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COMMUNICATION
An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge for work in the first degree will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement made by J. B. Simpson.

BOARD MEETING
The regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain City School board will be held Monday night at 7 p. m. Supt. B. N. Barnes reported Wednesday that only routine business matters are scheduled to be discussed at that time.

APPRECIATION
Two Kings Mountain organizations, Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion, and Kings Mountain Lions club, have reported receiving letters of appreciation from George Laycock, county hospitals administrator, for \$250 gifts for furnishing rooms in the new wing of the Kings Mountain hospital. The new wing is nearing completion.

NAMED CHAIRMEN
J. W. Webster and Dr. Blake McWhirter will serve as co-chairmen of the annual Lions club broom sale to be conducted soon, it was announced Tuesday by Gene Timms, Lions president. Proceeds benefit the blind.

HOSPITALIZED
Dallas Hoyle, Lake Montona caretaker, is in Kings Mountain Hospital for treatment and observation following an illness this past weekend. Dr. Paul Nolan reported Wednesday that Mr. Hoyle is getting along well.

QUARTET TO SING
The Melody Quartet of Kings Mountain will present special music at the regular Sunday evening service at Penley's Chapel Methodist church, it was announced by Leonard Huffstetler. The service will begin at 7 o'clock.

METER RECEIPTS
City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$150.46, according to City Clerk Gene Mitchem's report Wednesday. Mitchem said the street meters returned \$116.96, while the off-street meters accounted for \$33.50.

MUSICAL PROGRAM
The Lutheran Seminary Choir of Columbia, S. C., will present a musical program at Resurrection Lutheran church here on Sunday evening, March 4. The Rev. Richard Fritz, brother of Rev. Douglas Fritz, of Kings Mountain, will conduct the program. The Lenoir-Rhyne Choir will also be in Kings Mountain April 8, for another program of music at the church.

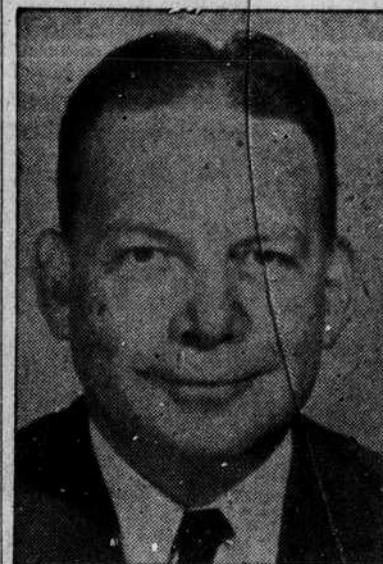
ON HONOR ROLL
Miss Anne Dilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilling, has been listed among the honor students at Limestone college, Gaffney, S. C., for the first semester of the 1955-56 session by Dean Harold P. Wheeler. To merit the classification, A student must have grades of A on at least half of her subjects and an average of at least B on the other half.

HONOR STUDENTS
Donald Eugene McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter, and Jane Kathryn Ormand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ormand, both of Kings Mountain were included in students making the Dean's List at Lees-McRae college for the first semester of the 1955-56 school year. To be placed on the Dean's List, a student must have made no grade of less than a "B" for the semester.

Webster Issued Three Permits

Three building permits totaling \$15,200 were issued this week by Building Inspector J. W. Webster. Wednesday a permit was issued to Plato Heavener to remodel a house on Patterson circle, at an estimated cost of \$700. Norman King was issued a permit Monday to build a house on N. Piedmont ave., at an estimated cost of \$8,000. Friday, Crawford & Gantt, Inc., was issued a permit to erect a house on Belvedere circle, at an estimated cost of \$6,500.

Retailer Banquet Set For Monday



SPEAKER - Sam D. Bundy, Farmville school superintendent and humorist, will address Kings Mountain retail merchants and their employees at the annual banquet of the Merchants association Monday night.

Reservations Reported Heavy For Annual Fete

A record attendance is being predicted by officials of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for Monday night's annual Employee - Employer banquet. The event will be held at Masonic Dining hall at 7 o'clock, with Sam D. Bundy, Farmville humorist, to make the featured address. Tickets are now on sale at \$2 per person and Mrs. Elaine Queen said advance reservations are largest in history. She asked that association members determine their ticket requirements and telephone her office as quickly as possible.

Sam Collins, the association's retiring president, will preside at the session and will make the annual president's report to the association.

