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PLAYERS IN HILLBILLY FROLIC — Mrs. Campbell, portrayed by Mrs. M. A. Ware, is the center of interest in the action photo above at a Little Theatre rehearsal of "The Campbell's Are Coming," to be presented on stage at Central auditorium Monday and Tuesday nights. Offering sympathy is Bobby Goforth and, in process of "applying" a cup of water to the stricken Mrs. Campbell, is Mrs. Sam Mitchell. Others in the cast are, back left to right, Woodie Rawles, Mrs. W. J. Melcher, Meek Carpenter, Rudl Wuennenberg and Mrs. P. G. Padgett and, not pictured, Mrs. Bruce Thorburn and Jimmy Spivey. (Photo by Hubert Carlisle, Carlisle Studio.)

Engineer Begins Study of City's Electrical Rates

Max Miller, Greensboro electrical engineer, was here Wednesday for preliminary work on an electrical rate study, for which he was retained several months ago.

Mr. Miller, according to the contract with the city, is to furnish recommendations on rate changes prior to the preparation of the city's 1952-53 budget.

He said Wednesday that the current rate schedule, in use for many years, contained "obvious discrepancies and inequities," and that his instructions are to furnish rate recommendations that will eliminate inequities, yet return the same amount of revenue to city coffers.

As one example of "discrepancies," Mr. Miller pointed out that a customer using 100 kilowatts of power under the current light rate would pay \$6.10 for the service. He could add a stove or electric hot water heater, thereby qualifying for the combination LCH rate, use a total of 200 kilowatts, and pay only \$5.50 for the whole amount.

Mr. Miller has previously made a study of the city's power system, furnished maps of the system, and has made recommendations for improving the service.

M. K. Fuller, city administrator, pointed out that one recommendation already carried out had resulted in much brighter street lights. The job required cutting over one portion of the street lights from an over-loaded circuit to another that was not carrying a high load. The cost was negligible, he said, and reported that numerous other service improvements are being made by following the Miller recommendations.



Davis Confident City Will Get Gas Allocation

City Attorney J. R. Davis is confident the Federal Power Commission will allocate a supply of natural gas to the City of Kings Mountain, which is seeking to inaugurate natural gas service here.

Mr. Davis, who testified in behalf of the city's allocation request before FPC two weeks ago, is now awaiting word from the commission to return to Washington for cross-examination by firms and groups opposing the Kings Mountain allocation.

Others appearing at Washington in behalf of the Kings Mountain request were C. E. Neisler, member of the city planning board, Mayor Pro Tempore James Layton, and Sam Helfman, engineer for Barnard & Burk, who made the Kings Mountain natural gas survey.

Among other technicalities to be attended to is obtaining of a certificate of necessity and convenience from the North Carolina Utilities commission, regarded by Mr. Davis as a routine matter. Shelby also seeks a gas allocation, and the Shelby board of commissioners voted Monday night to request the necessity certificate.

Opposing the allocation to Kings Mountain and other cities of this area are Transcontinental Pipeline Company, owner of the transmission pipeline, Northern cities which want their gas allocation increased, and some labor groups, particularly the United Mine Workers.

Mr. Davis said he felt the commission's previous policy in favoring applications of cities for a gas supply, plus Kings Mountain's nearness to the pipeline, materially supports the Kings Mountain request.

Mrs. Myers' Father Claimed By Death

Funeral rites for Joseph Marcus Bellotte, 79, father of Mrs. O. W. Myers, of Kings Mountain, were held Monday afternoon at his home in Seneca, S. C., interment following in Oconee Memorial Park.

Mr. Bellotte died early Easter morning. He had been in declining health for the past several years.

A life-long resident of Oconee County, S. C., Mr. Bellotte was the son of the late Samuel E. and Sarah Tillinghast Bellotte. He was a member of Seneca Presbyterian church.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Myers, are his wife, the former Miss Leasette Frick, seven daughters, three sisters and eleven grandchildren.

Among Kings Mountain people attending the final rites were Mrs. B. S. Peeler, Sr., B. S. Peeler, Jr., and Mrs. C. F. Thomasson.

Baptist Youth To Hear Farrar

First Baptist church will observe intermediate day on Sunday, beginning with breakfast at the church at 8 a. m. and featuring at 9 o'clock an inspirational address by Rev. John Farrar.

At regular morning and evening services intermediates will serve as ushers and they will furnish special music at the evening service.

Varied Entertainment Program To Feature Lions Ladies Night

The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its 15th annual ladies night banquet Tuesday night, with a varied program of entertainment, featuring the event.

The banquet will be held at Masonic Dining Hall, beginning at 7:30. Dress will be informal.

Erlie Powers, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced Tuesday that two well-known Charlotte musicians will present a musical program, in addition to a pantomime act of two Winston-Salem comedians, Bob Heckard and Dave Carroll, which had been previously announced.

