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Local News Bulletins

FISH FRY

Members of the American Legion will hold a fish fry at Ollie Moore's place between Boiling Springs and Gaffney Tuesday night.

at the City hall at 5:45, and transportation will be available for all who do not have it. Reservations should be made not later than Monday at Bridges and Hamrick.

INSTALL OFFICERS

William Plonk, retiring president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, and H. Tom Fulton, incoming Lion Tamer, attended the meeting of the Stanley club Tuesday night and installed the officers for the forthcoming year. The Stanley club was sponsored by the Kings Mountain club.

KIWANIS MEETING

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold an outdoor fish supper at the Lake Montonia picnic grounds Thursday night at 7 o'clock. In charge of the meeting is the house committee, including Gurney Grantham, chairman, H. Y. Ballard, Drace Peeler, Hugh Ormand, Jay Patterson and W. K. Crook.

63 ATTEND FEED

Sixty-three members of the local VFW post and War Dads organization attended the fish fry held by the two groups at Joe's place near Gastonia last Saturday night. Members who attended report a fine outing with plenty of fish and cornbread.

NEW CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Charles Moss, with this issue, becomes the Herald correspondent for the Margrace community, and persons having news items of interest should get them to Mrs. Moss not later than Monday afternoon. The Herald, for some time, has been hoping to expand its news coverage, and the management is happy that Mrs. Moss has agreed to handle the correspondence from this section.

UNION SERVICE

Rev. G. G. Lanter, now conducting a revival service at First Baptist church, will preach for the regular Sunday evening union service Sunday night, also to be held at First Baptist church. Mr. Lanter has been preaching at both morning and evening services this week. The services have been well-attended.

SCOUTS AT CAMP

Troop 1 Boy Scouts are at the Piedmont council camp at Tryon this week. Those attending are: James Moss, Bobby Kimmell, Jack Mauney, Billy Allen, Jack Matthews, Carl Moss, Charles Blanton, Jack Barrett, Gene Roberts and Jack Bogie, in charge of the Troop.

ON SHORT TIME

J. E. Herndon, owner of Piedmont Bug mill, said this week that the mill is now operating only one day per week, due to inability to obtain materials, and he added that the mill may be forced to close altogether, unless the situation improves soon.

AUTO STAMP DEADLINE

Postoffice officials said Wednesday that the sale of federal auto use tax stamps, required to be displayed on automobiles by Sunday, has been slight in comparison with the number of cars in the city. Penalties are provided for persons who fail to purchase the stamps. The postoffice closes Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Ten Found Guilty In Recorder's Court

Ten persons were found guilty of routine infractions of the law in the regular Monday morning session of city recorder's court before Judge O. C. O'Farrell.

Lawrence Hufstetler, Hubert Hufstetler, James Bell, A. K. Harris, and Clifton Webster were assessed costs for public drunkenness, while Edward O. Whitworth, Laddie Ray Miller and Joseph B. Cagle drew similar judgment when found guilty of charges of speeding.

Eddie Ross, found guilty of drunk on driving and of driving without a license, was fined \$60 and costs, and Nellie Metcalf, found guilty of disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.00 plus costs.

Goforth Property To Be Sold At Auction Saturday Morning; Property Includes Seven Lots

The property of the late Miss I. Goforth, proceeds from which are to be used to give medical aid to poor either free or at reduced cost, will be sold at auction Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

lots fronting Cherokee street and four lots, three with 25-foot fronts and one slightly larger, facing S. Battleground avenue, will be conducted by J. E. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, and it is being sold under the terms of the late Miss Goforth's will, which specified that the property could be sold as the executors deemed best, either at private sale or by auction.

The plan is to auction the lots separately, then offer the complete block at auction.

Considerable interest has been evidenced in the forthcoming sale in local business circles.

Dixie Home Stores representatives, who had previously entered a bid for the property, have again shown interest, as have Dr. D. M. Morrison, of Shelby, and I. G. Patterson, Kings Mountain oil distributor.

A. H. Patterson is trustee, in the absence of Lt. Col. O. P. Lewis, serving with the army dental corps overseas. Dr. Lewis was named executor of the estate.

Opinion of local business men is that the property, considered highly valuable for business development, will probably attract bids of from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

English Wins Bars, Cluster

With The 100th Division Of The Seventh Army, Germany. — Former T-Sgt. William M. English, 379th infantry, 106 Watterston street, Kings Mountain, N. C., has been commissioned a second lieutenant and received an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second bronze star in ceremonies held since V-E Day when a total of 41 awards were made to Carolina men of the division.

The Century Division received its first rest after seven months of continuous front line fighting when the unconditional surrender of Germany was announced.

