

CITY BOARD DISCHARGES FULLER

Local News Bulletins

CONCERT TEAM
Earnest and Miles Mauney, dual pianists, are currently on a concert tour in Alabama, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

LEAVES THURSDAY
Captain Estel Elkin has recently returned from active duty in Korea and has been assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C.

ARMY ENLISTEE
Jack Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, has enlisted in the U. S. Army and was to report to Fort Jackson, S. C.

TAG SALES
Sale of 1953 city auto license plates totaled 627, according to a report by the city clerk's office Wednesday morning.

LIONS MEETING
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall.

METER RECEIPTS
A total of \$143.08 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning.

PALM SUNDAY PROGRAM
The Senior Choir of Central Methodist church will present DuBois' "Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ" on Palm Sunday, March 29.

INACTIVE STATUS
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pethel have moved into the Jacob Cooper apartment on Piedmont avenue.

BEHNSON HOME
L. L. Benson, well known Kings Mountain citizen who has been a patient at a Black Mountain sanitarium for the past several months, returned to his home in the Mauney Apartments Monday.

Pastor Raises \$1,400 In "Mile" Collection

Some \$1,400 has been collected on Rev. B. F. Austin's "Mile of Dollars" drive for the Second Baptist church building fund.

Construction is nearing completion on the new structure across from the present building on Linwood road.

Mr. Barnett also announced that Sunday school classes at the church are competing for banners as a part of the building fund drive.

Funeral Thursday For Chief's Mother

Funeral services for Mrs. W. G. Turner, 77, mother of S. R. (Pop) Davidson, city police chief, will be held Thursday afternoon at York Funeral Home.

Publication Features City's Rose Project

Under the title "Rose Boom for Kings Mountain", Living for Young Homemakers magazine features in its February issue, just off the press, the Kings Mountain Living Beautification rose project in picture, story and cutlines.

A half-dozen pictures show Kings Mountain citizens at work planting roses in various public spots, while, in another four-picture series, the art of successful rose-planting is depicted.

Another picture shows the arrival of the first shipment of rose plants last year from the magazine, which sponsored the project and launched it with a gift of rose plants.

One picture shows a group of committee members planting roses at the intersection of U. S. 74 and Mountain street, and another shows a group of school children working on "Operation Green Thumb".

The magazine gives a courtesy line for the photographs to Carlisle Studio.

Little Theatre Play Date Set

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Ten Little Indians", Agatha Christie's mystery drama, on Tuesday, February 3 at Central school auditorium.

Cast and committees were announced this week by Dr. P. G. Padgett, who will direct the production.

Featured in the cast are Philip Baker as "Jim Narcott"; Dr. P. N. Baker as "Rogers"; Mrs. Dudley Rainey as "Mrs. Rogers"; Miss Cornelia Dick as "Vera Claythorn"; B. S. Peeler, Jr. as "Phillip Lowbaed"; Bruce Thornburn as "Anthony Malston"; Delbert Dixon as "William Blou"; Ed Smith as "General MacKenzie"; Mrs. Aubrey Mauney as "Emily Brest"; I. Ben Goff, Jr. as "Sir Lawrence Wargrave"; and R. G. Plonk, Jr. as "Dr. Armstrong."

Sam Stallings is staging chairman, Luther Cans is chairman of lighting and sound, Mrs. Rudl Wuennenberg is proprietress of properties, Mrs. Charles Mettauer is make-up chairman, and Mrs. Bruce Thornburn has charge of programs and tickets.

Dr. Padgett also issued an appeal for volunteers to assist with the production, urging those interested to contact one of the chairmen for assignment.

Patterson Rites Held On Tuesday

Funeral services for James Floyd Patterson, 46, resident of 28 Mitchell street, Shelby, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Sulphur Springs Methodist church.

Rev. I. M. Brendle officiated, assisted by Rev. Spurgeon Struggs. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Patterson died at his home Monday at 1 a. m. following a heart attack. He was the adopted son of Mrs. Lee Patterson Wright of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Vergie Boheler Patterson; three sons, Larry and Gary Patterson of Shelby and Thomas Eugene Patterson of the U. S. Army stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.; two brothers, Everett and Howard Patterson of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Mrs. Fanny M. Bowen, and Mrs. Hester Cox of Rock Hill, S. C.

