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Local News Bulletins

**AT RICHMOND**  
Ben Moomaw, Kings Mountain National Military park superintendent, and Mrs. Moomaw, are in Richmond, Va., where they are attending a regional conference of national park superintendents.

**ARP SERVICE**  
Mrs. June Knox, teacher of Bible in the city schools, will speak on the subject, "Best Method to Study the Bible" at the vesper service Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Dr. George Staples, minister to students at Davidson college, and several Davidson students will present a program at Dixon Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
Sunday is Youth Sunday in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. At the First Presbyterian church, Dr. George Staples, minister to students at Davidson college, will be assisted by several college students in presenting a Sunday morning program.

**MOOSE MEETING**  
Secretary Curtis Gaffney announced members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
City parking meters returned \$148.88 for the week ending Wednesday noon, according to a report by Gene Mitchell, city clerk. Mr. Mitchell said off-street meters accounted for \$28.03, and street meters brought in \$121.85.

**LISTING PACE GOOD**  
Annual tax listing continues brisk, city and county listing officials said this week. However, they noted that the January 31st deadline leaves only another week for citizens to complete the chore without penalty.

**WHITE TO SPEAK**  
Jack White, Kings Mountain attorney, will speak at the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night at 8:45 at the Woman's club. Mr. White will speak on his recent trip to Washington to observe swearing in ceremonies of the Senate and Congress.

Dimes Projects Have Raised \$953

Charles Dixon, school solicitation chairman for the 1957 March of Dimes campaign, reported Wednesday that two of the city's schools have reported funds raised in the drive.

West School reports that \$229.54 was raised among the students and teachers, and North School had \$158.68 in contributions. East, Central and Davidson schools have not filed reports. The drive is under the direction of the principals at East and Central while Mrs. Johnny Leach is in charge of the Davidson campaign.

Co-chairman Jonas Bridges reported Wednesday that \$953.84 has been turned in thus far in the drive, which runs through January 31. Kings Mountain's quota this year is \$3,355.

Mr. Bridges reported that the Kiwanis and Lions clubs will hold a radio auction sale on Wednesday, January 30, from 3 to 4 p. m., at Radio Station WKMT. The Lions club is collecting goods to be auctioned, and the Kiwanians will handle the selling end of the project.

He also said the Kings Mountain Jaycees will hold a road block Sunday afternoon to aid the drive. This project has been handled by the Jaycees in previous drives also.

The Junior Women's Club will hold its annual Mothers' March on Polio on Thursday night, January 31, from 7 until 8 o'clock. Mrs. James Alexander is in charge of the March this year.

Concerning this March, persons having donations for the project and who are not solicited are asked to call the Woman's Club, telephone 9135, between 8 and 8:30 p. m. Thursday night to have their contributions picked up.

Gift To Hospital Memorializes Dr. Falls

Religion Month To Be Launched By Jaycees

Kings Mountain Jaycees, in collaboration with the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, is sponsoring a four-week program to promote here religion in American life.

B. F. Maner, chairman of the Jaycee project, said attention to the four-week observance will be called by use of prayer cards in restaurants, placards, bumper stickers, and other publicity. Churches are planning special bulletins and will supply the Jaycee committee with attendance records for the four Sundays beginning January 27 and continuing through February 17.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges officially opened the local observance with a proclamation.

Calling on all residents to participate in the program, Mayor Bridges in his proclamation designated the period as Religion In American Life Month for Kings Mountain. Community activities are being planned during the month to emphasize the importance of religion in personal and community life. The proclamation states:

"Our world today calls for men and women of good will to exercise their faith by consistent, positive action. We must be strong and uncompromising in holding to the spiritual principles on which our nation was founded.

"Faith in Divine power was stamped on this nation's first money with the words, 'In God We Trust.' Our religious beliefs have steadfastly endured as the foundation of our way of life.

"The freedoms we enjoy today are the gift of God, no matter in what terms or creed we worship Him. It is our great privilege to exercise this freedom by giving thanks at our houses of worship.

"Religious Faith stabilizes the family and holds it together. By attending regularly the worship services of our choice, we build moral character for the individual, the community and the nation."

Parks May Get Over \$105,000

More than \$75,000 in monies for new construction, in addition to a \$30,000 operating fund, is provided for Kings Mountain and Cowpens National parks in the budget presented to Congress by President Eisenhower.

Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, said "it's what we asked," and added the hope the monies would be appropriated.

At Kings Mountain park the \$68,000 in construction funds would provide quarters for two or more employees and landscaping of the area, water system improvements, a d d drive-ways, and would enlarge or provide new rest room facilities.

The \$6,800 recommended for the Cowpens facility would provide new trails and roads, a flagpole, museum display cases, and landscaping.

