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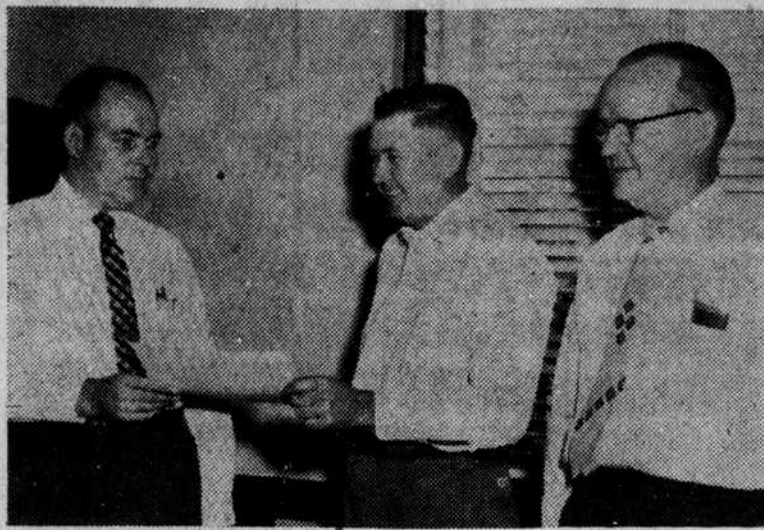
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**AWARD PRESENTED GORDON**—Yates Gordon, fireman-laborer at Kings Mountain post office, is pictured center as he was presented a certificate for superior achievement in discharging his duties. Postmaster Charles Alexander, left, makes the presentation as Assistant Postmaster George B. Hord looks on.

(Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Local News Bulletins

### HOLIDAY NOTICE

Since Monday, September 2, is a National holiday, representatives from the Gaston social security office will not visit the City Hall in Kings Mountain on that date. The next scheduled visit will be September 16th.

### ARP SPEAKER

Mrs. T. Clyde Brown, of Charlotte, president of the Women's Synodical of the ARP church, will address the Women's Society of Boyce Memorial ARP church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### KIWANIS PICNIC

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and their families will enjoy a picnic dinner, served by women of Oskdale Presbyterian church Thursday night. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

### HOSPITALIZED

Capt. Robert G. (Bd.) Cox, army air force, is a patient at Portsmouth, Va., naval hospital for observation and treatment. Capt. Cox is ambulatory, his father Frank Cox, reports.

### REVIVAL SERIES

Evangelistic services are scheduled to begin September 8 at Second Baptist church, with Rev. D. W. Digh, pastor of Shelby's Bethel Baptist church, to conduct the series. Services will be nightly at 7:30 p. m.

### KINDERGARTEN

Jack and Jill Kindergarten classes will open for the fall term Tuesday morning, September 3, according to Mrs. Coman Falls, kindergarten director. Mrs. Nell Cranford is assistant director.

### AT CONVENTION

Gene Timms, manager of Timms Stop-n-Shop, has returned from Columbus, Ohio, where he was among Westinghouse dealers in selling in the South Eastern division who were invited to Ohio to visit the largest Westinghouse factory. The convention began on Sunday. Mr. Timms returned here Tuesday.

### FIRES

Kings Mountain City Firemen answered two calls Friday. The first call was answered at 8:45 a. m. to the residence of Fred Wright, Jr., to extinguish a hay which had ignited. The other call was answered around 4:10 p. m. to extinguish an auto fire on W. Ridge street.

### ASSUMES DUTIES

Ernest Sewell will assume duties as manager of Diane 29 Drive-In Theatre Monday. The Diane 29 Drive-In was recently leased by Consolidated Theatres, Inc., of Charlotte.

### X-RAY UNIT

Cleveland county mobile X-ray unit will be in Kings Mountain Tuesday in front of Bell's Department Store during the hours of 10 and 12 noon and 1 to 4 o'clock p. m.

