At the moment, Kings Mountain was not in too much difficulty as far as coal is concerned, as both local dealers reported reasonably good inventories on hand.

At the same time, return of colder weather was not designed to make coal users too happy over the coal strike situation which has developed from a three-day week into a no-day week, while

the operators and John L. Lewis renewed negotiations in Washington.

The new date of the threatened telephone walkout is February 24.

Should the phone walkout become nation-wide and hit Kings Mountain, the city would be in worse position than communities which have dial systems. All calls here are manually placed.

## Spencer Pastor To Give Address At Annual Event

Kings Mountain district, Boy Scouts of America, will hold its annual district banquet at the Woman's Club Monday night at 7 o'clock, with a capacity audience of Kings Mountain Scouts and Scouters expected to attend and hear an address by Rev. George Fredrick Schott, Jr., pastor of the Spencer Lutheran church.

The banquet will be one of the highlights of the annual observance here of Boy Scout week. The observance this year is the 40th anniversary of the founding

The annual Boy Scout church service will be held Sunday evening at Central Methodist church at 7:30 with Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church and past-president of the Kings Mountain district, delivering the sermon. Scouts of the city will attend in uniform and be seated in a body.

of the Boy Scout movement, which has since spread to many nations of the globe.

Tickets for the banquet may be secured at \$1.00 each from troop scoutmasters or from Rev. W. H. Stender, district chairman.

Prior to the banquet a uniform inspection of all Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs of the city will be made at the Woman's Club at 6 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Schott is an active Scouter and has served in numerous capacities in his district and council. He was one of the Scoutmasters from North Carolina who went to Holland in 1947 for the International Scout Jamboree. He is now Scoutmaster of his church troop, and is a state director for the Lutheran Brotherhood.

On Thursday evening the regular monthly Court of Honor was to be held at City Hall, to be followed by a meeting of the district's 1950 executive committee.

## Kiwanians Aid Invalid Negress

Willie McCrimmon, invalid Negro woman who lives on West King street was recently given a portable electric sewing machine by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, in order that she might help to earn a living.

The colored woman, who has been bedfast for years, is paralyzed from the waist down, and though she cannot sit erect, has developed the art of sewing while lying on her side.

Terms of the Kiwanis gift are simple. The sewing machine is hers as long as she wants it, though the machine remains the property of the Kiwanis club. The gift was presented on behalf of the club by Byron Keeter, J. L. McGill and E. C. McClain.

## Local AA Group Set: Open Meeting

The Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting in the basement of Central Methodist church at 7:30 p. m. February 16, 1950.

"The A. A. is a genuine one who have suffered from continued drinking. As the name of the organization implies the fellowship is for alcoholics only. The word anonymous means that your membership will NOT be divulged unless you wish it so," a spokesman said.

## Applications Sought For Postal Charman

Applications are being accepted by the Director, Fourth Civil Service Region, for the position of charman at the Kings Mountain postoffice, according to announcement this week by Postmaster W. E. Blakely.

Closing date for the applications is February 23, and blanks may be secured at the postoffice. The rate of pay may range from \$1,125 to \$1,275 per hour. Applications should be mailed to the Director, Fourth Civil Service Region, Temporary Bldg. R. 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Jiles Cornwall, present charman of the postoffice, has tendered his resignation, Mr. Blakely said.