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 Trading Area ..... 15,000  
 (1945 Nation Board Figures)

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## Local News Bulletins

### TAG SALES

A total of 1,026 Kings Mountain motorists had purchased 1954 city auto license stickers through Wednesday noon, according to Grace Carpenter, of the city office. Four of the total were purchased this past week.

### COLLINS RETURNS

Sam D. Collins, Kings Mountain businessman, returned late Saturday from a two-week cruise with the U. S. Navy reserve. He left New Orleans on April 12 and visited Cuba and other Caribbean points during the training cruise.

### FIREARMS TABOO

Use of firearms on the Davidson Scout camp property is forbidden, Wiley Blanton, chairman of the camp committee, said this week. A number of complaints have been received, Mr. Blanton said, and asked that practice be stopped.

### ARTHUR INJURED

J. H. Arthur, of Superior Stone Company, was painfully injured last Thursday when a cable fell on his right hand. Two bones were broken and a severe gash required 15 stitches.

### COMMUNICATION

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM for work in the third degree is set for Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Joe H. McDaniel, secretary.

### ATTENDING SHOW

Among Kings Mountain textile executives attending the textile machinery show at Atlantic City, N. J., this week are G. C. Kelly, of Craftspun Yarns, and I. Arnold Kiser and George H. Houser, of Sadie Cotton Mills.

### WINGET ELEVATED

A. K. Winget, of American-Elfed Manufacturing Company, Albemarle, was elevated to first vice-president of the American Cotton Manufacturers association at the annual meeting held in New Orleans, La., last weekend. Mr. Winget was promoted from second vice-president. He is the father of Mrs. W. L. Mauney, of Kings Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelsler, of Kings Mountain, attended the meeting.

### CAFE CLOSURE

The Corner Cafe, located across from the post office, closed its doors Monday morning after being in operation approximately five months. The cafe was under the management of Vester Gillespie.

### TEACHER IMPROVING

Miss Gussie Huffstetter, who is a patient at the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, was reported Wednesday to be improving. Miss Huffstetter suffered a broken leg from a fall at her home April 17.

## Bus Terminal Managers Named

A Bessemer City couple will assume management of the Kings Mountain Bus Terminal on Monday, it was announced Wednesday by Clayton Love, Queen City Coach company representative.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickman, who have operated the grill at Caroma Curate pharmacy in Charlotte, and who are former operators of the Bessemer City bus station, are renting the station and will also operate the Western Union office, which is located in the bus station.

## May Fellowship Day To Be Held May 7

May Fellowship Day, sponsored annually by the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen, will be held this year on May 7 at Boyce Memorial ARP church at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. J. A. Cheshire is program chairman and theme of this year's program is "The Christian Woman's Trustship."

May Fellowship Day is one of the three national observances of church women of all denominations. Mrs. Phillip Baker is president of the council of church women here.

## Registration Books To Open Saturday

### All Registrars To Be On Duty At Voting Places

Registration books open Saturday for the first time for the May 29 primary election at all the 28 county voting precincts.

Elections Board Chairman J. W. Osborne, of Shelby, pointed out that the majority of the voters' names are already on the books, but advised persons who have changed residence, become 21 years of age, or who have not previously registered to visit the registrars in their particular precinct.

Mr. Osborne also noted that 20-year-olds who will become 21 by next November 2, date of the biennial general election, are eligible to register and to vote in the May 29 primary.

Kings Mountain area election officials and polling places follow:

East Kings Mountain precinct at City Hall courtroom: Mrs. Nell Cranford, registrar, Craig Falls and Joe McDaniel, judges, and L. M. Pearson and Ted Gamble, alternates. (Mr. McDaniel told the Herald he had notified the elections board he would be unable to serve.)

West Kings Mountain at Victory Chevrolet Company: Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar, I. B. Goforth, Jr., and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Jr., judges, and W. A. Williams and B. M. Ormand, alternates.

Bethware at Bethware school: H. A. Goforth, registrar, Wayne L. Ware and Myers Hambricht, judges, J. S. Ware and Leonard Gamble, alternates.

Grover at T. S. Keeter's Store: J. B. Ellis, registrar, Miss Ethel Martin and Mrs. Inez B. Ellis, judges, B. A. Lall and Mrs. James Byers, alternates.

Waco at Waco Woman's Clubhouse — George M. Murray, registrar, Raven Craft and E. L. Whitworth, judges, Frank Harmon and Mrs. W. D. Beam, alternates.

The books will be open on three consecutive Saturdays, with Saturday, May 22, set aside as Challenge Day.

### Bank Shareholders Asked For Proxies

First National Bank shareholders not planning to attend the special meeting on May 10 are being requested to furnish proxies to bank officers, or other shareholders.

