

President Truman To Visit Kings Mountain November 2

Local News Bulletins

ETHERIDGE PROMOTED
 Lt. Com. R. C. Etheridge, USNA, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Patterson Etheridge of Kings Mountain, has recently been promoted to that rank, according to information received here. Lt. Com. Etheridge is serving aboard the navy destroyer USS Edwards.

COURT OF HONOR
 The regular monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock at City Hall. Application blanks should be in the hands of O. W. Myers not later than Thursday afternoon.

BLANTON DISCHARGED
 T-Sgt. Billie B. Blanton, of Kings Mountain, received an honorable discharge from the army last week, following his return from 37 months of overseas duty with the Mediterranean Air Transport Service. Sgt. Blanton holds six battle stars and has served more than six years in the army. He returned to the United States by air.

LEGION MEETING
 Members of the American Legion ate ham and eggs at a Dutch Supper at the home of Glee Bridges Tuesday night. A large number of Legionnaires, including both veterans of World Wars I and II, were present. No business session was conducted.

BOND QUOTA
 Cleveland County's September victory bond quota has been set at \$198,944 in Series E, F, and G bonds, it was announced this week by George Blanton, of Shelby, county war finance chairman.

WAR DADS MEETING
 Kings Mountain chapter of War will hold their regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock at the City Hall, it was announced this week. A full attendance is being urged.

WATTERSON DISCHARGED
 Cpl. C. E. Watterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Watterson, received an honorable discharge from the army at Fort Bragg on September 5. Cpl. Watterson, in service since June 13, 1942, served 28 months in England and Africa with the eighth Air Force.

NURSE CADET
 Miss Rachel McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clain, entered nurses' training at Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, last Friday.

FISH FRY
 Members of the local post of the VFW and War Dads will hold a fish fry at the home of Glee Bridges on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. A spokesman for the organization said that some 200 pounds of fish are being prepared and a large crowd is anticipated. Members are expected to bring their families and other guests.

NEW DRUGGIST
 B. B. Lewis, registered pharmacist, has accepted a position with Griffin's Drug Store, it was announced this week by E. W. Griffin. Mr. Lewis, a native of Ohio, but for the past four years a citizen of Lincoln, joined Griffin's on Monday.

AT CITY HALL
 Mrs. Edna Houser Saunders has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the City of Kings Mountain, it was announced Wednesday by H. L. Burdette, city manager. Mrs. Saunders replaces Mrs. Louise Martin, resigned.

KIWANIS MEETING
 Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will entertain teachers of the Kings Mountain school system at their regular meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 7 o'clock, when J. G. Morrison, county agent of Lincoln county, will address the club and guests.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
 B. N. Barsea, superintendent of city schools, announced Wednesday an enrollment gain of 99 over first day figures reported last week. Enrollment is still below last year, he stated, and school-age children not yet enrolled are urged to begin school at once.



COMBAT TEAM HARD ON JAPS—Shown above are left to right, Opl. Henry J. Kennedy, Jr., route 2, Kings Mountain, Pfc. Fred Gaylor, Jr., of Warsaw, and Sgt. Lewis N. Barts, of Kannapolis, members of a three-man marine corps combat team who accounted for 20 Japs during the Okinawa operation. (Marine Corps photo.)

Kennedy's Three-Man Combat Team Accounted For 20 Japs

WESTERN PACIFIC (Delayed).—A three-man combat team of North Carolina Marines knocked off 20 Japs during the Okinawa operation. All members of a reconnaissance unit, Marine Corporal Henry J. Kennedy, Jr., 20, of route 2, Kings Mountain; Marine Private First Class Fred Gaylor, Jr., 22, of Hill street, Warsaw; and Marine Sergeant Lewis N. Barts, 21, of 207 Northeast Avenue, Kannapolis, share the credit for each Jap killed.

"We always work together," said Sergeant Barts. "Each of us does his job and it pays off." As an illustration, he told how the trio routed three Japs out of one cave.