A representative of the internal revenue bureau will be at the City Hall in Kings Mountain on February 19 to help local citizens in preparing 1952 income tax reports, according to recent announcement.

March Of Dimes Drive Progressing



KIWANIS SPEAKER - Dr. C. C. Feinigan, president of Queens College, Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday evening at 6:45.

More Activities Are Planned For Polio Fund

Annual March of Dimes drive for funds to combat polio and to assist in the treatment of polio patients is reported going well in the Kings Mountain area by Grady K. Howard and Dr. Nathan H. Reed, co-chairmen.

No report was made by the chairmen of the actual amount already collected but the two men urged all workers and chairmen to submit a preliminary report to them on Monday or Tuesday of the collection to date.

Goal for Cleveland County is \$25,000, with the Kings Mountain area expected to contribute around one-fourth of that amount. Some \$29,000 was raised in the county last year.

The local drive got off to a big start on January 12 with the announcement of a contribution of \$5,000 by the Harry Brothers of Grover who made the gift in gratitude for the care accorded the three Harry children who suffered infantile paralysis attacks last summer.

One change in the listing of industrial chairmen of last week was noted yesterday by Dr. Reed. He said that David Mauney is serving as chairman at Mauney Hosiery Company instead of Hoyle McDaniel.

Activities listed by the chairmen in connection with the annual appeal for funds include a "roadblock" collection set for Sunday afternoon, a "Mother March" scheduled for next Thursday night (January 29) and the school childrens drive, set for January 30.

Publicity Chairman Ollie Harris announced that Boy Scout Troop 12, Burlington Mill unit, is assisting with the collection at local theatres and through city parking meters. Nine cents of every dime deposited in the city's parking meters will go to the March of Dimes drive, with the motorist to get the usual 12 minutes worth of parking time for the coin.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Kings Mountain Police Department will conduct the "roadblock" and members of the Junior Womens club will conduct the "Mothers March". Mrs. Sam Hamrick, president of the club is serving as chairman and all members of the organization are serving on the collection detail.

Citizens wishing to contribute to the "Mothers March" next Thursday have been requested to leave porch lights burning and a collector will stop for the gift, Mrs. Hamrick said.

Three Attend Board Session

The city board of commissioners, in special meeting on Wednesday night, January 15, attended only by the mayor and two commissioners, took the following actions by 3-0 vote, Mayor Garland Still voting on each question:

- 1) Delayed payment for unused vacation time until the next regular meeting of the board.
2) Rescinded approval of installation of a water line on Juniper street.
3) Designated Tom Henry superintendent of public works, at a salary of \$325 per month, and designated M. K. Fuller assistant superintendent of public works at a salary of \$300 per month.

Present and voting in addition to the mayor, were Commissioners Pearson and Layton.

FIRE ALARM

City firemen answered a call Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock outside the city limits on the Shelby Road. A car, a 1951 Ford, property of Ralph Haynes, was almost completely destroyed by the flames. Origin of the automobile fire was not known.

Rumor Mill Begins Grinding Out Candidate Prospects For Election

Though only one candidate has thus far entered the biennial city elections there is currently considerable conversation among citizens of the community concerning candidates for city offices.

Thus far, Glee A. Bridges, former county commissioner, is the only candidate for any office. Mr. Bridges has formally filed notice of his candidacy for mayor.

With a backdrop of controversy at City Hall due to a finely divided administration, more and more people have been speculating on candidacies in recent days.

Other probable mayoral candidates include former Mayor H. Tom Fulton, George W. Allen, who ran second for mayor two years ago, and the current mayor, Garland E. Still. Also mentioned for the top slot are Baxter T. Wright, Sr., currently Ward 5 commissioner, Hal S. Plonk, and Charles G. Dilling, but the "sure" tag, among po-

Postal Receipts Reported Up Over '51 Figures

Postal receipts at Kings Mountain postoffice during the calendar year 1952 showed a considerable gain over the previous year, Postmaster W. E. Blakely reported this week.

Receipts for the year ended December 31 totaled \$49,099.51, compared to a total of \$46,296 for 1951.

Mr. Blakely attributed the gain to "greater volume of business", an indication of greater business activity for the whole community. He said this conclusion was based on the fact of a decline in parcel post mailings, due to new mailing restrictions.

