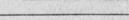


Kings Mountain N. C. Thursday, January 12, 1955



PRICE FIVE CENTS

VOL 66 NO 2 Established 1889 **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 Moun-tain appliance dealer, is attending a two-day meeting for dealers of home appliances in in Pinehurst this week. The meeting is to close Thursday (today.)

DIXON SERVICE

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

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 at Central School Monday night at 7 o'clock.

COURT OF HONOR

Belmont Native **Succeeds Lathem At Phenix Plant**

James Rotan, recently assistant superintendent of Burlington Industries' Mays plant at Cramerton, has assumed the superinten. dency 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 Moun-tain post was made by J. D. Barbee, manager of the Cramerton division. Mr. Lathem said Wednesday his

future plans had not been defini-

say whether he would be leaving Kings Mountain or be able to continue residence here. The La-them family lives on Waco Road. Supt. Rotan joined Burlington Industries in 1947 as a manufacturing apprentice at the Cramer sion managers' staff in 1953. He

became assistant superintendent o. the Mays spinning plant in 1954. A native of Belmont, Rotan at-

tended Cramerton High School and was graduated from N. C. **Return \$595.81** State Textile School in 1947 with a degree in textile manufacturing. During World War II he spent Kings Mountain's 1956 March three years in the Navy engineer corps, emerging with the rank of Lieutenant, Junior grade. He is married to the former Avalona Carter and they here Avalona

Carter and they have two child-ren, Nancy, 7, and John, 3.

ing 10 to 30 - count yarns.

Fire Levels Old



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. By Wednesday morning, the three had rilled the card seven times for a total of \$70, and they anticipated another fill-tain payment of deliquent personing by the end of the day. Left to right are Mrs. Lonnie Lowrance, al property taxes; tely determined and he could not Mrs. George Hamrick and Mrs. Herbert Kimmell.

Polio Campaign ton division. He subsequently advanced through several manufac-turing positions and became administrative assistant on the divi-

Legion, Jaycee **Financial Firms Dimes Projects** Assets \$8,761,313

Assets of Kings Mountain's three financial institutions jum-ped to \$8,761,313.87 at December 31, annual financial statements at December 31 revealed this week

Each of the statements are published, as legally required, in today's edition of the Herald. First National Bank showed total assets of \$5,057,659.70.

ren, Nancy, 7, and John, 3. Burlington's Phenix plant is a yarn producing mill, manufactur. Burlington's Phenix plant is a Home Building & Loan asso-ciation showed total assets of

Mr. Dixon had high praise for the American Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, who collaborated in Saturday's "blut crutch" sale and provided \$415 for the fund \$2,022,776.76. Kings Mountain Building & Loan association listed . total assets of \$1,680,877.76. to fight polio. He also praised the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber

For each institution, the total represents a large gain over the figure at December 31, 1954.

Sixty-Sixth Year 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.

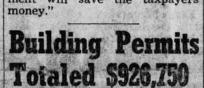
Mr. Carpenter said he had instructions from the board of city commissioners to proceed to col lect all overdue taxes by what ever legal means proved feasible. Mr. Carpenter said he would proceed February 1:

1) To garnishee wages to ob-

2) To levy on personal property to obtain payment where gar-nishment was not feasible; and 3) To foreclose on real estate for deliquent realty taxes.

Mr. Carpenter noted that 1955 tax bills were due net on October 1 and are payable net through February 1. On February 2, penal-ty of one percent applies to un-paid 1955 tax accounts. State law provides further penalty of an additional one percent in March, and added penalties of one-half of one percent per month until the accounts are paid. "I want to urge all citizens to

pay their accounts prior to February 1, whether they are for prior years or for 1955," Mr. Carpenter stated "Prompt payment will save the taxpayers



The City of Kings Mountain is. sued building permits during 1955 at an aggregate value of \$926,-750, Building Inspector J. W. Webpermit purchases as follows:

000:

ued at \$19,850;

ences valued at \$





Methodist church.

Burial was in Collinsville.

Special to the Herald

The regular m Honor for Boy Scouts in the Kings Mountain District will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock. A Scouter Roundtable will be held for the Scout Leaders during the Court. A Cub Scout Leader's training course will also be held at Central Methodist church at 7:45 p. m. Thursday.