### FAIRVIEW LODGE

Special communication of Fairview Lodge 339 A. F. & A. M. will be held September 2 for the conferring of the Third Degree. D. C. Wright of Mooresboro will act as master.

### DISCHARGED

J. Lee Roberts, Kings Mountain barber, was discharged Monday from Kings Mountain hospital where he had been receiving treatment for two weeks for a fractured pelvis bone.

## Yates Gordon Commended For Good Work

Yates Gordon, Kings Mountain Post Office employee, received a certificate of superior achievement in a ceremony held at Kings Mountain Post Office Friday.

Mr. Gordon has been employed at Kings Mountain Post Office since August 16, 1940, in the capacity of fireman-laborer.

Postmaster Charles Alexander, who presented the award to Mr. Gordon, along with Assistant Postmaster George Hord, said Mr. Gordon was the first Kings Mountain Postal employee ever to receive the award, and one of the few throughout the nation.

Mr. Alexander said the award was bestowed upon Mr. Gordon for the manner in which he had discharged his duties.

Mr. Alexander also said Mr. Gordon, over the past years, has received several letters of commendation from high post office officials for the manner in which the grounds and post office have been maintained.

Mr. Gordon is a native of Kings Mountain. He and his wife, reside at 701 Battleground avenue.

## Powell Bill Nets City \$32,515

The city of Kings Mountain will receive \$32,515.30 as its share of the 1957 Powell Bill fund for municipal streets, Kings Mountain's total is an increase of \$504 above the amount received last year.

Kings Mountain's share of the \$6,477,032 Powell fund kitty, was derived on basis of 35.45 miles of city-maintained streets.

Other local area communities qualifying include Grover, to receive \$2,505.34 on basis of 2.82 miles of town-maintained streets, and Waco, which will receive \$1,673.39 on basis of 1.71 miles of city-maintained streets.

## Miss Hambright's Final Rites Held

Funeral services for Miss Edith Hambright, 76, of Grover, were held Sunday at 4:30 p. m. from Grover's Shiloh Presbyterian church, interment following in the Grover cemetery.

Miss Hambright succumbed Saturday morning in Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack on Friday. A native of Grover, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Alfred Frederick and Sara Deal Hambright and was a direct descendant of Colonel Frederick Hambright.

An active member of the DAR and the Shiloh Presbyterian church, Miss Hambright was the sister of the late Charles, B. P., J. F., and Miss Mamie Hambright. Final rites were conducted by Rev. Trent Howell, Jr., Rev. Park Moore, and Dr. J. T. Dendy.

Palbearers were Sam Strain, M. I. Hardin, Roy Houser, Fred Cockrell, Dean Hope, Preston Goff, Franklin Harry, and Bill Harry.

## Mrs. Murphey's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Mrs. Helen Gregory Murphey, 81, who died Wednesday night after an illness of several weeks, were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Presbyterian church.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, Dr. E. C. Cooper, and Rev. H. C. Mooney officiated, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Murphey, daughter of the

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# Lithium Corporation Upping Pay Scale

## Area Schools Will Open Next Week

### New Wage Scale To Be Effective On September 1

## Grover School Term Opening On Labor Day

Grover school in the county system will open for the 1957-58 term Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Principal James C. Scruggs said he anticipated an enrollment of 550 students, up slightly over last year's enrollment.

Mr. Scruggs also noted that a new Grover plant addition will be occupied for the first time. The addition includes eight classrooms, a health room and office. The students will also be using a new dressing room and a new lunchroom.

A short schedule will be observed Monday and the lunchroom will open on Tuesday.

Mr. Scruggs said a pre-opening teachers meeting for the 19-member faculty will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He also said first and second grade teachers will be available from 2 to 3:30 p. m. to accept student fees. Required fees total \$1.75 per pupil, while accident insurance is optional at an additional \$1.50 per pupil.

Three new faculty members will be on the Grover staff. They are Mrs. Carolyn Roark and Miss Sara Cooksey, both of Blacksburg, S. C., and Wilbur Kiser, of Shelby.

