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Local News Bulletins

COURT OF HONOR

The Boy Scout Court of Honor, Kings Mountain District, will be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m., at City Hall. A Scouter Roundtable will be held during court.

PAGE HOME

Harry Page, who underwent an operation several days ago at St. Francis hospital, Greenville, S. C., was to return home Wednesday afternoon.

BACK AT WORK

Postmaster W. E. Blakely was back at work this week. He had been a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital for several weeks.

GETS PROMOTION

Cpl. J. D. Rhea, son of Mrs. Grady Rhea, and the late Mr. Rhea, who is stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., has just been promoted to Sergeant according to information received here.

CAGERS HERE FRIDAY

Kings Mountain high school's cagers meet Lenoir here Friday night at 7 p. m. before beginning a two-game road stand Tuesday.

KIWANIS MEETING

Joe Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the regular meeting of the organization Thursday night, at 6:45, at Masonic Dining Hall.

STATE TAX HELP

B. A. Lefler and J. H. Hairfield, representatives of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, will be at City Hall courtroom next Wednesday afternoon to aid local area citizens in preparing 1951 income tax reports.

CAKE-PIE SALE

The WSCS of Central Methodist will have a cake and pie sale Saturday morning in the C. E. Warlick Insurance office from 10 o'clock 'til 12.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were approved by Building Inspector, Kelly Dixon, and issued at City Hall last week to the following: C. E. Mitchem for construction of a one-story residence on Hawthorne road at an estimated cost of \$5,000; C. D. Blanton for remodeling of residence on W. Gold street at an estimated cost of \$1,000; Hal S. Plonk for construction of a one-story residence on Morris street at an estimated cost of \$2,490.

Legion Discusses Finances, Baseball

Past Commander Paul Mauney presided over the regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, held at the Legion building last Friday night.

Commander Warren Reynolds was absent due to confinement in a Charlotte hospital for observation and treatment. Vice-Commander Sam Collins was out-of-town, on his honeymoon.

Business discussions included a study of the post's financial position and talk of the 1952 junior baseball team. A special meeting of the post was set for February 22 to further discuss the baseball program.

The group decided to have a supper and later plans announced Wednesday call for a fish supper on Saturday from 6:30 to 8 p. m. at the Legion building. Ladies are being invited to attend the affair.

John Gladden, prominent Legionnaire, presented a past commander's lapel button to Mr. Mauney on behalf of the post.

East School Music Program On Tuesday

"Our Own United States", a music program, will be presented on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at East Elementary school auditorium.

Howard Coble, director of Kings Mountain city schools music department, made the announcement.

All students at East school are to be in the east. Mr. Coble said, and the public is invited to attend.



PLAN DISTRICT RALLY—Three Methodist ministers of the Gastonia district have arranged a two-day district evangelism rally to be held in Gastonia next Tuesday and Wednesday. They are Rev. J. H. Brendall, left, pastor of Central Methodist church here, who is district secretary of evangelism. Rev. Cecil Hefner, center, of Lincoln, and Dr. Joseph Owen, right, of Gastonia. Dr. Owen will preach on Tuesday night. Bishop Arthur J. Moore will deliver the sermon on Wednesday evening.

Methodists To Hold Evangelistic Rally

Two-Day Event Features Sermon By Bishop Moore

A two-days Methodist evangelistic rally for the Gastonia district will be held in Gastonia next Tuesday and Wednesday, according to announcement this week by Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, and the district's secretary of evangelism.

The Gastonia district includes Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland counties.

The two-day program will culminate on Wednesday evening with a mass meeting at the Gastonia high school auditorium, featuring a sermon by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, and special music by a 100-voice choir. This program begins at 7:30.

Bishop Moore is an author, lecturer and prominent evangelist.

A service will also be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Main Street church.

Tuesday's program calls for services at 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. At the Tuesday evening service, planned for pastors, district lay leaders, church officers and teachers, Dr. Joseph Owen, the pastor, will preach.

The two-day program was arranged by a committee including Mr. Brendall, Dr. Owen, and Rev. Cecil Hefner, pastor of Lincoln's First Methodist church.

A large number of Kings Mountain Methodists are expected to attend the rally.

