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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Mountaineers Seek Loop Crown Against Valdese

Local News Bulletins

CORRECTION

In the Herald's summation of Gaston street improvement assessment payments of last week, one name was inadver-tently omitted. Mrs. Lela Jackson paid the city \$67.21 for curb-and-gutter fronting her lot of 71.5 feet.

LIONS SEE FILM

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club saw a film "A Matter of Time" at the Tuesday night meeting. The film, in color and with sound tract, de-monstrated research being done to determine cause of heart diseases and offered the prediction that this medical problem would be solved "in a matter of time."

KIWANIS MET TUESDAY

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club met Tuesday at noon to hear an address by Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church. The Tuesday meeting replaces the regular Thursday night

PARK PAY STATION

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company installed a public pay phone station at Kings Mountain Military Park, number is Grover 9202.

MEMORIALS

Mrs. Herbert Plonk and brothers and sisters of the late J. Calvin Plonk have established memorials at Kings Mountain hospital to Mr. Plonk and the late Herbert Plonk of Raleigh. A hospital room has been furnished by the families, according to Grady Howard, hospital business manager.

PLEDGED COLLEGE CHAPTER Charles Yelton, of Kings Mountain, has pledged the Le-

noir-Rhyne College chapter of TauKappa Epsilon, it was announced this week by the college. Yelton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Yelton and a freshman at Lenoir-Rhyne.

RED CROSS

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, said Tuesday that the chapter needs a double bed to give to a needy family of the community. Interested citizens community. Interested citiens may contact Mrs. Gamble at

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts totaled \$177.36 for the week ending Wednesday at noon, including \$145.42 from on-street meters, and \$31.94 from the lot, Cherokee street parking lot, City Clerk Gene Mitcham re-

JOINS STAFF

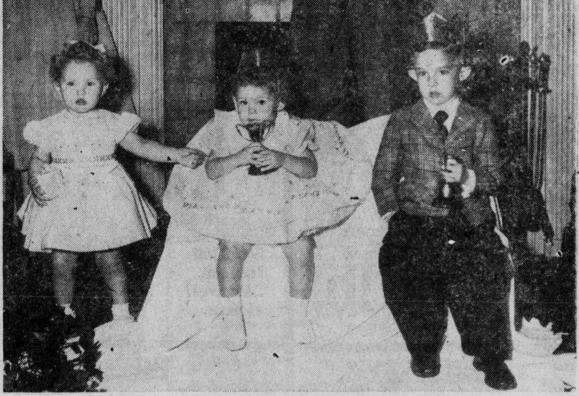
Mrs. Helen Bowen has joined the staff of Kings Mountain Hospital. She replaces Mrs. Margaret Blodes, anesthetist, who has resigned. Mrs. Bowen was formerly a member of the staff of Mercy Hospital at Charlotte. Business Manager Grady Howard made the announcement.

ON COMMITTEE

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney has been appointed a member of the Cleveland county Morehead Scholarship committee, a group that also includes William Green, of Shelby, chairman, and Dr. Phil Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb college. The committee processes applica-tions for the scholarships from Cleveland county students and may recommend to the district committee. A Morehead scholarship is granted for one year, renewal privilege, to the University of North Carolina.

COLLECTING TOYS

Kings Mountain Police department is collecting toys so that needy children may receive a visit from Santa Claus this year, Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., announced. Persons wishing to donate either monies, new toys, or broken toys, should call the police department, he said.



WINNERS IN BABY CONTEST — Pictured are winners in the American Legion Auxiliary sponsored baby contest crowned Thursday in exercises at the Woman's club. Seated are Ellen Goforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Goforth, and Jeff Mauney, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Mauney, winners in the contest. Sue Ann Murray, standing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Murray, was runner-up, as | Studio.)

was Stanley Yarbro (not pictured), son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yarbro, Jr., Third and fourth place winners were Pamela Arrowood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrowood, Mike Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Pam Mitcham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mitcham, and David Collins, son security coverage for the school of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins. (Photo by Carlisle cafeteria workers. Mr. Barnes re-

Herndon To Head C. E. Carpenter Seeks To Form Kings Mountain Military Park, it was reported by Floyd Farris, local exchange manager. Mr. Farris said the pay station number is Grover 2002. Red Cross Drive