Miss Mary Wilson, mezzo soprano, will give a varied musical program, including popular and semi-classical renditions. She will be accompanied by Miss Claire Simmons, pianist, and herself a well-known soprano.

Kiser Won't Seek Commissionership



W. L. Blackburn To Run Again For Constable

L. Arnold Kiser will not make the race for District 2 county commissioner, he told the Herald Wednesday at noon.

Mr. Kiser said that, at the present time, he did not feel he could spare the time from his business duties to make the race or to give the commissioner proper attention should he be nominated and elected.

The announcement by Mr. Kiser was the principal development in the week's county political news from the standpoint of citizens in Number 4 and 5 Townships, for he had been regarded in some quarters as a "sure" candidate.

Other principal announcement of interest in the Kings Mountain area was by Will Blackburn, incumbent constable, who said he would seek renomination and re-election. He said Tuesday he would file with the county elections board well in advance of the Saturday deadline. He will be opposed by Ervin Ellison, who filed notice of his candidacy several weeks ago.

To date, six persons are seeking the five school board posts. They include Wayne L. Ware, Kings Mountain farmer, and three other incumbents, W. H. Lutz, of Waco, Dixon Stroupe, of Falkston, and B. Austell, of Earl. Two Lawndale men are seeking the school board position being vacated by C. D. Forney, Sr. They are his son, C. D. Forney, Jr., and R. A. Warlick.

The statement by Mr. Kiser that he would not run leaves Hazel B. Bumgardner, incumbent District 2 commissioner, as the only candidate in the race thus far. Other incumbent commissioners were similarly without opposition at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, according to information furnished by Mrs. Mary Glover, secretary to the county elections board.

Major contest to date is for the North Carolina Senate seat between Robert Morgan and Senator Clyde Nolan, both of Shelby. Candidates unopposed thus far include:

Dan Moore, who is seeking reelection as register of deeds.
B. T. Falls, Jr., who is seeking re-election to a fourth term as Cleveland County's representative in the North Carolina legislature.
J. Lee Roberts, veteran Number 4 Township magistrate, is the only candidate for that position. However, filing of other candidates would not necessarily signify a contest. Number 4 Township is allowed nine magistrates under the statutes.

Illness Fatal To Lockridge

Samuel Meek Lockridge, age 63, resident of North Piedmont avenue died Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 after an illness of three months.

Mr. Lockridge was a native of York County, South Carolina, the son of the late James Harvey and Della Ann Cooper Lockridge. Since he retired from farming 8 years ago, he has been living in Kings Mountain. He was a member of Kings Mountain Methodist Chapel church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bertie Lee McMurry, five sons, James, Meek, Campbell, David and Sam M. Lockridge, Jr., three daughters, Mrs. Oleene Anderson, Misses Mary Frances and Jean McMurry Lockridge, all of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Corrie Parker of Clover, S. C.; and 8 grandchildren.

One son, Calvin P. Lockridge, was killed in action in France in 1944.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete late yesterday but the service will probably be held Friday at Harris Funeral Home conducted by Rev. J. W. Phillips and Rev. B. W. Lefler, with burial to follow in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Local News Bulletins

ON HONOR ROLL
Miss Shirley Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur was listed on the Honor Roll at Peace college for the second quarter.

BOARD SESSION
The city board of commissioners is scheduled to meet Monday night at 7:30 in regular monthly session. The meeting was postponed from last Monday night, due to the Easter Monday holiday.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$150.70 was collected from the City's parking meters Wednesday, according to a report of City Clerk, Joe Hendrick.

KIWANIS MEETING
Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be held Thursday night in Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock. Program was not announced.

RECEIVES RATING
Quality Sandwich Co. received a high "B" rating (87) on an inspection at the plant here on Wednesday morning. Thomas Strickland, county sanitarian who conducted the inspections, made the announcement.

BOARD ORGANIZES
Martin Harmon was elected chairman and Menzell Phifer secretary of the Boyce Memorial ARP church board of deacons for the year 1952-53. Mr. Harmon succeeds Lindsay McMackin and Mr. Phifer succeeds Franklin Ware.

BUILDING PERMIT
A building permit was issued last week to W. K. Mauney, Sr., for construction of one room behind Kings Mountain Building and Loan association to be used as a press room at an estimated cost of \$500.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY
Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor, and C. E. Neisler, elder, represented First Presbyterian church at the quarterly meeting of Kings Mountain presbytery, held Tuesday at Cherryville Presbyterian church. Mr. Patrick reported that a number of good reports were heard and that each of the 44 churches in the presbytery were represented. The presbytery embraces Presbyterian churches in Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford and Polk counties.

Dr. Grier To Speak At Boyce Memorial

Dr. R. C. Grier, of Erskine college, Due West, S. C., will be guest minister at Boyce Memorial ARP church at the morning service, according to an announcement of Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor.

Dr. Grier will speak on the college and seminary. A special offering will also be taken for the college and seminary.

