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City Limits ..... 7,206  
 Trading Area ..... 15,000  
 (1945 Nation Board Figures)

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## Lithium President Leute Succumbed

### Local News Bulletins

**TAG SALES**  
 A total of 988 Kings Mountain motorists had purchased 1954 city auto license stickers through Wednesday at noon, according to report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk. Sixty-nine of the total was purchased this week, he said.

**NO ALARMS**  
 No fire alarms were answered this past week by the Fire Department according to C. D. Ware, Fireman. A total of 10 calls were answered this past month. Mr. Ware said, with five of the total outside of the city limits.

**APPEAL DECISION**  
 The city has filed an appeal from a North Carolina Utilities Commission allowing it to sell natural gas only inside the city limits. The city seeks to sell natural gas to customers adjacent to the city limits, as well as to other nearby customers. The Utilities Commission ruled that Public Service Company of North Carolina had the authority to sell outside the city limits.

### Dr. Craig Jones To Build Clinic

Dr. Craig Jones, general surgeon at Kings Mountain and Shelby hospitals, will build a clinic in Kings Mountain within the near future, he announced this week.

Dr. Jones has purchased from the Daniel A. Fulton heirs a lot on West King street, near Kings Mountain hospital, fronting 120 feet on West King street and measuring 257 feet deep.

The transaction was handled by B. D. Ratterree, Kings Mountain realtor. The lot adjoins the Tim Hord residence and was conveyed by Mrs. W. R. Everhart, Mrs. E. B. Olive, Mrs. A. L. Allan, Mrs. W. C. Putnam, Mrs. G. L. McDaniel and Mrs. C. L. Fulton.

Dr. Jones said he had not yet retained an architect, but that he hoped to begin construction of a modern building in the coming summer.

### Red Cross Drive Over \$3,800 Short

Kings Mountain's annual Red Cross fund drive — which officially ended on Wednesday — was nearly two-thirds short of the goal, according to reports available yesterday.

B. S. Neill, Sr., fund drive treasurer, reported only \$1,585.13 turned in at noon Wednesday, some \$3,834 short of the goal of \$5,420.

H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel, Red Cross chapter publicity chairman, said yesterday that chairmen have reported additional funds which, along with what has been turned in, increases the gifts to approximately \$2,500. Neisler Mills, Inc., has donated \$500 not included in the treasurer's report, he added.

Committee chairmen and drive officials are exerting a last-minute effort to reach the goal, Mr. McDaniel said, and all solicitations are being urged to turn in their reports immediately.

### Soap Box Hopelists Set Charlotte Trip

Boys who are interested in participating in the Charlotte Soap Box Derby race this year are reminded of the field trip to the Charlotte workshop Saturday.

Charles Dixon, chairman of the project here, said that boys interested in making the trip are to meet at Victory Chevrolet Co. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Participants will visit the workshop to study methods of construction of Soap Box racers, he said.

### Rites Conducted Monday; Rogers Named Successor

Special to the Herald from the Minneapolis Star  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — Funeral services for Karl M. Leute, 59, president of Lithium Corporation of America and Manganese Chemicals Corporation, were held in Minneapolis Monday.

Mr. Leute had died on March 24, while vacationing in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Leute was a pioneer in the field of chemical engineering in Minnesota and developed the first commercial production of electrolytic manganese.

He organized the Electro-Manganese Corporation in 1937 and founded the Lithium Corporation of America in 1942. Headquarters are in Minneapolis, Minn.

The firm is now a world leader in production of Lithium light metal compounds for commercial use. Early this month the firm announced a seven-million dollar plant expansion at Bessemer City, N. C.

The expansion, Leute had said, was necessitated by a 1,000 per cent increase in consumption of Lithium since 1946.

Mr. Leute organized the Manganese Chemicals Corporation in 1950 and pioneered the production of manganese from low grade deposits in northern Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife, Mayme; a daughter, Mrs. Rome Riebeth, Minneapolis; two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. William Winton, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. Leute's successor as president of the Lithium Corporation of America is Herbert W. Rogers, secretary and general counsel.

