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# Kings Mountain Herald

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## Community Busy Preparing For Easter Observance

### Local News Bulletins

**COURT OF HONOR**  
 Boy Scout Court of Honor, Kings Mountain district, will be held Thursday (tonight) at 8 o'clock in the City Hall. A Scout Leaders' Roundtable will be held also.

**TRANSFERRED**  
 Sgt. Bill McMackin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay McMackin, is being transferred from Orlando, Fla., to Philadelphia for training in recruiting duty.

**ON HONOR ROLL**  
 Donald Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, was listed on the Honor roll for the winter quarter at Western Carolina Teachers College, according to an announcement of Miss Addie Beam, registrar of the college.

**ON TOUR**  
 Miss Marion Arthur left Tokyo, Japan, on April 5th via CAT airlines for a two weeks tour of Bangkok, Thailand, (Siam), Hong Kong, China and Taipei, Formosa.

**BUILDING PERMIT**  
 A building permit was issued at City Hall Wednesday April 2, to Dan Huffstetter for construction of a one story building to be used as a motor court on E. King street at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

**ASSUMES DUTIES**  
 Ralph G. Ware assumed duties as city policeman this week. Mr. Ware replaces J. O. Thompson, who resigned several weeks ago to take a position with Maryland State police.

**IN BOSTON**  
 B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, left Saturday for Boston, Mass., where he is attending the divisional meeting of the American Association of School Administrators.

**WRIGHT BETTER**  
 Fred Wright, Jr., Kings Mountain businessman, is recovering from a major ear operation he underwent at Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital last week. He returned from the hospital Saturday.

**LEGION CANDIDATE**  
 C. L. Shuping, Greensboro lawyer and candidate for commander of the North Carolina department, American Legion, was in Kings Mountain last Friday in behalf of his candidacy.

**KIWANIS WON'T MEET**  
 The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will not hold its regular Thursday night meeting. A large number of Kings Mountain Kiwanians attended the inter-club meeting at Lincoln Tuesday night, which replaced the regular meeting here.

**LEGION MEETING**  
 Regular April meeting of Otis D. Green Post 156, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Building on East Gold street Friday at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Nominating committee report will be made.

**ATTEND PRESBYTERY**  
 Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor, M. L. Harmon, elder, and Menzell Phifer, deacon, represented Boyce Memorial ARP church at the meeting of presbytery at Mooresville Tuesday.

### Merchant Members Have New Emblems

Attention is being called this week to the new emblem denoting membership in the Kings Mountain Merchants association, which have just been distributed to members.  
 Most merchant members are displaying the red, gold and black declamations on their doors or shop windows, and a number of member merchants are displaying the emblems in their advertisements which appear in today's edition of the Kings Mountain Herald.  
 The "decals" reads: "Buy at Home — Kings Mountain Merchants Association Member 1952"



**THREE GENERATIONS OF CHURCH TREASURERS** — When W. S. Fulton, Sr., lower left, retired Sunday as treasurer of Boyce Memorial ARP church and turned the office over to his son, W. S. Fulton, Jr., lower right, the new treasurer became a third generation treasurer of the church. The late W. A. Ware, upper left, grandfather of W. S. Fulton, Jr., turned the treasurership over to the late W. P. Fulton, upper right, great-uncle of the new treasurer early in this century. W. S. Fulton, Sr., succeeded W. P. Fulton in 1922.

### Fulton Ends 30-Year Tenure As Treasurer

### Son Succeeds His Father In Church Post

"This is the best year we ever had," W. S. Fulton, Sr., reported to the congregation of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church on Sunday, as he read the 1951-52 church financial report and thereby completed 30 years of service as treasurer of the church.

On March 30, his son, William S. Fulton, Jr., had been installed to succeed his father.

The new treasurer, William Fulton, is a double third generation treasurer of Boyce Memorial church.

W. S. Fulton, Sr., became treasurer of the church in 1922, succeeding his uncle, the late W. P. Fulton, former Kings Mountain merchant, and W. P. Fulton had succeeded as treasurer, W. A. Ware, grandfather of the new treasurer and father-in-law of W. S. Fulton.

