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## Local News Bulletins

### BENEFIT

Tickets for the benefit card party being sponsored Thursday (tonight) by the Woman's club may be obtained from Mrs. Henry Neisler, project chairman, or any member of the club. Players are requested to furnish cards and tallies. Proceeds will go into the club student fund.

### TO PRESBYTERY

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, John L. McGill, elder, and M. D. Phifer, deacon, represented Boyce Memorial ARP church at a meeting of First Presbyterian Tuesday at Bessemer City Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

### MIXED CHORUS

Six members of the Kings Mountain high school mixed chorus and their director, Charles Ballance, will go to Greensboro Thursday to attend a chorus music festival Thursday and Friday. The group includes Sherry Kelley, Elizabeth Brown, Louise Owens, Polly Page, Jerry Laughter, and Ervin Houser.

### MEN'S RALLY

Men of Kings Mountain Presbyterian church will hold their rally Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at First Presbyterian church, Gastonia. First Presbyterian church here will be represented at the rally.

### CHURCH PROJECT

A fried chicken dinner will be served Saturday from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. at Grace Methodist church. Youth Fellowship hall, it was announced this week by Rev. Leonard Huffstetter, pastor of Penley's Chapel Methodist church. Price will be \$1.25 per plate.

### NOMINATED

Miss Annette Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lawrence, has been nominated to compete for the title of Miss Soft Ball Queen at Kings Business college, Charlotte. Miss Lawrence is a general business major, who enrolled in September, 1957. The Queen is to be elected on the night of the "Soft Ball." She will act as the official hostess for the King's soft ball team for the season.

## Talent Show Set Thursday

Students of West school will participate in a talent show and contest Thursday (tonight) at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The public is being invited to the event which will determine a winner to be entered in the city-wide contest in May being sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

Students representing the grammar grades will participate. Admission is 35 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The contest is being sponsored by the West school P-TA.

## First Baptists To Hear Hudson

Dr. E. V. Hudson, of Lowell, a retired Baptist minister, will conduct services Sunday at First Baptist church, according to an announcement by L. L. Benson, chairman of the church's supply pastor committee.

The pastor, Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, was to complete his duties with the church Wednesday night at the regular monthly congregational meeting.

Dr. Hudson is a former pastor of First Baptist church of Cramerton.

Other members of the supply pastor committee are Arnold W. Kincaid and Ollie Harris.

Mr. Quakenbush resigned recently to accept the pastorate of First Baptist church in Clinton.

## Red Cross Gifts Reach \$4900 Figure

Contributions to the 1958 Red Cross fund drive in Kings Mountain in cash and pledges have reached a total of \$4900, Chairman Paul Walker reported Wednesday.

The total is \$725 shy of the \$5625 quota.

## Patrons Vote To Abolish Split Term

Patrons of Bethware and Compact schools turned out in record numbers Thursday and voted overwhelmingly to abandon the split-term schedule.

Both schools in the county system had been operating on split term session which takes children to school during the summer months and brings a holiday during harvest season.

At Compact school, at least one voter still favored the split term. The vote was 348-1 from a possible vote of 485, Principal L. L. Adams reported. Compact school will be the only county Negro school to be operated on a straight term basis next year.

Bethware patrons, who failed to abolish the split term in a vote last spring because a majority of voting patrons favored the change but insufficient number participated in the voting, voted 273-52 in favor of the straight term schedule to go into effect in September.

In the Thursday voting conducted in three communities in the county, there was one defeat for the advocates of a straight term school year. In Fallston 262 patrons voted against and 201 patrons voted for the straight term.

## Cancer Fund Donations Lag

Annual campaign for funds for the American Cancer Society is underway in Kings Mountain.

Workers have already begun canvassing of the city in the drive which seeks to raise \$2700. Goal of the campaign in Cleveland county is \$18,000.

Lagging campaign collections have made it necessary, drive officials said, to extend the current cancer crusade until next Monday when full reports are expected.

John Warlick, Kings Mountain chairman, invited solicitors to report collection as soon as possible. Co-chairmen of the drive in the county are Charles Heath and Edward Shuford.

Local volunteers were busy this week calling on business firms and individuals. Citizens who may not be contacted and who desire to contribute to the drive should contact Mr. Warlick at C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency.

