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## Local News Bulletins

### HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Ben H. Goforth, manager of the North Carolina Employment Service bureau here, is in Gaston Memorial hospital in Gastonia receiving treatment for a broken leg. Mrs. Goforth fell Monday afternoon in back of Keeter's Department store.

### TO WASHINGTON

Some 30 Kings Mountain high school seniors, accompanied by Miss Kitty Lou Sutton and Mrs. George Houser, are scheduled to leave by chartered bus for a tour of Washington, D. C. Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

### KIWANIS MEETING

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold a short meeting Thursday night, with the brief devotional program to include songs, Scripture, and prayer, according to announcement in the club bulletin. The club meets at Masonic Hall at 6:45.

### FIRE ALARMS

City firemen answered two calls to Sterchi's warehouse Saturday and extinguished a blaze, which was believed to have started from waste products that had been burned in the back of the store. Slight damages were done to the roof of the warehouse. Another alarm on Monday to a lot on Ridge street was answered and a chicken house fire was extinguished on Monday on York Road.

## Second Candle For Hospital

Kings Mountain Hospital will observe its second anniversary Thursday.

Opened on April 2, 1951, the hospital has been successfully operated by the county hospital board of trustees since that date, with a large patient load throughout the two-year period.

The hospital has also grown considerably in the two years, with the added Lottie Goforth Memorial wing expanding it to a 40-bed plant. A nurses' home is now under construction.

Robert Moser, county hospital administrator, said Wednesday, "The considerable amount of service the Kings Mountain hospital has been able to render during the past two years has surprised some of the hospital's most ardent supporters, and its field of service to the people of the area in the future should continue to expand at a rapid rate."

## Nazarene Easter Services Listed

Special Easter services at The First Church of the Nazarene have been announced by the pastor, Rev. C. E. McKenzie.

On Sunday at 6 a. m., a sunrise service will be held, with Rev. Gordon Whitesides directing a program presented by the young people.

At the 11 o'clock service, an Easter program presented by the children under the direction of Mrs. Lila Croft will be given.

"One of the highlights of these services will be a beautiful background scene 19 and one-half feet long and seven feet wide, titled, "Christ is Risen," Rev. McKenzie said.

At the evening service at 7 p. m. the pastor will present a special Easter message.

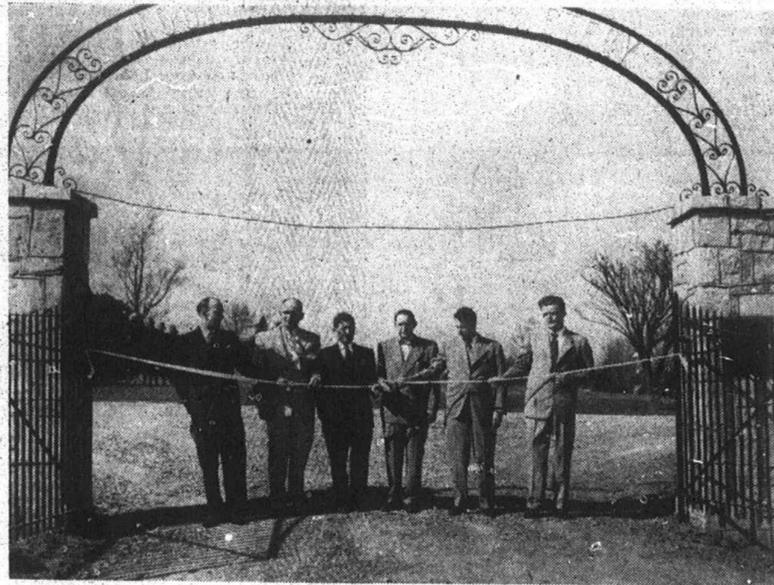
The public is invited to attend the services.

## "Hiawatha" Movie Last Showing Today

The police department sponsored movie, "Hiawatha," is to be shown Thursday for the last day at Jay Theatre.

Proceeds from sale of tickets to the show are to go to the Billy Gene Sanders Educational Fund. The police department has unofficially "adopted" the youngster.

A parade was held uptown Tuesday afternoon honoring the youngster, who has been named to honorary city positions.



