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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Eviction Of Shelby Library Notice Has Overtones Here

City Of Shelby Wants County To Take Library

By MARTIN HARMON
Action by the City of Shelby board of aldermen Monday night to notify the Shelby Public Library board that quarters for the library in Shelby city hall will no longer be available after June 30, 1963, has overtones for Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library here particularly and for taxpayers using the Kings Mountain Library specifically.

Though the Shelby city commissioner's 4 to 3 action of Monday merely posted an eviction notice, prior discussion of board members and previous statements by Mayor Harry Woodson and City Attorney A. A. Powell indicate that the present thinking of the Shelby aldermen is to conclude its library function. Meantime, the Shelby Daily Star is advocating establishment of a county library, with a special tax to support it. Should such a development occur, where would Jacob S. Mauney library stand in the arrangement?

Currently, the Shelby library is supported by the City of Shelby and Cleveland County. Figures in the 1960-61 official North Carolina report on libraries showed the Shelby library had current income of \$17,363, a City of Shelby appropriation of \$6,665, a Cleveland County appropriation of \$4,470, and state aid of \$3,416. Volumes of books totaled 23,347, with circulation of 103,000. The same source listed Jacob S. Mauney library incomes as \$1840 from current income, \$900 from the City of Kings Mountain, and \$500 from Cleveland County.

As far as the Kings Mountain Library is concerned, current income includes over a due fees (there is no membership fee), profits from teaching room rentals, and income from the Kings Mountain United Fund, budgeted at \$1,000 and pro-rated on basis of United Fund budget paid. Volumes of books totaled \$496, with circulation of 26,000. The Kings Mountain library is the property of the City of Kings Mountain, and represents a 1947 gift by the Jacob S. Mauney family. Given as a library and teacher's residence, the inference was that, as library space demands grew, the combination building would be used less for a teaching and more for a library. (Continued On Page Eight)

Kings Mountain, Shelby Libraries Started Small As Citizen Efforts

By MARTIN HARMON
Jacob S. Mauney Public Library here and Shelby Public Library had similar beginnings. The Kings Mountain Herald, dated by Haywood E. Lynch, editorialized in the mid-thirties that Kings Mountain, "the Best Town in the State," should have a public library and invited contributions to launch it. Editor Lynch recalls that some \$250 was subscribed quickly and the library was shortly in business, using quarters in the basement of City Hall. Library personnel was either volunteer or paid via the federal National Youth Administration program. Many books were donated by citizens. Subsequently, the library became a Woman's Club project. In 1947, the Jacob S. Mauney family gave the present building, fully equipped, to the city as a memorial to their parents and the library name was changed to its present one.

Financing since has been limited, derived from small city and county appropriations, donations, and profits from teaching room rentals. Mayor Harry Woodson, of Shelby, at Kings Mountain City Hall last week to admire the city's gas system operation, says that the Shelby Public Library had similar beginnings. Shelby Mayor for 24 years, Mr. Woodson recalls that a group of

Henson And Tate To Take Carrier Posts August 18

The postoffice department has notified Postmaster Charles L. Alexander of the appointment of Bobby Gene Henson, 513 Landing street, and Fred A. Tate, Route 2, as Kings Mountain post-office rural carriers. The appointments are effective August 18, provided medical examinations prove the appointees physically fit. The appointments will fill vacancies created by the retirements of Lloyd Phifer and W. B. (Bill) Logan, the latter due to physical disability. Which routes the two men will be assigned depend on decision of Bryan Hord, senior permanent rural carrier, as to which route he prefers. Mr. Hord has ten days in which to determine whether he will retain route 3, or choose one of the other two. Onetime route 2 carrier, Mr. Hord exercised his privilege previously to transfer to route 1.

Since retirement of the regular carriers, the routes have been handled by Substitute Carriers Edwin Moore and Ervin Hughes. The rural carrier appointments were made on recommendation of United States Representative Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia Democrat, who in turn honored recommendations of the Bethware, East Kings Mountain and West Kings Mountain Democratic precinct committees.

In three competitive examinations for the two vacancies, made from the group finding in the first four positions, Mr. Henson, an employee of McCoy's Service Station, was rated first, while Mr. Tate, an employee of Lithium Corporation of America, placed third. Henson is a national guard and marine corps veteran, while Tate is an air force veteran.

