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STORY HOUR
Regular Friday afternoon story hour will begin at Jacob Mauney Library at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Luther Canister will serve as story teller, with Mrs. E. T. Platt as hostess. The story this week will be for children from the first through the fourth grades.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permit was issued to First Baptist church last Friday for construction of a three-story brick addition to the educational plant. Cost of the project was estimated at \$30,000 and the fee collected by the city was five dollars.

TO BUILD HOUSE
Construction is scheduled to begin soon on a summer house at Bon Claxton, ARP church assembly grounds, which is being built by Boyce Memorial ARP church. Decision to build the house was made on April 16.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION
Dr. Nathan Reed, Kings Mountain optometrist, will attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Optometric society to be held at Asheville from Sunday through Tuesday. Dr. Reed said his office would be closed on Monday and Tuesday of next week, while he is in Asheville.

AT PHARMACY MEETING
C. D. Blanton, of Kings Mountain Drug Company, and Wilson Griffin, of Griffin Drug Company, attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association held at Asheville this week. Mrs. Blanton accompanied Mr. Blanton.

PLAY DIRECTOR
Miss Nancy Dickey, daughter of Mrs. Paul Beam of Kings Mountain, is director of a play "They Call It Nowhere," recently presented at Aycock auditorium in Raleigh by students of Woman's College, University of North Carolina.

SERIOUSLY ILL
The condition of Grady Waterson, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks with a heart ailment, was described as unchanged Thursday afternoon.

WINS PHOTO PRIZE
Tim Ford, of Kings Mountain, owner of Ford Studio, Shelby, was named winner of the best all-around portrait of any subject award and winner of the Brewer award for the best portrait of a child under six years of age at the North Carolina Photographers convention last weekend at Winston-Salem after the annual exhibit.

SYMPHONY CONCERTS
Schedule of the North Carolina Symphony, directed by Dr. Benjamin Swain, calls for concerts in Gastonia on May 4 and in Shelby on May 10, it was announced this week by Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman of the Kings Mountain Symphony Society. Mrs. Mauney reminded Kings Mountain members that their membership tickets are good for admission at these concerts, as well as others in the state.

Bites Conducted For H. E. White

Funeral services for Henry E. White, 73, of route one, Kings Mountain, who died of a heart attack Sunday around 8:30 p. m. at his home, were held at Trinity Baptist church between Bolling Springs and Cliffside Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. E. O. Gore and Rev. C. C. Crowe assisted the Trinity pastor at the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. White was a farmer and had been in ill health for two months. He was a native of Cleveland county and was the son of the late Richard and Lavina Dobbins White.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Lela McCraw, two sons, Morgan and Rush White, of Kings Mountain; six daughters, Mrs. Crawford Toney, of Mooresboro, Mrs. Clyde Green, of Clinton, S. C., Mrs. William Upson, of Richmond, Va., Mrs. J. E. McNesey of Southside, N. C., and Mrs. Bynum Jackson and Mrs. Frank Green, of Cliffside; two brothers, Sidney White of Cliffside, and Tom White of Forest City; two sisters, Mrs. Fletcher Davis, of Gateway, S. C., and Mrs. Lawrence F. R. of Mooresboro; 30 grand-children; and three great-grandchildren.

Hal Ward To Manage Smith Campaign



SMITH MANAGER—Hal D. Ward, the city's mayor pro tempore and well-known business man, will manage the Smith-for-Senate campaign in Number 4 Township, according to announcement this week from Smith campaign headquarters.

Lions Honored Ladies Tuesday

Fun and frolic was the keynote Tuesday night at the Woman's Club, as the Kings Mountain Lions club held its twelfth annual Ladies' Night banquet.

There was seldom a dull or quiet moment during the three-hour banquet gathering at which the Lions honored their ladies, in a program featured by a side-splitting, humorous address by H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, special entertainment of several kinds, plus the feature unique to Lions clubs called "tail-twisting."

Mr. Seawell, a Carthage lawyer, drew from a full stock of anecdotes and humorous stories in developing an address on "Four Things I'm Not Going to Talk About." He then proceeded to make fun of (1) the Scott "Go Forward" program, (2) speeches on "World Federation and Everlasting Peace," (3) "Socialism," and (4) "The Potentialities of Atomic Energy." Talk about them, he did, however, as he laughed at four subjects "I'm sure all you Lions and all other civic club members have been too steadily dieted on."

The speaker closed with his only serious note. He reminded his listeners that all persons are "human beings," and he pointed out the reason people don't like their neighbors is because they don't know them.