But this account concerns principally W. S. Fulton, Sr., who came to Kings Mountain in 1902 and was accorded the job of janitor of the church. Though he later became treasurer, Mr. Fulton never completely relinquished his janitorial duties, for, during many long years, he has been, in effect, the non-salaried building superintendent of Boyce Memorial church in somewhat of a "minister without portfolio" capacity.

Mr. Fulton admits that keeping the financial records of a church is a somewhat tedious task, with

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### Theatre Comedy To Run Two Nights

"The Campbell's Are Coming" next production of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, will be presented on two nights — Monday and Tuesday, April 21 and 22 — at Central auditorium. It was announced this week.

I. Ben Goforth, Jr., is director of the play, a three-act comedy of life in the Smoky Mountains.

### Holcomb Returns From Korea Tour

SFC Ben Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Holcomb who live at Park Yarn Mill, arrived at Seattle, Wash., last Friday night, returning from a two-year tour of duty in Korea.

Sgt. Holcomb served in Korea as inspection officer with the 388th Ordnance battalion.

An army careerman, he has been in the army since 1940, and he served 46 months in combat during World War II.

### LIONS LADIES NIGHT

Annual Ladies Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held at Masonic Dining Hall the evening of April 22, with a special entertainment program to be presented by Bob Heckard and Dave Carroll, of Winston-Salem. The duo will present a pantomime act and are highly recommended entertainers.

Ertle Powers, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said in making the announcement.

### Little Theatre To Talk Drama With Mrs. Henri

Mrs. Florette Henri, New York writer, commissioned by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre to write a new drama of the Battle of Kings Mountain for 1952 production, will arrive in Kings Mountain Friday morning for a busy two-day schedule.

Mrs. Henri (pronounced Henry) will survey the Kings Mountain Battleground amphitheatre site and confer with park officials and Little Theatre officials concerning the proposed new drama.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., president of the Little Theatre, said Mrs. Henri would arrive here at 8:49 Friday morning aboard the Southern Railway "Peach Queen". She will be met by a delegation of Little Theatre officials and will spend the major part of the day at the battleground. At 6 o'clock in the evening, Mr. Peeler will be host at dinner at his home to Mrs. Henri and directors of the Little Theatre, with Mrs. Henri scheduled to speak to members of the organization at the E. King street office at 9:15.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Henri will be entertained at dinner at the Kings Mountain Country Club at 6 o'clock, with a press conference scheduled at 7 o'clock and open house at 8 o'clock. Mr. Peeler said all persons interested in the production are cordially invited to attend the open house.

Mrs. Henri, author of the novel "Kings Mountain," is to return to New York late Saturday evening.

### Strikes Effect Here Is Minor

Kings Mountain is thus far little affected by two strikes in nation-wide communications organizations.

Telephone service has continued "normal" here since Sunday night when many telephone workers went out in some major cities of the nation.

First restriction came Wednesday afternoon, caused by the 1 o'clock walkout at Charlotte. The local office was restricting long distance calls to and through Charlotte to those of an "emergency" nature. The walkout was for a union meeting and there was no speculation here as to whether the walkout would be continued.

Western Union here was able to supply restricted service, sending telegrams to other cities, similarly unhampered by the strike and not taking messages to offices where the strike was on.

### El Bethel To Hold Sunrise Services

Easter sunrise services will be held at El Bethel Methodist church Sunday morning at 6 o'clock.

Rev. R. L. Forbis, pastor, made the announcement and also said that regular Sunday School will be held at 10 o'clock, with the Easter service to begin at 11 a. m. A childrens service will be held at 7:30, he said.

### Meter Theft Shows Dick Tracy Angle

Shades of Dick Tracy! Someone, probably a youngster, has stolen the "line" from one of the famous comic hero's villains.

Yep, Kings Mountain police found a parking meter missing from in front of First National Bank several weeks ago.

### Retailers To Close On Easter Monday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail stores will be closed on Monday for the annual Easter Monday holiday, giving retail personnel a long weekend holiday.

Also expecting to close are the First National Bank, Home Building & Loan and Kings Mountain Building & Loan.

The merchants will also observe the customary Wednesday afternoon half-holiday, according to by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. President Dan Huffstetter announced.

### Trio Of Wrecks On Highway 29

At least two persons were seriously injured in a trio of accidents on U. S. 29, two near Grover on Saturday, and another near Macedonia Baptist church on Tuesday.

