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VOL. 62 NO. 44 Sixty-Second Year Kings Mountain, N. C., Friday, November 2, 1951 Established 1889 PRICE FIVE CENTS

Local News Bulletins

ATTENDS MEETING Postmaster W. E. Blakely attended a meeting Tuesday of the board of Trustees of Erskine College in Due West, S. C.

ATTEND MEETING Attending the meeting of Presbyterian men at Greensboro from First Presbyterian church were B. W. Gillespie, Halbert Webb, David Ray, Arnold Jackson, Paul Mauney, L. W. Painter, J. W. Webster and C. P. Goforth.

PARKING MONEY A total of \$150.10 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday, according to a report of City Clerk, Joe Hendrick.

COVERED DISH SUPPER Family night will be held at Dixon Presbyterian church Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The community is invited to come and to bring well filled baskets.

MOVIE TO BE SHOWN "Again Pioneers", a moving film on spiritual and human insight, will be shown at First Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall.

FALLS OUT AGAIN Otis Falls, owner of City Service Station, was back at work Thursday morning following a two-week illness. He had been a patient in Kings Mountain hospital for ten days.

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT Annual President's Night will be observed by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club next Thursday evening at 6:45. Wives of members will be special guests and Mrs. Robert Gidney, Shelby soprano, will present a musical program.

GRIGG ELECTED R. B. Grigg, president and general manager of Kings Mountain Beverage Company, Inc., was elected a director of the North Carolina Bottlers' association at the annual convention of the organization held in Greensboro last week.

Rites Are Held For War Victim Final rites for Pfc. Stacy A. Mullinax, Jr., 18, killed in action in Korea on April 21, 1951 were held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at Mountain View Baptist church, with Rev. Floyd Holler and Rev. Johnny Moss officiating. Burial will follow in the family cemetery near the home.

The body arrived here Wednesday, following transshipment from Korea.

Pfc. Mullinax was serving with Co. C, 23rd Infantry at the time of his death. He had entered the army on May 19, 1950.

He was the son of Stacy A. Mullinax, Sr., and the late Mamie Caldwell Mullinax. Surviving, in addition to his father, are his wife, Mrs. Alice Stephenson Mullinax, Louisville, Ky., six sisters, Mrs. Jess Mayberry, York, S. C., Mrs. James Nichols, China Grove, S. C., Mrs. Kelly Goforth, Mrs. Bill Bridges and Mrs. Bud Price, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Ralph Barnes, of Chattanooga, Tenn., two half-sisters, Nancy Mullinax and Pat Mullinax, both of Kings Mountain, a brother, Ed Mullinax, Kings Mountain, and three half-brothers, Alex, Dan, and Dave Mullinax, all of Kings Mountain.

Liens Broom Sale Is Now Underway Members of the Kings Mountain Liens club are currently conducting their annual broom sale.

The sale begins this weekend and will continue next weekend, with members of the club working as house-to-house salesmen. Proceeds are used to rehabilitate blind North Carolina citizens and to aid local persons with defective vision.

John R. Lewis, chairman of the broom sale, said three different types of brooms will be offered for sale, including a household broom of \$1.50, a commercial broom for \$2.00 and an extra heavy commercial broom for \$2.25. Also offered for sale will be rubber doormats for \$2.50.



NEW RED CROSS OFFICIALS—Fred W. Plonk, left, was elected chairman of the 1952 Fund Drive, and Rev. W. L. Pressly, right, was elected chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter at the annual meeting of the organization on October 25.

Pressly Is Elected Red Cross Chairman

At the annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross held Thursday, October 25 at City Hall, W. L. Pressly was elected chapter chairman and Fred Plonk was elected 1952 Fund Drive chairman. Mr. Pressly succeeds L. L. Benson, chapter chairman.

The new directors named, replacing W. K. Mauney, W. L. Plonk, and C. F. Harry, Jr., were Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Leonard Gamble, and Henry Neisler.

Other directors, now serving, are Edwin Moore, J. B. Keeter, Hal Ward, Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, Rev. P. D. Patrick, B. S. Neill, and J. H. Thomson.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble made a report on the blood program. Other reports were made by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mrs. Grady King, B. S. Neill and Mrs. Priddy Ratteree.

