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Sixty-Seventh Year

Cook Murder Trial Top Case

PRICE FIVE CENTS



MOOSE AUXILIARY OFFICERS INSTALLED -Officers of the newly-organized Kings Mountain Moose Lodge Auxiliary 1307 were installed in ceremonies at the Moose Lodge Sunday afternoon. Pictured, front row, left to right are Mrs. Elizabeth Cline, Mrs. Curtis Gaffney, Mrs. Thelma Carpenter, picture was made. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

Mrs. Mary Pearson, and Mrs. Mamie Grice. Back row, left to right, are Mrs. Aun Huss, Mrs. Thomas Meacham, Mrs. Montez Harris, and Mrs. Horace its purchase by Scranton Lace Brown. Mrs. John Lewis and Mrs. Martha Cornwell, Company in 1946 and was previ-Brown. Mrs. John Lewis and Mrs. Martha Cornwell, other charter officers were not present when the

## **Moose Auxiliary** Bulletins Officers Installed

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Cline, of Kings Mountain, guide,

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tain, assistant guide, and Lucille

Brown, Kings Mountain, Pianist.

stalled by Burlington Moose

Lodge Auxiliary chapter 1330. In-

kins, senior regent, Helen Hud-

ant guide, Gladys Scott, acting

chaplain, Betty Donley, junior regent, Pauline Patillo, pianist,

Julie Apple, and Rose Semiklose.

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nuota in Cleveland County.

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In TB Seal Drive

Bill Eldon, Kings Mountain

Last week, the Tuberculosis As-

and individuals throughout the

tained 300 Christmas Seals.

Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, executive

ty TB Association, is urging that

The appointed officers were in-

#### Ceremonies THANKSGIVING SERVICE St. Matthew's Lutheran church Were Held will hold special Thanksgiving services at 9 a. m. Special music will be presented by both the junior and senior choirs. **Here Sunday**

Officers of the newly formed MOOSE MEETING Kings Mountain Moose Lodge Members of Kings Mountain Auxiliary chapter 1307 were in-Moose Lodge 1728 will hold their regular weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the stalled Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the lodge on Bessemer City lodge on Bessemer City road, road. The auxiliary formed under the

according to an announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary. auspices of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748. Officers installed were Mary

MEETING POSTPONED The scheduled meeting of the City Board of School Trustees set for Monday night of this week was postponed until Monday, November 26. Reason stponement was the illness of Supt. B. N. Barnes school superintendent, spokes? men announced.

#### MUSICAL PROGRAM

A musical program by a quartet from Bob Jones University, at Greenville, S. C., will feature the Sunday evening service at Carson Memorial church in the Crowder's Mountain community. The 7:30 p. m. service will also feature special music by the young people of the church, it was announced by Rev. James Avey, pastor.

#### METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts totaled \$179.33 for the week ending Wednesday at noon. Receipts from on-street meters totaled \$149.59, while receipts from the Cherokee Street parking totaled \$29.74.

#### Rites Friday For Mrs. Bailey

Bailey, 76, wife of H. G. Bailey, 403 Waco Road, will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at First Church of the Nazarene. The body will lie in state for a half-hour prior to the funeral and interment will be in Mountain Rest

Mrs. Bailey died Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at Kings Moun-tain hospital. She had been ill quota might be raised early this several months.

A native of Georgia, Mrs. Bailey had lived here the past 19 years. She was a daughter oft he late Mr. and Mrs. William P. Oli-

Surviving are two sons, Lee Roy Bailey and C. T. Bailey, Kings Mountain, three daughters, Mrs Junios Boles, Greenville, S. C. and Mrs. Albert Hicks and Miss Ruth Bailey, Kings Mountain, two brothers, C. R. Oliver, Kings Mountain, and C. P. Oliver, Gainesville, Ga., and five sisters, Mrs. Clifford Phillips, Kings Mountain, Mrs. A. L. Lee, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. W. L. Wallace, Vale and Mrs. Hubert Wilson and Miss Martha Oliver, both of Winder Ga. Thirteen grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren also sur-

The rites will be conducted by

#### Firemen Popular At Thompson Home

Fire struck again in the same spot Wednesday afternoon, as city firemen were called to extinguish a blaze in an oil stove at the home of Frank Thompson, Negro, of 118 South Cansler street.