Posting Kennedy on one side of the entrance and himself behind a mound of earth a few yards in front, the two waited while Gaylor climbed over the entrance of the cave and tossed in a smoke grenade.

One was shot by Barts as he attempted to escape. The two others then rushed out of the cave firing their rifles at Barts, only to be killed by Kennedy and Gaylor.

This same kind of teamwork was used throughout the operation and cost 17 more Japs their lives.

Corporal Kennedy who is the son of Mr. Henry J. Kennedy Sr., of route 2, Kings Mountain, fought at Okinawa and Peleliu as did his combat teammates Private First Class Gaylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaylor, Sr., of Hill street, Warsaw, and Sergeant Barts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Barts of the Kannapolis address.

Gridders Open Season Sept. 21

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will open their 1945 football schedule in the high school stadium here Friday afternoon, Sept. 21, when they take on the strong Belmont Abbey team, it was announced this week by J. E. Huneycutt, high school principal.

Mr. Huneycutt also announced another home game, with Belmont high school October 12.

Still open is the November 2 date, with arrangements for a game with Bessemer City still tentative.

The schedule follows:
 September 21—Belmont Abbey here
 September 28—Open.
 October 5—Forest City, There.
 Oct. 12—Belmont, Here.
 Oct. 19—Newton, There.
 Oct. 26—Cherryville at Shelby.
 Nov. 2—Open.
 Nov. 9—Lenoir, Here.
 Nov. 16—Shelby, Here.
 Nov. 30—Hickory, there.

Church Attendance 747 Last Sunday

Attendance at seven Kings Mountain churches totaled 747 at morning worship services last Sunday, while church school attendance totaled 1,082.

Attendance at the final union service of the summer at First Presbyterian church totaled 192.

Attendance by churches follows:
 ARP: church school, 118, church, 104.
 Macedonia Baptist: church school, 143, church, 90, night, 75, prayer meeting 38.
 Second Baptist: church school, 173, church, 104, night, 107, prayer meeting, 25.
 Central Methodist: church school, 150, church, 120.
 Grace Methodist: church school, 153, church, 65, night, 52, prayer meeting.
 Lutheran: church school, 186, church, 180.
 First Presbyterian: church school, 159, church, 84, night, 102.

Cab Operators Warned To Drive Carefully

The Kings Mountain board of aldermen in regular monthly session at the City Hall Tuesday night, issued a warning to taxi operators to observe traffic ordinances or face license revocation, passed an amendment to the license tax ordinance to license professional bondsmen, and discussed plans for re-surfacing city streets.

City license fee for professional bondsmen was set at \$10 per year.

The board also granted a license to sell beer to Elmer Harris, negro.

While no specific action was taken regarding re-surfacing of streets, methods of financing the project, along with probable costs, were discussed.

Youth Handed Five-Year Term On Theft Count

Tommy Ruff, 16-year-old white Kings Mountain textile worker, was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary at Raleigh Monday morning after pleading guilty to the theft of \$210 in cash from an uncle, Ed Connard, of West Gastonia.

The disposition came in the second case to be called as the September term of Gaston Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases got underway with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on the bench.

Ruff recently served a year and eight months in the Jackson Training School near Concord for an offense occurring in Kings Mountain.

Connard told the court that he and a relative had been saving the money to purchase a homestead, and that they had nearly accumulated enough money for the purpose.

Ruff admitted that he had been planning the theft for a "long time." Asked to what purpose he had put the money, he explained that he had bought a suit of clothes had paid some board in Charlotte, and had spent some of it on a woman with whom he had spent the night.

"If I had that woman here I would give her five years, too," declared Judge Burgyn, "for contributing to the delinquency of a child. Why, this boy," he said, "is scarcely old enough to be off his nurse's knee. And here he is up here without compunction bragging about sleeping with a woman."