"In the face of this decline, the receipts increased," he pointed out. One firm, which had previously shipped regularly by parcel post, had to cut its mailings by about \$5,000 he said, due to the changed regulations.

Fourth quarter postal receipts were also up slightly over the previous year, he reported.

Receipts in the final quarter of 1952 totaled \$14,719.33, compared to \$14,324.54 in the fourth quarter of 1951.

The total receipts were well over the minimum requirements for first class status of \$40,000.

Pearson Reports Petition Found

City Commissioner Olland R. Pearson said Saturday a petition requesting the paving of East Gold street had been found in the files at City Hall.

Some property-owners on East Gold street, objected to paying a street-paving assessment on the grounds that the state highway commission did the work.

The petition which Mr. Pearson said covers East Gold street was dated August 5, 1940 and bore the signatures of F. R. Summers, agent for heirs of W. A. Mauney, Bonnie Cotton Mills, and W. K. Mauney.

Its text, addressed to "To the Mayor and the Town Commissioners of Kings Mountain," follows:

"We the undersign citizens of Kings Mountain and Property owners on Gold Street from Gaston to Oriental Avenue request the Mayor and the Town Commissioners to build this road 32 ft. wide with curb on both sides of said street, and the adjoining property owners agree to pay the Town five cents per square foot for all over 18 ft. in width. This includes curb also and agree to pay one third cash and the balance in one and two years with 6 percent interest until paid in full.

The street-paving assessment roll confirmed by the city board of commissioners at their meeting of January 12 is published on page 6, Section I, of today's issue of the Herald.

Citizens Attending Preaching Mission

A number of Kings Mountain citizens, including both ministers and laymen, have been attending some of the sessions of the Charlotte United Preaching Mission, which began January 18 and will continue through Sunday.

Among featured speakers to be heard the remainder of the preaching mission are: Dr. John A. Redhead, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Dr. Clifford E. Barbour, Dr. Norman W. Paulin, Dr. Henry Crane, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, and others.

Tax Listing Rush Is Now Beginning

"It's almost too late to avoid the last-minute rush," city and county tax listing officials said Wednesday afternoon.

Listing business had picked up considerably during the past week, but both Conrad Hughes, township lister, and C. E. Carpenter, city lister, said many people have yet to list their properties for 1953 taxes. Deadline for listing is January 31. The listers are at City Hall daily except Mondays, when Mr. Hughes is at Roundtree's Store in Groves.



POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 'ADOPTED' BOY - Pictured above with the bicycle purchased by members of the Kings Mountain Police department for his Christmas present is Billy Sanders, 11-year-old fifth grade student. Young Sanders was honored at a city employee's supper held at the fire department at City Hall last Friday night. He has been 'adopted' by the police department and a \$2,000 educational policy has been taken out to further his education. He was appointed honorary mayor, honorary police chief and honorary fire chief at the supper.

Policemen Honor "Adopted Son"

February 1st is the last day to pay city taxes for 1952 without penalty, City Clerk Joe Hendrick said Wednesday.

Mr. Hendrick pointed out that a penalty of one percent applies to unpaid 1952 tax bills on February 2, and he urged all persons to avoid the penalty.

Mr. Hendrick said a good portion of the 1952 tax levy remains to be paid. Through December, tax payments for 1952 totaled \$86,628.30, against the total levy of \$113,040.08.

Clarence E. Carpenter, police department director of personnel, served as master of ceremonies and announced that city policemen had taken out a \$2,000 educational insurance policy for their young ward as well as providing him with many gifts last Christmas.

In commenting on the policemen's "big brother idea", Rev. Patrick said, "you never stand to help a child. We hope this is going to be a monument in this town - no better investment could be made."

Mr. Carpenter said, "I want to extend my personal thanks to Officers P. A. Hawkins and P. A. Sanders and to the police department for helping out this boy. Whatever you might think about policemen being hard-boiled, I've found after two years association with them that beneath the brass buttons on their coats is a heart that beats with human kindness and my hat goes off to them."

Young Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sanders, was present along with his mother and sister. Mr. Sanders has been an invalid for several years.