Firemen recalled that they had answered a similar alarm about a month ago.

It was the same address, the same stove, firemen noted. The Wednesday alarm was answered at 3:15. Fire Chief Pat Tignor reported no damage.

#### Helen Pearson, Gastonia, senior regent, Ann Huss, Gastonia, re-corder, Thelma Carpenter, Besse-Grice, Kings Mountain, chaplain, Helen Gaffney, Kings Mountain, junior graduate regent Montes Diamona Judilee Harris, Gastonia, treasurer, Vi-

Scranton Lace Company, of Scranton, Pa., parent company ed the Baker, Mauney, Carpenter Mountain, sentinel, Elizabeth of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., of Kings and McAllister families and the units will include 12 floats, nine week of its plans for an allout son. The church was erected at merchandising drive in 1957 - the corner of Ridge and Mountain the drive to celebrate Scranton street. In 1904, the church build-

stituting officers were Gladys Jen. were revealed by H. J. Megargel, ed. In 1939, the parish school Scranton president, at a two-day building was enlarged. gins, junior graduate regent, Ila sales meeting held in New York Gasner, guide, Gladys Lee, assist-Sunday through Tuesday.

Craftspun Yarns, acquired by Scranton in 1946, will tie in with the Diamond Jubilee promotion, Carl Swan, Craftspun president,

said yesterday. Scranton will be 60 years old next year. The company claims it is the largest producer of Nottingham lace in the world. It was

incorporated on June 15, 1897. One of the promotional plans calls for introduction of a new anniversary line of curtains and chairman of the annual TB Christmas Seal Sale drive, redraperies.

The draperies will feature three ported Wednesday that \$2,026.50 new designs, with Scandivavian has been received on the \$10,000 style influences to be added to the Silhouettes, dimensional casement cloth draperies introsociation sent out approximately duced at the market last summer. 8,000 letters to business firms Silhouettes represent an interesting departure from Scranton's county. Each of these letters contraditional lace table cover, curtain and shower curtain business, in which it has been the secretary of the Cleveland Coundominant factor for several decades. Silhouettes are woven on any donations be sent in as soon the frame Nottingham lace looms, to which certain operating

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#### Church Rites, Hunting, Football, Parade, Food On Turkey Day Menu

Kings Mountain citizens will | needs for Thanksgiving dinners observe Thanksgiving in the 'raditional manner.

Majority of retailers will close for the day, as will financial firms, the postoffice, local and state government offices.

Principal retail firms which will be open for business will be service stations and theatres. Majority of industry will follow regular schedules. However, El. mer Lumber Company will observe the holiday as will the Kings Mountain Herald.

Barkley's Grocery and Blalock's Park-Inn have announced they or will hold services on Thanksthe pastor, Rev. R. J. Essary, as will be open on regular schedules sisted by Rev. John Gregory. to accommodate last-minute nodate last-minute

Drug stores will operate on very abbreviated schedules. Kings Mountain Drug company will be open for prescription service only from 10 a. m. to noon and from 4 to 6 p. m. Griffin Drug Store also will offer prescription service only. Stroupe Drug Com-pany will be closed all day.

Thanksgiving will feature church services, football, hunting

and sumptuous dinners.

Majority of Kings Mountain churches held Thanksgiving services either on Wednesday night giving morning. St. Matthew's

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#### **Kelly Resigns** At Craftspun, To Join Textiles

G. C. Kelly, vice-president of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., has resigned this position, effective December 1.