Mrs. Grady King read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Priddy Ratteree gave the treasurer's report.

Forty swimming certificates, 22 life saving certificates, and 107 first aid certificates were issued during the past year, the reports showed.

Postal Rates Go Up Effective In '52

Postal rates are going up, but not until 1952. President Truman signed the postal rate increase bill this week which provides:

- 1) Increase in the cost of postal cards from one cent to two cents, effective February 1.
2) Increase in the cost of special delivery service from 15 cents to 20 cents.
3) Increase in charges for mailing newspapers and magazines, 10 percent April 1, and additional 10 percent increases on April 1, 1953, and on April 1, 1954.
4) Increased charges for third class mail, effective July 1, 1952, from one cent minimum to one and one-half cents.

Living Beautification Rose Sale Will Be Conducted Here Next Week

First sales effort in Kings Mountain's Living Beautification program will begin Monday.

Members of the Beautification committee will make a house-to-house canvass, beginning Monday, to take orders for Paul's Scarlet Climber rose plants at 75 cents each, and a follow-up group will begin making deliveries Wednesday, barring inclement weather.

Announcement was made by Mrs. George Houser, publicity chairman, who said that 1,000 of the plants have already been shipped and are en route Kings Mountain.

The delivery group will include teams who will not only deliver the plants, but who will supervise their planting, if that service is needed and desired.

Floral Fair Will Be Held At Club Friday

The annual Kings Mountain Woman's Club Floral Fair will be held Friday.

Floral Fair committees have been hard at work this week completing details for the annual event, and officials are anticipating record crowds.

Dinner will be served at the club beginning at 11:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. A turkey dinner is being offered at \$1.25 and a chicken salad dinner at 75 cents. Children's turkey plate will be 75 cents and a salad plate for 50 cents. Choice home-made cakes and pies will be offered at 10 cents per slice.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin, chairman, said the evening dinner was being served beginning at 5:30 in order to accommodate persons expecting to attend the Newton-Conover-Kings Mountain football game at 7:30.

In addition to the large floral display, in which Kings Mountain flower growers compete for prizes, handwork will be on sale.

"We are looking forward to another highly successful Floral Fair," Mrs. Griffin said, "and we cordially invite all members of the community to attend."

Fulton To Head ARP Men's Group

W. S. Fulton, Jr., was elected president of the Boyce Memorial ARP Men of the Church at a meeting of the group Monday night.

Other officers named were: Lewis Hovis, vice-president; Marriott D. Phifer, program chairman; C. L. Black, secretary-treasurer; Lindsay McMackin and R. H. Burton, food committee.

John Cheshire is retiring president. Following dinner, John L. McGill, elder of the church, made a brief address in which he reviewed the financial history of the church in adding facilities.

He further pointed out immediate and future needs for expanded physical facilities to accommodate a growing membership and suggested that the church establish a building fund, with a goal of \$50,000 during the ensuing ten years.

He stated that the church owes no debt. A delicious dinner was served by members of the Francis Hamilton circle.

S. O. Kirby Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Shuford Odell Kirby, 59, for the past 22 years a citizen of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday afternoon at Second Baptist church, with Masonic burial rites following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Austin, assisted by Rev. C. E. Parker and Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr.

Mr. Kirby died suddenly Monday evening at 8 o'clock when struck by a heart attack. He was standing in the front yard of his North Piedmont avenue home at the time.

A former resident of Gastonia, Mr. Kirby was a native of Caldwell county, son of the late Elbert and Sara Elmore Kirby. He had been a loom fixer at Mar-grace Mill for many years. He was an active member of the Second Baptist church, and serving as chairman of the board of deacons at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bernice Billings Kirby, a son, Ray Kirby, of Kings Mountain, a brother, Clyde Kirby, of Lincolnton, and three sisters, Mrs. Talley Cloer, Mrs. Caille Brooks and Miss Eva Kirby, all of Hudson. One grandchild also survives.