OFFICIALS FORMALLY OPEN NEW CEMETERY GATE — Members of the city board of commissioners and Sam R. Suber, cemetery superintendent, are shown above as they joined in cutting the ribbon to formally open the recently completed East Gold street entrance to Mountain Rest cemetery last Sunday afternoon. Left to right are Commissioners E. T. Wright, Sr., and L. E. Davis, Mr. Suber, Mayor Garland E. Sull, Commissioners Olland Pearson and James (Red) Layton. Commissioner C. P. Barry was not present. (Herald photo by Carlisle Studio.)

## New Cemetery Entrance Gate Is Dedicated

The new East Gold Street entrance to Mountain Rest cemetery was dedicated at special rites Sunday afternoon at the site.

Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, spoke briefly on the importance of a cemetery to a community and added that a community could be judged by the care it gave a resting place for its citizens of past years.

Mayor Garland Still served as master of ceremonies, and Sam R. Suber, cemetery superintendent presented the speaker. Mr. Suber also thanked a number of people for their cooperation in aiding the project, and explicitly stated appreciation to W. K. Mauney, Jr., for removing "the old red barn," and to B. S. Peeler, Jr., for supplying the loud speaker system for the dedicatory rites.

Mr. Still had commended Mr. Suber for his part in making the cemetery "the most beautiful in North Carolina."

Invocation was given by Rev. P. D. Patrick, and Rev. Gordon Weekley said the benediction.

Mr. Suber, Mayor Still and members of the board of commissioners gathered at the gate to snip the ribbon, formally marking the opening of the new entrance.

## New Grass Infield At Park Shaping Up

Work was rapidly progressing on the new grass infield at City Stadium yesterday.

The field is expected to be ready for play next Tuesday afternoon when Kings Mountain high school is scheduled to meet Tri-High here in the home opener.

The entire surface of the playing area at the park has been regraded and sown with grass. Work on the project was started shortly after the end of the past football season.

Rain has delayed the final touch, "skinning" the basepath areas out of the infield grass. The Mountaineers have been practicing on the Burlington Mills, Inc., property located at the foot of East Parker street.

## Kings Mountain Hospital Showed Profitable Operation During 1952

Kings Mountain Hospital showed an operating profit for the year ending 1952, according to audit report of George G. Scott Company, certified public accountants, published in today's edition of the Herald.

By virtue of \$11,190.41 received from governmental units and via voluntary contributions, the hospital showed an operating profit of \$9,944.21.

Without these added receipts, the hospital records showed excess of operating expenses over net income from patients of \$1,246.20, a small loss on net patient's income of \$89,007.90. The net figure was arrived at after deducting \$15,576.16 for charity allowances and discounts.

The hospital balance sheet at

## Sunrise Service Plans Completed



## Community Rites To Begin At 6 O'clock

A large segment of Kings Mountain is expected to gather at Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday morning for the annual community-wide Easter Sunrise service, which will begin with a concert at 6 o'clock by the city schools band.

At 6:15, The Community Chorus, under the direction of Franklin Pethel, will sing the call to worship "Christ the Lord is Risen," with Miss Cornelia Dick and B. S. Peeler, Jr., as soloists.

Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor of Second Baptist church, will give the invocation, and the chorus will sing "God So Loved the World."

Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will read the Scripture, and Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, will offer the Easter prayer. The chorus then will sing the anthem "Hallelujah" from Mount of Olives.

Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, pastor of First Baptist church, will deliver the Easter sermon, on the subject "Who Can Answer This Eternal Question?"

Following the sermon, the congregation and chorus will sing the hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," Rev. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will say the benediction, and the congregational chorus will sing the "Doxology."

The band will be under the direction of Tom Hauss, assistant band director.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church and chairman of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association's committee on arrangements for the annual observance, said everything is in readiness for the rites. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ware are superintending serving of breakfast to the band at the school cafeteria. Troop 1 Boy Scouts, of which Ted Ramsey is scoutmaster, will handle traffic.

In event of rain, the service will be held at Central school auditorium.

"The Kings Mountain Ministerial association invites every citizen of the community to attend this inspirational service commemorating the Resurrection of the Master," Mr. Patrick said.

## Annual Caddy Egg Hunt Set Saturday

Annual Easter egg hunt for caddies at Kings Mountain Country Club golf course will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

B. B. Speidel, golf professional at the club, made the announcement and urged all caddies on his list to attend the affair.

Some 25 caddies are on the club list, he said. Last year, a large number of caddies competed spiritedly for the prizes offered.