Harold D. Barrett, 26, airman from Gaffney, S. C., on his way back to his station at Langley Field, Va., suffered serious lacerations about the head in the Tuesday accident. He was reported as in an improved condition at Kings Mountain hospital yesterday afternoon.

Barrett had hitch hiked a ride with Elmer Sheldon, of Charlotte, General Electric Sales representative, in a 1950 Buick, Sheldon was slightly injured, suffering lacerations about the head, and was admitted to the hospital.

State Highway Patrolman W. D. Sawyer said the Buick, traveling north on Grover road, ran under the rear of a McLean Trucking Co. tractor-trailer which was turning off the highway at the little-used Margrace crossing near Macedonia church. The accident occurred about 3:30 p. m.

Front end of the Buick was demolished. Officer Sawyer reported.

J. D. Martin, of Grover, suffering serious facial cuts in an accident near Battleground Service Station on Grover road Saturday night around 7:30 p. m.

Martin's vehicle collided with another auto driven by Arthur White, of Grover. Mr. White suffered a broken knee cap and Roy Turner, 30, a passenger in the Martin vehicle, was only slightly injured.

In an accident near the state line on U. S. 29 at Grover on Saturday afternoon around 12:15, Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Henderson, of High Point, suffered painful injuries when their auto and a vehicle driven by A. D. Cochran, of Grover, collided. Mr. Cochran was also injured.

### Chorus To Give Spring Program

Kings Mountain high school mixed chorus will hold its annual Spring Concert on April 17, 1952 Thursday night 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The mixed chorus received a superior rating at the contest this year for the first time. The program will include: Sacred, patriotic, choral readings, Negro spirituals, folk songs and show tunes.

Mrs. Katherine Mauney's "Then Conquer We Must" will be heard for the first time in concert form. Another number of particular interest will be a choral reading of "The Gettysburg Address".

### Easter Sunrise Service Plans Are Completed

Plans were reported complete yesterday for Kings Mountain's annual community-wide Easter Sunrise Service, to be held at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

The service is to begin at 6:15. Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, who is in charge of arrangements for the service, annually sponsored by the Kings Mountain Minister.

Citizens driving their automobiles to the community-wide Easter Sunrise service at Mountain Rest cemetery are being requested to use the Dilling street entrance.

al association, said that the site would be changed to the high school auditorium in event of rain.

He also announced that church bells would be tolled and chimes played by churches throughout the community beginning at 5:45 a. m., a half-hour prior to the service.

Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will deliver the Easter message on the topic, "When the Morning Comes".

The community chorus, under the direction of B. S. Peeler, Jr., will sing the call to worship, and Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, will pray the invocation. Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., pastor of First Baptist church, will read the Scripture, and Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will pray the Easter prayer. Rev. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will pronounce the benediction. The community chorus will sing "God So Loved the World," "Awake, Awake," and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

The Easter Sunrise service annually attracts a large crowd. "We expect attendance records to fall Easter morning," Mr. Patrick said.

### Red Cross Total Still Climbing

"We think we'll make it," Fred Plonk, chairman of the Number 4 Township Red Cross fund drive said Wednesday morning.

Mr. Plonk reported receipts climbing slowly toward the township quota, with a number of divisions still to make final reports.

He reported the residential division had exceeded its quota which was "the highest ever." "The workers in this division have done exceptionally well," Mr. Plonk said, "and much credit is due Mrs. L. E. Abbott, chairman, and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, co-chairman, of this division."

### Communion Service At Boyce Memorial

A special pre-Easter communion service will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly.

The candlelight service will be featured, in addition, by a musical reading by Miss Elizabeth Anthony and special music by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. N. F. McGill.

Mrs. M. A. Ware will decorate the church for the special service.

### Central Methodist Has Bargain Day

Last Sunday was bargain day at Central Methodist church.

With a filled church, Rev. J. H. Brendall, the pastor, passed over the customary ritual of calling the stewards to pass the collection plates. One member of the church finance committee said, "It probably cost us \$300."

One member of the church guessed Mr. Brendall was overcome by the extra good baptismal "business." He had baptized 12 youngsters, remarking, "Some say they come cheaper by the dozen, but I believe they come sweeter by the dozen."

