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## Local News Bulletins

### LICENSES

Drivers license examiners will be at City Hall each Thursday during the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., it has been announced. One examiner will be on duty during lunch hours. It was noted.

### ONE PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Wednesday, December 28, to Ganit & Crawford, Inc., to erect a one story house on Belvedere circle, at an estimated cost of \$6,500.

### COMMUNICATION

A stated communication and an emergent communication for work in the first degree of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held at the lodge Monday night. Jimmy Simpson, secretary announced.

### MOVE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Weiss and family have occupied the Crescent Circle residence recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. O. Glenn Florence. Mr. Weiss is operator of Reba's Fashions.

### AT CONFERENCE

Rev. Howard Cooke, Second Baptist church pastor, and Richard Barnett attended a two-day Sunday School teacher's conference December 29-30 in Memphis, Tenn.

### METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$173.33, according to a report from the city clerk's office. On street meters accounted for \$148.77, while off-street meters returned \$24.56, it was reported.

### THREE FIRES

Kings Mountain Fire department answered three calls this week to extinguish grass fires. Monday, a call was answered to Candler street, and Wednesday two calls were answered, one to Gaston street, the other to Battleground avenue.

### SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Gastonia district social security office will be at City Hall in Kings Mountain at 9:30 a. m. January 16 to provide social security information to Kings Mountain area citizens, it has been announced by the Gastonia district manager, J. P. Walsh.

## Motorcyclist Crash Victim

A 24-year-old Traveler's Rest, S. C. man, Fred W. McClure, was Cleveland County's first highway fatality of 1956.

McClure was fatally injured three miles south of Kings Mountain on Highway 29 early Sunday afternoon. He died at Kings Mountain hospital.

There were no witnesses to the accident, but Patrolman C. D. Fortune, the investigating officer, said that the motorcycle which McClure was riding had skidded more than 200 feet on the pavement. Fortune added that the victim might have lost control of his vehicle while trying to dodge a car or truck.

McClure's body was found in the center of the busy highway by a passing motorist.

Another accident, this one early Sunday morning, resulted in one person being hospitalized and two others requiring first aid treatment for their injuries. Cars driven by Alfred Lee Bumgardner of Shelby and Olan Ray Love of Kings Creek, S. C., collided at the intersection of Dixon

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## Retailers To Resume Mid-Week Closings

Majority of Kings Mountain retail establishments will resume Wednesday half-holidays next week.

Customarily the merchants resume their mid-week half-holidays following Christmas, but the calendar break this year resulted in holidays on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, and the merchants remained open for the full day on succeeding Wednesdays.

Under association by laws, the mid-week half-day is suspended when holidays fall on Monday. Next scheduled holiday for the retailers is Easter Monday.



FIRST NEW YEAR '56 BABY—Sue Ann Arrowood was the winner of both the Kings Mountain Herald and county-wide baby derby contests for 1956. She arrived at Kings Mountain hospital at 1209 a. m. Sunday morning. She is pictured with her mother, Mrs. Odus Arrowood, of Route 3, Kings Mountain. Dr. John C. McGill was attending physician. For further details see story on page 6, this section. (Herald photo by Mrs. Thomas Meacham.)

## Coralee Expanding Pilot Operations

### Half Of Former Laundry Building Leased By Firm

Coralee Fabrics, a division of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., has leased for one year half of the former Kings Mountain Laundry building on Childers street for an expansion of pilot plant knitting operations it began about six months ago.

C. H. Swan, Jr., of Scranton, Pa., Craftsman president, announced the arrangement of the lease for the building and said the building is now being prepared to house the operation. Office furniture arrived Wednesday.

The original pilot plant was set up in the Craftsman recreation rooms. Mr. Swan said he didn't know how the operation would prove out, but that he has hopes the production of flat-knitted products would be of the quality to find a ready market and justify further expansion of the operations.

"We're still in an experimental stage and this expansion is merely a projection of the pilot plant set-up launched six months ago," Mr. Swan stated.

