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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008
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Loop Champ KMHS In Semi-Final Playoff Friday

Civic Group Decides To End Effort To Secede To Gaston

Group Accedes To Opposition Of Neighbors

By MARTIN HARMON
 The Kings Mountain area secession movement to Gaston County ended Tuesday morning, as a group of civic and service organization leaders voted unanimously to honor objections of Grover and Bethware citizens who opposed secession.

The action had the vote of Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who launched the movement after the Kings Mountain branch of the county welfare office was closed, but the Mayor issued a statement in which he said he was abiding by the will of the majority, not because he was changing his views that "we are getting the county more and getting less."

The group statement follows: "We have decided to suspend our promotion of the Kings Mountain area secession movement.

"Leaders of the Bethware Community and the Town of Grover's Mayor and Aldermen have expressed opposition to the movement. Both groups pointed out numerous practical problems that would exist if the movement took place.

"Initial inclusion of the full area of the Kings Mountain district, which includes these communities, was a practical consideration for the benefit of school administration, for it was realized that a school district split between the two counties would have made administration of the schools most difficult.

"We of Kings Mountain place more importance on harmony with our surrounding neighbors than with our differences with some agencies of the county government.

"We are confident that the majority of the citizens of the City of Kings Mountain would prefer a new association as far as county government is concerned; however, there was never any intent to force our desires on our out-lying neighbors. We are glad to honor their wishes.

"All we want from Cleveland County is a two way street cooperation and we hope the number of signatures on the secession petition will impress on the county officials the fact that many citizens feel this desirable situation has not been attained."

Bethware community leaders said last week that they opposed secession, both on grounds of distance from Gaston's agricultural offices at Dallas and on prospects of lowered feed-grain payments and planting quotas should the area move to more.

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Thornburg Rites Conducted Sunday



SPEAKER — Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., pastor of First Methodist church of Cherryville, will make the address at the annual 'ladies' night banquet Saturday at Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM.

Masons To Hold Ladies Night

Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., pastor of First Methodist church of Cherryville, will make the principal address as highlight of Saturday night's 83rd annual ladies' night banquet of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM.

The affair will be held at Masonic Hall at 7 p.m.

Carl M. Logan, lodge master, will preside and introduce visiting dignitaries. W. C. Kelly will welcome the ladies and Mrs. Kelly will give the response. D. E. Tate will recognize Masonic widows and J. Ollie Harris will present new and out-going officers. Rev. B. L. Raines will say the invocation, Allen Jolley will lead group singing, Rev. Howard Jordan will present the speaker, and Don Falls, chaplain of the lodge, will pronounce the benediction. Glee A. Bridges is program chairman for the evening.

Mr. Medlin earned his A.B. from Wofford college and his B.D. from Duke University, class of '13. Before coming to Cherryville, he served the Central Methodist church of Clyde; the Faith Methodist church of Gastonia; the Spindale Methodist church; and the Green Street

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Footie Foreman Dies Instantly In Accident

Funeral for Gresham Taft Thornburg, 56, was held Sunday at 3 p.m. from Patterson Grove Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Thornburg was killed Friday morning at 10:30 in a freak accident exactly 12 years ago to the day he had gone to work at Footie Mineral Company.

Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled Thornburg's death was accidental. No inquest was held.

The coroner said his investigation revealed Thornburg was killed as a Footie Mineral crew was cleaning out a crusher that had somehow become clogged. A large Euclid truck, filled with stone for the crusher, was parked above the crusher with its brakes on, and Thornburg, who was behind the truck, was killed instantly when brakes apparently gave way and the truck rolled backwards over him, Harris said.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Thornburg was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Miller Lee Thornburg. He was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist church. He had been employed by Footie's Kings Mountain operation since 1952.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Mae Ware Thornburg; two brothers, Labon Thornburg of Willoughby, Ohio, and the Rev. J. J. Thornburg of Winston-Salem; five sisters, Mrs. Curtis Watts of Charlotte, Mrs. Earl Warren of West Palm Beach, Fla., Mrs. J. D. Champion of Wilmington, Mrs. Richard Bell of Kings Mountain and Mrs. John Chambers of Lawrenceville, Ga.

His pastor, the Rev. Richard Plyler, officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. Roy Lockridge, Jr. and Rev. R. L. McGaha.

THANKSGIVING
 The Thanksgiving Service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held Thursday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. Rev. Charles W. Easley will use the topic, "Thanksgiving in Lamentation." There will be special music by both choirs.

The Kings Mountain Princess, a five-foot-three-blue-eyed brunette, will be one of 35 high school seniors vying for the Queens crown in 1965. She will be sponsored by the Merchants Association.

The 125-unit parade will consist of 59 floats, 27 championship bands, 33 Princesses, decorated Princess convertibles around the theme, "Symbols of Freedom". 100 clowns, 10 baton groups and drill teams and many special units. Miss America, 1964, Donna Axum, will be Honor Queen of the event. Additional Honor Queens are the Sun Goddess of St. Petersburg, Fla., the North Carolina Rhododendron Queen, Miss Charlotte, the South Carolina Peach Queen and Miss Sun Fun USA.

