



RUTH M. HINES

Pastor Hines Is Honored

Pastor Ruth M. Hines will be honored in a week's appreciation service beginning Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Revivals for Jesus Church located on Highway 29-74 on the Shady Grove Road. There will be different speakers at each night's service. The public is invited to attend.

News Briefs

BLOODMOBILE

Kings Mountain industry will sponsor a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile Friday. Donors will be processed from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and goal of the collection is 200 pints.

VISITOR CENTER

The Visitor Center at KM National Military Park will open at 9 a.m. Tuesday and a Living History program will begin at 10 a.m., to which the public is invited.

CIRCLE MEETING

Mrs. Thomas Humphries will be hostess to Circle 1 of Dixon Presbyterian Church Saturday night at her home in the Dixon Community.

CARROLL REUNION

The Carroll reunion will be held Sunday at Penley's Chapel United Methodist Church. Picnic lunch will be served following church service.

SMITH REUNION

Annual reunion of descendants of Baxter and Thilita Smith will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Depot Center. Picnic lunch will be served.

LIBRARY FILM

Cleveland County Memorial Library will show the film Lost Horizon starring Ronald Colman on Thurs., Oct. 2. The film is the third in the Adult Classic film series. Movies will be shown at the library every other Thursday night at 7 p.m.

YOUNG AT HEART

Senior Citizens "Young At Heart" Club will give a special musical program following Senator Robert Morgan's speech Friday at 11 a.m. at the Bicentennial Headquarters. The public is invited to attend.

ATTEND CHURCH

The Church Open House Committee will have posters in the area motels and businesses to inform visitors coming to Kings Mountain during the Bicentennial Celebration of the various churches in the area and encouraging them to attend services.

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Merna To Make Keynote Address

Gerald F. Merna, Executive Assistant to the U.S. Postmaster General William F. Bolger since December 1978, will make the keynote address at First-Day Cancellation Ceremonies for the Kings Mountain Commemorative Postal Card Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

"We invite the community to join us in this occasion for which we have looked forward to for some time," said Postmaster Fred Weaver.

Merna spent part of his youth at St. Dominic's Home, in Blauvelt, N.Y., and St. Agnes Home, in Sparkill, N.Y., and attended Tappan Zee High School in Piermont, N.Y.

He joined the Postal Service in 1968, after a career with the United States Marines, and progressed from administrative officer in the organization's Research and Development Bureau to his present position as a top postal official and secretary to the Postal Service's Executive Committee.

In his post, Merna serves as a principal advisor to the Postmaster General on matters involving policy formulation, organization, and administration. He also coordinates meetings of the Postal Service's Board of Governors.

Since joining the Postal Service, Merna has served successively as an administrative officer, a program analyst, manager of the Compensation Records Branch, general manager of Budget and Planning, general manager of Financial Management and Administration, and prior to his present position, was a Special Assistant to the Postmaster General. In 1976, he was named a task force coordinator for the Government Relations Department and a year later became national coordinator for the Postal Service's Revenue Protection Task Force.

While living at the St. Agnes Home in Sparkill, and attending Tappan Zee High School, Merna met and married classmate Dorothy Sedlack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sedlack Sr. of Piedmont. Mr. Sedlack is a former Trustee of the Village of Piermont.

Merna enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 17, and over 21 years progressed through the enlisted grades to the highest rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant before becoming a commissioned officer.

At the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, Merna did Marine recruitment in the metropolitan New York City area until March, 1952, when he volunteered for duty in Korea, where he served for 13 months with the First Marine Division. In May, 1966, Merna was commissioned a Second Lieutenant under the Marine Corps' outstanding leadership program. He served in Vietnam with the Third Marine Division from August 1966 to September 1967, earning promotion to First Lieutenant. During this service he received his second Navy Commendation Medal with a Combat "V" and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star from the Vietnamese Government. During his military career he accumulated 18 additional decorations and awards.

