

### Concrete Firm To Open Here

Spangler & Sons, Shelby concrete manufacturers and contractors, will build a \$50,000 ready-mix concrete plant in Kings Mountain in the near future, according to announcement this week by Pat Spangler, one of the partners.

The firm has purchased a tract adjoining Putnam Brothers Garage from Fred W. Plonk and will build the plant adjacent to the Southern Railway spur track. Grading began this week.

Mr. Spangler estimated that his firm will be able to reduce by 15 percent the price of concrete delivered on the job in the Kings Mountain area, via savings to be effected in many ways.

The machinery for the Kings Mountain plant is now on order and being manufactured in Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Spangler said it is the most modern equipment of its kind and that the plant will be as efficient as any in North Carolina.

The firm will erect truck sheds, bulk cement tank, and other necessary construction on the 700-foot lot on Grover Road. Cement will be purchased by the carload, unbagged, thereby effecting a saving of six cents per bag plus bagging costs. Mr. Spangler continued. In addition, the close proximity to Superior Stone Company its source of stone, will also lower the cost of finished concrete, he added.

Spangler and Sons is a three-man partnership, including Ernest Spangler, Earl Spangler and Pat Spangler. It has operated a ready-mix concrete plant in Shelby for 10 years. It just completed its contract last Friday for the sidewalk and curb-and-gutter construction on West King street, a joint project of the city and state highway department.

Mr. Spangler said the firm would employ about 20 persons when it attains full operation and he added that the firm hopes to employ Kings Mountain area people. The plant should be in operation by mid-May, he estimated.

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H. Goforth, J. Neal Grissom, Dan Huffstetler, J. P. Lackey, James Layton, Major Loftin, Hugh A. Logan, Jr., James A. Lybrand, J. O. Martin, E. C. Nicholson, Thomas J. Owens, James B. Simpson, Donald E. Stone, Boyce E. Ware, Martin Ware, Ralph G. Ware, C. R. Welch, James E. White, J. K. Willis, Jr., William T. Gillespie, and Charles Wilson.

Prices received by North Carolina farmers increased less than 1 per cent during the month ended February 15.



**KINGS MOUNTAIN'S SAFETY CAR** — Pictured above, with the Kings Mountain Police Department's safety car, are: left to right, J. C. McKinney, W. G. Grantham, and Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr. Chief Logan says the safety car is the first in the state. The vehicle is on loan for one year by

Victory Chevrolet Company and First National Bank. It will be operated at a cost to the city of the insurance and upkeep. Mr. Grantham is general manager of the auto firm and Mr. McKinney represented the bank at the formal installation of the vehicle. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

### CHIEF LOGAN PUTS SAFETY CAR INTO SERVICE; FULLY-EQUIPPED VEHICLE ON LOAN BY FIRMS

Kings Mountain has the first safety car in the state according to Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., who said the vehicle will be used as a visible effort of the police department's accident prevention and safety bureau.

The fully-equipped vehicle, on loan for one year by Victory Chevrolet Co. and First National Bank, was recently put into service.

It will be operated at no cost to the city, save insurance and gasoline, and will be traded for a new model annually.

The car has been equipped with a public address system with a two-way radio, with first aid supplies and with various other safety equipment by some 25 Kings Mountain firms, Chief Logan said.

Kings Mountain now has a record of 886 days without a traffic fatality, Chief Logan said.

Chief Logan has also organized school boy patrols at all city schools and a Junior Police League to promote safety.

He released the following list of firms who donated to the purchase of equipment for the safety car:

E. T. Platt, Contractors; Neisler Mills, Inc.; Mauney Hosiery Company; Burlington Mills, Inc.; Bridges Hardware; McCurdy's Cleaners; Kerns Brothers; Baird Furniture Co.; Myers Department Store; Belk's Department Store; Kings Mountain Drug Co.; City Auto & Home Supply; Superior Stone Co.; Marlowe's, Inc.; Kings Mountain Farm Center; Dean Bulck Co.; Sadie Mills; Arthur Hay Insurance Agency; Dixie Home Store; Radio Station WKMT; Harris Funeral Home; Elmer Lumber Co.; Keeter's De-

partment Store; Center Service Station; and J. C. Lackey Insurance Agency.

#### MORE ABOUT Little Theatre

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"Senator Gallo"; Mrs. Franklin Pethel as "Phoebe"; Mrs. William Herndon as "Theodosia"; Miss Jane McGirt as "Rhoda"; Philip Baker as "Quintus"; Hal S. Plonk as "Simon Peter"; Franklin Pethel as "Callgula"; Sam Mitchem as "Sarpedon"; and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn as "Salome".

Connie Padgett plays the role of a child, and Bruce Thorburn and Hubert Carlisle play the part of guards.

Dr. R. N. Baker plays the roles of "Captain Fulvius" and "Tiberius."

Production committees for the production includes:

Publicity — Miss Jean Cash and Miss Kittle Lou Sutton. Stage settings and properties — Delbert Dixon, Ed Dill, and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

Lights and sound — Luther Cansler and Philip Baker. Programs — Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr.

Costumes — Mrs. Sam Stallings and Mrs. M. A. Ware. Make-up — Mrs. Ed Dill and Mrs. Charles A. McCarter. Choral numbers — Franklin Pethel.

Prompters — Miss Mary Nolan and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth. Ushers — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goter, and Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett.

The public is invited to attend the performance and no admission will be charged.

#### MORE ABOUT Dr. Hord

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Mountain was guest speaker and spoke to the group on "The Rehabilitation of Tubercular Patients". Mr. Skelton is pastor at the TB Sanatorium in Black Mountain.

