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AT CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler and Mrs. C. F. Thomason attended the state convention of the Carolina Lumber and Building Supply association held at Asheville Wednesday and Thursday.

LIONS MEETING

C. N. Gillette, associated with the North Carolina Motor Carriers association, of Raleigh, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Masonic Dining Hall.

DEACONS INSTALLED

James Houser, Hubert Davidson, Harry Page and Joe Neisler were ordained as deacons of First Presbyterian church at morning services on Sunday.

ON HONOR ROLL

Billie Falls and Sue Scism, both of Kings Mountain, were among Gardner - Webb College students qualifying for the first semester honor roll. They averaged 82 or above on the term's work.

JAYCETTES

The wives of all Jaycees are urged to attend the meeting which is to be held with Mrs. Fred Wright, Jr., Monday, March 26, at 8 p. m. to organize the Jaycettes of Kings Mountain.

STORY HOUR

Regular Friday afternoon story hour for children at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library will begin at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Frank Usery will serve as story teller and hostess.

ST. MATTHEWS

Rev. Walter T. Nau, Ph. D. of Lenoir-Rhyne college, Hickory, will conduct Holy Week services at St. Matthews Lutheran church Friday at 2 p. m. Dr. Nau will also conduct the morning services Easter Sunday.

NEW MANAGER

L. L. Withers, of Gastonia, has replaced Marvin A. Easterson as manager of Kings Mountain Motor Sales according to announcement by F. C. Francum, of Gastonia, owner.

PARKING MONEY

A total of \$156.60 in revenue was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

COMPLETES TRAINING

Seaman Apprentice Grady A. (Jack) Rhea, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady A. Rhea, Sr., has completed boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and is expected to be assigned sea duty in the near future.

BACK IN HICKORY

E. W. Neal, son of Mrs. Helen G. Neal, recently has moved to Hickory where he is serving as administrative assistant of Company H, 120th Infantry, N. C. National Guard. He had previously lived in New Bern where he was assistant supervisor of the eastern district, state highway safety division. Mr. Neal formerly lived in Hickory before transferring by the highway division to New Bern.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Audrey Byars, Charles Mauney, Jack Still, and Phyllis Ware, members of the National Honor Society at Kings Mountain high school, attended the North Carolina Chapter state convention at Salisbury on March 16 and 17. The group served on the state nominating committee. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. T. Weis, chapter sponsor.

Retail Business To Observe Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail business houses will be closed on Monday for the annual Easter Monday holiday. Financial institutions, including the First National Bank and both building and loan associations will also be closed for the day.

By-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants' association for the Easter Monday as one of its regularly observed holidays. According to custom, the firms will also be closed on Wednesday afternoon, March 28.

School Boards Talk Semi-Consolidation

Davidson May Be Grammar Unit Under Plan

The city and county school boards discussed the possible consolidation of Davidson and Compact Negro schools in a meeting here Wednesday, and will probably take final action at another joint meeting in Shelby on April 2.

Only immediate possibility appeared to be a semi-consolidation on the following basis:

Davidson high school would be consolidated with Compact High School, and in turn, elementary and primary students of Gold Mine and Vestibule schools, as well as some students in these grades in the Ebenezer (school), would come to Davidson.

It was quickly agreed that neither Compact nor Davidson plants are adequate for a complete consolidation in the immediate future, nor would be even if building funds available for both units were combined.

The county board had received bids Tuesday on a six-room addition to the Compact plant, together with toilets, boiler room and coal room, at about \$45,000. The city board is thinking in terms of \$50,000 for improvements to Davidson school.

Statement of County Superintendent Horace Grigg as to the real need was quickly agreed upon. He said, "What we need is about \$550,000 to \$600,000 with which to purchase a new site of sufficient size, and start from the beginning to build an adequate plant to house both school populations."

Thus the two boards have a well-defined goal that acknowledged need for about one-fourth the necessary funds.