Final Rites Held For James Avery

Funeral services for James Biane Avery, 32, of 33 Spruce street, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at First Church of the Nazarene. Rev. C. E. McKenzie officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Avery died Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Western North Carolina Sanatorium Black Mountain, after an illness of one and one-half years.

He was a native of Caldwell county but had lived in Kings Mountain for the past four years. Mr. Avery was a former employee of Elmer Lumber Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Crowder Avery, two brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Avery is a veteran of World War II.

1,076 TAGS SOLD City auto owners had purchased a total of 1,076 city auto tags Tuesday afternoon, according to report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk.

Merchants Association Will Hold Annual Employee-Employer Event

Annual employee-employer banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Dining Hall.

Feature of the banquet will be an entertainment program to be presented by Bob Parks and a group of Lenoir-Rhyne college students from Hickory.

Also on the agenda for the meeting will be election of officers and six directors for the coming year.

Mrs. John Lewis, secretary of the Merchants association, said

45 Rose Plants Still Available

Of the 175 rose plants recently received by the City Beautification committee, 45 are still available for purchase, Mrs. Sam Davis said Wednesday.

Citizens who would like to have one or more of the Paul's Scarlet Climber plants are asked to call Mrs. Davis at 391-J, or Mrs. Hunter Neisler, at 549-J at once. Unsold plants from the latest shipment will be planted on some public site next week, Mrs. Davis said. The plants sell for 75 cents.

Township Raises \$4,805 for Polio

Kings Mountain and Number Four Township raised a total of \$4,805.73 in the annual March of Dimes fund campaign for infantile paralysis according to initial report of Jack White, township chairman.

That figure is expected to show an increase when several firms and other units who have not reported make their reports to division heads, he said.

The total to date is some \$800, \$1,000 short of the 1952 fund drive quota for the township. The 1951 drive also failed of reaching the quota allotted in the county drive.

The breakdown of collections announced by Mr. White included:

Mills—\$1,625.95. Township schools—\$1,505.21. Business and individuals—\$480.65. Civic clubs—\$335.50. Grover, city—\$278.07. "Mother March" and amateur night—\$220.56. Iron lungs—\$128.76. Doctors and professional—\$116.00. Bethware community—\$115.03.

Chairman White expressed his appreciation to all workers and contributors to the annual appeal and stated that additional contributions will be taken at anytime.

He said that Victory Chevrolet Company's "iron lung" collection box ranked first in collections of the many placed around the township.

File Presented To Library Friday

The Kings Mountain Herald presented to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Friday the HERALD file for the year 1951.

The file, bound in green, brought the Library's total to five, dating from 1947.

The files are presented annually to the library.

A capacity crowd is expected to attend. Admission will be \$2 per person, and merchants who have not yet purchased tickets are requested to telephone their requirements to the association office.

Barbara Gault will furnish dinner music for the occasion, and Rev. P. D. Patrick will give the invocation. T. W. Grayson, retiring president, will preside.

The banquet annually attracts a capacity crowd of merchants and their employees.

Dexnis Mission Begins Sunday

A special preaching mission to be conducted by Rev. Peter J. Dexnis, associate director of evangelism in the United Lutheran Church in America, will begin Sunday morning at Resurrection Lutheran church.

Mr. Dexnis will preach on the subjects, "What Is Your Conception of Jesus Christ?" at the 11 o'clock service.

Services will be held each morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 each evening through Friday, February 22. His Sunday evening topic is "The Gospel Truth."

Other sermon subjects for the series are:

Monday, "Too Much Religion." Tuesday, "I Love You." Wednesday, "Can Jesus Do The Same Things Today?" Thursday, "Let God Worry." Friday, "A Heap o' Living."

Rev. Mr. Dexnis became a Lutheran minister in 1941, after studying at the Lutheran seminary, Mt. Airy, Pa., at the Eastern Baptist Theological seminary, and at Temple university.

The preaching mission will also include group discussions to be led by the pastor, Rev. Vance Daniel.

"Pastor Dexnis is an exceptional minister and we invite the public to hear him," Mr. Daniel said.

