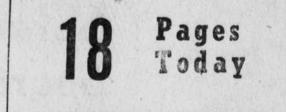
Population

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits

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County Board Ignores Local Group's Bond Protest Local News Lee Roberts To Seek Mayor Post Grover Citizens Oppose Utilities

Bulletins

P.TA MEETING Park Grace P-TA will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock p.m. at the school auditorium, according to announcement by Mrs. George Stroupe, publicity chairman.

MOOSE MEETING

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular Thursday night meeting at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, according to an announcement.

IN HONOR GROUP

Douglas Wilson and Willard Upchurch, both of Kings Mountain, were recently inducted as new members in Gardner Webb college's honor society, the Marshall Club, New members were elected by the faculty on a basis of scholarship, charactor personality, and sedvice.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totalled \$192.80, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported. In-cluded were \$153.15 from onstreet meters and \$39.65 from, Cherokee Street lot meters.

ON DEAN'S LIST

CULLOWHEE-Kenneth Sherrill Spears, of Kings Mountain, has been named to the Dean's list at Western Carolina college. Students selected for this honor rate high in scholarship, character, personality and ef-fective participation in campus activities.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Robert Littlejohn has earned a position on the Dean's list just released for the winter quarter at King's college in Charlotte. He has completed the business administration course and has been placed in an accounting position with Nu-Way Business Service.

Funeral Rites Are Conducted For Mrs. Ellerbe

10,320

7,206

Funeral services for Mrs. Jose-phine McCall Ellerbe, 83, a Kings Mountain citizen for the past 20 years, were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from First Presbyterian church, of which she

was a member. A native of Darlington, S. IC., Mrs. Ellerbe died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of a son, Clarence M. Ellerbe, at Walterboro, S. C. Mrs. Ellerbe had been in apparent good health and was expecting to return home the afternoon of her death. She resided here with a daughter, CANDIDATE-J. Lee Roberts an-Mrs. W. T. Weir and Mr. Weir. nounced this week he will be a Mrs. Ellerbe was a daughter of the late William Ellison and Josephine Milling McCall and the widow of Edward Benjamin El-and Garland E. Still, former

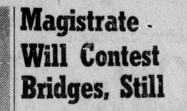
letbe, who died in 1930. She was mayor. a member of the Thursday Alfternoon Book Club. Surviving, in addition to her son in Walterboro and her daughter here, are five children, Edward B. Ellerbe, Jr., Huntington, W. Va., W. B. Ellerbe, Sanford, Fla., Mrs. W. F. Shaw, Charlotte,

Discussion Mrs. Paul B. Fry, Albemarle, and Mrs. J. H. Bryan, Palatka, Fla. Also surviving are nine grand-children and one great-grandchild. The final rites were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor. Burial was at Grove Hill cemetery. Darlington.

Pallbearers were L. Arnold Kitist. ser, Paul Mauney, Sam Weir, Eugene Roberts, Marriott Phifer and

Luther Cansler. tal society, and Dr. C. C. Diercks, member of the society's house of **Plonk Returned** delegates, will discuss fluoridating public water supplies and **Stolen \$3,500** floor concerning the subject.

begin at 7:15 and Dr. Baker is-C. S. Plonk, Kings Mountain sued an invitation to the public Elizabeth Sapock, of Grover. They business man who lost \$12,700 in to attend the meeting. cash in the robbery of his home



J. Lee Roberts, Kings Mountain barber and Number 4 township magistrate, announced this week he will be a candidate for mayor at the May 14 election.

He will oppose Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who seeks a third two-year term, and former Mayor Garland E. Still, who served one term from 1951-53.

Mr. Roberts had not yet posted his filing fee at City Hall early Wednesday afternoon. However he had purchased advertising space in the Herald to set forth an eight - point platform and had

FILING DEADLINE

Monday is the last day to file for city or school district elective office in the May 14 elec. tion. Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said all citizens who expect to seek public office next month should pay the \$5 filing fee in person at city hall not later than 4:30 p.m. Monday. That is the hour the city office closes.