Following are the elementary school faculty assignments: Mrs. Elizabeth C. McGill and Mrs. Edith Robert Long, first grade; Mrs. Nell W. Bliser, and Mrs. Patsy Whitesides, second grade; Mrs. Carolyn P. Roark, third grade; Mrs. Dessie Cox, third and fourth combination; Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, fourth grade; Miss Aline Mullinex, fourth and fifth combination; Miss Piccola Blalock, fifth grade; Wilbur Kiser and Miss Dorothy McCraw, sixth grade; Miss Sara Cooksey and Miss Lovell Ellis, seventh grade; Mrs. Margaret Crocker, eighth grade.

The high school faculty includes: Mrs. Theresa Holt, science and home economics; Paul Ham-bright, agriculture; Preston Holt, social studies and physical education; Miss Lillian Quinn, English; and Principal Scruggs, mathematics.

## Hartsoe Rites Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Gus Buren Hartsoe, 51, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Second Baptist church, military burial rites following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Hartsoe died Thursday, after an illness of nine months. A native of Cleveland county, he was the son of Mrs. Lillie Hartsoe, who survives, and the late Edward Hartsoe. A former professional baseball pitcher, he coached the American Legion baseball team here in 1956. He was an employee of Craftsman Yarns and a Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Cora Gladden Hartsoe, a son, Gus Hartsoe, Jr., Kings Mountain, five daughters, Mrs. Edgar Dobbins, Mrs. Euell Smith, Mrs. Ben Soms, Jr., and Miss Linda Hartsoe, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Roy Smith, of Winston Salem, two brothers, Wilford and Tom, both of Kings Mountain, and three sisters, Mrs. P. L. Mayhew, Cherryville, Mrs. Mary Mauney, Gastonia, and Mrs. John Hullen, der, Kings Mountain. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Rites were conducted by Rev. Howard Cooke, Rev. J. W. Phillips, and Rev. W. E. Lankford.

## Retailers Plan Labor Day Holiday

Kings Mountain's Labor Day observance next Monday will be a work day for most, a holiday for major portion of the business community.

Majority of business firms will close for the day, including barber shops, retail firms, and financial firms. City offices will be closed, as will the state employment service branch and the post office.

Majority of industrial firms, including the Kings Mountain Herald, will operate on regular schedule.

The merchants will be closed next Wednesday afternoon as usual.



**FOOTE OFFICIALS GREET GUESTS**—L. G. Bliss, of Philadelphia, president of Foote Mineral Company, Manager Neil Johnson, center, and Personnel Manager Ben H. Goforth, Jr., right, are pictured at the newly completed Foote Mineral office Saturday as they greeted employees and their families during the weekend open house festi-

ties. More than 550 employees, their families and others attended the Saturday open house and plant tour, and approximately 2,000 persons inspected the spodumene mining operation at the open house for the public on Sunday afternoon.

(Photo by Willis Studio)

# Knife-Wielder Bound Over, Alford Freed In Wreck Case



**GETS DEGREE**—Miss Louise Gladden, of Kings Mountain, received a bachelor of science degree Thursday from Appalachian State Teacher's College at Boone.

## Louise Gladden Receives Degree

Miss Louise Gladden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gladden, was graduated magna cum laude last Thursday from Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone.

Miss Gladden received the B. S. degree in education of the acoustically handicapped. She will be a member of the faculty of the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton where she had worked for two years.

## Miss Barber Died Wednesday

Miss Abbie Linton Barber, 57, died Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 p. m. at her home on Grover road following an illness of three months.

A native of Cleveland county, Miss Barber was a daughter of the late Beatty Goforth and Mary Wells Barber. She was a member of First Baptist church.

