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Sixty-Seventh Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS

5,000 Jam Kings Mountain For Christmas Parade

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Lions Will Honor Gridders Monday

Local News Bulletins

TO CHAPEL HILL Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., and Dr.

Robert N. Baker, Kings Mountain dentists, left Tuesday for Chapel Hill, where they attended a meeting of the North Carolina Dental Foundation. They were to return here Wednesday

FAIRVIEW LODGE

New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be eleced Monday night, December 10, at the regular meeting at Masonic Hall. The lodge meeting convenes at 7:30 p. m.

PROMOTED

Fred A. Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tate, of Kings Mountain, was recently promoted to the rank of staff sargeant. Sgt. Tate and family are residing at route two, Box 494, West Palm Beach, Fla.

LEGION TO MEET

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold their regular December meeting at the Post Building Friday night at 7:30. Adjutant M. A. Prince said plans will be made for a Christmas Party.

TO HEAR BROWN

Dr. John Brown, pastor of Shelby Presbyterian church, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday ight at 6:45 at the Woman's Club. Dr. Brown, a former navy chaplain, will discuss "The Church's Responsibility in the Community."

TO ATTEND MEETING

John Gladden, past com-mander of Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, will go to Atlanta, Gr., Thursday for a weekend meeting of the National Rehabilitation Advisory Board of the American Legion, of which Mr. Gladden is a

AT TAX SCHOOL

Mrs. W. B. Logan is spending the week in Charlotte, attending an Income Tax School, which is jointly sponsored by the Federal and State Internal Revenue departments, the Social Security Administration, North Carolina State college, and State Public Accountant's society of which she is a mem-

Oregon Man Has hospitals were county operated. "Hot" Detector

An Oregonian, who claims he has the world's best mineral detector, wants a sample of lithium to see if his detector will work on this metal

In a communique addressed to "Chamber of Commerce Kings Mountain, N. C.", Bert V. Hands, Cottage Grove, Ore., who describes himself as a prospector, noted that he had made his own mineral detector. "So far as I know," he wrote,

"no other detector is like it (I am not selling it)." He said his detector can lo-

cate many kinds of minerals, lost people in the woods, dia-monds and even rattlesnakes. Prospector Hands noted the

recent Reader's Digest lithium story and this sent him to Kings Mountain. He wants to try out his detector on lithlum, but can't find any in his area. He asked for a piece the size of a quarter, of good grade, but "o. k. if it's cracked or rough."

Dan Weiss, acting president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, read the let-ter at Monday night's Chamber of Commerce meeting and turned it over to Bill Eldon, Foote Mineral Company, who said he expects to forward a sample of spodumene, at least, to the Oregon prospector.

UNC's Preston To Be Speaker At Annual Event This request was presented to the board by W. J. Fulkerson, general superintendent, and W. K. Lee, southern division engi-

Pat Preston, assistant football coach to Jim Tatum at he University of North Carolina, will make the principal address Monday night at the annual football bannight at the annual football bannual football bannight at the annual football bannight at the an Lions club.

Honor guests will be players the 4,200 feet of pipe to the plant, and coaches of the 1956 Kings

\$1.30 additional per foot to run the 4,200 feet of pipe to the plant.

The City of Kings Mountain and coaches of the 1956 Kings Mountain high school Mountaineers, undefeated championship team of the Western North Carolina High School Athletic asso-

Another major event of the pro-1956 Fred Plonk Blocking trophy thern equipment to the Kings to the Mountaineer adjudged by Mountain area," Mr. Fulkerson mance during the recently completed season.

banquet committee, said the meeting will be open to the pub-lic. Tickets are available at \$2.50 each. Mr. Plonk also asked that said. Lions expecting to bring guests notify him by Friday of the num-

Special guests will also include Supt. B. N. Barnes, School Trustee Fred Plonk, the blocking trophy donor, and sports writers from surrounding communities.

Coach Preston is a former All-American tackle who played both at Wake Forest and Duke and later starred for several seasons with the Chicago Bears. Preston was subsequently coach, then athletic director at Wake Forest

The Lions club has been honoring the high school football teams for nearly two decades. It attracted many coaches from various colleges to Kings Mountain.

