

Kiser Writing Articles

Local Color Of Yesterday

Are you interested in local color of by-gone days?

If so, then you will enjoy the series of articles planned for The Mirror-Herald by Jesse A. Kiser.

Who is Jesse Kiser? A native son. His folks were Larin A. and Lorena J. Kiser. Jesse graduated from Kings Mountain High and attended Lenoir Rhyne College for one year before returning to work on the family farm.

In the early 1920s, Jesse went to work at Sadie Mills. About that same time he married Miss Cora Watterson from Kings Mountain. They spent 50 years together until her death on Nov. 2, 1977. It was their 55th wedding anniversary.

Jesse went to work for Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey in the accounting department in Charlotte in 1925. In 1932 he was transferred to Wilmington to serve as terminal cashier until 1935. At that time he was transferred back to Charlotte and the accounting department where he remained until he served as a finance officer in the Army Air Force in 1942. He said his service was of short duration and he returned to Standard Oil.

In 1944 Jesse was promoted to promotional salesman covering the entire state. A year later he was elevated to field supervisor in the Gastonia district, which covered Gastonia, Belmont, Lincolnton, Kings Mountain and Shelby. In 1948 Jesse became a general salesman in the Charlotte district and in 1954 was transferred to Raleigh. In 1958 he was promoted to district marketing assistant and remained in that position in Raleigh until his retirement on Aug. 1, 1966.

Jesse, who now resides at Georgetown Apartments, was with the company through all the name changes—Standard Oil, Esso, Humble Oil and Exxon.

The articles Jesse has prepared will deal with people, places and events out of Kings Mountain's early history.

"I will call these recollections Facts, Fallacies and Fancies," Jesse said. "I hope The Mirror-Herald readers will enjoy reading the accounts as much as I did writing them."

The first article will appear in the Thursday edition.



WRITING ARTICLES — Jesse Kiser, a Kings Mountain native, is planning a series of articles on people, places and events from the city's history for The Mirror-Herald.

Facts And Allegations

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"chise dies," Corry said, "then the unit would have to dissolve and the property sold off. Or the unit, for a token fee, could turn over the property to another agency, such as Kings Mountain Emergency Services. There must be a change of title however."

Another audience member present suggested the county could fire the present paid employes and get them out of the building. Hinnant said, "The county has no say-so in who stays or goes in any rescue unit. I didn't come here to get caught in a

crossfire between the two sides. I have friends on both the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and friends on this unit. If the new unit were to become a viable organization, then I would work to have the paid personnel on KM Rescue Squad transferred somewhere else so there would be no loss of employment."

To allegations that Kings Mountain Rescue Squad is not living up to its responsibility, Hinnant said, "We (the county) has been given no justification to conduct an investigation of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad. The only complaint I have received is there is no one at

the squad at night to answer the phone."

Corbet Nicholson, one of the character members of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and currently serving as a member of the board of directors of Kings Mountain Emergency Services, made a plea that the public get out and work to raise funds to get back the way they used to be in rescue and ambulance service.

Hinnant again urged the boards of the two units in Kings Mountain to get together and work out their problems.

Lithium Appoints Three

To meet the needs of company growth, three new staff members have been added to the Lithium Corporation of America, it was announced today by Harold Andrews, President.

In the Research Department of the corporation, Dr. John R. Wasson has been appointed Senior Research Chemist, according to Dr. R. O. Bach, manager of the department. Dr. Wasson holds B.

S. and M. A. degrees in inorganic chemistry from the University of Missouri, in addition to a Ph. D. in physical chemistry from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill. Prior to joining Lithium

Corporation of America, Dr. Wasson engaged in chemical research for the Universities of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is married. His wife is Shirley. They have two children, John, Jr., age 14, and Suzanne, age 9. The Wassons currently are living on Carriage House Lane, Gastonia.

D. W. Middleton, vice president of mining operations, announces the appointment of John Hutchins to the mining operations staff as Mining Production Foreman.

Hutchins is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He served in the U. S. Army from 1964 to 1967. He comes to Lithium Corporation from Martin Marietta Corporation where he was employed for eleven years in quarry operations. His last position there was plant superintendent.

Hutchins is married. His wife is Mary Ann. They have three children, Buffy, 9 years of age, Tammy, 7 years and Christopher, 10 months. The Hutchins live in Kings Mountain.

Herbert L. Love has been appointed as a designer in the Works Engineering Division of the Chemical Manufacturing Department of Lithium Corporation, according to J. W. Setzer, Director of the Works Engineering Division of the corporation.

Love is a graduate of Chester High School, Chester, S. C. He attended York Technical Institute, Rock Hill, S. C., where he studied drafting and design technology.

Prior to joining Lithium Corporation he worked at the Luwa Corporation, manufacturers of chemical processing machinery, for eight years. His last position there was lead design technician.

He is married. His wife is Cheryl. They have two children, ages 8 and 14. The Loves live on Baker Drive, Charlotte.

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