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PRICE TEN CENTS

# All Lithium's Operations To Be At Local Plant

Kiwanis President George H. Mauney will give a report of the Kiwanis International con-vention held in Dallas, Tex., at the regular Thursday night meeting of the local civic club. Kiwanians meet at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

### KIWANIS MEMBER

Sherman Perry, historian at Kings Mountain National Mi-litary Park, was received as a new member in the Kiwanis club at a recent meeting, and S. R. Suber, Jr. was elected a director replacing W. R. George who is moving from Kings Mountain.

### BUILDING PERMIT

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit to J. Wilson Crawford to build a onestory residence at 709 Linwood Road at the estimated cost of

### FAIRVIEW LODGE

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday, August 10, 7:30 p. m. according to an announcement by secretary T. D. Tindall.

### ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Butch Houser, senior at Wake Forest college, was list-ed on the dean's list for the past semester. Miss Houser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Houser of Kings Moun-

### SLIGHTLY BETTER Mrs. J. W. Webster, wife of the city tax collector, was re-

ported slightly improved Wednesday. She is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital, where she is undergoing treat-ment for a kidney ailment. ered quite serious.

## FIRES

City firemen were called to douse two blazes Tuesday, the first at Elmer Lumber Com-pany at 7:35. The blaze was caused by defective wiring. A transformer fire at Slater Brothers mill was extinguished at 8:30 p. m. No damage was listed for either.

## HOMECOMING

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, August 16, at Oak View Baptist church on York road, the pastor, Rev. Earl Oxford has announced. The services will conclude a week of evangelistic services.

## HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. John E. Gamble, fifth grade teacher at West Elementary school, underwent succes-ful surgery at Charlotte Memo-rial Hospital this week and is progressing satisfactorily.

## **Powell Bill Aid Report Is Filed**

The city maintains 36.26 miles of city streets qualifying for the annual Powell aid appropriation, W. K. Dickson, engineer showed in the application filed recently for this year's Powell money.

Of the 36.26 miles, 25.74 are hard-surfaced, another 8.24 miles have been given surface treatment with soil, stone or gravel-type surface, 2.28 miles of unsurfaced streets. In addition, the city maintains 1.63 miles of unsurfaced streets which are less unsurfaced streets which are less than 16 feet in width and do not qualify for Powell fund money. Last year the city's Powell

## It Grover Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Grover all day Monday, and donors will be processed at First Baptist church. Charles F. Harry, III, of Grover, member of the Lions club which is co-sponsoring the visual the unit will be got as it, said the unit will be set-up from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.
Grover Woman's club is also sponsoring the visit.

## **King Residents** And Businessmen **Seek 74 Retention**

Numerous Kings Mountain citizens who either reside or operate business establishments on King street have appended their names to a petition asking the State Highway commission to widen King street, retaining it as U. S. Highway 74, rather than by pass Kings Mountain with this major East-West highway.

Persons circulating the petition said they already have obtained signatures of a considerable majority of the property owners, residents and business operators on King Street and will file the petition with the State Highway commission in the near future.

The commission, last month, committed funds for a by-pass. Subsequently, W. F. Babcock, sion director, said nothing "is fixed, or finalized" pending making of surveys. However, he indicated he personally fav-ored a hy-pass, if it is at all fea-sible. He also indicated he felt a tie-in with Interstate 85, now under construction south of Kings Mountain, the logical by-

sion officials have stressed the immient hold-up to the state's federal-state roadbuilding projects. Projects under the federal Jects. Projects under the federal highway building program have been approved faster than funds have been derived from federal highway building program have been derived from federal highway building highway building highway building highway building hig gasoline taxes. Congress is curmeans of providing additional bones grown balks are here. funds to take up the slack. Mr. Babcock has guessed that, unless Congress acts, the roadbuilding program would be held

perhaps longer. The U. S. 74 project would be a joint federal state project, though on a 50-50 basis, Mr. Babcock said, rather than the 90

Following is the text of the church. petition now being circulated among King Street citizens, businessmen and property owners:

citizens and residents of Cleve-land County, in the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and Tuesday evening. also, have homes and busines located on King Street, within the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

the State Highway Department is considering one of two propositions: to either by pass Kings Mountain with Highway No. 74 or run Highway No. 74 by way of East King through Kings Mountain, North Carollina.

Also surviving are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John England of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Kennis Burchfield of Prestonburg, Ky.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Albert Hastings, with interment following in Mountain

ilar program every year" Mr. Griffin noted, "to encourage better cooperation between the town and other communities and businesses", he added.

