Kings Mountain, N. C. Thursday, March 15, 1956

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Bulletins

Fireman Warren Ellison re-

MOOSE MEETING

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will be held at the lodge Thursday night at 8:15 p. m., ac-

tal, has acknowledged the furnishing of a hospital room by First National Bank and the furnishing of one room by Miss Helen Hay in memory of her father, Arthur Hay.

has been placed in previous years on the hospital grounds by club women.

The costume committee of the cast of "Varsity Varieties," Central high school senior play to be presented here March 22-23, is asking any citizen who may have access to bathing suits or men's straw boater hats of the gay nineties period

West school will sponsor a cake sale at Phifer Hardware company Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. Proceeds will finance a class trip to Raleigh.

LEGION SUPPER

Otis D. Green Post 155.

DISCHARGED

Felix C. Falls. son of Mr. and

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$192.39, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitchem. He added that \$31.63 of this money was received in off-street meters, \$160.76 was returned from street meters.

nouncement was made by E. A. Sloan, academic dean

Country Club **Meeting Friday**

and George Thomasson will submit names of officer nominees for election by the club members.

The meeting is scheduled to be a dinner meeting, and Jack White, secretary treasurer, is sending out invitations to all prices. He began his banking members to attend. Henry P. Neisler is retiring president.

Officers Seek Robbers Of Plonk

Lice-In-School **Problem Aired** In City Court

Judge Jack White had two problem school cases in Kings Mountain Recorder's court Mon-

In quick succession, two cases of non-compliance with the state compulsory school laws paraded before the judge.

The problems arose from the fact that children from the two families had lice, testimony showed, and had been sent home from East School for treatment. The school officials contended that the parents had made no effort to clear up this situation. The everytime they went back to school they were infected again.
Judge White left both cases

Testimony in the cases brought Kenomination much comment both pro and con from the crowded courtroom, following the trials. Some felt that the school itself may be infected the school itself may be infected and that the county health department should make a thorough inspection of the building. Others felt that children from a small group of families were spreading the lice among other students.

indictments will be served on other parents of truant East School

Mr. Barnes added that with corficials have been allowing 48 hours for treatment, the superin-

Open House Set At Sewage Plant

The city wants to show off its new sewage treatment plant, on

Mayor Glee A. Bridges announced Wednesday the city would hold open house for public inspection of the treatment plant on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 s'cleek weather parmitting.

city officials say is quite modern in design, can be made from East Stone street, Stone street, in turn, runs east from Bessemer City

Mayor Bridges said the regular operating staff will be on hand to demonstrate the facilities and to show how they operate.

Musical Program Set For Kiwanians

Miss Frances Summers, soloist of Charlotte, will present a program of folk songs at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night. Miss Summers will be accom-

panied on the piano by her sister, Miss Virginia Summers, also

Miss Frances Summers attended Salem College and the University of Texas, Virginia Summers also attended Salem College and did post graduate work at the University of North Carolina. Both girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers, president of First National Bank,

By MARTIN HARMON

R. L. Mauney, well-known Kings Mountain citizen and na-tive, celebrated his 80th birthday

last week. Born on March 7, 1876, second

child of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, "Mr. Lawrence," as he is more familiarly known, belies his age in both activity

Lifelong Citizen R. L. Mauney

Celebrates His 30th Birthday

Kings Mountain.

and looks.

parents said that they had de-loused the children but that stetler will seek Democratic renomination as No. 4 Township constable in the May 26 primary. hanging by continuing prayer for he announced this week.

judgment for 30 days and by in-structing the parents to have their children treated by a physi-Huffstetler Asks

C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler, in-cumbent constable for No. 4

other students.

Supt. B. N. Barnes reported cancy created by the resignation of Paul Byers.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huff. stetler, the constable is a Cherry-ville Road resident. He is a na-Mr. Barnes added that with correct treatment, a person can be is the former Faye Barrett. Condeloused in 24-hours. School of stable Huffstetler is 32.

Huffstetler Sells Baird Interest

Fred L. Baird, majority owner of Baird Furniture, Inc., of Kings Mountain, has purchased the 20 percent stock interest of Dan Huffstetler, it was announced this week.

The other car in the Anderson party, a Ford operated by a Mr. Criswell, was sideswiped by Jordan's vehicle, which then went out of control and grashed into

Mr. Baird, who operates a furniture firm of his own in Shelby, said the Kings Mountain establishment would be under his main the same, with Ken Jenkins car had crossed the white line. as salesman, Mrs. Helen Falls as Funeral services for Mr. Jor-

deliveryman. Huffstetler, who also owns and perates Kings Mountain Court, did not announce his future plans, Mr. Baird said that Mr. Huffstetler had offered to sell his had been received "with a meas-

ure of regret." Officers of Baird Furniture, Inc., now are Mrs. F. L. Baird, president; Fred L. Baird, vice-Moore, of Shelby, who holds a for funeral rites, expected to be stock interest, secretary treasur- held Friday.