"It's hard to dislike someone you know," he concluded, and he suggested that people reserve judgment on persons until they did know them, quoting passages of the Bible to support his statements.

The "tail-twisting" was handled in deluxe style by John Ed Davis, tall-twister of the Shelby Lions club, who was presented as Miss Susie Brown, and Hal Ward. "Miss Brown" was dressed in (Cont'd on page eight)

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Mayor Pro Temp Is To Direct Work For Votes

Hal D. Ward, well-known Kings Mountain businessman and member of the city board of commissioners, will manage the Smith-for-Senate campaign in Number 4 Township, according to announcement Wednesday by Willis Smith campaign headquarters.

As manager here, Mr. Ward will superintend the Smith drive for votes in this township, in close cooperation with the Cleveland county Smith organization, which is headed by Carlos Young of Shelby.

Willis Smith, Raleigh lawyer and former president of the American Bar association, is among three candidates for the unexpired portion of the six-year senatorial term of the late J. M. Broughton. He opposes incumbent Frank P. Graham and former Senator Robert R. Reynolds.

Mr. Ward, proprietor of Ward's Seed and Feed Store, is a former member of the North Carolina Highway patrol. He was elected a city commissioner last May and is the city's mayor pro tempore.

"I feel that Willis Smith is the kind of a man the people of North Carolina want to represent in the United States Senate," Mr. Ward said, commenting on the campaign. "He has a good record as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly and is one of the state's outstanding citizens. I feel that Kings Mountain will accord Mr. Smith a heavy majority."

Patton To Speak At Jaycee Fete

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Ladies Night banquet at the Kings Mountain Country Club on Tuesday night at 7:30.

Robert L. Patton, well-known humorist and a superintendent of Burke County schools, will make the featured address of the evening. Mr. Patton has many times addressed Kings Mountain audiences and is in constant demand as a speaker. He last spoke in Kings Mountain some three years ago when he was the featured speaker at the Annual Merchants Association banquet.

Other features of the program will include installation of the organization's officers for 1950-51. Syd Sheppard, of Charlotte, Jaycee national director, will conduct the installation.

Announcement concerning the program was made by Charles F. Thomason, Jr., chairman of the committee on arrangements. Others on the committee include J. T. McGinnis, Martin Harmon, Drace Peeler and Bill Lindsay.

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IN CHARLOTTE CHOIR—One of the talented members of the Charlotte Boys Choir, which sings here Friday night at the high school auditorium, is Durrow Harris, above, who sings such popular favorites as "Down by the Old Mill Stream" and "In the Good Old Summertime."

Charlotte Boys Choir To Sing Here Friday

Lions Sponsor Variety Show By Famed Choir

The well-known Charlotte Boys Choir, which has performed in New York, on coast-to-coast radio hook-ups, and before other large audiences, will present its variety show here Friday night at the high school auditorium, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The program begins at 8 o'clock. A large crowd is expected to hear the variety program, which in addition to group selections, will include many individual roles.

The 26-number program includes such old favorites by the choir as "Pop Goes the Weasel," the "Hiking Song," "Carolina Moon," "Caroline in the Morning," and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Individual specialties include David Russell's rendition of "The Lord's Prayer," an accordion solo by D-in Moffatt "Twelfth Street Rag," and Mike Wheelchel's "Dapper Dan."

Erle Powers is chairman of the Lions committee on arrangements for the program. Tickets for the show will be \$1 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Jean Cash Wins Reading Medal

Jean Cash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cash and senior at Kings Mountain high school, was declared winner of the county Schools' reading contest in the finals held at Gardner-Webb college last Friday night.

Her reading, with which she won the annual Fulton Reading Medal here on March 24th, was "The Show Must Go On and On."

Miss Cash became the 18th Kings Mountain student to win the annual county-wide award in the past 23 years.

Jean Lynch won the medal in 1949.

Key Club Group Off To Convention

Four members of the Kings Mountain Key Club, high school service organization, along with Joe Hedden, faculty adviser and Kiwanian, left for Columbus, Ohio, Thursday morning, where they will attend the International Convention of Key Clubs.

Key club members representing the local organization are Harold England, president, Rance Henderson, president-elect, Bill Allen and Jack Still.



WINS HOEY MEDAL—Harold England, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. England, is the 1950 winner of the Hoey Declaration medal, given annually by Senator Clyde R. Hoey to the Cleveland County high school boy adjudged the best declaimer in the annual county-wide contest.

