



**GRADUATING MONDAY** — Among Kings Mountain area students graduating from colleges at 1953 commencement exercises Monday are the six pictured above. Top row, left, is Miss Margie Lou Dickey, and top row, center, is Miss Charlotte Orilla Jenkins, both of whom will receive degrees from Catawba College. Hilton L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr., top right, will be graduated from Davidson college. Below, left, is Margaret Emelyn Baker, who will be graduated from Mars Hill junior college. Jack H. Gunnells, below center, and Miss Mary Medlin, below right, will receive degrees from Lenoir-Rhyne college.

## Board To Meet First Thursday Of Each Month

The city board of commissioners will hold regular monthly meetings on first Thursdays at 7:45, according to action of the board at a special session last Thursday evening.

The previous administration held regular meetings on second Mondays.

Other actions taken at the meeting last Thursday included dismissal of Policeman Ed Martin, with pay through May, on recommendation of Chief H. A. Logan, Jr., and employment of Bynum P. Cook, as a replacement. Cook, a World War II and Korean veteran, is to receive rookie pay of \$189 per month.

The board also voted to employ Ronald Ledford as a replacement during the summer for Kenneth Davis, third shift water filter plant employee. Davis had previously given a 30-day notice.

The board also:

- 1) Authorized handling of routine matters on decision of department commissioner, mayor, and department head.
  - 2) Authorized purchase of three plaques for marking cemetery gates at a cost of \$52.50.
  - 3) Voted to keep Carpenter street, from Gold to King, open to traffic, except during athletic contests at City Stadium.
  - 4) Authorized purchase and erection of a special type caution light for intersection of Phenix and Chestnut streets.
  - 5) Authorized change of stop signs from Dilling street to Parker at the Dilling-Parker intersection.
  - 6) Voted to employ a stenographer for joint duty in the clerk and tax supervisor's office.
  - 7) Authorized repair of steps at Boyce Memorial ARP residence on King street, to eliminate a sidewalk hazard.
  - 8) Formally set the mayor's salary, "for the time being", at \$50 per month, the statutory minimum.
  - 9) Authorized light stoning of Jackson avenue and Boyce street.
  - 10) Voted to defray the expenses of one water plant operator to the annual water works school at Chapel Hill.
- All actions were unanimous with all members present and voting except Commissioner Harold Phillips, who was out-town.



**MAYOR BUYS FIRST POPPY**—Pictured above is Mayor Glee A. Bridges, making the first poppy purchase of the day in last Saturday's annual Poppy Sale conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary. Making the sale is Hallie Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Ward, and the auxiliary's ace saleslady, Young Miss Ward topped the poppy salesmen with a gross of \$72. Also assisting in the sale, in which area citizens paid \$250.15 for 17,000 poppies, were Linda White, Judy Medlin, Kay Falls, Jackie Merrill, Joyce Gladden, Ruth McCurdy, Tillie Arrowood, Martha Houser, and members of the auxiliary. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

## Graduation Plans For School Given

### Sermon Sunday: 62 Students To Be Graduated

Commencement exercises for 62 Kings Mountain high school seniors begin Sunday evening with the commencement sermon and end on Monday evening with graduating exercises. Both events start at 8 o'clock, at Central school auditorium.

On Sunday evening, Rev. Fred J. Hay, one time Kings Mountain pastor and now of Dillon, S. C., will deliver the commencement sermon. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will say the invocation and the audience will sing the hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will read the Scripture, and the high school mixed chorus will sing Bortniansky's "We Thank Thee Lord." Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will present Mr. Hay. Rev. Gordon Weekley, Jr., pastor of First Baptist church, will give the benediction.

On Monday evening, Dr. Phil Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb college at Bowling Springs, will make the feature address. Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will give the invocation, and the audience will sing the hymn "America, The Beautiful." Arnold W. Kincaid, chairman of the city district school board, will present Dr. Elliott.