Mr. Swan reported that J. M. Cross, Craftsman secretary, was moving Wednesday into the Neill residence on Phifer Road. Mr. Swan himself expects to move to Kings Mountain as quickly as he disposes of his Pennsylvania residence.

### Country Club Opens New Lounge-Grill

Opening of a new lounge and grill for benefit of club members and their children above age 16 was announced this week.

Sandwiches, sodas, and short orders will be served in the lounge each evening except Mondays. Reservations will not be required, a bulletin to the membership stated.

## Mauney Acting Executive Secretary Of National Lutheran Brotherhood

Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain textile executive, has been named acting executive secretary of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran church and will devote part-time attention during the coming three months to his added duties.

Mr. Mauney said executive headquarters of the office are being moved from Bethlehem, Pa., to the Lutheran Church House, 231 Madison ave., New York city, and that his principal duties will be organizing and opening the new offices in New York.

He said he would commute between Kings Mountain and New York three to four times monthly and expects to be in New York on Mondays and Tuesdays and in his office here for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Mauney noted that the timing of the change is fortunate, in that production of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company is sold into April and that operations of the Kings Mountain yarn-making plant are well organized.

Harold L. Logan, Los Angeles,

## Segregation Letter Unexciting To Local Group

Action of the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education — suggesting that local committees studying segregation cease their activities — is expected to have little effect here.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools and secretary of the three-member committee, offered the opinion as merely an opinion. He noted that the committee, which also includes A. W. Kincaid, chairman, and Fred W. Plonk, vice-chairman, will follow the orders of the city district school board. Action, if any, concerning the state committee suggestion likely will come at the board's mid-month meetings.

Mr. Barnes said the Kings Mountain board's segregation study committee has been concerned principally with obtaining and sifting information on the results of the Supreme Court decision of last year ordering desegregation in the public schools. The Kings Mountain committee have attended meetings on the subject, but have formulated no recommendations, nor made any formal reports to the city district board, Mr. Barnes added.

The state committee, in its "confidential" letter to 174 school groups last week, recommended suspension of the activities of the local committees and promised legal aid from the state should local school boards be faced with legal action seeking pupil admittance to particular schools.

## Tax Listing Start Is Brisk

Annual tax listing for the city and Kings Mountain township was reported off to a brisk start Wednesday by city and county listing officials.

City Tax Supervisor is handling the city property listing, while Conrad Hughes is handling the township listings for the county. Charlie Ware is again collecting the farm crop census information.

Mr. Carpenter said response to the new city plan, whereby listing blanks were mailed both individuals and business firms, is off to a good start. Several listings have already been made via this method and telephone inquiries have been numerous, Mr. Carpenter reported.

All citizens are required to list property for taxes during the month of January. Penalties are provided by state law for those who fail to list or who fail to list within the regular listing period.

Citizens are required to list their personal properties of all kinds, from household goods to dogs, and business firms are required to report inventories at actual value January 1, plus additions during the past year of equipment and fixtures. Real estate transfers should also be noted, the listing officials pointed out.

As usual, the officials are urging all citizens to list early in order to avoid a last minute jam-up with resulting inconvenience.

The listing officials will be at City Hall courtroom daily, from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., except on Saturdays. On Saturdays, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Ware will be at Carley Martin's Store in Groves to accommodate Grover area citizens.

For Number 5 Township citizens, Stough Miller, of Waco, is the listing official, and will be at Odell's Store Thursday and Eaker's Store Friday from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. For the remainder of the month, he will be at his home in Waco.

## Retailer Group Lists Nominees

Nominees for 1956-57 positions in the Kings Mountain merchants association were named Tuesday by current directors of the association.

Officers of the association for the coming year will be elected through mail balloting. Nominated for president were F. R. McCurdy and Paul Walker. Nominated for vice president were Paul H. McGinnis and Charles H. Dixon.

Eight nominees for four two-year directorships are: Yates Harbison, Charles Blanton, Richard Spencer, J. T. McGinnis, Ben Tator and E. E. (Dokie) Tate.