Attending night classes while employed by the Postal Service, Merna earned both a B.S. and M.S. degree from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Merna and their son, Gerald, live in Alexandria, Va. Their married daughter, Linda C. Figura, lives in Annandale, Va.

Postmaster Fred Weaver will preside at the ceremonies and special remarks on the Battle history will be made by Elizabeth McGill, 1979 DAR Good Citizen at KM High School.

A Color Guard will present the colors and the KMSHS chorale and ensemble will sing the National Anthem. Rev. Robert E. Boggan will give the invocation and Celebration Chairman John Moss will give the welcome and introduce guests. KM National Military Park Supt. Andrew Loveless will be recognized for greetings and James R. Braughton will present the speaker, Rev. M.L. Campbell will pronounce the benediction.

Battle Celebration Focus On Fun And KM History

From 1A

p.m. as originally scheduled, and will start at the corner of Cherokee St. and Gold.

Mayor John Moss, Celebration Chairman, and Fire Chief Gene Tignor, Parade Chairman, said the parade will proceed from Gold to Battleground, to U.S. 74, back down Railroad, to West Mountain St., to Phifer Road, and into John Gamble Football Stadium where the major address of the Celebration will be given at 2:15 p.m., not 2:30 as originally scheduled.

Changing the time of the parade and address will enable the large host of dignitaries to get into the Stadium and from the Stadium to the KM National Military Address for a 3:30 p.m. address and wreath-laying ceremony.

Parade participants are asked to come from York Road to Gold and note the marked areas where they are to line up, said Tignor. He said the units will be numbered and staked off.

Traffic will be blocked from the corner of Gaston St. to Mountain, Cherokee and S. Piedmont St. and from the corner of West Gold and Deal St.

A reviewing stand will be set up at the stadium where dignitaries will review the parade. At the stadium the parade will move counter clockwise to pass before the reviewing stand, completely circle the stadium, and out again.

Ten 100-unit parade is expected to be the city's most colorful and spectacular event, marked by the appearances of representatives of the five Southern States sponsoring the mammoth Celebration, high

stepping bands, including two service bands, beauty queens, including Miss North Carolina, Miss South Carolina, Miss

Peach Queen, Miss Apple Queen, and local and area beauty queens representing high schools and colleges.

North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt, South Carolina Governor Richard W. Riley, Honorary Chairman and General of the Army William C. Westmoreland, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus, Georgia Lt. Gov. Zell Miller, Lewis A. McMurren Jr., chairman of the Virginia Independent Bicentennial Commission and representing Gov. Dalton, Congressman James P. Broyhill, of Lenoir, N.C., honorary chairman, Congressman Kenneth Holland of Rock Hill, S.C., South Carolina honorary chairman, Robert L. Collins, president of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, Congressman Phillip Burton of California, chairman of the National Park's Sub-Committee of House Interior Committees, Joe Brown, Southeastern Regional Director of the National Park Service, Chris T. Delaporte, Park director of the heritage conservation and recreation service, P. Bradley Morrah, honorary chairman for the state of South Carolina.

The Parade Lineup: Marine Color Guard, Channel 9 Float, Overland Marchers, Kings Mountain High School Band, Secretary of Interior, Postoffice Representatives, Congressman Broyhill, U.S. Senator Morgan, South Carolina representatives, Virginia representatives, Senator J. Ollie Harris, J.C. Smith University Band, Miss North Carolina, Governor Hunt, Miss South Carolina, Governor Riley,