School Bible Course Praised

Members of the Kings Mountain citizens' committee for the teaching of Bible in the public schools met at Central school at a luncheon meeting on Monday, heard a report on the past year's work by Miss Laura Bell, Bible teacher, unanimously commended the report and went on record for continuance of the program.

Discussion on continuance of the program followed announcement that Miss Bell, who has conducted Bible courses at East, Central, West, and Park Grace elementary schools, and at Central high school during the past two years, had tendered her resignation effective at the end of the present school term.

The committee, representing all churches and civic organizations, which provide financial support for the program, discussed possibility of filling the forthcoming vacancy with a view toward making recommendations in the near future.

In her report, Miss Bell said that 300 elementary students are currently enrolled for courses in Bible, while 47 high school students are currently enrolled for the course.

The courses are offered as electives and include instruction in Bible history and literature.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, is chairman of the committee, and B. S. Neill serves as treasurer.

WITH BOBBINS MILLS
Hugh McLean Wilford, husband of the former Miss Colleen Campbell, has accepted a position with Bobbins Mills at Aberdeen. Mr. Wilford is a recent graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, having completed his undergraduate work in March.

Registration Books To Open Saturday For May 27 Primary

Franklin Greer Dies Following Accident Monday

Franklin Clay Greer, 20, of route 3, Kings Mountain, was almost instantly killed near the gate to Elmer Lumber Co. and J. E. Herndon Co., Monday morning around 9:30 o'clock when a 6,000-pound hydraulic cotton lift fell from a truck and crushed his head.

Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, ruled the death accidental and said that no inquest was necessary. Harris said that the dead man was seated on the lift holding the brakes on the machine when the slowly moving truck went up a slight incline and tilted, throwing the lift off the bed of the vehicle.

Greer, jumped, witnesses said, but fell into the path of the machine. His head was crushed by the weight of the lift and he died enroute to Shelby hospital.

He was employed at J. E. Herndon Co., Kings Mountain cotton merchant. Coroner Harris said that the lift had been placed on the firm's warehouse to a garage for repair. The truck was being operated by Willie Smith.

A native of Grant, Virginia, Greer had been employed for several years by Mr. Herndon and before his marriage to the former Miss Geraldine Kinley, of Kings Mountain, had made his home here with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carroll. He was a member of First Wesleyan Methodist church and was a former member of the U. S. air force.

Survivors include his wife, one son, F. C., Jr., age five months, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Greer, of Grant, Va., and four brothers, Isaac, Bryant, Marvin and G. K. Greer, all of Grant, Va.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at First Wesleyan Methodist church, conducted by Rev. J. W. Phillips and Rev. Yancey Carter. The body was taken to Bartons Crossroad Baptist church near Grant, Va., for burial.

Cancer Fund Nears \$500

The Kings Mountain financial campaign for funds to fight cancer neared the \$500 mark this week, and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, drive chairman, expressed confidence that the Kings Mountain quota would be reached.

She asked that campaign workers make their reports as quickly as possible, in order that a final check-up may be made.

"Kings Mountain citizens have been most liberal in their support of this campaign," Mrs. Arthur said.

The funds are used for research to determine means to fight the dread disease.

Conducting of the drive is an annual project of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Ernest and Miles Mauney, duopians, presented a concert program, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, at the High School auditorium Wednesday night.

The twins were enthusiastically acclaimed in their first professional appearance here.

Their program, which demonstrated the flawless technique and sensitive musicianship of the young Kings Mountain artists, opened with the bright and interesting "Concerto in C Minor" by J. S. Bach. That their playing was relaxed and effortless was seen in this classical number played with clarity and perfection of phrasing and expression.

The "Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn was a masterpiece of delicacy with dynamics ranging from pianissimo to fortissimo.

It would be difficult to select one selection as the most brilliant but the "Suite No. 2 Op. 17" described by Rachmaninoff might fit this description. The Russian composer's suite is divided into four movements: March, Waltz, Romance, and Tarantella. The March is in traditional form with a heavy opening, trio, and quiet ending descriptive of the procession in the distance. The waltz is gay with modern harmonization. The beautifully melodious Romance ended on a long, long note.

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WINS CONTEST—Harvey Bumgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel B. Bumgardner, recently won individual honors for poultry judging in the Southern Collegiate contests held at Memphis, Tenn. He was a member of the N. C. State team which copped the team contest.

Bumgardner Wins Contest

Harvey Bumgardner, student at N. C. State college and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel B. Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain, was high individual scorer at the Southern Collegiate Poultry Judging contest held recently at Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Bumgardner scored 1,289 out of a possible 1,500 points. He placed first in judging in the exhibition division, second in the production division, and first in breed selection, as the State team scored high to defeat teams representing eight other land-grant colleges.