## Joseph W. Grimes Funeral Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Joseph Waldron Grimes, 70, resident of Lake Montonia, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the home of a brother-in-law, Charles G. Dilling, on East King street.

Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church officiated, assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mr. Grimes died suddenly Tuesday morning at 6:30 a. m., of a heart attack at the home of a brother-in-law, Charles G. Dilling. He had been a resident of Lake Montonia since his retirement and had been uptown Monday but complained of feeling ill.

A native of High Point, he was employed by railroads for over 45 years and was well-known along the Charlotte - Atlanta mainline. He retired in 1948 as a conductor on the Southern Railway System.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Nell Dilling Grimes. Active pallbearers were Pat Tignor, J. A. Neisler, Hunter Neisler, Harry Page, Dr. O. P. Lewis, and Dallas Hoyle.

Honorary pallbearers were B. M. Ormand, E. W. Griffin, Jim Smith, Otis Falls, W. M. Moorhead, L. L. Benson, C. T. Cornwell, Dr. J. E. Anthony, Dr. L. P. Baker, Hunter Allen, Sam R. Suber, Fred Plunk, Ed Thompson, Hilton L. Ruth, B. R. Willford, Buren Neill, Fred Martin, J. J. Fretwell, and M. L. Holcomb.

## City Ready For Holiday

Kings Mountain citizens were completing this week preparations for the annual observance of Easter.

While family wardrobes for the traditional Easter Parade were coming in for much attention, religious observance of Easter was being paramounted by a large segment of the community.

Special rites were scheduled in many churches, and at least three Easter Sunrise services are scheduled. In addition to the community-wide service at Mountain Rest cemetery, a sunrise service is scheduled by the First Church of the Nazarene and another is to be held at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

School children were getting the traditional long weekend holiday, closing schedules on Thursday afternoon and resuming classes Tuesday morning. Merchants were looking forward to the annual Easter Monday holiday after the busy final pre-Easter weekend.

Purchasing by citizens was expected to reach its peak this weekend, in many lines. Apparel stores were reported well stocked with Easter season goods, and some are offering some articles at great price reductions. Florists reported rush business, as usual, and almost all other merchants were benefiting from the gift trade and general Easter traffic. Food sales were expected to reach a peak for the year this weekend.

## ARP Easter Rites Planned

Boyce Memorial ARP church will hold its annual Candlelight Communion service on Thursday evening, beginning at 7:30.

Prior to the administering of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, an appropriate musical program will be given by the choir and organist, Mrs. N. F. McGill.

The program will include: prelude, "O Sacred Heart Now Wounded," by Richardson; anthem, "Create in Me a Clean Heart," postlude, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," by Conkey.

All members of the church are being particularly urged to attend the Thursday evening service, as well as the Easter morning service at 11 o'clock.

Special music for the Easter Sunday service will include: prelude, "Easter Dawn," by Hodson; offertory, "To a Lily," Hodson; anthem, "The King of Glory," postlude, "Alleluia," by Mozart.

**KISER IN HOSPITAL**  
 L. Arnold Kiser entered Charlotte Memorial hospital last weekend for treatment for a stomach ailment. He was reported resting comfortably Tuesday.

## W. G. Grantham Seeking Ward 5 Commissionership



CANDIDATE—W. Gurney Grantham, West Mountain street resident and auto dealer, is a candidate for the Ward 5 city commissionership. He filed notice of candidacy on Tuesday.

## Auto Dealer Third To Offer For Position

W. G. Grantham, Kings Mountain automobile dealer, filed notice of candidacy for Ward 5 commissioner Tuesday afternoon, increasing to 13 the number of candidates now seeking city political offices.

Mr. Grantham was the lone entry during the past week. He opposes two other citizens who had previously filed. They are Sam Stallings and D. L. White.

Mr. Grantham, a Kings Mountain citizen for the past decade, came here in 1943 as general manager of Victory Chevrolet Company, of which he also is a principal stockholder. By faith a Quaker, he attends the Boyce Memorial ARP church. He is a member and past director of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and currently is vice-president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. He was born and reared in the Guilford College community, and lived in and around Greensboro prior to moving to Kings Mountain. Before coming here to establish Victory Chevrolet Company, he was a Southern Railway fireman for 18 months.

Mr. Grantham said he is seeking election to the city commissionership "in the interest of giving the city a business-like administration and in the hope that the city's affairs can be administered both harmoniously and efficiently."

