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Observance Of War Production Week To Begin

Go-To-Church Campaign To Be Launched Sunday

Plonk School Will Present Bible Program

Kings Mountain's Go-to-church campaign will be launched at the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock when the faculty and students of Plonk School of Creative Arts, presents a program of Bible readings and music.

The program by the Plonk School is the first step in a sustained campaign to increase participation of Kings Mountain citizens in church and Sunday school activities.

Among the original sponsors of the campaign are the five uptown churches, the Kiwanis and Lions club, the American Legion, VFW, Masons, UDC, DAR, the Junior and Senior Woman's clubs and Merchants Association.

In charge of the program Sunday afternoon will be Miss Laura Plonk, director of the school. The Bible readings will be given from the life and teachings of St. Paul, and the other readings will be taken from the book, "Jesus the Son of Man," by Khalil Gibran. Others taking part in the program will be Miss Lillian Plonk, assistant director of the school, Mrs. C. A. Plonk, and Misses Florence Andrews, Laura Bryson, Bonnie Murdock, Eugenia Reid, Evelyn Hamrick, Ruth Bostick, and Miss Clara Plonk, of Kings Mountain.

A free-will offering will be taken, with half the proceeds to defray the travel expenses of the group presenting the program, and with the other half to be used by the campaign committee for use in furthering the Go-To-Church campaign.

"The auditorium should be filled for this program Sunday afternoon," John L. McGill, chairman, said Wednesday. The Plonk School has presented programs here in the past and those who have heard them will be anxious to again have the opportunity of hearing a Bible program presented by this highly-trained group. We are fortunate that this program will launch this campaign."

Lions To Hold Seventh Annual Ladies' Night Banquet Friday

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will entertain more than 150 Lionesses and other guests at the Woman's Club Friday night at eight o'clock at the seventh annual Ladies' night banquet of the civic club, with the banquet to be featured by a program to be presented by the faculty and students of Plonk School of Creative Arts, of Asheville.

Reservations for the annual affair are at an all-time peak of more than 200.

Included on the program, will be an original life study by Miss Laura Bryson, who will also give a number of original monologues. Miss Clara Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk, of route 1, Kings Mountain, will sing two solos, Romberg's "One Alone," and Friml's "Donkey's Serenade." Miss Eugenia Reid will read two poems, and Miss Bonnie Murdock will present an original arrangement from "Birds' Christmas Carol." Miss Florence Andrews will read the poem "Peace" by James Oppenheim. Immediately preceding the dinner, the school choral group will sing Malotte's "Lord's Prayer" and will close the program with Schubert's "Prayer for Peace." Mrs. C. A. Plonk will be pianist.

Miss Laura Plonk Kings Mountain native and director of the school will give an introduction to the program.

The program is to be opened by the singing of the Lions song, Billy Houser will lead the salute to the flag, and Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of the Lutheran church, will return thanks. William Plonk, president, will preside, and favors are to be given to the ladies.

The Plonk School presented the program at the Ladies' Night banquet two years ago.

Local News Bulletins

EN ROUTE HOME

Mrs. Virginia Ware Stone, husband of Sgt. William F. Stone, Jr., recently reported seriously wounded in action in Germany, received a notification from the War department Saturday that her husband was being returned to the United States.

RECREATION FUND

Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., said Wednesday morning that receipts and pledges in the campaign for the city recreation fund totaled more than \$3,400. Goal of the campaign is \$6,000, and Mrs. Mauney and Mrs. Hunter Neisler, in charge of solicitations are urging gifts to the fund in order that the campaign may be completed.

LIBRARY MEETING

Some 25 Kings Mountain citizens attended a meeting at the City Hall Tuesday night to discuss plans for expansion of facilities of the Kings Mountain public library. No action was taken with the exception that Mayor J. H. Thompson is to appoint a committee to investigate possibilities and make a recommendation.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

The First National Bank will be closed Monday, May 21, in observance of Mecklenburg Independence day, it was announced this week by B. S. Neill, executive vice-president. The day is a legal holiday in the state.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The VFW will conduct a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 27 at Mountain Rest cemetery, it was announced yesterday. All service organizations will be asked to participate. The VFW will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

REVIVAL MEETING

Rev. Paul Hill, of Gastonia, general evangelist of Wesleyan Methodist church, will preach in services each night at 7:45 at the Wesleyan church here in a two-week revival meeting beginning Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. Paul Allred, and Mrs. Allred will be in charge of the music, and Mrs. Marie Jenkins will be the pianist.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Gantt

Funeral services for Mrs. Hope McGill Gantt, 55, were held at Boiling Springs Presbyterian church last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Thomas Kimbrell, pastor of Allendale Methodist church, conducted the services, in the absence of the pastor of the deceased.

