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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$160.92 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city clerk's office.

ATTENDS MEETING

Martin Harmon, editor of the Herald, attended a meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Press Association at Chapel Hill Saturday.

MORRISON AT COOPER'S

K. E. Morrison, former taxi operator, is now employed at Cooper's, Inc., Kings Mountain furniture store. Mr. Morrison replaces Walter (Chuck) Huffstickler, who is now associated with Sunrise Dairy in Gastonia.

TO PALM HARBOR

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Nelsler will leave Wednesday for Palm Beach, Florida, where they will attend the annual American Manufacturing Institute, which convenes there.

MONDAY FIRE

City firemen answered a call to 212 East Ridge street Monday afternoon at 6 p. m. and extinguished a blaze caused by a kitchen oil stove in the home. No damage was reported.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Tom J. Brawley, of Gastonia, will show a color film, "Let Freedom Ring", at the Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall.

SQUARE DANCE

Third in the American Legion spring square dance series will be held at the Legion building on East Gold street on Saturday night at 8 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

FIDDLERS CONVENTION

Annual Fiddlers Convention sponsored by the Bethware Progressive club will be held at Bethware school on Friday, March 27.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler and Mrs. C. F. Thomason left Wednesday for Asheville, where they will attend the 30th annual convention of the Carolina Lumber and Building Supply Dealer's Association. Over 800 dealers in lumber are expected to attend the session.

LIONS PROGRAM

Channing Brown, of Charlotte, official of Southern Public Utilities, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall.

EMERGENT MEETINGS

Emergent communications of Fairview Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held Friday and Monday evenings at 7:30 at Masonic Lodge Hall, Work. Friday evening will be in the second degree. Work Monday evening will be in the first degree. Announcement was made by J. H. McDaniel, Jr., secretary.

Mrs. C. S. Falls Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Maggie Ethelene Goforth Falls, 64, resident of route 2, were conducted Tuesday at 3 p. m. from First Presbyterian church.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, officiated assisted by Rev. P. L. Shore, pastor of Central Methodist church. Burial was in the Long Creek Presbyterian church cemetery in Gaston county.

Mrs. Falls died Sunday afternoon at 4:25 at Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of two years. She had been seriously ill for the past week.

She was a member of First Presbyterian church and the daughter of the late Beattie and Odessa Goforth. Her husband, Cleo H. Falls, survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are one son, Cleo H. Falls, Jr., of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. A. C. Dellinger of Kings Mountain and three brothers, Clarence Goforth, I. Ben Goforth, and Ormand Goforth, all of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving is one grandchild. Active pallbearers included Hall Goforth, I. B. Goforth, Jr., Hugh Ormand, Robert Dixon, Hal Spurrier, and Plato Goforth.

Little Theatre Play To Open Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present a religious play, "The Robe," at Central school auditorium Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the first of three performances.

The second performance will be given at Central auditorium on Saturday night, March 28 at 8 p. m., with the final presentation at Bessemer City high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 31, at 8:15 p. m., sponsored by the Bessemer City Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The play is from the novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, as dramatized by John McGreevey, and is being directed by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Members of the cast are Meek Carpenter who portrays "Marcellus Gallio"; R. G. Plonk, Jr., as "Demetrius"; Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Jr., as "Diana Gallio"; Miss Billie Gibbons as "Lucia Gallio"; Mrs. Merle Beatty as "Sara"; John Curtis of Bessemer City as "Melas"; Sam Stallings as "Paulus"; and I. B. Goforth, Jr., as "Pontius Pilate".

Dr. R. N. Baker plays two roles, as "Capt. Fulvius" and "Tiberius"; Miss Bernice Harrison as "Helen"; Mrs. H. L. Campbell as "Cornelia Gallio"; Robert Grigg as "Senator Gallio"; Mrs. Franklin Pethel as "Phoebe"; Miss Barbara Matthews as "Theodora"; Phillip Baker as "Quintus"; Miss Jane McGirt as "Rhoda"; Dr. P. G. Padgett as "Simon Peter".

The cast also includes Franklin Pethel as "Caligula"; Sam Mithem as "Sarpedon"; and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn as "Salome". Hal Plonk, Hubert Carlisle, and Bruce Thorburn will play the part of soldiers, Miss Joan Britt will play the part of a woman and Connie Padgett will play the part of a child.

