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 Trading Area ..... 15,000  
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# FULTON, LAYTON, PATTERSON IN RACES

## Local News Bulletins

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 A total of \$166.65 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
 Offices of Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, will be closed from April 3 to reopen at the usual time on April 17, according to an announcement this week.

**TAG SALES**  
 A total of 1078 Kings Mountain motorists have purchased 1953 city auto license plates, according to a report from the city clerk's office Wednesday morning. Deadline for purchasing the tags without penalty was February 1.

**WILLIAMS HOME**  
 Floyd Williams, candidate for Ward 4 commissioner, returned home from Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, Tuesday afternoon. He is reported recovering rapidly from an operation.

**TO PRESBYTERY**  
 At the meeting of Presbytery at Cameron Thursday, Rev. P. D. Patrick and J. H. Thompson will represent the First Presbyterian church and J. G. Darracott will represent the Dixon Presbyterian church.

**NAMED FOR SOCIETY**  
 Paul McGinnis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, was recently a unanimous nominee to membership in Pi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary fraternity at N. C. College.

**TAKES RIBBONS**  
 Keeter's Fashion Lady captured reserve ribbons in both the walking horse stake and amateur walking horse class at the annual Easter Monday horse show held at Asheboro, Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain horseman, and Toby Grier rode the mare to the winnings.

**COURT OF HONOR**  
 Regular monthly session of the Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts is scheduled for Thursday night at 7:45 at City Hall, according to an announcement from Piedmont Council headquarters.

**NAME ASSISTANT**  
 J. D. Newsome, of Jackson, Miss., a student at Columbia Theological seminary, Decatur, Ga., will be the student pastor at the First Presbyterian church and at Dixon Presbyterian church this summer. He will visit both of these churches on Sunday teaching the Men's Bible class at the First church on Sunday morning and preaching at the evening service, and preaching at Dixon church in the afternoon.

**Rites Conducted For Mr. Medlin**  
 Funeral services for Everett Fulton Medlin, 51, resident of 108 Walker street, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church.

**Former Governor Scott To Speak At Lions Farmer's Party Tuesday**  
 The Kings Mountain Lions Club will put on its annual Farmer's Night party next Tuesday night, with all farmers of the area invited to attend and with former Governor W. Kerr Scott scheduled to make the principal address of the evening.

**Mr. Scott, for many years commissioner of agriculture, was the Democratic primary race for the gubernatorial nomination in 1948 in what was generally conceded to be an upset. He spent an interesting and controversial four years in the Governor's Mansion. He fathered the rural road building program and obtained a favorable vote on the \$200 million dollar bond issue that enabled it to be carried out.**

**Edwin Moore, chairman of the Lions club's Farmer's night committee, said he hoped all farmers of the area would be able to attend. "We regard our Farmer's Night meeting as one of the most important of the year, and it's usually one of our best," Mr. Moore said.**

**Other members of the committee are Hazel B. Bumgardner, and Eugene Patterson. The meeting will be held at Masonic Dining Hall and will begin at 7 o'clock. A number of officials, including Highway Commissioner Joe Gra-**

## Jaycees To Give Minstrels Of 1953



**WINS FELLOWSHIP** — Jack Mauney has been awarded a fellowship by the National Research Council for work in biology during 1953-54.

## Jack Mauney Wins Fellowship

Jack Ramsey Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauney, of Kings Mountain, has been awarded a fellowship for further study in biology by the National Science Foundation, federal government research unit.

Mr. Mauney, currently working toward a master's degree at University of Wisconsin, was notified of the award, worth \$2,500 and tuition, last week. He expects to continue his study at University of Wisconsin. He expects to receive the degree of Master of Science (in botany) in June.

Mr. Mauney is married to the former Miss Betsy Tolleson.

## Board To Meet Monday Night

The city board of commissioners will hold its regular April meeting Monday night at 7:30 at City Hall.

Principal item of business will be consideration of another street paving assessment roll, totaling \$4,137.24 in potential assessments for paving work on Fairview street, Falls street and Falls street extension, Childers street and James street.

