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Local News **Bulletins**

MAKES DEAN'S LIST Miss Lois Ann Spake, daug-ghter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spake of Kings Mountain, has earned a position on the Dean's List just released for the fall term at King's Business College in Charlotte. Miss Spake, who is taking the Advanced Secretarial course, entered King's in September, 1954.

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Post No. 155, the American Legion, is scheduled at the Legion Hall on East Gold street Friday at 8 p. m. All members of the post are urged to attend, Commander James Bennett

MOOSE MEETING

The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City METER RECEIPTS

Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$148.03, according to Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's

FIRE ALARMS

City firemen answered a call Thursday at 6:30 p. m. to East King street where they extinguished a truck blaze and on Friday extinguished an oil stove blaze at Victory Chevrolet Co. No damages were re-

CITY BOARD

Regular January meeting of the city board of commissioners is scheduled for City Hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he anticipated a short agenda.

MOVE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bridges and children, Susan and Archie, Jr., moved here from Shelby last Friday and now reside at 209 S. Gaston street. A native of Kings Mountain, he is manager of Spangler's Ready-Mix Concrete, Inc., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bridges of Shelby.

Methodists Set Opening Services of laws in conflict with the pro-

Formal opening of the new educational building will be ob-served at Central Methodist church during the week of January 23-30. Program for the week is not

lete but is expected to include eight services with two former pastors to take part, Rev. Phil Shore, pastor, announced The new building fronts on

South Piedmont avenue and has two floors consisting of 8,660 square-feet of floor space, with 3,120 square-feet of the old educational building having been remodeled into the new struc-

000 and was built by Kelly Dixon, Kings Mountain builder. It Rev. J. G. Winkler in 1941-48 and further planning and fund-raising during the pastorate of Rev. L. H. Brendall, Jr., in 1948-52.

Plans were submitted by James L. Beam, Jr., Cherryville architect and were approved on May 31, 1953 by the congregation. Ground was broken for the project on September 13, 1953, and work on construction was commenced shortly afterwards.

The new building is divided into assembly and classroom space for all departments of the church school and also has a large fellowship hall and kitchlarge fellowship hall and kitch-en and a small chapel seating of the Bridges administration, Olland Pearson, f

Polio Campaign To Be Organized tor think about that a little bit vet."

will meet Thursday afternoon at at this date. 5 o'clock at the Kings Mountain W. S. Fulton, Ward 1 commis-Building & Loan association to sioner, made no definite state-2 commissioner, Mr. Patterson;

Number 4 Township has a campaign quota of \$6,000.

The fund drive is acheduled to begin January 14,

Bill To Change Discount Period

Legislators Get

The city has furnished the county's legislative delegation for General Assembly action a proposed amendment to state sta tutes which would make the city's tax pre-payment system conform with the system used by Cleveland County and the City of

City Attorney J. R. Davis said Wednesday he had mailed a copy of the desired legislation to Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., and Senator Robert Morgan with request for enactment.

Under the proposed amend-ment, city citizens would get the full allowable two percent deduction on city taxes provided their bills are paid during the month of August.

Under present statute, taxes paid in June to qualify for the full two percent discount.

The board of city commissioners passed a resolution to seek the change several months ago, on recommendation of C. E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, who said the variance in county and city systems caused confusion among the taxpayers. In addition, the June pre-payment date some-times required refunds for overpayments or billings for underpayments, since tax rates are not finally set until July.

Text of the proposed amend ment follows: AN ACT FIXING DISCOUNTS FOR PREPAYMENT OF TAXES IN THE CITY OF KINGS

MOUNTAIN. "The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1: G. S. 105-345 as amended is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection at the end thereof:

"However, subsections 1, 2 and 6 hereby shall not apply to tax levied by the City of Kings Mountain and should any taxpayer of the City of Kings Mountain make following the levy thereof, he shall be entitled to the following

"If paid before or during the month of August a deduction of

"If paid during the month of September, a deduction of 1%. Bobby Houser, "Leandre." "If paid during the month of October, a deduction of 1/2 of 1%. next after same shall have become due and payable.

visions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such con-

"Section 3: This act shall be come effective from and after its ratification."

LAKE MONTONIA

Annual meeting of stockholders of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., is scheduled at the City Hall courtroom Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., according to Harry E. Page, secretary-treasurer. Annual reports will be given and officers will be e-

Park Sets Another Of Red Cross Attendance Mark

Utility Customers Using Deposit Box

City utility customers are already availing themselves of the night deposit box service for paying utility accounts af-ter office hours, Joe McDaniel, Jr., assistant city clerk, said Wednesday.