New Hospital

Shelby and Kings Mountain hospitals to two non-profit corporations was presented by Hospitals Administrator George Laycock to the Cleveland County commis-

sioners Monday.

Mr. Laycock asked the commissioners to consider this plan of leasing the hospitals, and noted that the proposal had been approved by the current board of ospital trustees. He suggested the Shelby Hospital corporation employ 20 directors and the Kings Mountain Hospital corpo-

ration employ 12 directors. He added that last year the Cleveland County hospitals lost some \$80,000 in grants from charitable foundations because the

Mr. Laycock proposed that a 12-man board be set up to govern the local hospital unit, and that body of the Shelby unit. Mem bers would serve five-year terms, staggered so that four new mem. bers would come on each year. The members would not be allowed to succeed themselves without at least a one-year wait-

ing period. The proposal suggested that the boards include representa-tives of labor, agriculture, and Continued On Page Eight

Mrs. Lackey Dies In Tampa

Mrs. Hazel Colvin Lackey, about 73, widow of Grover P. Lackey died Monday at her residence in Tampa, Fla.

The body is to be brought

Kings Mountain for burial. Details on arrival were still in- January 14, 1957. complete late Wednesday, but it

Horvath Asks County Funds For Water Line

Cleveland County commissioners were asked Monday to provide an eight-inch water line from the Kings Mountain city limits to the Margrace plant of Massa-chusetts Mohair Plush Company

neer for the company.

Mr. Fulkerson told the board quet of the Kings Mountain that it will cost approximately

agreed to install pipe to the city limits, but said it was company responsibility to extend it the remainder of the distance to the plant.

"Our company is in the process gram will be presentation of the of moving two-thirds of its norhis coaches to have turned in the explained", and we do not have most consistent blocking perfor- sufficient water coming in from our eleven wells to operate the additional equipment and main-W. L. Plonk, chairman of the tain stepped-up production." "If we can help one, we can help another one, I recon," Z. V.

Cline, chairman of the board The Commissioners had previously supplied funds for a water line to be run to the J. W. Wood Elastic Web Company plant out-

side Shelby. However, since this money must come from non-tax revenues, the board took no official action, except to say that the mon-ies in this fund had been exhausted for the current fiscal

The Commissioners advised Mr. Fulkerson to go ahead with the installation of the water line, and he joined Jim Tatum at UNC and asked him to present certified bills to the board around

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Variety Show

Set-Up Proposed Kings Mountain Jaycees will sponsor a variet yshow Friday night, December 7, at 8 p. m., to benefit Gaston County Center for Handicapped Child-

The show, which will feature the appearance of Jasper the Clown, Crowson the Magician, Hastings String Band, Kings Quartet, and Sunnyside String band will be held in the auditorium of Centra! high school.

Rich Mauney, Belmont radio announcer, will serve as MC. The Travelers Quartet of Gastonia will also be featured in the talent-studded show.

Admission for adults will be one dollar and for children, 50 cents. Children under six years of age will be admitted free. "We invite the public to attend this excellent show," spokesman for the sponsoring organ-

Mountain Red Cross chapter.

War camp, and who depends for

a living for herself and her hus-

of the Red Cross chapter board,

said, "This is a chance for Kings

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woman immediately made

Mrs. Gamble reported.

\$500 Sought

For Hungarians

the local hospital unit, and that a 20-man board be the governing Cecil Cook Draws Death Penalty; Painter, Benfield Given Terms

George Cecil Cooke has been bill in her case, and she was alsentenced to die in the gas cham-

afternoon returning a verdict of guilty. The jury did not recommend mercy, making the death sentence mandatory.

Attorneys C. C. Horn and A. A. Powell, appointed by the court as defense attorneys for Cook, immediately entered notice of ap-Cook is scheduled to die in the North Carolina gas chamber on

complete late Wednesday, but it was anticipated that the funeral was anticipated that the funeral will be conducted on Friday. The brought back here to stand trial months on the roads as an account will be at Harris Funeral on the murder charge. He was recessory after the fact of larceny affair. Officers reported that at testing at the request of Rev. H. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting, told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dance was being planted. It is a standard was given 12 after the shooting told officers that a dan

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wanted in connection with the shooting of a gas station employee in Butler County, Ala., but Butler County, Sheriff W. W. Butler County Sheriff W. W. Dartmer Cleveland County afternoon returnity.