New officers and directors for 1956-57 will be installed and special favors will be given the ladies.

Mr. Bundy, the principal speaker, is superintendent of Farmville public schools, a post he has held since 1947. He was previously a principal of schools in Duplin, Edgecombe and Martin counties and secretary of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Tobacco Board of Trade. He is an active Mason, a member of the Disciples of Christ, and a Kiwanian. He holds an A. B. degree from Duke University and obtained an M. A. degree at East Carolina college in 1948.

150 Attended Scout Banquet

A near capacity crowd of approximately 150 Boy Scouts, their fathers and friends flocked to Kings Mountain Woman's club Monday night for the annual Scout-Father banquet.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Alfred Boyles, publicity director for "Horn in the West." Much to the delight of the crowd, Boyles turned out to be a former professional magician, who thrilled the boys with his feats of magic for some 30 minutes.

In the serious portion of his speech, Boyles said, "I am disturbed about the indifference concerning the principles that have made this country great. The Communists are hitting at our weak spots every day, and have caused great disturbances in this country in our churches, schools, and in many cases in our government."

He added, "Scouting is a thorn in the side of Communism, and they know it. The Boy Scouts of America give them one less weak spot to hit, and Scouting is based on the fundamental principles of our way of life."

Boyles called upon the men present to see that Scouting does not die, and that the program is carried on in the same fine manner that has been experienced in years past.

Charles K. Bryant, president of the Piedmont Council, brought greetings to the group from the Council. Bryant added that of the many Father-Scout banquets he had attended, Kings Mountain's was the finest he had witnessed. He also gave high praise to Aubrey Mauney for his fine work in preparing the programs presented to each Scout and father attending. Bryant also said that this was the most promising thing in the way of scouting to take place in the city during the past three years.

Booth Gillespie, chairman of the Kings Mountain District, also had praise for the fine response shown the banquet, and for the many workers that made it possible.

Aubrey Mauney, district commissioner, gave a report on Scouting in Kings Mountain today as compared with 1937-38-39. He said that during the three year period, when Scouting reached its peak here, the city had 10 troops and 150 active Scouts. Today's figures show just five troops.

A comparison of the Piedmont Council showed that during the late 1930's, the Council had 3,500 Scouts. Today that number is set at 5,000, with another 1,000 active Cub Scouts.

Mr. Mauney urged everyone present to do their part to see

Churchwomen To Observe Annual World Day Of Prayer On Friday

Kings Mountain churchwomen will hold World Day of Prayer on Friday, joining other churchwomen all over the world in the annual observance.

Mrs. W. L. Mauney is chairman of the Kings Mountain World Day of Prayer rites, which will be held at two services, one at Boyce Memorial ARP church at 5 o'clock, and the other, a Negro service, set for 7:30 at St. Paul's Methodist church. Taking part in the service at

Jaycees Extend Stock Sale Time

Kings Mountain Jaycees will have North Carolina Business Development Corporation stock for sale until after Monday, February 20, Wilson Griffin, sales project chairman, announced Wednesday. North Carolina's 107 Junior Chamber of Commerce organizations are attempting to sell some \$200,000 of the stock for the business development corporation.

The stock sells for \$10 a share and may be obtained from any member of the local Jaycees.

He also reported that the sale has been brisk in Kings Mountain, but that it has not yet met the club's expectations.

The corporation is being established to encourage and offer financial assistance to persons wishing to start new industries or to enlarge old ones, in suitable locations in the state.

Governor Hodges and other state officials say this project would be a big boost in locating new industries in the state. It will also make capital for these industries available.

Full information on the stock in-the-Business Development Corporation, can be obtained from Bill Jones, phone 33, Wilson Griffin, sales chairman, at phone 8, Bill Eldon, at Foote Mineral Co., phone 1000, William L. Plonk, phone 1133-70, or Charles Dixon, Victory Chevrolet Co., phone 49.

Junior Women, Mill Will Aid Hospital

The Junior Women's club and Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair and Plush company are furnishing draperies for the new wing of Kings Mountain hospital.

Members of the club had voted at a recent meeting to investigate a project at the hospital and members voted approval of the drapery project yesterday.

Neisler Mills is furnishing materials for the drapes, and members of the club are to do the sewing on March 1st.