"We have found several account payments in the night deposit box since bills were mailed January 1," Mr. Daniel noted, and continued, "we expect quite a flow around the tenth of the month." The tenth of the month is the final day for paying utility accounts without

The deposit box is in the door of the south side office in the city Hall entrance. Envelopes for the checks or cash are in a container for customer use. The system was instituted for convenience of customers who have difficulty making payments during regular office hours, from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p.

Church Group To Give Plays

The Senior High Fellowship of First Presbyterian church will present two plays, "The Marriage Proposal" and "The Doctor In Spite of Himself", Saturday at 8 b. m. in the Fellowship Hall of Present two plays, "The Marriage Greece, Switzerland, and Holland. December park traffic, 3,535 ersons, more than doubled the otal of December 1953 at 1,482 persons.

the French dramatist, Moliere payment of his taxes in the mon-ths of August through October Clark. It is presented in two and translated by Barrett H. scenes by the following cast:
Mike Houser, "Sganarelle." Elaine Goforth, "Martine," Buddy
Smith, "M. Robert", Nick Smith, "Valere," Dick Hunnicutt, "Lucas," Derice Weir, "Jacqueline," Jackie Arnette, "Lucinde," Sammy McCarter, "Geronte," and

Written by Anton Tchekoff under Christian Fellowship, Inc., and translated by H. Baukhage a non-denominational religious "Taxes levied by the City of and B. H. Clark the farce, "A organization. Kings Mountain shall be payable Marriage Proposal" includes the at par during the months of No- following cast of characters: Dovember, December, and January nald Hord, "Stepanovitch Tsch-"Section 2: All laws and clauses Lomov." It is presented in one vice.

> Georganna Moss is prompter and Carol Barber and Harold Jackson are in charge of scenery. D. W. Swink, high school English teacher, directs the plays. No admission will be charged

and the public is invited to at-

TAG SALES A total of 217 city auto licenses for 1955 had been sold through Wednesday morning. according to a report of Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office. Seventy-one of the total had been sold this week,

City Election Four Months Away, is the culmination of planning begun during the pastorate of But Politicking Outwardly Quiet

election date is only four months ing he would offer, unless H. Tom distant, there has been thus far Fulton, a former mayor, offers little outward evidence of politi- for that post. Mr. Fulton has

spite of some indications to the that he is receiving encourage. Jr., are in charge of the program now nearing the end of its first 3 commissioner, is already unof- McGinnis, in charge of tickets.

Mayor Bridges himself is publicly non-committal. To a question on his plans, he said, "I bet seek the Ward 3 post.

Two years ago, Mr. Bridges had ket" may form up like this: For Kings Mountain civic leaders already filed notice of candidacy Mayor, Mr. Bridges: for Ward 1

organize the city's 1955 March of ment of his election intentions. for Ward 3 commissioner, David Dimes fund campaign.

He added he offered two years

Ben H. Bridges, Jr., and W. J. ago because of a dearth of candisioner, George H. Mauney; for Ward 5 commissioner, W. G.

campaign, and will enlist the aid Ward 2 Commissioner J. H. Pator Grantham.
of various citizens and civic terson and Ward 5 Commission. Also to be

Among the early rumors of the Ward 2 trustee, and Arnold W. political season is one that Ward Kincaid, Ward 3 trustee, expiring 3 Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) this year.

The city will hold its blennial Ellison will seek the mayor's election in May, and though the post, He has been quoted as say.

Merchants Banquet been listed among the early view-

pated that majority of the incum- privately that he won't seek re- tes for association officers. bents will seek re-election, in election. However, it is known

ficially running for the Ward 3 post again, and it is possible his brother, Tilman Pearson, may

One citizen active in the politi-Commissioner, W. S. Fulton, Sr.,

Also to be elected in May are er W. G. Grantham are expected two school trustees, six . year to offer again.

143,694 Visited Military Park During 1954

Kings Mountain National Miliary Park logged in 143,694 visitors during 1954, another record Grady King, recording secretary, in total visitations for the ninth and W. K. Mauney, Jr., fund week as the annual job of listonsecutive year.

exceeded last year's total of 110. Gill, Henry Neisler, Earl Mar-lowe, and W. G. Grantham, 615, by 33,079 persons. In announcing the figures, Superintendent Ben Moomaw

the end of World War II. In addition to thousands of Thomson, auditor. United States citizens, from each Hold-over directors are Mrs. J. of the 48 states, Hawaii, Alaska, E. Herndon, Eugene Patterson, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and V. L. Neal, of Grover, Dr. D. F. District of Columbia, citizens of Hord, Mrs. C. D. Blanton, Mrs.

