

## Steelworkers Ask NLRB Election At Lithium

## Labor Board Hasn't Yet Set Hearing Date

The AFL-CIO Steelworkers union has asked the National Labor Relations Board for a union representation election at Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant.

Hearing on the petition has not been set, but Lithium Corporation officials have been asked to furnish the NLRB a list of employees who would be eligible to vote in a representation election.

Bruce Thorburn, Lithium personnel manager, said he was filing the roster of eligibles with the NLRB.

It will be the second effort of labor unions to organize the Lithium plant. On November 18, 1955, employees rejected by a narrow margin an effort by both the Steelworkers and the AFL-Operating Engineers to become representatives of Lithium employees.

By custom, the union claims in its labor election petition that it has sufficient members to represent the employees. The company denies the allegation at an NLRB hearing and an election is ordered, with the election result determining whether the particular union will be bargaining agent or whether the employees will remain "non-union."

In a circular distributed by the Steelworkers at the Lithium plant last weekend, the union claimed a majority of Lithium Corporation's Bessemer City plant employees had signed membership cards. The circular further reported that the Steelworkers had petitioned for an election and added, "Remember, 1,200,000 persons can't be wrong."

It customarily requires the NLRB several months to complete the hearing on the petition and to set up machinery for an election.

Mr. Thorburn and other company officials had no comment on the Steelworkers action.

## BurMil Party To Be Sunday

Christmas operating schedules for Phenix Mills of Burlington Industries were announced today by plant superintendent J. S. Rotan, who also reported plans for the annual children's Christmas Party.

Superintendent J. S. Rotan said Christmas holidays at the Phenix plant would be observed from the end of the second shift on December 22nd until the beginning of the third shift on December 26.

The annual Christmas party for employees' children will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Joy Theater. A Santa Claus will be on hand and gift bags containing toys, candy, fruits and a variety of other gifts will be distributed to all employees' children 10 years of age and younger. Prior to distribution of the gifts there will be a brief Christmas program consisting of movies and drawing for door prizes.

Approximately 700 persons, including children and parents, are expected to attend.

## "Christmas" Herald Will Be Advanced

The annual Christmas week issue of the Kings Mountain Herald will be published under date of December 24.

Traditional, the Herald advances its Christmas week edition to appear the day prior to Christmas. Actually, the paper will be published on December 23 and will appear on newsstands that night.

The issue will feature Christmas greetings from Kings Mountain merchants, traditional Christmas "copy" last-minute gift suggestions, and the regular content of news, sports, and society events.

Advertising deadline for the edition will be 2 p. m. Saturday, December 22. News deadline will be 3 p. m. Sunday, December 23. Persons desiring pictures in the Christmas week edition should file them with the Herald not later than December 21.

The December 20th edition will appear on regular schedule.

## City May Increase Some Power Rates

## Commercial Rate Schedule Being Studied

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## Pastors Elects Quakenbush

Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association at the group's regular meeting Monday.

Other officers include Rev. Hoover Smith, pastor of Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church, vice president; Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of Grace Methodist church, secretary; treasurer, Rev. H. G. McElroy, pastor of Temple Baptist church, chairman of the radio committee, and Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, chairman of the hospital committee.

Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, is outgoing president.

## Coralee Fabrics Is Expanding

Coralee Fabrics, Inc., the pilot plant operation started last year by Craftsman Yarns, Inc., is expanding.

Carl Swan, Craftsman president, said Wednesday details are not yet ready for public announcement, but he confirmed that the Coralee subsidiary had leased from the D. C. Mauney Estate the complete building formerly housing Kings Mountain Laundry. Previously, Coralee had used only half of the building.

Coralee has also asked the city for increased power service.

The Coralee firm has been manufacturing curtain materials and has been manufacturing some knit products.

## Christmas Club Numbers Over 800

More than 800 persons have joined First National Bank's 1957 Christmas Club, Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier reported Wednesday.

The membership roll is still open with third weekly payments due this weekend.

Mrs. Blanton said she anticipates total membership, when final memberships are filed, will reach 1,000.

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## Stockholders of Carolina Mines Hold Meeting, Elect Directors

Carolina Mines, Inc., stockholders revamped their board of directors Saturday as they met in annual session postponed from last February by federal court order.