In the competitive examination the following base pay compensation, Postmaster Alexander has stated: Route 1, covering 55.62 miles per delivery day, carries a basic salary of \$4783 per annum, plus sum Corporation of America, penses. Route 2, covering 68 miles per delivery day, carries a basic salary of \$5095 per annum, plus ten cents per mile operating expenses. Route 3, covering 60.55 miles, carries a basic salary of \$4903 per annum, plus ten cents per mile operating expenses.

Postmen Get Promotions

Designation of the Kings Mountain postoffice's auxiliary mounted route (city route 5) to a permanent route has resulted in several new personnel assignments and promotions, Postmaster Charles L. Alexander announced Wednesday. J. Oliver Tate, career substitute, was named a regular employee. Lalon L. Franks, career substitute, was named a regular employee. W. B. McDaniel, temporary employee, was promoted to career substitute. Howard Smith, temporary employee, was promoted to career substitute.

The Postmaster explained that, until a postal employee is appointed a career substitute he is not eligible for permanent appointment. The Postmaster fills vacancies in the regular force from the career substitute list, with the exception of rural carrier vacancies. The postoffice is permitted one career status employee for each five regular (permanent) employees. The assignment changes are: Lewis L. (Luco) Falls, a permanent employee and formerly city carrier 3, will become the city mounted route carrier. Mr. Franks will be the regular utility carrier.

Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Smith will be substitute utility men. The Postmaster observed that all of the postoffice's 22-man force will be either permanent or career status employees. The other career status men are Donald Crawford and Kenneth Pruitt.

RADIO DEVOTIONS
The Rev. R. L. McGaha, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, will deliver morning devotions via Radio WKMT Monday through Friday next week at 9:00 a. m. daily.



BOY SCOUTS TO CAMP — The Boy Scouts pictured above, 55 members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church Troop 91, are at Schiele Scout Reservation for a week of camping. The campers are among many from the area who have been away on church, scout-sponsored or family camping trips this summer. Tony Goins accompanied the group, largest delegation of campers this season, to Tryon on Monday. Part of their trip was financed via a troop-sponsored watermelon slicing recently. (Photo by Claire Gilstad)

Many Local Folk Like Outdoors

Record Group Of Troop 91 Scouts At Camp

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Summertime — and the living's easy, especially for campers. July and August have been busy months for local camping enthusiasts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and some other folk, too. Fifty-five Boy Scouts from Troop 91 of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and a group of seven from Troop 294 of Resurrection led by Sherman Perry left Monday for a week at Schiele Scout Reservation at Tryon. Monday The St. Matthew's delegation, led by Tony Goins, is the largest group from a Kings Mountain troop to attend camp. Earlier this season, 18 boys from First Presbyterian church made the trip. Three Kings Mountain Scouts and Scoutmaster Don Crawford returned last week from Cimarron, New Mexico, where they spent 30 days at Philmont Scout Ranch. Making the trip were George Webb Plonk, Danny Fin (Continued On Page Eight)

Masonic Building To Be Auctioned

The Masonic Temple Building at the corner of West Gold and Cherokee streets will be offered at public auction next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The property, owned by Dr. D. M. Morrison of Shelby, is a two-story brick building. The ground floor includes four 25 x 50 foot store fronts, Dr. Morrison said Wednesday, three of them being occupied by Kings Mountain Farm Center and the fourth by Liberty Loan Company. The second floor houses a large dining room and the lodge hall of Fairview Lodge AF & AM.

Dr. Morrison said the building returns \$2472 annual in rentals. Monthly rentals, he said, are: Masonic Lodge \$35; Kings Mountain Farm Center \$125; and Liberty Loan Company \$46. The building occupies a portion of the former Lottio Goforth property, which Dr. Morrison purchased at auction in July 1945. The building being offered for sale was constructed subsequent to 1947. Original defendants in the four cases are Metro-Atlantic, Inc. a Rhode Island trucking firm, and Bruno Beccari, driver of a truck involved in the double fatality accident. Also named plaintiffs in the suits are the Coxes' two children, Grady Michael, 7, and Judy Fay, 11, both of whom were injured in the wreck. Suit was originally brought a

Intangibles Tax Rebate Increases

City income for the year has already exceeded budget anticipation in one category — the intangibles tax rebate from the state. Check received this week was for \$5,805.96, up \$1409.23, or a bout 16 percent over the \$7396.73 budgeted, same amount received the preceding year. Prorated to funds on basis of the current tax rate, the money accrues as follows: Debt service, \$2386; general fund \$449; capital outlay \$5679; and recreation fund \$290.