The mixed chorus will sing Williams' "Born to Be Free," and Rowell Lane, high school principal, will present diplomas to members of the graduating class. Clarence Thomas (Sonny) McDaniel, president of the Class of '53 will present the class gift to the school, and Dr. P. G. Padgett, member of the school board, will present medals and awards. Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, will give the benediction.



**SPEAKERS** — Rev. Fred J. Hay, above, and Dr. Phil Elliott, below, will be the principal speakers at annual commencement exercises at Kings Mountain high school. Mr. Hay will deliver the commencement sermon Sunday evening. Dr. Elliott will deliver the commencement address at graduation exercises Monday evening.

## Local News Bulletin

### ATTENDS MEETING

Hilton Ruth, manager of Belk's Department Store, returned Wednesday from Myrtle Beach, S. C., where he attended a meeting of managers of Belk Stores.

### TO SYNOD

Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor and John L. McGill, elder, will represent Boyce Memorial ARP church at annual meeting of Synod at Bon Clarken beginning next Tuesday. I. G. Patterson is alternate delegate.

### X-RAY UNIT

Cleveland County Mobile X-Ray unit will be in Kings Mountain Thursday (today) in front of Belk's Department store from 10 to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p. m., according to announcement received here.

### FISHING PERMITS

A total of \$49.50 has been collected from fishing permits by the city clerk's office, according to report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk, Wednesday morning.

### LOGAN MOVING

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and his family are moving into the residence of Mrs. Louise O. Blacemer at 813 W. Mountain street. The residence was recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barkley.

## Last Rabies Clinic Friday

Last rabies clinic will be held at City Hall Friday afternoon according to announcement this week by Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer.

Dr. Mitchell urged all dog owners who have not had their dogs vaccinated against rabies in the past year to attend to the matter Friday. Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, Kings Mountain veterinarian, will conduct the vaccinations from 2 to 4 p. m.

Cost of the vaccination is one dollar. However, it was stated that the cost will go up after May 31.

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that no cases of rabies have been reported in the county during the past two years and said he felt the great emphasis on the vaccination program is the reason.

"If everyone will have his dog vaccinated annually, we'll have no more trouble with rabies," he said.

## City's Valuation Total \$9,500,000

### Initial Estimate Indicates Hike Of \$3 Million

Kings Mountain's taxable valuation for 1953 will approximate \$9,500,000, according to preliminary estimates compiled this week by C. E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor.

Mr. Carpenter said the total figures to date, subject to correction and changes by the county board of equalization and review, is \$9,258,921. To be added to that figure is the corporate excess total which is supplied by a state agency. The corporate excess figure in 1952 was \$346,000.

Mr. Carpenter said that the breakdown on the original total he has compiled is: business and industry, \$4,173,721; individual, \$5,085,200.

Increase in the taxable valuation, as a result of the county-wide revaluation, will approximate \$3,000,000.

Mr. Carpenter said the taxable valuation for 1952 was \$6,455,077.24.

### UNION SERVICES

Five Kings Mountain churches, Boyce Memorial ARP, Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran, Central Methodist, and First Presbyterian, will again hold union services this summer. First union service is scheduled for June 7 at First Presbyterian church, with Rev. Vance Daniel delivering the sermon. Full summer schedule will be published next week.

### Blakely Seeking Route Expansion

Postmaster W. E. Blakely said Wednesday he was making application to the postoffice department for expansion of city carrier routes to serve 488 additional families.

The route expansion request follows a study of the needs for expanded mail carrier service begun here several months ago.

Mr. Blakely said the route additions, if approved, would provide 8.6 additional miles of city carrier service, serving 1,944 persons, and including 470 houses, eight apartments, and nine stores.

### Bridges Joining B. & L. Monday

Ben H. Bridges, Jr., son of the late Hudson Bridges, will join the Kings Mountain Building & Loan Association Monday, assuming the duties of assistant secretary and treasurer, according to announcement by W. K. Mauney, president.