Shelby Open House Saturday, Sunday

The new Shelby hospital plant, after the addition of a complete new section and remodeling of the old hospital, will hold open house to the public Saturday and Sunday from 2 til 4 p. m. Saturday and 2 til 5 p. m. Sunday.

No formal program or speaking has been planned for the event although a number of officials of the Medical Care Commission and the Duke Endowment, Senator Clyde Hoey and other governmental dignitaries have been invited.

Tours of the entire plant will be conducted by nurses on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The first floor of the new wing can accommodate 32 patients and is equipped with complete floor kitchen, utility room, nurses station, and waiting room, and the second floor has 25 beds and the same facilities as the first floor.

Children Burned As Stove Overturns

Two children, Steve and Thomas Hodge, age three and two respectively, were badly burned Saturday afternoon, when, while playing, they turned over a two-burner oil stove at their home.

City firemen answered the fire call at 12:45, found the blaze already extinguished, but rushed the children to Kings Mountain hospital, where they were still hospitalized Wednesday at noon.

It was one of four fire alarms answered by firemen in the past week. Later Saturday afternoon, firemen put out a grass fire in Crescent Hill about 4 o'clock.

On Sunday afternoon, firemen extinguished a fire in the Rose's 5-10 Cent Store awning, thought to have started from a lighted cigarette. About half the awning was burned, and the fire attracted a large crowd. Another grass fire was put out Monday afternoon at the corner of Ridge street and Oriental avenue.

LEGION SUPPER

A fish supper has been scheduled for members of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, for Saturday night from 6:30 to 8 p. m., according to announcement by Commander Warren E. Reynolds. Price per plate will be \$1.25 and ladies are being invited, he said.

City Authorizes Study of Rates For Electricity

The city board of commissioners, in regular meeting Monday night, authorized signing of a contract with Max Miller, Greensboro electrical engineer, for a light and power rate study at a fee of \$1,500.

Previously, City Administrator M. K. Fuller had told the board he had received from Mr. Miller a survey of the city electrical distribution system, together with maps, and that the engineer had recommended line improvements which could be accomplished by city crews, piece-meal, at a cost of \$8,000. He said the engineer did not think complete re-building of the system, with heavier lines, is now necessary.

In other actions the board:

1) Completed appointment of a city planning board, naming to it C. E. Neisler and Carl F. Mauney. The appointments had been recommended, on request of the board, by the original three members named, who include J. B. Keeter, Hal S. Plonk, and L. E. Abbott.

2) Voted to transfer \$500 from the surplus account for use by the city recreation commission and authorized advance payment of one-third of the cost (\$333) for a recreational plant survey by Charles Graves, Atlanta engineer.

3) Voted installation of 200 feet of sewer line on Goforth street, between Gold and Landing streets.

4) Approved breaking of curb on the south side of East King street, from Deal street to the East King Esso Service property line, to provide off-street parking for the business houses in that neighborhood trading area.

5) Amended on motion of a previous meeting to install parking meters on the east side of N. Piedmont avenue, between King and Mountain streets. Under the new motion, parking meters are to be installed from the Central Methodist church corner to the S. R. Suber driveway. A petition from property-owners concerned opposed the meter installations.

6) Told Jethro Ham, who sought a taxi franchise, that none was available.

7) Declined action on a request by J. E. Hord to install drains tile on a Carpenter street lot.

8) Voted to send Mr. Fuller and City Attorney J. R. Davis to Raleigh to discuss financing of a municipal gas distribution system with W. E. Easterling, official of the League of Municipalities.

9) Deferred a study of the Barnard & Burk gas system survey to a special meeting.

10) Agreed to make a study of water rates, with a view to establishing a commercial rate, with a minimum charge.

The latter agreement was made at the suggestion of Bert Chandler, of Foote Miner Company, who appeared before the board to point out a discrepancy in the water contract between the city and his company. Mr. Chandler suggested it is the policy of other cities to follow the commercial rate - minimum charge system. A committee including City Attorney Davis, Mr. Fuller and Mayor Garland Still was named to correct the Foote contract.