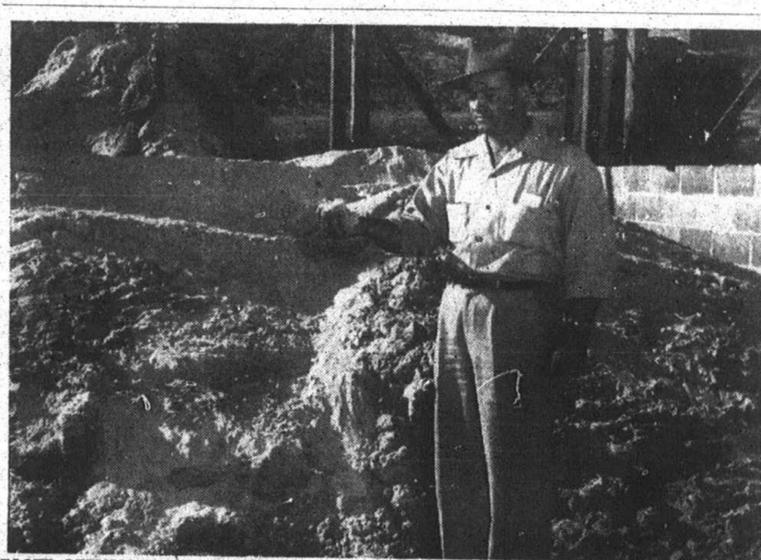
A son, Paul Kirby, died in 1942.

Engineer Gives Recreation Plan

The parks and recreation commission's preliminary plans for construction of a recreation center in Kings Mountain endorsed by most organizations represented at a meeting, held at the Masonic dining hall on Thursday, October 25, of civic and service club officers, school and city officials.

A. B. Chandler, commission chairman, presided and Charles M. Graves, parks and recreation engineer of Atlanta, Ga., presented the plan.

Free Phone Service To Bessemer City To Be Available Beginning Saturday



FOOTE OFFICIAL INSPECTS LITHIUM-BEARING ORE—Fred Dixon, Kings Mountain native now shipping, buying and personnel superintendent at Kings Mountain division, Foote Mineral Company, inspects some of the finely-ground spodumene ore in a drying bin at the plant, located just south of Foote's Exton, Pa., plant for processing. Foote executed an option on the former Solvay plant and land on October 25th for \$350,000 after operating here on the lease for a year. The company this week noted it's 75th anniversary. (Engraving courtesy The Cleveland Times.)

Foote Is Observing 75th Anniversary

Foote Mineral Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., yesterday marked its 75th anniversary and the Kings Mountain division it's first in Kings Mountain.

The company recently completed purchase from Solvay Corp. of that company's former mine and land here and controls mineral rights to some 881 acres at the site, located on Kings Creek just north of Park Grace School road.

Foote had worked and tested the ore content at the mine after getting an option on the property in October, 1950. Drillings made at the mine during this period totaled 6,350 feet and tests indicated an ample deposit of pegmatite, the lithium-bearing ore.

In February, work was speeded up on construction of new mill and mine facilities at the plant and today some 58 persons are employed there and some 360 tons of pegmatite processed daily on a 7-day, 24-hour schedule.

Pegmatite is taken from the open-pit, quarry-type mine, and transported to the mill where it is crushed to the gauge of a 20-mesh screen. After the ore is washed, it is run into vats where the floatation process of separation is started.

Foote is now recovering spodumene, tin, columbite, mica and feldspar in commercial quantities at the plant. The gray, sandy-like ore which is shipped to the Exton, Pa., plant for processing contains six percent lithium and 80 percent spodumene.

Lithium is used in four major industries — ceramics, grease and petroleum, welding and electronics — as well as many others and has hundreds of everyday uses, such as in manufacture of television tubes, as a glaze on pottery, for filaments and bases of electronic tubes, varnishes, storage batteries, cosmetics and welding rod coating.

Foote Mineral Co. was organized in 1876 by the late Dr. A. E. Foote as a rare minerals collecting agency to supply samples for schools, museums and industry.

Dr. Foote had exhibited his collection of rare ore and minerals at the Philadelphia Centennial and had to form the company to supply the large demand for samples.

As a result of a Foote exhibit at the Paris Exposition of 1900, the company entered into its first contract to supply ore in

Mayor Obtains Presentments

Mayor Garland E. Still said Tuesday he had obtained from the Cleveland County grand jury presentments against certain members of the board of city commissioners.