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The resignation was jointly announced Wednesday by Mr. Kelly and Carl Swan, Craftspun president, who said Craftspun's production operations will be under the management of Superintendent Harold J. Phillips.

Mr. Swan said, "It is a promo-tion for Mr. Kelly and we could not expect him to turn it down." Mr. Kelly assumed the super-intendency of Craftspun in Au-gust 1947, after prior textile man-agement with Lola Mills, of Stanley, and Dixie Mercerizing Company, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Kelly said he and his fam-

ily would continue to reside in Kings Mountain. Mr. Phillips has been associated with Craftspun Yaras since

ously with the firm when it was known as the Cora plant of Textiles, Inc. A onctime shipping clerk, he was named superintendent when G. C.. Kelly was elevated to vice-president. Mr. Phillips is a former city commission-

#### **Church Noting** 80th Birthday

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe its 80th anniversary at Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock, it was announced by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

In addition to the Sunday morning services, another com memorative gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, when church members gather for a covered dish supper. A spec ial program by children and other members will feature the so-

St. Matthew's Lutheran church was organized in 1876 and is one of the community's oldest churches. Services were first held, even prior to 1876, in a frame than 50 units, it was announced school house, now the site of Wednesday by the Christmas Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Li- parade committee.

Subsequently the congregation church building was laid in 1878. The charter membership includ-Mountain, announced details this first pastor was Rev. J. R. Peter-Lace Company's diamond jubilee. ing was enlarged and in 1921 a Plans for the 1957 celebration parish school building was erect

> The present structure - stand ing at the same site as the origi nal church - was built in 1952-54. It was completed in 1954 at a cost of \$260,000. Meantime, a new church parsonage was erected

Dr. Gerberding reports the congregation continues to grow, with 153 new members received into the church during the five-year tenure he has served as pastor.

The church is currently engaged in two major projects, he re ports. They are stewardship and evangelism.

#### **Pauline Plant** On Two Shifts

Mohair Plush Company has completed installation of 32 looms at the Pauline plant and is running a two-shift operation at the Paul-

William Ford, general mana ger, said work is progressing or the re-equipping of the Pauline plant, which was stripped of machinery several weeks ago to pro vide for the installation of new-

Mr. Ford said current plans are to install eight more looms at the Pauline plant, bringing the total to 40. More looms will probably be added therafter, he indicated.

#### **Retailers Suspend** Mid-Week Closings

Kings Mountain merchants will now be open six full days each week, a schedule that will continue through January 2 (with exception of Christmas and New Year's holidays).

As they annually do, mer-chants suspended Wednesday the customary mid-week half-holi-day for the duration of the Christmas shopping season which be-gins traditionally after Thanks-

The merchants will resume

#### Mrs. R. L. Ellis, Spindale, Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Mrs. Mrs. Park Moore, Jr., of Gastonia, formerly of W. G. Rhyne, Mrs. G. V. Patterson, all of Gastonia, Grover, succeeds Mrs. R. L. Ellis as president. Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, Rutherfordton, and Mrs. C. E. (Photo by Pennington Studio) Bank Is Mailing

#### Kings Mountain's 1956 Christmas parade will number more

Charles H. Dixon, chairman of held services in the old school the committee, said advance en- Sets Yule Holidays which has now been replaced by the modern Central plant and Christmas opening parade would Directors of the Kings Mounthe modern Central plant, and the the cornerstone for the original be the largest and best in the history of this longtime annual

PRESBYTERIAL PRESIDENTS — Thirteen past

presidents of women of Kings Mountain Presby-

tery who attended the two-day session here last

week at First Presbyterian church include, front

row, left to right, Mrs. Ennis Jackson, Gastonia,

Mr. Dixon reported that the bands, and numerous other attractions.

Yule Opening

Over 50 Units

**Parade To List** 

Vicki, the elephant, object of a manhunt when she escaped at Charlotte, will be among the attractions, as will trick cars, clowns, ponies and horses.

