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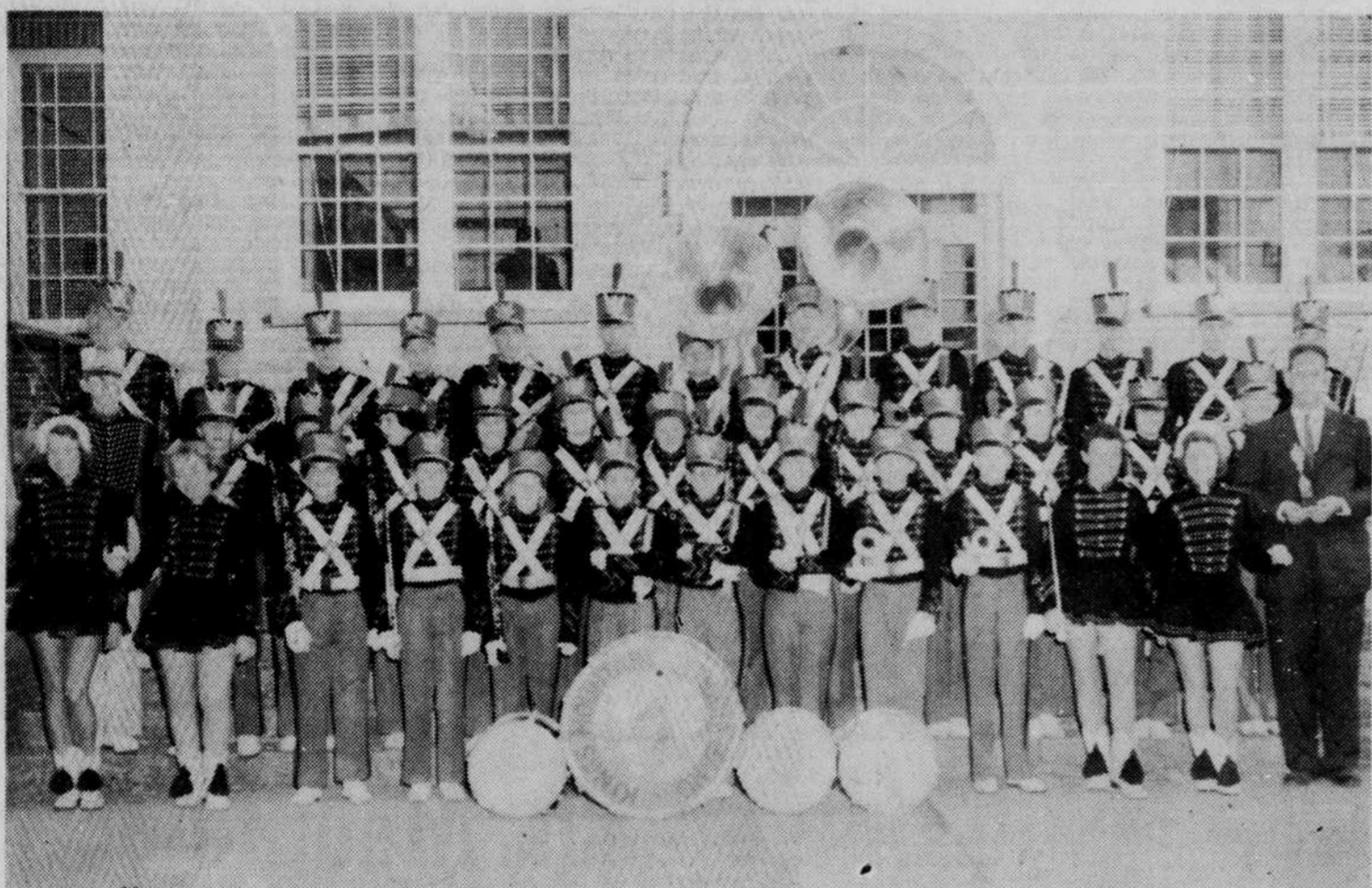
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**BAND WINS EXCELLENT RATING AT FESTIVAL** — Pictured is the current edition of the Kings Mountain school band, which participated in the Southeastern Band Festival at Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, last Saturday. The band won a combined ra-

ting of 91.4 for marching and playing. Currently underway is a fund drive to purchase new uniforms for use of the bandsmen. The uniforms pictured were purchased 20 years ago and most of them are beyond mending. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

## Local News Bulletins

### OFFICE CLOSED

Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, said yesterday his offices will be closed for the remainder of the week. Dr. Anderson is on a business trip to Omaha, Nebraska. He will re-open his offices on Monday.

### DEBATER

Bill Greene, Kings Mountain student at Gardner-Webb college, is a member of the college debating team, which opens competition Thursday against Mars Hill.

