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Hospital In Red By \$6,135

After Depreciation Charges

For Plonk Theft

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FAIRVIEW LODGE

Fairview Lodge 339 AF and AM will hold stated communication Monday night at 7:30 p. m., at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by J. B. Simpson, secretary

CANCER PROGRAM

A program on cancer will be given Friday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Margrace Woman's clubhouse. Citizens of the community are invited to attend, according to announcement from club officials.

OFFICE CLOSED

Offices of Dr. L. T. Anderson. chiropractor, will be closed Friday, April 6th until April 13th, according to announcement by Mr. Anderson.

CAKE SALE

The Bethware school parent-Teacher association will sponsor a cake sale Saturday mornning at Phifer Hardware company here on Battleground avenue, it was announced by PT-A officials.

NEW POLICEMAN

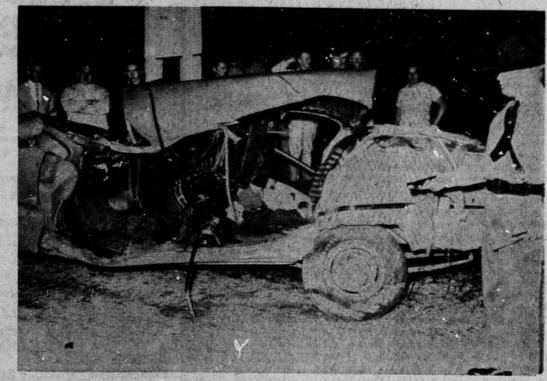
Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., announced Wednesday that Jackie Dean Barrett of Cansler street has been named as a temporary policeman to re-place Sgt. Martin Ware, who is a patient at Bowman-Gray hospital in Winston-Salem.

WARE HOSPITALIZED

Police Sergeant Martin S. Ware, Jr., is a patient at Bowman - Gray Hospital, Winston-Salem for treatment, observa-Salem for treatment, observa-tion and possible surgery. Mr. Ware left for Winston-Salem Tuesday. His address it Room 376, Bowman-Gray Hospital.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending, noon, Wednesday, totaled \$206.49, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitchem. He reported that off-street meters



CAR IN WHICH BLAKELYS WERE KILLED-Pictured is the Plymouth sedan in which two Kings Mountain citizens and a Chester, S. C., teacher were killed Sunday night in a wreck at McGill crossroads in the Bethany community. W. E. Blakely, former postmaster for more than 18

tesy Rock Hill Herald.) **Blakely, Wife, Sister Killed**

died at 5:30 Wednesday morning at Kings Mountain hospital. She Moore Admits

years, his wife, Mrs. Sara Oliphart Blakely, and his sister, Miss Mary Blakely, died instantly when the car was struck at the intersection by a large refrigerated truck driven by Marvin Hager, of Wilmington, formerly of Cherryville. (Photo cour-

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at First Bap-tist church of which she was a tist church, of which she was a member. The rites will begin at member. The rites will begin at 2 o'clock, with burial to be made Remains Silent at Elizabeth Baptist church cemetery, near Shelby.

Rites Thursday

longtime Kings Mountain citizen

Mrs. Frances Stubbs Hord, 85,

Two men charged with the The funeral services will be \$13,700 daylight robbery of the C. S. Plonk safe on March 11 are in Wake and Johnston county jails and one of them Dewey H.

Mrs. Hord was the widow of Joe S. Hord, who died on May 1 in the robbery. Moore, 29, has admitted his part Horace Garland Tate, 49, whom

colnton, a daughter of the Late Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Stubbs. Sheriff Haywood Allen describes as "a hardened criminal," has Surviving are ten children, in- admitted nothing.

ghters. They are Bryan Hord, to Cleveland county for trial George Hord, and Fred Hord, all hinges on the outcome of other of Kings Mountain, Joe B. Hord, charges facing the two men. of Maxton, Roy Hord and Ned Sheriff Allen said Moore, who Hord, both of Charlotte, Miss gave his address as Norfolk, Va., Marjorie Hord, Mrs. D. G. Little- had admitted to a part in a simjohn and Mrs. J. K. Willis, all of ilar country home robbery near Kings Mountain, and Mrs. P. M. Smithfield occurred some three Mauney, of Shelby. Also surviv- months ago. He is lodged in

penter, of Charlotte, and Mrs. M. trial. B. Davis, of Gastonia, 21 grand-

Wake county jail, under suspicion of taking part in the Smith field robbery, as well as under indictment for the Plonk robbery, which included \$12,700 in cash and two diamond rings.