Carrousel princess from Kings Mountain and surrounding communities will appear in the pa-

Mr. Dixon said the 12 floats would be entered by Neisler Mil's division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Mauney F. S. Morrison Company and Craftspun Yarns, Inc., Southern Dairies, of Charlotte, Queen City Coach pany, and others.

"We intend for the 1956 Christmas opening parade to be the best ever," Mr. Dixon said.

Top feature of the parade will be the annual pre-Christmas appearance of Santa Claus himself.

The parade will be staged the afternoon of Wednesday, Decem-

Full details on final arrangements for the event will be announced next week.

Other members of the commit tee are Ed Tutor and Bill Jonas.

#### **Zoning Change Hearing Ordered**

a request to re-zone a West King street lot and accepted a low bid for a half-ton truck.

The board will hold a hearing on the re-zoning request of B. D. Ratterree, who wants the King street lot re-zoned from residential area to business zone. Mr. Ratterree has indicated he wants to erect a service station.

Low bid on the half-ton truck was Smith Chevrolet Company, of Gastonia, at \$1413.10 for a 1957 ruck. Other bids were: Plonk Motor Company, Kings Mountain. \$1425 on a 1956 truck, and Crawley Chevrolet Company of Shelby, at \$1477.90 for a 1957 truck.

# Yule Club Checks

Neisler, of Kings Mountain. Second row, left to

right, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Kings Mountain, Miss

Corinne Pruitt, Dallas, Mrs. Motley Plonk, Char-

lotte, Mrs. W. A. Dixon, Belmont, Mrs. Coit Robin-

son, Lowell, and Mrs. J. G. Walker, of Forest City.

### Retailer Group

tain Merchants association adopted Christmas holiday

schedules Tuesday The directors voted to recommend that Kings Mountain merchants close two days for Christmas, as is customary, with the holidays to be Christ.

mas Day and December 26. The directors also recommended that the retailers observe New Year's Day as a holi-

In view of the Tuesday New Year's day as a holiday, the directors voted to postpone resumption of the regular Wednesday afternoon half-holiday until January 9.

F. S. Morrison, for the past sev eral years purchasing agent for Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain plant, has resigned his

Neil Johnson, Foote general manager, said Mr. Morrison completed his duties with Foote last

"We regret his resignation,"

Mr. Johnson commented. Mr. Morrison, a native of Statesville, has not divulged his future plans. Mrs. Morrison is a member of the city schools facul-

Mr. Johnson said Glenn Oates. former assistant to Mr. Morrison. is currently acting as buyer.

## **Christmas Club** Total for '56

Exactly 827 checks will be mailed Friday by First National Bank to members of the 1956 Christmas Club. The payments

will aggregate more than \$70,000. Announcement was made yesterday by Frank R. Summers, First National president, who said the checks would be dated November 24.

Mr. Summers said this year's Christmas Club, the bank's sixth, compares favorably to the 1955 Christmas club, in spite of the fact that one group club member from another city did not participate during the past year.

Mr. Summers concurrently announced the forthcoming open. ing, on December 1, of the 1957 Christmas Club. Actually, numerous persons have already joined the 1957 club.

Payments to the club can be made for as little as 50 cents weekly, as well as larger denominations. "We are proud of the results of

the 1956 Christmas Club and are happy to be mailing these checks just as the Christmas shopping season opens.

"We also invite all Kings Mountain area citizens to join the upcoming 1957 Christmas Club. The customary comment we receive is 'I never missed it,," Mr. Summers continued. "The Christmas Club continues to grow and we look forward to the 1957 club to be another large one, both in number of persons participating and in dollar amount.'

## The board of city commissioners in session Monday afternoon, voted to call a public hearing on a request to re-zone a West Viv. Red Cross Bloodmobile To Be Here Monday: Calladia C

The Red Cross bloodmobile will | credit plan" in its blood pro make a one-day visit in Kings gram whereby credit cards are Mountain Monday with donors to issued. be processed at the Woman's club from 11 o'clock until 5 p. m.