One, he said, was obtained against Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis on charges advanced by himself that Mr. Davis had sold goods to the city and was there by trading with himself.

Another, he said, was obtained against Commissioner Davis, Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., and Commissioner C. P. Barry on allegations that the three had illegally voted to cancel a debt owed to the City of Kings Mountain. The matter concerned cancellation of the Mayor's total of charges on sewage line installation in the Davidson Heights development, Mr. Still said.

Under legal procedure, any individual citizen may bring charges, without securing a warrant, before the grand jury. If a presentment is granted, the presentment is given to the clerk of court for safe-keeping until the forthcoming term of Superior Court. At that time, the district solicitor decides whether to sign the warrant and try the case.

Mayor Still said he and his supporting witnesses appeared before the grand jury Monday.

PASSES EXAM

James O. Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Fulton, who is serving in Korea, has recently passed his exam qualifying him as a Boatswain. His address is: James O. Fulton, B. M. 3, USN, 9960081, USS Helena, C. A. 75 2nd Div., c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif.

World Community Day Observance Will Be Held At 3 P. M. Friday

Kings Mountain churchwomen will gather at Central Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for their annual World Community Day service.

Churchwomen of the community are being asked to bring blankets for subsequent shipment to needy peoples of the world, and an offering will be taken to provide international scholarships.

Theme of the world-wide observance by churchwomen is "Live Thy Faith."

Mrs. B. N. Barnes, vice-chairman of the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen, is program chairman.

Huffman Says New Facilities Now Completed

Barring unforeseen technical difficulties, Kings Mountain telephone subscribers will be able to call Bessemer City numbers without paying long distance tolls, effective Saturday.

Announcement of the proposed "cut-in" of the new free service was made this week by Ned A. Huffman, of Gastonia, district manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. Huffman said that a test of new equipment is now in progress and that the added free service is expected to be available Saturday.

He said a large amount of switching equipment had been added to both the Kings Mountain and Bessemer City offices in order to handle anticipated increased traffic.

Inter-city service from Bessemer City to Kings Mountain has been free for some years, but toll charges have been assessed to Kings Mountain subscribers on these inter-city calls.

Free service to Bessemer City for Kings Mountain subscribers was one of the conditions of a rate increase granted Southern Bell late last year. The authorization for improving equipment was made by Southern Bell on February 16, Mr. Huffman said, and the installations have now been completed.

Bus Terminal Work Started

Construction work on Queen City Coach company's Kings Mountain bus terminal began last weekend.

J. B. Thomas, contractor, said that building the terminal would be "a three-month job". He said that he already had in hand all materials for the construction work and therefore anticipated no delays for that reason.

Mr. Thomas said he had constructed Queen City terminals in a number of other cities, including Florence, S. C., Orangeburg, S. C., and others.

Concrete footings were poured last Friday, and laying of the walls for the new terminal began Monday. Rain slowed the work later in the week.

Principal change in plans was a decision to center the station on the Queen City Company's W. Kings street site, rather than to build it on the East side of the lot. Mr. Thomas said the decision was made by L. A. Love, Queen City's general manager.

Otherwise, the station construction will follow the original plans approved by the city board of commissioners several months ago. The building will be of brick and concrete block construction, with a lunch counter, waiting rooms and four rest rooms. Buses will take on and discharge passengers on the west side of the building.

Kings Mountain has been without a bus station since February 16, 1950.

Air Lock Aids Two More Babies

Two more babies were treated in the Kings Mountain hospital air pressure lock during the past week, according to report of hospital officials.

The two babies using the apparatus for respiratory aid were Deborah Ann Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Page, of Cherryville, and Laurin Charles Whisnant, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Whisnant, 607 Meadowbrook Road.

Dr. P. G. Padgett was attending physician for the Page child, and Dr. Charles Lampley, of Shelby, for the Whisnant child. The air pressure lock was a gift to Kings Mountain hospital from the Mountain Kiwanis club.

Both babies are reported "doing nicely".

ON DEAN'S LIST Frank Andrews Summers, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Summers, a student at Georgia Tech, was named on the Dean's list.