### Bible-In-School Committee Met

At a luncheon meeting of the Bible in the Schools Committee, held Tuesday at the Central school cafeteria, Miss Margaret Stem was commended for her work during the past school year and unanimously recommended for re-election as teacher of Bible in the Kings Mountain Public Schools.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, was elected to his fifteenth term as chairman of the Bible Committee.

Miss Stem presented a report of her teaching and associated activities for the school year and made recommendations for next year's program. With classes in the sixth and seventh grades of East, West and Central schools, and additional classes in Central High School, Miss Stem teaches approximately 400 pupils.

Twenty representatives of local churches and other supporting organizations also heard the report of the treasurer for the current year and made plans for the coming year's work.

### TO CHARLOTTE

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tolleson moved over the weekend to Charlotte, where they are residing at 2014 Redwelder Avenue. The Tollesons lived here on Crescent Hill Road.

### Kiwanis Club To Entertain Farmers Thursday Night With One-Man Band

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold its annual Farmer's Night banquet Thursday night, with Panhandle Pete, the one-man band, as the feature attraction.

In addition, it was announced by Arnold Kiser, chairman of the Farmer's Night committee, local talent will also take part on the entertainment program.

Panhandle Pete, from Asheville, was a feature attraction of last year's Kiwanis club ladies' night event.

Almost all area farmers have been invited to the annual Kiwanis event, and Mr. Kiser said he anticipated from 75 to 100 farmer guests.

The banquet will be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45. Other members of the Farmer's Night committee are G. A. Bridges, M. A. Enloe, J. E. Anthony, Jr., and Lawrence Patrick.

### Federal Excise Tax Slashes Now Effective

Reductions in excise taxes taking effect Thursday will mean numerous savings on many items and Kings Mountain area citizens will share in them to more or less degree.

All in all, the excise tax reduction bill, signed by the President Wednesday, removes an estimated \$999 million from the nation's tax bill.

Here are the major changes:  
 Furs — 20 to 10 per cent.  
 Jewelry — 20 to 10 per cent.  
 Luggage, including handbags — 20 to 10 per cent.

Toilet preparations — 20 to 10 per cent.  
 Long distance telephone service — 25 to 10 per cent.  
 Local telephone service — 15 to 10 per cent.

Generally, excise tax cuts were expected to be passed to the customer, with the one possible exception the tax on movie admissions. Local managers of motion picture houses were undecided Wednesday morning what policy they would adopt.

One drive-in manager, on Tuesday night, still doubted that the reduction bill, eliminating the 20 percent tax on admissions of a half-dollar and under, would become law.

Domestic telegraph, cable and radio messages — 15 to 10 per cent.

Leased wire teletypewriter or talking circuit special service — 25 to 10 per cent.

**Travel Fares**  
 Passenger fares on trains, planes and buses — 15 to 10 per cent. (Purchasers of tickets before April 1 for use after that date can get refund from issuer.)

Safe deposit boxes — 20 to 10 per cent.

Household appliances including refrigerators, stoves, fans, water heaters, flat irons, air heaters, electric blankets, grills, toasters, broilers, mixers, juicers, food choppers and grinders, clothes driers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, floor polishers, waxers, mangles, garbage disposals, power lawn mowers, home freezers, and electric door chimes — 10 to 5 per cent.

The bill carries a "floor stocks" amendment which permits distributors, to get tax refunds on appliances they hold Thursday; they will be reimbursed for the 5 per cent tax reduction by the manufacturer, who in turn will get a refund from the government.

Sporting goods — 15 to 10 per cent.  
 Electric light bulbs and tubes — 20 to 10 per cent. Distributors also will get "floor stocks" refunds on these.

Fountain pens, mechanical pencils and ball point pens — 15 to 10 per cent.

Cameras, lenses and films — 20 to 10 per cent.