Three Killed, Two Badly Hurt Thieves Got 13,700 Loot In Monday Night Auto Crash Man, Woman

FIRST COUNTY-WIDE PRIMARY RACE - George Leukhardt, left,

Conditions Said Critical

BY BOB HOFFMAN

Three persons were killed and two others were critically injured in an automobile accident about three miles South of Kings Mountain on U. S. 29 Monday

Coroner Ollie Harris identified the dead as Garnett C. Jordan, 42, of Gastonia; Mrs. Charles Anderson, 79, and her daughter, Mrs. Laura C. Buffalo, 23, both of Bay Minette, Ala.

Mrs. Garnette Jordan, 40, and Charles Anderson, 87, are both reported in critical condition due to injuries received in the head-on collision. Mr Anderson is in Kings Mountain hopital. Mrs. Jordan was moved to Charlotte Memorial hospital Tuesday.

The Jordan's two children, Joyce, 12, and Michael 4, were also hurt in the accident. However, their injuries are not thought to be serious.

The accident, which occurred about 10:50 p. m. Monday in front of Archdale Farms south of the city, was reported as a head-on collision between a 1956 Pon-tiac operated by Jordan and a 1951 Buick driven by Mrs. Buffa-

The Buick was one of two cars headed south enroute to Bay Min-

5 o'clock, weather permitting. February 1950, has relinquished were killed instantly, and Mrs. Entrance to the plant, which his connections with the busi-Kings Mountain hospital.

A light rain was falling and driving conditions were bad at the time of the accident

Coroner Harris said no charges management for the immediate would be preferred since both future. He added that policies of drivers were killed. He added that the firm and personnel would re- it was impossible to tell which

ookkeeper, and Curlee Baily as dan are scheduled to be held to-Both Mr. Baird and Mr. Huff-church, Lula, Ga. He was a nastetler are making statements tive of Georgia, and was employ concerning the transaction in to-day's issue of the Herald. Mr. Co., of Atlanta.

Survivors, other than his injured wife and children, include four brothers and a sister, all of Georgia.

stock and that this information 317 South Hill street, Gastonia, Mr. Jordan was a resident of and was a former employee of Firestone Textiles, Inc.

Bodies of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Buffalo were sent Wednespresident; and Mrs. Lillian day morning to Bay Minette, Ala.

Red Cross Funds

Total \$1900

funds for the Red Cross.

Goal of the campaign in Kings

Mr. Clement, M. L. Campbell,

on of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McKee, received the Eagle scout award at Thursday's court of honor. A member of troop two, he is a 14-Central school and has been a scout for five years.

First County **Contest Arises** For May Voting

County political activity increased this week as two candidates, Incumbent Zeb. V. Cline and 376 and the Associate Reformed they would seek Democratic no. Presbyterian with 343, mination for District 6 county

It is the first contest of the spring in county-wide voting. sembly, Democrats will nominate their commissioners on countywide basis, though a candidate must seek to represent the district in which he resides. Mr. Leukhardt got his an

nouncement to the public first, on last Saturday, and Mr. Cline followed suit on Tuesday. Other incumbent commissioners, Hazel B. Bumgardner, Knox

Sarratt, Fitzhugh Rollins, and John White, are also seeking renomination.

Mr. Leukhardt said his platform would be "service and good government." He is a Shelby ci-

tizen of 17-years standing, who census and that this number of is active in veterans affairs. Mr. Cline, who went on the county board by appointment in 1948 on the death of Dr. S.

Royster, is currently chairman of year-old eighth grade student at the board when the board with the board of the boa to the office three times for twoyear terms. He is a well-known Number 6 township farmer and native of the county.

Of Brother's Congress Campaign

Jr., today was appointed to man-age the 11th district congressional campaign of his brother, Ralph Webb Gardner.

The campaign manager is a trustee of the University of North Carolina, and a former trustee of James E. Herndon, Jr., fund Gardner-Webb and Meredith col-

collections as soon as possible.

Rev. S. I. Clement, chairman of the colored division of the drive, olina Law School.

High School, N. C. State College and the University of North Carbon College and the University of North Carbon College and the School. He is serving as a district com-

lected by workers in his division when reports were given Tuesday night at a meeting at City Hail.