Mrs. Cook is said to have "tipped" Cleveland County officers as to Cook's whereabouts, and this led to his apprehension by officers in Oklahoma. In another case involving Kings

term at Camp Butner, first offender's camp, for larceny of U. S. Savings Bonds from his par-

body will be at Harris Funeral Home, and burial will be made in St. Luke's Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Lackey's husband, a form of Seedbaard Airline Ral'way engineer, died in 1951.

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Cook's wife, Jo Anne, was also Mountain and neighboring cities.

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On Monday Night Memberships **Being Sought** By Committee

Organization of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce was effected Monday night.

A group of 20-plus businessmen, in meeting at City Hall, set up the organization on an "acting" basis, and voted a dues schedule of \$25 per year.

The group adopted a constitution and set of by-laws which provided for election of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and seven di-The constitution provides any

person, firm, or corporation interested in the development of DAR CITIZEN - Miss Betty the Kings Mountain area may Jeanne Plonk, daughter of Mr. become a member, but limits office-holding to residents of the and Mrs. Wray Plonk, has been selected to represent Colonel Ferderick Hambright chapter. immediate area, including Num-Perderick Hambright chapter.
DAR, as good citizen in the State
DAR good citizenship contest.
Only girls in the senior class of
public senior high schools are
eligible. Girls are selected on Gaston County.

Monday evening that the adopted constitution and by-laws be the board voted to make an offer of \$1,000 for the two lots, one don, J. R. Davis and Martin Haroff which is 25 feet by 150 feet and qualities of leadership, dependa-bility, service, and patriotism. examine the adopted document lots front on Watterson street. and recommend changes which might prove more suitable to the Kings Mountain Chamber of street, but tabled action pending Kings Mountain citizens are

Completing the officer complibeing asked to join with others ment, the group elected Sam throughout the United States to Collins acting first vice-presiprovide funds for relief of Hundent, Ben H. Bridges, acting secgarian refugees. It is a project ond vice-president, and designatof the American Red Cross. ed Dr., L. T. Anderson, acting

Kings Mountain Red Cross secretary-treasurer. chapter officials hope to obtain Named to the membership the first of June, when the com- at least \$500 through donations committee, described by Acting plant and contents. Mr. Barnes for this cause. The American Red President Dan Weiss as "first Cross goal is five million dollars. order of business," were Fleete It is estimated at least 100,000 R. McCurdy, chairman, W. K. chairman, Hungarians have fled their na. Mauney, R. S. Lennon, Dr. R. N. tive country since the outbreak Baker, William Eldon, Paul of uprisings against the Russian- Walker, and John Cheshire

controlled regime of Janos Ka-As quickly as sufficient memdar. In addition, 200,000 persons are reported in need of food, medicines and clothing in Hungary itself, majority of them in the capitol of Budapest.

As quickly as sufficient memberships have been obtained, Mr. Weiss said, another general membership meeting will be called to elect permanent officers and directors for the year 1957. Coin boxes will be placed in Membership work is already various business firms through- underway and both Mr. Weiss

out Kings Mountain and checks and Mr. McCurdy reported Wedshould be mailed to the Kings nesday morning that several membership checks are already Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross in hand.

secretary, reports one contribu-tion already received. She relat-ed the nation - wide appeal to a business," Mr. Weiss commented. Kings Mountain woman wno lost Among those attending the a son in a Korean Prisoner of Chamber of Commerce meeting

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band on allotments of two other sons in the armed forces. The Ward Charged contribution to Hungarian relief, With Murder Mrs. F. R. Summers, member

Dee Ward, 55-year-old Chest nut Ridge Negro, is being held in Gaston County jail on a charge of murder.