City Superintendent B. N. Barnes acted as chairman at the meeting and outlined its purpose. He said the city board had issued the invitation in order that it would be able to spend its money as favorably as possible, and because the Davidson school facilities demanded improvement. He pointed out that renovation of the school for an elementary building would call for much different planning than for renovating it for a combined plant.

County board members doubted that Compact patrons would be willing to consolidate the Compact high school at Davidson, in view of Compact facilities, which include an athletic field, a mechanic's shop, and an agricultural training program. In addition, the county board expects to erect a "tin can" type school building.

Kincaid Elected To District Post

Arnold W. Kincaid, prominent Kings Mountain citizen and Ward 3 school trustee, was elected president of the South Piedmont district, North Carolina School Board association, at a meeting of the district held in Monroe Monday evening.

Wells Rogers, member of the Albemarle city school board and a former Kings Mountain citizen, was elected vice-president.

Mr. Kincaid, in addition to his business duties at Bessemer City, is a prominent Baptist layman and active in Masonic and Eastern Star circles.

Bill Drawn Would Call Election On Meter Take Diversion May 8

Kings Mountain citizens will decide on May 8 whether they wish to empower the city board of commissioners to devote parking meter receipts to recreational purposes, according to terms of a bill City Attorney J. R. Davis drew this week for General Assembly action.

The measure has already been forwarded to State Representative R. T. Falls, Jr., carrying a "house" tag, and the bill is expected to be passed by the General Assembly in the near future.

The bill is the result of action by the city board of commissioners at their meeting last week, in which they took action designed to implement a previous resolution concerning diversion of parking meter receipts for recreational purposes. At last week's meeting, it was pointed



CHIEF DEPUTY — George Allen, Kings Mountain city policeman, will become chief deputy to his brother, Haywood Allen, when the latter takes the oath of office as Cleveland County sheriff on April 2.

George Allen Brother's Deputy

Incoming sheriff Haywood Allen announced this week that his brother, George Allen, Kings Mountain city policeman, would be his chief deputy.

The new sheriff takes office on Monday, April 2, and it is anticipated that George Allen will be sworn in on the same day. Haywood Allen will succeed Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Jr. He was elected to a four-year term last November.

George Allen has been a member of the city police force for the past 42 months. He was married in 1938 to the former Miss Beatrice Williams. They have one daughter, Joyce, age 8.

The Allen brothers are sons of former Sheriff I. M. Allen.

Kiwanians Honor Farmers Of Area

"North Carolina is leading the Southeast in all fields, and we must not slow the pace," L. L. Ray, official of the North Carolina State college foundation, told Kings Mountain farmers at the annual Kiwanis club Farmer's night banquet March 15.

Mr. Ray, who delighted the large audience with a rapid-fire series of humorous anecdotes, expertly interwove facts and figures on the progress of the state in agriculture, business and industry during the past two decades, and further pictured North Carolina as a big horizon for growth in the future.

He pointed out that North Carolina is a well-balanced state, but added, "That is all well and good, but I am interested in knowing the level at which we balance."

He inferred that North Carolina, though a leader in the Southeast, nevertheless stood far down the line in comparison to other states of the nation.

He said 25 percent of the North Carolina gross income comes from 75 percent of the land, whereas textiles, the state's biggest industry, employs one of two persons, and has an annual payroll of \$500,000,000.

Mr. Ray, a former dairy association official, suggested that there is considerable room for expansion of the dairy industry, noting that North Carolina's consumption of dairy products is on a downward slide.

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W. K. Mauney, Jr. Is Nominated For Jaycee Post

W. K. Mauney, Jr., was named by the nominating committee to run for president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting of the organization held at Masonic dining hall Tuesday night.

Fleete McCurdy, chairman of the nominating committee, read the report which also listed the following for offices:

Ben Ballard, for first vice-president.

Fred Wright, Jr., for second vice-president.

Dr. L. T. Anderson, for secretary.

Dr. N. H. Reed, for treasurer.

