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Rotan Assumes BurMil Duties

Local News Bulletins

PT-A MEETING

The East School P-TA will meet Tuesday, January 17, at 7 p. m. in the school auditorium.

AT MEETING

C. J. Gault, Jr., Kings Mountain appliance dealer, is attending a two-day meeting for dealers of home appliances in Pinehurst this week.

DIXON SERVICE

E. A. Harrill will be the speaker at Sunday church services at Dixon Presbyterian church, it was announced by Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor.

MOOSE MEETING

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose lodge 1748 will be held at the lodge Thursday night at 8:15 p. m., according to announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

BUILDING PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Saturday to F. V. Webster to erect a one story house on Second street, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Kings Mountain City Schools Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at Central School Monday night at 7 o'clock.

COURT OF HONOR

The regular monthly Court of Honor for Boy Scouts in the Kings Mountain District will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock.

BEAM IMPROVING

Ben F. Beam, Kings Mountain life insurance representative, was reported much improved Wednesday at noon, following hospitalization early Monday morning.

KIWANIS MEETING

Rush Hamrick, Jr., of Shelby, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting, to be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45. Mr. Hamrick will discuss activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Alexander Dies After Home Fall

Funeral services for Willard Alexander, 41, of Washington, D. C., were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 from Mt. Beulah Baptist church, Wadesboro.

Belmont Native Succeeds Lathem At Phenix Plant

James Rotan, recently assistant superintendent of Burlington Industries' Mays plant at Cramer-ton, has assumed the superintendency of Burlington's Phenix plant here, succeeding John Lathem, who has resigned.

Mr. Rotan assumed his new duties here Monday and expects to move his family here soon.

Announcement of Mr. Rotan's appointment to the Kings Mountain post was made by J. D. Barbee, manager of the Cramer-ton division.

Mr. Lathem said Wednesday his future plans had not been definitely determined and he could not say whether he would be leaving Kings Mountain or be able to continue residence here.

Supt. Rotan joined Burlington Industries in 1947 as a manufacturing apprentice at the Cramer-ton division.

A native of Belmont, Rotan attended Cramer-ton High School and was graduated from N. C. State Textile School in 1947 with a degree in textile manufacturing.

During World War II he spent three years in the Navy engineer corps, emerging with the rank of Lieutenant, Junior grade.

Burlington's Phenix plant is a yarn producing mill, manufacturing 10 to 30 - count yarns.

Fire Levels Old City Landmark

An old Kings Mountain landmark was razed by fire around noon Wednesday.

Fire leveled the East King street residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Gordon, a Negro family.

The residence, popularly known as the Hagood place, was owned by Dr. L. P. Baker and the J. O. Plunk Estate.

Built some 50 years ago by the late Boyce Falls, the property was subsequently acquired by Louis Hagood, onetime Kings Mountain banker.

Cause of the fire had not been determined. Loretta Gordon, 16, discovered the fire in the back of the house.

Several other calls were answered this week to extinguish grass fires. Thursday, grass fires were extinguished on East Mountain street, Shelby road, and Juniper street.

Following the reports, the stockholders re-elected all directors who are Mr. Summers, Dr. L. P. Baker, G. A. Bridges, W. K. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, B. S. Neill, P. M. Neisler and M. A. Ware.

Following the stockholders session, the directors met and re-elected Mr. Summers president.



BOOST DIMES DRIVE — Pictured above is the soda fountain staff of Griffin Drug Store, credited by March of Dimes Co-Chairman Charles H. Dixon as doing a bang-up job in filling the March of Dimes card shown.

Polio Campaign Fifth Completed

Legion, Jaycee Dimes Projects Return \$595.81

Kings Mountain's 1956 March of Dimes campaign—now a week old—was reported one-fifth completed Wednesday.

Co-Chairman Charles H. Dixon placed round-figure receipts at \$1,000 against the \$5,000 quota for the Kings Mountain area.

Mr. Dixon had high praise for the American Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, who collaborated in Saturday's "blat crutch" sale and provided \$415 for the fund to fight polio.

Coralee Fabrics, the expanding knitting enterprise of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., will be an operating plant next week.

Machinery is now being moved into the former Kings Mountain Laundry building on Childers street, part of which has been leased for the new operation.