Mrs. Gantt passed away in Columbia hospital, Columbia, S. C., last Wednesday and although she had been in ill health for sometime, her death was unexpected.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McGill, well-known citizens of Kings Mountain and she resided here until after her marriage when she moved to Shelby and later to Barnwell, S. C., where she has made her home for many years. In early life, she joined Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church, of which she was a faithful member while living here. During her residence in South Carolina she has been connected with Boiling Springs Presbyterian church and was active not only in the affairs of her church, but also in the civic affairs of the community and evinced an intense interest in the welfare of the members of her family and those with whom she came in contact.

She is survived by her husband, R. L. Gantt, three daughter, Mrs. W. M. Harley and Miss Marie Gantt, Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Edward C. Arbogast, Barnwell, S. C.; four sons, Thomas D. Gantt, Morgan City, La., Richard L. Gantt, Jr., Fort McClellan, Ala., Fuller Gantt, Charleston, S. C., Joe Douglas Gantt, Barnwell, S. C.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. R. L. Mercer and Mrs. Earl Carpenter, Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. O. Boss, Bessemer City; five brothers, T. P. McGill, E. A. McGill and N. F. McGill, Kings Mountain, I. Warren McGill, Little Rock, Ark., and J. D. McGill, Kannapolis, N. C.

Newton Horse Champion Of Spring Horse Show

Dee-Do-Dare, ridden and owned by H. J. Isenhour of Newton, president of Newton Spinning Mills, was judged grand champion of the Lions' club Spring Benefit horse show, held in municipal stadium Wednesday afternoon.

The show, featuring 81 horses and witnessed by a crowd variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 persons, was marred by the weather and an accident to Major Peavine King, the fine horse owned by Miss Evelyn Isenhour; (2) Helen Monroe, George Blanton, Mrs. Ben Hendricks; (3) Royal Ace, J. O. Yount, Dexter Simmons; (4) Daisy Taylor, Byron Keeter, James Harris.

Three-Gaited Class

Ribbons: (1) Shades of Night, George Blanton, Mrs. Ben Hendricks; (2) American Cheer, Evelyn Gettys; (3) Night Life, Holly Oak Farm, W. G. Wray; (4) Stormy Weather, David Fisher.

Five-Gaited Class

Ribbons: (1) Major Peavine King, Kitty Gettys, Evelyn Gettys; (2) Dark Night, H. M. Craig, Lester Connell; (3) Dee-Do-Dare, H. J. Isenhour; (4) Highland Peavine, John Henkel, Billy Henkel.

Walking Class (Four Years and Under)

Ribbons: (1) Jessie James, D. Huss Cline; (2) Spotted Allen, George Wray; (3) Sir Mac, Stuart Dellinger; (4) Frosty Morn, Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Tom Fulton.

Racking Class

Ribbons: (1) Joe Stalin, T. D. Reinhardt; (2) Dan, N. F. McGill, Jr.; (3) Billy Peavine, F. S. Dedmon, Carl Dedmon; (4) Snowdrift, John Butler Plonk.

Local Horsemanship

Ribbons: (1) Daisy Taylor, Byron Keeter, Jimmy Harris; (2) Hi-Speed Buster, George Allen; (3) Charlie, Aubrey Mauney; (4) Early Dawn, Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Tom Fulton.

Gentlemen's Horsemanship

Ribbon: McCord's Peavine, Gilbert Patton; (2) Blackout, George Wray; (3) Hi-Speed Buster, George Allen; (4) Chief, H. Y. Ballard.

Ladies Horsemanship

Ribbons: (1) American Cheer, Evelyn Gettys; (2) Shades of Night, George Blanton, Mrs. Ben Hendricks; (3) Wilda's Dream, E. F. McKinney, Helen Stephenson; (4) Sir Rex Kalamara, E. F. McKinney, Margaret Eason.

Walking Class, Open

Ribbons: (1) Jessie James, D. Huss Cline; (2) Spotted Allen, Geo. Wray; (3) Strolling Major, Byron Keeter; (4) Sir Mac, Stuart Dellinger.

Pleasure Class

Ribbons: (1) King, D. R. Mauney, Jr.; (2) Atto Boy, C. G. Beam; (3) Wilda's Dream, E. F. McKinney, Helen Stephenson; (4) Daisy Taylor, Byron Keeter.

Three-Gaited Stake

Win, \$5 and ribbon, American Cheer, Evelyn Gettys; Place, \$3 and ribbon, Shades of Night, George Blanton, Mrs. Ben Hendricks; Show, \$2 and ribbon, Night Life, Holly Oak Farm, W. G. Wray.

Five-Gaited Stake

Win, \$5 and ribbon, Dark Night, Max Craig, Lester Connell; Place, \$3 and ribbon, Dee-Do-Dare, H. J. Isenhour; Show, \$2 and ribbon, McCord's Peavine, Gilbert Patton, Fourth, Sergeant, Charles Falls, Sr., Allen Creeseaman.