Other scheduled business will include consideration of regular monthly reports from department heads.

## Annual Musical Show Scheduled For Two Shows

"Jaycee Minstrels of 1953", an old-fashioned blackface minstrel show, will be presented at Central school auditorium on Friday and Saturday night at 8 p. m.

The show, postponed from March 26-27, is being produced by the Junior Chamber of Commerce under the direction of D. D. (Salty) Saunders, who also wrote the script.

Clavon Kelly will serve as interlocutor.

Endmen featured in the show are K. E. Morrison as "Slobber Brain"; Lewis Falls as "Whitey"; Jack White as "Satchel Face"; Yates Harbison as "Rastus"; Charles Dixon as "Fireball"; Sam Mitchem as "Lightning"; and Bill Beam, of Shelby, as "Eclipse".

Members of the club will be in the large chorus and specialty numbers will be presented by Mrs. Lewis Falls, Ed Smith, Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., Miss Melba Tindall, Mr. Falls, Director Saunders, F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., and Harold Phillips.

Mrs. Fleete McCurdy will be pianist and members of the band will be Joe Hedden, director, Gene Ellis, Bill Sanders, Pete Morrow, Miss Ann McKelvie, Charles Yawn, Tim Gladden and Tommy Hauss.

Committees for the production include Delbert Dixon, lighting and sound; Mrs. McDaniel and Mrs. Yates Harbison, makeup; Mr. Phillips, tickets; K. E. Morrison, Harley Dixon and Charles Dixon, program; and C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mr. Smith, publicity.

Admission for the show is 30 and 60 cents and tickets are on sale by members of the club and will be on sale at the door. Mr. Phillips has announced that tickets sold prior to the postponement will be honored either night.

## Ben Goforth Accepts Role In Boone Drama

I Ben Goforth, Jr., has signed a contract for a part in "Horn in the West," a historical drama produced near Boone each summer.

Mr. Goforth, a Kings Mountain school teacher, will be enrolled at Appalachian State Teacher's College in Boone this summer working on his masters degree.

A veteran member of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, he was in the cast of "Then Conquer We Must" and "Sword of Gideon" produced at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre the past two summers.

## Honor Society Inducts Five

Kings Mountain high school's National Honor society's annual spring induction services were held on March 3.

Misses Anne McKelvie, Linda Baily, Cornelia Ware, and Grace Carpenter discussed the four ideals of the society, which are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Joyce Elser discussed the flaming torch, a symbol of the society.

New members inducted into the society were Sherrill Spears, Norma Lee Sipes, Susan Moss, Anne Dilling, and Ranny Arnette. Rowell Lane, high school principal, presented the new members with membership cards.

Miss Dolores Davidson sang for the program "Open My Eyes," "Give Us Stout-hearted Men," "Take My Life," "I Would Be True," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Other members of the National Honor group are Bobbie Barrett, Anne McKelvie, Dolores Davidson, and Cornelia Ware. Mrs. W. T. Weir is faculty advisor and sponsor.

Bobbie Barrett, president, presided over the meeting.



**HEADS CLUB** — Harry E. Page was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night.

## Page Elected Club President

Harry E. Page was elected Tuesday night to serve as president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for 1953-54.

Joe A. Neisler, elected to the position at the original meeting of the incoming board of directors last month, had declined the position.

Mr. Page, who had been named assistant secretary-treasurer at the organizational meeting last month, was succeeded by John Smathers. Other club officers are J. H. Patterson, vice-president, and D. M. Peeler, secretary-treasurer.

The directors also named chairman of standing committees at the Tuesday night dinner meeting as follows:

Tolly Shuford, social committee; Dr. W. L. Mauney, house committee; Joe A. Neisler, greens committee; and J. C. Bridges, membership committee.

## School Groups Are Appointed

The county board of education in meeting Tuesday appointed a number of new members to the several school committees.

The committees include: Bethware school; Clyde Randall, Claude Harmon and H. A. Goforth, holdover members, and Will Watterson and Eugene Patterson, new members.

