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Trading Area ..... 15,000  
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## Local News Bulletins

### HAVE MUMPS

Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hardin and daughter, Barbara, are confined to their home with mumps.

### MOVED THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Hardin and family moved Thursday from Kings Mountain to the Berryhill community, in Mecklenburg county, where Rev. Mr. Hardin assumed pastoral duties Sunday of Berryhill Baptist church...

### ON HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Jean Elizabeth McRae has been listed on the second honor roll group for the semester at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Hickory. In a news story in last week's Herald Miss McRae's name was inadvertently listed as Elizabeth Rhea.

### ON DEAN'S LIST

OAK RIDGE.—Louis Arnold Kiser, Jr., of Kings Mountain, has been placed on the Dean's list for the semester ending January 25. A "B" average or better is required to be placed on the Dean's list. Cadet Kiser is a sophomore at Oak Ridge Military Institute.

### TREASURE CHEST

Genolia Ray won \$20 in trade certificates at the weekly drawing last Thursday in the Merchants Association treasure chest promotion. The drawing is again set for 3:30 p. m. Thursday in front of Coopers, Inc., with the jackpot at \$408.

### ETU CLINIC

A clinic for officers and leaders of the Baptist Training Union of Kings Mountain Baptist association will be held at First Baptist church here on Monday night at 7:15. It was announced by W. B. Logan. Mrs. Broughton McGinnis, ETU director, will conduct the clinic.

### MAUNAY IMPROVED

D. C. Maunay, who has been a patient at Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, for the past nine days, was reported improved Wednesday. Mr. Maunay entered the hospital on February 9 for check-up and observation. He hopes to return home within the next few days.

### ON THE AIR

There will be a series of radio broadcasts, "Your Schools Report" from Radio Station WKMT each Friday at 5:45 p. m., beginning February 19. The broadcasts will feature the students in various activities of the schools.

### PROMOTED

Billy Thorneburg, of Radford, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Thorneburg, of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to the position of chief senior chemist by Hercules Powder Company, and is being transferred to the Kingston, N. Y., plant about March 1.

### JOINS KEETER'S

Mrs. Jake Hardin has joined the sales staff of Keeter's Department Store, it was announced this week. Mrs. Hardin will fill the vacancy in the ready-to-wear department created by the forthcoming retirement of Mrs. Orr Weir.

### NEW SCHEDULE

Kings Mountain Building & Loan association will adopt a new schedule of office hours, effective next week, it was announced by Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer. The association office at 113 W. Mountain street will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, except Wednesdays, when it will close at noon, and Saturdays, when it will close at 1 p. m.

**MERCHANTS DIRECTORS**  
Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will hold a Dutch Supper meeting at New South Restaurant Monday evening at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by John H. Lewis, president. Mr. Lewis said he hoped all directors would make a special effort to attend since the Monday session will be the first of the new association year.

### KIWANIS MEETING

Samuel Reid, of Philadelphia, Pa., will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at their meeting at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45. Mr. Reid, who will speak on a program arranged by Aubrey Maunay, is a past treasurer of the National Temperance League. He is president and treasurer of Industrial Tape Mills Company, of Philadelphia.

## Mrs. Hullender, Elder Citizen, Succumbs At 80

Funeral services for Mrs. Sara Frances Hullender, 90, one of the community's oldest citizens, were held Saturday afternoon at Central Methodist church of which she was a member.

Interment followed in Pleasant Hill church cemetery.

Mrs. Hullender died Friday morning at 4:30 at Kings Mountain hospital. She had been in ill health for the past six months.

The widow of J. D. Hullender, who died in 1934, she was a daughter of the late Griffin and Elizabeth Sparks Sanders.

Surviving are two sons, C. W. Hullender, of Kings Mountain, and Ivy B. Hullender, of Gastonia, a sister, Mrs. Minnie Cooper, of Washington, D. C., 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, who was assisted by Rev. George Lincoln.

The body lay in state at the church for an hour prior to the final rites.