Drive officials pointed out that failure to reach the goal would mean that staggering demands from local cancer victims would not be met and research just now beginning to make headway in the fight against cancer would be hampered.

## E. W. Blanton Died Tuesday

Edgar Woolly Blanton, 75, died Tuesday morning at 5 a. m. in Kings Mountain hospital following an extended illness.

Mr. Blanton was the son of the late W. B. and Rebecca Wellmon Blanton.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Florence Thomas Blanton, four daughters, Mrs. Varla Henderson, Burlington; Mrs. Marcel Navey, Raleigh; Mrs. Dean Myers, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mrs. Sylvia Doggett, Pensacola, Fla., two sons, Jack Blanton, Burlington, Bill Blanton, Dentura, California, two sisters, Mrs. Sally Fortenberry, Mrs. Lucia Brackett, both of Bessemer City, and 11 grandchildren.

Sisk Funeral Home has charge of arrangements which were in complete Wednesday.

## Baptists Were Voting Wednesday Whether To Consider Compromise

Members of First Baptist church were scheduled to vote at Wednesday night's congregational meeting whether to consider the dissident compromise offer or a split-up of church property.

It was expected that Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush would moderate the meeting in his final official connection with the church. He has resigned to accept a pastorate in Clinton.

Members of both the majority and dissident factions declined to predict whether the church membership would "vote to vote" or would table for future action.

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## Lions To Conduct Annual Broom Sale

### Project Set For Weekend; Blind Benefit

The Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct its annual broom sale for benefit of the blind this weekend.

The Lions are offering two items for sale, one a household broom for \$1.50 and the other a whisk broom at 75 cents. In addition, a limited quantity of heavy commercial brooms are available at \$2.

Richard Barnette and Grady Yelton are serving as co-chairmen of the broom sale.

"We mean to complete our work in one weekend," Mr. Barnette commented, noting that the big sales push would be on Friday afternoon and evening.

As in former years, members of the Lions club will conduct a house-to-house sale on Friday.

Each of the products is manufactured in Greensboro by blind persons, at Greensboro Industries for the Blind. Profits from the sale are used locally to aid children and adults with defective sight.

The following sales assignments have been made:

Lawson Brown and Hal Plonk, Crescent Hill area; Rev. Douglas Fritz and Eugene Timms, Gold Street; J. C. McKinney and Paul Walker, Mountain street; Pete McDaniel and Dr. Nathan Reed, West King street; Odus Smith and W. D. Bennett, Railroad avenue; R. G. Whisnant and Gene Gladden, Piedmont avenue; C. P. Barry and Edwin Moore, Waco Road and cross streets; Ollie Harris, Fulton street; J. W. Webster and Grady Yelton, Linwood area; Baxter Wright and Wilson Crawford, Walker and Parker streets; C. D. Ware and James Jonas, Gaston street; Jacob Cooper, Bonnie Mill; George Houser, Sadie Mill; Carl Mauney and Sam Weir, Mauney Mill; W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Sam Stallings, Mauney Hosiery Mill; Lee Roberts, Phenix Mill.

"We anticipate a successful sale," Mr. Barnette commented. "We have quality products at competitive prices."

## Jaycee Minstrel Ticket Sale Good

Advance ticket sale for Jaycee Minstrels of 1958 is progressing nicely, according to a report by Jaycee Delbert Dixon Wednesday.

This year's show, a revival of a former Jaycee function is scheduled for two nights, May 2 and 3, at Central school auditorium. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the Kings Mountain High School band for purchase and repair of instruments and costumes, which Charles Ballance, band director, says is a dire need.

Gate admission to the event will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Advance tickets, at lower prices, are available from any member of the city schools band or from any member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### NEW MEMBER

Ben Grimes, Jr., superintendent of Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, was inducted Thursday as a member of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The Grimes family resides on W. Mountain street.

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Yates Harbison, a member of the majority faction, said, "Neither group seems too interested in voting on the compromise at this time."

W. T. Weir, member of the dissident faction which opposes building of a new church plant on a new site, said his group had divided opinions on the proposal.