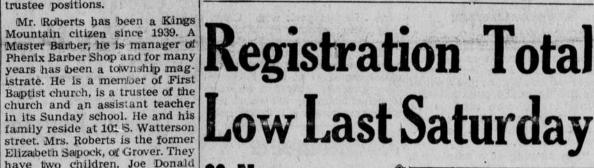
given the Herald a formal statement announcing his candidacy. Fluoridation of the city drink-

Mr. Roberts' was the only indiing water will be the subject of cated new entry in the May 14 brief talks and a subsequent election which finds contests for all city elective positions, though day night meeting of the Kiwanis none for the two elective school club, it was announced by Dr. R. trustee positions.

N. Baker, Kings Mountain den-Mr. Roberts has been a Kings Dr. Ralph D. Coffey, president elect of the North Carolina Denistrate. He is a member of First Baptist church, is a trustee of the will answer questions from the church and an assistant teacher in its Sunday school. He and his The talks and open forum will family reside at 101 S. Watterson street. Mrs. Roberts is the former have two children, Joe Donald Roberts, a senior at The Citadel, 30 Negroes have two children, Joe Donald



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY - Gaston Center for Handicapped Children broke ground Thursday for its new building on Dallas-Cherryville highway, and present were many of the children who have been attending the school, the school officials and directors, and representatives of the Gaston county commissioners. Pictured, 800 to 1,000 persons. Decision on left to right, are Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, Becky Hill and Douglas Thorburn, students at the school, Mr. Thorburn, and Brown Baird, administrator. Mr. Thorburn, of Kings Mountain, a director of the center, said yesterday that workers are being invited to volunteer their services in beginning construction of the walls. Volunteer workers are being asked to meet Saturday at the site to begin the work.



Kings Mountain, **Aid To Industry**

The county board of commissioners Tuesday adopted a resolution calling a \$415,000 water and sewer bond election for June 8 in spite of strong protest against the action by a delegation of Kings Mountain and Grover citizens.

The comments during the hearing were sometimes tart and indicated an open break between the thinking of some members of the delegation and County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgard-

ner, of Kings Mountain. W. K. Mauney, Kings Mountain industrialist, organized the delegation for which Attorney J. R. Davis was the chief spokesman. Mr. Davis voiced objections to the proposal "on general principle". The Kings Mountain attorney contended that the county, if it furnishes water and sewer line funds for an industry, must by

rights also furnish septic tanks and water systems for farmers. The proposed bond issue, which will be put to county - wide vote

for decision, is earmarked to supply water and sewer lines to the proposed multi - million dollar plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. The glass firm has tapped a site near Shelby for a fibre. glass plant which would employ whether to build the plant is expected next fall.

Also present at the session were representatives of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce which is urging passage of the bond issue and, in fact, is responsible for the recently enacted legisla. tion empowering counties to

build water and sewer lines. The commission also designat-ed A. W. (Buck) Archer and Charles Heath, two Shelby citi-zens, to bring a friendly test case before the state Supreme Court to Frankfurt, and Casablanca, determine validity of the new Col. Reilly outlined the a legislation.

Worth Morris, one of the of most countries of the Middle Chamber of Commerce represen- East and listed the area's importatives, rebutted Mr. Davis with tance as hinging on the fact it the statement that, "It's not the has 75 percent of the world's oil reserves. He noted too that re Commissioner Bumgardner told ligious impacts are heavy, citing the delegation he had been "for the historic hatred between Arab the Pittsburgh development all and Jew and the fact that the the time and am in no position Middle East is the spiritual home of majority of the world's popu-Mr. Bumgardner told the dele- lation. He defended the Eisenhower doctrine for the Middle East and noted that Russia will continue to make trouble in the area if the United States relaxes its vigil. ing personal. I still like you and "We must continue to work for peace through negotiation," the colonel declared.



SPOKE TO LIONS - Col. James E. Reilly, commander of the Charlotte air force reserve center, addressed members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. He discussed the Middle East situation.

Mid-East Policy Is Supported

An Air Force colonel, commander of the Charlotte Air Reserve center, thinks the nation "is moving to the black side of the ledger on its Middle East policy".