In contrast to the legal strife which had halted the company's stock sale and the building of its plants for production of kyanite, the Saturday meeting was generally harmonious and all the decisions of the stockholders were by unanimous vote. A total of 63 stockholders were present and 278,566 shares were represented either in person or by proxy. Only bickering occurred when

J. J. Mullinax sought to complain about stock issue to President A. S. MacCullough and to certain Chicago stockholders. Mr. MacCullough answered by telling Mr. Mullinax "this matter was settled in federal court before Judge Wilson Warlick."

Directors elected were: A. S. MacCullough, D. S. MacCullough, and A. E. Lowan, all of Vancouver, B. C.; Roy O. Palmquist, Dr. E. J. Press and O. S. Caldwell, all of Chicago; J. E. Herndon, of Kings Mountain; and L. V. Sutton, and P. J. Baugh, Jr., both of Charlotte. Following the stockholders' meeting, the company's stock was sold at auction.

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## Funeral Rites For Mrs. Fulton Thursday at 3

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bertie Lee Fulton, 77, wife of Charles L. Fulton, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Fulton died at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning at Gaston Memorial hospital where she had been a patient for a week. She had suffered a broken hip a week ago and had undergone an operation on Tuesday. Death was attributed to heart failure. Though she had been in declining health, her death had not been anticipated.

Mrs. Fulton was a native of York county, S. C., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Fulton. She had lived most of her life in Kings Mountain. She and her husband were married on May 9, 1900. A member of Central Methodist church she had been active throughout her life in the work of the church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Hugh Hoke, Lincolnton, and Miss Winifred Fulton, Kings Mountain, and four sisters, Mrs. W. C. Putman, Mrs. E. B. Olive, Mrs. Grier McDaniel and Mrs. A. L. Allran, all of Kings Mountain. One grandson survives.

Funeral rites will be conducted by Rev. James B. McLarty, Central Methodist pastor, who will be assisted by Rev. J. H. Brendall, a former Central Methodist pastor.

Burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

## Toys And Food Asked For Needy

Two charitable campaigns are underway in Kings Mountain, and both are designed to make Christmas brighter for the needy.

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring its "Buy a can, leave a can" appeal for food. Citizens are asked to deposit food in baskets at all grocery stores, or, if they prefer, to give cash in coin boxes located in many business firms throughout the city.

The Moose Lodge, American Legion, and police department are seeking toys to distribute to children of needy parents. Both new toys and used toys in good repair are sought. The American Legion, which will hold a supper Saturday night at the Post Building, has asked all Legionnaires to bring a toy to the supper.

K. E. (Red) Morrison is chairman of the Jaycee project and Dean Payne is chairman of the Moose - Legion - Police Department project.

## Democrats Won't Pay For GOP Ads

C. C. Horn, Shelby lawyer and chairman of the county's Democratic executive committee, addressed the Herald over the weekend in tart terms.

"Please be advised that the bill attached to page 7 and addressed to Cleveland County Democratic Executive Committee is evidently in error. The Democratic Executive Committee would not pay for the ad or even contract for such an ad as appears on page 7 of your November 1st issue.

"It is true that as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee I authorized you to carry an ad in behalf of the Democratic party but certainly not for the Republican party. You will please check your records and correct this error."

Customarily, when the Herald bills out-of-town customers, it attaches what the trade terms a "tear sheet" of the paper showing the advertisement the customer ordered.

Inadvertently the "tear sheet" accompanying the statement to the Democratic Executive Committee was not Democratic copy at all, but the November 1st advertisement of the county's Republican Executive committee urging support for re-election of President Eisenhower.

The Herald's red-faced comment to Mr. Horn, when returning the proper supporting tear sheets: "We don't blame you. Amen!"

## Blocking Award Won By Marlowe

## Plonk Trophy Award Is Made At Lions Event

David Marlowe, junior tackle, is the fourth winner of the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy, awarded annually to the Kings Mountain high school football player adjudged by his coaches to be the outstanding blocker on the team.

The trophy was awarded Monday night and was the highlight of the annual Lions Club football banquet.

Marlowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marlowe, is the first non-senior to win the award and also the first tackle to win the trophy.

Previous winners are Ronnie Layton, end, 1953; Charles Yelton, guard, 1954, and Joe Meek Ormand, center, 1955.