F. R. Summers, bank president, said a number of proxies have already been received.

"We'd much rather have the shareholders present," Mr. Summers said, "and the appeal for proxies is merely to those who can't be present."

The bank shareholders will approve or disapprove a proposal to reduce the value of the stock to \$10 per share. If approved, ten shares will be issued for each share of the old stock.

## Jaycee Officers To Be Installed At Ladies Night Event On Tuesday

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will entertain their wives and guests at the club's ninth annual ladies night banquet Tuesday night at the Masonic hall at 7:30 p. m. New members will also be installed.

C. W. Grimes, Charlotte businessman and twice president of the North Carolina Dry Cleaners Association, will deliver a humorous address as the feature of the program.

James B. (Jick) Garland, of Gastonia, outgoing vice-president of Jaycee District 2, will install the new officers of the club and Claude Lowery, of Forest City, new district vice-president, will also attend.

Wilson Griffin, Kings Mountain druggist, will be installed as president of the club, succeeding Paul Walker.

Other officers to be installed are: Bill Jonas and Clavon Kelly, vice-presidents; Bill Eldon, secretary; Bill Page, treasurer.

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**SPEAKER — M. O. Kirkpatrick, president of King's Business College, Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting.**

## Kirkpatrick Kiwanis Speaker

M. O. Kirkpatrick, president of King's Business College, of Charlotte, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, on Thursday. His topic is "Selecting and Training Competent Personnel."

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a past president of the Southern Business Education Association, the North Carolina Association of Business Schools, and the Charlotte chapter of the National Office Management Association. He is the national director for Area Four of NOMA, and a member of the Executive Board of the National Business Teachers Association. He is also a charter member of the Business Education Research Associates.

The club meets at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45 p. m.

## Tax Delinquents To Get Warning

The following letters will be mailed from the city tax office this weekend to citizens delinquent in paying personal property taxes:

"According to the records in this office you owe City taxes on personal property and/or poll tax for the years..... amounting to \$..... including interest to date.

"The Board has directed that I proceed by any lawful means to collect this tax. If you do not want your property levied on or your wages garnished call at this office at once and pay your tax — or come in and make some satisfactory arrangements about paying it."

C. E. Carpenter, city tax collector, said taxpayers are in arrears to a total of \$23,000 in personal property taxes.

### NO FIRES

There were no fire alarms answered by the Fire Department here this past week, according to C. D. Ware, Fireman.

## School Board Lets Contract On East Project

The Kings Mountain school board formally accepted the new West Elementary school addition, approved low bids for the East school building program and voted to renew all teacher contracts at a special meeting Friday at noon at West school.

The East project calls for a new four-room building and alterations to improve the cafeteria, the boiler room and the lighting in the present building. Total of the low bids was \$63,447.

The board voted to award the general contract to Frank D. McCall, of Drexel, the low bidder at \$45,000.

The heating contract low bidder was Taylor O. Johnson of Shelby, with a bid of \$8,216, with Jones Plumbing Co. of Shelby getting the plumbing contract at \$6,357.

Bids on the electrical work were opened at the meeting Friday. Only two bids were submitted on April 20, when bids on the other three phases of work were opened.

Hoke Electric Co. was the low bidder on the electrical work, with a bid of \$3,874 on the complete proposal and a bid to deduct \$1,170 if the board wishes to supply fixtures for the job.

Other electrical bidders were Canipe Electric Co., of Shelby, \$4,500 (deduct \$1,340) and Roberts Electric Co. of Dallas, \$5,050 (deduct \$1,145).

Chairman A. W. Kincaid presided at the meeting and Trustees Fred W. Plonk and Mrs. H. E. Lynch were also present, along with V. W. Breeze and Jack Riviere, Shelby architects, T. F. Bridges of Shelby, general contractor for the West school project, J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville, architect for the East project, and B. N. Barnes, superintendent.

The group had lunch in the school cafeteria prior to the meeting.

The West school project cost some \$26,700, including the architect's fee. In addition to General Contractor Bridges, the work was done by Hoke Electric Co., Floyd Greene of Shelby, plumbing, and Gastonia Plumbing and Heating Co., heating. Bids were let on October 22, 1953, and work was started shortly afterwards.

## Men To Pasture Felt Fedoras

The 1954 straw hat season will catch up with the men who have already donned the cooler headgear on Saturday.

The Kings Mountain Merchants association officially pronounced Saturday, May 1, as straw hat day at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday.

All Kings Mountain department stores report good stocks of new-model panamas, with a wide range of colors, bands, shapes, and all the sizes. Sallors are available in a few spots.