John Chaney, who has served as superintendent of the pilot plant operations in the Craftsman recreation rooms, will continue in the same capacity with Coralee, Mr. Swan announced.

General offices will be maintained at the Craftsman plant on Linwood Road, Mr. Swan added.

McElroy Little Hurt In Car-Cycle Crash

Michael McElroy, 11, received first aid treatment at Kings Mountain hospital Saturday morning for slight injuries suffered when he jumped from his bicycle just before it was struck by a car on Waco road.

Police stated the boy, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McElroy, rode the bicycle from behind Community Grocery, into the path of an oncoming car.

Police listed Jonas Andy Bell, of route 3, as operator of the 1950 Chevrolet which struck the bicycle. The bike was reported a total loss.

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$182.65, according to Gene Mitcham, city clerk.

City Will Launch Major Tax Collection Drive February 1

Foreclosure, Garnishment, Levying Mapped

A drive—with teeth—to collect all delinquent taxes for 1954 and prior years will be launched by the city February 1, Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, said Wednesday.

Mr. Carpenter said he had instructions from the board of city commissioners to proceed to collect all overdue taxes by whatever legal means proved feasible.

Mr. Carpenter said he would proceed February 1:

1) To garnish wages to obtain payment of delinquent personal property taxes; 2) To levy on personal property to obtain payment where garnishment was not feasible; and 3) To foreclose on real estate for delinquent realty taxes.

Mr. Carpenter noted that 1955 tax bills were due on October 1 and are payable net through February 1. On February 2, penalty of one percent applies to unpaid 1955 tax accounts.

Building Permits Totaled \$926,750

The City of Kings Mountain issued building permits during 1955 at an aggregate value of \$926,750, Building Inspector J. W. Webster reported this week.

Mr. Webster listed the building permit purchases as follows: 70 residences valued at \$480,000; 15 additions and alterations valued at \$19,850;

4 garages valued at \$2,400; 7 commercial and public buildings valued at \$424,500.

Public buildings for which permits were purchased included the new North elementary school and the major addition to Kings Mountain hospital.

Permits issued for new commercial and industrial establishments included those for the new Kings Mountain Herald building, Gault Brothers Grocery, the new A&P Super Market, and large additions to Mauney Mills (to house Carolina Throwing Company) and Slater Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. J. J. Gamble Rites Thursday

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. at Garrison Memorial A.R.P. church for Mrs. Ida Oates Gamble, 83, prominent Bessemer City woman, and mother of several Kings Mountain citizens, who died at her home on Ragan Mill road Tuesday night after an extended illness.

Mrs. Gamble was the daughter of the late J. R. and Mary Deck Oates, and the widow of J. J. Gamble, who died in 1921.

Survivors include two sons, Robert E. Gamble of Bessemer City, and Thomas L. Gamble of Kings Mountain; two step-sons, J. N. and J. E. Gamble, both of Kings Mountain; a step-daughter, Mrs. B. D. Ratterree of Kings Mountain; and a brother, T. R. E. Oates of Bessemer City.

Dr. J. W. Carson, Dr. W. L. Pressly of Kings Mountain, and the Rev. L. P. Knox of Gastonia will officiate. Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery. The body will go home from Sisk Funeral Home at 10 a. m. Thursday and will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to services.

Mrs. Gamble was a chaperone member of Garrison Memorial A.R.P. church, and the Ida Gamble Circle of the church was named for her.

CITY AUTO TAGS A report from city clerk's office Wednesday revealed that 262 city auto tags have been sold.



SURVEY WRECKAGE — A group of unidentified people are shown looking at the wreckage of an Akers Motor Line's truck in which Phillip E. Whetstone of Kings Mountain met his death Monday. The truck was struck by Southern Railway's Piedmont Limited train about 1:20 p. m. Monday at the Ragan Mill crossing between Gastonia and Bessemer City.

Phillip Whetstone, 29, Dies After Truck-Train Crash

R. L. Spencer New President Of Montonia Club

R. Lee Spencer, of Gastonia, was elected president of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., following annual meeting of stockholders held at City Hall Tuesday night.

Mr. Spencer succeeds D. C. McSwain, also of Gastonia.

Other officers elected were: Harry E. Page, of Kings Mountain, vice-president; and George Houser, also of Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer.

The stockholders elected two new directors to the six-man board, Carl F. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, and W. D. Todd, Sr., of Gastonia. They succeed R. Lee Spencer and J. Pat Tignor.