Goal of the 1953 seal sale was \$8,000 and monies received from the sale of Christmas seals and bonds through March 29 totaled \$6,030, a report from the financial committee showed. Money sent by the association to state and national organizations was \$1,184.81, and the cost of the sale totaled \$690. Funds to be used by the chapter total \$4,155.19.

Casualty records for 1953 as compiled by Mrs. Walter Stallings, x-ray technician for Cleveland County, showed that the number of persons x-rayed during the year totaled 7,206. The number of persons suspected to have tuberculosis or some other condition requiring medical attention was 343.

Fifteen active cases of TB have been reported in Cleveland County, and nine of these active cases were found by the mobile unit x-ray. Of the 343 persons x-rayed and found to have some condition requiring medical attention, conditions of cancer of the lung, non-malignant tumors, abnormal chest conditions, heart diseases, and lung abscesses have shown up on chest x-rays. The number of inactive cases of TB totaled 37 against a total of nine active cases found by x-ray on the mobile unit.

Seventy ex-sanatorium patients are waiting for admission to hospitals for x-rays, Mrs. Stallings

said, with the majority requiring x-rays two and three times a year. Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, executive secretary, said Tuesday that the mobile unit will be in Kings Mountain at Foote Mineral Company all day Thursday and will be in front of Belk's Department Store Tuesday. The mobile unit is also scheduled at Park Yarn Mills, she said, on April 27 and 28.

#### MORE ABOUT Lithium

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could not produce the temperatures required for such a lithium hydride reaction. But the newest plutonium or U-235 weapons were recently described by President Eisenhower as delivering half a megaton of explosive force. These weapons, with improved detonating mechanisms and souped up with a booster charge of tritium and deuterium, could produce the extreme temperatures necessary for a lithium blast.

Life went on to report that lithium is more plentiful and far cheaper than the tritium needed for maximum strength H-bombs, and added "there is little doubt lithium hydride can be used to make bombs that will dwarf even the March 1 shot."

Kings Mountain's Foote Mineral Company is rapidly expanding its output of spodumene ore, from which it extracts lithium derivatives, and Lithium Corporation of America recently announced plans for building a seven million dollar operation between here and Bessemer City for the same purpose.

R. S. Dickson Company, of Charlotte, stock brokerage house, in a recent prospectus on Lithium Corporation of America, noted: "..... Indeed, lithium is believed to be a key ingredient in the military atomic program."

It continued: "Lithium is the lightest metallic element, weighing only 33 lbs. per cubic foot, compared to 108 lbs. for magnesium and 169 lbs. for aluminum. As a metal it is soft and silvery white and like sodium and potassium must be kept in airtight containers or under kerosene. Chemically, it is one of the most active of all elements, combining readily with most other substances. These characteristics are the basis for the wide diversity of developed and potential uses of lithium and lithium compounds in commercial and industrial applications. Up until several years ago, however, its lack of availability and high price severely restricted its use and discouraged research to develop new applications.

"Lithium is found practically everywhere in some 40 minerals. It never occurs in pure form but

in combination with other minerals, or in various mineral waters and plant ash. It is also found in every organ of the human body, particularly the lungs. It is more abundant over the face of the earth than tin, lead, or zinc, but it is very thinly distributed. There are only a few commercial deposits known and these are held by the four producers."

#### MORE ABOUT Kiser To Seek

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War II and has served the past two years as chairman of the county elections board, a post he will relinquish Saturday when a new board of elections executes the oath of office. He is a Baptist, member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a veteran of World War II. He is a native of Cleveland County and received his law degree from Wake Forest college, after attending Appalachian State Teachers College and Bowling Green University.

Solicitor Weathers has practiced law since 1920, after attending the University of North Carolina. He is a former judge of recorder's court. He is a member of the American Legion and a Baptist.

Judge Elam is completing his first four-year term as county recorder.

#### MORE ABOUT Bur-Mill Offer

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ing, or for any educational, cultural or charitable purposes, provided however that the same shall not be used for the purpose of constructing or maintaining thereon a sewage or garbage disposal plant or other facility of similar nature which would substantially depreciate the value of adjacent property;

"3. The said land shall not be used for private enterprise, for profit or for business or residential purposes, except as such use may be incident to the maintenance or operation thereon of one or more of the municipally owned or controlled building or facilities hereinabove mentioned;

"4. The grantor, its successors or assigns, shall have the right at any time within its or their discretion to rescind, terminate or modify any of the aforesaid restrictions and conditions.

Mr. Wilkins' letter, dated April 2, with information copy to Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the city recreation commission, follows:

"In further reference to the large tract of land owned by Burlington Mills Corporation near our Phenix Plant, which the City of Kings Mountain desires for recreational area, your Mr. Fred W.

Plonk has outlined to our Mr. John Latham the boundaries of the area wanted, and this information has been passed along to us.

"We are hereby offering for \$12,000 cash this tract of land subject to conditions and restrictions attached herewith, which were acted upon at a special meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Councilmen at 2:00 p. m., February 27, 1954.

"It is our understanding that there is some discussion regarding the use of this area for recreational purposes. This offer is being made with the understanding that the City officials assume the responsibility for seeing that Burlington Mills Corporation is in no way drawn into a controversy over the purchase and use of this tract for social and recreational purposes. Believe you understand Burlington Mills Corporation originally was not interested in selling this property and that we are now agreeing to do so only from a standpoint of cooperating with the City in providing what the City feels is the most desirable location for this worthy project.

"If this offer is accepted, we will promptly proceed with the drafting and execution of a deed. In replying, please advise to whom this deed should be made.

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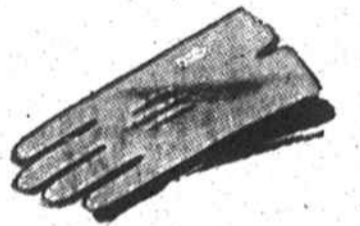
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