New Blood Plan **Voted Approval** Of Directors

The Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter approved a "donor credit" plan as one of three suggesteed methods of improving its 1956 blood program and named James E. Herndon, Jr., as 1956 fund drive chairman at Tuesday night's meeting of chapter offi-

A visit of the Charlotte regional bloodmobile collecting unit is scheduled at the Woman's club December 1st with donors to be processed from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Chairman J. Ollie Harris exressed the hope that the new lan, if approved by the board of lirectors of the Charlotte regional center, would strengthen the

plood program. Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary, told the group that Miss Antoinette Beasley, Red Cross area field representative, had suggested the three methods to chapter officials at her regular

visit to the chapter recently. Mrs. Gamble noted that the donor credit system is being used successfully by the Asheville blood center and other regional blood centers throughout the

"This plan puts the program on an individual basis," officials pointed out, explaining that of the drive, when a person donates blood he Funds der

Retailers Now Open Full Six-Day Week

Kings Mountain merchants will be open six full days each week through Christmas.

Majority of the firms suspended the customary Wednesday half-holiday yesterday, though a few firms (principally furni-ture dealers) took Wednesday after non off as usual.

Retailers here customarily suspend the mid-week half-holiday during the Christmas shopping season to better accommodate their customers.

T-B Seal Sale Receipts \$1,230

Kings Mountain and Cleveland county citizens are responding to the annual Christmas seal sale appeal, it was reported by campaign officials Tuesday. Total received on Tuesday was

\$1230, something over 12 percent of the \$10,000 goal.

Conducted almost entirely by mail, the campaign to date includes mailing of 7,000 packets of Christmas seals to individuals. another 1,230 to business and industrial firms, and 235 to organi-

Jaycee organizations of the county are assisting in the campaign and will do follow-up work it was announced by Grady Howard, Kings Mountain chairman

Funds derived from the seal would be given a card showing sale are used for prevention and Continued On Page Ten treatment of tuberculosis.

Churches, Fields, And Stadiums To Be Busy Places Thanksgiving

Church services, hunting, foot-Thanksgiving in Kings Mountain. Thanksgiving services will be neld Thursday morning in many Kings Mountain churches, while others hold their special services

Boyce ARP Church will hold its traditional Thanksgiving morning services at 7:30 to be followed by breakfast in the church educational building at 8 o'clock. This breakfast is prepared by the

n connection with the regular

Wednesday night prayer meet-

men of the church St. Matthew's Lutheran Church o'clock. This service will feature program of special music by

the church choirs. Central Methodist Church will have a breakfast at 7:30 in the

gram of special music. Most of the city's business

firms will be closed tightly for the holiday, but a few such as drug stores, service stations, and restaurants will operate.

Hunting season opens in Cleveland County and other adjoining counties, and many hunters are expected to take to the woods in quest of game. Safety rules in hunting are being stressed for this opening day of the 1955 sea-Football fans will either go to

will have a matin service at 9 see Lenior-Rhyne and Catawba tangle in their annual scrap at Hickory or depend on radio and television for their action. No local gridiron activity is planned. church fellowship hall, to be fol- city will observe their usual long you your message has been help. part of the programs.

Patriotic Group

Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, reported Wednesday plans for organization of a "The Battle of Kings Mountain Club, Inc.", designed to promote and foster the area's historical promicent of wages to the plan, and

cussed the proposed organization ria proceeds. with a number of citizens, that ing the area's historical asset.

He said the idea originated after he learned from Mrs. M. A. Ware of the decision of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., to abandon its five-year production of a drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Carpenter was a key figure in the 1930 organization which handled the sesqui-centennial ceebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain in that year. In 1930, then- President Herbert Hoover spoke at the battle site and more than 30,000 people attended the two-day celebration.

Mr. Carpenter said a banquet organization meeting is anticipated, probably to be held in January 1956. Further details will be announced later.

