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Local News Bulletins

OATES AT HOME

C. C. (Bus) Oates was discharged Wednesday 1 p. m. from Kings Mountain hospital, where he has been receiving treatment for injuries received in an accident several weeks ago.

AT CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris attended the National Funeral Association's annual conference in session last week in Washington, D. C. Mr. Harris is a member of the Board of Embalmers in the association.

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 13-14.

FILE 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 Patton 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 ARP church Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly, who left Tuesday for Monticello, Ark., where he is preaching at a series of services at Monticello ARP church.

ATTEND 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. Ila 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.

Mr. McSwain assumed the management of the Kings Mountain station last Thursday, when Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Alverson relinquished the management.

Mr. McSwain said he anticipated the Queen City Company, owner of the terminal, would obtain a manager-lessee in the near future. Meantime, he added, the station would be open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. seven days per week.

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.

Mrs. Paul Mauney, publicity chairman, said that the Kings Mountain auxiliary joins the national organization in the ideals of promoting peace, keeping America strictly American, and in endeavoring to improve the economic and social programs of the nation.

Membership dues in the Kings Mountain auxiliary is \$3 per year. Mrs. C. L. Jolly is president of the organization.

In November the auxiliary plans a baby contest and other activities to provide gifts for gift shops at Veterans Hospitals throughout the state. Mrs. Mauney stated.

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. Plonk, of the Kings Mountain district school board, have their work cut 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 voice vote. He said the Saturday straw ballot plan had been predetermined by the Bethware school committee, and that, though the vote would be unofficial, the committee would be guided by the results.

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.

Spaugh To Speak To Kiwanis Club

Dr. Herbert Spaugh, 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 8:45.

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

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

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.

Election day will be set on a convenient day as soon as possible, probably in early January at the latest, the Mayor added.

Following Mayor Bridges' conversation with the Local Government Commission in Raleigh, J. R. Davis, city attorney, contacted Mitchell & Pershing, New York bond attorneys, and received from them Wednesday morning, necessary legal forms for execution by the board of commissioners. The election will implement the



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.

House Numbering Changes Ordered

A number of city dwellers have received notices this week that their house numbers are being changed, and city officials say they have enough numbers left to supply perhaps 500 persons requiring new numbers.

City Clerk Joe Hendrick said major changes wrought by the new numbering system effect W. Mountain street and W. Gold street, with the difference in block numbers in the past having resulted from so-called short streets like Cherokee and City streets.

Under the new plan, these short streets have been ignored in the block-numbering arrangement.

The changes were ordered, along with first-time numbering for many streets, by the city board of commissioners at the instance of the Post Office Department, which has promised extended city carrier mail service as quickly as street names and numbers are posted.

In addition, the corrected and added numbers will improve fire and police protection, city officials have pointed out.

Numbers are available at City Hall as long as they last, free of charge.

The intersection of Piedmont and King remains the center of the city. In unpopulated residential areas, the basis for numbering has been 50 feet. In the business district, a new number is provided for each 25 feet. In already populated residential areas, the present house scheme is followed, Mr. Hendrick explained.

Lucio Falls and Wiley Blanton, postal carriers, and City Clerk Hendrick is the city-appointed committee handling the numbering job.

ARP FAMILY NIGHT
A family night supper will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church next Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. The Frances Hamilton circle is in charge of arrangements for the supper.

W. K. Dickson report, made public last week, in which the Charlotte engineer purported to bring up-to-date a 1949 engineering survey of the city's water and sewage disposal facilities.

The engineer recommended expenditure of \$250,000 for increasing the city's water capacity, both filtering and watershed capacity, \$200,000 for sewage disposal system improvements, including \$160,000 for the building of a high-rate filter type plant on McGill creek, and \$150,000 for a city recreation plant.

Mayor Bridges reported last week he had received approval on the city's bond issue, plans from the Local Government Commission.

School Trustees Trying To Clear Property Snarl

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

Mr. Rattee, 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 with fairly on the matter and said he had never been told the description of the portion the board 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.

Bids on the project were let by the board on August 25 and the state school board approved, on September 10, allocation of \$70,819.35 for the building.

Mr. Rattee 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.

Mr. Rattee telephoned after leaving the meeting and made an appointment for Wednesday morning with members of the board to visit the property sought for the school site.

The board had passed a resolution authorizing condemnation of the desired property at a special meeting on October 15 and instructing Superintendent B. N. Barnes to retain D. Z. Newton, Shelby attorney, to handle the matter.