Mr. Chandler also appeared before the board in behalf of the city recreation commission, of which he is chairman. He told the board four sites were available for trade to Burlington Mills for the property sought for a city recreation plant. It was suggested that his committee obtain options on the sites and final agreement from Burlington Mills for the trade.

The recreation discussion brought the principal disagreement of the evening. Commissioners (Continued On Page Eight)

Natural Gas System Cost \$890,000, Engineers Say

Former Police Officer Jailed On Four Counts

Kell C. Boney, of 102 City street, former city policeman, is being held in jail in lieu of \$1,300 bond, on charges of assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon with intent to kill her, drunken driving, resisting arrest, and carrying a concealed weapon.

The assault warrant was signed by Mrs. Boney's brother, Jerry Queen, and the other charges were lodged by Policeman A. C. Stewart and J. O. Thompson, after they arrested Boney on Mountain street about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Chief S. R. Davidson said the officers relieved Boney of a pistol. He said that Queen, in calling for the officers, told them Boney was pointing a pistol at Mrs. Boney and threatening to kill both her and himself.

Boney was blackjacked by Officer Stewart while being arrested and several stitches were required to mend the wound.

Boney was removed to the county jail at Shelby Wednesday afternoon, pending preliminary hearing on the charges in city recorder's court Monday, Chief Davidson said.

Plans For Little League Announced

Announcement of efforts to organize a Little League of baseball was made this week by several interested Kings Mountain citizens.

The group intends to organize and promote the uniformed league provided interest is shown in the project.

Little Leagues, with some 30-odd teams, were operated in Gastonia last summer, with the city's last star team going to the finals played at Savannah, Ga., and missing the "Little League world series" at Williamsport, Pa., by a one-run, home run loss in the Georgia series. Large numbers of people attended the Gastonia games.

Cherryville and several other surrounding towns has already laid plans to enter a league, which is governed by national regulations.

Plans for Kings Mountain would provide for four teams, with doubleheader games to be played at City Stadium one or two nights per week with no admission charge to be made at the gate.

A meeting has been tentatively set for the courtroom at City Hall on next Thursday night (February 21) to get an indication of the city's interest in such a program.

All prospective team sponsors, coaches and others interested in the program - everybody except players - are being urged to make plans now to attend the meeting. The date and time will be definitely announced next week.

The program is for boys through 12 years of age but has a definite city-wide recreation flavor.

IN FLORIDA HOSPITAL

Sonny McDaniel who suffered an acute attack of appendicitis while on a trip to Florida is reported as improved. He is a patient at Memorial hospital, Deland, Fla.

Baker City Agent For Oil Dealer

Tolly Shuford, manager of Bessemer City Ice & Coal Company, announced this week the assignment of a residence fuel oil truck to Kings Mountain and the appointment of R. C. Baker as the company's Kings Mountain agent.

The Bessemer City concern deals in Atlantic heating fuels, including kerosene and fuel oil.

Mr. Shuford, a citizen of Kings Mountain, said the service would be available six days weekly and said his firm would also specialize in servicing stoves and furnaces.

Mr. Baker will conduct the agency from his business establishment at 105 W. Mountain street.



SPEAKS HERE—Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, Va., psychologist and lecturer, will speak here twice Friday, in the afternoon at the high school, and in the evening at Central Methodist church.

Mrs. E. H. Ould To Speak Here

Mrs. E. H. Ould, nationally-known psychologist and lecturer, will make two addresses here Friday.

Mrs. Ould will speak at Kings Mountain high school at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon and at the Central Methodist church Friday evening at 7:30.

Her appearances here were arranged by Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church.

Admission is free to both lectures.

Mrs. Ould, of Roanoke, Va., is currently teaching a course in home-making at Main Street Methodist church in Gastonia.

"Central Methodist church is happy to provide this service to the community," Mr. Brendall said. "Mrs. Ould is a master of a witty and humorous style. She is booked for engagements a year in advance and has been forced to decline many invitations. The public is cordially invited to hear her and a treat is in store for those who do."

Belk's Renovating Its Men's Store

Belk's Department Store is renovating and re-decorating its Men's Store.

Work has been underway for the past several weeks. Hilton Ruth, manager of the firm said, and the renovating work will result in both a better appearance and improved arrangement of the Men's Store.