The directors also initiated plans for the forthcoming annual employer-employee banquet of the association, tentatively scheduled for early February.

# Polio Fund Campaign Begins; "Blue Crutch" Sale Saturday

## Postal Receipts Show \$683 Dip; Money Orders Up

Post office receipts for the Kings Mountain postoffice during 1955 totaled \$59,133.69, according to a report made Wednesday by Acting Postmaster Ted Weir.

Receipts for 1955 were \$683.40 below the \$59,817.09 reported for 1954.

A break-down of the receipts shows that in 1955, \$14,986.54 was reported for the March quarter; \$13,779.48 for the June quarter; \$13,614.24 for the September quarter; and \$16,753.43 for the December quarter.

In 1954, the quarterly reports showed \$15,431.32 for the March quarter; \$14,053.66 for June; \$13,605.23 for September; and \$16,726.79 for December.

The deficit for the year came in the first two quarters, with both September and December reports showing slight increases over the same periods in 1954.

Postal money orders issued in the local postoffice during the year totaled \$425,605.28, an increase of \$23,947.81 over 1954's total of \$421,657.47.

Frank Cox, money order clerk, reported that the December quarter showed the largest total of money orders with \$115,950.41 being issued.

The 1955 quarterly money order issue was \$113,910.27 for March; \$113,321.87 for June; \$102,422.72 for September; and \$115,950.41 for December.

In 1954 the money order issues were \$125,498.12 in March; \$101,333.87 in June; \$99,061.73 in September; and \$105,243.75 in December.

## Kiwanis Officers Will Be Installed

J. J. Tarleton, Rutherford county schools superintendent, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, their wives and guests Thursday night at the annual installation night banquet of the civic organization.

New officers of the Kiwanis club will be installed for the coming year. Mr. Tarleton has been identified with Rutherford county schools since his graduation from Wake Forest college in 1925, first as a principal, then, since 1934, as county superintendent. He is also an active Kiwanian, having been a past president of the Rutherford club, and district governor of Division I, Carolina district. He is a former trustee of Wake Forest college and in 1948 served as chairman of the transportation education commission.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., will be installed as president, succeeding J. C. Bridges. Other new officers and directors will also be installed.

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

### DEVOTIONS

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, is conducting the 9 a. m. morning devotions program over Station WKMT this week.

## Johnson Due Here On January 16; Foote Operation World's Largest

Neil O. Johnson, newly appointed plant manager of Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain works—described by Foote Mineral officials as the largest lithium ore producing operation in the world—will arrive here to assume his duties about January 16.

Currently, Mr. Johnson, who joins Foote after long service with E. I. duPont de Nemours, is at Foote's home office in Philadelphia, Pa., and at the Exton, Pa., plant, familiarizing himself with Foote operations there.

A former Birmingham, Alabama resident, Johnson leaves the explosive department of duPont de Nemours, of Wilmington, Delaware where he had served since 1939 as technical representative. In this capacity he acted as consultant and advisor on demolition and blasting problems in mine, quarry and construction operations.

A World War II Major in the Corps of Engineers, Johnson served in Alaska on the famous Alcan highway project. Later he be-

## Nicholas A. Moss Rites Thursday



RIES THURSDAY — Funeral for Nicholas A. Moss will be conducted at the Moss residence here Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Moss was suffocated in a fire early Tuesday morning at his Staten Island, N. Y., apartment.

## Laughter Buys Marlowe Interest

W. F. Laughter, has acquired the 52-percent stock interest of E. E. Marlowe in Marlowe's Inc., Kings Mountain Dodge-Plymouth dealer, it was announced this week.

Mr. Marlowe, head of the firm organized more than two years ago, has joined Lee Tire & Rubber Company as area salesman.

Minority stockholders in the motor firm are Howard B. Jackson and W. K. Mauney, Jr.