The pair have been in the clutches of the authorities since Mar-

thorities searched their quarters. manager.

stated: At the end of 1955, the hospital "Les Roark is a splendid citi-It showed an operating fund "Les came up the hard way., receivable, \$8,959 in supplies, and He was raised on a Cleveland \$402 in deferred charges, less County farm, working also in liabilities of \$14,683.79, textiles and construction before

Audit For 1955 Mrs. Joe Hord, 85, Died Wednesday; Two Men Indicted Shows Occupancy **Rate 97 Percent** Kings Mountain hospital books showed red ink for 1955 opera-

tions, in spite of the fact that the hospital averaged nearly 35 patients per day or an occupancy rate of 96.94 percent.

Prior to depreciation charges. the hospital showed an operating profit of \$3,594.55, but deprecia-tion charges of \$9,729.82 moved the operations into the red by \$6,135.27.

These figures were detailed in the audit report on 1955 operations by George G. Scott Com-pany, of Charlotte, certified public accountants.

Gross charges to patients to-taled \$222,641.13, but \$56,777.54 were deducted as charity allowances, bad accounts, etc., to reduce the actual operating income to \$166,632.98. Income from governments and other sources totaled \$16,002.70. Expenses totaled \$178,887.49, plus interest of \$153.64

Major operating expense items included: nursing service, \$35,-889.30; dietary expenses, \$26,791 .well - known Shelby newspaper editor, has been named to head medical and surgical expense, 73; administration, \$17,140.95; \$15,070.32; Pharmaceuticals and race for Hugh Wells. Roark, a na. drugs, \$13,849.70: and x-ray expenses, \$11,724.27.

Cost Analysis

veteran of World War II, and is Cost Analysis During 1955, Kings Mountain hospital discharged 2,720 pat-ients, including 396 newborn ba-bies. The patients' average length of stay was 5.48 days, Ave-rage payment per patient was \$16.70 per day, against a cost of \$14.81 per day. A total of 1,287 days of charity care cost the hos-pital \$18.082 of which \$14.918 very active in various veteran or-

Roark Named Wells Manager

WELLS' MANAGER - Les Roark,

the 11th District Congressional

tive Cleveland County man, is a

Hugh Wells, Shelby congresch 13, two days after the robbery. sional candidate, has named Les- was reimbursed.

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meeting the enthusiastic appro-

val of the people in the 11th dis-

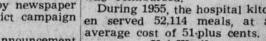
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CHAIRMAN - Mrs. J. H. Arthur

is serving as chairman of the Kings Mountain fund campaign

The Kings Mountain quota

our next Congressman."



Net Worth

pital \$18,082, of which \$14,918



held at Boyce Memorial ARP church Tuesday morning at 10:30 for Mr. and Mrs. William E. Blakely, who were killed in a truck-auto collision near York,

S. C., Sunday night. Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Br. W. D. Flessly, paster of Boyce Memorial church, and Rev. J. Calvin Smith of Clover, S. C., officiated. Pallbearers were members of the official boards of the church The bodies were mewed to Wrens Ga Mrs. moved to Wrens, Ga., Mrs. Blakely's former home, for bu-

rial.

Double Funeral Held On Tuesday; **Trucker Injured** Double funeral services were

In Easter Auto-Truck Crash **Contract Terms**

For Pathologist Are Opposed Here

The county hospital board of trustees employed a pathologist for Shelby hospital last week but deferred for decision the type of service the pathologist will ren-der Kings Mountain hospital and to what extent Kings Moun-tain hospital will use his servi-

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The deferred decision resulted Up For March from objection to the originally planned contract with Dr. Frank

