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Local News Bulletins

OPS TEAM Eugene Morrison, of the OPS consumer goods section, will be at the Kings Mountain Merchants association office Monday afternoon.

LIONS MEETING Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Lodge Hall.

ATTENDS MEETING Mrs. Ruth Gamble, Executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter, attended the Regional Blood Committee meeting Tuesday at Covenant Presbyterian church in Charlotte.

1934 BUY TAGS A total of 1,034 vehicle owners had purchased city auto tags Wednesday morning.

ATTEND MEETING Rev. W. L. Pressly, chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter and Fred Plonk, chairman of the 1952 fund drive, attended a meeting of the District American Red Cross at Asheville Monday, January 28.

ATTEND MEETING Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fuller spent the weekend in Pinehurst, where Mr. Fuller attended the city managers' meeting of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

LAKE MONTONIA Annual stockholder's meeting of Lake Montonia Club will be held at City Hall in Kings Mountain on Tuesday, March 4, according to announcement by President Docus C. McSwain.

COMPLETE COURSE Pfc. Bill Payne has successfully completed a course of instruction at Embury Riddle School of Aviation and is now stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Arizona.

Sawyer's Roadblock Stops Negro Speeder

State Highway Patrolman W. D. (Bill) Sawyer stopped a runaway speeder here early Saturday night with a roadblock of some 15 private cars.

Clifford Jones, Negro about 26 years old, of McLain, N. C., was arrested by the local officer and charged with reckless driving, falling to stop for a siren, speeding 90 miles per hour and carrying a concealed weapon. He was driving a 1940 Mercury convertible.

He was tried in Cleveland County recorder's court, in Shelby Monday and failed to pay a fine of \$150 and costs and was sent to jail for three months, Patrolman Sawyer said.

The roadblock was set up about 8 p. m. just west of the junction of West Mountain street and the Shelby highway a few yards outside the city limits.

Patrolman Dellinger of Shelby had jumped Jones in Mooresboro and chased him to Shelby at 100 miles per hour. Officer Sawyer said that Patrolman Dellinger radioed him to stop the man and he immediately set up the roadblock.

Two Are Injured In Wreck Saturday

Mrs. Dorothy Jones and Miss Lella Clark were hospitalized Saturday due to injuries received in an automobile collision at the intersection of Linwood Road and Church street.

The accident occurred when cars driven by H. D. Wilson and Mrs. Elsie Fisher Dixon collided. Mrs. Dixon was given first aid treatment at Kings Mountain hospital but was not admitted.

Mrs. Jones and Miss Clark received painful head and leg cuts. They were discharged from Kings Mountain hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Both cars were badly damaged.



HEAD SCOUT FUND DRIVE—Charlie Connor, left, and Bruce Thorburn, right will serve as co-chairmen of the annual financial campaign for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts.



The fund drive begins Monday, with a goal of \$1,750.

Connor, Thorburn Head Scout Drive

Campaign Starts Monday To Raise \$1,750 For Scouts

Charles Connor, Kings Mountain insurance salesman, and Bruce Thorburn, Burlington Mills personnel manager, will serve as co-chairmen of the annual Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts financial campaign.

Announcement was made by Ollie Harris, acting chairman of the district.

The annual union service in honor of Kings Mountain Boy Scouts will be held at First Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30.

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January Postoffice Receipts Show Hike

Postal receipts at Kings Mountain postoffice took a big jump in January over January 1951, according to report yesterday by George Hord, assistant postmaster.

Mr. Hord reported total receipts of \$5,463.86, compared to receipts of \$4,036.39 in January 1951.

He said the big jump was due in part to large stamp and stamped envelope purchases made by a few business firms not a regular monthly occurrence.

Another factor was large deposit for postage meter machine use by another firm.

Parking Money

A total of \$149.93 was collected from the City's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday, according to an announcement of City Clerk, Joe Hendrick.

Foot Mineral Anniversary Brochure Features Kings Mountain Operations

Kings Mountain's Foot Mineral company plant is the leading feature of Foot's 75th anniversary edition of "Foot Prints," semi-annual technical publication of Foot Mineral Company.

The issue, handsomely printed in brochure form, with a two-color cover, uses an airplane photograph of its Kings Mountain plant on the cover, and devotes its first four pages to pictures and detailed copy outlining its Kings Mountain operations.

The publication calls Kings Mountain "one of the finest sources of lithium" and describes its Kings Mountain property as "the largest known deposits of lithium-bearing spodumene in the Western Hemisphere."

Police Confiscate Post Slot Machines

Action Follows Investigation Of Robbery

City police confiscated four slot machines from the American Legion Building Sunday morning, the confiscation resulting from police investigation of a robbery of the Legion Building.