## Pastor Gets Record, Officer On Hand

Against a background of church strife, First Baptist Pastor Aubrey Quakenbush visited a member's house Sunday — with a peace officer accompanying him — to obtain certain Sunday school records.

No search warrants were drawn, Constable Gus Huffstetter reported, and he merely "stood around" while Mr. Quakenbush talked for about ten minutes to Odell Benton, secretary of the First Baptist Sunday school.

The constable said Mr. Benton gave the minister the records and that their nature was not mentioned on the return trip to Kings Mountain from the Benton home.

W. T. Weir, a member of the First Baptist dissident group, said the record was a compilation of numerical records of the Sunday school, including attendance and contributions by departments. No individual records were involved, he added. He said it was in Mr. Benton's province to have the record books, since it was the secretary's duty to compile them.

Constable Huffstetter said city officers had called him and said Mr. Quakenbush had reported certain church records stolen and in the custody of a man outside the city limits. He said he told the minister a search warrant would be needed to obtain them. Mr. Quakenbush, the constable added, then asked him to accompany him without a warrant, which the constable did.

## Mohair Pares Work Schedules

Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company shortened its production schedules in its Kings Mountain plants this week.

Alexander Maino, general manager, said Monday the curtailments are temporary and "because of a seasonal decline in orders."

Both Margrace and Pauline plants were ordered on a three-day work week and the Pauline plant employees, subsequently notified the plant would not operate next week.

Mr. Maino said Wednesday that the suspension would stand barring receipt of orders by Friday. He guessed it might be six weeks before the situation improved, but thought the Pauline plant would operate three days weekly on an alternate week schedule.

Otherwise, textile news was little changed, with a few plants operating on full schedule, others with spotty production situations.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., continued on a two-shift, five-day week schedule. Slater Manufacturing Company was on a week-on, week-off schedule.

L. Arnold Kiser, of Sadie Cotton Mills, reported "business good."

Charles Neisler, of Blackmer and Company, cotton dealers, said inquiries are heavier for cotton, pretending a possible upswing in textiles.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the employment service, said his staff had experienced a "rough week" in taking claims for unemployment compensation.

## School Capital Trips May Be In Jeopardy

The city school may withdraw its sponsorship of annual trips of the senior class to Washington, D. C.

Board of Education Trustee J. R. Davis mentioned it at Monday night's meeting. Remarking that he understood there were instances of bad conduct by members of the group which made the Easter weekend bus trip to the nation's capital, he added, "I don't know whether the reports are correct, but if they are, we should stop the practice."

Supt. B. N. Barnes replied that he didn't think the reports as unpleasant as advertised, and Chairman Fred W. Plonk said he imagined the reports had been expanded and worsened with re-telling. He also said, "You know how youngsters brag."

Consensus of the board members present was to agree with Mr. Davis' contention that the conduct improve or the trips be stopped.

## School Board Elects Faculty; Three Retiring

The city board of education elected faculty members for the 1958-59 term at Monday night's session.

Elected were Miss Alice Avert, city schools teaching supervisor, and all other present members of the city schools faculty, with the exception of six teachers, none of whom were candidates for election.

These included three teachers who had notified Superintendent B. N. Barnes they will retire at the end of the present term. They are Miss Jettie Plonk, East school, Miss Marjorie Hord, West school, and Miss Mattie Gidney, Davidson school.

The school trustees voted unanimously a resolution of appreciation to the retiring teachers.

Others not candidates for election were Miss Julia Abernathy, city schools Bible teacher, Mrs. Marguerite T. Plonk, West school, and Daniel H. Norris, high school teacher of science.

All city schools principals were elected last month.

In other actions the board:

1) Authorized Supt. Barnes and Central Principal Lawson Brown to make arrangements for conducting summer schools, including summer band instruction.

2) Heard a report from Supt. Barnes that it is anticipated the Shelby and county school districts will request the county commissioners to levy a five cents per \$100 valuation increase for school capital outlay funds for the coming year.

3) Took no action on the question of auditorium rental fees for schools other than Central. The board had formerly adopted a scale of fees for the Central auditorium rental of \$12 when heat is required, \$8 during non-heating season.