Rev. Elam McSwain Claimed By Death

Rev. Elam McSwain, 60, retired Baptist minister, and prominent farmer died Saturday morning at three o'clock at his home in the Oak Grove community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Blanche McSwain; one son, Lt. Clyde McSwain, U. S. Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., two daughters, Mrs. Wray Thornburg of the Oak Grove community, Mrs. Cecil Lovelace of Tampa, Fla., three sisters, Mrs. John Hamrick of Boiling Springs, Mrs. Henry Pearson of near Gaffney, S. C., and Mrs. David Lovelace of Shelby. Also surviving are grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Crow, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Luther Hawkins, of Gastonia. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Parton Receives Army Discharge

T-4 Lynwood Parton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Parton, of Kings Mountain, received an honorable discharge from the army Tuesday, following his return from the European theater of operations last week.

Tech. Parton, discharged via the point route, had a total of 103 points and participated in five major engagements in France and Germany as a mechanic with an infantry service company.

Tech. Parton is one of the few Kings Mountain men who holds two honorable discharges.

He entered service in September 1940 and was discharged the following year. Re-enlisting in February of 1942, he received training in the United States before going overseas for a 20-month tour of duty.

In addition to his five battle stars, for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European engagements, he holds the combat infantryman's badge, and the good conduct medal.

Entering France via famed Omaha beach six days after D-Day, he fought in the hedge-row area, and through the major battles which resulted in the final defeat of the Germans. He describes the hedge-row fighting and Battle of the Bulge (Ardennes) as the toughest and nastiest fighting of all.

"I didn't get a scratch," he says, "except maybe some skin burns I got because I dived into fox holes too fast."

He returned to the United States air, catching a B-17 from Marseille to Casablanca, a C-54 to Dakar and Natal, and a C-47 into Miami, Fla., where he arrived in September, 5th.

Bridges Airport Now In Operation

Bridges Airport, Glee Bridges' flying field off Gold street was in operation Sunday as planes began landing and taking off on the new airport.

A 1700-foot runway has been virtually completed, and Mr. Bridges said he expected to lease the airport to Martin Flying Service, of Gastonia.

FALSE ALARM

The fire alarm turned in Tuesday night proved to be false. It was the only alarm of the week.

Chief Executive Expected To Speak At Battleground

1945 City Tax Levy Is 60 Percent Paid

S. A. Crouse, city clerk, reported Wednesday that \$39,743.88 in 1945 taxes had been pre-paid through September 10, the figure representing 60.74 percent of the total 1945 levy.

The total tax levy for Kings Mountain is \$65,424.70.

He also reported that \$61,989.60 or 96 percent of the 1944 levy had been paid, to establish one of the best records for tax collection the city has known.

In the official sale of property for 1944 taxes held Monday, only \$475.27 of the 1944 levy remained to be paid.

Appreciation Stated For Horse Show Help

Holland P. Dixon, president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, and W. K. Mauney, Jr., general chairman of the club's recent Labor Day horse show, issued a statement this week thanking all business firms and citizens who helped make the show a success.

Named specifically were the merchants and business firms who bought advertising in the official horse show program, local exhibitors, the City of Kings Mountain which aided in preparation of the horse show ring and owners of the York road property where the show ring and stands were erected.

"We could not have had a successful show had it not been for the fine cooperation we received," they stated, "and we wish to state publicly our appreciation, both for ourselves and on behalf of the Lions club, to the owners of the property at the old ball park, the exhibitors, City of Kings Mountain, merchants and business firms, and spectators for their part in making this event a successful one."

Blanton Is Awarded Bronze Star Medal

S-Sgt. Clarence E. Blanton of Kings Mountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton, has been awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the Southwest Pacific area, according to information recently received here.

Married, Sgt. Blanton's wife resides at Little Mountain, S. C.