Its string of battles on the western front includes the cracking of the German winter defensive line in the lower Vosges Mountains near Raon l'Etape, France, last November; storming and capturing the huge French fortress town of Bitchon; the Maginot Line for the first time and the citadel has ever fallen to an attacking force in its 200-year history; staving off the assault of three German divisions — including the veteran 17th SS Division — during the New Years Eve Nazi counter offensive on the Seventh Army front; assisting in clearing the huge Saar.

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Lions Officers Installed As Club Completes Active Year

Kings Mountain Lions club officers for 1945-46 were installed at the meeting of the club last Thursday night at Mountain View house, as 42 members of the club were presented attendance pins for perfect attendance during an eight-month period.

Jennings Bryson, of Sylva, governor of Lions district 31-A, installed the officers and Lowery Austell, of Shelby, zone manager, presented awards to J. G. Darracott and Carl Mauney for five years of perfect attendance at club meetings.

The club also heard a short address by former District Governor Bill Osborne, of Shelby.

Holland Dixon, installed as president of the club, succeeding William Plonk, thanked the club for its confidence and expressed the feeling that the club would go forward during the incoming year "because I know you will give fullest cooperation."

Other officers installed were: Jacob Cooper, Billy Houser, and Edwin Moore, first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively; J. G. Darracott, re-elected secretary; Henderson Herndon, treasurer; Tom Fulton, Lion tamer; Floyd Thornburg, tail twister; Lawrence Lovell, Otis Falls and J. W. Gamble, two-year directors; and Hunter Allen, one year director. Holdover directors are Carl Mauney and Tolly Shuford.

Receiving attendance pins were: Charles Blalock, C. B. Blanton, John Caveny, Jacob Cooper, J. G. Darracott, H. P. Dizen, Hubert Davidson, C. C. Edens, E. W. Foster, Tom Fulton, W. Lee Grice, Jimmy Harris, George Houser, Billy Houser, Henderson Herndon, Martin Harmon, Lawrence Lovell, Kyle Lynch, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Carl Mauney, George Mauney, T. C. McKee, R. D. Miller, Paul McGinnis, Charlie Moss, Edwin Moore, W. L. Plonk, Tom Pollock, Lee Roberts, Charles Randall, H. L. Ruth, Carl Ramsey, Dave Saunders, Tolly Shuford, C. F. Stowe, Floyd Thornburg, Charles Warlick, C. D. Ware, Sam Weir, B. T. Wright, and O. O. Walker.

Financial statement presented by the club treasurer showed that the club had enjoyed a profitable year, and a summary of the club's activities showed no less than 48 principal club activities.

Highlights of the club's work included the successful sponsorship of two horse shows, the sponsorship of a new and fast-growing Lions club at Stanley, the presentation on Easter of flowers to wives or families of service men killed, holding of the annual Farmers' night and Ladies' night programs, and active participation in the Kings Mountain collection of clothing.

The club also carried out the basic Lions service program in aiding the blind.

Membership showed a net gain of 10.

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Series of Advertisements To Support Church-Going

The Herald plans to present next week the first in a series of special advertisements in support of the current city-wide go-to-church campaign.

The layouts were chosen only after investigation of several different series of the type, and the special series is by far the best of this type we have seen.

Business firms will sponsor the series and the Herald will make every effort to contact all firms in the city and suburban areas during the week end and early next week.

1,162 Attend Church Sunday

A total of 1,162 persons attended morning services in nine Kings Mountain churches Sunday morning, indicating an increase over the previous week, when 1,182 attended services at 10 churches. Reports from only nine churches were received this week.

Attendance at morning services showed increases at all reporting churches except the ARP, which had a drop of five, and at St. Paul's Methodist (colored), which has services on alternate Sundays.

Following are the attendance figures: ARP—church school, 126, morning service, 108.

Central Methodist — church school 145, morning service, 142.

First Baptist — church school, 242, morning service, 243, night (union) service, 182.

Grace Methodist — church school, 189, morning service, 75, night, 75, prayer meeting, 12.

Macedonia Baptist — church school 173, morning service, 144, night service, 164, prayer meeting, 54.

Second Baptist — church school, 195, morning service, 147, night, 93, prayer meeting, 35.

St. Matthew's Lutheran — church school, 204, morning service, 213.

Wesleyan Methodist — church school, 182, morning service, 75, night, 62, prayer meeting 31.

St. Paul Methodist—church school 14, morning service, 16, night, 11.

Plonk School Summer Term Begins Monday

The 21st summer session of the Plonk School of Creative Arts at Asheville will open Monday with registration of students, and with full class schedules to begin the following day.