BEAM IMPROVING

Ben F. Beam, Kings Mountain life insurance representative, was reported much improved Wednesday at noon, llowing hospitalization early Monday morning. Mr. Beam is receiving treatment at Kings lountain hospital for severe hemorrhaging, resulting from a stomach ulcer.

KIWANIS MEETING

Rush Hamrick, Jr., of Shelby, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meet-ing, to be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45. Mr. Hamrick will discuss activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The club will also see a sound film covering the work of 'the polio fund campaign. The showing was arranged by Charles Dixon, co-chairman of Kings Mountain's March of Dimes campaign.

Alexander Dies After Home Fall

at 3:30 from Mt. Beaulah Bapnual meeting of stockholders. tist church, Wadesboro. Rites were conducted by Rev. Eddie Reynolds and burial was in Bay Spring cemetery, Patrick, S. C. Mr. Summers actually be some letup in spots," but was generally optimis-tic for the ensuing 12-month pe-tic for the mining industry in the tist church, Wadesboro. Rites

Ray, Lloyd, Carlton, and Charlie Alexander all of Kings Mountain, gathered at the bank for the 55th ed further expansions of this indied Sunday at 8:30 a. m. in a annual meeting, with bank offi- dustry Washington, D. C., hospital of a cials reporting 80 percent of the cerebral hemmorrhage caused by 10,000 shares of stock representfall down a flight of stairs at ed, either in person or by proxy. his home Saturday night. He was a native of Chesterfield, S. C. Following the reports, the stockholders re-elected all direc-

Other survivors include his tors who are Mr. Summers, Dr. wife, Mrs. Lula Alexander, three L. P. Baker, G. A. Bridges, W. K. daughters, one son, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Alex. Neill, P. M. Neisler and M. A. ander, of Patrick, S. C., a brother, Ware.

City Landmark of Commerce for its work in col-An old Kings Mountain land- lecting \$180.81 on Sunday in the makr was razed by fire around Jaycee March of Dimes "roadnoon Wednesday. block.

Fire leveled the East King street residence of Mr. and Mrs. we have a long way to go," he Alec Gordon, a Negro family. noted The residence, popularly known

at the Hagood place, was owned by Dr. L. P. Baker and the J. O. from the city's on-street parking meters, compliments of the city, and the Kings Mountain Lions Plonk Estate.

club is beginning its canvas of the city's business firms. Also under-Built some 50 years ago by the late Boyce Falls, the property was way is the industrial solicitation, subsequently acquired by Louis under the direction of Campaign Hagood, onetime Kings Moun-Continued On Page Ten

Co-Chairman Charles H. Dixon

tain banker. It was at that time one of the community's finer res-Cause of the fire had not been determined. Loree Gordon, 16

discovered the fire in the back of the house. She turned in the larm, but city firemen were unable to prevent total destriction morning for slight injuries sufof the aged frame dwelling. Fire Chief Pat Tignor said he

fered when he jumped from his bicycle just before it was struck by a car on Waco road. earned that \$1,500 in fire insurince was carried on the house. Police stated the boy, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McElroy, Several other calls were ansrode the bicycle from behind wered this week to extinguish grass fires. Thursday, grass fires Community Grocery, into the were extinguished on East Moun- path of an oncoming car.

tain street, Shelby road, and Ju-Police listed Jonas Andy Bell niper street, Saturday, on Church street, Sunday, on Cleveland av-1950 Chevrolet which struck the enue, and Monday, on Linwood bicycle. The bike was reported a road. total loss.