The board passed a similar resolution authorizing condemnation of the Tom Hunter property, also desired for the school site.

Mr. Newton had been instructed to attempt to get an agreement with Mr. Rattee before legal proceedings are begun. Mr. Newton reported that Mr. Rattee said that he would "not take less than \$4,000" for the property.

Mrs. P. D. Herndon Leaves Society Post

Mrs. P. D. Herndon, for the past five years Kings Mountain Herald society editor, has resigned in order to spend the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Herndon completed her duties with the Herald Wednesday, and left in the afternoon for Fort Lauderdale, where she will reside with a daughter, Miss Cora Herndon.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Herald staff member for the past 15 months, has been named acting society editor and will be in full charge of the department. Miss Stewart, on several occasions during the absence of Mrs. Herndon, has handled acceptably the full work of the society department, in addition to her other duties.

Jaycees Ballot 33-0 For Consolidation

Kings Mountain Jaycees are solidly behind the proposal to consolidate the schools in Number 4 Township, a poll conducted at the meeting Tuesday night indicates.

With some 33 club members present Tuesday, the result of a straw ballot poll was recorded as 33 for, none against. The club numbers some 50-odd members.



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. The trio of young ladies, left to right, are Mrs. Clara Carpenter Phillips, now of Gaffney, S. C., the late Mrs. Perry Thomasson Meachem, and Mrs. Bess Thomasson Aberich. The gentleman around the next table, left to right, are Charlie Russell, at that time star salesman at Holt's Store which occupied the building now used by Bell's Men's Store, George Kendrick, then police chief and father of Mrs. Will Bird, Will Parker, bookkeeper at the Bonnie Mill, and W. G. Putnam, for many years a Kings Mountain jeweler. The moustached bareheaded gentleman between Mrs. Russell and Kendrick has been identified as Adam Hord, brother of the late grocer William (Bill) Hord, and the soda jerker is Clyde Webb, now a Charlotte druggist. Exact date of the picture, made by T. R. Shuford, of Gastonia, has not been determined, but it was made prior to the time the corner drugstore burned. The fancy kerosene lamps show that the picture pre-dates the coming of electricity to Kings Mountain. Note that advertising displays feature Coca-Cola, Swamp Root, and Capudine, products still well-known today. The Herald is indebted to Robert Morrison, Bonnie Mill overseer, for lending the picture for newspaper reproduction.

Throngs Attend 50th Floral Fair

Mrs. Houser, Mrs. McGill Cop Sweepstakes

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. Sweepstakes awards to winners were given by Dellinger's and Grayson's jewelers and runner-up awards presented by the A & P Food Store.

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.

Laura Page won the award given by the Woman's club for the most outstanding entry by a junior, 5-11 years old, and Polly Page won the prize for the most outstanding entry for a junior girl, 12-16 years of age.

Prizes were donated by the Woman's Club, Dellinger's, Grayson's, Kincaid Machine Shop, Bessemer City, Marlowe's, Inc., H. G. Hastings Co., Jackson and Perkins Co., and A & P Food Store. Judges were Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mrs. J. G. Barron, both of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. Ennis Jackson, Mrs. Dean French, Mrs. Paul Kincaid, all of Gastonia, Mrs. Ceth Blanton, Mrs. Roger Laughridge, Mrs. Ed Post, and Mrs. E. S. Bennett, all of Shelby.

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APPRENTICE
William (Bill) McDaniel has joined the staff of Harris Funeral Home as an apprentice. A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, he is a Korean veteran and a graduate of Grover high school.

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—an association giveaway of a 21-inch console Traveler television set, on display at Baird Furniture and purchased through Bryant Electric Company of Gastonia.

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.

In addition to the grand prize, many merchants will hold a drawing earlier Saturday and will give the lucky winner a valuable prize, as they did last Saturday. Some merchants gave \$10 in Continued On Page Eight

Power To Be Off Sunday Afternoon

Weather permitting, the city electrical department will work on the power system Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 4 p. m., resulting in a city-wide curtailment. City Clerk Joe Hendrick said Wednesday.

Mr. Hendrick asked power patrons to note the scheduled cut-off and to make plans accordingly.

First Wesleyan To Hear Missionary

Dr. Marilyn P. Birch, a medical missionary to Africa, will speak at the First Wesleyan Methodist church at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning.

