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## Local News Bulletins

### METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$168.60 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

### LUTHER LEAGUE PARTY

Members of the Luther League of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will entertain college students and teachers going away for the school year at a social on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church, it was announced this week.

### NO COURT MONDAY

Judge Jack H. White will be on vacation and there will be no sessions of city recorder's court next week, according to announcement by Clarence Carpenter, court clerk. Mr. Carpenter said court would convene on schedule August 31.

### SEEK REGISTRANT

The Cleveland County selective service board is seeking to learn the whereabouts of James Soloman, a Kings Mountain area registrant, who failed to report in answer to a recent summons by the board.

### AT CONFERENCE

Mrs. Bill Page, teacher of Home Economics at Central school, is attending the North Carolina Vocational Home Economics Teacher's conference in session this week at State College in Raleigh.

### SPEAKER

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will preach at special homecoming services to be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church in Crouse Thursday evening at 7:30. St. Mark's church is the mother church to the St. Matthew's church here.

### UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's Union service for five city congregations will be held at Resurrection Lutheran church with Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

### AT ROCKY MOUNT

Miss Peggy Mauney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, has joined the faculty of the West Edgecomb Vocational school in Rocky Mount as Home Economics teacher.

### X-RAY UNIT

Cleveland County mobile X-Ray Unit will be in Kings Mountain in front of Belk's Department Store Tuesday, August 25 from 9-12 and 1-4. Announcement was made by unit officials Wednesday morning.

### SUFFERS ATTACK

Fuller McGill, service station operator, suffered an acute attack of phlebitis Sunday and is confined to his home here. His condition was reported as improved Wednesday.

### FIRE ALARMS

City firemen answered two fire alarms this week. They extinguished a grass fire off S. Cherokee street Friday at 2 p. m. and put out a blaze in a box car on Battleground avenue Monday morning about 2:15 a. m. No damages were reported.

### AT PHENIX

Burley B. Davis, of Cowpens, S. C., a recent graduate of Clemson College, has joined the office staff at Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, Inc. Mr. Davis assumed his duties as apprentice on Monday. He is residing at the home of Mrs. Edith Goforth.

### SEARCH RESUMED

A search of Lake Moultrie, S. C., was resumed this week when a door and bits of fuselage, found in the lake Sunday, were identified as being from the plane of Dr. Harry G. Settle, missing Fort Mill, S. C., physician. Mrs. S. M. Hughes of Kings Mountain is a sister of the missing man.

### LIONS MEETING

Harvey Bumgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bumgardner and a recent recipient of a master's degree from University of Maryland, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall. Mr. Bumgardner is a specialist in poultry management.

## Republicans Name Weir As Chairman

### Woman's Club Gives Dinner On Sunday

The International Relations Department of the Woman's Club will serve dinner at the club on Sunday beginning shortly after noon, according to announcement this week by Mrs. J. K. Willis, department chairman.

Turkey and ham dinners will be served at \$1.25 for adults, and 75 cents for children to all who make reservations in advance. Tickets are now on sale. Price of the dinner includes ice cream for dessert. Homemade cakes and pies will also be available at extra charge.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the projects of the department, Mrs. Willis said. Currently the department is befriending a Japanese woman needing aid and examining ways and means of promoting welfare of teen-agers, she added.

### City Purchasing Galion Machine

At a special meeting last Friday night, the city board of commissioners voted to purchase a Galion motor grader from North Carolina Equipment Company, of Charlotte, at price of \$10,808.20.

The bids on the equipment had been received eight days previously, but action had been deferred while members of the board examined a used machine at Salisbury.

In routine actions, the board ordered the paving of several streets, majority of which had been previously approved. The streets included:

Morris street, from Cansler to Gantt.

Gaston street, from Parker to Railroad avenue.

Goforth street, from King to Mountain street.

Goforth street, from Gold to Landing street.

Gold street, from Sims to Juniper street.

Landing street, from East End of Landing to Sims st. et.

Landing street, Landing extension, Sims to Juniper street.

The board voted to seal coat the following streets:

City street, from Waco Road to Walker street.

South Railroad avenue extension.

Church street, from Linwood avenue to end of street.

All members of the board were present and all decisions were unanimous.

### Church To Hear Mauney Trio

Special music will be furnished by Ernest and Miles Mauney, duo-concert pianists, and Mrs. Miles Mauney, violin soloist, at the Sunday morning church service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mrs. Mauney will play a violin solo and will be accompanied by her husband, Ernest Mauney is to direct the choir.

The three concert artists begin a six-month tour in October that will take them before audiences throughout the East. They are to appear in 40 concerts.

The service is to be broadcast over Radio Station WKMT.