Lenten Services To Start Sunday

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold three services each week during Lent.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the theme will be "Jesus and our Choices." In the evening at 7:30 there will be a service beginning annual Week of Prayer. Other prayer services will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday evening at 7:30. Wednesday evening Lenten Service at 7:30 will be on "Washing Dirty Feet." At these services the Passion history is read, Lenten hymns and prayers are used, with brief meditation by the pastors.

A business session will be conducted to consider the organization's 1956 budget.

Auto Tags Can Cost Up To \$2 Thursday

The price of city auto licenses may be \$2 Thursday.

The tags will still be on sale at City Hall at \$1, but a motorist apprehended without one on his vehicle will be faced with buying a dollar tag plus a \$1 penalty, Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said.

A total of 878 vehicle owners were safe at 4:30 Wednesday, final day for using 1955 licenses. That was the sale total reported by the clerk's office and the police department. Estimates are that 1200 vehicles are owned by Kings Mountain citizens.

Loud Muffler Problem Aired

Should the city board curb the sale of "gutted" mufflers here if the city police department is going to arrest drivers for having them on their cars?

This was one of the questions put to Chief Hugh A. Logan in a mass meeting held Wednesday night to discuss the muffler problem in the city.

Logan had called the meeting to discuss the problems with interested drivers, some 50 of which attended the city hall gathering. City Solicitor George Thomasson was on hand to read the statute dealing with use of mufflers, and to explain the law.

Recently the city police department has made increased efforts to deal with the noise-making problems created by the mufflers. This campaign has resulted in the arrest of several youths.

Several of the boys attending Wednesday's meeting had paid the costs of court for having improper mufflers, and they were the principal ones who spoke in favor of using mufflers.

The boys contended that mufflers held their cars run cooler, and that several large trucking concerns use mufflers for this reason. Chief Logan said he did not know if this were true, but that automotive engineers should make them standard equipment if it is true.

One of the boys suggested that the city board pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale of "gutted" mufflers or "cut-outs" if they can not be lawfully used on automobiles. They reported, in the discussion, that several dealers around the city sell "gutted" mufflers.

Chief Logan indicated he was willing to take the matter up with the board at its next meeting.

Another violent protest lodged by the youths was the use of the mufflers on trucks passing through the city. They contended that trucks make much more noise than the use of the mufflers on their private automobiles.

Chief Logan ended the meeting by warning the boys, that violators may still find themselves in court on improper muffler charges.

Morgan, Moore Running Again

Two Cleveland County Democratic incumbents - State Senator Robert Morgan and Register of Deeds Dan Moore - have announced they will seek re-nomination in the May 26 primary.

Meantime, a Marion citizen with both Cleveland and Gaston county kinship, issued a trial balloon to determine whether sufficient support is available for him to offer for 11th district Congressman.

The Marion citizen is Hugh Beam, a Gaston native, who is superintendent of schools in McDowell county. He also holds a law degree.

Should he enter the race, he would oppose Cleveland candidates Ralph W. Gardner and Hugh Wells and Gaston candidate Basil Whitener. Beam is McDowell county Democrat chairman.

State Senator Morgan seeks a third two-year term. Register of Deeds Moore seeks a second four-year term.

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Kings Mountain Mica Plans Expanding Mining Operations

Kings Mountain Building & Loan Had Record Year

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon, heard reports showing 1955 the association's most prosperous year, and re-elected all directors.

Following the stockholders directors convened and re-elected all officers, who are: W. K. Mauney, president; J. C. Keller, vice-president; W. M. Gantt, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, assistant secretary - treasurer; Mrs. Louise H. Martin, clerk; and J. R. Davis and Jack H. White, attorneys.

Directors re-elected are Dr. L. P. Baker, Ben H. Bridges, J. R. Davis, W. M. Gantt, Clyde Jolly, J. C. Keller, R. L. Lewis (of Bessemer City), J. E. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, W. K. Mauney, T. C. Summer (of Cherryville), and C. G. White.

Secretary Bridges presented a printed report to stockholders showing both activities and summaries for 1955 and comparisons in assets and liabilities for the period 1952-55. During the four-year period, the report showed, total assets of the association have virtually doubled, as have savings accounts, and mortgage loans increased during the period from \$765,000 to \$1,337,039.

During 1955 association assets jumped 36.95 percent to \$1,680,877.41, while savings increased by 47.78 percent to \$1,570,778.39. Dividends paid during 1955 totaled \$36,722.94.