**Amusements**  
 Tickets to movies, professional baseball games and other amusements but not including horse and dog races and night clubs — 20 to 10 per cent on tickets costing 51 cents or more; tax eliminated on tickets costing 50 cents or less. (Purchasers of tickets before April 1 for use after that date entitled to refund from issuer.)

Tickets to college athletic events in regular season — 20 per cent tax eliminated.

Tickets to nonprofit museums and planetariums — 20 per cent tax eliminated.

Civic theater amateur performances — 20 per cent tax eliminated.

Matches — present two cents per 1,000 tax modified so that it can not exceed 10 per cent of manufacturer's price.



**AMONG THE CANDIDATES** — Shown above are four candidates for Democratic nominations to county elective offices, subject to the May 29 primary. Top row, left to right, is Sheriff J. Haywood Allen, and County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner. Bottom row, left to right, are C. E. Cash, Shelby lawyer, who seeks the nomination for judge of recorder's court, and Coroner J. Ollie Harris. Allen, Bumgardner and Harris seek re-nomination and re-election.

## Kiser May Offer For Commissioner

### Harris Seeking Re-nomination; Others Announce

Coroner J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, announced Wednesday he would seek re-nomination in the May 29 Democratic primary.

Meanwhile, county politics warmed slightly during the past week, as the deadline for filing notice of candidacy neared and as other aspirants, including incumbents and new faces, threw their hats into the ring.

Major local rumor of the week was that L. Arnold Kiser, Kings Mountain industrialist, would oppose Hazel B. Bumgardner, Kings Mountain farmer, for the District 2 county commissioner nomination. Mr. Bumgardner is the incumbent and has announced that he would seek his second full term.

Mr. Kiser acknowledged that he is considering making the race and said he would probably make a decision within the next week. He considered making the race against Mr. Bumgardner two years ago, but decided against it.

Otherwise, one county commissioner has opposition. B. P. Jenkins, Sr., the District 4 incumbent, is being opposed by John D. White. Both formally filed for the office on Monday. All other county commissioner incumbents have also filed for re-nomination. They are Zeb V. Gline, present chairman, District 1; F. L. Rollins, District 3; and Knox Sarratt, District 5.

Another contest loomed for judge of county recorder's court, a Shelby lawyer, C. B. Cash, filing for the office now held by Rueben Elam.

Another contest is expected to develop for the office of county clerk. Continued On Page Five

### Dog Quarantine Lifted Today

Kings Mountain's dog quarantine has been lifted effective today, according to Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

The ban had been in effect since March 1 because of several reported cases of rabid dogs.

Chief Logan said that approximately 88 dogs were destroyed during this period.

### College Singers Will Sing Here

The 11 o'clock morning service at Central Methodist church on Sunday will feature a concert by the Greensboro College glee club of 40 voices.

Among the members of the glee club, which is directed by E. L. Williams, is Miss Dotty Smith, of Kings Mountain.

The program will consist of three sections, the first containing a prayer to the virgin, "Lauda Alla Vergine Maria," by Verdi; "I Continued On Page Eight

## Kings Mountain Hospital '53 Operations \$9,965 In Black

### Township YDC Hears Whitener Thump GOP

Thirty-two Democrats gathered for the first regular meeting of the Number 4 Township Young Democrats club Tuesday night, elected Mrs. Pete McDaniel third vice-president, and heard an address by Basil Whitener, Gastonia lawyer and solicitor of the 14th judicial district.

Mr. Whitener, long active in Democratic politics in the state and by self-admission a grammar school Al Smith man, made an old-fashioned political speech in which he laughed at the Republican party for its division among itself, and criticized its "trickle down" philosophy as represented by its taxing policy.

Mr. Whitener noted, however, that the Democratic party will be unsuccessful if it is content to merely sell a label.

"However, we're not selling a label, but a program of government which will advance democracy all over the globe, at home and abroad," he added.

Among Mr. Whitener's jibes at the Republican party — which, he said, straying Democrats are leaving at a rapid rate — included a statement that Vice-President Nixon, a Duke law school classmate, was at that time an ardent New Dealer. He charged that Secretary of Agriculture Benson is probably the most Christian gentleman in Washington but knows the least about what he's trying to do.