The session will be for six weeks, continuing through August 12.

Miss Laura Plonk is director of the school, while Miss Lillian Plonk is assistant director.

City To Observe Fourth Quietly; Firms Will Close

Kings Mountain, which as other southern cities, saves its fire-crackers until Christmas and New Year, will celebrate July 4, American Independence Day, quietly, according to present indications.

Almost all merchants and other business firms, including the First National Bank and financial institutions will be closed all day on Wednesday. There was some interest in closing two days, Mrs. Lynwood Parton, Merchants association secretary stated, but a petition to that effect, circulated Tuesday, failed to find enough backers, and the association is recommending that only July 4 be observed as a holiday.

The Grand Ole Opry will show here the night of July Fourth.

Horse shows are scheduled at North Wilkesboro, under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Lions club, and at Darlington, S. C., and it is expected that a number of Kings Mountain persons will pool their A-gas coupons and attend these shows. However, most Kings Mountain horsemen report that the sun has been beating down too much and that they will not enter their horses.

Though some manufacturing companies will be idle on Wednesday, others expect to continue production on the customary full week, since textile production is still listed as critical on the production schedule.

Though a few people may be able to slip off to the mountains or to beaches, most persons say they will take their holiday close to home. Lake Montonia will probably do a thriving business, and there will probably be considerable fishing.

Wage Increases Requests Granted

General wage increases of five cents an hour became effective at Bonnie Mills, Sadie Mills, and Kings Mountain Manufacturing company Monday, meaning that employees of these three industrial plants will receive aggregate wage increases of approximately \$39,000 annually, following granting of permission by WLB for the companies to increase pay schedules.

The WLB actions, notification of which was received this week, follows permission granted five other Kings Mountain companies for wage increases.

Sadie Mill officials estimated that the increase would mean a \$15,000 additional payroll to their employees, while the increase is expected to add \$12,000 annually to the pay of employees of Bonnie Mill and Kings Mountain Manufacturing company.

Narrow Escapes Fail To End When Padgett Returned Home

Captain Philip G. Padgett, Kings Mountain doctor now home on sick leave from Harmon General hospital, Longview, Texas, went through five major engagements with many narrow escapes—and came home for another.

The army officer was standing on the railroad track waiting to cross until a train pulled out. Busy talking with a friend, Capt. Padgett and his friend failed to notice an approaching train until it was almost too late. They got off the track with seconds to spare. This took place last Saturday.

Capt. Padgett, a veteran of 25 months service in Africa, Italy and France, had a full share of narrow escapes in the more than two years he spent overseas.

In one of them, for which he was awarded the Silver Star, he and his unit was cut off from American forces for three days, ate rations and drank water removed from packs of casualties, and lived the final day without water—until advancing American troops rejoined them.

The action took place in Italy, when a battalion infiltrated the Nazi positions north of Villetti. The Nazis didn't know it until it was too late, and the work of this unit touched off the breakthrough which led to the march on, and capture of, Rome.

The medical unit was cut off after the fighting elements of the battalion moved forward, and, for these three days, the medical unit was listed as captured.

Captain Padgett holds battle stars for the Naples-Foggia engagement, the Home-Arno engagement, the invasion of Southern France, the Bat-

Total Of 1,336 Register Here For Hospital Vote



KILLED IN CRASH

Sgt. James P. McGill, 32, well-known Kings Mountain man, was killed in line of duty on May 23, when the plane in which he was being transferred from one evacuation hospital to another crashed near Montefontaine, France. This information was received from the adjutant general last week. Sgt. McGill had been overseas since August 1944. The letter confirming his death promised a further letter from his chaplain or unit commander.

Ellis Killed In Scotland

Staff-Sergeant J. B. Ellis, Jr., of Grover, son of J. B. Ellis, and the late Mrs. Ellis, and a nephew of Mrs. M. L. Plonk of Kings Mountain, was killed in Scotland on June 12, according to a war department message received by his father last Friday.

He was killed in a plane crash near Gairloch, Scotland, while enroute home.

S-Sgt. Ellis, a graduate of Grover high school, Mars Hill college and the University of North Carolina, entered the air corps in August of 1942 and was a radio-operator on a glider-towing C-47. He was a veteran of the initial assaults on Sicily and Italy and was holder of the air medal and one oak leaf cluster and of the Presidential citation. He had been in England since V-E day and had written his father he expected to be home any day and would wire when he reached the States. The wire which his father thought would tell him of his son's home-coming told of his death instead.

S-Sgt. Ellis is survived by his father, his step-mother and a step-sister, all of Grover.