B. F. Maner, blood program chair-

Kings Mountain area citizens donated 128 pints of blood at the last visit of the Charlotte regional blood collecting unit here, though the quota was short at a previous visit in Grover.

The local Red Cross chapter is the drive by furnishing free The merchants will resume The truck is being purchased among other chapters of the area transportation to any donor, Mr. up, and to other merchants for their half-holiday on January 9. for the city electrical department. who have adopted the "donor Maner noted."

Reports from area hospitals are

received by the local chapter o Goal of the collection is 145 patients who are hospitalized pints of blood, it was reported by and receive blood through the Red Cross program. Reports were received from Kings Mountain hospital, Garrison General hospital, Gaston Memorial hospital Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte Memorial hospital, Mercy hospital, and Cherokee county hospi tal, of Gaffney, S. C.

City cab drivers will assist in

#### **Numerous Other Area Citizens** To Face Trial

Numerous Kings Mountain area citizens are scheduled to stand trial in the November criminal term of Cleveland Superior Court which opens Monday.

A former Kings Mountain resident, Cecil Cook, is involved in the most important case listed on the docket, is facing charges of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Daniel Z. Holloman on September 10.

Cook and his wife were returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma, the latter part of September, and have been lodged in the county jail since that time. Cook is said to have admitted his part in the murder, but also added that his wife knew nothing about the

Another case with much local interest is that or Horace G. Tate and Dewey H. Moore, who are accused of robbing a safe in the home of C. S. Plonk of about \$12,-500 in cash and jewelry on March

Both men are currently serving prison terms in Central Prison, Raleigh, for another safe robbery in Smithfield earlier this year. Some \$76,000 was reported taken in the Smithfield robbery.

The defendants are accused of battering open a safe in the Plonk home on Sunday, March 11, while Mr. and Mrs. Plonk were attending church services. A quality of cash and two diamond rings belonging to Mrs. John But-

ler Plonk were taken. The SBI picked up Tate and Moore on a liquor violation charge and found the two rings in their possession. The rings were identified by Mrs. John Butler Plonk and the two men given a hearing on charges of robbery.

This case was scheduled to be heard in July, but was continued until the November session.

Max Farris, 50-year-old Kings Mountain textile worker, will be facing charges of arson in this session. Farris was bound over to Superior Court by Judge Jack White in Kings Mountain Record er's Court in July. Judge White found probable cause against the defendant on a warrant signed by R. H. Dillard, state insurance investigator, who accuses Farris of setting a fire that destroyed

the Farris home. Insurance investigators and local firemen say kerosene soakrags and burnt matches were found in a closet of the fire-gutted home. The house was owned by Gene Roberts, local grocery-

Reginald Painter will be facing charges of larceny and, in a companion case, David Benfield will be charged with accessory after the fact of larceny. Both boys were bound over Monday in Mountain Recorder's Kings Court on charges that Painter stole some \$500 worth of U. S. Savings bonds from his parents and that Benfield helped him cash

the stolen bonds. Reggie Aller Brakefield appealed a conviction on a no operator's license charge in Recorder's Court and this cast is docketed to be heard during the cur-

rent session. T. C. Harrill, Bessemer City salesman, will also be facing forgery charges in the November session. Harrill is accused of forging his brother's name to a check for approximately \$200 and cashing it at Oates' Shell Service Station in Kings Mountain. The defendant was bound over from Recorder's Court here. Judge Hugh B. Campbell of Charlotte will be making his first appearance in a Cleveland County court as presiding jurist this

#### **Bethware P-TA** Stages Festival

A successful Harvest Festival was staged at Bethware School last Saturday night by the Bethware Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Myers Hambright, president reported this week

Numerous events marked the program including a womanless

Mrs. Hambright expressed her appreciation to Kings Mountain department stores for the use of wigs, to Griffin Drug Store for make-up, and to Mrs. Richard Spencer for handling the make-