During 1955, the association made 254 loans totaling \$552,857.58, including 60 for construction of new homes, 30 for purchase of homes, and 164 for remodeling and other purposes. At year-end, the loan portfolio showed 745 loans, averaging \$1,794.68 each. Mr. Bridges reported the savings total included 665 optional savings accounts and 243 full-paid stock accounts, at an average of \$1,729.93 per account. During 1955, the association opened 296 new savings accounts.

Association reserves at year-end were: \$75,583.60 contingency reserve, and \$28,287.69 reserve for bad debts.

Financial Firms To Close Wednesday

Kings Mountain financial institutions will join others in the area next Wednesday in observing the George Washington birthday anniversary as a holiday.

First National Bank, Kings Mountain Building & Loan and Home Building & Loan officials said they would be closed for the full day.

F. R. Summers, president of First National Bank, said banks and other financial firms in Shelby, Gastonia and other surrounding communities have also announced they would take February 22 as a holiday.

Herndon's Son Fatally Stabbed

Albert Herndon, 38-year-old Negro of Charlotte, and a son of Rev. Fred Herndon of Kings Mountain, was stabbed to death at his home last Friday night.

Charlotte police reported that Janie Brewer Thomas, 22-year-old Negro of 612 West Tremont avenue, has admitted stabbing Herndon. She told the officers that Herndon had been slapping her children.

The girl is being held without bond in the Charlotte jail on charges of murder.

The murder weapon, according to officers in Charlotte, was a butcher knife. The fatal wound was beneath Herndon's left shoulder blade, where the girl said she stabbed him in the back.

Local survivors include his father, his step-mother, Bessie Herndon; a brother, Robert Herndon; and a half-sister, Eloise Jackson. A sister, Lucille Herndon, of Charlotte, also survives; along with Herndon's wife and two small sons.

Funeral services were held in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon, with burial following in Bynum Chapel cemetery here.

C. L. Alexander Postoffice Nominee

Nomination Sent To U. S. Senate By President

Charles L. Alexander, 34, Kings Mountain native and World War II veteran, was nominated for Kings Mountain postmaster by President Eisenhower last Friday.

Alexander's nomination was sent to the U. S. Senate for confirmation, along with names of 17 other Carolinas postmaster nominees. The Kings Mountain position currently pays \$5,904 per annum.

On Wednesday, Mr. Alexander said he had received no formal communication regarding his nomination, though at least two postmaster trade associations had written congratulatory messages and had invited his membership application.

If confirmed, as anticipated, Mr. Alexander will succeed W. E. Blakely, who resigned 13 months ago. W. T. Weir is serving as acting postmaster.

Mr. Alexander placed third in competitive civil service examinations for the postmastership last May. He won the endorsement of the township Republican executive committee in December. Though a registered Democrat, Mr. Alexander is a practicing Republican and himself was a member of the township executive committee until he resigned to take the postmaster examination.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Alexander, the postmaster nominee is a veteran employee of Elmer Lumber Company, where he has been employed for the past nine years. He is payroll clerk, handles general bookkeeping duties, and does part-time estimating work. He is chairman of Macedonia Baptist church building fund, a former deacon of the church, and a past director of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce. In World War II, he served as a yeoman aboard amphibious type vessels in the Atlantic.

Mrs. Alexander is the former Miss Ruby Moss. They have two children, a boy, age 7, and a girl, 2.

Youth Faces Two Larceny Charges

Thomas Jenkins, 17-year-old youth of route 2, Kings Mountain, will face charges of temporary larceny of an auto and larceny of property in Cleveland County Recorder's Court Friday.

Young Jenkins is accused of taking a 1950 Mercury automobile belonging to Mrs. Gene Jenkins without permission Monday night. He is also charged with stealing a metal serving tray from the Silver Dollar Grill on Grover highway on the same night.

AT DAVIDSON

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, attended a meeting of the board of trustees of Davidson college held at the college Wednesday.

Tony Anthony Is Still Unconscious After Being Hit By Car On Monday

Tony Anthony, seven-year-old Bethware School student, who was struck by an automobile Monday afternoon as he left a school bus, has been transferred to Charlotte Memorial hospital. Reports are that the boy's condition is serious, and that he had not regained full consciousness Wednesday.

Tony, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Anthony of Shelby road, was struck by a car driven by Thomas G. Bowen, 22, of Forest City, as he crossed the road about one mile west of Kings Mountain Highway 74.