Mr. Bumgardner is a Dean's List student at State, and is secretary-treasurer of the school's Poultry Science club.

Mullinax Rites Friday At 4 P. M.

Funeral services for Noah Thomas Mullinax, 64, of 25 Elm street, who died Wednesday morning around 9 o'clock of a heart attack, will be held Friday at 4 p. m. at the home.

Elder E. H. Simpson, pastor of Corinth Primitive Baptist church, of which he was a member, will officiate and burial will be at El Bethel Methodist church cemetery.

A native of South Carolina, he was the son of the late Joe and Martha Peterson Mullinax. He was formerly employed by Mauney Mill.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Florence Davis, three daughters, Mrs. Edley Eldridge, Mrs. Alex Eubanks and Mrs. Corbie Henson, all of Belmont, one brother, Will Mullinax, and one sister, Mrs. Bessie Philips, both of Kings Mountain.



REVIVAL PREACHER—Dr. J. C. Camp, of Hendersonville, will complete a week's series of special sermons at First Baptist church on Sunday. Dr. Camp delivers the sermons at twice-daily services, at 9 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

ON DEAN'S LIST
R. G. Plunk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grier Plunk of Kings Mountain, made the dean's list for the second semester at the University of North Carolina, according to announcement from Chapel Hill.

Books "Clean" In Beth-Ware, Local Boxes

Registration books for the May 27 Democratic primary will open for the first time on Saturday at the various precinct polling places.

Business for the registrars is expected to be brisk in Kings Mountain and at the new Beth-Ware precinct, where new registrations have been ordered by the county elections board.

It was pointed out by elections officials, as well as by the several candidates, that no citizen of Kings Mountain is currently registered and that, unless registration is accomplished during the period the books are open, the citizens will not be able to vote in the primary.

The new registration was ordered for two reasons, according to Elections Board Chairman C. H. Hendrix, (1) to "clean" the books and thereby speed the voting process, and (2) because of creation of the Beth-Ware precinct, which is carved principally from the West Kings Mountain precinct.

Registrars will be at the polling places all day Saturday beginning at 9 a. m.

Polling places in the Kings Mountain area are: East Kings Mountain, City Hall courtroom, Mrs. Nell Cranford, registrar. West Kings Mountain, Victory Chevrolet Company, Charlie Campbell, registrar.

Beth-Ware, Beth-Ware school agricultural building, Mrs. Lamm Herndon, registrar.

Persons living in the new Beth-Ware precinct are being reminded by elections officials to note their new polling place. Boundaries of the Beth-Ware precinct follow:

"BEGINNING with United States Highway No. 74 at the Bridge over Buffalo Creek; thence north up Buffalo Creek to Muddy Fork; thence up Muddy Fork to Big Persimmon Creek; thence East to the Oats Place; thence East with Kings Mountain and Waco Road to Putnam's Store; thence South to R. F. Elam's Book House; thence Southeast to O. A. Rhea Farm; thence Southeast to Rufus Phifer's; thence Southwest to Old Kings Mountain and Grover Highway; thence with this highway southwest to Long Branch; thence West with Long Branch to Beason's creek, and with Beason's Creek to Buffalo Creek; and thence up Buffalo Creek to Highway 74, the Beginning."

West Students Win Contests

Anita McGinnis, seventh grade student at West school, is the 1950 winner of the Baker Reading medal, and Jerry McCarter, sixth grade student at West school, is the 1950 winner of the Neisler Declaration medal.

The students were declared winners following holding of the annual contests at West school auditorium Wednesday afternoon.

Anita McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, read "The Cat Came Back," and Jerry McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter gave the declamation "Jefferson Davis."

Other contestants for the Baker medal were Peggy Fisher, East school eighth grade, who read "Brotherly Love," and Peggy Rippey, central school seventh grade, who read "The Home Talent Rehearsal."

Other contestants for the Neisler medal and their declamations were David Baily, East school fifth grade, "We, Too, Were There," and Kenneth Roberts, central school sixth grade, "Here's To Peace."

Judges for the contest were J. R. Davis, Miss Lula Mae Teague and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick.

The Baker medal is given by Dr. L. P. Baker, veteran member of the city school board, and the Neisler medal is given by Mrs. C. E. Neisler.

Power To Be Off Sunday Afternoon

Citizens who live on the west side of Kings Mountain will be without electrical service on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3:30 p. m. it was announced this week by the city electrical department.

The cut-off is being made in order that electrical crews can make repairs.