The citation accompanying the award follows:
 "Staff Sergeant Clarence E. Blanton, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific area and in the Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. The platoon as a quartermaster bakery company of which Staff Sergeant Blanton was a member had been operating on two islands when orders came to move. Under Staff Sergeant Blanton's able leadership and assistance, the two sections were collected from the islands and loaded on five different ships with the least possible confusion and loss of time. On arrival at Mindoro, Staff Sergeant Blanton had the difficult task of collecting the equipment which had been landed on two beaches and getting the bakery into operation as quick as possible. When the platoon landed on Mindanao, both men and equipment were so well organized that the bakery was turning out bread 24 hours after debarkation. This record was made possible by the exemplary leadership of Staff Sergeant Blanton in organizing his platoon into a solid cooperative unit, and by his able assistance to his commanding officer."

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President Harry S. Truman is expected to visit Kings Mountain battlefield and make an address on November 2 in conjunction with a trip to Statesville, according to information given Senator Clyde R. Hoey Senator Josiah W. Bailey at a conference with the North Carolina Senators on Tuesday.

The observance of the 165th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which turned the tide of victory in the Revolutionary War to the colonies, will thus be advanced from October 7 to November 2 to coincide with President Truman's visit.

President Herbert Hoover came to Kings Mountain on October 7, 1930, and made an address in the observance of the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the famed battle.

In the years since 1930, great celebrations have not been held, though patriotic organizations of Kings Mountain and surrounding cities customarily conduct ceremonies at the battleground on October 7.

Last spring, Mr. Truman was invited to Kings Mountain by Senator

State Senator Lee B. Weathers, of Shelby, was named general chairman of the committee on arrangements for the President Truman visit on November 2 at a supper for county employees and officials held at the home of Glee Bridges, county board chairman, here last night. General plans stated call for inclusion of York county, S. C., and Gaston county in addition to Cleveland county, a parade in Kings Mountain featuring military bands and units to precede Mr. Truman's address at the battleground. Dignitaries from the state and nation are expected to attend Mr. Truman's address at the Kings Mountain Battleground.

Hoey shortly after his becoming president. The suggestion originally came from the county board of commissioners and State Senator Lee B. Weathers, of Shelby, wrote Mr. Hoey concerning the possibility of a presidential visit.

The invitation was tendered to Mr. Truman, who expressed his hope that he would be able to come to Kings Mountain, but he stated that no definite plans could be mapped until the Potsdam conference was over.

The North Carolina Senators renewed the invitation on Tuesday and the announcement was forthcoming immediately following the meeting.

Plans have not been made for the visit of Mr. Truman, but Glee A. Bridges, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said Wednesday that a committee of citizens from Kings Mountain and Shelby will be named within the next few days to map the program of events and make other necessary arrangements for the Truman visit.

Mr. Truman will speak at Statesville in connection with a non-official meeting of the North Carolina Senate there.

It will be the first trip South for President Truman and is to be followed by visits to Atlanta and Fort Benning, Ga.

Floyd Names Legion Groups

John Floyd, commander of Otis D. Greene Post No. 155, American Legion, announced this week personnel of post committees for the year 1945-46.

The appointments follow (First named serves as chairman):
 Membership: John Gladden, Paul Mauney, G. A. Bridges, R. D. Miller, O. O. Walker and P. G. Ratterree.
 Finance: N. F. McGill, J. A. Nelsler, W. L. Plonk.
 House and Entertainment: R. D. Miller, Hal D. Ward, John Weaver, Cline Barber.
 Legal: J. R. Davis, F. R. Summers, W. E. Blakely.
 Publicity: Martin Harmon, Ladd W. Hamrick, W. B. Winstead.
 Service: J. B. Keeter, Clarence L. Black, John Mauney.
 Post Child Welfare: P. G. Ratterree, J. D. Smith, T. A. Pollock.
 Defense: W. L. Plonk, J. W. Gladden, Paul Mauney.
 Disaster Relief, Etc.: H. L. Burdette, J. E. Herndon, Chas. A. Go-forth.
 Athletics: Luther Morrison, Chas. E. Warlick.