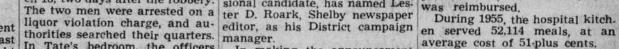
"Kings Mountain employment Watson, which specified that the pathologist would be guaranteed

onducted by Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, assisted by Dr. Zeno Wall. 1928. She was a native of Lin-

cluding six sons and four dau- When the pair will be returned

ing are two sisters, Mrs. Will Car. Johnston county jail awaiting

Tate, who gave his address as Delray Beach, Fla., is held in



picture is a little better than last In Tate's bedroom, the officers In making the announcement found \$3,500 in cash and two diamond rings. Subsequently, a "suspicion of safe robbery" no-tice on the two and the findings and has never supported any sets (land, buildings, equipment) appeared in the March 15 and 22 cause for his own selfish bene- of \$513,843.40 and \$23,473.31 in bulletins of the State Bureau of fit. He has always advocated Cash. Investigation. After the second honesty and fairness in governsons applied for jobs at his office. bulletin, Sheriff Allen and SBI ment, with an uncommon devo-Agent John Vanderford compar-ed notes, quizzed Mrs. John Butmond rings stolen from the Plonk safe, and took Mrs. Plonk to

meters accounted for \$166.49.

MOOSE LODGE

New officers of Kings Mountain Moose lodge 1748 will be elected Thursday night bymembers who may vote during hours of 1 to 8 o'clock p. m., according to announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

The Kings Mountain Lions Club will hold its regular meeting at Kings Mountain Wo-man's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The program has not been announced.

TO CONTEST

Five Kings Mountain plano students will participate Sat-urday in Salisbury district pi-ano contests. Participating in the junior division will be Susan Kesler, a student of Mrs. Hilda Kreutzer, and Mary Lillian Lewis, Jimmy Plonk and Joyce Plonk, students of Mrs. Martin Harmon. Peggy Joyce Reynolds, also a student of Mrs. Harmon, will play in the senior high school division.

HOMES SOLD

The residences of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, Sr., S. Gaston street, and of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMackin, W. Gold street, have been sold. The Falls residence was sold to William Young, assistant treasurer of Home Building & Loan association, while the McMackin residence has been sold to James Rotan, superintendent of Phenix plant, Burlington Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Falls expect to rebuild in the city, while Mr. and Mrs. McMackin are rebuilding at the McMackin farm in the Bethany community.

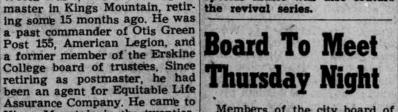


Davidson lake, the auxiliary city water reservoir flowed over the 65-foot dam for the first time Wednesday, indicat-ing the city has an additional water reserve of 175 million gallons of raw water.

The overflow was described by Mayor Glee Bridges as "on-ly a trickle" and likely caused by the heavy wind which kick-ed up small waves on the lake. Heavy rainfall in the past two months also raised the level of the main water reseroir on York Road to the overoint.

Blakely's sister and a Chester, Main Street Methodist church. Gastonia, will conduct a series of C., school teacher. William E. Blakely was born revival services at Grace Metho-the pathologist would receive a August 25, 1898, in Laurens dist church beginning Sunday County, South Carolina. He was and continuing through April 15.

the son of the late Ludy P. and it was announced by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Sides. Services will be Carrie Brewton Blakely. Mr. Blakely, a veteran of World War I, was a former postheld each evening at 7:30 and special music will also feature master in Kings Mountain, retir-



Members of the city board of Howard, George Laycock, Dr. W. commissioners will convene L. Ramseur, Dr. John C. McGill, Kings Mountain in the twenties. He was very active in the re-ligious and civic work of the Thursday night at 8 o'clock for

city, having been a former Sun-day School teacher and choir the regular April meeting. ember at Boyce Memorial ARP Both Mayor Glee A. Bridges hurch. He was serving as an and City Clerk Gene Mitcham der and clerk of the session in said they anticipated a light and the church at the time of his death. An active Kiwanian, Mr. routine agenda. Mr. Mitcham said he would present the com-Blakely had served as district missioners a detailed financial governor of Kiwanis Internation. statement showing results of al, as well as being a past presi-dent of the Kings Mountain club. city operations for the first nine months of the current fiscal

He is survived by five broth-ers, C. B. Blakely of Chester, S. year. The board meets at City Hall C., Ralph E. Blakely of Rock Hill, Samuel H. Blakely of Latta S. C. courtroom, John F. Blakely of Conway, S. C., and Ludy J. Blakely of Lau-

rens, S. C. Mrs. Blakely, the former Miss daughter of the late Dixon N. and Gertrude Dodd Oliphant. Mrs. Blakely was also very ac-tive in Kings Mountain's church affairs. She had served as a primary department Sunday School teacher at Boyce Memorial for the past 16 or 17 years, She also was active in the Women's Mis-

sionary Society, and was a former officer of this organization.

of Wrens. Rev. Pressly, who made the

trip to Wrens for burial services, reported that a large crowd of the Blakely friends and neigh-bors of Mrs. Blakely were pre-sent to pay their last respects at the grave-side.