The Kings Mountain staff superintends the Cowpens, S. C., facility.

High Schoolers Take To Politics With Vim, Vigor, And Imagination

Ambitious citizens anxious for success at seeking political office might do well to visit Central high school this week to take a look-see at how the young folk manage the politicking business.

It's election time for Student Participation officers and the high schoolers are giving the chore the full treatment. An examination season didn't seem to slow the steam much.

There are three candidates for each of the three elective offices, and the timetable calls for campaign speeches on Friday (a la South Carolina), with the final results to be made known on Monday.

There are campaign managers galore but there seem to be few cohesive tickets. There's nothing too unusual about this either. Each candidate would like to come home with as near 100 percent of the votes as possible.

Spangler Speaks On Tax Proposals

Local Students To Attend Clinic

Six members of the Kings Mountain school band will attend the Central district band clinic at Ashley high school, Gastonia, Friday and Saturday.

Students to participate include Louise Owens, bassoon player; Gary Joy, trombone player; Janice Gladden, flute player; Georganna Moss, saxophone player; Bobby Early, French horn player; Judy Early, clarinet player; and Larry Carpenter, trumpet player.

Members of the clinic will present a concert at Ashley high school Saturday night at 7:45 p. m., and will attend a banquet on Friday evening. Concert band directors will perform at a concert on Friday evening.

Myers' Showing Cora Lee Product

One product of a new Kings Mountain industry — Cora Lee Fabrics, Inc. — will be on display and offered for sale to the public this weekend.

Myers' Department Store is featuring a special display of Windulure net curtains, made of filament rayon in a variety of colors and lengths, as manufactured by the new firm, which is operating on Childers street in the D. C. Mauney Estate building one time used by Kings Mountain Laundry.

The curtains come in lengths from 45 to 90 inches and are only one of the many knitted products being brought off the Cora Lee machines.

Carl Swan, president, has an interesting sample kit, which not only includes orlon, polishing rays (quick rinsing makes 'em ready to use again), draperies, and many other items.

Mr. Swan tossed out a few samples of brilliantly colored knitting and asked a guess on what these products might be and what they might be used for.

The answer was that they were knitted paper. Strip-type knitted paper was bound for summer sandal manufacturers, while larger samples were to go to makers of ladies' summer bags, sunhats and for lampshades.

Mr. Swan says the paper isn't hard to knit.

Cora Lee Fabrics, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Craftsputum Yarns, Inc. Jack Cross is secretary-treasurer and Albert Huffstickler is superintendent.

Cora Lee first began pilot operations in a portion of the Craftsputum lunchroom. Later the company leased half the floor space in the former laundry building. Early this year it leased the complete building.

TWO FIRES

City Fireman Ted Gamble reported firemen extinguished two grass fires Saturday, one on York road, the other on Blanton avenue.

Citizens Hear Shelby Group's Ideas Explained

Members of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce heard Mal Spangler, Sr., president of Shelby Chamber of Commerce, outline Monday night tax proposals made to the county board of commissioners which the Shelby group feels will help the county.

ACTION DEFERRED

On request of the endorser, the county board of commissioners deferred action Tuesday morning on proposals of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce to reduce the county's inventory tax valuation, to hold a bond election to provide a water line for the proposed Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant, and to hold an election on the question of levying a two-cent tax to furnish a future fund for furnishing industries with utility lines.

Shelby Chamber officials told the commissioners they were holding another consultation with Pittsburgh officials soon and wanted their reaction to the proposals. The Shelby organization contends the proposals, if adopted, would put the county's tax structure in line with neighboring states.

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Whammy Take Fee Is Waived

Attorney George Thomasson, fee basis city solicitor, helped the city of Kings Mountain pay for its "whammy" in the first three days of its operation here.

Mr. Thomasson and Mayor Glee A. Bridges confirmed they made an agreement that the solicitor would receive no fee on speeders who submitted guilty pleas outside court. This agreement was to be in effect until the "whammy," costing in the neighborhood of \$400 was paid for.

Forty-four persons were caught by the electrical speed timer in the first three days of operation, and the city was returned a gross of \$620.40 on its \$400 investment.

Mr. Thomasson said Wednesday that he understood that he again would receive his fees on submissions after the machine was paid for. The lowest court cost possible under the present scale is \$14.10, of which \$3.50 is earmarked as a solicitor's fee.

The Mayor acknowledged that the city board of commissioners, which set the fee basis pay schedule of the solicitor, had not acted on the agreement to waive fees of Mr. Thomasson.