Coralee To Go "We've made a good start, but

Into Operation Coralee Fabrics, the expanding new North elementary school and Upcoming is a week's receipts knitting enterprise of Craftspun the major addition to Kings Yarns, Inc., will be an operating Mountain hospital,

plant next week, Craftspun Pre-sident C. H. Swan, Jr., said Wed-Permits issued for new com mercial and industrial establish-

Machinery is now being moved ments included those for the new Kings Mountain Herald building, into the former Kings Mountain Gault Brothers Grocery, the new Laundry building on Childers A&P Super Market, and large street, part of which has been additions to Mauney Mills (to

McElroy Little Hurt leased for the new operation. John Chaney, who has served pany) and Slater Manufacturing In Car-Cycle Crash as superintendent of the pilot Company. plant operations in the Craftspun Michael McElroy, 11, received recreation rooms, will continue first aid treatment at Kings Mountain hospital Saturday

in the same capacity with Coralee, Mrs. J. J. Gamble Mr. Swan announced **Rites Thursday** General offices will be main-

tained at the Craftspun plant on Linwood Road, Mr. Swan added.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$182.65, according to Gene Mitcham, city clerk. Street meters returned \$157.53 of this amount and offstreet meters accounted for \$25.12, Mitcham reported.

> bert E. Gamble of Bessemer City, and Thomas L. Gamble of Kings Mountain; two step-sons, J. N. and J. E. Gamble, both of Kings

Pressly of Kings Mountain, and vear the Rev. L. P. Knox of Gastonia

go home from Sisk Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Thursday and will lie

Mrs. Gamble was a chater

nember of Garrison Memorial also showed that the city had ARP 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. The City board last week placed a deadline of February 15 for motorists to buy these tags. The tags are on sale for \$1 at both the clerk's office and police headquarters.

15 additions and alterations val

R. Lee Spencer, of Gastonia, 4 garages valued at \$2,400; 7 commercial and public build-ings valued at \$424,500. was elected president of Lake Public buildings for which permits were purchased included the

Mr. Spencer succeeds D. C. Mc-Swain, also of Gastonia. Other officers elected were she resided. Harry E. Page, of Kings Mountain, vice-president; and George Houser, also of Kings Mountain, secretary - treasurer. Mr. Houser **Towner** Foote succeeds James A. Houser.

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

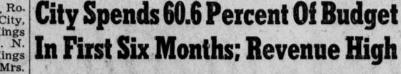
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., - Wil Spencer and J. Pat Tignor. liam B. Towner has been appoin-Holdover directors are Mart S. Reid and B. S. Neill, Jr., both of ted general production manager Gastonia, and Arnold Kiser and of Foote Mineral Company and

George W. Mauney, both of Kings will be directly responsible for operation of its three producing Mountain. units at Exton, Pa., Sunbright, The stockholders voted to con-

tinue in effect for 1956 all prior Va., and Kings Mountain, N. C., year membership rules, including according to announcement by F. dealine of April 30 for renewal of B. Shay, vice-president in charge associate memberships. Under of production and engineering. present rules lapsed associate The newly created position will Augusta, Ga. memberships, of which there not affect present organization were 41 December 31, are non- but the change is expected to

bring about a closer co-ordination renewable. In a written report previously of function between the commailed to members, Retiring pany's three operating units, Mu Continued On Page Ten Continued On Page Ten

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The City of Kings Mountain has \$1,655.61 collected for a 331.1 collected 70.5 per cent of the per cent ratio of the \$500 estiyear's estimated income during mated in the budget; and sales

the first six-months of the fiscal and services fees for city equipment and workers doing private This was brought out in a mid- work, which has returned \$6,761. William Lawrence Plonk. Carl F.

ed to the City Board of Commis- budget. sioners at its meeting last Thurs-Street assessment receipts also day night. are running ahead of estimates

ed by City Clerk Gene Mitcham and Asst. Clerk Joe McDaniel

spent 60.6 per cent of budgeted expenditures for the year during ticipated for the entire year. this six-month period.

A comparision of expenditures The comparison of receipts with budget estimate sheet revealed that \$107,235.02 or 75.5 per cent of 1955 taxes have been collect. partment of the city spent 57.9 its organization meeting at the ed and that \$12,692.64 or 211.5 per cent of its \$18,925 budget parsonage Monday evening at per cent of the budgeted \$6,000 during the first six months. City 7:30. for prior year's taxes have been Clerk Mitcham explained that this Dr. W. L. Mauney is newly elec-

received Other items on the list showing over 100 per cent collection in its supplies for the year during This group will meet Sunday eve-Continued On Page Ten cluded equipment rental which