Miss Mary E. Blakely, the hird victim of the crash, was orn March 28, 1904, in Laurens ounty, S. C. She had been an tary school teacher most of her life having taught at

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salary of \$13,000 per year or Also killed in the Easter crash REVIVAL SPEAKER - Rev. C. E. as it could be," was the report gi-40 percent of all laboratory fees, was Miss Mary E. Blakely, Mr. Murray, associate minister of minus fees in charity cases, at both hospitals, whichever proved greater. On basis of past records, dav.

bout \$25,000 per year, or \$17,000 from Shelby hospital and \$8,000 Mr. Ware reported that 77 perfrom Kings Mountain hospital. Opposition to the employment of a pathologist on this basis was voiced by Number 4 Township Trustee W. L. Plonk as well as

Kings Mountain physicians, who were listed as available in the had adopted a resolution against last report.

The matter was referred to the penings during the month, and part in the robbery, Sheriff Al-filled 73 of them, Mr. Ware said. len said, and implicated Tate. joint conference committee, which includes Trustees Lewis Hovis, Ladd W. Hamrick, Grady Only 56 persons were placed during February with a total of 63

job-openings. Dr. H. C. Thompson and another During the month 1096 weeks Shelby physician, as yet un-nam-

Kings Mountain township trus. erage of 274 per week for the tees objected principally to the four-week period. This dropped fee arrangement. They felt, it was indicated, that the cost from 293 for the previous month. A break - down of positions would jeopardize the financial filled shows that 13 of the work-

position of Kings Mountain hos-In the past, both Cleveland county hospitals have sent their utilities; nine in retail and wholesale trade; two in service pathological work to Grace hospital, Morganton, which has no-

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Funeral Services Held Saturday cember 20, 1902, in Jefferson County, Georgia She was the daughter of the late Divertise

pital.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jane port and attendance. Mrs. An. Mrs. McCurdy Crawford Anthony, 68, wife of thony was a member of the Dr. J. E. Anthony, Kings Moun- Thursday Afternoon Book club tain physician, were conducted and a charter member of the Saturday afternoon at Boyce Me. Home Arts club,

morial Associate Reformed Pres-Morial Associate Reformed Pres-tyterian church. Mrs. Anthony died at 10 o'-The funeral services were con-ducted by Dr. W. L. Pressly, her pastor, with Rev. M. B. Grier, byterian church. clock last Thursday night at Gas-ton Memorial hospital, where she sisting.

had been a patient for several Dr. Pressly paid tribute to Mrs. She is survived by three broth-ers, Dodd, Pope, and Dixon Oli. phant, all of Wrens, Ga.; and two sisters, Mrs. Kate Barrow and Miss Mamie Oliphant, also weeks, Though in declining health Anthony for her patience, her for several months, Mrs. An- work in the church, and as a good

Interment was made in Mounimproved and had anticipated re-turning to her North Piedmont tain Rest cemetery. Surviving, in addition to her

avenue home the following day. Her husband and a son, J. E. Her husband and a son, J. E. William C. Anthony, Kalamazoo,

Her husband and a son, J. E. Anthony, Jr., had visited her shortly before her death, which was attributed to heart failure. Mrs. Anthony was the former Elizabeth Jane Crawford, daug-ter of the late Mr, and Mrs. Wil-liam Meek Crawford, of the Pis-gah community in Gaston county. She had lived in Kings Mountain since 1912. An active member of the Associate Reformed Presby-terian church, she was diligent in its activities and loyal in her sup-

ven by Franklin L. Ware, Jr., Kings Mountain's Employment Service office manager, Wednes-