Surviving are four brothers, O. A. Barber, Cline Barber, and Broadus Barber, all of Westminster, Carroll Barber, of Charlotte, three sisters, Mrs. L. M. Logan, Mrs. Alvin Yarbro, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. R. L. Hartley, of Lenoir, and a foster niece, Mrs. Catherine Spearman.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday, but the funeral will probably be Friday. Burial will be in Bethlehem church cemetery.

## Mayes Pleads Guilty, Gets Suspension

"No probable cause" was found in the preliminary hearing of Leon Harmon Alford, High Point truck driver in the July 18 wreck in which Dorus Bess, Negro employee of Foote Mineral Company, was killed instantly.

James Mullins, Gastonia attorney, represented Alford and pressed that the case be heard, even though part of the state's witnesses were absent.

Police Chief Hugh A. Logan and a Kings Mountain Negro boy by the name of Wiggins were supposed to have appeared for the state, but at trial time Logan was out of town on vacation and Wiggins could not be located.

Mullins contended that, even though Logan was away, the other investigating officer, Sergeant H. L. Gladden, could not testify to anything other than what was contained in the accident report.

John Mahoney represented the prosecution for the state, and pointed out that skid marks started at a point 27 feet from the impact point. The Bess car was approximately 27 feet from the impact point and the truck was approximately 51 feet from the Watterson-King traffic signal light.

Phillip Bess, son of the wreck victim and passenger in the car, said he and his father were driving south on Waterson street, had a green light, proceeded to cross, and were hit by the Roadway Express truck driven by Alford.

White handed down the "no probable cause" judgment on the grounds that no culpable negligence was displayed on Alford's part.

Dewey Stokes Mayes pled guilty to charges of reckless driving and failure to stop for a stop sign which resulted in a collision with a 1956 Ford driven by Mrs. Emma Wallace at the intersection of Dilling and Parker streets.

The details of the accident, which occurred August 3, was reviewed by Mrs. Wallace, who said that she was driving south on Dilling street and was struck by the Mayes vehicle when she was crossing the intersection of Dilling and Parker.

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## City, Park Grace Schools Opening Tuesday Morning

All Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school in the county system will open for the 1957-58 term Tuesday morning at 8:30.

Half-day schedules will be observed opening day, with full schedules in force Wednesday. Lunchrooms at the respective schools will be in operation Wednesday.

Both B. N. Barnes, city superintendent, and Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Park Grace principal, reported faculties complete for opening day. Supt. Barnes announced election of two elementary teachers to complete the city schools faculty. They are Miss Louise Kendrick, of Grover, former teacher in Leaksville city school, and Mrs. Treva Morgan, Kings Mountain, former teacher in High Point's Allen Jay school.

Teacher's meeting will be held Monday. Park Grace teachers will convene at 10 a. m., while city schools teachers will convene at Central at 10:30. City schools teachers will hold divisional meetings at the respective schools in the afternoon. Teachers in the white schools will hold a covered dish dinner at noon at Central cafeteria, a function of the local unit of the North Carolina Education association.

Supt. Barnes called attention to the fact that out-of-district pupils who wish to attend city schools and who did not attend city schools last year must obtain release from the board of education for the district in which they reside. In turn, the pupils must apply for admission to city district schools. Largest effected group will be out-of-district children entering the first grade.

Mr. Barnes also called attention to a phrasing error in the Herald's August 22 account of pupil school assignments which altered the intent of the assignment statement. The correct phrasing follows:

"Children grades 1-6 living on Railroad Avenue north of the Gaston Street intersection, Clinton Drive, Hill Street, Gillespie Street, Baker Street, east side of Railroad, Cherry Street, Bennett Drive, First Street, Second Street, Cleveland Avenue and east of Cleveland Avenue, Owens Street, Bennett Street, Floyd Street, York Road and all territory east of York Road who have been attending or have registered at Central School, West School, or North School are assigned to East School."

Mr. Barnes said he still anticipates overloads in West school's first and third grades, invites volunteers to attend other schools.