The park staff reported visitors from Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia, n Canada, from Cuba, Costa Ri-Africa, Japan, Jordan, Indonesia, he Phillipines, India and Korea, and from England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, France, Ireland, Yogoslavia, Hungary, Germany, Greece, Switzerland, and Holland.

A famous farce, "The Doctor In Spite of Himself" is written by Church To Effect Organization

Formal organization of Chero-kee Street Tabernacle, at the corner of Cherokee and Dixon streets, will be effected at services Sunday afternoon at 2:30, it was announced by Rev. Kelly Dixon. The church will be chartered

a non-denominational religious

members would elect a board of directors and officers. Dr. Glenn ubokov," Jane Osborne, "Natal- Parton, of Spindale, will be in ia," and Flem Mauney, "Ivan charge of the organization ser-Regular services have been

held at the Tabernacle since August.

Skirts Purloined, Off Cars That Is

Police, this week, received two complaints of fender skirts stolen from cars by theives.

Mearl Valentine, of route 1, re-

orted to police, that between :30 and 9:30 the night of December 30, while his car was parked near Joy Theatre, somene removed from his car the fender skirts and a cigarette ighter.

Tuesday, D. J. Ferguson, of reported to police the theft of fen- notation be given him of the der skirts from his car. Mr. Ferguson stated his car had been parked both in Besse-

mer City and in Kings Mountain beside the B & B Soda Shop, and Rites Friday behind City Hall.

To Be January 31

Officers and directors of the However, the subject is cropping up in some conversations, usually in the vein, "Isn't this election year?" and "Who's going comeback attempt,"

Officers and directors of the Merchants Association at their meeting Tuesday set January 31 as the date for the 1955 employed ee-employer banquet, appointed ee-employer banquet, appointed Ward 4 Commissioner Harold chairmen for the annual event, to run?"

Ward 4 Commissioner Harold chairmen for the annual event,
Generally speaking, it is anticiJ. Phillips has stated publicly and and nominated several candida-Sam Collins and B. S. Peeler,

for the banquet, Yates Harbison Olland Pearson, former Ward is food chairman, and Hubert John H. Lewis, association president, presided.

Merchants Resume cal scene says the Bridges "tic- Mid-Week Closings

Majority of merchants of the city resumed their customary The stores had been open on

tion of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday period. Under by laws of the Merchants association the half-day closing policy will be continued into next November.

tain Red Cross Chapter will be

sented at the meeting. Four directors along with a chapter chairman, recording secretary, and fund chairman are to

retary, and fund chairman are to be elected. Retiring officers are I. G. Patterson, chapter chairman, Mrs.

chairman. Visitors to the park during 1954 | Retiring directors are J. L. Mc-

said that Kings Mountain park chairman, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, seis the only military park in the cond vice-chairman, Mrs. P. federal system which can boast Ratterree, treasurer, Mrs. J. N. a new record of attendance since Gamble, executive secretary, B. S. Neill, fund treasurer, and J. H.

many other countries stopped to visit the historic shrine during and Aubrey Mauney.

n Canada, from Cuba, Costa Rica, and El Salvador, from North Nominees Sought

Kings Mountain Jaycees are Most Outstanding Young Man of listing for business and industrial firms. Special forms for filsonic Dining hall at 6:45. deadline for nominations, which may be made by anyone in the County Tax Supervisor Max Morganton News Herald and resourced which is at heavier pressure and for a longer period than

'young man' nominee must be county, with the notation that serve as installing officer. inclusive, R. G. Plonk, Jr., chair- returned to the county office at tin that dress for the ladies night cut-in point by Transcontinental man of the club's Distinguished Shelby. Service Award committee, cau-

be chosen from the list of nomi work in process, raw materials, ler, Jr., first vice - president, and treated for testing lines against nees by a secret committee of supplies, and all other nems. Of Harold Coggins, second vice-pre- eaks, he added. Kings Mountain men who are 36 the total, 32.5 percent is to go sident. and older and will be announc- on the tax books for assessment | Directors to be installed are the winner will be kept secret, Other information asked of will serve as an ex officio membusiness and industrial firms ber of the board.

not be members of the club or 21-50 are required to list for poll es in the December 29 break-in of any other civic club. Basis of the taxes, regardless of whether they the concession stand of Bessemer

welfare during 1954. to list. 2) Participation in all-around

4) Exhibition of leadership a

6) Cooperation with individuals and civic organizations. Nominations may be made to 1410 Main street, Roanoke, Va., Chairman Plonk, who asks that nominees achievement during

For Mrs. Flum

Funeral rites for Mrs. Annie Raechiel Flum, 98, who died Wednesday morning at her home on route 1 after a three-week illness, will be conducted Friday at 3 p. m. from Sisk Funeral Home, Bes.