This compared with 107 new applicants during the month Sebruary. He added that this ler Plonk, owner of the two diamade a total of 388 persons available for work at the end of the month. Some 416 persons identify theirings. They proved

to be hers. After a day's questioning, this campaign." The office received 84 job o-Moore "broke" and admitted his

Sheriff Allen said he and SBI

Agent Vanderford went to Raleigh and Smithfield again Tuesday to question the two men again. of claims for unemployment Sheriff Allen says Moore has decompensation were filed, an avscribed the smallest details con-

nected with the Plonk robbery and is consistent in his statements that the two of them, Moore and Tate, brought off the robbery by themselves. Further,

the Sheriff says, Moore told him ers went into contract construct Tate had "cased" the Plonk resition; seven in mining; 10 in dence for as long as a year. manufacturing; four in public A week prior to the March 11

church-hour safe - cracking, a man had driven to the Plonk committees would be set up in other than private household; house, during church-hour, and various counties/ as quickly as and 28 in private household ser-

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construction and mining opera **Cancer Campaign To Begin Friday;** tions as being primarily responsible for the improvement in the

report for March.



Mrs. F. R. McCurdy will serve in the Cleveland county fund as Kings Mountain chairman of campaign for the American Canthe membership campaign of the cer society

engagement fo rnext season, adding that this factor is expected to heighten interest in the assomade.

West pointed out.

Junior and Senior Woman's clubs will begin work Friday to raise \$2,000 as Kings Mountain's part

in the Cleveland county fund

The county quota is \$10,000. Chairman of the Kings Moun tain campaign is Mrs. J. H. Arthur, and other members of the campaign committee are Mrs. P. G. Ratterree and Mrs. S. S. Weir,

Mrs Arthur said the members of the two sponsoring organizations intend to complete their work in a ten-day period A full house-to-house canvas will be

Mrs. Arthur noted that the quota for the campaign had been doubled over last year and said it resulted from the heavy need

Admission to the concerts are membership card only, Mr. for funds for the two principal functions which the proceeds aid: 1) research to discover improved means of detecting and

ber of concert attractions, he vide financial aid to needy can-

cer victims.

In a note on accounts, the auentering the newspaper field. dit report stated that the ac-His help will be invaluable in counts receivable were considered fully collectible, a reserve for The campaign manager accept. doubtful accounts having ben established "on a conservative bated the assignment by stating:

"I admire Hugh Wells for his The auditors made only two recommendations, both technimany good qualities, and respect his sound judgement and concal; 1) that plant fund cash restructive thinking. He is a man ceipts and disbursements be of courage and honesty, with made a part of permanent re-cords of the hospital and 2) that deep convictions regarding our democratice process of governcharge-offs for bad accounts be made intermittently during the "Hugh Wells' positive camyear in order that accounts repaign, based on the issues, is

ceivable would represent a "more realistic and collectible" total.

trict. I am happy to give my as-**Hospital Room Fees** sistance in his effort to becom **Raised \$1 Per Day** Roark stated that campaign

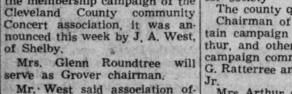
A new schedule of room fees went into effect at Kings Mountain hospital April 1, following approval by the board of trustees. The new rates are: Semi - private room, \$9 per

day. Private room, \$11 per day. Private room with tub bath (only one available), \$12 per

day. The new schedule reflects an per day increase. However, Business Manager Grady Ho Ward pointed out, the hospital will no longer charge extra fees during summer months for air - conditioning. Thus the average increase will approximate 50 cents per room per day, as all rooms will have airconditioning facilities.

When the new addition comes into use in the near future, the hospital will have 50 beds, including 14 in private rooms

Mr. Howard listed these reasons for the increase which he termed "slight:" 1) the former rates were two low for 2) the opening of the new wing will require additional staff. ing, and 3) the rates were very low as compared with those charged by neighboring hospi-tals. In fact, Mr. Howard added, the rates will still be well under those charged by hospi-tals in nearby cities, includ-ing Charlotte and Gastonia.



ficials hope to book the Mauney Twins, duo-planists, for a return

ciation membership campaign.

A short one-week campaign is planned, beginning next Monday. Admission to the concerts are

Number of membership sold de-

rmine both the number and call- treating cancer; and 2) to pro- of the American Cancer society