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 Figures based on registrations of local War Price and Rationing board.

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Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS PROGRAM
 Patrolman Hal B. Ward will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at the Woman's club at 7 o'clock. Patrolman Ward will discuss the subject "Law Enforcement, with Emphasis on Safety."

SAILORS BUY BONDS
 James Throneburg, RM 3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg of Kings Mountain, has written his parents from his destroyer in Pacific waters that the personnel of his ship bought \$21,000 in bonds during the Seventh War Loan campaign, against a quota of \$5,000. "I think that should be some sort of a record," Radioman Throneburg wrote. "It's an average of about \$100 per man and all but about five or six men bought bonds."

BOND SALES COLLECTION
 Kings Mountain's bond sales during the Seventh War Loan drive totaled \$552,075, a \$30,000 increase over the previously reported total, it was learned this week. Addition of the \$30,000 in bond sales came from an error in the report of the Home Building and Loan association. One bloc of "G" bonds was not included in the association's report.

PLENTY OF COURT-ING
 Patrolman Hal Ward has had a busy time since the first of the week—most of it spent in court rooms. With Superior Court sessions underway in both Gastonia and Shelby, Mr. Ward's record shows that he testified in three cases in Gastonia, went to Shelby for one case, returned to Gastonia for another, then was back in Shelby for a sixth—all in a two-day period. In addition, he testified on nine cases in city court here and in other cities.

HORSE SHOWS SCHEDULED
 Local horsemen have received entry blanks this week and announcements of horse shows in Newton and Greer, S. C. The Newton show, with both afternoon and night programs scheduled, is to be held August 15, under sponsorship of the Newton Lions club. Beck Mochlman, ringmaster of two shows here, is directing the Newton show. The Greer show is to be on the night of August 17.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING
 The quarterly meeting of the Southern District Brotherhood of the Lutheran Church will be held July 29th, 8 p. m. at the Ascension Lutheran church, Shelby, Rev. J. D. Sheppard, pastor. The speaker will be H. E. Isehour, Secretary Home Mission Board, or the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, and the subject will be "Home Missions in North Carolina." The district comprises the counties of Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland. The public is invited to attend.

NEW POLICEMAN
 Clay E. Williams has become a member of the Kings Mountain police department replacing L. W. Carpenter, who has resigned effective July 21. Mr. Williams had considerable service with the military police while serving in the army, according to City Manager H. L. Burdette.

UNION SERVICE
 Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will deliver the sermon at the union service Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the A.M.E. church. The series of union services is sponsored by the city's uptown churches.

PERSONNEL CHANGE
 Miss Faye Moss, formerly a member of the sales personnel of Keeter's Department store, has accepted a position as assistant clerk at the local war price and rationing board. Miss Moss replaces Mrs. Ruby M. Alexander, who resigned to accept a secretarial position at Phenix Mills, Inc.

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AMERICAN HEROES



A SILVER STAR for gallantry in action has been awarded to Pfc. Julius Aschenbrenner, Pinckney, Mich. Although a member of a light machine gun section and therefore only armed with a pistol, Aschenbrenner advanced with several riflemen under heavy fire to knock out a machine gun position in New Guinea. He helped still the enemy fire. Men like that must have weapons, food and clothing. The War Bonds you buy and hold will provide them.

U. S. Treasury Department

W. K. Mauney, Jr., Chairman Of Lions Labor Day Show

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club laid plans for the holding of the club's Second Annual Labor Day Horse show Monday night, naming W. K. Mauney, Jr., general chairman of the event, and also naming committee chairmen.

The committee chairmen, named thus far, are: Grounds, Charlie Moss; Ribbons, J. G. Darracott; Program and advertising, W. L. Plonk; Announcer, Paul McGinnis; Concessions, C. C. Edens; Tickets, Henderson Herndon; Judges and Ringmaster, Jacob Cooper; and Entries, H. T. Fulton.

The club sponsored its first horse show last September, and sponsored a second show in the spring in response to public demand.

Both shows were pronounced highly successful, both from the standpoint of entertainment and quality of horses and horsemanship exhibited. Members of the board of directors and committee heads are to meet again Thursday night to map further plans for the event and announcement concerning classes, entrance fees, and prizes are expected to be forthcoming soon.

"We anticipate another excellent Labor Day show," said Mr. Mauney, "and full plans will be completed in a few days. We expect to emphasize classes which will have particular appeal to the public as well as to the exhibitors."

Decision of the club to sponsor its second annual Labor Day show had been previously made but was reaffirmed at the club meeting last Thursday night.

Work Completed On Service Honor Roll

Work on the Kings Mountain service honor roll board was completed Tuesday, and the board now includes a total of 1,810 names of men from this area who are in service or who have seen service in the present conflict.

The renovation of the board, a joint project between the City of Kings Mountain and the Lions club, was under the superintendence of City Manager H. L. Burdette.

Gold stars appear beside the names of the service men who have given their lives while in the armed services.

