

Local News Bulletins

VFW TO MEET

Johnny W. Blackwell Post 2268, VFW, will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at its quarters in the Webb building Friday night at 8 o'clock. Ten veterans are to take membership oaths. All interested in joining the organization are invited to attend.

SUBER AT BENNING

Sgt. Robert Suber, of Kings Mountain, has been assigned for duty at Fort Benning, Ga., where he will serve as instructor at the Officer Candidate school there, it was learned by his parents this week. Sgt. Suber recently reported at Miami, Fla., following a furlough here. Sgt. and Mrs. Suber will reside at Columbus, Ga., where Mrs. Suber has accepted a teaching position.

TAXES TO BE ADVERTISED

H. L. Burdette, city manager, this week warned citizens of Kings Mountain who owe taxes for 1944 and prior years that unpaid taxes will be advertised beginning the week of August 13. He urged all persons owing taxes to pay them and avoid the added expense.

HARTSOE DISCHARGED

Cpl. Jack Hartsoe, son of Mrs. John Hartsoe, has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Army after 41 months in service with 36 months spent overseas.

Cpl. Hartsoe saw service in England, France, Belgium, and at the time he returned home, he was stationed in Germany. He holds the ETO and Good Conduct medal, Driver's citation and 3 battle stars. He was discharged under the point system.

WOODMEN CIRCLE

Woodmen Circle Grove No. 146 will meet with Mrs. Henry L. Summitt at her home on 105 Gaston street Friday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week. All members are requested to be present.

LIONS TO MEET

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hold their regular semi-monthly meeting at Mountain View Hotel Thursday night at 7:30. Rev. J. E. Gonzalez will speak to the club.

BAIRD HOME

Dr. R. N. Baird, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, and Mrs. Baird returned to Kings Mountain Wednesday from Columbia, S. C., where Dr. Baird has been a patient in Veterans Hospital. Dr. Baird's condition is described as considerably improved.

McGILL REUNION

Fred Plonk, president of the McGills of Gaston, announced Wednesday that the annual reunion of the clan will be held Wednesday, August 15, at Bethel church. The all-day meeting, featuring a picnic dinner on the grounds, will begin at 10 o'clock and all members of the clan are urged to make plans to attend.

Former Patrolman Receives Discharge

Fred Hill, former state highway patrolman stationed in Kings Mountain was in the city last week, and has recently received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Marine corps, following almost five years of service.

Mr. Hill was twice wounded while in service, and he only recently left a naval hospital. He served in the South Pacific theater of operations.

Board Is Issuing Canning Sugar Now

The local War Price and Rationing board is now busy issuing sugar rations to persons applying after the original quota was exhausted. Chairman W. E. Mackey said Wednesday.

Mr. Mackey, announcing that an additional allotment of 25,000 pounds had been received, said that all persons who applied for canning sugar received, or will receive not less than five pounds, while all persons who stated on their application that they owned orchards received at least 10 pounds.

Mr. Mackey, pointing out that more sugar was received here than in any other town in the county, said that these persons who received...

Youths Charged With Hold-Up Of Galloway

Three Bessemer City youths are lodged in Gaston county jail charged with holding up Doc Galloway, Kings Mountain taxi driver, theft of his car and \$87 in cash.

The alleged robbery occurred last Friday night about 9:45 near Frieda Manufacturing company where the youths were said to have forced Galloway to stop the car, hand over the money and get out of the car.

The three youths jailed are Forrest Johnson, 18, Timmons Barnett, 19, and Virgil Harris, 19.

A fourth member of the party, thought to be known, was still being sought by Gaston officers yesterday.

After he was forced out of the car Galloway called Patrolman H. D. Ward here, and he, with Gaston Deputies R. F. Hope and Jim Roach picked up the trail of the stolen taxi in the mud, and found it abandoned in a ditch about six miles from the wooded spot where Galloway had been forced out of the car. About 10 miles further, two of the youths were found, and the third was apprehended Sunday afternoon on information supplied by his companions.

Pre-Induction Group Examined

Twenty-five registrants of the local selective service board left Kings Mountain Tuesday for Fort Jackson, S. C., where they underwent examinations to determine their fitness for duty in the armed forces.