## Hungry Vandals Break In School

West and Central schools were subjected to pillage by vandals this week, according to police reports. Also hit by the breakers-in was a drink stand in City Park.

The chain of break-ins follow a definite pattern, and it would seem that the parties involved are always hungry.

Buck Bridges, desk sergeant at city police department, said Wednesday that West school was hit Monday night or early Tuesday morning. Nothing was missing, but some windows were broken where the cafeteria was entered. A try by the burglars to light the stove failed and the gas was left on. A few classrooms were entered, but nothing was taken.

Report from the Central school break-in was similar. The school was entered late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, the cafeteria being the favorite spot. Bridges said a box of weiners was opened and partly eaten.

Ten classrooms were entered, as was the principals office, and a small amount of money was taken.

Nine boxes of candy were stolen from the drink stand in City Park, an estimated loss of between eight and nine dollars.

Sgt. Bridges reported that the police department has an idea who broke into the buildings but is not at liberty to divulge any information.

Fingerprints were left by the parties involved, and this should help in the elimination of suspects.

## Lions Nominate For 1958-59

J. C. McKinney, assistant cashier of First National Bank, has been nominated for president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for the year beginning July 1.

Other nominees recommended by the club nominating committee are: Rev. Douglas Fritz, Richard Barnette and Edwin Moore, vice-presidents; Jonas Bridges, secretary; F. A. (Fete) McDaniel, treasurer; B. T. Wright, Sr., Lion tamer; and W. K. Mauney, Jr., tall twister.

Director nominees for two-year terms are Grady Yelton, Charles Ballance and Sam Weir.

Directors with one-year terms remaining are Hal S. Plonk, Lawson Brown and Odus Smith.

Annual club election will be held on May 27.

## Thomasson In House Race; County Office Contests Set



RICHARD (DICK) WARE



GEORGE B. THOMASSON

## Richard Ware Is Candidate For Constable

George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain attorney, added his name to the list of candidates for the Democratic nomination for the North Carolina House of Representatives on Saturday, shortly before the filing deadline.

The Kings Mountain man's entry made the contest a three-man affair. Other candidates are Jack Palmer, Jr., Shelby mortician, and Ernest A. Gardner, Shelby attorney and former house member.

Another last-minute candidate produced a race for Number 4 Township constable. Richard (Dick) Ware, 31, Pauline Mill employee, opposes C. A. (Gus) Huffstetter, incumbent, for Number 4 Township constable.

Four contests are involved for the five seats on the county board of commissioners. They are:

District I — Mal Spangler, Sr., incumbent, who is opposed by Tilden Queen.

District II — Carl P. Finger, incumbent, of Kings Mountain, who is opposed by J. Broadus Ellis, Grover, and A. A. Barrett, Waco.

District IV — John D. White, incumbent, who is opposed by William A. Hastings.

District V — Knox Sarratt, incumbent, who is opposed by Kester Hamrick.

Only Chairman Fitzhugh Rollins, of District III, is without opposition.

In another major contest, Mrs. Lillian Newton, veteran county treasurer, has opposition from John C. Anderson, of Shelby, who is a radio advertising salesman for WKMT, Kings Mountain.

Incumbents unopposed for re-nomination in county races are J. Ollie Harris, coroner, Haywood Allen, sheriff, J. W. Osborne, clerk of Superior court, Robert Morgan, state senator, Rueben Elam, judge of recorder's court, and Bynum Weathers, solicitor of recorder's court.

All of the five members of the county board of education are unopposed for re-nomination. They are B. Austell, J. Edwin Moore, C. D. Forney, Jr., W. H. (Coot) Lutz, and Walter Davis.

J. Lee Roberts had no opposition for Number 4 Township Justice of the Peace. However, other candidates would not have dictated opposition, since the law permits nine justices for Number 4 Township.

Mr. Thomasson, the Kings Mountain candidate for the House of Representatives, is solicitor of Kings Mountain recorder's court. He is a graduate of Davidson college and Duke University law school. He is a veteran of World War II, seeing service in Europe. Recently elected president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, he is also a member of the Lions club and a director of the Kings Mountain hospital. He is a member of First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Thomasson is the former Marion Groome Arthur.

