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United War Fund Drive Is Now Underway In City

Committees Now Making Solicitations

Work by committee members to obtain \$5,000 for the United War Fund as Kings Mountain's and Number 1 township's share in the nation-wide appeal for 22 member agencies began Tuesday, with committee officials hopeful that the campaign could be successfully completed in quick order.

The campaign is now underway throughout the county and the nation, as the last nation-wide appeal for this combine of service and charitable organizations.

Byron Keeter, chairman of the campaign, said that all committee chairmen had been given materials for the drive and he urged all persons to give liberally.

"The war has ended," Mr. Keeter said, "but I hope none will jump to the erroneous conclusion that the men who served us so well are now back with their parents and families. They are not, and many will

The United War Fund drive in Kings Mountain was off to a good start Wednesday afternoon as a gift of \$100 from Frieda Manufacturing company was reported. Campaign goal is \$5,000.

spend much more time in both the Pacific and European theaters to serve with occupation forces.

"Naturally, with the fighting ceased, they want to be home. Therefore, there is all the more reason to give to the United War Fund to insure that their morale, which in large measure meant the margin of victory for the Allies, shall not break during this trying transitional period," he continued.

Mr. Keeter also pointed out that many of the agencies sharing in the fund will give aid to China—also years trampled by the Japanese—Belgium, Holland and other nations where starvation and hunger threaten the lives of those peoples.

"It is a gesture of good will and brotherhood which Kings Mountain and the nation cannot fail to give," Mr. Keeter said.

Member agencies include the USO, United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian War Relief, United China Relief, American Relief for Czechoslovakia, American Denmark Relief, American Relief for France, Greek War Relief association, American Relief for Holland, American Relief for Italy, United Lithuanian Relief, Friends of Luxembourg, American Relief for Norway, Philippine War Relief, Polish War Relief, United Yugoslav Relief, American Field Service, Refugee Relief Trustee, U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

Rev. C. K. Derrick Accepts New Charge

Rev. Clarence K. Derrick, former pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church here, and more recently pastor of the Lutheran church at Charleston, S. C., has accepted the pastorate of St. John's Lutheran church in Atlanta, Ga., according to an Associated Press report of October 6.

Rev. Mr. Derrick is expected to assume his new duties in November.

More Service Men Discharged

More and more Kings Mountain service men are returning home and it has been a common sight to see them strolling along the business section with discharges in hand.

Almost without exception they have a grin on their faces and none has yet been heard to remark that they were unhappy about the arrangement with the services.

Among Kings Mountain men discharged in the past few days are Clarence McDaniel, navy, warrant officer Fred Dixon, recently returned from Okinawa, Calvin Payne, USMC, back from duty aboard a naval vessel, the Eagle 65, and Harry, navy, and James Barrett and A. B. Randall, Jr., of the Kings Mountain recently returned from the European theater.

The draft board reported posting of 25 discharged during the past few days, but a list was not immediately available.

Brothers, ETO Veterans, Call Home Within Hour

A few weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker received letters from sons T-Sgt. Paul Walker and T-5 Horace Walker in Europe stating that they hoped to be in route home soon.

Tuesday morning, Brother Arthur Walker, who works at Myers' Department store, received a collect call from Boston. It was from Brother Horace, reporting his arrival and stating that he expected to be home in a few days.

Within an hour, another collect call came in. It was from New York. This time it was Brother Paul on the line with a similar message. Singularly, the boys' mother was in the store when Paul called—the first time she'd been downtown in about three months.

Both soldiers are eligible for discharge after long periods of service. Paul reports to Fort Bragg for separation, while Horace is to finish his army service at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Paul, before entering service, was an employee at Myers', while Horace was a member of the printing force at the Herald Publishing House.

George Mauney Is Discharged

Lieutenant George H. Mauney received an honorable discharge this week from the Navy.

In the spring of 1949 while still in school at State College, Raleigh, he volunteered his services to his country and was commissioned an Ensign. He received his indoctrination at Notre Dame, Ind. and was sent almost immediately to serve on a minesweeper in the Virgin Islands.

After a year there, he was returned to the United States for further training in minesweeping at Yorktown, Pa. His duties then took him to the South Pacific. For several months he operated a minesweeper in the vicinity of the Solomon Islands and later became commanding officer on a patrol ship. In March of this year he was returned again to the United States and assigned to Naval duty in Chicago.

After a visit of a few days with Mrs. Mauney's parents in Atlanta, Lt. and Mrs. Mauney will be at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, on Piedmont avenue.

Gridmen To Play Belmont Friday

Kings Mountain High school will play its second home football game of the season here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Belmont high school invades the high school stadium.

Couch Don Parker said Wednesday that his ailing players are still ailing, which includes four regulars. Ledbetter, end, and Foster, guard, will still watch the game from the stands, and it is doubtful whether Ralph Smith or Cris (Sudie) Edens, backs, will see action due to ankle injuries.

Belmont has been defeated by Bessemer City, and the Mountaineers are seeking their first win of the season, following losses to Belmont Abbey and Forest City.

Probable starting line-up follows: Belmont: Clark and Caste, ends; Bumgardner and McJunkins, tackles; Sherrill and Summerville, guards; Hancill, center; Barefoot, Lippard, Gaston and Hipps, backs.