Walking Stake

Win, \$5 and ribbon, Midget, Rosa Shell; Place, \$3 and ribbon, Strolling Major, Byron Keeter; Show, Jessie James, D. H. Cline; Fourth, Sir Mac, Stuart Dellinger.

Champion Horse of Show

Dee-Do-Dare, H. J. Isenhour.

Seventh War Loan Underway; City Quota Is Half Million

The Seventh War Loan campaign opened throughout the nation Monday, with Kings Mountain's part of the nation's 14 billion quota a total of \$500,000.

A large portion of this half-million quota — \$188,000 — is for individuals. Full reports on bond sales this week were not available Wednesday, but one issuing agent reported a slight increase in bondbuying for the first three days of the week.

Half of the national quota is billed for sale to individuals, largest quota individuals have been asked to buy in the history of the war loan campaigns.

"Just because the war in the East has been concluded is no reason to halt our efforts in hurrying the end of the war to the West," J. R. Davis chairman of the Kings Mountain loan drive, said Wednesday. "The newspaper headlines of the tough fighting on Okinawa show the job yet to be done, and, though the fighting on the Philippines has been over-shadowed in the news, we may be sure that as long as fighting is taking

place, our boys are spilling their blood.

"I wish to urge all to buy bonds to the limit of their ability. Buy all you can, then buy one more," he concluded.

Bonds may be purchased at the post office, the Home Building and Loan association, the First National bank, the Margrace Credit union, and the Pauline Mill.

The American Legion post has set a \$100,000 goal in bond sales and purchases for members of the post, and the Merchants association, civic clubs, and manufacturing companies are planning much activity in connection with bond sales during the campaign which will continue through June.

TO GIVE SERMON

Dr. R. N. Baird, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to seniors of Erskine college on Sunday morning, it was announced by officials of the Due West, S. C., school this week.

Army Colonel Is To Be Here All Next Week

Kings Mountain, without pause, but with more than usual attention, will observe Kings Mountain War Production week beginning Monday in a program designed to acquaint citizens generally and war workers in particular with the direct contribution the city is making to the successful prosecution of the war.

Also a purpose of the observance, sponsored by the War Manpower Commission, Kings Mountain's civic clubs, the City of Kings Mountain, and employee and management groups of Kings Mountain industrial plants, is to show Kings Mountain as an area war workers of the importance of sticking to their jobs.

The Herald invites the attention of its readers to two advertisements in today's edition which give the facts relating to war production of Neisler Mills, Inc., and Mauney Textile Interests. Due to the limit of time and the shortage of skilled help, it was impossible to present all of Kings Mountain's war production story in one edition. Look for more of it next week.

A number of special events are planned, including window displays showing the end products of Kings Mountain production, poster displays prepared by school children of the Kings Mountain schools, and special talks by Lt. Col. L. F. Nickel, now at Moore General hospital, Swannanoa, after returning from 16 months' duty with the adjutant general's peninsular base section in Italy.

Col. Nickel, a graduate of the army's command and general staff school and holder of the bronze star medal, will speak after each showing of the motion picture "Since You Went Away," which will be shown at the Dixie Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Motion picture (Cont'd on page four)

NHA Approves 25 Building Permits

A new war housing program providing for the construction of 25 family dwelling units in Kings Mountain, including 5 for Negroes, has been approved by John B. Blanford, Jr., administrator, National Housing Agency, it was announced today by NHA regional representative, Robert K. Creighton, Atlanta. This housing is authorized under what has been designated as an H-2 Program. It calls for the construction of this housing by private enterprise.

Units authorized under this new program for occupancy by Negroes will have a sales ceiling of \$3,000 per unit. These units are to be produced for sale or owner-occupancy. Units programmed for white occupancy will have a rental ceiling of \$50 and a sales ceiling of \$6,000. While 5 of these units must be held for rent during the emergency, 15 may be produced for sale or owner-occupancy. It is not expected, however, that all dwelling units will be produced to sell at maximum prices. It is anticipated that the demand which materializes during the administration of this program will establish the price levels at which the housing will be produced.

"This program is designated as an H-2 Program and is distinguished from the H-1 Program under which war housing has heretofore been authorized in war housing areas," Creighton said, "in that no eligibility restrictions for occupancy of these new units will be imposed. It is expected that these units will be occupied largely by war workers, families of military personnel, and returning veterans. This program differs further from the H-1 Program in that construction standards covering overall size, room sizes, materials and equipment have been adjusted to the extent consistent with the availability of materials and labor to permit the construction of houses of larger sizes and better quality.

Private builders, investors and other persons interested in the production of new dwelling units under this program should make application for priority assistance and authority to begin construction to the Federal Housing Administration, Guilford Building, Greensboro, N. C. Jack H. Brown is the state director of the Federal Housing administration.