## **Privilege License** Sales Total \$4654

There was a rush last weekend at City Hall as business firms beat the penalty dead-line for buying privilege licen-ses, but all the city's firms didn't get under the wire.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel re-ported purchases during the week of \$884.50, bringing the total for the new 1959-60 licenses to \$4654.50, some \$580 less than the city guessed it would receive from this revenue source for the year.

Mr. McDaniel noted that penalty of five percent per month accrues after July 31.

## **Injured Connor**

Earl Connor, mechanic at Hayes Tire and Recapping Company, sustained a mangled arm Salturday afternoon when an acetylene

leased Monday. tent of the burn was unknown.

## building program would be held up a minimum of nine months, England Child's

Funeral rites for Brenda Joyce percent federal ten percent state formula for interstate roads like of A/IC and Mrs. Kenneth Carl England were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from Second Baptist

The child drowned last Tuesday in an irrigation pool in Tri-poli, Libya, North Africa where "We, the undersigned, are all her father is stationed with the

Surviving, in addition to he parents, are two brothers, Ken, Jr. and Charles Edward England, and three sisters, Patricia Ann, Norena, and Pauline England. "It is our understanding that Also surviving are the grandpar-ee State Highway Department is ents, Mr. and Mrs. John England

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and monies due from revenue fund, totals \$87,476.26 while the revenue fund, covering cash on deposit, investment in stock, and

accounts receivable, totals -85,posit, investment in stock, and paigns. monies from the sinking and revenue funds, totals \$50,000 and Bridges, vice-chairman; Wesley bush, secretary; and R. S. Lened assets, land easements, transmission lines and distributing system, service line installations,

ture and equipment, and vehic-les, totals \$351,492.12. Gas sales during the period grossed \$132,167.11 and other re-

general equipment, office furni-

venue totaled 1,749.77. Operating expenditures totaled \$80,021.E5. After distribution of \$52,597.76 to other funds a net of \$1,297.37 was added to the surplus account. The excess over operating costs was \$53,895.13.

The audit showed a total of

529 gas consumers, an increase

jury; \$50,000 for property dam-Hayes said the mechanic's arm age; aggregate operations, \$100,-\$100,000

> Limits of \$50/\$100 thousand are carried on bodily injury and \$50,000 for property damage in the public liability policy.

> Completing the insurance coverage is workmen's compensa-tion, \$100 deductible for collision or upset, and comprehensive fire

## Jaycee Paper **Pick-UP Sunday**

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a waste paper pick-up Out In Grover 2 o"clock.

Bob Goforth, chairman of the project, suggested that persons with large quantities of paper or persons wanting the paper ga-thered prior to Sunday should Dr. Adams was named a staff call him at 723-J or Bill Moss at member of Kings Mountain Hos-

Mr. Goforth also announced he Jaycee pick-up schedule for the forthcoming months as fol-

Sunday, August 9; October 4; November 29; January 31, 1960; and March 26, 1960.

# Sam Stallings Is Chairman Operations Will Be Moved Local News Bulletins Widening Of King Kiwanis President George H. Kiwanis President George H. City Gas Take Tops Outgo By \$53,895 Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System has assets totaling \$584. Of United Fund Organization City Gas Take Tops Outgo By \$53,895 Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System has assets totaling \$584. Of United Fund Organization City Gas Take Tops Outgo By \$53,895 Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System has assets totaling \$584. Of United Fund Organization City Gas Take Tops Outgo By \$53,895 Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System has assets totaling \$584. Of United Fund Organization City Gas Take Tops Outgo By \$53,895 Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System has assets totaling \$584. Of United Fund Organization City Gas Take Tops Outgo By \$53,895 Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System has assets totaling \$584. Of United Fund Organization

# The audit covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959. The sinking fund, covered cash on deposit, investment in stock, and monies due from

Sam Stallings will serve as chairman of the local United Fund, in Kings Mountain's first Renewal and extension reser- effort to combine its numerous ve fund, taking in rash on de- charitable money-raising cam-

Other officers named are J. C.

Four directors have also been named. They are Ben Grimes, manager of Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills; Grady Howard, Kings Mountain hospital business manager; George H. Maun-ey, Mauney Mills official; and Ollie Harris, owner of Harris Funeral Home.

The United Fund organization became official at a launching session last week.

On Thursday, the group will hold what is terms a "working" session on operational details

sustained a mangled arm Saturday afternoon when an acetylene torch oxygen tank exploded and resulted in a small blaze.

Ernest Hayes, owner of the attein with Interstate 85, now under construction south of Kings Mountain, the logical bypass route.