Mr. Bridges, a graduate of Catawba College, will replace J. P. Lackey, who is resigning to devote full time to the management of the J. C. Lackey Insurance Agency.

The insurance firm is moving next door, sharing space with Kings Mountain Publishing Company, Mr. Mauney said.

For the past year, Mr. Bridges has held a teaching position at Coolmeade. He formerly taught at

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## Lions Club Hears Halberstadt, Elects Officers For Coming Year

"While becoming a neighborhood, the world has failed to become a brotherhood," Dr. W. L. Halberstadt, world traveler and one-time Methodist minister told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Dr. Halberstadt based his address, in which he flayed the United States-British policy of recognizing and aiding the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel, on a recent round-the-world tour.

The club also formally elected its officers for 1953-54. Previously nominated without opposition, the slate presented by the nominating committee was elected unanimously. It included: Ollie Harris, president; Ertle Powers, first vice-president; Jacob Cooper, second vice-president; Dr. N. H. Reed, third vice-president; secretary, Hubert Davidson; treasurer, Joe Hendrick; tall twister, Horace Ford; assistant tall-twister, T. W. Grayson; directors (for two year terms) Leonard Smith, Clyde Whetstone, and Charlie Moss.

Holdover directors are H. B. Bumgardner, John Lewis, and Fred Wright, Jr.

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## Missionary Here Next Wednesday

The Rev. Willy N. Heggoy, Norway-born missionary of the Methodist Church among the Moslem peoples of Algeria, North Africa, will be guest speaker at Central Methodist Church, Wednesday, June 3, 7:30. Mr. Heggoy is now on a year's furlough from Africa, and expects to return soon to that field.

Mr. Heggoy, who first went to Africa as a missionary in 1935, is superintendent of the Methodist Mission, and is also the missionary-in-charge at Fort National where he has been active in building the work of the churches, of the schools, and of the Boys Home which is an orphanage and school conducted by the church. Earlier he had been director of a similar Boys Home at El-Biar, Algeria.

## Frank A. Kinlaw Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Frank A. Kinlaw, 31, resident of 112 Walker street, who died Sunday at 3:15 a. m. of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. from the West Franklin Avenue church in Gastonia.

Rev. James B. McQuere, pastor of the church, officiated and interment followed in the Gaston Memorial Park cemetery.

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## Township School Unit Discussed

### School Boards Met On Monday At Grover School

Majority of school boards portion of high schools in Number 4 Township met at Grover school Monday night.

It was the first meeting of the several groups to discuss the matter.

They will convene again on June 8 at Bethware school for further discussion of the possibilities of consolidating the schools of the township into a simple administrative unit and, if feasible, ways and means of implementing the consolidation.

Boards represented included the county board of education, and district boards of Grover, Bethware and Kings Mountain.

Also present for the meeting was John L. Cameron of the division of schoolhouse planning in Raleigh, who explained the advantages of a large administrative unit and the steps necessary if the school districts concerned desire to proceed.

W. B. Harry, chairman of the Grover school board, presided at the meeting. Arnold Kincaid, chairman of Kings Mountain school trustees, presented the Kings Mountain schools situation as to buildings and the need for expansion of facilities and program. He said a large township program would provide a much better course of study and better opportunity for extra-curricular activity than is now possible in any school in the district, as well as relieving congestion of present facilities.

The group decided to request further information from the state attorney general regarding definite procedure, and to request additional information from state school officials as to advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation so that people of the districts concerned could intelligently proceed with planning and arrive at a definite decision.

Any decision, it was stated, on a consolidation program of the schools will have to be made by a vote of the people concerned.

The county board of education, in stating its position last night, made it clear it would abide by the wishes of people in the rural districts.

The tentative plan as presented at the meeting last night would entail consolidation of Davidson and Compact high schools into a township high school and also Kings Mountain, Grover, and Bethware high schools into a township high school for white

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**RETIREES**—C. J. Gault, Sr., above, veteran groceryman and textile man, announced his retirement last Saturday.