Little Theatre To Give Comedy

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present the three-act comedy, "The Campbells Are Coming" by Jay Tobias on December 2-3 at 8 p. m. at the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Ed Tutor is directing the production. The hillbilly comedy was presented here three years ago by the Little Theatre group. Included in the cast 'are Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, who has the role of Ma Brannigan, Mrs. Ed Dill, who portrays Catalpa Tapp, Pat Owens, who has the role of Betty Brannigan, Jimmy Heavener, as Dick Brannigan, D. W. Swink, who portrays Bildad Tapp, B. S. Peeler, Jr., as Cyrus Scudder Becky Tutor, as Kaye Brannigan, Grace Methodist Church also Tommy Owens, who has the role ball, and plain old relaxation will plans an early morning worship of Kingston Campbell, Mrs. M. be the order of the day for service at 9 a. m., with a pro-A. Ware who portrays Mrs. Au-Thanksgiving in Vince Mountain gusta Campbell, and Sam Mitcham, as Jeff Scudder. Tickets may be purchased from

Mrs. Eisenhower Thanks R. L. Mauney

any member of the Little Thea-

R. L. Mauney, of Kings Moun tain, received a card of thanks from Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower recently as a result of a card he wrote to the President during Mr. Eisenhower's illness.

Mailed November 9th at Den-

ver, Colo., the card read: "The President and I are deeply grateful for your expression of good wishes and prayerful con-All schools in and around the cern in his illness and I assure lowed by worship services at 8 week end, resuming classes Mon-o'clock. ful to him." The card was signed day.

School Trustees Two Properties

regular monthly meeting Monday night at Central School with Chairman A. W. Kincaid, J. R. Davis, J. W. Webster, Fred Plonk, and Supt. B. N. Barnes at Good Samaritanism

The major item on the agenda was the discussion of the possibility of purchasing small plots of iand adjoining Central School playground from Mrs. H. B. Jones and Mrs. D. H. Houser.

After a discussion, the board roted to go ahead with negotiations to purchase the property. Fred Plonk and B. N. Barnes, who had investigated the matter, reported that Mrs. Jones was asking \$4,750 for a Parker street lot aproximately 74 feet by 161 feet, a house is situated on the lot.

Mrs. Houser was reported to be asking \$1000 for her lot which measures 75 feet by 88 feet. This property, if acquired, will

serve as additional playground

space for Central School. The board discussed social ported that all of the 14 cafeteria workers were in favor of coming under social security, but that they differed on the effecti-

veness of this coverage. Three of the workers wanted the coverage to be retroactive to September 1, five wanted the coverage to start now, and the other six wanted to wait until Jan-

uary 1 to begin. The board agreed to split the difference and to start the coverage retroactive to October 1.

Under this set-up, the cafeteria this will be matched by another Mr. Carpenter said he had dis- two per cent to come from cafete.

Board members pointed out all had expressed interest in the that this way it would be costing project and the need for promot- the tax-payers no additional mon-

> In another matter, the board voted to allow band instruments for the use of a new band being sentation Friday. formed at Davidson school.

Utility Billings At Record High

The city's water and power bil ings for November (to be received by customers December 1) set an all-time high record, Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel said Wednesday.

The total of the billings for the reading just ended is \$24,231.65, ncluding \$19,906 for power and \$4276 for water. It compares with previous high recorded in June of \$23,637.

Figures for last November, as supplied by Mr. McDaniel, show consumption of \$21,806.23 for power and water, with the break down \$17,977 for power and \$3, 829.23 for water.

Mr. McDaniel attributed the majority of the increase to increased number of customers.

Union Service Set To Welcome McLarty

Several Kings Mountain churches will suspend regular Sununion service of welcome to Rev-James B. McLarty, new pastor of Central Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. McLarty will fill the pulpit at regular services at the Central Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30. Churches to participate in the

union service are First Baptist, Boyce Memorial ARP, First Pres byterian, St. Matthew's Lutheran and Resurrection Lutheran, was reported by Dr. W. P. Gerberding

Revival To Start At Local Church

A revival service will begin at Church of God, 111 East Parker street, Sunday, December 5. A former pastor, the Rev. Glenn Easom, will conduct these services. Services will be held nightly at

7 o'clock, Special music will be Pastor of the church is the Rev.

School Trustees Vote To Purchase Jones Is Charged Two Properties The Kings Mountain district board of School Trustees held its regular monthly meeting Monday. In Gordon Hold-up

Hilton Ruth, manager of Belk's, says you can't beat a small city for neighborliness and friendliness and he has a case in point.