Governor of Virginia, General Assembly, State cars, Military

Band, General Westmoreland, National Vice Commander Ralph Godwin, American Legion State Commander, American Legion State Adjutant and others, American Legion Auxiliary state president, Post 155 Commander, Post 155 Auxiliary, VFW Commander, Mayor of Kings Mountain, Commissioners of Kings Mountain, Former Mayors of Kings Mountain, County Commissioners, British Unit, New Years Shooters, Overland Marchers, Army Units, Kings Mountain Senior High Floats, North School Marchers, North School Float, Shelby Boys Club Float, Miss Peach Queen, Patriots of Wilkes County, Little Miss Grover, Little Miss N.C. Apple Queen, Girl Scout Units, Little Miss Apple Queen of Shelby, Drum and Bugle Corps, Little Miss Shelby, Little Miss Kings Mountain, Miss Apple Queen of Hendersonville, Bill Bledsoe Funny Car, Channel 13 TV Float, Pistons Dune Buggies, North Gaston Band, Miss Gaston College, Kings Mountain Lions Club Float, WOHS Shelby Float, Rustic Log Float, Channel 3 Rainbow Float, Junior High Patriots Float, First Union Blimp, John Lewis McDowell, Bill Moose Car, David Crawford Car, A.J. McKinney Car, Old Fredrickson Truck, Will Herndon Car, Kings Mountain Fire Truck, Paul Falls DAR Float, Biltmore Wagon, Frank Sisk Horse Drawn Hearse, Ed Brown Rodeo and Saddle Club.

PROMOTION DAY

Sunday School Promotion Day will be held Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at David Baptist Church.

Noon Luncheon Monday To Honor Local Students

Student leaders from Kings Mountain Schools and eight winners of contests being sponsored in connection with the Battle of Kings Mountain Celebration will be honored at a Youth Luncheon Monday at 12 noon at Holiday Inn.

Gene Causby, Executive Director of the N.C. School Board Association, will make the principal address.

Student leaders invited to participate are: Sandra Cobb, treasurer of KMSHS Junior class; Steve Gnaudi, vice president of KMSHS senior class; Denise Greene, editor of student newspaper; Sherry Guyton, district parliamentarian of VICA Clubs; Jane Hambright, president of KMSHS Senior Class; Caroline Harper, Junior High artist; Richie Land, vice president of SPO; Karen Ledford,

treasurer of Sophomore class; Stephen Lee, president of Beta Club.

Also: Jeff Lineberger, president of KMSHS National Honor Society; Mary Ann McClain, president of Human Relations Council; Eric Myers, Band president; Lee Neisler, SPO secretary-treasurer; Clayton Ollis, vice president sophomore class; Terri Plonk, president sophomore class; Annette Putnam, secretary junior class; James Rikard, president junior class; Boo Robinson, president SPO; Eddie Schronce, treasurer senior class; Tracy Scism, Science, Junior High; Janice Scoggins, secretary senior class; Bob Smith, vice president junior class; Lisa Smith, secretary sophomore class; Mack Smith, president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Laura Wright, Spring Young, both of KMJH.

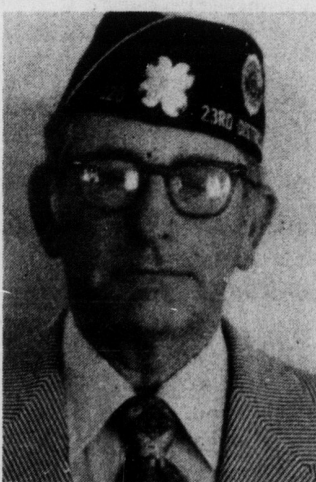
Unit Launches Member Drive

Alton W. Dixon, 23rd District Commander of the American Legion, of Spindale, announced this week a drive for membership and encourages all posts in District 23, including Post 155 of Kings Mountain, to join the effort.

Commander Dixon also invites local Legionnaires to attend the District 23 meeting Oct. 12th at 2 p.m. at Spindale Ralph Smith American Legion Building and report their membership efforts at that time.

District 23 also includes Warren F. Hoyle Post 82 in Shelby and other posts in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Commander Dixon reminds that men and women are eligible for membership if they have honorable separation showing active military service at any time during one of the following periods: Apr. 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, or Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946; or June 25, 1950 to



ALTON W. DIXON

Jan. 31, 1955; or Dec. 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975. Membership is also available to those still on active duty but had honorable service during one of the above periods.

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