Miss Birch was in charge of a hospital in Africa and had experience treating many of the tropical African diseases such as elephantiasis, ulcers, and leprosy.

While Miss Birch is in the United States on furlough she is working at a hospital in New York state. The public is invited to hear Dr. Birch, who will speak on missionary work in Africa.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$133.60 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

Some "Confusion" On Garbage Rules, But Sales Indicate Cans A Bargain

"You do not have to purchase a new garbage can from the City. You do not have to carry your garbage can to the street."

The above statements are the lead paragraphs in a City of Kings Mountain circular going to all citizens Thursday morning and appearing in an advertisement in today's Herald.

Acknowledging some "confusion" on their efforts to improve, speed, and standardize garbage collection service, city officials nevertheless report unusually brisk sales of standard 20-gallon galvanized garbage cans, which the city offered at wholesale cost of \$2.50 beginning Monday.

dozen garbage cans, and a new shipment of 15 dozen arrived Wednesday morning.

The new statement on the garbage can matter points out that any garbage can of approximately 20-gallon size which has a top will be considered standard and usable by the city sanitary department. "Only the extra large cans (50-gal. drums) cannot be picked up at the rear of homes" the circular states.

The circular further points out that the effort of the city to get standardized garbage receptacles is being done at the instance of the State Board of Health, as a public health measure, and on the part of the city to increase collections to a minimum of two each week.

Level Of Water Drops; Foote Cutting Usage

Kings Mountain water customers are being asked by the city board of commissioners to conserve water until a major rainfall restores dwindling watershed capacity.

The city board in a brief session Tuesday night, took note of the diminishing supply of water at city lake by passing a resolution asking voluntary cooperation on the part of city water customers in a conservation measure.

"We're in no great danger," Mayor Glee A. Bridges said, "but we could be if we continue present consumption and no rain arrives."

The city has also asked Foote Mineral Company, the city's largest water customer, to cut down consumption as much as possible, and J. E. Castle, Foote manager here, told the Herald that his company, "on a gamble it will rain soon," can cut consumption of city water one-third by using water now in Foote's private reservoir.

"When that goes though, we'll require full service from the city, or we'll have to curtail our operations," Mr. Castle added.

Work is underway, Mr. Castle continued, on a new larger reservoir which will enable Foote to store more water during wet seasons, for use during future dry periods.

George Moss, city water plant superintendent, said he had conferred with Mayor Glee A. Bridges concerning the watershed supply last Saturday, and had pointed out that the water level at city lake had approached a lower-than-ever point, seven feet below the spillway.

"The inflow is practically nil," Mr. Moss added, "which means a great difference in water available. In normal periods, water runs over the spillway."

Mr. Moss said the average daily pumpage has dropped slightly since the heat of summer to about 900,000 gallons per day, some 75,000 gallons less than in mid-summer. He said Foote Mineral Company used 11 million gallons during the past month, or something more than one-third of the city's total pumpage.

"Citizens should not be unduly alarmed about the water situation, and we don't expect citizens to cut their water usage to their detriment," Mayor Glee A. Bridges said. "However, we feel that now is the time to call for conservation."

He suggested citizens not wash cars, nor water lawns and gardens, until rainfall ends the drought in the local area.

January Date For Mauney Duo

The Mauney Twins, Kings Mountain piano artists, will appear in Shelby for the Cleveland County Community Concert association on January 26, according to schedule of the four-concert series recently announced by A. A. Powell, association president.

Mr. Powell listed these other concert dates:

Mildred Dilling, harpist, on November 12; Igor Gorin, baritone, on March 1; and Jane Hobson, soprano, on April 1.

Mr. Powell said there had been delay in mailing membership cards due to slowness in arranging concert dates. However, it is anticipated that membership cards will be posted early next week, he added.

Members of the Cleveland association may attend concerts of other associations free of charge, and any member needing membership cards at any time can obtain them from Mrs. Edwin Ford or Mrs. George Carpenter, Mr. Powell said.

Jerome Hines, base-baritone, sings at Hickory Friday night, and Wilmer Lipp, soprano, sings at Charlotte on October 30.

Membership cards for the Community Concert series are being mailed Thursday. Mrs. Paul Mauney announced Wednesday morning, so that members will receive their cards in time to attend the concert Friday night.

SUFFERS ATTACK

Andrew Jenkins, Joy Theatre projectionist, suffered a heart attack at work Monday afternoon. He is receiving treatment at Kings Mountain hospital.