More Persons Return Canning Sugar Coupons

Fourteen more persons have responded to the appeal of the local war price and rationing board to return portions of their canning sugar allotments, in order that the available supply may be more fairly distributed, according to an announcement by Mrs. Nell Thomson, chief clerk.

Returning sugar were: Reola Turner, R-1, Grover, Minnie Heavener, Lackey street, W. G. Clark Grover, Mrs. J. B. Bell, Grover, Carl F. Mauney, 615 E. King st., William L. Plonk, 409 Battleground ave., Mrs. J. D. Shaw, 205 E. King st., Dora Dawkins, G. Travis Wright, Route 3, Arthur W. Hufstetler, Route 3, Mrs. Chas. M. Hardin, Route 1, Grover, Mrs. Holland Horn, Route 3, T. J. Goforth Grover, Mrs. P. E. McTheney, route 1.

tile for Germany and for Central European fighting.

Yet, as a medic, he never carried a gun. Even so, his service with front line troops won him and his men the combat infantryman's badge, which, however, the war department decided to replace with a special decoration, since it felt the combat badge would not look well in the light of international law prohibiting medical men from carrying weapons.

The German medics, Captain Padgett says, were frequently captured with weapons — they explaining that they had to carry them as protection

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Registrations Scar On Final Day Saturday

Registrations for the July 7 special bond election, in which Cleveland county voters will approve or disapprove a \$400,000 hospital building and expansion program, soared to 1,336 on the final registration day last Saturday.

The registrars did booming business all day, with the final figure one of the largest ever recorded here for special elections.

Registrations in West Kings Mountain precinct totaled 755, while registrations in East Kings Mountain precinct totaled 581, according to I. Ben Goforth and Mrs. P. D. Herndon, registrars.

Saturday will be challenge day, with the voting to take place the following Saturday.

Much interest has been evidenced in the election, and local observers are predicting a large vote in favor of the proposals—which include the building of a 50-bed hospital in Kings Mountain and the remodeling and enlarging of the Shelby hospital.

County Attorney Henry B. Edwards, of Shelby, and J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain lawyer, spoke to members of the Kiwanis club at their meeting last Thursday night, endorsing the program.

Mr. Edwards explained the organizational set-up for the hospitals, explaining that the hospitals would be governed by a 15-member board of trustees, with three trustees to be residents of No. 4 (Kings Mountain) township, three from No. 6 (Shelby) township, with the remaining members to be appointed from the other nine townships. All of the trustees are to serve staggered terms and no trustee can succeed himself.

Stating confidence that the bond issues could be sold at a low interest rate, Mr. Edwards estimated that the tax levy increase for the hospital program would be between eight and ten cents per \$100 valuation.

Failure to vote in the election will constitute a vote against the proposals, as the election is "against the books."

Postal Rules Effect Service Subscriptions

The Herald calls the attention of parents, wives, or other relatives of servicemen, particularly of those in the navy, to postal regulations concerning the mailing of newspapers to men overseas.

Effective July 1, second class mail (newspapers, etc.) cannot be sent to navy personnel with FPO addresses unless a specific request from that serviceman has been received and is presented to the newspaper or other periodical when a subscription is taken.

Exception to this rule is that unexpired subscriptions will be continued through the expiration dates.

The same rule has long applied to second class mail addressed to army personnel overseas (APO addresses.) In accordance with these rules, and in an special effort to see that all service men who want each week's Herald receive them, the Herald is publishing today the names of 114 service men whose subscriptions have either already expired, or will expire by July 1.

The policy of the Herald is not to send subscription notices to men in service, and notices have been mailed to relatives of service men in cases where these relatives and their proper addresses are known.

Following are the 114 service men whose subscriptions have, or will soon, expire. Publication of the names is the only means the Herald has of notifying the relatives and the Herald requests the cooperation of each:

- Pvt. William T. Adams, Pfc. James J. Alexander, T-5 James D. Allen, Pvt. Ralph C. Arrowood, Pvt. John B. Barber, Sgt. James P. Barret, Pvt. Horace L. Bell, Pvt. Rufus J. Bell, Pfc. Michael W. Bell, Pvt. Jack H. Bennett, Pfc. Leonard C. Bennett, Sgt. George O. Blalock, S2c Herman W. Blalock, Pfc. Howard Bolt, Pfc. Robert A. Bridges, Floyd Bridges, Opl. Clyde J. Bridges, Pvt. Frank Bridges, Pfc. William P. Bumgardner, Opl. Benjamin T. Caldwell, Pvt. John H. Caldwell, Edward G. Camp
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War Loan Ends Saturday-- Buy An Extra "E" Bond