Layton and Ormand are now in the air force, while Yelton is a student at Lenoir-Rhyne college.

Coach Shu Carlton presented the award. He said the coaches found the selection difficult, but reviewed movies of this year's games and found Marlowe "turned in a consistently fine job."

Marlowe said, "I don't think I deserve it but I sure do appreciate it. I know I played with a great team."

Pat Preston, assistant coach at the University of North Carolina, made the principal address and praised the team for winning the conference championship.

He outlined the methods the University uses in what he termed "guiding" a good football prospect to enroll at Chapel Hill. "We kinda shy clear of the term 'recruiting,'" Preston laughed.

He described the tests as the "S" test. A football prospect is sought by the University, he said, if he makes satisfactory grades in scholastic work, if he has sufficient physical size, if his football skills are good, if he has "savvy" and if he has speed.

Coach Preston told several stories to illustrate his points. He said a boy can be "booksmart" yet can't learn which opposing player to block on an offensive play. On the other hand, he noted, a player has to pass his work to be eligible.

"Most of you fellows can assure yourself of a college education by playing football," he added, and said a four-year football scholarship is worth about \$5,000.

He pointed out that football scholarships may have a higher dollar value at denominational schools.

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## Saturday Postal Schedules Extended

Kings Mountain postoffice will be open until 6 p. m. on Saturday and again Saturday, December 23. Postmaster Charles L. Alexander announced yesterday.

Mr. Alexander says that volume of postal business indicates the Christmas rush is beginning.

Mr. Alexander repeated an old dictum: "Please mail early and avoid the last-minute rush."

He also added that one more circuit will be cut in during the next few days.

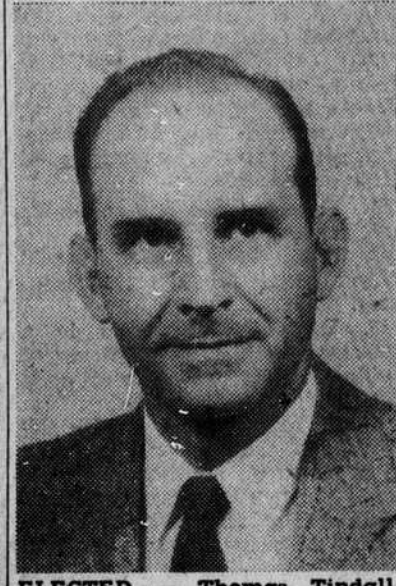
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ELECTED — Thomas D. Tindall, Kings Mountain insurance salesman has been elected Worshipful Master of Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 339 for the coming year.

## Tindall Elected Masonic Master

Thomas D. Tindall was elected Worshipful Master of the Fairview Lodge No. 339 Monday night as the Masonic lodge elected officers for the coming year.

Mr. Tindall will succeed Lester A. Harmon as Worshipful Master of the local lodge.

Other officers elected were Oduis Fredrick Weaver, senior warden; T. Frank Ballard, junior warden; W. Bruce Thorburn, treasurer; and Denver O. King, secretary.

Officers appointed were Isaiah C. Davis, senior deacon; J. Edward Bumgardner, junior deacon; Wray E. Bumgardner, senior steward; Alex B. Owens, junior steward; James B. Simpson, chaplain; and H. V. Herndon, tyler.

Lester A. Harmon, past master, was named to the board of trustees for a three-year term. Other trustees for the coming year are Boyce H. Gault and George W. Mauney.

The new officers will be installed Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Masonic Hall.

John Floyd, past district deputy grand master of the 37th Masonic district and past master of Fairview Lodge No. 339, will serve as installing officer. Paul W. Owens will serve as acting marshal for the installation services.

## Schools List Yule Holidays

A portion of this area's school pupils will begin Christmas holidays this week, while others will start their vacations next week.

All city schools, along with Park Grace school, will close Friday and will re-open Monday, December 31.

County school schedules are a little more diversified with Grover closing Friday, December 21, and starting classes again January 2.

Bethware and Compact schools will close on the same date, December 21, but will report back on December 31.

First Presbyterian church congregation elected four new deacons Sunday. Elected were B. F. Maner, Charles Blanton, Harry Page, and Robert H. Go-forth.