I. B. Goforth, Jr., Maynard Snow, J. C. Bridges and D. D. Saunders, for directors.

Luco Falls, for sergeant-at-arms (Jay-bird).

Other members of the nominating committee were James (Bunk) Houser, Jacob Cooper, and W. S. Fulton, Jr.

Nominations will be open from the floor for all offices at the next two meetings of the club, with the election to take place on April 17.

Luco Falls, chairman of the ladies night committee, announced that the annual event, when officers for the new year are installed, will be held on May 1.

President Faison Barnes, who presided, announced that the state convention will be held in Asheville on May 18 and 19.

Mr. McCurdy, chairman of the program committee, introduced Jim Felton, superintendent of the Kings Mountain National Military park, who showed slide films prepared by the National Park Service.

Directors of the club, meeting after the regular meeting, voted to contribute fifty dollars to the Red Cross fund drive.

Bill Beam was named as new chairman of the house and attendance committee.

Bruce Thorburn, transferred his membership from the Greensboro Jaycees where he was an outstanding member, a vice-president in charge of new projects.

Bill Moss, who has been an inactive member, returned to active membership as he was also announced.

Honor Society Inducts Six

In a very impressive program on March 2 in the high school auditorium, the Kings Mountain Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted six juniors, Johnny Kiser, Charles Mauney, Paul McGinnis, Jr., Rachel Plunk, Jack Still, and Phyllis Ware.

Rance Henderson, president, told of the Honor Society's purpose and of the requirements candidates must meet in order to become members.

Gene Mauney spoke on scholarship. "To have wisdom we must gain an understanding of the things about us," he told the assembly.

Valerie Dally followed with a discussion of leadership. "The one who is leader is not only faithful and truthful in his position but he must also be able to be a follower," she said.

Louise Carpenter said, "Service is the forgetting of one's self and doing all he can for others—not because you have to but because you want to."

"Character," Carl Cole said, "is what you are not what people think you are, and you alone make yourself what you are. There is nothing so kindly as kindness; nothing so royal as royalty."

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Country Club Sets Bridge Tournament