Col. James E. Reilly addressed members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, outlined background information on the importance of the Middle East to the United States and also listed some of the problems facing this nation in keeping

peace in the Middle East. Col. Reilly spoke on a program arranged by Hal S. Plonk, Air Force reserve major, attached to the 9940th air reserve squadron.

The colonel spoke against a

Col. Reilly outlined the abject poverty and concurrent royal rule

CENTRAL P-TA

Central school Parent-Teacher association will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the school auditorium, it was announced by Bruce Thorburn. Officers will be elected for the coming year and the program will be presented by the eighth grade glee club.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Kings Mountain hospital will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday evening at 8 p.m., according to announcement by Mrs. Wanza Davis.

TWO FIRES

Kings Mountain Fire department answered two calls Monday, according to C. D. Ware, city fireman. The first call was answered around 1:55 p.m., to a residence on Broad street, where an oil stove had ignited. The second call was answered around 6:35 p.m. to extinguish a blaze that had ignited in a Joy Cream truck. No damages were reported.

School Census To Be Launched

Future Teachers of America will conduct a school census survey beginning this weekend.

school students, all members of Commissioners unanimously a-the FTA, will work in teams of greed to accept the Foote offer two in compiling the information of an 8.8-acre site in exchange on all Kings Mountain residents for the site the city now uses to up to 20 years of age. Ordinarily, he noted, the census does not in- way 26 on motion of Commissionclude babies and youths below to determine potential numbers of students for future years.

clude name of person, date of bids for the job of installing 1,000 marital status, along with final Goforth street. grade completed and year schooling ended, either through graduation or otherwise.

state law requires all persons to er W. G. Grantham made the moprovide information for school tion to accept the Spangler bid, seconded by Commissioner Elli-

He said the FITA anticipates completing the census - taking in approximately two weeks, Only white persons will be interviewed. \$7 to \$10 on motion of Commis-City Clerk Joe MdDaniel. He said the FITA anticipates

several months ago, was returned \$3,500 of this amount by action of Judge J. C. Rudisill in Oleveland Superior Court April 17. Carried over from the January term of court, the question of return of the money was technical. In January, a woman robbed of

vis explained, the money would have been awarded to Mr. Plonk

in January, but the law required

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the trial.

or both robberies.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk.

structure \$70,000 by the same thieves had The club will convene for dincontended the \$3,500 found in the ner at the Woman's club at 6:45. ossession of the thieves had be-



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Kiwanis To Hear

open forum session at the Thurs-

Fluoridation

a ten - day waiting period for appeal by the Smithfield woman. Steve Canpenter, of East No appeal was filed and last school and Judy Watterson, of Wednesday's action was techni-Patterson Grove school, will carry Kings Mountain area's colors in Charlotte Friday night as 23 The two men drew prison terms of North Carolina's young spellers meet in Charlotte for the reg-Mrs. C. S. Plonk had identified ional finals in the Charlotte Obthe money stolen in testimony at server's third annual Spelling

Also returned were diamond Winner of the contest will repvedding rings owned by Mrs. J. resent this area in the National B. Plonk, a daughter-in-law of

instead of a 50-foot street.

Present for the meeting were

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City Board Swaps Off Dump Site, **Ups City Election Officials' Pay**

The city board of commission- sioner Collins, seconded by Comers, in special session Thursday missioner Ledford, and voted to night, accepted a deed from Foote oil the city streets as soon as pub. Bids Received lic works superintendent G. C. Mineral company for a new dump Laiwson Brown, high school prin-cipal announced Wednesday. Mr. Brown said that 56 h igh Goforth street. Yelton advises. In other action 1) Voted to n In other actions, the board:

1) Voted to make curb, gutter, and sidewalk installations on Spruce street from Lake to Carpenter streets, on two blocks of day on 11-plus miles of grading Maple street, on Gaston street dump the city's refuse on Highfrom East Gold to Kemp streets, and on Mountain View street er Paul Ledford, seconded by south from Kemp street, when school age, but the school seeks Commissioner Sam Collins. The funds are available and in line with previous petitioners. Com-missioner T. J. Ellison's motion city's old site totalled 3.83 acres. Spangler Concrete Company's