On Monday, Mr. Ruth was en route Charlotte when a tire blew. It was the first tire trouble he'd ever had between Charlotte and Kings Mountain and the work involved in changing to the spare weren't conducive to happiness. However, since no service station was near, he started unpacking tools and getting about the job.

He'd hardly removed his coat until a truck sped by, slowed, then turned around and came back. It was L. A. Hoke, the Kings Mountain electrician, wanting to know what trouble had occurred and ready to pit-

ch in and help. The two went to work and hadn't progressed too far, until another passerby stopped to lend assistance. The second Good Samaritan turned out to be Jim Kerns, the Kings Mountain trucker, an especial expert

in tire matters. Mr. Ruth admits Trucker Kerns did the lion's share of the job.

"But it just goes to show how nice it is to live in a community where everybody knows everybody," Mr. Ruth philoso-phizes, "If I'd have been a Charlotte resident, or from some other big town, I'd have had to change that tire myself."

Lithium Workers Vote "No Union"

Production and maintenance workers of Lithium Corporation not being used at Central School of America's Bessemer City plant to be moved to Davidson School voted 70-63 against union repre-

The election at the chemical plant was held by the National Labor Relations Board.

The results of the election showed that 70 persons voted against any union representation; two voted for the AFL Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers; and 61 voted for the CIO United Steelworkers of America. Of the 139 workers eligible to vote, 137 cast ballots. Two ballots. were voided and two were chal-

Richard L. Nelson, plant manager, said that he felt the workers had made the right decision.

He said, "I am sure that circumstances will bear that out during the next year. There was no justification for a union at the plant, the workers do not need one now, and I don't think they will at any time in the future. Neilson added that he undercould not be held for a year.

MEETING CANCELLED

The regular weekly meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 has been cancelled for this Thursday night, acording to an announcement made by Curtis

stood that another union election

Gaffney, secretary.

Postal Employee **Identifies Negro** As Knife Wielder

Johnny Jones, 56-year-old Kings Mountain Negro, is being held in the Cleveland County jail on charges of highway robbery and

These charges were brought against Jones after he was identified as the man who took over \$100 from Yates Gordon, Kings Mountain post office employee, at Gordon't home early Friday morning.

Gordon told officers that he left the house about 6 a. m. Fri day to take his wife to work and

failed to lock his door. Upon his return, Gordon said. he felt that another person was in the house and tegan a search. The hold-up man then stepped from a closet with a knife in his hand and took Gordon's wallet containing approximately \$100.

The Negro was then said to have backed Gordon out of the house into the road, where the holdup victim broke and ran.

Jones, who has a long and varied criminal record, was picked up Friday by local officers and was questioned at length about the crime. However, he was released when Gordon did not make postive identification at that

Chief Hugh A. Logan said Jones was taken into custody again Sunday, when he was reported to be spending large sums of money and when Jones accused

man, Jones' beard had grown out. and this, according to Chief Logan, was the reason Gordon was

able to identify him. The victim also identified a knife taken from Jone; as the

weapon used in the robbery. Jones is reported to have served 17 years in prison on a burglary charge brought against him in another county some years

He also has a case pending against him in Cleve!and Coun-Superior Court now. He is charged with assault with a dead-

ly weapon with intent to kill. This charge was brought against Jones for the shooting of Calvin Cornwell, another Kings Mountain Negro, about six weeks

Chief Logan said Wednesday that Jones had been charged with both highway robbery and burglary.

Since the breaking and entering occurred while Gordon's teen-age son was asleep in the house, the death penalty could be inflicted, if Jones is found guilty. Chief Logan added that no bond had been set for Jones.