The recently re-organized Choral society will present several renditions, Mrs. Mauney has announced. Franklin Pethel will direct the group.

Tableaux between the acts of the play will be given by Mrs. M. A. Ware, Sam Stallings and

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J. E. Wilson's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Jasper E. Wilson, 74, who died Friday night at 7:55 p. m. at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Cole, were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. from First Baptist church.

Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, the pastor officiated assisted by Rev. W. H. Redmond. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was a native of York County and a former employee of Margrace Mill. He was a member of First Baptist church and a resident of Fairview street here. He died following a two-year illness.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Wilson. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Lee Lindsay Wilson; four sons, Haskell H. Wilson, Harvey D. and J. E. Wilson, Jr., all of Kings Mountain and Delbert H. Wilson of the U. S. Army; one daughter, Mrs. James Cole of Kings Mountain and one brother, John Wilson of Stanford.

Also surviving are thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

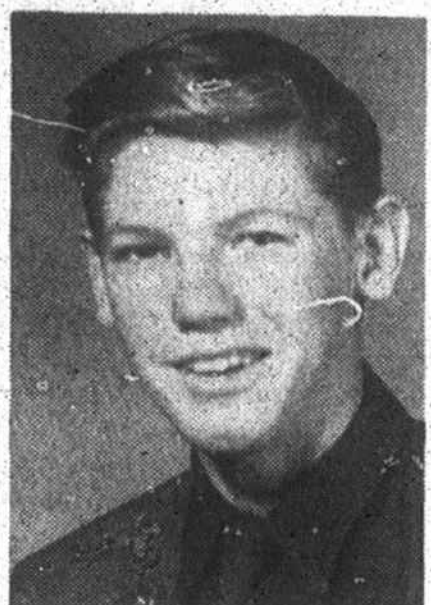
Delbert H. Wilson is stationed with U. S. forces in Germany. Active pallbearers included E. B. Cooke, Will Pearson, C. B. King, Oell Pruitt, Dulan Cooke, and Dewey Caldwell.

New Filings Increase Speculations On Who Will Seek City Positions

Addition of three citizens to the list of candidates for city offices heightened speculation this week concerning other candidates for the several positions, some of the reports being passed along as sure-fire and others as pure speculation.

With three in the mayor's race to date, the names of Bruce Thorburn and M. K. Fuller, the latter recently deposed as city manager, were advanced as possible mayoral candidates, as well as that of Former Mayor H. Tom Fulton, still expected by many observers to make the race.

In Ward 1, where two posts, both the city commissionership and school board trusteeship, had still attracted no candidates, there was no lack of prospects. New on the Ward 1 commissioner list was W. S. Fulton, Sr., thought likely to run on a ticket arrange-



GETS EAGLE AWARD — Edward Ledford, above, of Troop 12 was awarded the Eagle Scout badge, highest award in scouting at regular meeting of Boy Scout Court of Honor last Thursday night. Ledford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ledford of Kings Mountain.

Joe A. Neisler Club President

Joe A. Neisler was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., for 1953-54 at a meeting of newly elected directors of the club Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Neisler will succeed George W. Mauney. Other officers elected are: J. H. Patterson, vice-president; D. M. Peeler, secretary-treasurer; and Harry E. Page, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Annual meeting of stockholders of the club was held Tuesday night. Directors elected for the coming year, in addition to the officers, are T. M. Shuford, L. E. Abbott, J. C. Bridges, Frank Hoyle, Hal Plonk, G. C. Kelly, Dr. W. L. Mauney, and John Smathers.

Reports on the past 14-months activities of the club, as given by the club officers and committee chairmen, showed that the club has enjoyed a prosperous period.

In addition to reports of President Mauney and Secretary-Treasurer Harry Page, the stockholders heard reports from L. A. Hoke, of the membership committee, George H. Houser, of the social committee, Joe A. Neisler, of the greens committee, and Charles A. Neisler, of the house committee. The reports showed a wide program of activities during the past year.

Jack Arnette gave the report of the nominating committee, which also included O. W. Myers and P. M. Neisler.