Members of the church say they don't remember a similar bargain day in history.

### Schools Schedule Series of Clinics

A series of pre-school clinics for children expecting to enter school for the first time next fall was announced this week by B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools.

The schedule follows: East school, April 23, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Central school, May 1, beginning at 9:30 a. m. West school, May 2, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Davidson school, April 17, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. Barnes is urging all parents of children who will start school next year to make arrangements to bring their children to the schools their children will enter.

"The pre-school clinics are very important," he said, "for our potential enrollment determines teacher allocations by the state. In addition, it makes school much easier for the beginning children when required inoculations are already behind them."

To enter the first grade, a child must be six years of age on or before October 2. The law reads, October 1, Mr. Barnes said, but the attorney general has ruled that a child born on October 2, has attained his sixth birthday on October 1, and thus can enter the public schools.

### "Lily Parade" To Help Fund

Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, Kings Mountain chairman of the annual Easter Seal drive, announced today that the Lily Street parade will be held in Kings Mountain on Saturday, April 12th from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. This is the final solicitation for contributions to helping the crippled children and adults of Cleveland county.

Mrs. Blanton, president of the local Junior Woman's club, under whose auspices the street sales is being conducted, said that club members will be at a table in downtown Kings Mountain on Saturday, and that all those who wish to contribute or contribute more will have an opportunity to do so.

The national Easter Seal drive which has been underway since March 13th will be concluded Easter Sunday. Over 90 per cent of funds contributed in Cleveland county will remain in the county for the benefit of local handicapped.

### Many To Get Long Holiday This Weekend

Kings Mountain was preparing for Easter this week, with special church services paramounting the activities of many of Kings Mountain area citizens.

Almost all churches had scheduled special services, and attendance at Easter Sunday services was expected to reach record proportions.

Easter will also bring holidays to a large proportion of the community. City and Park Grace schools will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, resuming regular schedules on Tuesday morning.

Majority of retail stores will close on Easter Monday, as has been a custom here for many years, while other firms will operate on abbreviated schedules.

Merchants were expecting a final buying rush for the forthcoming weekend and reported ample stocks to take care of the last minute Easter-season buying, including both apparel and gift items. Florists were already jam-packed with orders and expecting considerably more.

Easter egg hunts were the order of the day during the week, with more scheduled for the weekend by church and social groups.

Among industry, Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, had announced that the mill will be closed on Monday, resuming schedule on Tuesday.

City Hall offices will be closed Easter Monday.

### Cancer Campaign Quota Is \$750

Kings Mountain's quota in the annual Cancer Fund campaign is \$750. Mrs. George Allen, chairman of the 1952 fund drive, announced this week.

The fund campaign, a project of the Senior Woman's club, will begin next week.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. W. W. Tolleson and Mrs. J. H. Arthur.

Proceeds from the nation-wide campaign are used for research in determining improved means of discovering the disease and of curing it.

Mrs. Allen pointed out that cancer is the "Number 2 killer" among diseases.

"Kings Mountain has always met its quota and I feel it will again," she said in making the announcement.

### K. M. Florists Sold On Monday

Mrs. Charlie Blalock and Mrs. Donald Crawford announced sale this week of Kings Mountain Florists to Mrs. Dean Spearman, Mrs. Guthrie Hamrick and George A. Hamrick.

The sale was effective Monday. The new owners will continue to operate the business at its present location on West Mountain street, and Mrs. Blalock will assist the new owners through the Easter season. It was announced. The firm will continue to operate under the same name.

Mrs. Blalock and Mrs. Crawford opened the florist three years ago.

### St. Matthew's Plans Four Easter Services

Special Easter services will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, beginning Thursday evening, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Gerberding.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday will be observed at 7:30 p. m. with Holy Communion, with special music by the high school girls' trio.

Good Friday will be observed with a special service, also beginning at 7:30, which will include the Passion Story, the pastor's meditation on "Calvary," and special music by the 50-voice high school mixed chorus.

Easter services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The church will be decorated with a memorial garden of lilies and the choir will sing three Easter anthems.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
 I. Grady Patterson entered Charlotte Memorial hospital Monday for a general check up and observation.