Ward is accused of firing shotgun blast that struck his son, John Robert Ward, 30, in the stomach November 27. The in-

The shooting is said to have occurred at the elder Ward's home in the Chestnut Ridge section, about a mile and a mile a mile and a mile and a mile a mile a mile and a mile a m Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook were tion, about a mile and a-half from wanted in connection with the Kings Mountain off Cherryville School P-TA dropping plans for fore the school board in a pre-

Gaston County Sheriff's de dren and adults, first scheduled matter and was told that the repartment officers originally to be held during an open house quest had been withdrawn, Thomas said in a telegram to the charged Ward with assault with program at North School Friday Cleveland County Sheriff's de- a deadly weapon with intent to night.

partment that he did not wish to kill, but changed the warrant to Executive board members of School, were being altered Tuesextradite Mrs. Cook at this timee. a murder charge following the the Parent - Teacher group had day as black tape was being used wounded man's death.

proposed the dance as a part of to cover the portion that said Reports from the Gaston Coun. the festivities for the open house ty Sheriff's department Wednes-day indicated that Ward is still permission to use the school's in jail and that no bond has been auditorium for this purpose, set for the defendant. He is re- which was scheduled to come be-Mountain area citizens, Reginald ported to have retained Attorn- fore the city school board Mon- president said Wednesday. peal to the State Supreme Court. Painter was given a one-year ey Pat Cooke as his defense day night was withdrawn at the last minute by P.TA officers. The defendant has maintained

> Young Ward, conscious briefly P.TA officers protesting the fact dies, cakes and pies in the cafeafter the shooting, told officers that a dance was being planned. teria from 5:30 p. m. until 8 p.

Trustees Seek More Property For West School

The Kings Mountain Board of

This meeting had been postponed twice previously, and board members voted to allow this meeting to serve as both the regular November and December

fore the board included:

1) Hearing a report from Trusago.

2) Heard a report from Fred Plonk and A. W. Kincaid, representatives to the annual North Carolina School Boards' meeting in Chapel Hill.

3) Fred Plonk and J. W. Web- p. m. in Odell auditorium. ber 4 and 5 townships, Cleveland ster reported that they had con-County, and Crowder's Moun- tacted Sam Weir in regard to Miss Falls will receive her degree tain and Cherryville townships, purchasing two small tracts of in music education in the spring land adjoining the property at term of 1957.

It was agreed by the group West School. Mr. Weir set a price Featured in mon named to a committee to the other 48 feet by 100 feet. Both

further investigation as to the width of paving desired.

5) Voted to patch a leaking roof at West School until next will be made.

item until the January meeting.

7) Voted to insure the dwelling \$2,000 for a period of one year.

pipe which the city will install to Ware Acting Chief handle water draining from West school grounds.

Voted to clean lands around East School in preparation for making playground space. John Chambers will do the work at a price of \$10 per hour for bulldozer work and \$7 per hour

11) Voted to hold official open house at the new North School Friday night in conjunction with a program already planned by the North School PT-A.

It was reported that members

that the shooting was accidental. of two local churches called hamburgers, home - made can-

School Trustees held a regular session Monday night in the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes, with just minor items of business being discussed.

Items of business coming be-

tee J. R. Davis that a deed had be presented in organ recital next been executed and delivered cov- Wednesday evening in the colering the purchase of a tract of lege auditorium. land from Mrs. Henry Jones. This land, adjoining the Central School property, was purchased Shirley Falls land, adjoining the Central by the board some two months

summer when permanent repairs 6) Discussed insurance cover

age on the new North School reported that the state insurance group had quoted a price of .048 tion, compared with a .091 cents quotation by a local company. The board tabled action on this

on the former Jones property for 8) Heard a report from Fred Plonk that sidewalks and drain systems had been installed in front of West School. Voted to buy 100 feet of six-inch terracotta Logan In Hospital

9) Mr. Barnes reported that Withrow Brown, former janitor, at North School had been replaced by Nathaniel Thomas. Brown recently resigned to accept another job.

for tractor work

TO GIVE RECITAL - Miss Shirley Falls, Kings Mountain student at Greensboro college, will

To Give Recital

Miss Shirley Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Falls, will be presented in organ recital by the Greensboro College School of Music next Wednesday at 8 o'clock

A senior at Greensboro college, Featured in the recital will be

"Pastorale" from Joseph and "Trumpet Voluntary" by Henry Boy Hit By Auto Here Wednesday

Dean Smith, 12 or 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Smith of 204 Cranford drive, was struck by a car on East King street just prior to the Christmas Parade