In a statement Wednesday, Mr. Burdette asked that citizens of the city survey the board, and further asked that they leave the names of any service men who might have been inadvertently omitted at the city hall. He also asked that notation also be made of any corrections to the Gold Star list.

Ration Board To Close Wednesday Afternoons

The local war price and rationing board will be closed on Wednesday afternoons effective next week. It was announced this week by W. H. Mahony, board chairman.

The change is in compliance with a recent presidential order limiting to 16 hours a week in a number of governmental agencies. The board will also close at noon on Wednesdays.

William Wells Home; Suffered Wounds Twice

Whether or not the Nazis ever knew it, S-Sgt. William G. Wells, husband of Mrs. Geneva Hudspeth Wells, of Kings Mountain, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Oiver Wells of the Bethany community, was a good target.

He was twice put out of action by German fire, first by a shell fragment which hit him in the stomach, and later by another big shell knocked out the tank on which he and four other infantrymen were riding.

Two other times, the Nazis barely missed. In October, 1944, when he was near the German-Belgium border, a German bullet smashed a Testament he carried in his shirt pocket, and in the spring of this year, after he had crossed the Rhine river, another Jerry bullet ripped his steel helmet, missing his scalp by the barest fraction of an inch.

Sgt. Wells is now on convalescent furlough in Kings Mountain, before returning to Camp Butler hospital, where he is receiving treatment. He suffered a concussion in his second close brush with Nazi artillery and still suffers ill effects from it.

Sgt. Wells went over seas by "fast express" aboard the Queen Elizabeth in July 1944, spent a short time in Scotland after the ship docked at Glasgow and then went into France in September.

He won stars for his European Theater ribbon for three major engagements—the Battles of North France, Germany, and the Bulge. He underscores the last one as the most vicious. In addition, he wears the good conduct ribbon, the combat infantry badge, and his purple heart with one star.

His first wound was received near St. Vith, Belgium, about two miles behind the lines and occurred shortly after his unit had been relieved to rest a little and obtain replacements. "They brought the artillery up," he said, "and I was standing too close to where one landed."

The second time the Jerries scored was during the final mop-up of the Nazis.

"We were moving fast," he said, "with infantry and armored working together. When a tank moved forward, infantrymen went aboard. We hadn't been moving very long when the tank was hit, knocking it out, and killing the four men inside it. The five of us riding it were all victims of concussion. I was deaf for two days after it."

Sgt. Wells weathered a storm at sea on his return trip. His ship ran into a gale about 200 miles from port and though steaming forward at 19 knots, the ship was actually losing about four knots. But he didn't get sea-sick.

"I don't understand it," he smiles, "for plenty did."

Holding 96 points under the army point system, Sgt. Wells is anticipating a discharge. Only 22, he has been in service three years, nine months. "When they hand it to me, I won't turn it down," he says. He returns to Camp Butler August 23.

Old Town Well Begins Caving In

As old wells frequently do, the Old Town well, in the parking area across from the Kings Mountain Drug store, started setting and caved in this week.

When first noticed, only a small hole was made in the asphalt covering.

Now the oil-barrel size hole in the cement covers a hole some six feet deep and as many wide.

Just how long ago it was when the well was filled could not be learned, but it was evident that the well was dug by an expert. The sides are as smooth as if they had been drilled.

Motorists are warned not to park too close to the hole until it is filled again.

Courteous Engineer Finds Its His Train That's Afire

The courteous engineer of the front engine of Southern Railway passenger train No. 34 slammed on his brakes short of the Piedmont avenue crossing Tuesday afternoon and yelled to Fire Chief Gray King that the fire truck could pass.

"I don't want to get by," Chief King replied, "It's you who's afire." Needless to say, the engineer came out of his seat on the double. The train and a few flames moved on past the fire truck. The fire truck moved to get to the train. The train stopped in the bag- gage car which had been burning about 15 minutes. No general flames were given.

Dellinger's Jewel Shop Is Robbed Of \$2,250 In Gems



PLENTY OF FISH IN THIS TALE—Shown above is Richard (Dickie) Hunnicutt, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunnicutt exhibiting a string of fish he helped to catch at Crescent Beach recently.

Induction Group Of 16 Departed

Sixteen Kingi Morntian men were sent to Fort Bragg Tuesday morning for induction into the armed forces.

The men were sent to fill the beard's July induction call.

A short devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. G. Winkler, and a number of Legionnaires and members of the board were on hand to see the group off.

Willard Meinhardt Hill served as squad leader. Others leaving were: Clyde Durham Blanton, Ray Winter Blackburn, James Albert Camp, Willie Jacob Lookabill, John William Bennett, Anderson Hayes, Leon and Bobo Phillips, James Calvin Mullinax, Charles Heszie Philbeck, Mack Ray Camp, Edward Eugene Dover, W. T. Gregory, Theodore Cash, John Jacob Thornburg, Henry Eugene Smith.