He charged that the foreign situation is just as bad as it was, and labeled Secretary of State Dulles "a modern-day Caligula."

Prior to the Whitener address, the group formally adopted a constitution, inserting the third vice-presidency and electing Mrs. McDaniel to the position.

Jack White, president, served as toastmaster, also got in a few digs at the GOP, and presented several candidates for Democratic nominations, including C. B. Cash, candidate for judge of recorder's court, and Robert Cox and Gus Huffstetter, two of three candidates for No. 4 township constable.

One projected item of business is the requested re-zoning of the lot at the corner of Battleground avenue and Falls street.

Another meeting of the commissioners is scheduled for Monday to open bids on the Davidson branch dam-building project.

### Building Permits Totaled \$2,400

Two building permits totaling \$2,400 were issued here by Building Inspector J. W. Webster, through March 31.

Mrs. Florence Cline obtained a permit March 25 to build an additional room to her residence on Linwood road at an estimated cost of \$400.

On March 29, a permit was issued to John Cheshire to build an addition to a garage to be situated as an apartment at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

### Yelton Funeral Thursday At 3

Funeral rites for John R. (Jake) Yelton, 35, who died at 4:30 Wednesday morning at Oteen Veterans hospital, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at First Baptist church.

The body will lie in state from 2:30. The services will be conducted by Rev. H. Gordon Weekley and by Rev. Boyce Huffstetter, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church. Interment will be made at Oakland Cemetery, Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Yelton, former manager of the Queen City Bus Terminal, had been ill for the past four years.

He was a member of El Bethel Methodist church, a native of Cherokee County, S. C., and a veteran of World War II. He served as a corporal with Co. A, 7th Armored Replacement battalion. He was in the army from May 1941 to October 1945.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Yelton, survive, along with a brother, Grady C. Yelton, and three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Harmon, Charlotte, Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Bessemer City, Mrs. L. C. Davis, Kings Mountain.

Funeralbearers will be James Leigh, Lawrence Burton, Howard Smith, Ross Alexander, Paul Byers and John George.

### Shrubbery Presented In Memory Of Child

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kincaid have presented shrubbery to Mountain Rest Cemetery in memory of their granddaughter, Laura Margaret Kincaid, S. R. Suber, superintendent, said the shrubbery was placed across the drive, near the child's grave.

Mr. Suber also said that a \$20 gift to be used for shrubbery has also been presented to the cemetery by a young lady who wishes to remain anonymous.



**REVIVAL SPEAKER** — Rev. Tom S. Lawrence, pastor of Cliffside First Baptist church will conduct revival services at Bethlehem Baptist church beginning Sunday.

### Bethlehem Sets Spring Revival

Revival services begin in the Bethlehem Baptist church, Sunday night, at 7:30 and will continue through Sunday, April 11.

The Reverend Tom S. Lawrence, pastor of the First Baptist church, Cliffside, will be the visiting preacher. Services will be held each night through the week at 7:30.

The pastor, Rev. R. E. Robbins, will direct the congregational singing.

### Board To Meet Thursday Night

Regular monthly meeting of the city board of commissioners is scheduled for 8 o'clock Thursday evening at City Hall.

Agenda for the meeting was not known Wednesday by City Clerk Joe Hendrick, who said Mayor Clee A. Bridges was in Raleigh conferring with Local Government officials on bond issues and other related city business.

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### Deacons Installed At ARP Church

Garrison Goforth, W. L. McMackin and Martin Harmon were installed four-year terms as deacons of Boyce Memorial ARP church at Sunday services.

Following the morning services, the board of deacons organized for the coming year, electing Hoyle Mabry chairman, succeeding Wendell Pfifer, and Martin Harmon secretary, succeeding John Cheshire.

### METER RECEIPTS

Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$144.17 as reported by Joe Hendrick, city clerk.

### Trustees Reject East School Bids As Too High; Total Was \$63,797

Kings Mountain's school board met Monday night at Central school and rejected all bids on the East Elementary school building project.