### KIWANIS CLUB

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will view a film on Alaska, the 49th state, at their weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. John Smathers has arranged the program.

### CENTRAL P-TA

Central school Parent-Teacher Association will hold their regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. Eighth grade pupils of Mrs. R. S. Lennon will present the program.

### EAST SCHOOL

East school Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. in the school auditorium for the regular meeting.

### NORTH SCHOOL

North School P-TA will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 3 p. m. in the school auditorium, with a parent-teacher conference in the various classrooms to feature the program. Parents will be given an overall picture of the school year program by the faculty.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Permits were issued this week to F. Tillman Pearson to make a room addition to his home at the cost of \$700 and to Kelly Dixon to build a five room brick and wood house on Bridges street at the estimated cost of \$600.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. George Staples, of Davidson College will conduct morning worship services Sunday at First Presbyterian church. His sermon topic is "A Person to Person Call."

### VETERAN GIFTS

Members of Otis Green Post 155, American Legion Auxiliary, are urged to bring gifts for veterans to their Thursday night meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Paul Mauney.

### ATTEND CONVENTION

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Joe L. McDaniel, Jr., returned Tuesday from Winston-Salem, where they attended the annual convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

## Band Wins Trophy At Bristol; Funds For Uniforms Sought

**Uniform Fund Tops \$1200; Goal \$4,000**

The Kings Mountain school band returned from last weekend's Southeastern Band Festival at Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, on Sunday with a rating of 91.4 and a trophy, in addition to memories of a very busy weekend. The score of 91.4 was good rating of II or excellent for the days combined activities of marching contest and performance contest.

One judge, Forrest McAllister, editor and publisher of "The School Musician," rated the band 95.4, good enough to edge into the 95-100 "I" or superior bracket. But Judges Charles Minelli, Ohio university band director, and Ernest Lyon, University of Louisville band director, gave lower ratings to produce the 91.4 average score.

The band competed in the Class C division, for high schools with enrollment of 250 to 499. The competition was not against other bands but against a standard of excellence. In the Class C division were 24 bands.

The Festival attracted 60 bands and 4500 bandsmen who first paraded through Bristol, paused for lunch, then proceeded through the marching contest and performance contest. One of the highlights of the program was a massed band rendition, which followed the contest events.

On Sunday morning the bandsmen attended a religious service sponsored by the Bristol Kiwanis Club.

Director Ballance remained in Bristol for the Sunday afternoon band clinic.

The bandsmen left Kings Mountain in private cars between 4 a. m. and 5 a. m. Saturday morning.

Driving cars to the event were Mrs. H. M. Broadwater, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Mrs. Luther Morrison, Mrs. W. H. Wells, Mrs. R. S. Lennon, B. N. Barnes, Mrs. Dean Spearman, Dean Spearman, Charles Ballance and Mrs. C. W. Jones. Harris Funeral Home furnished a truck for heavy band equipment.

The bandsmen were over-night guests in Bristol homes. Director Ballance said he was pleased by comments from hosts and officials on the decorum of the Kings Mountain delegation.

### CAKE SALE

Circle 2 of Central Methodist church will hold a cake sale Saturday morning from 9 until 12 noon in the building vacated by Griffin Drug Company.

### Freak Of Nature: 'Tater Vines Bloom

"Better see if the sweet potatoes are ready to dig," Conrad Hughes remarked to his six-year-old grandson Connie. After a trip to the potato patch, Connie reported, "No, they're not ready. They've got blooms on 'em."

Mr. Hughes said this couldn't be. Sweet potato vines don't bloom. But Connie was right. On the vines are pretty lavender blooms.

Mr. Hughes says its only the second time in his life he's seen the freak. Delving into horticulture history, he says sweet potatoes, imported to this country from their natural habitat, but lost the characteristic when domesticated. The potatoes are copperhead brand, grown from plants purchased from Douthia Wright.

### Church Doctrine Class Thursday

Dr. W. P. Gerberding will conduct a class in Christian doctrine at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Gerberding said the class is open to anyone who wishes to attend, regardless of denomination or church affiliation.

"There is a great upsurge of interest in theology in the whole Christian church," Dr. Gerberding commented, "not only among clergymen but among laymen, too."

He said he had received many requests to conduct the class and said there would be an open forum session following.

### Missing Man Found Pulling Corn; Family Had Feared Gray Dead

The picture wasn't completely serene at the Pierce Gray home on U. S. 29 last Thursday at noon, when Dewey Gray, 59, who lives with his brother, failed to appear for the noontime meal. By nightfall, when Dewey failed to answer the chow gong, again, Pierce and Mrs. Gray were particularly alarmed and began searching for news of his whereabouts. Before the alarm subsided, Boy Scouts, Kings Mountain police department, the Cleveland County Life-Saving crew and Gaston County Life-Saving crew had joined the search, as had Alex Owens and many others. A neighbor had reported the missing man seen in the vicinity of the city dump. The result was two days of work by the Kings Mountain-based life-saving organization

### Band Compiles Rating Of II At Festival

Judges at the Southeastern Band Festival in Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, were kind on appearance judging last weekend, in spite of the dilapidated condition of Kings Mountain band uniforms.