Since Mr. Babcock's visit here, he and other highway commission officials have stressed the immient hold-up to the state's federal-state roadbuilding proseveral agencies participating, designating those they prefer. Undesignated gifts are pro-rated

regate operations, \$100, has been active for many years in civic affairs. He is a former thodist church. He has participated in many charitable fund-raising campaigns and has expressed enthusiasm for the United Fund

type operation. VicePresident Bridges is a partner in Bridges Hardware. Secretary Bush is associated with C. Month Is Here tary Bush is associated with C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency and Treasurer Lennon is vice-president and cashier of First Nation-

## **Adams' Shingle**

Dr. Charles Adams, first Grover resident doctor in 20 years, started general practice in the Dr. Adams was named a staff

pital last week. from the university of Virginia. unit of the Korean War.

Dr. Adams, his wife, and infant daughter moved to Grover on

He has been practicing out of his doctor's bag and awaiting completion of his new office building on Stonewall steret. His office is expected to be finished this week.

many Grover citizens and the work of the 32 Civic Community
Development Council paid off
Plays Friday when Dr. Adams began practice. The last resident physician was Dr. George Oates, who retired from active practice many

Offices of Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, will be closed August 10-17 while Dr. and Mrs.





HEAD FIRST UNITED FUND ORGANIZATION - Pictured are officers of Kings Mountain's first United Fund organization which will saving in the first year of operaattempt to consolidate several of Kings Mountain's annual chari-000, and aggregate contractual, president of the Lions club and ings, top left, is chairman, J. C. Bridges, top right, is vice-chairman, ation of its Minneapolis facilian active member of Central Me Wesley Bush, below left, is secretary, and R. S. Lennon, below right, ties. is treasurer.

## Tax Prepayment

City and county taxpayers may pre-pay their 1959 tax bills during the month of August and obtain the maximum discount of two percent.

R. M. Gidney, Cleveland County tax collector, said he would follow his customary procedure and would mail notices within the next week to taxpayers who prepaid their county taxes in 1958. Other taxpayers, who wish to earn the two percent discount should call the county tax office in Shelby for a statement of their

The city, on the other hand, will to place their waste paper on the graduate of Glenville, West Virtus notices haven't yet been precurb in front of their homes. ginia State College and West pared, partially due to the fact Virginia University and holds the city didn't finally adopt its the degree of doctor of medicine budget until July 28 and partially He is a veteran of a medical Mrs. J. W. Webster, wife of the city tax collector.

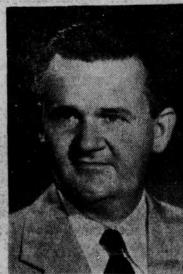
City Clerk Joe McDaniel said which will get underway Montemporary receipts will be issued day. to person and firms pre-paying their taxes, with permanent, re-ceipts to follow as quickly as they are prepared. -

## Ardent efforts on the part of Plonk School

The Plonk School of Creative Arts will present its summer per-formance, including three oneact plays, at the school auditorium Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The students will present Moritz Jagendorf's "The Ghosts of Kalamazoo". What's Wrong with Sets Revival the Girls", a comedy by Conrad Seiler, and Myrtle McCormick Grimes' historical fantasy" Jeanne D'Arc'

In the Seiler comedy, Kings Mountain students roles. Sue Hunnicutt plays Miss Hazel Duckworth, Sandra Plonk plays First Actress, and Ercelle Stallings plays Second Actress. In the "Jeanne D'Arc" product-ion, three other Kings Mountain



onsolidate several of Kings Mountain's annual chari-sequent years. It expects to re-ising campaigns into one aggregate appeal. Sam Stall-cover over \$400,000 from liquid-

## **Auto Repossesor** Returns City Gear

The city recreation commis-sion's Babe Ruth league baseball equipment, which was in the hands of a Gastonia loan firm a week ago, has been returned to the city.

> Jake Early, recreation director, reported to City Hall last Thursday, the equipment had been reclaimed.

> Initially, his request to reclaim the equipment had been denied by the loan firm, which had acquired the gear in repossessing an auto of one of

## Sterchi's Gives Remodeling Plan mer City property is complete

Sterchi Brothers Kings Mountain branch announced this week a major remodeling program

The furniture firm plans installation of a new front, with marquee, installation of air-conditioning, overhead insulation, a new ceiling in the back showroom and other improvements.

our patrons and will facilitate ich he was a member. our displaying of furniture and appliances," J. Kennon Blanton, by Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, the Sterchi manager, said in making

## **El Bethel**

Rev. Floyd G. Bottoms, pastor of Lincolnton's Rhyne Heights week of evangelistic services Sunday night at El Bethel Meth-

Services will be held nightly through August 16 at 7:30 p. m.

students play roles. Beth Houser has the role of Jeanne D'Arc, ning Sunday, August 16. Sunday Maid of Orleans, Peggy Plonk plays Rone, and Linda Walker plays Corrette.