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Parton died early Monday as a result of burns. Relatives at First Wesleyan Methodist Montonia Club, Inc., following here said details were sparse but church for Phillip Eugene Whet. annual meeting of stockholders it was indicated Miss Parton's stine, 29, of 212 Carpenter st., who held at City Hall Tuesday night. clothing ignited while burning was killed in a 'train-truck accident near Castonia about 1:20 it was indicated Miss Parton's stine, 29, of 212 Carpenter st., who dent near Gastonia about 1:20 brush on the farm of her broth-Monday afternoon. er, Cleveland Parton, with whom

Whetstine was driving an Ak-ers 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. Whetstine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whetstine, was a native of Gaston County, and a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joyce Lovelace Whetstine; a son, Darrell Wayne Whetstine; a daughter, Karen Denice; three brothers, Johnny, Floyd and Henry Whetstine, 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

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 year financial statement present. 59 against \$1,000 estimated in the Mauney and Jacob Cooper were named Synod and Conference delegates.

Annual reports showed that, This report, which was prepar. with \$12,274.22 having been reduring 1955, the church received ceived against a budgeted \$5,000. 31 new members, lifting the to-As of December 31, the city had tal at year end to 330, that Sunreceived \$351,833 in revenue aga- day school attendance increased inst an estimated \$498,963.33 an- 15 percent, and that receipts for all causes were \$42,000.

New councilmen will be instal. against budget appropriations led at Sunday morning 11 o'clock shows that the administrative de- services, and the council will hold

was due to the fact that the de- ted president of the Men's Brothpartment had purchased most of erhood, succeeding Joe Hedden. ning at 6:30.

Total assets at the year end ported the outlook is for continuwere \$5,057,659.70, a gain of more than \$800,000 from the 1954 yearend figure, and capital, surplus will officiate. Burial will be in and undividened profits had risen Pisgah Cemetery. The body will to \$348,656.29, up nearly \$16,000 over the previous year-end. Meanof the mining industry in the Kings Mountain area. He predicttime, reserve for bad debts had risen to \$19,458.51, Deposits at hour prior to services. year-end totaled \$4,556,276.69.

He reported that the bank dur The Summers report showed ing, calendar year 1955, made 2,-343 loans in its installment "perthat the bank's gross earnings were derived as follows: 62.2 per sonal" loan department, and an cent from interest on loans, 24.4 additional 3,268 loans to farmers, percent from interest on invest-ments, and 13.4 percent from mismerchants and manufacturers. During the year, the bank made cellaneous sources

S. 110 construction loans.

110 construction toans. During 1955, the bank cleared Of the total, salaries and wages more than 900,000 checks of an claimed 41 percent, 20.7 percent dividends claimed 7.4 percent, taxander, of Patrick, S. C., a brother, J. T. Alexander, of Hampton, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Vertis Scruggs, of Wadesboro, Mrs. Melvin Pate, of Sumter, S. C., and Mrs. Joe Shoreteno, of Columbia, S. C. Handle Stockholders session, the directors met and re-elected Mr. Summers president, Mr. Neill executive vice-president, R. L. Mauney vice-president, R. Handle Stockholders stockholders aggregate value of \$72 millions. During 1955, the bank had net income before dividends of \$27,-of 242, 86, up from the \$25,798.55 of took 10.5 percent. During 1955, the bank had net income before dividends of \$27,-ed 4.4 percent, and depreciation 742, 86, up from the \$25,798.55 of three percent. Other expenses

er of several Kings Mountain citizens, who died at her home on

Summers Optimistic For '56

ATTER FUNCTION For Willard Function for Willard Alexander, 41, of Washington, D. C., were held Tuesday afternoon Mt. Business conditions for the pearly in his report at the and total stockholders and total

Ragan Mill road Tuesday night after an extended illness.

Mrs. Gamble was the daughter

Gamble, who died in 1921.

of the late J. R. and Mary Deck Oates, and the widow of J. J. Survivors include two sons, Ro-

house Carolina Throwing Com-

Funeral services will be held

Thursday at 3 p. m. at Garrison

Memorial ARP church for Mrs.

Ida Oates Gamble, 83, prominent

Bessemer City woman, and moth-