But the marching jobs were hardly ended, Supt. B. N. Barnes reported, when one little fellow saw his knee come through his pants-leg.

Currently, a citizens committee of the Band Association is conducting a fund drive to obtain new uniforms for the band.

Director Charles Ballance reported Monday that donations have topped the \$1200-mark, leaving \$2800 needed to re-outfit the band members.

The current uniforms were purchased in 1938, when Dr. Paul Hendricks was band director.

The uniforms have been described by bandsmen's mothers as "rotten," with patch on patch, and with mending almost futile.

Band uniform fund drive members hope to complete their solicitations by October 27.

Persons desiring to mail checks should make them payable to the Kings Mountain High School band uniform fund.

### GREGORY FUND

A gift from a friend of \$5, has been acknowledged by Frank Rippey, treasurer for the fund which benefits Rev. John Gregory, Kings Mountain minister. Mr. Gregory is awaiting word from Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, where he is to undergo a delicate heart operation.

### 14 Nominated For Directors Of C. Of C.

A Chamber of Commerce committee nominated 14 members for seven directorships at a Monday night meeting at city hall. It had been previously announced that the committee would nominate 30 from which 15 would be elected by the membership. However, Dr. L. T. Anderson, secretary-treasurer, said, a check of the by-laws showed that only seven members are specified for the board.

The seven will be elected in mail balloting.

The nominees are: J. C. Bridges, Hilton Ruth, K. E. Morrison, Charles E. Dixon, Carl P. Finger, B. F. Maner, Odus Smith, Ben H. Bridges, Grady Howard, H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel, Yates Harbison, D. L. Saunders, Jonas Bridges, and John Dilling.

Committee members present were Warren Reynolds, chairman, Dan Weiss, F. R. McCurdy, Wilson Crawford, and Dr. Anderson.

### No Developments In Baptist Fuss

The situation at First Baptist church remained the same this week, in the wake of last week's Supreme court decision affirming a Superior court injunction restraining disposal of church real property or building fund assets.

Two Sunday morning services are scheduled, one at 9 a. m., and another at 11 a. m.

The 9 a. m. service will be conducted by Rev. W. P. Bumgardner and, like its predecessors, is arranged by the minority group of the church which opposes building a new church on a new site.

"No new developments" reports came from both W. T. Weir, a spokesman for the minority group, and from Yates Harbison, a member of the majority group and former chairman of the board of deacons. Mr. Harbison remains non-voting chairman of a six-member joint conference committee appointed to seek a means to bring the dispute to conclusion.

This committee has not been convened in several weeks.

Mr. Harbison said this week he anticipated the committee will convene in the near future but that a date has not been set.

### Students Win Poster Contest

Winners in the poster contest sponsored during Fire Prevention Week by the Community Affairs Department of the Woman's club were announced this week by Mrs. J. W. Webster.

Mrs. Webster said a large number of students from the elementary schools in the city participated in the two divisions of the contest.

Division I winners (grades 1-3) were Steve Crosby, West school, and Donna Crawford, North school.

Honorable mentions went to Sandy Stallings and Marsha Ballance, both of West school. The posters are on display in the building vacated by Griffin Drug Company.

### Lennon Named Bank Director

R. S. Lennon, vice-president and cashier of First National Bank, was elected a director of the bank on Monday.

Mr. Lennon was elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of R. L. Mauney, Mr. Lennon will serve until the annual stockholders meeting in January.

The board of directors also adopted a resolution of respect and regret for Mr. Mauney's long services to the bank.

Other directors are P. M. Neisler, Sr., W. K. Mauney, Glee A. Bridges, M. A. Ware, Frank A. Summers, B. S. Neill, and Dr. L. P. Baker.

**BAPTIST OFFICERS**  
Dr. Paul Nolan has been elected chairman of the board of deacons of First Baptist church. He succeeds Yates Harbison. Other officers of the board are W. B. Logan, vice-chairman, and James E. White, secretary.



**COMPLETE FAIR PLANS** — Pictured are three officials of the Woman's Club and Garden Council as they discuss final plans for the annual floral fair to be presented Wednesday by these two organizations at the Woman's Club. Left to right are Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, Woman's club president; Mrs. Henry P. Neisler, Garden Council president, and Mrs. Charles A. Neisler, publicity chairman for the event. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

## 55th Floral Fair To Be Wednesday

### Countryside In Autumn Event's Theme

Kings Mountain women were adding the finishing touches this week to their plans for the annual floral fair to be held next Wednesday at the Woman's club.