Holdover directors are Mart S. Reid and B. S. Neill, Jr., both of Gastonia, and Arnold Kiser and George W. Mauney, both of Kings Mountain.

The stockholders voted to continue in effect for 1956 all prior year membership rules, including deadline of April 30 for renewal of associate memberships.

Under present rules lapsed associate memberships, of which there were 41 December 31, are non-renewable.

In a written report previously mailed to members, Retiring Continued On Page Ten

Rites Are Conducted For Parton's Sister

Funeral rites for Miss Cola Parton, about 75, a sister of H. R. Parton, of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at Collinsville, Ala., Methodist church.

Miss Parton died early Monday as a result of burns. Relatives here said details were sparse but it was indicated Miss Parton's clothing ignited while burning brush on the farm of her brother, Cleveland Parton, with whom she resided.

Towner Foote Production Chief

Special to the Herald PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — William B. Towner has been appointed general production manager of Foote Mineral Company and will be directly responsible for operation of its three producing units at Exton, Pa., Sunbright, Va., and Kings Mountain, N. C., according to announcement by F. B. Shay, vice-president in charge of production and engineering.

The newly created position will not affect present organization but the change is expected to bring about a closer co-ordination of function between the company's three operating units, Mr. Continued On Page Ten

Kings Mountain Trucker Struck By Fast Train

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Wesleyan Methodist church for Phillip Eugene Whetstone, 29, of 212 Carpenter st., who was killed in a train-truck accident near Gastonia about 1:20 Monday afternoon.

Whetstone was driving an Akers Motor Line's truck which was struck by Southern Railway's Piedmont Limited, which was headed South, at the Ragan Mill crossing between Gastonia and Bessemer City.

Mr. Whetstone, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whetstone, was a native of Gaston County, and a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joyce Lovelace Whetstone; a son, Darrell Wayne Whetstone; a daughter, Karen Denise; three brothers, Johnny, Floyd and Henry Whetstone, all of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. J. R. Van Dyke, Mrs. John Herdt, Mrs. Howard Leigh, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Dwight Herdt of Augusta, Ga.

The Rev. H. E. Smith, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Argo, officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

St. Matthew's Holds Its Annual Meeting

St. Matthew's Lutheran church held its annual congregational meeting Sunday night, electing four new councilmen, delegates to Synod and Conference, and hearing reports of 1955 activities.

The congregation elected as new councilmen Ben H. Bridges, A. S. Kiser, James Lybrand, and William Lawrence Plonk. Carl F. Mauney and Jacob Cooper were named Synod and Conference delegates.

Annual reports showed that, during 1955, the church received 31 new members, lifting the total at year end to 330, that Sunday school attendance increased 15 percent, and that receipts for all causes were \$42,000.

New councilmen will be installed at Sunday morning 11 o'clock services, and the council will hold its organization meeting at the parsonage Monday evening at 7:30. Dr. W. L. Mauney is newly elected president of the Men's Brotherhood, succeeding Joe Hedden. This group will meet Sunday evening at 6:30.

City Spends 60.6 Percent Of Budget In First Six Months; Revenue High

The City of Kings Mountain collected 70.5 per cent of the year's estimated income during the first six-months of the fiscal year.

This was brought out in a mid-year financial statement presented to the City Board of Commissioners at its meeting last Thursday night.

This report, which was prepared by City Clerk Gene Mitcham and Asst. Clerk Joe McDaniel, also showed that the city had spent 60.6 per cent of budgeted expenditures for the year during this six-month period.

The comparison of receipts with budget estimate sheet revealed that \$107,235.02 or 75.5 per cent of 1955 taxes have been collected and that \$12,692.64 or 211.5 per cent of the budgeted \$6,000 for prior year's taxes have been received.

Other items on the list showing over 100 per cent collection included equipment rental which

has \$1,655.61 collected for a 331-1 per cent ratio of the \$500 estimated in the budget; and sales and services fees-for city equipment and workers doing private work, which has returned \$6,761.59 against \$1,000 estimated in the budget.

Street assessment receipts also are running ahead of estimates with \$12,274.22 having been received against a budgeted \$5,000.

As of December 31, the city had received \$351,833 in revenue against an estimated \$498,963.33 anticipated for the entire year.