Among the 44 speeders arrested and submitting at \$4.10 each were: E. D. Moore, George Ervin Brown, Thurman Ramsey, William D. Ivey, Thomas O. McCurry, Christopher Parker, George A. Mitchell, Austin Lee Bumgardner, Benjamin F. Moomaw, Jr., Hattie Lee Patterson, William W. McDowell, Joan Carroll, William Byars, Max Dean Eaker, Harold S. Falls, Billy H. Greene, Lillie B. Whitworth, Jessie O. Barbour, Jack David Carpenter, and Calvin D. Crawford.

Also, James H. Branger, Jet Edward Parker, Hugh M. Neisler, Warren Byars, James D. Stewart, William Paul Allen, Herman Lee Greene, Charles L. Phillips, Larry B. Wilson, Richard K. McMackin, Carl Edward Rhodes, Edward Eugene Kale, Estelle Howe Tessenner, Harold R. Michaels, Margaret Neisler Hunnicutt, J. D. Short, Charles F. Stowe, Carl Mitchell, Kenneth M. McDowell, and William Ralph Mauney.

Member Drive To Be Mapped By C. Of C.

The membership committee of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday night at City Hall at 7:30 to map a membership campaign.

Acting President Dan Weiss said he hoped a fast and comprehensive campaign could be conducted, in order that the organization may be formally completed.

He reported this week that 20 members have paid their dues for 1957.

The organization hopes to obtain a minimum of 150 memberships at \$25 each. Business and industrial firms will be asked to purchase memberships for key officers and employees.

F. R. McCurdy is chairman of the membership committee.

"We hope others interested in the formation of the Chamber of Commerce will attend Monday night's meeting. We want to complete the drive quickly and get fully into business," Mr. Weiss said.

C. D. Fortune Leaving Patrol

State Highway Patrolman C. D. Fortune, who has been assigned to Kings Mountain for the past four years, is resigning from the patrol effective January 31.

Mr. Fortune, a seven-year veteran of the patrol, said he was resigning to become a field safety supervisor for Associated Transport, Inc., and will be based in the company's Roanoke, Va., office.

Sgt. J. B. Kuykendall, who heads the patrol in Cleveland county, said he had not been informed when a replacement for Pfc. Fortune would be named but anticipated a replacement would be assigned about February 1.

Mr. Fortune, an Asheville native, has filled patrol assignments at Asheville, Charlotte, and New Bern. He served in the army with the transportation corps, subsequently held a position with Fruehauf Trailer Company in Florida, and on returning to the patrol was assigned here.

His wife is the former Miss Bernice Fortune of Marion. They have two daughters, ages eight and five. Mr. Fortune said his family would continue to live here in their Wells street residence until accommodations can be obtained in Roanoke.

In a statement on his resignation, Patrolman Fortune said, "I want to thank all of the city and county officials, the officials of both the city and county courts for the fine co-operation I have received while living and working as an officer in Cleveland county. I also thank the officers of the city and county departments."

"We have lived in Kings Mountain four years and we hesitate to leave. We have enjoyed our stay here very much and we thank all our friends and neighbors for making our stay most pleasant. We shall always remember Kings Mountain as a fine place to live."

Several personnel changes in the city schools were listed by Supt. Barnes. These included

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City's "Whammy" Puts Bite On 44



**ADDED DUTIES** — Bruce Thorburn, personnel manager of Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant, has been assigned the added duties and responsibilities of public relations manager of the Bessemer City works.

Lithium Promotes Bruce Thorburn

Lithium Corporation of America, Inc., has named W. Bruce Thorburn public relations officer, of the Bessemer City, North Carolina plant. Mr. Thorburn assumes these duties in addition to those of personnel manager.

Mr. Thorburn, who lives on Waco road, is a native of Greensboro. He graduated from the University of North Carolina. Before joining Lithium Corporation in 1956, he had experience in personnel work with Burlington Industries here and elsewhere.

He has been a popular figure in athletics in the Piedmont area, refereeing football, basketball, and umpiring baseball games.

Mr. Thorburn recently visited the company's Minneapolis, Minn., office in connection with his new duties.

St. Matthew's Council Organized

St. Matthew's Lutheran church council was organized for the coming year at a Monday night meeting.

Named were:

J. E. Herndon, lay chairman, Ben H. Bridges, secretary, L. A. Kiser, treasurer, and James Bennett, financial secretary.

Named committee chairmen were: Otis Falls, Jr., and James Lybrand, evangelism, W. K. Mauney, finance, George Houser and Richard McGinnis, music, Jacob Cooper, parish education, George H. Mauney, property, A. S. Kiser, stewardship, and Carl Finger, usher.

PARK GRACE P-TA

Park Grace school Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock p.m. in the school auditorium.

Beer-Selling Rap Beat In Court; Mahoney Lashes Officer Cornwell

Monday's session of City Recorder's Court saw quite a bit of action in an illegal possession of beer for re-sale charge against Daisy Schenck, local Negress.