Several merchants report good advance season sales of straw hats and anticipate increased traffic for straw hats this weekend, due both to high summer-like temperatures and the arrival of the traditional day Kings Mountain men swap hot felts for air-conditioned panamas and straws.

Several other dates are also getting mercantile attention. Baby week is being observed throughout the nation, with some attention from local merchants, and it is also National Slacks Week, a reminder to men and boys that their winter models are getting too hot.

Mother's Day is only ten days and two weekends away, a day, which finds several stores already featuring special gift items in housewares and women's apparel.

## Rice Handling Hendricks Office

Dr. William Rice, of the North Carolina Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, is in Kings Mountain this week, handling the medical practice of Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, who is recuperating from a heart attack.

Dr. Rice is observing regular office hours at the Hendricks clinic on Counselor street, from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m., in addition to handling house calls and other phases of Dr. Hendricks' practice.

Dr. Hendricks said it is his intention to have a medical doctor in his office until he returns to regular practice, which he guessed to be a matter of two to three weeks. His condition continues to improve, he said.

## Board Passes Condemnation Resolution By Split 2-1 Vote

### Optimist Club Will Sponsor City Directory

The Kings Mountain Optimist Club will sponsor publication of a city directory, it was announced this week by J. Neal Grissom, club president.

Mr. Grissom reported that the club has the approval of the Merchants association advertising committee and the endorsement of the city board of commissioners and hopes to announce complete details on the project in the near future.

The club is contacting an Asheville firm which specializes in compiling and publishing city directories. Expense of the publication will be defrayed by the sale of advertising and the directories will also be on sale to business firms and individuals.

It will be Kings Mountain's first city directory, and is to include the name and address of all persons residing within the city, along with their place of employment and other pertinent information. Decision on including surrounding rural areas awaits full information from the directory firm, Mr. Grissom stated.

"The club feels it will be rendering a real civic service in sponsoring a city directory," Mr. Grissom added. "Many business firms have expressed the desire for the service and, in almost all cities, a city directory is as much used as a telephone directory."

### City Bonds Sold At Low Interest

The City of Kings Mountain's \$600,000 bond issue sold for an average interest rate of 2.563 percent on Tuesday.

Successful bidder for the securities was a syndicate which included R. S. Dickson Company, Charlotte and Raleigh, Vance Securities Corporation, Greensboro; J. Lee Peier & Company, Durham; McDaniel, Lewis & Company, Greensboro; and R. S. Hays & Company, Durham.

City officials said they were highly pleased at the result of the sale. The bonds, including \$450,000 water and sewer bonds, and \$150,000 recreation bonds, have an average maturity of 16.72 years. The recreation issue is for 20 years, the water and sewer issue for 30 years.

Elmer Herndon, R. S. Dickson representative, was in Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon and was offering the bonds for sale at a varying yield rate, depending on length of maturity.

The bond issue was approved in a special election on January 16.

### Optimists Assume "Adopted" Youth

The Kings Mountain Optimist Club is assuming the unofficial adoption of an East Kings Mountain youth, who, for the past year, has been the unofficial ward of the police department.

Billy Sanders was "adopted" by the police department last year and special projects were conducted by the department, to provide an educational fund for the young man, son of an invalid father who had been bedridden for 11 years. Mr. Sanders died a few months ago.

Proceeds from a benefit moving picture were placed, in the Home Building & Loan association for an educational fund to be used when the youth completes high school.

C. E. Carpenter, a director of the Optimist club, said the newly organized civic group would assume the role of "parent" and would announce soon a money-raising project for the educational fund.

He said the city schools and surrounding area Optimist clubs will assist with the project.

### METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$133.55 was collected from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon as reported by Joe McDaniel, of the city clerk's office.



**SING HERE WEDNESDAY — The Sunshine Boys, billed as the "nation's greatest exponents of gospel singing" will sing in Kings Mountain next Wednesday night at the Recreation Center on Children street, formerly the Kings Mountain Laundry building. The songsters, who are recording, radio, television and movie performers, say they have sung for more than one million persons during the past three years. Pictured, left to right, are Freddie Daniels, tenor, Ace Richmond, baritone, and J. D. Sumner, bass. The pianist is Ed Wallace, who sings the lead parts. The group was organized 15 years ago and is the original quartet.**

## Ratterree, Nolan, Goforth Named As Appraisers

In a split 2-1 decision Monday night, the city board of commissioners passed a resolution to proceed with condemnation of the Grantham-Lynch-Cox property for use in the Davidson Creek dam project.

Commissioner W. S. Fulton made the motion and Commissioner J. H. Patterson seconded. They voted "Aye" and Commissioner T. J. Ellison voted "no". Commissioner W. G. Grantham had left the room and Commissioner Harold J. Phillips was absent.