Following is the city schools faculty:

Central: Lawson Brown, principal. Elementary: Billy G. Bates, Mrs. Macie L. Covington, Mrs. Dorothy H. Finger, Miss Louise Kendrick, Miss Marie Linneberger, Mrs. Juanita M. Logan, Mrs. Jeanette L. Mann, Mrs. Eliza-

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## Grover Arthritic Mrs. Everett Plays Organ Friends Help Buy

Mrs. Charles A. Everett, Grover woman crippled for 20 years with arthritis, says she's "proud" of the new Hammond Chord organ her Grover neighbors have helped acquire.

The small musical instrument, designed for the handicapped, can be played with the use of a finger on each hand. The organ is being used by Mrs. Everett in one-night-a-week church service she holds at her home on Thursdays.

Grover citizens donated the down payment, and Mrs. Everett herself furnishes the monthly installments from money she earns via magazine subscription selling via telephone.

A citizen of Grover for 40 years, Mrs. Everett admits quickly that she is a "busy invalid." Bad health has kept her from returning to former duties as a school teacher and church worker. However, her subscription work for various magazines brings her in contact with many people. Mrs. Everett reports she's called down the Shelby and Kings

Lithium Corporation of America, North Carolina operations, with headquarters at Bessemer City, announced this week it is inaugurating a 40-hour work week, concurrent with a wage increase of 13 percent for hourly-rated employees and is also expanding company-paid hospitalization insurance coverage.

The effective date is September 1.

Bruce Thorburn, public relations director for North Carolina operations, said the wage increase will effect 175 to 180 hourly rated employees.

He also commented, "We are particularly proud of the insurance policy which covers our employees." He noted that the increased coverage includes, in addition to the regular comprehensive plan, a diagnostic rider and increased weekly indemnity.

Mr. Thorburn said the average hourly wage had not been completed.

He said his company is glad to be in a position to inaugurate a 40-hour week. "Our employees have worked hard and long hours ever since our firm launched production," he commented.

Lithium Corporation's hourly wage boost is the second in the past ten months. Lithium Corporation upped wages last November 1.

## W. King Job Resurrected

There is likelihood, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday, that the State Highway and Public Works commission may resurrect its former plans to install curb-and-gutter from the hospital entrance to the city's west city limits.

Mayor Bridges said he had conferred with Engineer E. L. Kemper and had been told that the highway commission, which first ordered the project postponed in 1947, had indicated to Mr. Kemper it might proceed.

The project was connected with the improvements to U. S. 74 to Shelby.

The commission asked for engineering estimates, which, Mayor Bridges said, have been forwarded.

## No Parking Planned On Gold South Side

The south side of West Gold street will become off limits to parked automobiles as quickly as signs can be posted, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday.

Mayor Bridges said a poll of residents resulted in a 22-10 vote for one-side parking on W. Gold's north side.

The board of commissioners had authorized the one-side parking with the mayor's poll to determine which side would be restricted.

## Herald Circulation Rates Will Advance

The Kings Mountain Herald will advance in circulation rates effective September 1.

The single copy price will be advanced to 10 cents and the following schedule of mail-delivered rates, payable in advance, will be effective: one year, \$3.50; school-year, \$2.75; six months, \$2; and three months, \$1.25.

It is the first time the Herald has adjusted mail subscription rates since November 1950, and the first time it has raised its single copy price.

Martin Harmon, publisher of the Herald, commented, "It is with regret the Herald finds it necessary to increase circulation prices. However, the continued upward spiral in prices of virtually every product and service used in producing the Herald leaves no choice."

Mr. Harmon noted that newsprint, which cost 4.2 cents per pound in 1945 now costs 9.55 per pound, exclusive of freight charges and that ink, power, machinery, and other supplies have also escalated considerably. Newsprint has increased three times during the past year.

Majority of area newspapers have increased their circulation rates several times in recent years. The Charlotte News now charges 10 cents for its Saturday edition. Many non-daily newspapers in the state long ago raised the single copy price to ten cents.