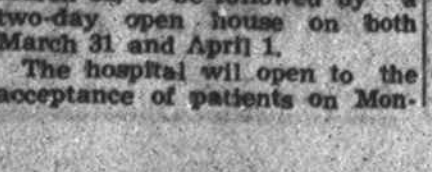
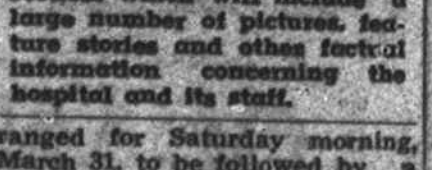
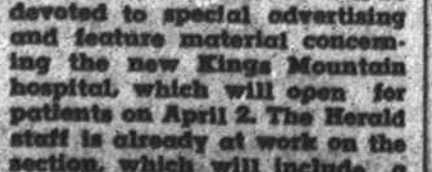
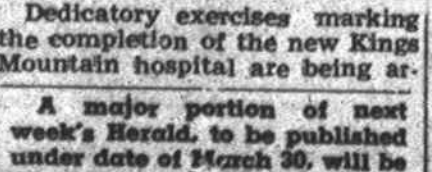
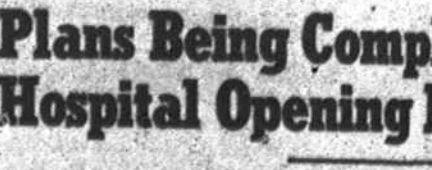
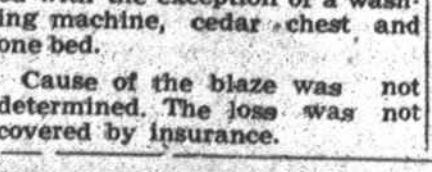
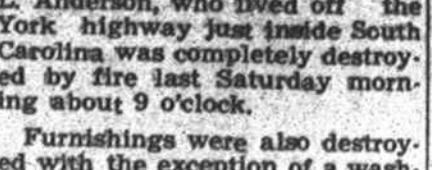
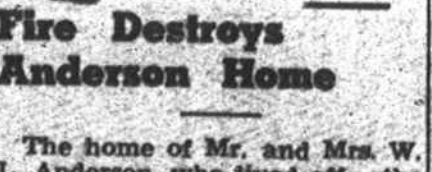
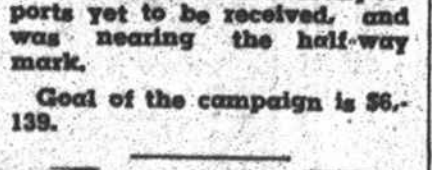
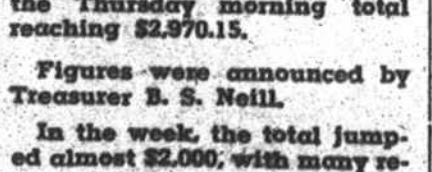
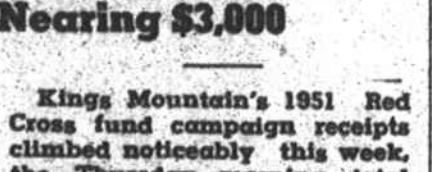
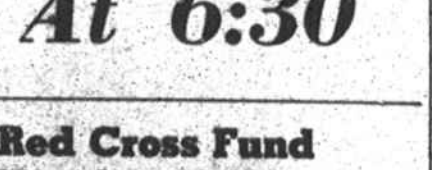
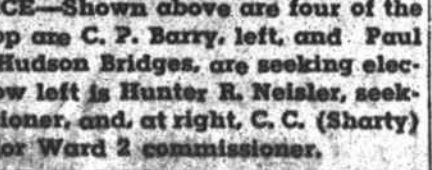
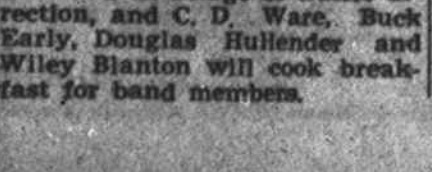
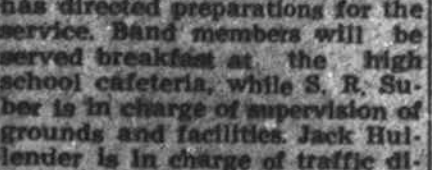
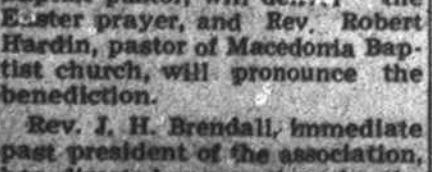
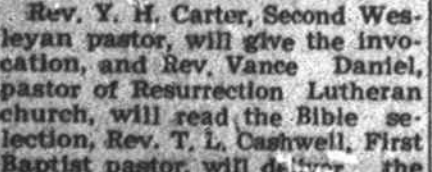
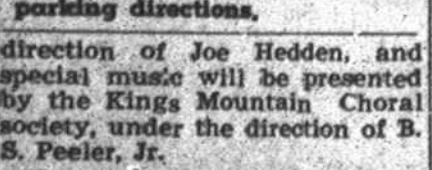
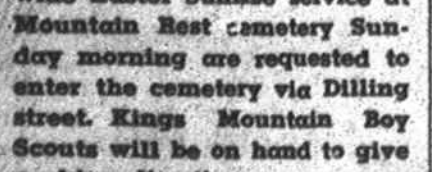
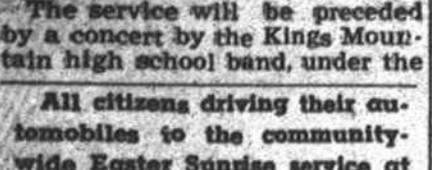
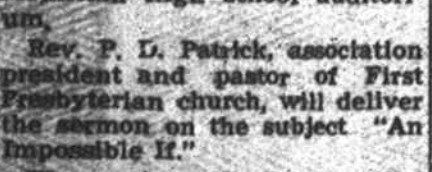
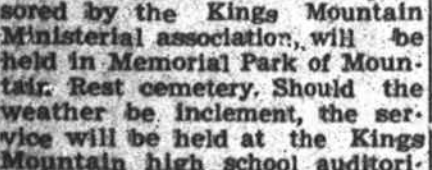
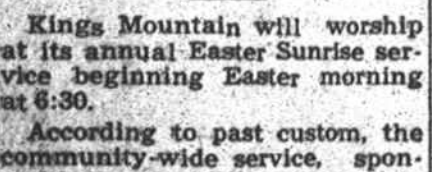
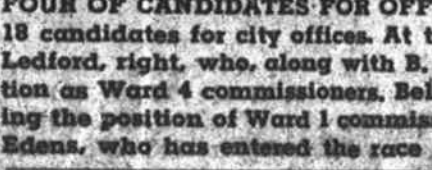
A four-week duplicate bridge tournament will be held at Kings Mountain Country club beginning Thursday, March 23, and continuing for the following three Thursday nights, according to announcement by the organization's social committee.