### MISS AVERITT HERE

Miss Alice Averitt, of Wilmington, arrived Monday to resume her duties as teaching consultant in Kings Mountain city schools.

## Prison Camp Trusty Senster Geddie Unapprehended After Stroll Off Job

A Negro prisoner evidently made good an escape from a county work crew near Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Co. Tuesday morning.

Clyde Poston, superintendent of the state prison camp at Shelby, said yesterday that no trace of the prisoner had been found.

The Negro, Senster Geddie of Washington, D. C., a trusty, slipped away from the work crew about 9 a. m. and bloodhounds were at the scene about an hour later.

Mr. Poston and another Negro trusty were working a dog south of the escape point shortly before 11 a. m. when J. V. Pressley, an

### County Chairman J. Worth Silver Is Under Attack

By Elizabeth Stewart

Twenty-one area Republicans met at the Morrison Building Monday night, elected a three-man committee to map out plans for the forwarding of the Republican faith in Number 4 township, Grover and Bethware precincts, and discussed the appointment of a committee to "scout out and select a man for county Republican chairman."

W. T. (Ted) Weir, local grocer, was elected chairman to head the organization and other committee precinct leaders elected were Grady Howard, Charles Alexander, and W. A. Williams.

The group made no secret of its desire to depose J. Worth Silver, of Shelby, as Republican county chairman, a position held by Mr. Silver for many years. Discussion included suggestions that other county Republicans be contacted in an effort to replace Mr. Silver and to revitalize the county organization.

"The GOP meeting, first reorganization effort of the Republican party in Kings Mountain in a score of years, was called last week for Monday night for the purpose of appointing committee-men and to launch a reorganization campaign in Kings Mountain, Bethware, Grover and adjoining communities of Number 4 Township.

W. A. Williams acted as temporary chairman and conducted committee elections. All decisions were unanimous.

Mr. Williams, who stated the purpose of the reorganization effort, told the group assembled that one of "our basic needs is for a two party system but one in which a person can stand up for what he believes in."

"Over 800 Kings Mountain folks voted the straight Republican ticket in the last election," he added. "Good men should be the theme of the Republican organization," he added.

Expressed opinion at the meeting seemed to center on an organizational movement of the party throughout the township and county.

Working together, meeting regularly, planned procedures and increased attendance at committee and group meetings, party members said would heighten interest in the Republican cause.

"We need a county chairman bad," was one of the themes set forth by several Republicans present and still another remarked that the present chairman is a "stumbling block to the whole county."

One speaker present told the assembly that county Republican leaders had furnished the group with a list of Republicans to contact for support. Upon visiting in the various communities and townships they said they found that only two of the members listed in Waco were living."

Dan Huffstetler stated during the meeting that "not many Republicans, on the social and home level, hold top positions in county offices."

"Under the Republican administration there's never been a war, another person at the meeting remarked.

"If we get organized and go to work, the Republican party will come back in North Carolina," he added.

Recording and corresponding secretaries named to a committee to handle publicity and literature were Mack Murray, Elizabeth Stewart.

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MAYOR RECEIVES SAFETY CITATION — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, left, is shown above receiving a citation commending the city for its 1952 record in recording no pedestrian deaths within its city limits. The presentation, made by Lee Smith, of the Carolina Motor Club, took place at the recent traffic safety meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

## Bethware Readies For Annual Fair

### Annual Barbecue For Sponsors Next Wednesday

Annual sponsors and exhibitors barbecue sponsored by officials of the Bethware Community Fair will be held at Bethware school on Wednesday at 6 p. m.

Premium list and rules and regulations booklet for the sixth annual fair, scheduled at Bethware school September 16, 17, 18 and 19, will be released at the event.

Tickets, priced at \$1.50, are now on sale. Persons wishing to purchase tickets may contact John Rudisill at Bethware school.

Boyd Harrelson is president of the 1953 fair officers. Myers Hambricht is manager and Mrs. F. C. Ware and Will Watterson, assistant managers.

Other officers are Mr. Rudisill, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lamar Herndon, assistant secretary; M. C. Poston, superintendent of grounds; Leonard Gamble, assistant superintendent of grounds in charge of parking; and Dale Volbracht, assistant superintendent of grounds in charge of tickets.

Department directors and assistants are:

Agriculture — J. W. Ware, director, and Willis Harmon, Charles Goforth, Joe Craver and Lamar Herndon, assistants.

Horticultural — Cameron Ware, director, and Wayne L. Ware, Jr., Frank Ware and Edwin Moore, assistants.

Farm and machinery — Lewis Howls, director, and Lyman Champion, Walter Garrett and Holland Dixon, assistants.

Mrs. F. C. Ware is director of the women's department and Mrs. Hal Morris and Mrs. Clay Poston are assistants.