Blood Gifts 118 Pints

Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company employees donated 44 pints of blood at Monday's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile. Goal of the visit, 125 pints, was almost exceeded. Kings Mountain area citizens gave 118 pints of blood at the one-day collection at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Spokesman for the blood program expressed appreciation for the generous response to the bloodbank and listed these donors: James Bennett, Loyd D. Early, Leonard A. Smith, Lawrence B. Lovell, Mrs. Mary Jane Stewart, Mrs. Bonnie H. Owens, Boyd C. Riley, Raymond Cox, F. A. Bradley, David Allen, Mrs. Linda M. Splawn, Herman J. Pennington, Joe S. Wye, Guy E. Powell, Mont Bridges, Jerry L. Lockridge, Tommy Wye, William A. Pryor, Mrs. Lydia Putnam, Mrs. Ruth E. Blanton, George H. Mauney, Melba B. Bell, Samuel Adams, Emmett E. Ross, James E. Herndon, William M. Herndon, James Crosby, Wayne Anderson, Wil (Continued On Page Eight)

Fred W. Plonk Made Co-Defendant In \$450,000 Damage Litigation

Fred W. Plonk, well known Kings Mountain citizen, has been named as a co-defendant in four civil suits for \$450,000 brought to Gaston county Superior Court by the estates of Ray Adams Coxy and Margaret Lillian Coxy, killed in a June 13, 1961, accident on N. C. 216 just outside the city limits. Original defendants in the four cases are Metro-Atlantic, Inc. a Rhode Island trucking firm, and Bruno Beccari, driver of a truck involved in the double fatality accident. Also named plaintiffs in the suits are the Coxes' two children, Grady Michael, 7, and Judy Fay, 11, both of whom were injured in the wreck. Suit was originally brought a

Burke Citizen Awaiting Trial Commits Suicide

A Burke county grocer, soon to go on trial for manslaughter in the traffic accident death of Tillie Arrowood, 20-year-old Kings Mountain student at Appalachian State Teachers college and another ASTC student, Raymond Cash, Cowsens, S. C., shot himself fatally at his Burke county home Monday.

Zollie C. Peeler, 66, owner of a general store south of Morganton, was found dead shot once in the head, a 32-caliber pistol near his body. Coroner John W. Reece ruled the death suicide. The accident occurred during rain on Sunday, March 25, when the Peeler car and the small foreign-make Cash car collided. Three other passengers in the Cash car were injured, while Peeler had sustained minor injuries.

Peeler had been charged with reckless driving and with two counts of manslaughter. He had been found guilty on the charge of reckless driving. Trial on the manslaughter charges had been scheduled for the term of Burke Superior Court starting Monday.

News dispatches reported his family as saying he had been "grieved" concerning the death of the two ASTC students and had been worried concerning the upcoming trial. Friends of Mrs. Madge Arrowood, mother of Tillie Arrowood, reported her of being one of complete forgiveness, minus any animosity, toward Mr. Peeler. Mrs. Arrowood had sent him a card of sympathy after the accident and had attended preliminary hearings on the indictment.

Attorney James West, of the firm of Horn, West & Horn, Shelby, said his firm had been retained to represent Mrs. Arrowood concerning Mr. Peeler's civil liability in the accident, which already had been settled. Mr. West said his information at the time of the conversations was that Mr. Peeler was in poor health.

Craftspun Plans To Utilize Idle Plant Not Known

By DAVID BAITY
Sale of the Parkdale Mills, Inc. property, formerly known as Loom-Tex Corporation, to Craftspun Yarns, Inc., was concluded this week, deed of transfer being filed for recording in Register of Deeds Dan Moore's office Wednesday. The measure had been an unconfirmed rumor among textile industry circles here. Robert Lowe, general manager of Craftspun, declined comment last week. Mr. Lowe was out-of-town Wednesday and could not be reached concerning planned use of the property. The Federal Documentary Revenue Stamp attached to the deed indicated sale price at \$125,000. Parkdale purchased the property on January 30, 1961, for \$70,000, using it for warehousing cotton.