J. P. Panther served as squad leader. Only a few of the men had returned by noon Wednesday.

Others in the group were: Baxter Wray Owens, Ermon Benjamin Bain, Stanley Ray Mullinax, Horace Gold Cogdell, Paul Preston Hartsoe, Walter Hood Bridges, Andrew Atlas Smith, Jack Eddings Gaddy, Dan Bridges, Broadus Melvin Montgomery, David Glenn McDaniel, Lloyd Winfield Fredell, Jake Garvis Bell, William Kemp Mauney, Jr., Alex Denton Owens, Thomas Arthur Benton, William Manley Green, Charles Ray Pike, J. B. Mackey, Robert Ervin Costner, James Kermit Ware, Parcel Legette Blanton, Dean Julian Ramsey, Clyde Huey Smith.

Robert Morrison, Veteran Of Four Invasions, Is On Leave

Experience doesn't mean too much on invasions of enemy beachheads. You still get scared.

This is the word of Robert L. Morrison, RM 1e, who, as lone radio operator aboard an LCI, one of the navy's multifarious landing ships, took part in four of them in the Mediterranean and European theaters.

Radioman Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Morrison, S. Piedmont avenue, is home on leave after his second return trip from the war zone.

His battle duty began with the invasion of Bizerte in the African mop-up, continued through the invasions of Sicily and the bloody battle at Salerno, Italy, followed by the big Normandy invasion on D-Day last June.

Morrison's group of ships was the lead group in each of the invasions. Describing the Salerno job as the nastiest, Morrison says, "We got word about 100 miles off shore that the Italians had surrendered and that we had to do nothing but move ashore and land our troops.

"This was all a terrible mistake, and the result was that many of the men who went ashore from our ship were mowed down by machine gun fire and artillery, or were killed by land mines.

"Finally," he said, "the ship withdrew from the beach, and an alternate beach was used."

Through the four invasions neither of the vessels on which he served were hit, though other ships in his group were not so fortunate, some sinking after shelling by German 88's and some after hitting mines.

The second LCI to which he was attached lost one man when hit by a fragment from artillery fire, which landed close by. Another was seriously wounded.

Brooks To Discuss GI Bill At Legion Meeting Tuesday; Service Men Invited

Goforth's Ship Victim of Jap Kamikaze Blow

Charles A. Goforth, Jr., GM 3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goforth, Sr., 407 W. Gold st., is home on 30-day leave, following the sinking of his ship, an LSM, in the action around Okinawa.

According to a navy press release from Treasure Island, San Francisco, California where he landed, Gunner's Mate Goforth was among 46 survivors of the navy medium landing ship.

The men were rescued after the sinking of their craft, victim of a Jap suicide plane. The Kamikaze crash ignited drums of high-octane gasoline, but the highly-trained crew quickly got the flames under control. The ship sank in 11 minutes, however due to other damage.

The LSM participated in the Iwo Jima campaign, completing assault landings under heavy gunfire. A near miss from mortar shelling put her starboard engine out of action. Later the vessel was rammed by a floating pontoon barge, took eight feet of water in her engine room and was derelict without lights and heat for 19 nineteen days.

Only two crew members were lost with the craft at Okinawa.

Attendance At Seven Churches Sunday 688

Attendance for morning worship services in seven Kings Mountain churches last Sunday was 688, while 907 were present for Sunday school services, according to reports tabulated this week.

Reports were not received from Central Methodist church and First Baptist church.

Reports of individual churches follow:

- ARP — church school, 107, church 112, night (union service) 152, prayer meeting 22.
- Grace Methodist — church school, 139; church 49, prayer meeting, 16.
- First Presbyterian — church school 134, church, 97.
- Macedonian Baptist — church school 96, church, 72; prayer meeting, 34.
- Second Baptist — church school, 143, church, 96, night, 125; prayer meeting 30.
- St. Matthew's Lutheran — church school 175, church, 197.
- Wesleyan Methodist — church school, 113, church 65.

Hunting Licenses Are On Sale; Seasons Given

Hunting and fishing licenses for the current year are on sale at Bridges and Hamrick, hardware, it was announced this week by County Tax Collector Robert Gidney, of Shelby.

At a meeting of the State Board of Conservation and Development held recently in Morehead City hunting seasons for the State were set as follows: Bear and squirrel, October 1 to January 1; opossum and raccoon (with guns or dogs,) October 15 to February 16; mink, muskrat, opossum and raccoon trapping, December 1 to February 15; quail, rabbit, turkey, ruffed grouse, Chinese pheasants and chukar quail, Thanksgiving day to January 31; fox squirrel and Southern red squirrel, no open season; Russian boar, October 15 to January 1. An open season from January 1 to 15 was set for other for the first time. The bag limit on wild turkey was reduced to one.