The parade which features the opening of the holiday season in the Carolinas will have the first visit of old St. Nick to this area. Johnny Desmond, popular television and stage star will be featured along with Tony Pastor Orchestra at the Coronation Wednesday night.

Beattie Leonard will be escort for Miss Sherrer.

The parade will get underway at 3 p.m. and over a half million spectators are expected to watch it via television as it winds from suburban Charlotte to the downtown area with over 150 units.

Church Of God Revival Started
 Rev. Kenney Houck, young evangelist from Radford, Va., is leading evangelistic services this week through November 29 at Church of God on Parker street.

The services began Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Rev. F. M. Vaughn, pastor, said.

Mr. Houck is also a musician and special singing will be featured at the services.

METER RECEIPTS
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$245.25, including \$154.80 from on-street meters, \$71 from fines, and \$19.35 from off-street meters.

Hickory Tornado Is Adversary In Shelby At 8

By MARTIN HARMON
 Kings Mountain High School Mountaineers, Southwest division champions, will be host team at Blanton Memorial Stadium at Shelby Friday night to Hickory's Tornadoes, Northwest division champions, as both teams pursue the football championship of the Western North Carolina High School Activities association.

Game time is 8 p.m.

Kings Mountain will enter this semi-final play-off encounter as the favorite, by virtue of an undefeated ten-game record. Hickory holds a season record of seven wins, three losses.

Kings Mountain Coach Bill Bates, however, warns his charges that Coach Frank Barger's Hickory lads, after losing their three opening encounters, spent the remainder of the season racking up victories, some by steamroller scores. He also points out that Hickory's early season losses were highly respectable.

Hickory dropped the opener, 14-13, to Shu Carlton's Ashley of Gastonia Western division 4-A champions, then dropped lone touchdown decisions to Taylorsville and Hudson.

There is a lone comparative score. Hickory shutout Belmont 13-0, while Kings Mountain trounced the Red Raiders 35-23.

Hickory employs a modified two-platoon system, Coach Barger said. Dick Deal is the chief offensive quarterback, while Clem Huffman handles all of the quarterback's defensive work and also spells Deal on offense.

Hickory's other backfield operators are Steve Sisk, fullback, Kelly Rudisill and Toby Morgan, halfbacks, while Steve Wilson takes over one halfback's duties on defense.

Who's most outstanding? *Continued On Page 2*

Playoff Game Ducats On Sale

Tickets for Friday night's WNCCHSAA semi-final football championship at Shelby's Blanton Memorial Stadium are on sale here at Kings Mountain high school and at Kings Mountain Drug Store.

They're also available at Shelby high school. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Stadium gates will open at 6 p.m., with game time at 8 p.m.

Blanton Stadium will seat 4500 persons, including the 500-seat temporary bleachers.

The winner of Friday night's Kings Mountain-Hickory game will return to Blanton Stadium the following Friday night as host team for the WNCCHSAA championship encounter again.

Thomasville shared South Piedmont division honors with Concord, but won the play-off berth by trouncing Concord 27-0. Thomasville has won nine, lost one.

Mooresville easily topped the North Piedmont division with a loop record of 7-0. Mooresville also 9-1 for the season, lost only to Kings Mountain, that a well-played 12-7 decision.

Not only glory for the Mountaineers, but gold for the athletic fund coffers awaits the play-off participants. A third of net receipts accrues to each school, while the WNCCHSAA receives one-third.

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Ministers Will Launch Annual Yule Empty Stocking Fund Drive Friday

Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will sponsor for the second year its Empty Stocking appeal to provide Christmas cheer for the indigent.

The announcement was made by Rev. Clyde R. Goodson, chairman of the project committee, which also includes Rev. H. G. Clayton, Rev. George Julian, and Rev. Robert McDowell.

Collection boxes will be manned by ministers at the city post-office and in front of Belk's in the business district. Mr. Goodson said. He said the drive will open with \$3.11 remaining in the fund from last year's gifts totaling \$1700.

The Empty Stocking appeal begins Friday and continues through Christmas Eve.



NAMED TO STADIUM COMMITTEE—Charles A. Neisler, left above, Carl F. Mauney and Charles Harry, III will lead the newly-formed stadium committee which will conduct a subscription campaign in the Kings Mountain school district for funds to build a new stadium.

Citizens Group Seeks Funds To Build Football Stadium

Mixed Chorus Will Present Comic Operetta

The Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus will present "The Gypsy Troubadour" Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

A 13-member cast will present the two-act comedy.