Noted Author Here On Friday

Under sponsorship of the House and Garden Club, Mrs. Marie Johnson Fort, noted author and lecturer on flower arrangements, will be presented here Friday at the First Presbyterian church recreational building.

First of the two session meetings will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, with the second session to follow at 2 p. m.

Author of the book "Flower Arrangements For All Occasions" and nationally known lecturer on floral arrangements, Mrs. Fort has been invited this year to lecture in 22 states.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the House and Garden Club. Out-of-town persons may secure tickets from Mrs. Jacob Cooper on Piedmont avenue.

Price of the tickets are, one session two dollars, or for both sessions, three dollars.

Seniors To Give Comedy Drama Friday Evening

Annual senior class play by members of the graduating class at Kings Mountain high school will be presented at Central school auditorium on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

This year's vehicle, "Go West, Young Man," a lively comedy in three acts, is being directed by I. B. Goforth, Jr., a member of the faculty and a Little Theatre player. Mrs. George Moss is faculty advisor.

Members of the cast are Shirley Houser, who portrays "Jane Willis"; Bobbie Barrett may be seen as "Tillie Eggs"; Darrell Austin as "Alkali Ali"; Jerry King as "Harry Martin"; Jimmy Kimball as "Wes Hopper"; Bill Briggs as "Ken Thornton"; Joan Thomason as "Charlotte Stone"; Cornelia Ware as "Fran Davis"; Joyce Biser as "Bimble Roberts"; Joan Caveny as "Edith Roberts"; Dolores Davidson as "Alicia Pringle"; Ben Hudson as "Thomas Stanley"; Maxine Eubanks as "Liz Stone"; and Sonny McDaniel as "Count Dino Pozzowski".

Committees and chairmen (listed first) are: Stage and lighting — Bill Ruth, Vernon Tate, Clyde Morrow, Gene Ellis, Thurmon Burns.

Properties — Louise Gladden, Freida Allen, Don Cloninger, Marcelene Spake. Program — Anne McKelvie, Harry Melton, Bobbie Oxford. Publicity — Linda Baily, Elizabeth Camp, Ken Davis, Joanne Hill.

Costume — Pat Henderson, Maxine Jackson, Rebecca Moss, Nancy Hardin, Margie Tessenier. Promoters — Marie Cobb, Janell Medlin.

Make-up — Sonny McDaniel, Sandra Hovis. Sound effects — Shirley Falls. Tickets — Mary Roper and Shirley Bumgardner, co-chairmen.

Ushers — Gall Sellers, Connie Bennett, Geraldine Barnett, Howard Blanton, Kelly Weaver, Tim Gladden.

The play was written by John Rand and is being produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, New York.

A committee from the Little Theatre will judge acting in the play and pick the best actor who will be presented an award at graduation exercises in June.

Scott To Feature Farmer's Party

Former Governor W. Kerr Scott will be the principal speaker at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club, according to announcement this week.

The banquet will be held the evening of April 14 at Masonic Lodge hall with all farmers of the area invited to attend.

Ex-Governor Scott, now a Haw River farmer, was a controversial figure during the four years he spent in the governor's mansion at Raleigh. He had previously been the veteran commissioner of agriculture until running for governor and scoring an upset victory over Charles M. Johnson.

He last made a public address in Kings Mountain just prior to the Democratic primary election of 1948.

Members of the Farmer's Night committee include Edwin Moore, chairman, Otto (Toby) Williams, Gene Patterson and H. B. Bumgardner.

Board Authorizes Sewer Laying

The city board of commissioners, in special session Monday afternoon, authorized installation of a sewer line on Mauney avenue.

According to the board authorization, a small pumping station is also to be installed.

Commissioner Lloyd Davis made the motion, Commissioner Olland Pearson seconded. The vote was unanimous, with Commissioners C. P. Barry and B. T. Wright, Sr. absent.

The board also authorized Tom Henry, city sanitary department superintendent to attend the water and sewage institute at Chapel Hill on Thursday and Friday.

Election Official Changes Announced

S. A. Crouse will serve as judge in Ward 2 in the city election, it was announced this week. Mr. Crouse replaces Mrs. George Allen who declined to serve.