USES Plans For Post-War

While the Kings Mountain office of the U. S. Employment Service of the War Relocation Commission, in union with 4,000 other local USES offices in the Nation, is continuing its greatest efforts toward supplying manpower for the most urgent of the war activities until V-J Day, it is also planning for reconversion to civilian pursuits and production, it is announced by Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, supervising interviewer of the local office.

Mrs. Goforth points out that the immediate job of the local USES office is to help man the railroads, the shipyards, particularly on the west coast, the Maritime Service and other activities classified as "must" operations, until the war with Japan has been won. Naturally, that is the "first" of all activities in the Nation.

At the same time, she stresses, North Carolina has many industries which are in the "must" class and must be furnished workers to meet their schedule. These include all kinds of textiles, both for war and for civilian uses, lumber, pulpwood, and other products and services contributing to the war effort and the civilian needs. Just now, and for two or three months, one of the important needs is for workers to handle and to save the State's great money crop, tobacco.

In many areas, Mrs. Goforth states can be found both shortages and surpluses of workers — shortages of certain types of skilled or unskilled workers badly needed in industrial and service activities, and surpluses of other types of workers of various skills. The USES, she points out, serves as the middleman, the agency which seeks to place all workers and fill all jobs.

As the war needs are met, more workers will be channelled into civilian jobs, in an effort to keep the entire labor force of the State and the Nation in satisfactory productive employment. North Carolina will have relatively few industries which will end with the war, since the great bulk of her activities can be changed from war to civilian production, almost overnight, Mrs. Goforth said.

Already geared for the job, the local USES office is devoting more and more time to advising, counseling and finding suitable jobs for the ever increasing stream of returning veterans who must be fitted into the civilian economy, said Mrs. Goforth.

Tate Is Re-Opening Business This Week

C. O. Tate, well-known Kings Mountain man who closed his jewelry shop here a year ago in anticipation of entering the armed forces, announced this week the re-opening of his shop in the Professional building, in the offices formerly occupied by E. A. Harrill, attorney.

The establishment adjoins the offices of Dr. W. L. Ramsour. Mr. Tate announced that C. O. West of Belmont will be affiliated with the firm, and he said the firm would specialize in quick repair services on all makes of watches.

Though maintaining residence here, Mr. Tate has been working in Belmont for the past year.

Banker To Talk At City Hall At 8 o'clock

Louis D. Brooks, assistant vice-president of Charlotte's Union National Bank and chairman of the North Carolina Banker's association committee on the GI Bill of Rights, will discuss the provisions of the bill at the City Hall Tuesday night, in conjunction with a meeting of the American Legion.

Announcement of the meeting, which is open to the public, was made by John Floyd, who, with other officers, will be installed at the meeting Tuesday night.

In making the announcement, Mr. Floyd issued a specific invitation to attend to ex-service men, particularly those of World War II, regardless of whether they are affiliated with the American Legion or any other service organization.

He has also issued special invitations to officers and directors of the Kings Mountain financial institutions.

The regular meeting of the post is to be held at 7:30, with Mr. Brooks to speak immediately following, expected to be at 8:30.

"It is a real pleasure to announce that Mr. Brooks will speak here," Mr. Floyd said, "for he is perhaps the best informed person in North Carolina on the much-discussed GI Bill of Rights. Its provisions are involved in legal terms and phrases, and we feel it will be a service to both discharged veterans of World War II and men still in service.

"We are particularly anxious that service and ex-service men attend along with directors of financial institutions for they will be most directly affected by the GI Bill, but we will also welcome all other citizens as well."

Mr. Brooks, prior to his association with the Union National Bank, was for many years affiliated with the Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte.

Bill Hill Bound Over On Embezzlement Count

Bill Hill, Kings Mountain taxi driver, was bound over to Superior Court on charges of embezzlement in hearing before Judge O. C. O'Farrell in city recorder's court Monday.

He is charged with spending \$57 belonging to Coley Freeman, for whom he operates a taxi.

In other cases to come before the court, Ham Craig, negro, and Walter Reed were fined \$5 and costs when found guilty of public drunkenness, and Garfield Wilson and Ralph Shuford were fined \$50 and costs and had their driver's licenses revoked when found guilty of drunken driving.

Roe Davis was assessed costs for public drunkenness and John Dawkins, negro, had previously been fined \$5 and costs when he submitted to a charge of indecent exposure.