The Parkdale property is virtually adjacent to the Craftspun property, being separated only by the Southern Railway right-of-way. The property includes about 6.5 acres and buildings with some 96,000 square feet of floor space, including the building occupied by Frank Ballard's Parkdale Store and the Phenix Barber shop quarters.

Idle since the early nineties, the plant once employed well over 200 persons. Owned briefly after World War II by Burlington Industries, the plant was sold by Burlington to Du-Court Mills Company, which went bankrupt. It was subsequently purchased by interests of the late Lester Martin, then owner of many textile operations. These were sold more than 70 houses acquired and removed all operating machinery from the plant in 1955.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of B-V-D Corporation, acquired through a Pennsylvania federal court order after Craftspun's former owner, Scranton Corporation, went into bankruptcy. Scranton was one of the many firms "raided" by Alexander Guterman, now in federal prison.

The initial Craftspun plant was remodeled and renovated for yarn production, and the firm recently putting into production a 32,000 square foot knitting plant which, at last report, employs 55 persons and operates on a three-shift, five-day-per-week schedule. The knitting firms manufactures men's underwear.

Rites Conducted For Mr. Dettmarr

Funeral rites for George William Dettmarr, 57, of Gastonia, brother of Laney Dettmarr, Mrs. Havana Davis and Mrs. Robert Metcalf of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. from Cramer Memorial Methodist church. Mr. Dettmarr died suddenly Saturday afternoon while vacationing at Carolina Beach. He had been associated with Crameron Mills since 1927.

Other relatives include his wife, Mrs. Thelma Carpenter Dettmarr; his father, William Dettmarr of Gastonia; a brother, Clyde Dettmarr of Charlotte, onetime resident of Kings Mountain and two sisters, Mrs. Floya Bridges and Miss Bertha Dettmarr, both of Gastonia.

Rev. W. H. Yokley officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. Clyde E. Murray, associate pastor of First Methodist church. Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Retailer Picnic Set For Wednesday

Kings Mountain retailers and their employees will gather for the annual employer-employee picnic Wednesday at 7 p. m. at Bethware school cafeteria. A large crowd is expected to attend. Mrs. Luther Joy, Merchants Association secretary said.

Women of El Bethel Methodist church will serve the meal. Tickets which may be obtained from the association office, are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. The arrangements committee for the outing includes Ben H. Bridges, W. D. Morrison and Mrs. Sue Young. (Continued On Page Eight)



CANDIDATE — Donald Patterson is a candidate for a master's degree Saturday from the University of Florida. He is a Kings Mountain native.

Don Patterson To Win Master's

Donald Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson of Kings Mountain, will be graduated with a master's degree Saturday from the University of Florida at Gainesville. Mr. Patterson, who holds a bachelor of science degree from Western Carolina college, is a member of the faculty of Pompano Beach high school. He expects to continue work on his doctorate this fall. After college graduation, Mr. Patterson taught three years in Washington, N. C., and subsequently joined the faculty of the Pompano high school where he also does student counselling. He is a Kings Mountain native, graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

Mrs. Patterson is the former Patricia Ann Coe of Chicago, Ill. Some 524 candidates for degrees will receive diplomas this weekend in summer commencement exercises at Florida Gymnasium on the campus of the University.

Local News Bulletins

NO FIRES
City firemen reported no alarms during the past week.

MASONIC MEETING
Regular meeting of Fairview Lodge AF & AM 339, will be held at the Lodge hall Monday evening at 7:30.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$199.25, including \$139.05 from on-street meters, \$40.50 from over-parking fees, and \$19.70 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

KIWANIS
Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner - Webb college, will report on his recent trip through the West and Canada at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting. The civic club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

MEETING DATE CHANGED
Kings Mountain Optimists are meeting each first and third Thursday evenings at Cottonwood Restaurant, W. J. Cantrell has announced. The civic club had been holding weekly meetings.

IMPROVING
Miss Carlyle Ware is reported improving after suffering a slight stroke several weeks ago. Miss Ware is taking physiotherapy treatment at Mountain Sanitarium, Fletcher, N. C., located near her summer home at Bon Clarken.

IMPROVING
Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, is steadily improving at Kings Mountain hospital. Rev. DuBose became ill several weeks ago.