Play will continue on the three following Thursday nights — April 5, 12 and 19—and will start at 7:45 p. m. each date.

Mrs. Kenneth Todd, of Gastonia, an accredited bridge tournament director, will supervise play, which will be for club members only.

Prizes will be awarded high scorers for North-South and East-West each night, with two prizes going to the tournament high scorers. Couples must play three of the four nights to be eligible for the grand prizes.

Edens, Neisler, Reynolds, Wright, Barry Enter Race; 18 Now In Field



No Office Going Begging; Four 3-Way Races

Five additional citizens filed notice of candidacy during the past week for city offices. —

They included:

For Ward 1 commissioner, Hunter R. Neisler.

For Ward 2 commissioner, C. C. (Shorty) Edens and Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 4 commissioner, C. P. Barry.

For Ward 5 commissioner, Baxter T. Wright, Sr.

The newly announced candidates, added to the total of 13 who had previously filed, meant that, at 11:40 Thursday morning, 18 citizens were seeking the eight positions to be filled by the voters on May 8.

No office was going begging for lack of a candidate, and races were already assured for six of the eight positions. As yet, Mr. Neisler has no opposition for Ward 1 commissioner, and Dr. P. G. Padgett is the only candidate for Ward 4 school trustee.

Four of the eight races were already three-way affairs including the race for mayor, sought by George W. Allen, Carl F. Mauney, and Garland E. Still, the race for Ward 2 commissioner, sought by Lloyd E. Davis, C. C. Edens and Warren E. Reynolds, Ward 4 commissioner, sought by B. Hudson Bridges, incumbent, Paul Ledford and C. P. Barry, and Ward 5 commissioner, sought by Hal D. Ward, incumbent, Fleete R. McCurdy and B. T. Wright.

In Ward 3 Oland R. Pearson seeks election over T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, incumbent, and in Ward 5, both W. J. Fullerson and Fred W. Plunk are seeking to succeed B. S. Neill as school trustee.

The speculators were also still active. An additional un-named candidate was being mentioned as another Ward 2 competitor, and O. T. Hayes, Sr., is being rumored as a mayoral candidate. It was also being rumored that B. A. Smith would make the race for Ward 3 commissioner a three-man affair.

Thumbnail notes on the new candidates:

Mr. Neisler, former Ward 1 commissioner, is currently vice-chairman of the county hospital board of trustees. He is president of the Country Club, a member of First Presbyterian church, and the Kiwanis club.

Mr. Edens is a former Ward 2 school trustee. He is a partner in Economy Grocery, a Lion, member of the First Baptist church and president of the Mountaineer Club.