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RED CROSS EMERGENCY FUND IN ACTION — At a German Red Cross field kitchen of a refugee camp near Vienna, a two-year-old Hungarian is fed by her mother with the assistance of an Austrian Red Cross volunteer. The tiny refugee and her parents, who crossed the border one week ago, are among the thousands of refugees being cared for at camps in Austria. United States citizens are currently raising a five million dollar fund to help the Hungarian refugees. Approximately \$150 of a Kings Mountain goal of \$500 for this relief fund has been raised, according to local Red Cross workers. (ARC Photo)

## Hospital Shows \$19,639 Profit

## Result Contrast To 1955 Deficit, Report Reveals

Kings Mountain Hospital showed a net profit of \$19,639.83 for the nine months ending September 30, audit report for the period reveals.

The black ink figure contrasts with a deficit recorded for calendar year 1955. The audit period was changed to a new fiscal year basis at the suggestion of the Duke Endowment, hospital officials reported.

Manager Grady Howard credited the improved showing of the hospital's finances to three factors: 1) Improved collection of accounts, including a large amount deemed uncollectible by the auditors who handled the 1955 audit; 2) an increase in tax monies paid by the county; 3) a decline in number of charity patients.

"We are naturally pleased to show our results in black ink rather than in red," Mr. Howard said.

The audit, conducted by Smith & Grissette, of Lenoir, certified public accountants, reveals the 50-bed plant's net worth or "surplus" is now \$636,058.06, including fixed assets (land, buildings, and equipment) of \$575,984.

During the nine-month period, the hospital added assets of \$22,805 and added only \$584.13 to its liabilities, the auditors noted. Cash on hand at September 30, totaled \$23,896.

During the nine months, Kings Mountain Hospital had net inpatient income of \$153,153 and another \$4904 from outpatients. In addition it received \$10,875 via county taxes, \$3808 in grants from governments for charity cases, \$739 from the Duke Endowment, \$606 from the Kate Reynolds Foundation, \$2953 in contributions, and \$363 from sale of concessions. The total income was \$177,684.

A detailed analysis of income shows that room and board returned more than \$86,000, while sale of drugs accounted for the next largest revenue at \$35,000. Laboratory fees returned over \$18,000 and X-Ray fees returned more than \$13,000.

The hospital spent \$146,915 and \$10,788 was deducted for depreciation of plant and equipment.

Largest outgo item was payment for nursing service, totaling nearly \$44,000. Other expense items were: dietary, \$20,754; administrative expenses, \$18,528; and pharmacy, \$13,146. Plant operations cost the hospital \$9,245, including \$5,429 for electricity, fuel and water. The X-Ray department cost the hospital \$9,364 and laboratory operations cost \$4,612.

The report showed that the hospital's operating expenses for the nine months ending September 30, totaled \$146,915, leaving a net profit of \$19,639.83.

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## Local News Bulletins

## EAST SCHOOL

There will be a call meeting of East school Parent-Teacher association at East school Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing a delegate to the P-TA convention in New Bern.

## ELECTED

GREENSBORO — Gary Allran, freshman at Greensboro college, was recently elected corresponding secretary of the newly-organized Men's Student Government on the college campus. He is also a member of the psychology club and the basketball team.

## COURT OF HONOR

Regular monthly court of honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 at City Hall. Cub leader's training course will be conducted at Central Methodist church, beginning at 7:30.

## SPENCER ILL

Richard Spencer, manager of Dellinger's Jewel Shop, was hospitalized Monday with a stomach ailment. He became ill while working at the store Monday morning. He was reported improved Wednesday but was still in the hospital for observation.

## LEGION SUPPER

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will eat a turkey dinner Saturday night. It was announced this week by Eugene Gidson, entertainment committee chairman. Dinner, which will be free to members, will be served beginning at 6 p. m.

## Retailers Announce Pre-Holiday Hours

Majority of Kings Mountain retailers will observe Saturday hours on the final three shopping days prior to Christmas (December 21, 22, and 24.)

Announcement was made this week on decision of the board of directors at the Kings Mountain Merchants association. The action follows past custom of the retailers to give last-minute shoppers extra time for gift-buying.

The directors previously had voted to take a two-day Christmas holiday, both Christmas Day and December 26, and also to observe New Year's Day as a holiday.