Women's department chairmen and assistants are:

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### Three New Courses Offered At School

Kings Mountain high school will offer three additional elective courses to high school students this year, Principal Rowell Lane announced this week.

A new guidance course, which has been highly recommended by the state department of public instruction will be offered to ninth grade students, he said.

### Power Blackouts Set For Sunday

All city electrical power will be cut off, weather permitting, from 5 to 7 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday, according to announcement by Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent.

Mr. Allen said the cut-off is required in order to cut in the new line being constructed from the sub-station to the city system by Bryant Electric & Repair Company, of Gastonia. The new line will divide the city's power load.

### Bolt Victim's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Otis B. Smith, 28, instantly killed when struck by lightning Sunday afternoon, were held at Patterson Springs Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Smith, a Purple Heart veteran of World War II, was holding the three-year-old son of Lester Bullock in his arms when struck by the bolt near the Bullock home at 2:15 Sunday afternoon. Though the victim was killed instantly, the child fell to the ground unharmed. Smith was standing near a tree with his foot on a plow stock. The Bullock home is near Moss Esso Service.

Son of John F. Smith, of the Oak Grove community, and the late Ella White Smith, he resided at the home of a sister, Mrs. Arzle Roberts. He was a native of South Carolina, born March 10, 1925. He served in Italy in World War II as a private in the 551st infantry, and he was severely wounded in action.

Also surviving are three brothers, Glenn W. Smith and John Sidney Smith, both of Kings Mountain, and Benny L. Smith, of Akron, Ohio.

Palbearers were members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

Palbearers were Charles E. Warlick, John Gladden, Ross Alexander, F. R. McCurdy, Sam Collins and James Bennett, all members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

### R. C. Stroupe Buys McDaniel Building

R. C. Stroupe has purchased the Piedmont Beauty Shop building on North Piedmont avenue from O. D. McDaniel, it was learned this week.

Mr. Stroupe operates a barber shop near the North Piedmont avenue — Railroad avenue intersection and plans to move his business to the new location, it is understood.

Consideration of the sale was not announced.

## Tom Henry Resigns Position As City Public Works Chief

### Joy Theatre Will Install Cinemascope

Joy Theatre is to install cinemascope, the new motion picture projection process developed by 20th Century Fox, in the near future.

S. E. Tutor, manager of the theatre, said that a new, wide screen needed for the new projection is on order and delivery has been promised by October 1.

New projector lenses and stereophonic sound equipment are also on order for the new process. The new equipment is to be installed as soon as possible after arrival, Mr. Tutor said.

"This new achievement in motion picture presentation makes the audience feel they are part of the picture," Mr. Tutor said. "The Joy Theatre will be among the first in the Stewart & Everett circuit to get cinemascope and also among the first in the state," he added.

The new screen will cover the entire front wall of the theatre and will be slightly two times bigger than the present screen. The new presentation process will also show three dimensional movies, with the aid of viewing glasses.

Cinemascope was first introduced in New York this summer and officials of the Stewart & Everett chain viewed the process in Atlanta recently, Mr. Tutor said.

### City Fathers Meet Thursday

The city board of commissioners will hold a special meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Among the principal items on the agenda will be discussion on naming a successor to Tom Henry, superintendent of public works, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said. He added that he had several applications for the position and was planning to interview some persons concerning the position yesterday afternoon.

The board is also to receive bids on painting the inside of the city water tank, and to receive bids again, if any, on a used motorcycle the city wishes to sell. The city previously refused a bid of \$400 for the motorcycle formerly used by the police department.

### Bids On School To Be Opened

Bids on construction of a new six-room Negro elementary school building will be opened at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Central school according to J. L. Beam, Jr., Cherryville architect, who is handling the job for the Kings Mountain school board.

Mr. Beam said he expects eight or 9 general contract bids on the project. He said that 30 sets of plans were out to prospective bidders Wednesday morning.

School officials announced several weeks ago that the site of the new building had been cleared of construction to begin but that the entire 12 or 13 acre site has not been fully cleared.

The new site is some few hundred feet west of the present Davidson school building and has been designed to accommodate future expansion of Negro school facilities.

Mr. Beam has estimated the cost of the six-room building and heating plant at \$65,000.

## Curtain Falls On Kings Mountain Drama; 4,023 Attended This Year

The curtain rang down for the last time in 1953 on "The Sword of Gideon" Saturday night, completing the third season for a commemorative drama of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

During the four-weekend 11-performance run, which began July 23, the drama played to 4,023 persons, Business Manager Sam Stallings reported. One scheduled performance was cancelled by rain at certain time.