Mr. Laughter said Wednesday the firm will continue to offer all its former services, including auto repairs, with the exception of tire recapping. He said Basil Lovelace will continue to serve as office manager and that Lloyd Ferguson will continue the repair department as body repair specialist. Jack Arnette, former parts manager, has resigned.

The transaction was effective Monday.

Mr. Laughter, a salesman for the firm for the past 18 months, is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Laughter. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as a bomber pilot in the 8th Air Force, based in England, from 1942-46. Following the war he was secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association and subsequently was an auto parts salesman until joining Marlowe's, Inc. He is a member of First Baptist church, a Mason, and an air force reserve officer. Mrs. Laughter is the former Miss Martha Littlejohn.

### AMERICAN LEGION

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 p. m. at the legion hall.

## Moss Suffocated In Tuesday Fire In Staten Island

Funeral services for Nicholas Allison Moss, 49, accidentally suffocated in his Staten Island, N. Y., apartment early Tuesday morning, will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Moss home on South Battleground avenue.

The body is expected to arrive from New York by train at 9:30 a. m. Thursday and will be at the Moss home until the funeral.

Mr. Moss, professor of speech and dramatics at Wagner College, a Lutheran institution on Staten Island, was found dead at 8:30 Tuesday morning when Staten Island firemen answered an alarm at Mr. Moss' second-floor apartment, 522 Castleton Avenue.

John A. Matey, chief clerk to the chief medical examiner (coroner) of Staten Island, told the Herald by telephone that the medical examiner had determined that death resulted from suffocation, caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. Mr. Matey said it was not his office's function to determine the cause of the fire, but quoted a New York Daily News report as saying the fire "may have been started by a cigarette."

Mr. Matey said the firemen made efforts at resuscitation.

The body was found in the bathroom of the apartment. Mr. Matey said the medical examiner speculated that Mr. Moss tried, without success, to reach the bathroom window.

Mr. Moss was a Kings Mountain native and member of a longtime Kings Mountain family. He was a son of the late Henry Nicholas and Mildred Allison Moss. Born on October 17, 1906, he attended Kings Mountain schools and was graduated from Davidson college. He subsequently was superintendent of a textile mill.

American health educators point to the development of the Salk vaccine as a great step in the defeat of polio, but they also point out that many thousands of our citizens are already affected by the disease and that they must be treated now as in the past.

## White Assumes Textile Position

C. Glenn White, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, has accepted a supervisory position with Linn-Corrier Mills, of Landis. He assumed his new duties Monday.

The veteran textile man, for 12 years superintendent of the former Phenix Mill plant here, has, for the past nine months been a salesman in this area for Redman Card Clothing Company, of Andover, Mass. He had previously spent some eight years as superintendent of Alma Mills, Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. White is a former member of the city school board. He is a deacon of First Baptist church and a director of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association. He is a 32nd degree Mason and an official of Kings Mountain's Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. White said it is anticipated the family will maintain its residence here.

Press reports from Landis yesterday said the Linn-Corrier plants are being put back into production after a year's idleness.

## Park Visitors Set New Record

Kings Mountain National Military park has set its tenth consecutive annual attendance record.

Figures reported yesterday for 1955 by Supt. Ben Moomaw showed that 148,272 persons were logged through the park, an increase of 4,568 over the previous record 1954 total. Of the total number of visitors, 28 percent visited the park museum.

Addresses of the visitors included all of the 48 United States, the U. S. territories of Alaska and Hawaii, the District of Columbia, and these foreign countries: Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, Argentina, Cuba, Colombia, five provinces of Canada, the Belgian Congo, Egypt, Nigeria, Scotland, England, Poland, Holland, Spain, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Switzerland, Portugal, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Thailand, Formosa, Jordan, and India.

## Lutheran Meeting Set For Sunday

The annual congregational meeting of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. Reports will be given by all officers of the church and its auxiliaries. Four new councilmen and delegates to Synod and Conference are to be elected.

Beacons whose terms expire are Jacob Cooper, Clyde Kerns, A. S. Kiser and James Simpson.