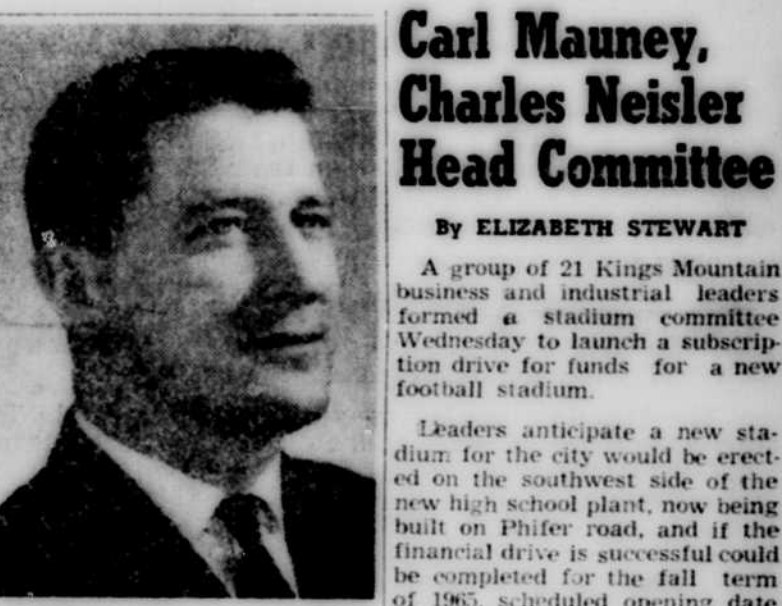
Mrs. J. N. McClure will be accompanist and Mrs. Juanita M. Logan will direct the chorus in the singing of "Round the World and Back Again"; "Don't Try To Be What You Ain't"; "Maybe"; "Seventh Son of a Seventh Son"; "Gypsy Moon"; "Gypsy Medley"; "Up to the Stars"; "I Wonder Why"; "Gypsies, Think of Me"; "Roaming Rose"; "What Makes A Song"; and "Sing, Gypsies Sing."

Dancers for the production will be Rita Caveny, Gary Myers, Lydia Poole, Mike Butler, Martha Beale, Floyd Cook, Kathy Blackburn, Pete Lynn, Elaine Williams, Corky Smith, Ann Putnam, Eddie Hardin, Butch Gibbons, Linda Green, Mike Butler, Janice Wilson, Judy Walker and Dean Webb.

Members of the cast will include Sonny Willis in the lead of Todor, ruler of the gypsy tribe, and Freda Connor as his wife, Maria; Larry Dellinger as Vario; Freida Bowen as Janina; Libby Alexander as Elena; Reggie Alexander as Marko; Teresa Jolly as Rosita; Gailther Burgardner as Nikoli; Jerry Ledford as Tom Gordon; Myra Mauney as Mrs. Jean Jerrod; Richard Frankis as Henry Clayton; Pat Butler as Mary Matthews and Teresa Dixon as Clare Clayton.

The setting is a June day in a gypsy camp on a lonely countryside. Nikoli, having been permitted to acquire a college education because of his unusual intellectual gifts, returns to the gypsy camp from college with the ambition to become a poet, publish his writings and marry Clare Clayton. Todor receives the announcement of his son's intentions with dismay and disgust, for he had planned that his son marry Rosita and succeed him.

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RETIREES — Capt. John D. Fulton, of Kings Mountain, recently retired from the army after more than 20 years of active service.

Army Captain Fulton Retires

Captain John Dirk Fulton, United States Army, retired from active service recently after more than 20 years of active duty.

Capt. Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dexter Fulton, 106 Deal street, enlisted in the navy during World War II in 1942 at the age of 16. He served four years.

He then completed high school and attended Columbia Technical Institute, Washington, D. C., enlisting in the army in 1947 as a corporal. Promoted through the ranks to master sergeant, he received a direct commission as second lieutenant in 1952.

Capt. Fulton served approximately half of his active duty overseas, including a tour of duty as a paratrooper advisor to the South Vietnamese Army Airborne brigade.

James Herndon, chairman of the district board of education, called the group together to get public opinion from a representative group of citizens concerning such a project. He said their response was enthusiastic.

How much will a stadium cost? Chairman Herndon estimates \$20 per seat and that figure could be less. Some school funds can be expended for a stadium. Mr. Herndon pointed out, such as grading work on the site. There are specific limitations on use of school funds raised through district bonds. Money can be used for roads, walkways, playgrounds, and spectator seats in a gymnasium which doubles for an auditorium but not for spectator seats in a stadium. Neither could capital outlay funds be designated for stadium use as school building needs would come first, Mr. Herndon said.

Other communities have raised money for stadium building. Mr. Herndon continued, including Shelby's Blanton Memorial, a 4,000-seat stadium built mostly from public subscription. Cherryville and Lincolnton. A similar subscription drive for stadium funds is underway in Belmont and Gastonia has tentative plans for such a community effort, Mr. Herndon pointed out.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER
 The Waco Community Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a chicken pie supper at the Waco school lunchroom Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. Plates will be \$1 and proceeds are earmarked for needed fire-fighting equipment.

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ROTARY CLUB

Dave Smith of Gastonia will be guest speaker at Thursday's Rotary club meeting at 12:15 at the Country Club. Mr. Smith will use the topic, "Commitments", on program arranged by Charles Dixon.

KIWANIS CLUB

Paul N. Ranson, representative of the Dale Carnegie courses, will speak on "How to Get the Most Out of Your Talents" at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

LIONS MEETING

Frank Pridemore, historian at Kings Mountain National Military Park, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 7 p.m.