Mr. Stallings said that the final weekend's performances attracted the largest crowds, with Saturday's crowd the largest of the season.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT — Mrs. Clarence L. Jolly, above, will be installed as president of the Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion Auxiliary on Thursday night. Formal installation of 1953-54 officers of the group will be conducted by Mrs. Warren Neill, district president, at a meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Allen at 8 p. m. Mrs. Jolly will succeed Mrs. Merle Beatty.

### Rummage Sale Pick-Up Sunday

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct a collection of old clothing Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

It will be the club's first effort of the current season to collect an "inventory" for its Second Annual Fall Rummage sale, scheduled for October.

After the clothing collection, the clothes will be cleaned and otherwise put in best condition possible for the sale.

All citizens are being asked to place old clothes on the doorstep Sunday. Should a bundle accidentally not be picked up, the missed gift is asked to notify Dan Huffstetler, at phone 59, or J. W. Webster, at phone 25, who will make arrangements to pick up the bundle.

Co-Chairmen Huffstetler and Webster said this week, "We had a most successful project last year and we hope this year's will be even better. The Rummage sale is an ideal time for persons to clear their closets of no-longer-needed items, and is also beneficial to bargain hunters who purchase the garments."

All types of clothing is desired, it was pointed out, for men, women, boys, and girls, and including shoes, dresses, pants, shirts, ties, skirts, blouses, handbags, hats, and related items.

### Ratterree Ups Bid To \$8,547

B. D. Ratterree, Kings Mountain realtor, has again raised the bid on the T. N. Harmon estate property at the corner of Battleground avenue and Falls street.

Mr. Ratterree's bid is now \$8,547, raising by five percent the previous \$8,140 of M. L. Harmon, Sr.

As required by law, the property is being re-advertised for resale, and the re-sale will be conducted at the site on Saturday, September 5, with the bidding starting at the Ratterree bid.

It will be the fifth time the property has been auctioned. High bid at the first sale was \$6,300.

### Department Head Accepting Post With Cherryville

Thomas S. Henry, the city's superintendent of public works, has resigned that position, effective September 14.

Mr. Henry stated in his letter of resignation tendered to the board last Friday night that he is accepting a position in another city.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Mr. Henry had told him privately that he was accepting a similar position with the Town of Cherryville at a salary of \$5,200, which is \$1,300 more than he was receiving as superintendent of public works here.

The board accepted the resignation unanimously and asked Mr. Henry to stay on the job as long as he practically could, or until he could help a successor assume the duties of the position. In connection with the request, the board voted to pay Mr. Henry for any vacation time due him at the time he severed his connections with the city.

Mr. Henry came here two years ago for double duty as the operator of a ditch-digging machine the city was purchasing, and as a mechanic at the city's then-new garage. He was later named assistant superintendent of public works and was promoted to the top position on the retirement of L. C. Parsons last December.

Mayor Bridges said the board of commissioners regretted to see Mr. Henry leave.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Henry wrote the board:

"As I have decided to accept a position with another municipality, I respectfully tender my resignation as Superintendent of Public Works for the City of Kings Mountain to be effective as of Monday, September 14, 1953. During this time I wish to take part of my vacation.

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your 100 percent cooperation since you have been in office. It has been a great pleasure to serve under you and I am sure that with your fine spirits, intelligence, and cooperation among yourselves, you shall go far in making Kings Mountain a place in which its fine citizens can be proud.

"I wish to thank the employees of the City and especially those of whom worked under me for their initiative and cooperation.

"I also wish to thank the many citizens for their cooperation that was needed on many occasions."

### 74 May Open In Two Weeks

U. S. Highway 74 between Kings Mountain and Gastonia should be open to traffic around September 1, barring weather interference or other unforeseen difficulty, District Engineer L. B. Peck said Wednesday.

Mr. Peck said the new four-lane boulevard would not be completely ready by that time, but that two lanes should be ready for traffic. Highway 74 traffic between the two cities is now being detoured via Bessemer City.

Majority of the construction work on the west or Kings Mountain side is completed, though some patching work is being done on the old two-lane strip near Gamble hill. On the East or Gastonia end, the old two-lane strip is being torn up, the steep grade leveled and a new two-lane strip installed.

Construction on the new strip was begun three years ago.

### Spinal Meningitis Fatal To Bolt Child

Funeral services for Ricky Dean Bolt, 15-months-old son of Howard and Lois Blackwell Bolt, of Second Avenue, were held Monday afternoon at the home on Second Avenue, with interment following in New Hope cemetery at Earl.

Rev. Floyd Holler conducted the rites.

The child died at 4:25 Sunday morning at Kings Mountain hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for spinal meningitis. He had been ill three days.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Patricia Ann and Linda Sue Bolt.