Park Grove school: O. C. Kiser and J. H. Medlin, holdover members, and R. B. Wright, new member.

Grover: Conrad Hughes and Carl McGinnis, holdover members, and Frank Royster, W. B. Harry and Glenn Roundtree, new members.

Compact: Samuel Brown, J. M. McCrea, and Wesley Williams, holdover members, and Lonnie Whisnant and Israel Goode, new members.

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For those who wish to protest the new listings, simple forms, obtainable from the tax supervisor's office, have been prepared to file with the county board of commissioners, which will sit on April 20 and subsequently. Meantime, officials of the Cole-Lay... Trumble Company, the appraising firm which did the county's work, will re-examine the property to check for errors. If error is discovered, the property owner will be notified. If the property owner is still not satisfied, he may come before the commissioners for final disposition of his complaint or protest.

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"Undoubtedly, there will be some complaints about valuations," Mr. Hamrick said, "but frankly we don't anticipate a great number. Cole-Lay-Trumble has been in the appraisal business a long time and has had uniform success doing the same job in other counties."

## Ed Bumgardner Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Thomas Edward Bumgardner, 72, resident of route 1, were conducted Friday at 4 p. m. from Oak View Baptist church.

Rev. Earl Oxford, pastor of the church, officiated assisted by Rev. C. L. Grant, Rev. C. B. Culp, and Rev. E. O. Gore.

Interment was in the church cemetery with members of Masonic Fairview Lodge No. 339 conducting the graveside rites.

Mr. Bumgardner died Thursday morning at 3 a. m. of a heart attack. He was a former Margraze Mill employee, retiring in 1947, a member of Oak View Baptist church and a mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hattie Jenkins Bumgardner; 12 sons, Hazel, Earl, Odell, Edward, Ralph, Ray, Clyde, John, and George, all of Kings Mountain and Charles and Austin Bumgardner, both of Shelby, and William P. Bumgardner of Pineville, Kentucky, and one daughter, Mrs. E. S. Hardin of Shelby.

Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Nettie Rector of Gastonia and 32 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Seven sons and one daughter preceded Mr. Bumgardner in death.

Members of Fairview Lodge served as active pallbearers.

## Steffy Shows Improvement

The condition of Eugene Steffy, Kings Mountain theatre operator who was critically injured April 1 in a fall at his home last week, was reported somewhat improved Wednesday morning.

Mr. Steffy slipped and fell while bathing, his head hitting the faucet of the tub when he fell. Though injured, Mr. Steffy was able to instruct his young daughter, Pat, who will be five in May, to telephone Mrs. Steffy and Dr. J. C. McGill. A short time later, while en route by ambulance to Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, Mr. Steffy lapsed into a coma.

He reportedly roused out of the coma momentarily on Tuesday, but his condition was still regarded as quite serious.



CANDIDATES IN WARD 1 RACE — James (Red) Layton, left, and W. Sage Fulton, Sr., right, were among candidates for city office filing this week. They oppose each other for the Ward 1 commission-ship. Mr. Layton is the incumbent.



## New Filings Assure Contests For City Posts

Three candidates entered the city political races this week. They are James G. Layton, incumbent Ward 1 commissioner, and W. S. Fulton, Sr., both of whom seek the Ward I position, and J. H. Patterson's entry into the Ward 2 race makes it a three-man contest. Lloyd E. Davis, incumbent, and Warren E. Reynolds, having previously filed for the office.

Mr. Fulton and Mr. Patterson paid their filing fees at the clerk's office early Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Layton paid his filing fee on Tuesday.

The filings this week means that contests exist for all city offices. Sixteen candidates now seek the six offices at City Hall. However, no candidate has yet filed for the Ward 1 school trusteeship.

Mr. Fulton, well-known member of the firm of Ware & Sons, wholesale grocers and feed manufacturers, has lived in Kings Mountain almost all his life. An elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church, Mr. Fulton was the church's treasurer for 30 years. He is a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Mr. Patterson, an active member of Central Methodist church, is superintendent of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company. He is also a member of the Kiwanis club.