Andrew Dickey, alias Andrew Edwards, was released when probable cause was not found on a charge of larceny in connection with the Delinger Jewel Shop robbery.

Five Vacancies In School Posts Reported Filled

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, announced Wednesday election of five teachers to fill vacancies in the school system faculty.

The new teachers in the Kings Mountain system will be Miss Eolino Keeter, Mrs. Dorothy Hoke Finger and Miss Annie Roberts, all of Kings Mountain, Miss May Lou Bettis of Earl, and John A. Gibson, of Taylorsville, who will serve as principal of Davidson colored school.

Miss Keeter, who will replace Miss Harriet Cochran, resigned, as teacher of Bible, taught last year in the Cabarrus county system at Concord, and Mrs. Finger will teach home economics in the high school, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Lydia Ann Watkins.

Miss Roberts, who was a member of the Beth-Ware faculty last year, will teach at East Elementary school and Miss Bettis, who held a similar position at Marion, will be public school music supervisor. Mrs. Thomas Templeton, public school music supervisor last year, will serve as piano teacher during the forthcoming year, replacing Miss Martha Carpenter, of Gastonia, who resigned.

John Gibson, new principal of Davidson school, replacing R. J. Davidson, has taught for the past 10 years in Happy Plains colored school at Taylorsville.

Mr. Barnes said that unfilled vacancies include three teachers in the elementary schools, a band instructor, a high school commerce teacher, and a home economics teacher for the Davidson school.

Sterchi Plans Opening Here

Sterchi Brothers, Inc., furniture dealers, announced plans this week for the opening of a store in Kings Mountain.

E. C. McClain, well-known Kings Mountain man and formerly Sterchi representative here until his affiliation with D. F. Hord Furniture Company, is to be manager of the new firm.

Mr. McClain said this week that it is hoped to open the new firm, which will be in the Webb building on Mountain street, by September 1. The two-story Webb building, now used as a warehouse, has about 5,000 feet of floor space, and, according to the announcement by Fred L. Baird, manager of Sterchi Shelby branch, a new front will be built and the building renovated.

The store here is to be operated as a branch of the Shelby establishment it was stated.

Mr. McClain is to terminate his affiliation with D. F. Hord Furniture company this week, he stated.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

John Paul Lucas, Jr., official of Duke Power company of Charlotte, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Employees of the local Duke Power company station have been invited to attend as guests of the club.

Lions Labor Day Horse Show To Feature Over \$250 Prizes

The Lions club's Second Annual Labor Day Horse Show will be a 16-class event, featuring more than \$250 in prizes, according to the program of events announced by the horse show committee this week.

The 16-classes include a varied program, from walking classes to gaited events, and includes for the first time in a Kings Mountain show a fine-harness class, with \$18 in prizes.

Highest prizes, totaling \$50 for each class, are offering in the three-gaited stake, walking stake, and five gaited stake.

Entry list for the event closes on Thursday, August 30, in order that all entries may be listed in the official horse show program.

Entry blanks are now in the hands of the printers and will be mailed out within the next few days. Horsemen failing to receive blanks should get in touch with J. G. Darracott, Lions club secretary.

The show will be held in the High School stadium.

The program of events follows:

1. Pony Class, 45 inches and under. Prizes: first \$20.00, second \$10.00, third \$5.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.
2. Saddle Horse Class (open). Prizes: first \$20.00, second \$10.00, third \$5.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.
3. Model Class (open). Five prizes, ribbons only. Entry fee, \$1.00.
4. Three-Gaited Class (open). Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third, \$2.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.
5. Walking Class (open), four years and under. Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third \$2.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.
6. Five-Gaited Class (open). Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third, \$2.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee, \$2.00.
7. Ladies Horsemanship (open). Prizes: first \$3.00, second \$2.00, third fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.
8. Local Pleasure Class (No. 4 Township only). Prizes: first, \$3.00, second \$2.00, third, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$1.00.
9. Racking Class (open). Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third, \$2.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.
10. Gentlemen's Horsemanship (open). Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$1.00.
11. Walking Class (open, any age).
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Rider 16 years and under. Prizes: first \$3.00, second \$2.00, third fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee, \$1.00.

3. Model Class (open). Five prizes, ribbons only. Entry fee, \$1.00.

4. Three-Gaited Class (open). Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third, \$2.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

5. Walking Class (open), four years and under. Prizes: first \$5.00, second \$3.00, third \$2.00, fourth and fifth, ribbons. Entry fee \$2.00.

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