Mr. Carpenter, after introducing the young man, recognized Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of Grace Methodist church, who said, "It is with joy and pride that I look into your faces. We all are concerned with boys like Billy -"

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Vote Is 3-1 At Monday Night Called Meeting

Manly K. Fuller, the city's top employee since 1950, was discharged "as of now" Monday night by the city board of commissioners, with pay to March 1.

The board also demoted Tom Henry, formerly superintendent of public works, by stripping him of authority over all but designated departments, and by lowering his salary to \$300 per month. Only a week previously, Mr. Henry's pay had been raised to \$325 per month.

The board also handed Clarence E. Carpenter, the city's handyman tax supervisor-court clerk-tax lister-police desk sergeant, top authority in the police department by naming him personnel director of the department with "full authority to run the department", and with the instruction that he report to the board monthly.

Discharge of Mr. Fuller was by 3 to 1 vote, with Commissioner C. P. Barry opposing, Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., was absent. Commissioner Lloyd Davis made the motion and Commissioner Olland Pearson seconded, with Commissioner James Layton supporting. Prior to the voting, Mr. Barry had come to Mr. Fuller's defense by declaring, "he has done a good job". Mr. Layton had said he preferred to "let him resign".

Discharge of Mr. Fuller followed by only five days a demotion handed him by a portion of the board. In a called meeting on Wednesday night, January 14, Mayor Garland Still and Commissioners Layton and Pearson, only members of the board who attended, voted to demote Mr. Fuller to assistant superintendent of public works, at a salary of \$300 per month, a cut of \$250 per month from the \$550 he was receiving. City Attorney J. R. Davis again told the board he doubted that a quorum was present.

In the course of Monday night's meeting, Mr. Henry, who has held the position of assistant superintendent of public works, was first discharged by 3 to 2 vote, an action later rescinded and resulting in a new motion which stripped Henry of authority over all departments except street, sanitary, and water-and-sewer construction departments. On the first motion, made by Commissioner Davis, Mayor Still had supported Davis and Pearson, Layton and Barry opposing. The decision to rescind was made after Mr. Layton had continued to object to the dismissal.

Commissioner Davis made no bones about his reasons for wanting to discharge Mr. Henry. He said he was tired of Henry's "snooping", in connection with charges by Mr. Henry that Kenneth Davis, son of the commissioner and third-shift water plant employee, wasn't doing his job properly. Mr. Davis also said that Mr. Henry "keeps the other employees upset".

Mr. Henry came into the meeting and hot words ensued between the two, both referring to a Saturday argument concerning the matter. Henry was told to leave the meeting and Mr. Davis made his discharge motion, later agreeing to keep Henry provided the board would "crap his wings". On the new motion, only Mr. Barry opposed, and the vote was 3 to 1.

Mr. Fuller, employed by the Herndon administration as city administrator, came to Kings Mountain in mid-year 1950 from Laurinburg. Since the election of the Still administration he has been a controversial figure among members of the board. He has been the target of Mayor Garland Still, who has constantly sought his discharge, and of Commissioner Olland Pearson.

A few months ago, the present board, by split vote, changed Fuller's title to general superintendent of public works, after a Superior Court order had been issued which some members of the board contended limited his duties.

OYSTER SUPPER
An oyster supper for benefit of the Grace Methodist church parsonage fund will be held at the R. S. Lynn residence on Cleveland avenue Saturday beginning at 5 p. m. It was announced yesterday. Price per person is one dollar and everyone is invited to attend.

Merchants Association To Hold Annual Banquet On Monday Night

A large crowd is expected to attend the annual employer-employee banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association to be held Monday evening at Masonic Dining Hall at 7:30.

Advance sale of tickets has been good, according to report of W. G. Grantham, ticket sales chairman, and virtually all members of the association will be represented at the affair. The banquet annually marks the end of the association year and features installation of officers for the coming year. Feature of the entertainment program will be a humorous address by Charles E. Cullen, of Charlotte. He will be introduced by J. C. Bridges, program chairman. Glee A. Bridges will superintend presentation of gifts to the ladies, and Dan Huffstetler, retiring president, will install new officers and directors of the association. The meeting will open with group singing of "America," led by B. S. Peeler, Jr., and Rev. Vance Daniel will offer the invocation. Firms which have not yet made ticket reservations should call Mr. Grantham or the association secretary, Mrs. John Lewis.