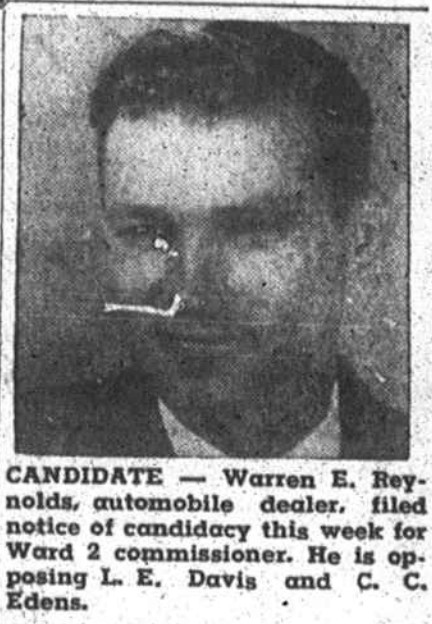
Mr. Reynolds, owner of Reynolds Motors, is seeking public office for the first time. He served with an artillery regiment in World War II before receiving a medical discharge. He is a Lion, a Presbyterian and member of the American Legion.

Mr. Barry is also seeking public office for the first time. He is a representative of Durham Life Insurance company and a veteran of World War II, having served 17 months with the Air Force signal corps. A native of North Carolina, he has lived in Kings Mountain for the past seven years. He is a member of the American Legion, the Lions club, and an elder of Bethany A. B. church. Mrs. Barry owns and operates the service station.

Mr. Wright, Sr. is a representative of the American Legion.

Mr. Hayes, Sr. is a representative of the American Legion.

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Senate Passes Board Measure

The North Carolina Senate passed Wednesday the bill expanding the board of Cleveland County commissioners to five members and carving the county into wards for primary voting purposes.

Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., told the Herald Thursday afternoon that the bill which he introduced and which had previously been passed by the House of Representatives, would probably be ratified into law Friday.

He said he would urge the Secretary of State to speed a certified copy of the act to the county clerk of court, who would then be able to appoint the two additional commissioners.

Nominees of Democratic precinct committees are: District 2, Hazel B. Bongaardner, of Kings Mountain; and District 3, Fitzhugh Rollins, of Lawndale. Clerk of Court E. A. Houser has indicated that he will appoint these nominees.

Registration Books To Open April 7

Registration books for the city election will open on April 7 and unregistered citizens may register for four consecutive Saturdays, according to terms of the city election laws.

Challenge Day will be observed on May 5, with the voting to take place on Tuesday, May 8.

Registrars will be at the polling places on the designated days from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., but the law prescribes that, on election day, the polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

The city expects to announce the election officials next week.

All voters will be eligible to cast their ballot for mayor and five city commissioners. School board elections, however, are strictly the affairs of voters in the individual wards. This year, school trustees are to be chosen in Wards 4 and 5.

Cancer Fund Drive To Begin

A special dinner meeting will be held at the Woman's Club on April 2 launching the annual fund drive in Kings Mountain for the American Cancer society.

Announcement was made by Mrs. J. H. Arthur, acting serving as chairman of the campaign. Mrs. W. W. Tolleson is serving as co-chairman.

The April 2 dinner meeting will feature an address by a physician and a film, "Breast Self-Examination." The meeting is open to the public, and reservations for the dinner are being urged. Price of the dinner is one dollar, and persons wishing to attend should make reservations by calling Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. G. W. Mauney or Mrs. J. P. Mauney.

Quota for the campaign is \$750, same as in 1950. Kings Mountain citizens over-subscribed the quota in 1950.

RE-OPENS OFFICE
Dr. Craig S. Jones, Shelby surgeon, has re-opened his Kings Mountain office in the Morrison Building. Dr. Jones opened an office here last summer and announced that he would perform general surgery at the Kings Mountain hospital when it opened. Dr. Jones' regular office hours here will be from 2:30 to 4 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

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