"Theme of the flower show is 'Autumn Comes to the Countryside,' and exhibits in both the arrangements and horticulture divisions are expected to attract large crowds.

Another big feature of this year's fair will be the bazaar division which will offer a variety of food and gift items.

Mrs. O. W. Myers, bazaar chairman, said contributors are invited to bring their canned goods, handcraft, and handwork to the clubhouse on Monday or on the morning of the fair. The goods will have to be priced by members of this committee who will gather the items in the clubhouse.

"We have a good selection of many items," the chairman noted, "and invite the public to do their Christmas shopping in October."

Format of the one-day event will follow that of former shows, with dinner to be served both at noon and in the evening. The show will be open to the public from 12 noon until 9:30 p. m. Lunch will be served in the club dining room from 11:30 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. and the evening meal will be served from 5:30 until 7 o'clock. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12.

Awards will be presented in arrangements, horticulture, and junior divisions and many prizes await the winners. A sweepstake award seal will go to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons and tri-color seals will be given the best entries in these divisions. Two awards will be given in the junior category.

Autumn Harvest will also include one section of entries by the six garden clubs in the community: Kings Mountain, Open Gate, House and Garden, Azalea, Town and Country, and Magnolia Garden clubs.

Officials of the two sponsoring organizations, the Woman's Club and Garden Council, are predicting this year's fair will exceed all expectations in quality and quantity of exhibitions.

"We invite any exhibitor who

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### City Adding More Streets For Re-Topping

The city board of commissioners voted additional street re-surfacing at the regular October meeting.

Added to the re-surfacing list were City street, from Walker to Waco road, Wells street, Pine street, Oak street and Sims street, from King to north end of street.

Also approved was petition for curb-and-gutter and paving of the West side of Crescent Circle.

Another paving action was approved for paving Stroupe Alley, if and when legally valid petitions are presented.

Comm. Ben H. Bridges called attention to need for paving the entrance to City Stadium, but no action was taken.

The street paving and re-surfacing was contracted to Neal Hawkins Company, of Gastonia, at \$7.75 per ton.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges noted that a representative of Blythe Brothers, of Charlotte, who had expressed interest in doing the work, had complained that the Hawkins paving material does not meet state specifications.

Mayor Bridges said he was having the "hot mix" tested regularly by an inspector for the State Highway & Public Works commission.

"It meets specification," the Mayor told the commission. The board heard an explanation from Horace Bullington, of Liberty Life Insurance Company, on reason for a rate increase in the city's employee hospital insurance. Mr. Bullington said the loss ratio on the city policy was 85.7 percent, due to large number of claims, during the past year. The insurance contract expired last month, and is being continued on a 30-day basis until the city awards contract for the year.

The board formally accepted the resignation of Policeman B. P. Cooke and voted to employ John Robbs as a replacement. Robbs was to report to work Monday.

In other actions the board charged off \$1,844.67 in utility bills owed the city by the recreation commission.

2) Instructed the city clerk to renew all insurance policies of the city, other than hospitalization insurance, as they expire. The board re-stated its intention to cancel these policies after March 2, in order that city policies will have the same expiration date.

### Rites Conducted For Mrs. Welch

Funeral rites for Mrs. Carrie Proctor Welch, 73, who died Monday morning, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Gastonia's Hollywood Cemetery.

Mrs. Welch and her husband had made their home with a daughter, Mrs. David Cash. She had been seriously ill for the past ten days.

A native of Proctor, Mrs. Welch was the daughter of the late William and Frankie Davis Farley. She was a Baptist.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Orville Welch, and daughter, Mrs. Cash, are four sons, Hardie, S. L., Burlin, and Warren Welch, all of Paw Creek, a daughter, Mrs. Virgie Knight, of Newberry, S. C., 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. J. B. McLarty, Central Methodist pastor.

### David Neill FPRA Officer

David M. Neill, trust officer of American Commercial Bank, Charlotte, recently was elected chairman of the trust section of the Financial Public Relations association at the annual convention in Philadelphia.

Mr. Neill is the first banker from the Southeast to be named to the position since 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill, of Kings Mountain, Mr. Neill was graduated from Kings Mountain high school and from Davidson college, class of 1948. He is also a graduate of Hanover Trust school, New York, and of the Financial Public Relations school, Northwestern University.

He is a member of Charlotte Estate Planning council and Myers Park Civic club. He and his family live at 1242 Chandler Place, Charlotte. They attend Providence Methodist church.

**KIWANIS MEMBER**  
Charles L. Alexander, postmaster, joined the Kiwanis club at the civic club's regular Thursday night meeting at the Woman's club.

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