Chairman Herndon said that original incorporators of "Operaquotas had been reached by tion Bootstrap," an organization Long Branch, St. Peter's, Good promoting small industries in promoting small industries in

Hope, Vines Grove, and Ebenezer churches, and Prince Hall
lodge, and added that other re
ports from Mr. Clement's diviis the father of two boys. He is a member of the First Baptist church and Masonic Order, and veteran of World War II. accept with genuine gratitude the opportunity to be dis

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his brother's campaign for the 11th district Democratic nomination for Congress, it was announced Wednesday by Candidate Ralph W. Gardner.

Census Results. **Show 10 Percent** Are Unchurched

About ten percent of Kings Mountain citizens recorded in the recent citywide religious census take no part in the community's wide-spread church activities.

However, only 228 persons of the 6,893 recorded in the census expressed no preference for any

of the tabulations of the census ancient Reliable safe smashed conducted on March 4 and 11. Ma. and valuable papers littered ajor portion of the census was completed on March 4, as 310 lay- the safe stood. men and laywomen collaborated in a massive census-taking effort. has announced he will seek Democratic nomination as District 1 another halfhundred lay people county commissioner. He will oppose Zeb V. Cline, right, incumbent last Sunday and resulted in adding more than 500 names to the group. Ollie, Harris served as The clean-up was conducted by chairman.

As was expected, denominational preferences showed the Bap-tist faith as the community's most numerous in population. Ac-tually the Baptist faith claims a majority of those citizens who listed themselves as either mem-bers or "leaners." Favoring the Southern Baptist faith were 3,418, with another 111 in various other Baptist denominations.

The Methodist faith was the only in the community to top the 1,000 mark, with 901 persons fav-oring churches of the Western North Carolina conference, 488 favoring the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, and 102 ascribing to Missionary Methodist teach-

The Church of God attracts 288 Kings Mountain citizens.

Other tabulations, in order of their number as shown by the census, were Holiness, 52; Roman Catholic, 27; Episcopal, 25; Jehovah's Witness and Independent, 6 each; Jewish, 4; and Advent Christian and Congregationalist, one each.

Results of the tabulations were announced by Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush who superintended the work of card-sorting and who has prepared extensive break-downs detailing the aggregate to. downs detailing the aggregate totals by age groups as well as

church preferences.
Mr. Quakenbush estimates at least 80 percent of the community's homes were visited in the citizens were interviewed.

Hendricks Lists

"Learn the meaning of equa-nimity," is the advice of Dr. Paul-blown off, J. B. Keeter said, and E. Hendricks, Kings Mountain the store employees found quaniphysician, both to heart patients ties of water in the second floor and to those who would ward off ready-to-wear department. heart ailments.

the Lions club Tuesday night, manager, said, to a rack of dresssummarized briefly the several es and another rack of shirts, forms of heart ailments in explaining that the heart is essentially a constantly-working muscle mass which furnishes lifegiving blood to the lungs and other parts of the body.

He noted that recent developments of drugs and treatment techniques promise hope and pain relief for many heart patients. All of them are merely aids in the basic treatment which is to provide supportive care in helping nature to do the healing job, Dr. Hendricks continued. Factors important in the con-

tinued life of a heart patient, he noted, are age, blood pressure, sex, body build, and the incidence of stress, strain and shock in daily activities.

The best cure, he laughed facetiously, is: "Don't be a male and particularly an American male." Fat, which squeezes the heart to cause possible clots and therefore potential infractions, he added, is the enemy of both the heart

attack victim and the man who never had one. Dr. Hendricks said he regarded

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Allen said Wednesday he had nothing new to report in the \$13,-700 Plonk safe robbery. Clues were at a minimum and quick check-ups immediately after the Sunday morning church-hour safe-cracking led to dead ends, Denuty Allen reported. Deputy Allen reported. Thieves entered the Clarence S.

Chief Deputy Sheriff George Allen said Wednesday he had

Church-Hour

Plonk, Sr., home off Cherryville Road while Mr. and Mrs. Plonk were attending St. Matthew's Lu-theran church 11 o'clock services. The thieves sledge-hammered the safe, carried off cash totaling exactly \$12,500 and two diamond rings, belonging to Mrs. John Butler Plonk, a daughter-in-law. The rings were valued at \$1200.

The thieves had about one hour and twenty-fiveminutes to do their dirty work, Mr. Plonk recalling he and his wife had left for church at 10:45 a. m. When they returned at 12:10 p. m., they These were among the results found the back door open, the bout the storage room in which

The cash included a few bills of \$100 denomination and 100 siiver dollars. The silver dollars had reposed in the safe since early 1943.