Attorney John Mahoney and Officer L. P. Cornwell engaged in a bitter question answer session concerning the circumstances leading up to the arrest of Mrs. Schenck.

Mahoney asked why a search warrant had not been presented when Cornwell took the beer from the Schenck establishment. He was told that the place was a public cafe. However, it was later established that the cafe had been turned into a private club some two or three weeks prior to the raid.

Officer Cornwell testified that he went into the place and asked Mrs. Schenck's husband if there was any liquor around. He

Car Speed-Timer Is Now In Use On City Streets

By BOB HOFFMAN

The "whammy" has made its official appearance in Kings Mountain.

This electrical speed-timing device was used for three days last week and resulted in 44 persons being charged with exceeding in-city speed limits.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and his officers received the device last Thursday and immediately put it into use. Through Saturday the 44 tickets had been written and numbers of motorists warned to slow down.

The officers allowed a person to make 42 miles per hour in the city's 35-mile zones, but anything above 42 resulted in a citation.

"There is no use in coming to city hall to try to get these tickets fixed," Chief Logan said. "We are not fixing any tickets for speeding, and we are stopping anyone and everyone exceeding the speed limit."

Operating on a dry-cell battery, the "whammy" is fool-proof as far as human error is concerned. It can be used to clock speed of cars going in either direction.

If two cars happen to hit the cables at once, the hand on the speed clock continues to move, showing that a true reading has not been taken. This is also true in cases where the person operating the device happens to push the directional lever in the wrong direction.

The two cables used in clocking speed are placed 66 feet apart, an improvement over older models which were about 120 feet and allowed the motorist sufficient braking time to cut speed between the cables.

Measuring the distance carefully, the officers stretch their cables and weight them. One man operates the clock and usually two other police cars are used to stop speeders.

The man operating the clock watches the speed of each car. If a speeder comes by, the clocker radios the police car patrolman the make, color and type of car. The patrolman halts the speeding vehicle and writes out the citation.

Chief Logan said the "whammy" would be used primarily in school and residential sections where reports of speeding cars have been received. He added that the electrical speeding timer was purchased primarily as a result of citizens' complaints about speeding inside the city limits.

"We don't want to arrest anyone for speeding, but it is a habit that a lot of people have gotten into, and one that is going to have to stop. I'm sure anyone who drives at a reasonable rate of speed will have no trouble with the 'whammy,'" Chief Logan reported.

Widow Conveys Railway Stock To Hospital

Mrs. Katherine Falls Frazier, of Statesville, widow of Dr. Oliver Green Falls, late Kings Mountain physician and industrialist, has presented Kings Mountain Hospital a gift valued at more than \$2200 in memory of Dr. Falls.

Receipt of the gift—50 shares of common stock of Southern Railway Company—was announced jointly Wednesday by Dr. W. L. Ramsey, former chief of staff of the hospital, and Grady Howard, hospital business manager.

The stock was priced on the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday morning at \$43.87 per share.

Mr. Howard said the county board of hospital trustees was to meet Wednesday night and would accept the gift formally. He said he anticipated that the trustees would also vote to name the hospital laboratory in memory of Dr. Falls and would use a portion of the gift to purchase immediately a spectro-photometer, with flame attachment, for the hospital laboratory. He said such a machine costs about \$1,000. Robert Gault, laboratory technician, said the machine would greatly improve the hospital's laboratory services. Specifically, Mr. Gault noted, the spectro-photometer would enable the hospital to perform 339 specific laboratory tests, compared to the 44 it can now make with present equipment. In addition, the new machine is regarded as "accurate almost to the point of perfection."

Mrs. Frazier, who had previously memorialized Dr. Falls by equipping a hospital room here, first contacted Dr. Ramsey, then hospital chief of staff and a family friend, concerning memorializing her husband. She forwarded the Southern Railway stock certificate to him this week.

Mr. Howard said Mrs. Frazier told him she felt a gift to the hospital would properly honor Dr. Falls "in view of his keen civic interest in Kings Mountain."

Dr. Falls was born in the El Bethel community on March 7, 1857. He studied medicine in Baltimore, Md., and subsequently practiced in the Cliffside community of South Carolina, near Spartanburg, before returning to Kings Mountain around the turn of the century to found Cora Mills, Inc., which he served as secretary-treasurer and general manager. He never practiced medicine formally after returning here, but Dr. Ramsey and other citizens recall that many times he used his medical training in emergencies. He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church and a Mason. At his death on April 6, 1930, he and his wife lived in the residence now owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gantt.

Mrs. Frazier has resided in Statesville for many years, since her subsequent marriage to the late George B. Frazier.

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