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Trading Area ..... 15,000
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CITIZENS ARE ASKED TO CONSERVE WATER

Local News Bulletins

OTATES AT HOME (Bus) Oates was discharged Wednesday 7 p. m. Kings Mountain hospital, where he has been receiving treatment for injuries received in an accident several weeks ago.

ATTENDS SYNOD MEETING Mrs. Paul Mauney reported on Kings Mountain Presbytery's women's work at the meeting of the North Carolina Synodical in two-day session at Winston-Salem October 31-34.

FIRE ALARMS City firemen answered two calls last Thursday, according to report of Jim Lybrand, fireman, Wednesday morning. At 3:30 p. m. they extinguished a grass fire on Falls street, and at 10 p. m. an oil stove blaze in the Parson Apartments on W. King street. No damages were reported.

VISITING MINISTER Dr. Gordon Parkinson, of Due West, S. C., will conduct the service at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressley, who left Tuesday for Monticello, Ark., where he is preaching at a series of services at Monticello A.R.P. church.

ATTENDS CONVENTION Mayor Glee A. Bridges and City Clerk Joe Hendrick represented the city at the annual convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities in Asheville held from Sunday through Tuesday. A former city manager, H. L. Burdette, now city manager of Hickory, was elected first vice-president of the organization for the coming year.

JOINS STAFF Mrs. Ma Morrow, of Gastonia, has joined the staff of Helen's Beauty Shop, Mrs. Morrow, before coming to Kings Mountain, was employed by Nova's Beauty Salon. She assumed her duties Monday.

McSwain Temporary Terminal Manager E. K. McSwain, Gastonia terminal employee of Queen City Coach Company, is temporarily in charge of the Kings Mountain Bus Terminal.

Auxiliary Starts Member Drive The Kings Mountain American Legion Auxiliary is launching currently its annual membership campaign and is inviting all eligible women to affiliate with the organization.

Commissioners Expected To Call \$600,000 Bond Vote November 5 The city board of commissioners likely will adopt resolutions calling for a \$600,000 bond election at the regular monthly meeting November 5, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday.

Bethware Ballot To Decide Committee On Vote Petition

Park Grace Asks Vote; Compact Decision Awaited

Bethware school district citizens will cast ballots in a straw vote Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 p. m. to determine whether the district school committee asks to be included in a proposed township election on consolidating the several districts into one unit.

Meantime, Compact school patrons are expected to gather at the school Sunday afternoon for a mass meeting to hear consolidation proponents outline potential benefits of a consolidation and details concerning it. However, the proponents, likely to be Chairman Arnold Kincaid and Fred W. Blunk, of the Kings Mountain district school board, have their work out for Compact patrons, at a meeting last Sunday afternoon, on show of hands, indicated opposition to the consolidation proposal and to holding such an election, County Superintendent J. Horace Grigg said he was told by L. L. Adams, Compact principal.

Bethware district held a meeting, attended by an estimated 300 persons, on Monday night, with County Superintendent Horace Grigg on hand to answer questions concerning the proposal. The temper of the crowd was anti-consolidation, one observer reported, but Chairman Clyde Randle declined a suggestion for a vote.

The Bethware school committee emphasized that everyone over 21 years of age residing within the Bethware district is invited and urged to cast a ballot Saturday afternoon. The voting will be conducted at the two schools of the district, Patterson Grove and Bethware.

Park Grace school committee signed a petition requesting the consolidation election last week-end. Grover committee signed several weeks ago. Action by Compact and Bethware remains before the issue of the holding of the election will be settled finally.

Dr. Herbert Spough, pastor of the Moravian church at Charlotte and a religious newspaper columnist, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday evening at the weekly meeting, at Masonic Lodge hall at 6:45.

Dr. Spough will speak on a program arranged by Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Dr. Spough's "Everyday Counsel" appears daily in the Shelby Daily Star and in the Charlotte News, among other newspapers of the surrounding area.