It was the second time slot machines have been seized at the Legion Building. On the first occasion, last summer, the Legion reclaimed the slot machines after Judge Faison Barnes ruled in city court that the seizure warrant had been improperly drawn.

Paul Byers, manager of the Legion Building, was arrested Monday morning on charges of "operating slot machines" and was freed under bond of \$1,000.

The trial is docketed for trial in city recorder's court on Monday, February 11.

According to statements by city police, A. L. (Leck) Ware, well-known plumber, called the police station early Sunday morning to report "someone's robbing the Legion building."

Officers Ed Martin and E. F. Sessions handled the investigation detail and reported they saw a person running away from the building on their arrival. However, the person eluded them.

The officers found the Legion Building looted of cigars, chewing gum and miscellaneous similar items. In addition, metal cases which house the slot machines had been broken open, and one of the machines had been looted of its money.

The thief or thieves, had entered from a window on the front side. The officers returned to pick up Officer J. O. Thomson, the department's fingerprint expert, who filed his trace.

Next morning, about 9:30, Officer Thompson obtained a warrant for confiscation of the slot machines and they were hauled to City Hall, where they now repose in the hallway, awaiting disposition by the court.

Police say they are interrogating several suspects on the robbery case.

Honor Society Inducts Two

Kings Mountain High School's National Honor Society chapter inducted the final five per cent of the graduating class into the chapter on January 31.

Paul McGinnis, vice-president of the society, introduced the speaker for the event, Rabbi Jerome Mark of Temple Emanuel, Gastonia.

Cpl. Owensby, 22, is one of three brothers now in the armed forces — all in different branches. The others are Pfc. Clyde Lamar Owensby, 25, army, Fort Benning, Ga., and Paul M. Owensby, 19, SA, in the navy aboard the USS Comstock (LSD 19).

The Owensbys formerly lived in Kings Mountain. Cpl. Owensby left the United States in August and was stationed on page 5.

Attends Convention

Mrs. George Morrow of Ansell Beauty Shoppe left Sunday for High Point to attend a convention of the N. C. Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association to be held in the Sheraton Hotel, February 3-4-5.

Scouters Told Scout Program Builds Nation

Through your efforts in work with the youth, the coming generation is going to make a better America tomorrow," Rev. Harlan Harris, pastor of Shelby First Baptist church, told some 200 persons at the annual Kings Mountain Boy Scout district banquet Tuesday night at the Masonic dining hall.

"There is a call today for heroism, a call for an honest faith and a call for service. I know of no greater organization than the Boy Scouts in training you for the life ahead," Rev. Harris told the assembled Scouts and Cub Scouts of the district.

"A good Scout, one that lives by the Scout Law, is a good Christian," the Roseberg, Oregon native and former football player at Wheaton College, continued.

Rev. Harris' message highlighted the annual affair. He was introduced by Ollie Harris, acting district chairman.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce was host for the occasion and W. K. Mauney, Jr., club president, welcomed the group. Laney Dettmar led the salute to the flag and Rev. J. W. Phillips gave the invocation.

President Mauney presided over a short Jaycee business meeting and announced that a change in the club's by-laws would come up for approval at the next meeting, on February 19.

He announced a nominating committee composed of Faison Barnes, Fleete McCurdy, Bill Fulton and Berri Chandler.

Four new members were welcomed into the club by Jack White. They are Kenneth Morrison, Harold Phillips, Jake Reynolds and Charles Wilson.

Chairman Harris introduced the troops and their leaders with nine of the 11 troops in the district represented. Mr. Harris also introduced members and leaders of two Cub Scout packs, Eagle Scouts, Silver Beaver Award Winner H. C. Wilson and others.

Officers for the coming year were then introduced. They are Bert Chandler, vice-chairman; Dr. Nathan Reed, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Phillips, organization and extension chairman; Jack Hullenberg, leadership and training chairman; Charles Connor and Bruce Thornburn, co-chairmen of finance; Dr. P. G. Padgett, health and safety; C. C. Edens and Fred W. Plonk, camping and activities; and J. H. Patterson, relationship.

Rev. W. P. Gerberding pronounced the benediction. Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Sr., served a delicious roast pork dinner.

Graveside Rites Held For Infant

Graveside rites for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lowrance, N. Piedmont avenue, were held at Mountain Rest cemetery Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, with the Rev. J. E. Walker, of Cherryville, conducting.

The child lived only 45 minutes after its birth Monday morning.

Tax Collections Show Big Jump

The city's 1951 tax levy is 83.3 percent paid, as a result of heavy tax payments last week prior to February 2, date a one percent penalty applied for non-payment.