Information to be asked by the bid of \$1.80 per lineal foot, or was see high school census - takers in- \$1,800, was the lowest of three Collins. was seconded by Commissioner clude name of person, date of bids for the job of installing 1,000 2) Accepted request of Crescent birth, birthplace, race, sex and feet of curb and gutter on North Hill Development Company for a slight change in location of street right . of - way previously 'A. P. Warlick's bid on the job deeded to the city. was \$1.86 per lineal foot and Ded-Mr. Brown pointed out that \$2.20 per lineal foot. Commission-3) Tabled request of B. D. Ratterree for acceptance of a 40-foot street on Goforth street extension

Kings Mountain will vote on and Beth Roberts, a high school the question of fluoridating the senior. city's water supply on May 14.

Mr. Roberts' statement follows: Proponents contend the city could thereby assure better teeth for its children. Opponents con-

made a decision which has not been an easy one. That is to offer careful deliberation and prayerful consideration. I have no funds day.

Registered "At the request of friends and supporters in our city, I have In Ward 5

Registration books for the May myself as a candidiate for mayor. 14 city election were open Satur-This decision was made after day for the first time, but none of the registrars reported a busy

with which to buy votes or wage In Ward 5, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, a campaign. Friends and sup-Jr., reported that 42 names were porters have stated they would added to the books, including contribute some for cards and ad. names of 30 Negro citizens and vertising, of which I am deeply 12 white citizens. She also report. grateful for. I also wish to say ed eight transfers. In Ward 5, that I have no feeling except that Rev. S. T. Cooke, a Negro, seeks which is good toward the other election as commissioner. He is two candidates, both of whom I the first Negro to seek public ofconsider to be personal friends. fice here. I also want to say that I am not

In Ward 1, Clarence Black, regaligned with any other candidate istrar, reported three transfers or group of candidates and I will from other wards and no new not make any remarks of a pernames added to the registration sonal nature against any candibooks. The Herald was unable to date: Further, no city employee who is performing his or her duties efficiently and if there is no Mrs. Ruth Bowers, registrar in disunity nor discord prevailing in ward 3, and E. O. White, registhat particular case need have

trar in ward 4. Pollbooks will be open Saturpromise I make if elected mayor day and the following Saturday is to serve everyone regardless of for inscription of new names of to another. Registration books are

The election organization has of a Ward 4 vacancy. E. O. White has replaced 'Mrs. Ralph Hullender as Ward 4 registrar.

and structures on a double-lane Ward 2 - City Hall. addition to the Kings Mountain cery (Phenix Store). Low bids reported by the com Manufacturing Company club-

Roadway, Burns & Epangler, of Company Jobby. Structures, Dickerson, Inc., of

TO ILLINOIS

Building removal, Sheets & Hardin, of West Jefferson, \$24,-The addition of the double-lane will make U. S. 74 between

here and Shelby a four-lane boulevard.

Shelby highway (U. S. 74).

mission were:

300.

Shelby, \$244,528.

Monroe, \$118,071.82.

no fear of losing their jobs if I

am elected mayor. The only

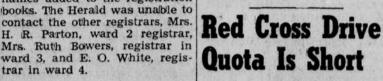
It is anticipated the low bids will be accepted and that work on the addition will begin soon. highway officials have indicated

Handicapped Child? Notify B. N. Barnes

City school officials are seeking information on any children, either presently of school age or pre-school age, who are either mentally or physically handicapped.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent, announced he has an appointment with Felix Barker, of the State Department of Public Instruction, on May 9, to discuss the matter of special remedial teaching aid for handicapped dhildren.

The state department furnishes special teachers for remedial work where the number of children needing special work justifies it, Mr. Barnes said. Parents of handicapped children should contact Mr. Barnes' office.



Kings Mountain citizens have contributed \$3,667.41 of a \$5,864 quota in the annual fund drive appeal for the Red Cross.