Replacement for Mrs. J. H. Arthur, appointed a judge in Ward 5, had not yet been named Wednesday. City Clerk Joe Hendrick said.

George W. Allen Enters Mayor Race; White And Williams Seek Ward Posts



DEDICATION SUNDAY — Recently completed Bethlehem Baptist church parsonage will be dedicated at special dedicatory services Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The project was begun less than a year ago.

Pastor's Home To Be Dedicated

Moomaw Looking For Battle Period Relics

Know of anyone possessing a musket or long rifle used in the Battle of Kings Mountain?

Ben Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, is looking for a model for display at the park museum.

Plenty of muskets and long rifles made prior to 1881 are on the American market," Mr. Moomaw said, "but we want locally one that was used for we're reasonably certain was used in the battle."

Mr. Moomaw said that he has received authorization for improvements to the museum display, and would like to collect other relics of the battle period, such as hand tools, china and others.

Items may be donated, loaned on perpetual loan or otherwise transferred, he said. All items accepted will be preserved by processing at government laboratories.

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Jaycee Minstrel Show 26th, 27th

"Jaycee Minstrels of 1953" will be presented at Central school auditorium on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27 — 8 p. m.

D. D. Saunders, producer and director of the show, announced this week that rehearsals will be held on Friday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Legion Hall, on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. at Central school auditorium, on Monday night at 7:30 at the Legion Hall and on Wednesday night at Central school at 7 o'clock.

Clavon Kelly will be the interlocutor of the show and K. E. Morrison, Lewis Falls, Jack White, Yates Harbison, Charles Dixon, Sam Mitchell and Bill Beam, of Shelby, will serve as emcees.

Also included on the program are Mrs. Lewis Falls, Ed Smith, Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Jr., Miss Melba Tindall, Fred McDaniel, Jr., Harold Phillips and Mr. Falls in specialty acts, a large chorus and a band under the direction of Joe Hedden.

Tickets, priced at 60 and 30 cents, are now on sale by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the show.

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Red Cross Committee Chairman Urged To Speed Drive Reports

Hilton Ruth, chairman of the Red Cross fund drive, said Wednesday reports from committee chairmen were limited to a few divisions and he urged them to make reports this weekend at latest.

"I hope committee chairmen will make every effort to complete their work by this weekend and make a particular point to report their collection totals."

"At the moment only approximately \$1,500 has been received, which leaves \$5,000 to be obtained."

Special Rites At Bethlehem Church Sunday

Special services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Bethlehem Baptist church dedicating the recently-completed pastor's home.

Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, director of church-community development of Gardner-Webb college, will deliver the dedicatory address. Open house will be held immediately following the service.

The project was begun less than a year ago when the first offering for the construction was taken by the church on Easter Sunday. Ground was broken for the parsonage the latter part of July.

Of solid brick construction, the new home has plastered walls, hardwood floors and is heated with a central automatic oil furnace. The house contains a living room, dining room, den, kitchen, four bedrooms, a pastor's study, and two baths.

Estimated value of the parsonage is \$17,500.

Serving on the building committee were John Wyatt Blalock, Chairman, Hill Lowery, Treasurer, Harley Dixon, Earl Morris, Rush Dixon, Charles Lall, Mrs. Rush Dixon and Miss Colleen Dixon.

Rev. Ronda E. Robbins is pastor of the church.

Paul Walker To Head Jaycees

Paul Walker was named to head the Junior Chamber of Commerce during the next year at the regular meeting of the organization, held at Masonic dining hall Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were: J. T. McGinnis, first vice-president.

N. H. Reed, second vice-president.

Clavon Kelly, secretary. Bill Jonas, treasurer. Harley Dixon, Jaybird. K. E. Morrison, Harold Phillips and D. D. Saunders were elected to two-year directorships.

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Allen Opposes Manager Form Of Government

George W. Allen, who ran second in the torrid race for mayor in 1951, formally entered the 1953 mayor's race Monday.

Also entering the political wars during the past week were Floyd Williams, who seeks the Ward 4 commissionership, and D. L. White, who seeks the Ward 5 commissionership.