Rev. Hugh Barringer, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Bessemer City, will conduct the rites, interment to follow in Mountain

Mrs. Flum, daughter of the late Charles and Annie Raechiel. was born in Germany March 23, 1857, and came to America in 1864 at the age of seven. It took the Raechiel family 3 months to come by sailboat from Germany to Pennsylvania where they lived until 1882.

Surviving are two sons, Louie Flum, Kings Mountain, and Fred Wednesday afternoon closings Flum, of Starke, Fla., and four yesterday. and Mrs. Mary Smith, both of Gastonia, and Mrs. N. T. Lynn

> LIONS MEETING Regular Lions meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic hall. There

Cut-on Date For Natural Gas To Be Thursday Scheduled For January 14th

in year-end inventorying and

other bookkeeping duties.

scale of automobile values.

The tax listing officials noted

held Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock at City Hall courtroom.

The meeting is open to the public, and all civic organizations
and clubs are asked to be repre-Tax Listing **Activity Here**

Kings Mountain area citizens were beating a steady path to

ing properties for taxes began. Clarence Carpenter, city tax supervisor, and Conrad Hughes, township tax lister, said the list-Officers with unexpired terms ing work appeared off to a good are Rev. P. D. Patrick, first vice start, though they were unable

to estimate, after three days la-G. bor, the percentage of listing accomplished. Vast majority of the listings were taken from individuals.

last year, after the temporary glut of the market, would probably hold at last year's levels. The listing officials are using the current 1955 "blue book" of wholesale values, and the listings approximate last year's

Winner of the award, to be includes: 1) listing of consigned given annually by the Jaycees, or leased goods or equipment, will be awarded a key and cer- together with address and name in October. tificate and will be entered in of owner; and 2) listing of the North Carolina DSA contest. counties other than Cleveland in The project is a part of the which the firm has assets other club's observance of National than real estate.

Jaycee Week, January 14-21. Chairman Plonk pointed out that all persons are required that although nominees must be to list their properties, and that of Jaycee age (21-35), they need all males between the ages of

community activities. 3) Evidence of lasting contribution to community.

5) Evidence of personal and business progress.

> tizens of the Grover area. Store, Waco, daily with these ex- are under surveillance, ceptions: January 6, at Eaker's Store, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; January tre which occurred Saturday 7, Waters' Store, 8 a. m. to noon; night, involving the destruction January 7, Washington school, 1 of 17 speakers at the Theatre

Odell's Store, 8 p. m. to 5 p. m.

TO CHICAGO J. Kennon Blanton, manager of Sterchi's, will leave Saturday for Chicago to attend the annual winter furniture show. He will be accompanied by other Sterchi managers from

Rest cemetery.

full six-day week schedules Gastonia, and Mrs. N. T. Lynn since the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, with the excep.

will be a guest speaker for the

with almost all business and TO BE INSTALLED - J. C. Bridindustrial firms still immersed ges will be installed Thursday night as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the Mr. Carpenter said automobile coming year. The meeting will listings, which took a big drop be a ladies' night affair.

Kiwanis Officers Will Be Installed

Officers for 1955 of Kings added. The county is introducing for Mountain Kiwanis club will be seeking nominations for "The 1955 a new system of inventory formally installed Thursday night dent said that all gas lines now

tween the ages of 21 and 35 the completed forms should be It was noted in the club bulle- an odor - producing agent at the

affair will be informal. The firms are required to list actual values at December 31 of Bridges, president, succeeding an unpleasant as the "skunk Winner of the DSA award will merchandise, finished goods, Dr. W. P. Gerberding; B. S. Pee juice", with which the gas is

ed at the next meeting of the under tax rates to be set in July. John Cheshire, I. Ben Goforth, o bad weather, Mr. Nicholson Junior Chamber of Commerce, at The policy on inventories was Jr., Ed Goter, W. S. Fulton, Jr., continued, but the construction Masonic Hall on January 18. set by the board of county com- William Herndon, Henry Neisler crew has ben augmented this Names of nominees other than missioners several months ago. and W. T. Weir, Dr. Gerberding week by arrival of another con-

The officers and directors were Hospital Bid elected in annual club balloting

Drive-In Loot Is Recovered

own any property. Penalties ap- City - Kings Mountain Drive-In 1) Contribution to community ply for late listing or for failure Theatre, located on Bessemer City oad, has been recovered. Chief Charlie Ware is taking the Jugh A. Logan, Jr., said Wednes-

farm census, and Jim Lybrand day. is assisting with the listing The loot, which included candy, chewing gum and nuts, was The officials are at City Hall found near Third street Monday, daily except Saturdays from 8 Chief Logan said, by children a. m. to 4:30 p. m. On Saturdays, whose parents notified police. Mr. Hughes is at Roundtree's Gaston County Detective Jim