Building & Loan Meeting Thursday

Annual meeting of stockholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association will be held in the association office Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, according to announcement by J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer.

Business of the meeting will include election of directors for the coming year and presentation of annual reports by officers.

City Now Has Two Police Chiefs, Davidson By Day, Shytle At Night

Kings Mountain now has a daytime police chief and a nighttime police chief, as a result of action of the city board of commissioners Monday night in naming Wilbur P. Shytle, member of the force, as "night chief."

Commissioner Lloyd Davis made the motion, it was seconded by Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., and passed unanimously, with all members present. Mr. Davis had previously moved naming Mr. Shytle assistant chief. The motion also provided that both Chief S. R. Davidson and Shytle will have the same authority on their respective duty schedules.

During the discussion on Mr. Davis' original motion, Mayor Garland Still suggested that the motion be amended to make

Shytle chief, stating he would like to see Chief Davidson relieved of his duties. He said he had received many complaints concerning the police department. Mr. Davis said he had also received complaints, but he declined to accept the Still suggestion.

Earlier in the meeting Bill Whetstone, taxi operator, had appeared before the board to complain that the police department had been stopping his cabs for unauthorized reasons. He charged that city policemen were parking outside the city limits, in Gaston county, then following the cabs into town and further stopping them, for no reason.

Under the action of the board in making Mr. Shytle "night chief," no change was made in his salary.

Barnard & Burk Declare Project Is Sound Risk

The report of Barnard & Burk, Baton Rouge, La., consulting engineers, covering a natural gas distribution system for the city of Kings Mountain, estimates the construction of such a system would cost \$890,000 and would be a financially sound project.

Stating that the estimates are conservative, the engineers say the distribution system could be paid for, with interest, in a 30-year period, and, in turn, but into city coffers a profit of \$2,985,000, or an average of \$92,900 per year.

Following a survey of potential users of natural gas, the engineers figure that the debt service "coverage" ratio is 2.9, which it regards as highly favorable.

The detailed survey report includes maps and complete break-down of data on a 30-year financing plan, residential potential, commercial potential, and large commercial potential.

It lists as the largest potential commercial users Neisler Mills, Inc., and Bennett Brick & Tile Company. It lists, in addition, a dozen other industries and businesses which would be potential users of natural gas.

In the survey, various comparisons are made between the cost of natural gas and other fuels, including oil and coal, and electricity. In all instances, savings would be affected by use of natural gas, the engineers report.

The city is to seek an allocation of natural gas from the Transcontinental pipeline at a Federal Power Commission hearing in Washington, now scheduled March 3.

Logan Purchases Gamble Interest

W. B. (Bill) Logan has purchased the interest of Robert Gamble in Logan Supply Company, according to announcement this week.

Though the purchase is effective as of January 1, 1952, details of the transaction were completed only a few days ago, Mr. Logan said.

The company, which deals in appliances, pumps, and other related products, was formed by Mr. Logan, shortly after World War II, and Mr. Gamble became a partner January 1, 1948.

As a result of the dissolving of the partnership, the Billie Logan Record Shop, owned by Mrs. W. B. Logan and operated in the building adjoining Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, is being consolidated with Logan Supply Company.

The firm will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Saturdays, when it will close at 1 p. m., Mr. Logan announced.

Lions Take Part In Quiz Contest

Several members of the Kings Mountain Lions club participated in a quiz contest Tuesday night, all the participants starning sufficiently to win a carton of cigarettes each as prizes.

Contestants were chosen by drawing from names in a hat. They included Oliver Falls, Lee Roberts, Edwin Moore, C. C. Edens, B. T. Wright, Sr., and Clyde Whetstone. However, the contestants failed on the jackpot question. Dan Huffstetter, master of ceremonies, had asked the group to give an English word which did not use either of the vowels, "a," "e," "i," "o," or "u." The answer Mr. Huffstetter had in mind was "rhythm."

In an all-member contest, Bob Osborne finished first on the job of listing the 48 states. Runners-up were Ollie Harris, and Clarence Flowers.

Prior to the contest, Larry White, young Grover school boy, gave several "boogie woogie" renditions on the piano.