ONE FIRE

Kings Mountain Fire department answered a call Thursday to extinguish a small blaze at Quality Sandwich Company, Fireman C. D. Ware, reported.

day evening services to join in Dismissed Officer Davidson Says Logan "After My Job Since '53"

(Pop) Davidson, recently dismiss- written by a man, then and now, ever failed to cooperate in any gan's pets." matter of duty with Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

Chief Logan, in recommending

way since December 1953, when a no part of it. On two divisions of letter addressed to the mayor this money, he saw to it I was and referred to him for informa- left out.' tion charged him with being a poor policeman and citing speci- with Logan in a matter of duty, choir director and organist at fically that he and another offi- and the only argument we ever First Presbyterian church. cer failed to remove their caps had concerned Logan's cancelpassing.

of hand-writing, by a hand-writ- said no more."

ed city policeman and onetime a member of the city police dechief of the force, denied he had partment and one of Chief Lo-"Since the campaign to get my

job started," Mr. Davidson said, "I have been falsely accused of Mr. Davidson's dismissal, had many things, even including and did not wish to resign. charged him with 'never cooper- theft of parking meter monies ating with the department or Also Mr. Logan made the statement in City Hall to another of Mr. Davidson said a campaign ficer, when dividing up AWOL to "get his job" had been under- reward money that I was to get "I never failed to cooperate

Division Play-off Set For Hickory On Friday Night

The Kings Mountain Mountain-eers and the Valdese Tigers will invade a neutral field at Hickory Friday night to decide a Western North Carolina Activities Associaion champion.

Lenoir-Rhyne College's stadium is expected to see a capacity crowd as the two gridiron powers square away for action.

Kings Mountain won the right to represent the South group of the conference by knocking off a

the conference by knocking off a strong Forest City team, 19-13, last wek in Shelby.
Valdese had less trouble top-

ping its division and spent last week watching and waiting for a Southern champ to be crowned. Wilkes-Central and Valdese were neck-and-neck until the two teams met. The Tigers took a 20-14 victory from Wilkes and went on to capture the flag with no further trouble Information concerning the Ti-

gers has been scarce, but the Kings Mountain coaching staff reports that Valdese has a team about the same size as Forest The coaches also say that Valdese has a good aerial game in

addition to a rugged ground offense, Doug Cline, Shrine Bowl player, will be the big gun to stop for the Tigers. Kings Mountain will counter with George Harris, the Mountaineer contribution to the Shrine Bowl, John McGinnis, who has

scored 84 points this season, Ken Baity, speedy fullback, and Jerry McCarter, a dangerous runner at all times

VALENTINE ELIGIBLE The Mountaineers will also have additional defensive strength since Mearl Valentine re-joined the team Monday.

Valentine was ruled ineligible to participate in football action of money and when Jones accused a Negro woman of stealing \$100 burned the midnight oil and his Gordon was called in to look at Jones for the second time, and identified him as the hold up man. Jones' beard had grown out

game, Coach Shu Carlton said. Valentine will come in handy. He will replace Charles Bridges who has an injured knee and will

see mostly offensive action. Offensively, the Mountaineers look like the stronger team, having rolled up 278 points against 40 for their opponents this season. Valdese has scored 159 points in their nine games, but has allowed

The Tigers could hold only two teams away from their goal line during the season, while the Mountaineers managed to prevent six of their opposing teams from scoring.

their foes to tally 90.

SINGLE WING Valdese runs from the single Continued On Page Ten

Board Defers Salley Decision

The Kings Mountain Recreation Commission held a called meeting at the Country Club Wednesday at noon.

that no action was taken on the resignation submitted two weeks ago by Doug Salley, city recreation director. The principal business at Wednesday's meeting was the discussion of a budget for the coming

Chairman Fred Plonk reported

year, and of the programs that have been carried out during the past months, Plonk said. Mr. Plonk added that the Commission was planning a meeting with city government officials sometime during the next two or In a statement this week, S. R. ing expert, that "the letter was three weeks to discuss financial

matters for the coming year. Members of the Commission decided to withold action on Salley's resignation for the time being. Salley turned in his resignation on November 8, but later announced that he had reconsidered

Miss Beam Takes Church Position

Miss Rebecca Beam, of Fallston, has accepted the position of

She is a graduate in music while a funeral procession was ling of tickets issued by me for from Converse College, Spartanparking meter violations. I ask- burg, S. C., and has done gradu-Mr. Davidson says the signer ed why he was cancelling them, ate work in music at Peabody of the letter was not revealed to and he said he'd cancel as many College, Nashville, Tenn., and in him, but that he has been able as he liked, that he would run the School of Sacred Music, Coto establish through comparison the department as he pleased. I lumbia Theological Seminary, New York.