## Rites Thursday For L. B. Peck

Funeral services for Lewis B. Peck, 51, twelfth division highway engineer and father of L. B. Peck, Jr., an employee of Superior Stone Company here, will be held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at Central Methodist church, Shelby.

Graveside rites and interment will take place at Fairview cemetery, in Albemarle, at 3:30 Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Peck died at Shelby hospital early Tuesday afternoon following a heart attack suffered early that morning.

He had become a Shelby citizen in 1949 when transferred there as chief highway engineer for the division. Prior to that time, he had held a similar position in Albemarle.

Mr. Peck was well-known in Kings Mountain, where he visited frequently in connection with highway matters.

He had been employed by the State Highway Department since 1920. He graduated from N. C. State College in 1921 and received his degree in engineering from N. C. State in 1928.

Mr. Peck was a member of Central Methodist church of Shelby. Shelby Elks Lodge, was a Mason and Shriner, Veteran of World War I, member of 40 and 8, and had received the Silver Beaver award for his work with the Boy Scouts.

He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Taylor Peck; and four daughters of the home, Mary Anna, Irene Taylor, Nancy Durham and Betty Louise Peck; two grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. George French of Raleigh, Mrs. Arthur Furr of Albemarle, Mrs. W. M. McCorkle of Charlotte, and Mrs. Charles Rowe, of Falls Creek, Va.

## Mayor, Attorney Back From Capitol

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Attorney Jack White returned from Washington, D. C., on Monday following a week's stay in the Capitol where they appeared before the Federal Power Commission in support of the city's plea for an allotment of natural gas.

The city's hearing, previously scheduled for February 8, was not called until Friday. Brief testimony was heard on Friday with the remainder being heard on Monday, Mayor Bridges said. He expressed optimism that the city will receive a natural gas allotment, previously granted tentatively several months ago.

## Heart Association Seeking Funds; Abbott, McGill Head Campaign

L. E. Abbott and J. L. McGill are serving as co-chairmen of the Kings Mountain area fund appeal for the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

In a letter to citizens this week, the co-chairmen point out that every second death is attributable to heart disease and that all the funds obtained are used either 1) to educate citizens on heart ailments and preventive measures, or 2) to purchase equipment usable in relieving and alleviating ailments created by heart disease.

Under the arrangement, 55 percent of the money collected remains in Cleveland County with the county chapter, of which George H. Houser, Dr. Paul E.

## Grissom President Of Optimist Club

### New Civic Club To Close Charter Roll February 25

J. Neal Grissom, assistant manager of Harris Funeral Home, was elected president of the Optimist club of Kings Mountain at a meeting last Thursday night at the Corner Cafe, at which time the newly-formed club was officially made a part of Optimist District 18 and Optimist International.

Other officers elected were James E. White and Emory C. Nicholson, vice-presidents; Thomas J. Owens, secretary-treasurer; and Clarence E. Carpenter, J. P. Lackey, James A. Lybrand, Sam D. Collins, J. K. Willis, Jr., and Dan Huffstetler, directors.

The club will meet twice monthly, on the second and fourth Thursdays, at the Corner Cafe. The next regular meeting of the local group will be held Thursday night, at which time the Shelby club will present a "model" program for the new club.

The club's charter will be held until next Thursday's meeting and men who become members of the club prior to, or at that meeting will be charter members.

Formal chartering ceremonies will be held April 8th, at which time the club's charter, approving it as an affiliate club in Optimist International, will be presented.

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## Kings Mountain B. & L. Assets Topped Million

Kings Mountain Building & Loan association stockholders clinched a busy day for their association Tuesday night by re-electing their eleven directors, adding a new director, and hearing a report by Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, that the association's assets had reached one million dollars in January for the first time in the long history of the association.

The secretary's report was also highlighted by the announcements that 1) the association has been accepted for membership in the Federal Savings and Loan association with all savings accounts now insured up to \$10,000, 2) that the \$12,000 rebuilding and modernization program of the association offices is now complete, and 3) that a new system of complete machine posting and accounting has been installed.