J. C. Bridges, Kings Mountain chairman of the drive, said the chapter is over \$2,000 short of its 1957 goal and urged area perbeen completed, with the filling sons who had not contributed to

butions to the chapter or to work. ers in the campaign.

asked to make reports as soon

room Ward 5 - Victory Chevrolet

Rev. James B. McLarty, pas-tor of Central Methodist church, left Tuesday for Great Lakes, Ill., for two - weeks training duty with the navy assigned to a supervisory chaplain's seminar at ninth naval district headquarters. Before

returning here on May 10, he will attend a meeting of the National Military Chaplain's association in Chicago. farmer who is complaining." to back up now."

gation. "I have a double obligation, to the county as a whole, as well as to my constituents from Number 4 and Number 5 townships. If we disagree, it's noth-

hope you like me.' Chamber of Commerce and county officials told the delegation that the location of the Pitts burgh plant in the county would in the end, cost the county nothing, and would eventually pare tax rates rather than raise them. It was noted that Pittsburgh would pay an estimated \$65,000 county tax bill in its second year in the county.

Mal Spangler, Shelby realtor, commented, "It's just a good investment for the county.

Kings Mountain and Grover textile men complained that the county had not aided them in obtaining water and sewer facilities, and they felt it unfair, as old citizens, to pay taxes to bring in a new industrial citizen.

Other contentions in the discussion included statements that 600 autos are transporting Shelby citizens daily to other places of employment and that many citizens in the Casar area are employed in Lincolnton and Hick-

ory the drive to forward their contri- Shelby Chamber of Commerce would aid Kings Mountain and he had no interest in abrogating any other community in obtain-Workers in the drive are being ing new payrolls and Zeb V.

(Continued On Page Ten) as possible to the drive chairman.

Chamber Of Commerce Delegation Confers With Industrial Prospect

A Chamber of Commerce dele- | zens would construct an air-congation visited Salisbury Tuesday ditioned building of 18,000 square priation. and conferred with a textile firm | feet of floor space. He added that

which has indicated interest in the president expects to visit establishing a new plant in Kings Kings Mountain soon to inspect Mountain. the community. "Our information from other

Representing the Chamber of Commerce were Fred W. Plonk, financially reliable," Mr. Plonk W. K. Mauney, Dan Weiss, and said. F. R. McCurdy, The operation would be the

Mr. Plonk reported that the making of apparel and would management of the firm, which employ mostly women, probably makes apparel, reiterated its in- with a beginning figure of 80, tention to expand and to locate the firm had previously told in Kings Mountain if local citi- Chamber of Commerce officials.

Whitener Flays Administration

Congressman Basil L. Whitener. of Gastonia, was in Kings Moun. tain Tuesday chatting with friends on their ideas of Congres. sional action and otherwise ren-

dering service to constituents. Mr. Whitener jested at the ad. ministration for its record peace. time budget proposal. "Looks like we should at least make 'em cut it down to less than a wartime bud. get," he commented.

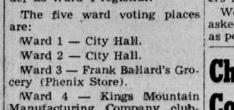
Mr. Whitener also expounded on the administration's efforts to raise interest rates on GI loans, which Mr. Whitener opposes.

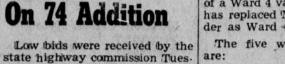
"If we want to abrogate the whole Serviceman's Readjust. ment Act," then we can let veterans pay the same interest rates as are allowed under the FHA financing of houses," the Congress. man commented. He added that ,

the act. Mr. Whitener also commented on the postal deficit. He remarked to City Carrier Wiley Blanton, "We're wanting you to have a new boss." Mr. Whitener noted that Postmaster General Summerfield has made great protests about getting the postal service on a break-even basis, then proceeded to over-spend his budget and demand a deficiency appro-

SPEAKER

Rev. C. E. Murray, associate pastor of First Methodist church in Gastonia, will deliver the Sunday morning message here at Central Methodist church at 11 o'clock. Mr. Murray is the brother of Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg and Boyer Murray, both of Kings Mountain. No evening service will be held while the pastor, Rev. J. B. Mc-Larty, is in Illinois.





the best of my ability."

open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m.

his race, creed, or color or his or voters and for the handling of her position or station in life to transfers from one ward residence