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Erskine Singers At ARP Sunday

The Erskine College Choralers, under the direction of Arthur Tennent, will present a worship program in songs at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock services.

Sunday's services will be the fourth annual presentation of a musical program here by the chorus composed of 21 students.

The Choralers will present as their selections: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Bach, "Hear My Prayer," Arkhangel-sky, "God So Loved the World," Stainer, "Cimond," Grant "Were You There," Negro spiritual, "Lonesome Valley," White spiritual, "For All the Saints," Vaughn Williams, and "Allelu-jah," by Thompson.

Vocal selections by Miss Frances Gettys, soloist, will include "My Task" by Ashford and "My Heart Ever Faithful" by Bach.

Mr. Tennent, the director, is head of the music department of the Due West, S. C., institution. Miss Ann Patrick will be accompanist for the group.

Dimes Drive Reaches \$3,000

Kings Mountain's March of Dimes campaign has netted only 60 per cent of its \$5,000 quota, according to co-chairman Charles Dixon.

Mr. Dixon reported Wednesday that only \$3,000 of the quota has been reached.

The Kiwanis club auction at station WKMT last Wednesday raised some \$310. Kiwanis President Sonny Peeler reported this week.

Dixon indicated that the \$3,000 figure would include money that has been raised and not turned in. He added that any further donations for the campaign would be welcomed.

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Firm To Mine Moss Property For Scrap Mica

Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., is moving toward expansion of its production of scrap mica for which there now is unprecedented demand.

Paul Lancaster, manager, said Wednesday his company is beginning initial construction of facilities on the Charles H. Moss farm on Grover Road, on which leases were obtained about six years ago. Mr. Lancaster said tests show very heavy deposits of high grade scrap mica on the 150-acre tract and said work is progressing on the building of an 18-acre lake—first requirement in launching mica operations in a new area.

Kings Mountain Mica, formed in 1950, and its predecessor, have been mining scrap mica on the J. Bun Patterson property north of the city since 1948. Mr. Lancaster says conservative estimates of reserves are placed at 25 to 30 years and he says the Moss property is equally rich in mica deposits.

Peak demand for scrap mica, both wet and dry ground, is resulting from its uses in manufacture of high-grade paints, plastics, welding rod coatings, rubber goods and in joint cements, the last a relatively new use, Mr. Lancaster noted.

Kings Mountain Mica currently is operating on a three-shift, six-day week and employing 42 persons. In 1948, Mr. Hendricks, an ex-road building contractor, acquired leases and began mining the Patterson property. He formed Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., in 1950. Officers are: James B. Preston, Jr., Stamford, Conn., president; Mr. Hendricks, of Shelby, vice-president; Hamilton Douglas, Atlanta, Ga., secretary; and Roy H. Gunter, Spruce Pine, treasurer.

Mr. Lancaster terms the current operation "one of the largest and most modern scrap mica recovery plants in North Carolina, and that means the United States."

Kiwanis Club To Hear Laycock

George W. Laycock, Cleveland County hospitals administrator, will address the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club on Thursday evening, it was announced by John Cheshire, program chairman.

The speaker will be presented by Grady Howard, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. Laycock is a veteran hospital administrator who assumed the duties of managing Cleveland County hospitals late last November. He came to Cleveland from Conway, S. C., and had previously served hospitals at Charlotte, Asheville, and in Guam.

During World War II, he was interned in Shanghai, China, for four years by the Japanese, after going to China in 1940 as treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of China.

The club convenes at 6:45 at Masonic Dining hall.

Mrs. Wilkinson Dies In Newton

Mrs. Hoyle A. Wilkinson, 64, mother of Mrs. Kenneth Dellinger of Cherryville, died in Newton Hospital, February 1, following an extended illness.

A native of Catawba County, Mrs. Wilkinson resided on route 1, Maiden. Funeral services were held at First Baptist church in Maiden, and burial was in St. Matthew's Reform church cemetery.

Bus Station Grill Closes; Hours Alter

Kings Mountain's Bus Station Grill, operated by Ernest Ray, of Gastonia, closed Tuesday.

The Bus Station and Western Union office will continue to operate under the management of Mrs. Edith Carrigan on the following schedule: daily, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.; Sundays, noon to 6 p. m.

Since the grill had been open until midnight.