Mr. Allen, recuperating from an eye operation, issued a statement in which he stated opposition to the proposal for a city manager system of government, which the voters are expected to decide at the May 12 election. Mr. Allen said he had always opposed the city manager system of government, but would be happy to abide by the decision of the voters.

Mr. Allen is a dealer in antique furniture.

Mr. Williams, an employee of Margrace Mill, said he seeks the Ward 4 office on the promise that if he is elected, he will treat all persons fairly.

Mr. White, an employee of Mauney Mills, Inc., issued no statement concerning his candidacy.

A total of 12 candidates have now formally filed for city political offices, with a contest awaited for every position except the Ward 1 commissionership and the Ward 1 school trusteeship. Three candidates seek the office of mayor and Ward 4 commissioner, which creates the possibility of a run-off election.

The candidates to date: For mayor — Garland E. Still, incumbent, Glee A. Bridges, and George W. Allen.

For Ward 2 commissioner — Lloyd E. Davis, incumbent, and Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 3 commissioner — Olland R. Pearson, incumbent, and Clarence Elgin.

For Ward 4 commissioner — O. T. Hayes, Sr., Harold Phillips, and Floyd Williams.

For Ward 5 commissioner — Sam Stallings and D. L. White.

Mr. Allen's announcement statement follows:

"The one purpose in my mind in entering the Mayor's race is to be of service to the city. I would be happy if it could serve my community with honor as that would reflect some honor and credit upon my family and the friends who have shown confidence in me. I wish to state here that I am strictly on my own, win or lose. I have no agreements with any individual or group and there have been no trades made with anyone. If elected to the office I will carry out the duties to the best of my ability."

"I believe I know the duties of the Mayor and if elected I propose to carry them out regardless of what personal sacrifices I have to make. If I did not feel that I knew these duties and were not willing to carry them out, then I would not be offering myself as a candidate."

"A big part of my life has been spent doing the work that is required of the Mayor and I am prepared to offer this experience to the people of Kings Mountain. I wish to make it plain that I have no desire to use the office so as to undertake to punish anyone. In the first place that would be cowardly and in the second place there are no powers that the Mayor has that would permit him to do so. I will not, at anytime, undertake to array one class against the other in order to get a few votes. I would like to see the people of Kings Mountain live together in peace and harmony, dealing fairly and squarely with each other. When we can do that we will be making progress and going forward to bigger and better things."

"I place the Mayor's office on a very high level believing the conduct of the Mayor reflects in one way or another on the citizens of the community. If elected I will endeavor to conduct my personal life as well as my official life so that it will reflect honor on each of us."

"The question of city employees will naturally come up during the campaign. To this I have to say that anyone now employed who is needed and is doing a good job has nothing to fear from me, but if there are those who are not willing to give a

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SEEK OFFICES — Three citizens filed for city political offices during the past week. George W. Allen, top, is running for mayor, Floyd Williams, center, seeks the Ward 4 commissionership, and D. L. White, below, seeks the Ward 5 commissionership.

Blood Collection Goal Reached

Kings Mountain area citizens flowed through the Woman's Club at a busy pace last Thursday, exactly 150 persons donating a pint of blood via the Red Cross Bloodmobile unit.

The total met the quota set by recruitment chairman W. J. Fulkerson and chapter officials and followed an intensive publicity campaign.

Rev. Vance Daniel, Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter's blood program chairman, said, "It was an excellent response and the chapter officials wish to express their appreciation to each person who gave their blood."

Mr. Daniel acknowledged gifts of supplies including milk from Anthony Dairy and ice from Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company.

List of donors follows: Lester R. Howell, Grace E. Davis, John A. Cheshire, Jr., James Claude Gibson, Clarence Y. Harbison, Glee E. Bridges, W. Boothe Gillespie, Sam Stallings, L. E. Abbott, Tom Howard Harry, Harry P. Roark, Mrs. Eva V. George, Loreana Fleming, Edgar W. Tucker, Max G. Hardin, Alexander Batchler, Charles E. Dixon, Lewis Clide Cole, Carl Bagwell, Ross Finley Alexander, Charles M. Randall, Charles Dewitt Ware, Doytt Falls, Daniel D. Weiss, Ira J. Falls, R. David Kincaid

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