Li Bestiel has also announced and Sloan Morrow, of Gastonia, and Sloan Morrow, of Gastonia, and Boyd Putnam, of Shelby.

Mr. Gantt's body was entombed the morning worship to follow at 10 a.m.

BY MARTIN HARMON
Lithium Corporation of America will move its entire production and research facilities to its plant near here on Bessemer City Road, the company has announ-

ced from Minneapolis. Target date for resumption of its present St. Louis Park, Minn., production operation is January 15, while the new research and development laboratories at the Bessemer City plant are schedu-

led for completion in April 1960. R. L. Nielsen, plant manager of the Bessemer City operation, said, "The new production faci-lities are expected to be ready for operation in time to provide continued employment for a large number of the company's present North Carolina personnel even after our Government con-

tract has been completed." The immediate future of lithium industry production has been in doubt since the Atomic Energy commission notified the major producers—Lithium Corp-oration, Foote Mineral Company and American Potash Company -that their contracts for supplying lithium hydroxide would not be renewed. Lithium Corporation's contract expires January 1. Foote Mineral Company's contract expired April 30, resulting in an approximate 50 percent cutback of employment.

Mr. Neilsen said the number of persons to be employed at the expanded facilities is not available, but that a substantial number of technical and administrative personnel will transfer to North Carolina from the firm's Minneapolis plant and offices. The company said it has ear-marked \$800,000 for the transfer of general offices to the Northeastern Atlantic area and its production and research facilities to North Carolina. It expects the change to result in a \$500,000

The \$7,000,000 Bessemer City plant has been producing lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide. Transfer of production facilities means that the local area plant will produce many other products including lithium hydride, butyl lithium, and the base metal lithium, among oth-

ers, Mr. Neilsen said.

Mr. Neilsen continued: "The decision to consolidate all of our production and research facilities in North Carolina is based primarily on economic factors. In addition to its proximity to the major U. S. lithium reserves our Bessemer City plant is favorably situated to the more important Lithium markets. Also important is the fact that we have found in North Carolina a most favorable business climate incorporating ample supply of power and water, a willing and able labor force and a public appreciation of the value and problems of new industries . . .

Lithium Corporation will have in North Carolina not only a mo-(Continued on Page Eight)

"When the transfer of facili-

ties and personnel to our Besse-

## **Gantt Funeral Conducted Friday**

Funeral rites for William Mc-Kinley Gantt, 60, well-known Kings Mountain businessman, "The remodeling will make were conducted last Friday from our store more comfortable for Central Methodist church of wh-

The final rites were conducted pastor, and by Rev. James B. Mc-Larty, a former pastor.

The family had requested that

no floral tributes be made and designated the Central Methodist church building fund for memorials in lieu of flowers. Active pallbearers were

iard Black, Baxter Payseur, J. H. Patterson, Ben H. Bridges, John Smathers, Wilson Crawford, John Mauney and Paul Walker. Methodist church, will begin a directors of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, mem-bers of the J. R. Davis Sunday school class of Central Methodist church, and R. S. Lennon, W. T. Weir, W. L. Plonk, Floyd Williams, Virgil Self, and J. C. Mc-El Bethel has also announced Daniel, all of Kings Mountain,

# fund share — which accrues on bases of population and city maintained streets—was \$32,241. 80, which the city reported it spent as follows: \$5,702 for routine maintenance; \$3,177 for pattine maintenance; \$3,177 for pattin Mr. Maxwell will speak on a ject involving Falls' lands in the program of "Competitor Relations" arranged by Wilson Grif. Hearing on the petition is scheduled before Judge Walter E. Scheduled before Judge Walter E. Orissman in Gastonia Thursday which, the complaint says, will the competitor of the club. Orissman in Gastonia Thursday apart of Interstate 85.

relations committee of the club.
Each Rotarian will have a "competitor" as a guest, Mr. Griffin pointed out.

"It is our hope to have a simple of their property, on grounds right of way had not been obtained. In spite of the order, obtained.

Rotary Club

The State Highway commission obtained a count order Saturday from Superifor Court Judge P. C. Froneberger to restrain Mr. and Mrs. Craig Falls from interfering with work on the Interstate 85 project.

The order was served on Mrs. Sion the power of eminent documents.

From Interfering On Interstate 85

**Falls Restrained By Court Order** 

the construction crews returned last Thursday and again cut a water line which served two rental dwellings of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cashions and had moved a privy.

O Red Widxwell project.

The order was served on Mrs. Carolina law gives the commission the power of eminent domain and that state law also pro-

Prior to the Saturday legal act to the securing of the doctor. tion, the construction crew on the project had felled seven trees on Falls property.

OFFICE CLOSED