Mr. Thomasson is a son of Mrs. Ruth Thomasson and the late C. F. Thomasson.

Mr. Ware is a native of Kings Mountain and was formerly assistant manager of Winn-Dixie store here. A navy veteran, he served in World War II and the Korean War. He is a member of the naval reserve electronics division at Shelby. Mrs. Ware is the former Gloria Caldwell.

The primary election will be conducted on May 31.

## Churchwomen Set May 2 Program

Annual May Fellowship Day program of the Kings Mountain Council of United Churchwomen will be held the evening of May 2nd at 7:30 p. m. at Resurrection Lutheran church.

Mrs. Robert Rosberg is program chairman for the observance, and other members of the committee are Mrs. Charles Ballance, Mrs. Earl Ledford, and Mrs. Dorus Bennett.

Showing of a film by B. S. Peeler, Jr., will feature the program, and special music will be rendered by the children's choir of Resurrection church.

A fellowship hour will follow the program. All churchwomen in the community are being invited to participate in the program, one of three annual observances of area church women.

## Vernon P. Crosby Dies In Accident

### Service Station Accident Fatal; Rites On Sunday

Funeral rites for Vernon Percy Crosby, 41, prominent Kings Mountain citizen and service station operator, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Presbyterian church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Crosby died last Thursday of internal injuries sustained at 5:30 p. m. at East King Service Station, which he owned and operated, when a truck tire exploded and the flying rim struck him and knocked him to the pavement. He died shortly after the fatal accident enroute to the hospital in an ambulance.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vernon Crosby, he was a native of Gaston county and a veteran of World War II assigned as a tech sergeant with the 10th Air Force in Burma.

Mr. Crosby was a member of First Presbyterian church and a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ottilie (Pat) White Crosby, a son, Christopher Stevenson (Stevie) Crosby, his stepfather, A. S. Lynch, and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Glenn White, of Kings Mountain. Two sisters-in-law, Mrs. John Edd Queen, of Shelby, and Mrs. Ernest Mauney, of Syosset, Long Island, New York, also survives.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Active pallbearers were William Davis, John Cheshire, James Jonas, of Kings Mountain, Carl Biggers and Bob Weathers, Charlotte, and Earl Willis, Gastonia.

### LIONS DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will convene Thursday night at 7:30 at the office of Dr. N. H. Reed.

## High School Considers Education Via Television For Coming Year

by MARTIN HARMON

Will Kings Mountain high school students get to be guinea pigs in testing the efficacy of learning via television next year? They may.

Possibility of Kings Mountain high school participating in the experiment next year was discussed at Monday night's session of the city board of education.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk expressed himself in favor of the school's joining 20 others throughout North Carolina now beaming on educational channels for courses in history, mathematics and science.

Supt. Barnes said he wasn't sure, reporting that some of the officials of the 20 schools now in the program expressed reservations about it. He had learned this attitude at a meeting attended by himself and Principal Lawson Brown recently at Greensboro. Some students objected, they reported, to impossibility of posing questions to the lecturers.

Mr. Barnes explained that the lectures are beamed from Chapel Hill and Greensboro branches of the Greater University of North Carolina and that "the teachers are excellent". He said schools must guarantee a minimum of 100 students for each class with 150 preferred. In addition, the school must assign two teachers to each class. Mr. Barnes said the hour class is divided into 30 minutes for the lecture, with an other 30 minutes of "local" testing and by the teachers assigned to the course. He noted that the teachers have advance outlines of the subject material projected.

Cash for the experimental educational television is furnished by the Ford Foundation, a non-profit trust. He said cost to the school system here would be purchase of necessary television sets.

## Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Scheduled

Annual business meeting of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall courtroom. Mrs. Carl Mayes, president, has announced.

New officers of the organization of hospital volunteer workers will be installed and all members are being invited to attend. Mrs. Mayes said.

Presentation of chevron awards denoting 200-300 hour service to women in the Pink Ladies division will feature the meeting. Co-chairmen in the Pink Ladies division are Mrs. Howard Jackson and Mrs. W. G. Grantham.

## Kiwanis Show Plans Underway

Kings Mountain Kiwanians are completing plans to hold their first annual Kiwanis Talent Show the evening of May 16th.