The candidates to date: For mayor — Garland E. Still, incumbent, Glee A. Bridges, and George W. Allen.

For Ward 2 commissioner — Lloyd E. Davis, incumbent, and Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 3 commissioner — Olland R. Pearson, incumbent, and Clarence Ellison, incumbent.

For Ward 4 commissioner — O. T. Hayes, Sr., Harold Phillips, and Floyd Williams.

For Ward 5 commissioner — Sam Stallings, and W. G. Grantham.

## Presbyterians Set Good Friday Rites

A Good Friday worship service portraying the last night of Jesus' life including the Last Supper, Gethesmane, the Betrayal, the trials before the High Priest, Pilate and Herod, and the Crucifixion will be presented Friday at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

Participating in the service are Mrs. George Moss, Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, R. G. Plonk, Jr., Robert Osborne, and Alan Phillips. The choir will assist in the service and the public is invited to attend.

## METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$162.16 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

## Tignor Won't Be Candidate; Other Political Speculations Are Listed

City political activity remained on the quiet order during the past week, with a number of the expected entrances to the races for office failing to develop—yet.

Again, there was at least one major "won't run" announcement. J. Pat Tignor, prominently mentioned as a Ward 1 commissioner candidate, formally stated that he would not make the race. "I have received much encouragement to offer for the position of Ward 1 city commissioner, and I appreciate the very much indications of friendship very much. However, I shall not be able to seek the office at this time," Mr. Tignor said.

Major name mentioned for the position, following the Tignor development, was that of Former Mayor Jim Herndon. "I haven't made up my mind yet," was Mr. Herndon's Wednesday morning statement. Less likely to run was W. S. Fulton, Sr., while the plans of the incumbent, James (Red) Layton, were still not known.

A new name being mentioned in the mayoral speculation, already a three-man affair, was that of Baxter T. Wright, Sr., Ward 5 commissioner not seeking re-election. Friends were encouraging his entry in the mayor's race, and the possibility of his running was considered more than an idle rumor.



REVIVAL SPEAKER — Rev. R. E. Robbins will begin a revival service at Bethlehem Baptist church Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

## Bethlehem Pastor To Lead Revival

Revival services at Bethlehem Baptist church are to begin on Sunday at 7:30 p. m. with the pastor, Rev. R. E. Robbins, conducting the meeting.

Services will be held daily at 7:30 p. m. through April 12. Rev. Wilson W. Padgett, pastor of the McAdenville First Baptist church, will direct the music for the services.

Members of the congregation have been attending cottage prayer meetings and doing visitations this week in preparation for the revival.

Some of the subjects for the week, as announced by Rev. Robbins, are "Risen With Christ," "Christ is the Answer," "The Two Prodigals," "What's the Difference?," "The Great Question?," "Heirs of God," "Life's Supreme Decision," and "The Great Day of the Lord." Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services, he said.

## Rocket-Firing Pair Fined

Harold Don Bumgardner and Raymond E. (Whistle) Goforth, 19-year-old youths were found guilty of setting off explosives in Kings Mountain high school Friday afternoon in a hearing before Judge Jack H. White in Kings Mountain Recorder's court Monday.

Both youths plead guilty to the charges. They were also charged with entering without permission and trespassing on public property.

Explosive used was a large firecracker which, when set off, made two distinct noises, according to Donald L. Parker, high school coach, who heard the noise, and which, though it did not result in any permanent damages, left considerable amount of smoke and dust in the building.

None was injured in the explosion. Classes were in session at the time on the third (high school) floor.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr. and Officer C. A. Huffstetler made the investigation. According to testimony of the police chief, the Goforth youth lit the fireworks and the Bumgardner boy waited for him in a car at the First Presbyterian church building.

In giving judgment, Judge White commented, "A childish prank could have sent you both to prison for not less than 10 years and possibly for life had someone come by at the time. You could have been charged with manslaughter or possibly second degree murder."

## Easter Monday Is Retailers' Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain merchants will close Easter Monday, in the annual observance of the Easter Monday holiday.

The Kings Mountain Merchants association reminded citizens of the community that the association by-laws dictate an Easter Monday holiday. The custom has been observed for many years.

The merchants will observe as usual the subsequent Wednesday afternoon half-holiday, according to announcement by Mrs. Elaine Queen, association secretary.