LIONS SPEAKER - Carl G. McCraw, Kings Mountain native and president of the Union National Bank of Charlotte will address the Kings Mountain Lions club at their meeting Tuesday night at Masonic Lodge hall at 7 o'clock.



NEW PASTOR - Rev. A. D. Holt has arrived in Kings Mountain to assume the pastorate of First Church of the Nazarene, located on S. Cherokee street. Mr. Holt succeeds Rev. C. E. McKenzie.

Holt Accepts Nazarene Call The Rev. A. D. Holt, for the past two years a commissioned evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, has come to Kings Mountain to accept the pastoral call of the First Church of the Nazarene here.

He succeeds the Rev. C. E. McKenzie. Mr. Holt has been a minister of the Church of the Nazarene for many years, majority of his service having been spent in Virginia and North Carolina.

He has served the First Nazarene church in Richmond, Va., for two tenures as pastor, and the Central church in Greensboro, North Carolina became a separate district of the denomination in 1942 and Mr. Holt served as the district superintendent until 1945.

School Trustees Trying To Clear Property Snarl

City school officials were endeavoring to obtain a purchase agreement with Bright D. Ratterree for a portion of the Essie Weir Estate. Ratterree property for a new Negro school elementary plant.

Mr. Ratterree, who is executor of the Weir Estate, met with the board in regular monthly meeting at Central school Monday at 7:30 p. m.

He told the board that he felt he had not been dealt fairly on the matter and said he had never been told the description of the portion he sought. He said that the first he knew of condemnation action was "when I read about it in the paper."

Funds for the new building are being withheld in Raleigh by state board authorities until certification by the Kings Mountain board that the local unit holds title to all land in the new 12-plus acre site.

Edits on the project were let by the board on August 25 and the state school board approved, on September 10, allocation of \$70-\$19.35 for the building.

Mr. Ratterree showed the board a petition signed by "all but two" property owners near the new site and objecting to the location of the school and proposed athletic field.

He also told the board that he could not sell any of the property "until his executorship ran out" and that Mayor G. A. Bridges and the City of Kings Mountain had been given an option last August, on the entire property.



THE OLD CORNER DRUGSTORE - The above picture, retrieved recently from some debris at Bonnie Mill Store, is literally the old corner drugstore operated by Tom Kendrick on the site now owned and occupied by First National Bank. The Herald has made diligent effort to identify all of the persons in the picture and has checked and double-checked with a number of citizens. All have been identified except the young man wearing the cap at the extreme right.

Throngs Attend 50th Floral Fair

Winners in competition at the Kings Mountain Woman's club fiftieth anniversary Floral Fair were announced yesterday as record crowds visited the Woman's Club building here.

Mrs. George H. Houser won the sweepstakes prize for winning the most blue ribbons in the show. Mrs. J. L. McGill, last year's winner, was runner-up.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur won the sweepstakes prize in the Horticulture division. Mrs. Paul Hendricks was floral prize winner of the most outstanding rose displayed in the event.

David Carroll won prizes for the most outstanding specimen entered by a man, and for the most outstanding specimen in the show. H. L. Campbell was winner of the most outstanding arrangement by a man.

Merchants Fall Festival Sale Nearing Climax

Kings Mountain retail merchants will complete their Fall Festival Sale Saturday, with added bargains having been added during the past week to attract visitors and to please customers.

The ten-day city-wide trade promotion has been moving along nicely, according to J. C. Bridges, Merchants association president, and he predicted that participating retailers would add up even greater sales this weekend, as the sales event moves toward its climax.

All participating firms are providing registration cards for the television set drawing. No obligation incurs to the registrant, who merely is required to fill out the card, signing name and address.

The drawing will be conducted in front of City Hall at 7 o'clock Saturday night. Spangler's Ready Mix Concrete Company, of Shelby, is furnishing a transit type cement mixer for the drawing, and all of the tickets dropped in the many boxes during the 10-day period will be dumped into the mixer and given a final long whirl before the lucky one is withdrawn.

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