## C. J. Gault Has Retired

"Been working 60 years, it's time to rest. I'm going to sit on the front porch from now on and read the newspapers." With those words C. J. Gault, Sr., veteran groceryman and textile man, last Saturday announced his retirement.

Mr. Gault founded C. J. Gault & Sons grocery 14 years ago with his son, C. J. Gault, Jr., as partner, after having worked for seven years with Home Stores and for 35 years as an overseer of spinning in textile mills. Mr. Gault is a native of Jones

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## Gerberding, Marlowe, Wright Named To Recreation Commission

At a special meeting Tuesday night, the city board of commissioners appointed three new members to the city recreation commission.

They are: Dr. W. P. Gerberding, Baxter T. Wright, Sr. and E. E. Marlowe.

The three replace A. B. Chandler, Palmer Hudson, and James G. Layton.

In other routine actions the board:

1) Voted to employ Miss Grace Carpenter as a clerk-stenographer for joint duty in the tax office and clerk's office at \$43.50 per week.

2) Approved suggestion for change in the form of the city

## Rites Conducted For Mrs. Earney

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Randall Earney, 67, widow of Thad L. Earney, were held Saturday afternoon from First Baptist church.

Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, pastor of the church conducted the rites, assisted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body lay in state at the church for a half-hour prior to the final rites.

Mrs. Earney, a member of First Baptist church, died early Friday morning at Kings Mountain hospital, following a heart attack suffered two days previously. She was the daughter of the late Ephraim P. and Laura Wylie Randall. Her husband died in November 1946.

Surviving are a brother, Dewey Randall, and two sisters, Mrs. Oveda Green and Mrs. Hattie Layton, all of Kings Mountain.

### AT CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association held at Pinehurst this week.

tax notice, whereby tax balances owed for prior years will be shown on the notice.

3) At request of Ollie Harris, athletic director of the American Legion post, changed the stadium power rate from a straight five-cents per kilowatt hour to the city's regular commercial rate.

4) Approved contract for the full year's audit of the city's books at \$850 with Dave Robinson, Winston-Salem CPA. Mr. Robinson is currently auditing the city's books for the period through May 15. The board action was taken at the suggestion of the Local Government Commission, Raleigh.

## Harmon Property Resale June 13

Resale of two of three tracts of real estate owned by the late Thomas N. Harmon will be conducted on June 13, according to notice of resale published today by Martin L. Harmon, Jr., commissioner.

On the third tract, a residence with adjoining property on Waco Road, original high bid of \$4,025 by Hal S. Plonk, was not increased within the legally allowed period which ended Tuesday, and sale of the property is being confirmed.

Property to be resold includes:

1) The corner lot at Battle-ground avenue and Falls street, on which bidding will begin at \$6,615, the raised bid of Miss Ruth Randall. Original high bid of \$6,300 was made by M. L. Harmon, Sr.

2) One-half undivided interest in a tract of ten and one-fourth acres adjoining Beason Creek and lands of Crescent Hill Development Company and George W. Mauney, on which bidding will begin at \$551.25, raised bid of Fred J. Wright, Sr. High bid at the original sale was \$525, made by Campbell Phifer, owner of the other half-interest.

## Recreation Body Hired Layton

James (Red) Layton, summer recreation program director, is the employee of the city recreation commission, not the city board of commissioners, as was erroneously reported in a Herald news account last week.

This fact was re-established by weekend statements of both Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Dr. P. G. Padgett, chairman of the recreation commission, by minutes of the meeting of the boards, and against a joint meeting of the two groups Tuesday night.

The city board, on request of the recreation group, had asked, and received, an appropriation of \$60 per week for employment of a temporary summer director.

The statement of Dr. Padgett follows:

"The city recreation commission employed James (Red) Layton. Continued On Page Eight