At the close of business January 28, only two-thirds of the levy had been paid. Reports yesterday by City Clerk Joe Hendrick, showed that city tax payers had paid into city coffers \$90,980.52, against the total levy of \$109,182.47.

A large portion of the payments were made on the final four days before the penalty applied. Payments during these days were \$17,114.63. The amount paid on the levy during the month of January was \$25,643.26.

Mr. Hendrick reminded that additional penalties apply for succeeding months after February on unpaid tax bills. The additional penalty is one-half of one percent per month.

Blood Collection Sets New Record

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The total collected exceeded by 31 pints the highest previous total collected for any one visit and was only six pints short of the goal of 150 pints.

The Bloodmobile set up for operation at the Woman's Club and had a steady stream of donor "customers" from 11 o'clock the opening hour, until closing time at 5 p. m. and past. Several donors were turned down for one physical reason or another, or the quota would have been made.

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Advance work in securing donors was done by civic and church groups. The high school Key Club obtained 35 donors and the Temple Baptist church 25 donors, Mr. Cashwell said. Other groups also participated.

The 144 citizens who gave a pint of blood last Friday were: Mrs. Mae Neal Houser, John H. Lewis, Edgar E. Marlowe, John H. Beam, David M. Neill, Mrs. Ethel H. Falls, Leonard Bennett, Paul Edward Ware, Rowell Lane, Mrs. Rowell Lane, Frank Morrow White, Pauline Bridges, Mrs. Lois Cook, William A. Fryor, Charles E. Blalock, Ray H. Patterson, Billie E. Allen, Mrs. Viola White, Jasper Wilson, David F. Smith, Thelma Ray Humphries, Frances Edens, James Harold Coggins, Marilyn Ellis, Mrs. Frances Ramsey, Donald Lee Parker, Art E. Weiner, Phyllis Cheshire, John A. Cheshire, Jr., Edwin J. Moore, Arnold W. Kincaid, Dr. O. P. Lewis, George J. Hull, George J. Fryser, Halbert Rishard Webb, Charles Dewitt Ware, Garrison A. Ware, Furman Wilson, Cicero H. Falls, Fanny D. Mauney, Wilbur G. Smith, Robert O. Hord, Mildred Ballard, Floye Oates, Martha Goforth, Haskell D. Wilson, Nathan H. Reed, John Lackey.

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The preaching mission will include preaching services, song services and teaching periods. The series will start with Sunday morning services, February 17, and continue through February 22, with evening services at 7:30.

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McCraw, while working on a machine, received a 550-volt shock from two open wires. He was administered oxygen from the breathing apparatus carried in the Harris Funeral Home ambulance, plus artificial respiration. After he revived, he was admitted at Kings Mountain hospital and discharged the following day.

Dr. P. D. Padgett, attending physician, credited the quick administration of oxygen with saving McCraw's life.

Baird To Display Neisler-Woven Plastic, Product Of "Fiddling"

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Dan Huffstetler, Baird manager, said he will display and offer for sale on his floor Friday sofa beds, platform rockers and T.V. chairs which are covered in Neisler-woven jacquard plastic. Neisler has been experimenting with plastic for several months, first with the closer-woven plastics commonly used for seat covers, later with the looser-woven upholstery-type plastics.

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The upholstery fabrics are more porous and are less responsive to temperature changes. They don't get as cold in winter, nor as hot in summer, as the ordinary plastics. They have the other plastic advantages: resistance to stain, mildew proof, and washability.

Neisler buys pigment-dyed plastic yarn, then weaves it into upholstery-type plastic. One of the principal problems in weaving plastic yarn, Mr. Neisler relates, is to eliminate static, commonly known by auto owners who use plastic seat covers, and which, in a weaving operation, builds up to a very large amount of static. To prevent static "shocks" when a person sits down on a new plastic-covered sofa, Neisler uses a static eliminator, treating the yarn with a paste. The yarn is run through water and "dried on."

Otherwise, weaving plastic yarn causes about the normal technical production difficulties as occasioned in switching to other type yarn, other than cotton.

"But people have been weaving and coloring cotton and wool for a long time," Mr. Neisler remarked. "Perhaps in a 100 years we'll be able to handle all the new yarns as easily as cotton."

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Board To Discuss Survey On Gas

Report of Barnard & Burk, engineers, who have compiled a survey on the feasibility of the city's installing a natural gas distribution system, will be among the items of business up for discussion at the regular February meeting of the city board of commissioners Monday night at 7:30.

Copies of the survey report were received this week, but were in the hands of city officials for study and were not immediately available. However, A. S. Hall, representative of the engineering firm, said a few days prior to receipt of the report that the potential demand for natural gas here is "highly favorable."

Other business at the meeting will include presentation of regular monthly reports and other routine business. M. K. Fuller, city administrator, said Wednesday.