The diamond rings included a 1.36 carat solitaire with fishtail setting and a wedding band inset with six small diamonds. Both were in platinum mount-

The Plonks reported no valuable papers, which included securities, deeds, and similar papers, missing, after they were retrieved and inventoried.

Deputy Allen was assisted in the investigation by John Vanderford, of Shelby, State Bureau of Investigation Agent. Both agreed at least three persons were involved in the robbery and that the safe-cracking job required from 20 to 30 minutes. Vanderford was called off the investigation Tuesday to Statesville, to assist in the investigation necessitated by the murder of a Statesville housewife-store employ-

Sheriff Haywood Allen was out of the county and not expected to return until Friday. The Sheriff was en route Roswell, New Mexico, to claim a prisoner. Lee Swofford, of Shelby, was picked up in New Mexico and is being brought back to answer charges of abandonment and non-sup-

The looted safe was kept in a storage room of the Plonk home. The thieves had used a sledgehammer to knock off the safe's hinges and the combination panel. Still unsuccessful in gaining Mr. Plonk, prominent farmer and livestock dealer, said he had

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Keeter's Suffers Water Damage Loss

A damaged roof resulted in considerable water damage to ready-to-wear stocks of Keeter's Department Store early Tuesday morn-

Major damage was done, Mrs. Dr. Hendricks, in an address to James Roberts, readyto-wear Mr. Keeter said his insurance

did not cover this type of loss. "Had Losses Before", Plonk Philosophizes

How does it feel to be robbed of \$12,500 in cash?

"Well," veteran Mule-Trader C. S. Plonk philosophizes, "I've had losses before, but never this much at one time."

Mr. Plonk, born near his present home 72 years ago, is the father of ten children and 33 grandchildren. Last April he and Mrs. Plonk, the former Miss Ellen Patterson, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A number of his sons were busy this week helping officers with their investigation of the robbery, but a grandson, Scott Isley, age 9, of Burlington, was even more solicitous. "Poor Grandaddy," he told his

mother, Mrs. Margaret Plonk Isley," he never will have any more money. I'm going to give him mine."

GRASS FIRES

ported Kings Mountain Fire department extinguished two grass blazes Friday, one on Linwood Road, and the other on Falls street.

cording to an announcement made by Curtis Gaffney, secre-HOSPITAL GIFT Grady Howard, business manager of Kings Mountain Hospi-

GARDEN CLUB PROJECT Kings Mountain Garden club has planted 22 evergreens and two flowering trees on grounds of the new addition of Kings Mountain hospital, a member of the club's beautification committee reported. Shrubbery

COSTUMES

to contact the school office (212) so that suitable costumes for the show may be obtain-CAKE SALE Seventh grade students of

merican Legion, will have a free supper for its members in good standing Saturday, March 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the Legion hall. Members are asked to let Chairman Gene Gibson know if they plan to attend.

Mrs. Fred Falls, of route 2, Bessemer City, was honorably discharged from U. S. Marine Corps March 2. In January Falls, whose rank was PFC, was designated as Marine of the Month by his Squadron Com-

ON DEAN'S LIST . Joyce Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Owens and a freshman at Erskine College, Due West, S. C., was among Erskine students making an average of "B" or better and appearing on the Dean's List for first semester work. An-

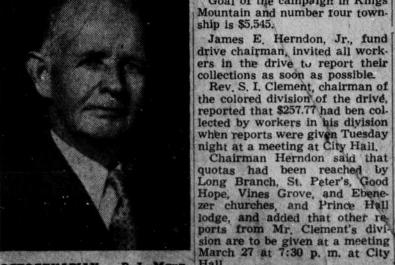
The annual stockholder's meeting of Kings Mountain Country Club will be held in the club build-Club will be held in the club building room at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

Matters of business tocome before the meeting will include construction of new by-laws, and the election of officers for the core.

A nominating committee com-posed of Hal Ward, Joe Neisler

Cherokee street now occupied election of officers for the comby the off-street parking lot. At the time of Mr. Mauney's birth, however, the house stood on what is now Battleground avenue. It had been moved years ago, to make way for business building

> prises. He began his banking Continued On Page Eight



OCTOGENARIAN - R. L. Mouney, well - known Kings Mountain Wesley Williams, and Neely Williman are heading the colored division of the drive. tive, last week celebrated his

eukhardt Seeks o Unseat Cline

re-election to a fourth term.



EAGLE SCOUT - Mike McKee,

Max Gardner Is District Manager

SHELBY. - O. Max Gardner, Donations totaling \$1963.25 were reported Wednesday by solicitors in the annual appeal for

leges.
He is a graduate of Shelby

will be the district manager