Following the condemnation resolution vote, at which Mr. Ellison had remarked, "I'm scared of it," the board voted to appoint B. D. Ratterree, Kings Mountain realtor, as its representative on an appraisal committee to determine the worth of the property.

Under city statute, condemnation proceedings require appointment of a three-man appraisal board, with each of the two parties to the action naming a representative and with the two choosing a third man.

W. G. Grantham, one of the owners of the property to be condemned, said the property owners had named Clyde Nolan, Shelby realtor as their representative, and Mr. Ratterree said the two had agreed to name I. B. Goforth, Sr., as the third member.

## Book Fund Drive Reports Sparse

Initial reports on the bond fund drive for the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library were sparse this week, with the reported total of gifts at \$204.37 Wednesday noon.

Mrs. David Hamrick, chairman of the Woman's Club committee conducting the campaign, said only a few solicitors had completed their work and turned in their cash, and she predicted further that the total would swell heavily during the weekend.

Numerous members of the Woman's Club are waiting until the weekend to cover their areas, she added, due to a variety of reasons. Goal of the campaign is \$8,000, with all the proceeds to be used to purchase books for the library.

Mrs. Hamrick reminded that books currently cost about \$3.50, and that the library board has no funds, other than from public subscription, to purchase books.

Other members of the drive committee are Mrs. John L. McGill, Mrs. I. G. Patterson, and Mrs. Phil Shore.

"We feel confident," Mrs. Hamrick continued, "that the goal will be reached. The committee seeks a minimum of one dollar per person for the book fund, a small amount for a worthy purpose."

She urged that the solicitors complete their work as quickly as possible.



**WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Alfred Wright, Kings Mountain high school junior, won first place in the declamation division of the Lenoir-Rhyne College Forensic contest in Hickory Friday, and was awarded a scholarship to Lenoir-Rhyne College.**

## Alfred Wright Contest Winner

Alfred Wright, Kings Mountain high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright of

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## Bethware School Patrons To Vote Thursday On Split Term Question

Bethware school district patrons will vote Thursday afternoon on whether to abandon the split term.

The voting will be conducted at Bethware school, which means that parents who send their children to Patterson Grove elementary school will also vote at Bethware.

Under the rules of the voting, called by the county board of education on petition from patrons, at least half of the patrons must vote if the election is to have any effect, and two-thirds of the total must favor the abandonment of the present split-term policy if the policy is to be changed.

J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of education, said that school patrons will be allowed one vote for each child attending Patterson Grove and Bethware schools, exclusive of the 12th grade, if being assumed that parents of seniors have no further direct interest in the matter. Votes will not be allowed parents of children expecting to begin school next term, he added, noting that records are not available or are incomplete on children starting

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After report by the appraisal team, the property owners have a right to appeal the findings to Cleveland County Superior Court for jury trial. However, they must inform the mayor or one of the commissioners of their dissatisfaction within 30 days of the notice from the appraisal team, and file their complaint with the clerk of court within six months from that date.

The statute provides that the appraisal team shall function within three days of their oath-taking.

City Attorney J. R. Davis said Wednesday legal complications have arisen due to the fact the tract is no longer jointly and equally held by the owners. So of it is the property of Mountain Lake, Inc., some of the property of Haywood E. Lynch, some belongs to W. G. Grantham, and some belongs to Mrs. Hettie Cox.

Mr. Grantham said surveys by Charles Campbell shows the acreage, including lake, totals about 54 acres. The area surrounding the lake had been subdivided into lots for re-sale to individuals.

In other actions Monday night the board:

1) Approved sale to Bryan Hord  
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## Retailers Abandon New Year's Holiday

Kings Mountain retailers are generally well satisfied with the holiday schedule of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, results of a recently-conducted information poll showed.

Twenty store operators returned the questionnaire, of 30 polled, and voted only one major change in the policy, voting heavily in favor of eliminating the New Year's Day holiday. The group also voted to advance the suspension date on Wednesday half-holidays by one week.

Otherwise, the store operators prefer to continue holidays on Easter Monday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and two days for Christmas.

As a result of the poll, the Merchants association board of directors voted Tuesday to eliminate the New Year's Day holiday.

Another minor change approved, not included in the poll but reported by President John Lewis after conversations with majority of the retailers, was elimination of Wednesday half-holidays during weeks in which full holidays occur.

Other actions of the board Tuesday included instructions to President Lewis to investigate the possibility of 6 p. m. Saturday closings, and a decision to hold quarterly membership meetings.



**PROMOTED — G. C. Kelly, general manager of Craftspun division of Scranton Linc Company, was recently elevated to a vice-presidency. The promotion occurred at the recent annual meeting. Other officers are H. J. McGargel, board chairman, Wells Selin, president, and Carl Swm, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.**