Bids were opened by the board on last Friday afternoon and the low bidders on the project were:

General construction — Frank D. McCall, Drexel, \$46,000.  
 Heating — Taylor O. Johnson, Shelby, \$7,576.  
 Plumbing — Jones Plumbing Co., Shelby, \$6,357.  
 Electrical — Hoke Electric Co., Kings Mountain, \$3,874.

The low bids totaled \$63,797 for the project. Addition of the architect's fee of five percent of the bid would peg the total cost of the project at \$66,986.85. J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville, is the architect.

All members of the board were present at the meeting Monday.

The bids were rejected, according to Trustees Fred W. Plonk, because the board felt they were too high. Also, through an oversight by Mr. Beam, the bids were not submitted to show the alterations costs and the new construction costs separately. The board had asked that bids be made both

### Grants Boosted "Profit" Figure To \$20,675.35

Kings Mountain hospital operated in the black for the year ending 1953 by \$9,965, exclusive of grants from government and charitable agencies, according to the audit report of George C. Scott Company, certified public accountants.

With additional income from state funds and charitable agencies the hospital showed a profit of \$20,675.35.

This compares with a general operating loss for Cleveland County hospitals, which includes both Shelby and Kings Mountain plants, of \$14,968.72. Grants from government and charitable agencies changed the red figure to profit, \$40,474.37.

The Shelby hospital loss was attributable, Administrator Robert Moser said, to a heavy load of charity patients.

Kings Mountain hospital, at the end of the year, showed assets of \$404,344.85, with the plant listed at \$361,996.22. Other assets included cash in bank at \$14,453.52, net accounts receivable at \$19,683.84, and a building and equipment fund of \$6,006.44.

During the year the major plant addition was the nurse's home.

Figures included in the audit showed that Kings Mountain hospital gave 8,075 days of care to patients, discharged 1,681 patients, for an average patient load per day of 22.12 or an occupancy rate of 61.45 percent.

Each patient stayed in the hospital an average of 4.8 days, at a cost to the hospital of \$14.22 per day.

Kings Mountain hospital gave 523 days of charity care.

Total income of the Kings Mountain institution during the year was \$140,417.58, less \$75,614.11 in allowances for charity and discounts. Major income source was room and board, which totaled \$65,672.50, followed by drugs and dressings totaling \$28,772.91, and laboratory fees totaling \$13,066.50.

City, county, and state governments contributed \$8,487.50 to the hospital, while voluntary contributions totaled \$1,962.25. The canten returned \$260.60 to the hospital.

Operating expenses of \$114,838.47 included \$11,557.51 for administration; \$20,326.26 for dietary costs; and \$38,940.70 for nursing service and education. Laundry and utilities cost \$4,937.36. Pharmaceuticals represented an outlay of \$8,385.99, while housekeeping cost \$3,264.26.

### Low 29 By-Pass Bids \$376,683

Low bids on the Highway 29 by-pass around Kings Mountain totaled \$376,683.83, according to report of the State Highway & Public Works commission, which opened the bids Tuesday.

Members of the commission will meet in Raleigh April 1 to consider the bids.

The bids covered grading, structures and house-moving on the 7.21 miles from a point 3.3 miles north of the South Carolina line on present U. S. 29, to a point adjacent to U. S. 29 and 74 east of Kings Mountain.

The low bids were: grading, Gilbert Engineering Co., Statesville, \$194,866.08; structures, Crowder Construction Co., Charlotte, \$163,542.75; moving buildings, Bare Bros. and Miller, West Jefferson, \$18,275.

The U. S. 29 project was among 24 projects on which low bids totaled \$3,680,192.21.

### Rev. D. W. Digh To Lead Revival

Rev. D. W. Digh of Shelby will conduct a revival at Second Baptist church beginning Sunday with services to continue through the following Sunday night.

Services each evening are at 7:30, and the public is invited to attend, Rev. F. Austin, pastor of the church, said in making the announcement.