The boys quartet of Erskine college will present special music for the service.

Comedy Scheduled Monday, Tuesday

Little Theatre Is Presenting Mountain Drama

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present its current drama "The Campbell's Are Coming," a comedy in three acts, on Monday and Tuesday evening at Central school auditorium.

Both performances will begin at 8 o'clock. Admission is 75 cents per person.

The play, which depicts life in the Smoky Mountains, is being directed by I. Ben Goforth, Jr.

The group has been working at rehearsals for several weeks.

The cast includes: Mrs. P. G. Padgett, as *Ma Brannigan*; Mrs. W. J. Melcher, as *Catalpa Tapp*; Mrs. Sam Mitchell, as *Betty Brannigan*; Bob Goforth, as *Dick Brannigan*; Jimmy Spivey, as *Budd Tapp*; Meek Carpenter, as *Cyrus Scudder*; Woodie Rawles, as *Jeff Scudder*; Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, as *Kaye Brannigan*; Rudl Wuennenberg, as *Kingston Campbell*; and Mrs. M. A. Ware, as *Mrs. Campbell*.

Mrs. Henri, Writing Drama, Gets Acquainted With People And Area

Mrs. Florette Henri, New York author and self-styled "Southern Yankee" returned to New York Saturday night after a busy two days here Friday and Saturday in which she discussed plans with the Kings Mountain Little Theatre for her projected drama of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

House guest of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. Henri visited the site of the battle and the amphitheatre where her new play will be produced, talked to members of Little Theatre groups of Shelby, Gastonia and Kings Mountain, and predicted optimistically that a most successful drama would be written and produced.

Talking with newspapermen Saturday evening Mrs. Henri demonstrated complete historical knowledge of the principals in the Battle of Kings Mountain, in addition to the events leading up to it and the famous battle itself.

Last year Doubleday & Company published Mrs. Henri's novel "Kings Mountain," for which, Mrs. Henri says, she spent 15 years of research, in both American and British history.

She told the Kings Mountain Little Theatre that she had already begun writing the Battle of Kings Mountain drama and expected to deliver it early in June. Plans of the Little Theatre call for producing it at Kings Mountain National Military Park in late August and early September.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Henri was the honor guest at a dinner given by B. S. Peeler, Jr., president of the Little Theatre, at

Negro Red Cross Gifts Reach \$384

L. L. Adams and J. A. Gibson, chairman and co-chairman of the Negro division of the Red Cross Fund drive, met Tuesday night at City Hall with leaders of the groups to report on the progress of the drive.

A total of \$384.16 was reported which is \$16 short of goal reached last year and \$116 short of \$500 quota for this year, according to an announcement of Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain chapter.

Mrs. Gamble stated that some groups expressed a desire to continue their efforts to reach their quota.

CAR FIRE

City firemen extinguished a fire in a Plymouth automobile Saturday afternoon at 3:30 near the B & B Restaurant. A pyrene extinguisher did the job and only minor damage was done, fireman Ted Gamble reported.

Cromer To Speak At Resurrection

Rev. Voight R. Cromer, D. D. president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, will preach the sermon at 11 o'clock services at Resurrection Lutheran church Sunday morning, according to announcement by Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor.

Dr. Cromer's visit to the church is on the occasion of Lenoir-Rhyne College Day in the North Carolina Synod, Mr. Daniel said.

Two Bound To Superior Court

Two young Kings Mountain area boys were bound over to Superior Court for trial after probable cause was found against them on breaking and entering charges in Recorder's court action Tuesday afternoon. Judge E. A. Harrill presided and Solicitor Jack White prosecuted the docket.

L. B. England and Ben F. Sessome, Jr., each charged with breaking and entering, had allegedly entered the American Legion building on February 3 and had stolen cigars, cigarettes, candy and chewing gum. The boys were placed under \$400 bonds each. John J. Mahoney of Shelby was defense attorney.

Robert Bess, Negro, was charged with assault on a female. Police said Bess asked a white girl for a date. He received a 6-month sentence suspended for a period of two years on the following conditions that the defendant pay the costs of court, pay a fine of \$25, stay gainfully employed stay home on Saturday and Sunday nights, and not frequent or visit (Continued On Page Eight)

Student Art To Be Exhibited

An exhibit of art by school children and by the pupils of Mrs. Herman Campbell will be shown at the Woman's club Saturday morning from 10 until 12 and - until 5 in the afternoon.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit.

The pictures will be judged Friday afternoon and will be shown Friday night at the monthly meeting of the Woman's club.

The meeting will be the Woman's Club's annual husband's night dinner meeting, according to announcement by Mrs. I. G. Patterson, president.



DISCUSSES DRAMA — Mrs. Florette Henri, New York author, was in Kings Mountain over the weekend, discussing with Kings Mountain Little Theatre members plans for her forthcoming drama of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which the Little Theatre expects to produce this summer.