Hardware in Grover to serve ci- Harris, who is investigating the incident since the break-in occur-In Number 5 township, List- red in Gaston County, stated The project is joint federaltaker E. L. Whitworth has an- Wednesday that no arrests have state - county, with each agency nounced he will be at Whitworth been made but several persons of government furnishing a por-A second incident at the Thea-

p. m. to 5 p. m.; January 8, has been closed by the sentencing in a Gaston County court of five Fallston boys. The boys, Lammoris Lail, Law rence Hoye, Julius Hoyle, Robert Scism, and Dwight Dellinger, who were reported to have already settled damages incurred at the Theatre before court, were order-

ed to pay costs for disorderly con-

Lithium Corporation About Ready To Begin Operations Of New Plant

Lithium Corporation of Ameri, said Wednesday that he underca's new Bessemer City plant is stood majority of the employee virtually ready to go into produc. complement has been obtained. tion, according to a report from He said construction work on the plant Wednesday. the \$7 million plant is in the fin-

G. A. Munson, plant manager, ishing stages. had not returned from South Da-The company announced two kota, but Fred Dixon said that weeks ago that mining opera-Herbert Rogers, president of tions, Lithium Corporation, and F. F. weeks, have already resulted in Clark, vice - president, arrived stacking of 80,000 tons of spodu-Wednesday to superintend the mene ore in anticipation of belaunching of operations. ginning operations.

Lithium, end product of the The company had previously announced from Minneapolis, operation, has been termed "the Minn., the home office, that it new wonder metal". It has a would employ about 150 persons great variety of commercial uses, when production gets underway, from a component of greases to television tubes, and is also used ing jcb applications for its Besiemer City plant, and Mr. Dixon lightest of metals.

had not been assessed Wednesday.

The group was returning to Kings Mountain from a trip to Roanoke, Va.

Nicholson Says East Portion Lines Ready

The city's natural gas system will begin receiving gas from the Transcontinental pipeline on York road on January 14, E. C. Nicholson, public works superin-

tendent, said yesterday. With the cut-on, the city will therefore best by one day its Jan-uary 15, 1955, deadline for taking gas, as set in the Federal Power Commission order granting the city an allotment of natural gas. Mr. Nicholson says that natural

gas service will be immediately available to virtually all in-city residents on the east side of the Southern Railway mainline, with possible exception of some of the Whitesides development in East Kings Mountain. Mr. Nicholson further estimated that 300 residents business and

industrial firms will become natural gas users within a short time after the January 14 cut-on. One customer will be the city itself. It anticipates converting the City Hall boiler from coal to gas on January 16, Mr. Nicholson The public works superinten-

Hamrick last weekend to busi- tiring lieutenant governor of Car- normally required. The only restriction is that the ness and industrial firms in the olinas Kiwanis District 1, will Natural gas is ordinarily odoress, but is being treated with Mr. Nicholson said. The odorizing Officers to be installed are J. C. treatment will not be as pungent

> Work on installing the system s slightly behind schedule, due

Date Nearing

Advertising for bids for the construction of a 14-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital should begin late in January or

early February. Grady Howard, hospital business manager, said Wednesday this was his information from the architects, Ormand & Vaughan, of Shelby Plans and working drawings are going through minor changes

at the moment, on instruction from the State Medical Care commission, and will be returned within the next few days, with approval expected immediately. The State commission will ad-

vise the letting date, Mr. Howard tion of the funds which will bring the Kings Mountain institution to a 50-bed unit with regular hospital status. Plans call for the addition of an East-West wing at the front of the present building, with re-location of business

office and other present facilities. **Wreck Victims** Recuperating

Tom Eanes, music director of First Presbyterian church, and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, wife of the pastor of the church, were injured Saturday night in an auto wreck on the Buffalo Shoals Road six miles north of Lincoln-

Eanes was reported improving Wednesday. He is receiving treatment at Kings Mountain hospital for a depressed fracture at the base of the skull. Mrs. Patrick suffered a broken right collarbone, and was reported recuperating satisfactorily. Rev. Mr. Patrick, a passenger in the 1951 DeSoto of Mr. Eanes, was uninjured and able to fill his

The accident occurred in heavy fog on a slippery road, when the car went out of control and over-turned. Damage to the car

pulpit Sunday.