The new director elected by the association stockholders is R. L. Lewis, of Bessemer City, farmer and dairymen and one of the principal stockholders of Sunrise Dairy, of Gastonia.

Other directors of the association, all of whom were re-elected, are W. K. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, J. C. Keller, J. C. Lackey, vice-presidents; and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer. Davis and White are re-elected attorneys for the association.

Following the stockholders meeting, the directors re-elected all officers as follows: W. K. Mauney, president; J. C. Keller and J. C. Lackey, vice-presidents; and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer. Davis and White are re-elected attorneys for the association.

Attention of county and state health authorities was drawn to Kings Mountain, where numerous persons are breeding the birds, by the Tennessee Board of Health. A Tennessee citizen was ill and the tentative diagnosis was parrot fever. It was learned that a parakeet owned by the Tennessee Board of Health was purchased, or otherwise obtained, in Kings Mountain. Definite diagnosis awaits return of the report from the U. S. Public Health Service laboratory at Montgomery, Ala., where Dr. Hines said, officials are "swamped."

The Kings Mountain Building & Loan association was established in 1907.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, said he was proud to announce the affiliation of the Kings Mountain association with the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and that its savings accounts are insured up to \$10,000 on each account.

The Kings Mountain Building & Loan association was established in 1907.

While the association is operating quite satisfactorily and while there is no substitute for good management policies, the insurance of savings accounts adds another measure of safety to the deposits in our association," Dr. Bridges said.

He pointed out that it is now possible for a man and wife to have \$30,000 in association savings completely insured, \$10,000 in each separate account and \$10,000 in joint account.

Mr. Bridges declined to make public the names of local people who may have been victims of the disease, pending receipt of the laboratory reports.

Persons who own ill parakeets are also requested to contact the county health department at once, Dr. Mitchell said.

Reviewing the history of parrot fever, Dr. Hines said that parrots and parakeets were banned from interstate commerce in the early thirties, after the disease had reached epidemic proportions and caused a number of deaths in California. In 1950, the rules were relaxed, and the parakeet business has boomed, aided and abetted by a huge smuggling operation from Mexico, he continued.

North Carolina still requires certain information concerning psittacine birds shipped into the state and the law also requires everyone who "sells, breeds, purchases, handles, or otherwise deals in birds of the psittacine family" to record each transaction, the record to show number of birds sold, purchased or traded.

**DIMES TOTAL UP**  
Total Kings Mountain area donations to the 1954 March of Dimes campaign stood at \$5,412.04 Wednesday, according to a report by L. C. McKinney, treasurer.

Third place winner of \$2.50 was Troop 1, First Presbyterian church, who displayed at McGinnis Furniture Co.

Judges were E. C. Nicholson, Joe Hendrick, Sam R. Suber and C. D. Ware.

**Kings Mountain Builder Tom Sellers Drowned In Catawba River Saturday**

Funeral services for Thomas Watson Sellers, 44, Kings Mountain building contractor, were held Monday afternoon at Grace Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. C. L. Grant, officiated and was assisted by Rev. Yancy Carter, of Second Wesleyan Methodist church. Interment was made at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Sellers drowned in the frigid waters of the Catawba river, about two miles above Buster Boyd bridge, on Saturday afternoon.

His body was recovered 20 hours after the accident, near the spot his empty motor boat was seen circling by Floyd Sanders, of Kings Mountain, who had accompanied Sellers to the river to try out a new outboard motor.

Mr. Sellers was the son of Mrs. Amanda Eaker Sellers, and of the late John A. Sellers.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wilma Hall Sellers of the home; seven brothers, Pink Sellers of Bessemer City, John Sellers of Gastonia, Marshall, Charles, and Schenck Sellers of Cherryville, Henry Sellers of Salisbury, and Frank Sellers of Kings Mountain, and three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Eaker of Kings Mountain, Mrs. R. O. Black of Gastonia, and Mrs. Archie Galt of Belmont.

According to Mr. Sanders, he had turned his back to the river

## Health Men Check On Parrot Fever

### Parakeet Owners Alerted; Reports From Lab Coming