Mitchem Appeals Court Judgments

Bill Mitchem, found guilty of public drunkenness and simple assault on a female before Judge O. C. O'Farrell in city recorder's court Monday, entered notice of appeal from both judgments in a case which highlighted the regular weekly session of court.

In all, 14 cases were tried. Assessed costs for public drunkenness were Arthur Pearson, Pauline Childers, Albert Camp, James Owens, P. D. Scruggs, Broadus Barber, Acey Frank Mace, and a negro, John Burris. Pearson was also fined \$5 and costs when found guilty of using profane language.

Troy Hannah, found guilty of assault, was assessed \$5 plus costs, and a charge of public drunkenness against Joe Gamble, colored, was not pressed with leave.

Glenn Smith, found guilty of speeding, was fined \$10 plus costs.

Johnny Walker Burris, negro, was found not guilty of a charge of assault on a female and plaintiff, Inez Burris, was ordered to pay the costs.

Henry F. Peterson Claimed By Death

Funeral services for Henry F. Peterson, 74, well-known retired contractor and former resident of Kings Mountain, were held last Friday afternoon from Christ Lutheran church in Stanley where he had resided for the past few years, with burial following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Peterson, while a citizen of Kings Mountain, was very prominent in local affairs and superintended the building of much that now constitutes the business and residential sections of the city. He succumbed in Memorial hospital, Charlotte, Thursday afternoon, following an illness of two weeks. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins Peterson, two sons, Paul C. Peterson, Veterans hospital, Augusta, Ga., and Charles S. Peterson, Fredericksburg, Va., and four daughters, Mrs. Dan Kistler, Coopersburg, Pa., Mrs. Ellen Orenshaw, Van Dyke, S. C., Mrs. William Armstrong, High Point, and Mrs. Jackson Smith, Stanley.

Thieves Get Big Haul In Theft Friday

Two negroes, as yet unapprehended, entered Dellinger's Jewel Shop last Friday under pretense of calling for a repaired watch and made off with a large quantity of merchandise valued at \$2,250.

Patrolman Hal B. Ward, who is assisting local police with the investigation, said that the thieves stole 27 rings, including a number of diamonds, with the lowest priced ring \$18.50, and the highest priced \$550. The rings were in two ring cases in the front counter.

The two negro men, Mr. Ward stated he was told, entered the jewelry establishment about 12:05, one of the men calling for a watch which was being repaired for Thelma Rippey, Kings Mountain colored woman.

Asked if he had the receipt stub, the negro replied that it had been lost.

Mrs. Charles Ballard, who was waiting on the negroes, was alone at the time, as the two watch repair men of the firm were both at lunch.

A suspect, who had a police record, full and the negro was told to come back later when the watch repair men returned.

He strolled to the front, picked out an anniversary card, returned to the back and paid for it. He then started out and his accomplice picked out a birthday card, paying for it. The negroes then left the establishment, returning a few minutes later, asking that Mrs. Ballard address the cards for them.

Mrs. Ballard told police that she addressed one card to Pittsburg, Pa., and the other to Mooresville.

The negroes then left, and shortly thereafter Mrs. Ballard missed the ring cases and notified police.

A suspect who had a police record, was arrested in Gastonia Saturday, but he was released when he was not identified as one of the men who had been in the jewelry store.

Mr. Ward said that work is still being done on the case and that local policemen feel the thieves will be apprehended.

The merchandise was insured.

Ramsey Unit Cited For Philippine Work

Company "E" of the 151st Infantry regiment, of which Freelon Ramsey of Kings Mountain is a member, has been cited for outstanding performance of duty during the period 27 March to 4 April 1945 on Cabbalo Island, in the Philippines.

The Kings Mountain man also has sent his relatives a certificate showing his membership in the Ancient Order of the Deep as a "Trusty Shellback," signifying his crossing of the Equator.

A portion of the citation reads: "Company 'E', 151st Infantry Regiment led the assault on Cabbalo Island on 27 March 1945. This small island, heavily fortified and strongly held by the enemy in cleverly concealed and well dug in positions in caves and tunnels, presented difficult terrain obstacles. The initial beachhead was secured on schedule with minor losses. The next objective, a narrow peak affording no cover or concealment, could be approached only by scaling a precipitous hillside of loose rock which rose 200 feet above the Bay. This was accomplished under heavy small arms fire which ingenuity and determination by the use of ropes. Upon reaching the ridge the company was subjected to

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Gaither Ledbetter Case Is Continued

The trial of Gaither Ledbetter, Kings Mountain man charged with murder in connection with the death of Robert Brakefield which occurred following a shooting at Ledbetter's Grover road service station in June, has been continued until the September term of Cleveland County Superior Court, it was learned yesterday.

Defense attorneys requested continuance on grounds that the crowded criminal docket did not allow adequate time for trying of the case.

Judge Allen H. Grayson, of Edenville, is presiding over the court term now in session at Shelby. The coming continuance through the week, with a short adjournment for trying each week.