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

For Ward 1 Commissioner — James G. (Red) Layton, incumbent, and W. S. Fulton, Sr.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Layton issued a long statement in which he set forth his views on city matters past, present and future, giving particular attention to the advancement of a city recreation plant and program. His statement follows:

"My friends and fellow citizens: I think I may claim, and justly so, to be as well informed about our city's affairs and plans for the future as any man living in Kings Mountain today. In two years I have learned, and had to unlearn many things — tho' not nearly so many as I could have wished. But if, in the course of long study and hard work I have helped one boy to be a better man, or one family to be more content, then I will not feel that my effort has been spent in vain.

"Everything I have done and everything I continue to do will be done with an eye to the future — I have adhered as closely as possible to the Golden Rule in all transactions at the City Hall and shall always continue to do so.

"Different environments set different standards. I point this out to you because some of our citizens cannot or will not see beyond his own door-step. Is he blind? Can he not see what is going on all around him? How can a man place the dollar mark before the welfare of future generations? How can anyone set a price on the value of a child's happiness or deny boys and girls the full benefits of this rich country of ours?

"Mr. Graves, a renowned architect has drawn plans for a beautiful recreation center, with buildings, swimming pools for both white and colored, playgrounds all over the city, tennis courts, picnic areas and softball fields. He presented this to the recreation commission and everyone approved the plans. Bur-Mill has offered us a sight for free and also another site has been offered. I am told, so what are we waiting for? You can't get something for nothing, you have to at least turn out to vote if a bond issue is offered.

"The conditions which framed and taught our grandparents are gone. Our needs are now different, and our aims must be different. We must have the moral courage to think and plan for ourselves.

"My pledge of two years ago Continued On Page Five

## Howard Is Named To Hospital Post

## New Manager To Begin Work About May 1

Grady Howard, well-known Kings Mountain man, has been named business manager of Kings Mountain Hospital and will assume his duties about May 1.

Mr. Howard, agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, said he expected to complete his work with the insurance firm about the first of May and would assume the hospital duties at that time.

Mr. Howard was the selection of the special committee of the hospital board of trustees, which included Robert Moser, county hospitals administrator, and Franklin Harry, Hunter Neisler, and C. D. Blanton, Number 4 Township trustees.

He will succeed Joe Dixon, resigned.

Mr. Howard, a native of Lincoln county, came here in 1946, following his release from active duty with the Marine Corps. He had spent 42 months with the Marines during World War II, and served an additional 18 months in 1951-52. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Howard is a past president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of Central Methodist church. He was co-chairman of the successful township March of Dimes campaign last January.

Mr. Howard attended Western Carolina Teachers college and Emory university. Mrs. Howard is the former Miss Mary Sue McGinnis, of Kings Mountain.

## Cancer Drive Now Underway

The annual appeal for funds to fight cancer got underway in Kings Mountain Wednesday with Mrs. Hubert Davidson and Mrs. S. S. Weir, Jr., heading the campaign.

Sixty percent of the money raised in the state remains with the state unit to be used in treatment of cancer patients and 40 percent is sent to the American Cancer Society for use in research and education.

"Education as to recognition of early cancer is one of the most potent weapons in the fight against the dread disease, officials pointed out, and an extensive program is being conducted along that line.

"We urge your whole-hearted support of this worthwhile project," the chairman said yesterday. Persons wishing to make donations should contact one of the chairmen.

## Ratchford Address To Feature Kiwanis Farmer's Night Thursday

Annual Kiwanis club farmer's night banquet will be held at Masonic dining hall Thursday at 6:45 p. m.

C. Brice Ratchford, of Raleigh, a native of Gaston County and in charge of farm management and marketing with the State College Extension Service, will be the principal speaker at the occasion.



HOSPITAL MANAGER — Grady Howard, Kings Mountain insurance man, has been named business manager of Kings Mountain hospital and will assume his duties about May 1.



KIWANIS SPEAKER — C. Brice Ratchford, above, State College Extension Service official, will speak at the annual Kiwanis club farmer's night banquet Thursday at 6:45 p. m.