Wednesday afternoon. Joe W. Watkins of Shelby, driver of the car that struck young Smith, said he had just pulled off from the King Street . Battleground avenue traffic signal his car. He estimated his speed at about 10 miles-per-hour when

the accident occurred. Kings Mountain hospital, and reports indicated that he would be kept for observation. His injuries were not believed to be seri-

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan Jr., is a patient at Veteran's Hospital, Oteen, where he is receiving treatment for a back injury. Chief Logan entered the hospital last Friday. His ailment is described as a recurrence of an old injury suffered in World War II. Sgt. Martin Ware is serving as acting chief of police, city offi-

of \$1,500.

ministers resulted in North Rev. Mr. McElroy appeared be-

a proposed square dance for chil- session meeting to discuss the

ONE PERMIT Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday, to S. M. Rasburg to erect a one story building on York road, at an estimated cost

Publicity posters, prepared by

"We decided that since some

people were opposed to the dance

we would call it off," Mrs. Eu-

gene Roberts, North School P-TA

made for Friday night, and the

P-TA group will sell hot dogs,

William George, North School

Open house plans are being

'square dancing."

Dance Cancelled At North School;

Sterchi's, Kings Mountain furniture firm, was astounded Monday when a lady customer, in the store to purchase a couple of linoleum rugs, made a special request.

"Could I ride home in the truck when it delivers my rugs?" she asked. "I walked up here from my home which is a mile-and-a-half on the other side of Grover."

The customer was Mrs. Lula Lovelace, who added she was 67 years of age, had hung out the Monday wash before leaving at noon. She was at Sterchi's at 1:30 p. m., which was the jaunt of more than nine miles. Salesman A. T. De-Bruler posed the request to

Though the request was confounding, due to Sterchi edict against passengers riding in Sterchi trucks, the problem was solved quickly. Manager Blanton handed the keys of his auto to Deliveryman Wingo

land County's champion walk-

By Spectators An estimated 5,000 persons jammed Kings Mountain Wednesday afternoon for the Kings Mountain Merchants association's annual Christmas opening Kings Mountain's biggest ever, the parade got underway at 4:05 p. m., only five minutes behind schedule, and it was 40 minutes later before the big Santa Claus float passed the dispersal

Event Rated

Best In History

Many onlookers commented on the excellence of the parade, which included floats, high school beauty queens, other pretty girls, and numerous high school bands.
Chief comic feature of the pa-

rade was a trick car act, featuring a clown who guided the car with his hands - even while walking in front of it. He could cause the car to reverse or turn in any direction. Intermittently, a fender or other part would pop off, accompanied by a loud National Guard units also ap-

peared in the parade as did numerous Girl Scout and Brownie Scout groups.
Particular comment was heard

among viewers on the beauty of the large number of floats, in-VICKI NEARLY MISSED

Vicki, the elephant, chief animal attraction in Wednesday's Christmas parade, almost missed being here. Vicki's owner telephoned Thursday morning that the tractor with which he hauled Vicki's trailer was in bad repair, and suggested a truck would have to be sent to naul Vicki over. An emergency call to Howell Transfer, of Shelby, produced the needed tractor and Vicki made it on

cluding local entries of Mauney Textile Interests, Craftspun Burlington Industries, Yarns. Neisler Mills and others. Special comment was also heard on the singing of the choir on the Macedonia church entry.

The bands marched well and

out the parade. The units topped the 50-mark by several.

The injured boy was taken to the event, was tired but happy Charles Dixon chairman of when the parade had ended. He commented, "It was a good parade and it wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of many different people and

organizations." He expressed particular appreciation to Kings Mountain busi-ness firms which entered floats, to the out-of-town firms, including Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Queen City Coach Company and Southern Dairies which sent floats for the event, and to all others contributing to the suc-

cess of the event. The parade was staged in ideal weather. The sun was shining and the temperature was not low

enough to cause discomfort. Throngs of youngsters followed the big Santa Claus float as Old Nick tossed out candy to the crowds along the line of march. At dusk, Christmas lights were turned on for the first time this

Grover Woman, 67. Champion Walker

The office and sales force of

somewhat of a record time for Manager Kenneth Blanton.

and the delivery was made, with passenger. All agreed Mrs. Lovelace should get the title as Cleve-