Kings Mountain: Kelley and Dettmar, ends; Moss and Neill, tackles; Harmon and Boheler, guards; Medina, center; Stowe and Cashon, backs. (Alternates for Smith and Edens were not listed.)

Forget-Me-Not Sale To Be Held October 20

The Kings Mountain Woman's club will conduct the annual sale of forget-me-nots for the Disabled Veterans of America next Saturday, October 20, it was announced this week.

The proceeds of the sale will benefit disabled veterans of both wars. The sale is being conducted for Gastonia chapter 19, to which Kings Mountain disabled veterans are eligible for membership.

The annual sale was also conducted by the Woman's club last year.

Local News Bulletins

COURT OF HONOR

The regular monthly Boy Scouts court of honor will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the city Hall, it was announced this week.

WESLEYAN SERVICE

Rev. Lester Beale, of Lincoln-ton, will conduct services Sunday morning at the Wesleyan Methodist church, it was announced this week. Pastor of the church, Rev. Paul E. Allred, who is hospitalized with rheumatism, is said to be improving.

MOSS DISCHARGED

Pfc. John Henry Moss, son of M. A. Moss, route 3, Kings Mountain, received an honorable discharge at Fort Bragg, October 3, following his return from the European Theater of Operations. Pfc. Moss, who enlisted in August 1941, served overseas for two years, in England, France, Germany, Holland and many other European nations.

AUCTION SALE

The 62 lots of the Julian property lying between the York road and Deal street were sold at auction Saturday afternoon at an average of \$124 each. George Allen served as auctioneer and conducted the sale in something short of two hours. In spite of bad weather, a large number of persons attended the sale.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hear Captain John E. McBrayer, county service officer, and Captain George Washburn, both of Shelby, at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. Captain McBrayer will speak on his experiences as a B-24 pilot in China, and Captain Washburn will discuss the Civil Air Patrol.

TO ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will entertain teachers of the Kings Mountain school system at their regular meeting Thursday night, October 20, it was announced this week. The club and the teachers will be guests of the citizens of the Bethany church community on that night.

GLASSES DISTRIBUTED

Twelve pairs of glasses were distributed to needy children last week by members of the Kings Mountain Lions club's sight conservation committee. The children had been examined in a health clinic conducted by county public health authorities, and 12 of the children found in need of glasses were unable to purchase them.

Members of the club committee include J. C. Keller, chairman, Albert Allran, M. H. Biser, W. L. Grice and Brooks Tate.

HUFFSTICKLER INJURED

Stacy Huffstickler, 105 city street, is in Shelby hospital recuperating from head lacerations received Tuesday afternoon when the automobile in which he was riding toward Shelby made a sudden stop and he was thrown against the windshield. The windshield smashed, and Huffstickler was badly cut. Shelby hospital authorities said Wednesday that his condition was regarded as satisfactory.

COUNCIL MEETING

Two resolutions, one stating that the city would consider taking over or installing sewer lines into a proposed residential sub-division south of Gold street, upon the building of 10 dwellings, and another granting a wine license to Mountain Grill, constituted the only action taken at Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting of the city board of aldermen, according to H. L. Burdette, city manager. Resolution on the sewer lines resulted from a request by Glis A. Bridges, owner of the property.

ETHERIDGE INJURED

Mrs. Dorothy Patterson Etheridge has received word from her husband, Lt. Comm. R. C. Etheridge that he received a serious head injury in Hawaii recently, that he is now en route home, but expects to be hospitalized for several weeks for treatment and observation after reaching the United States. His present address is USN Hospital Base, No. 5, Navy 128, FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

William Timmons, Jr., Replaces Aderholdt As Chief Of Police Here

Two Men Injured As Coble Trucks Crash Wednesday

Frank Sprouse was slightly injured and Henry Gregory was more seriously injured Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock when the trucks they were driving collided about four miles west of Kings Mountain on Highway 74.

Trucks driven by the two Kings Mountain men, owned by J. M. Coble and being used to haul asphalt to Forest City, were virtually demolished, according to Patrolman Hal B. Ward, who investigated the case.

Mr. Ward said the accident occurred on the long curve near El Bethel church. He said that Sprouse was proceeding west on Highway 74 and smashed into the eastbound truck driven by Gregory while passing a third truck which was also proceeding westward.

Mr. Ward said that Sprouse would be indicted for reckless driving.

The two drivers were taken to Shelby hospital for treatment. Shelby hospital authorities said Wednesday afternoon that Sprouse was given first aid treatment for lacerations about the face and hands but was not admitted, while Gregory was admitted for similar, but more serious injuries.

Gregory's condition was described as "not too serious."

Mrs. Summers On Committee

Mrs. P. R. Summers, of Kings Mountain, has been appointed a member of the state-wide reception committee for President Harry S. Truman's visit to Statesville on November 2, it was learned this week.

Mrs. Summers received a letter informing her of the appointment last week from Senator Hugh Mitchell, of Statesville, who is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the Presidential meeting, which will be in connection with a get-together meeting of the State Senate.

The letter stated that Secretary of the Treasury Eral Vinson and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson were expected to accompany President Truman to Statesville.

Mrs. R. S. Ferguson, of Taylorsville, is chairman of the reception committee.

TELEPHONE WALKOUT

Kings Mountain citizens got a taste of the old days last Friday afternoon when operators of the local Southern Bell telephone system joined others throughout the nation in a four-hour walk-out. One operator was on duty to handle emergency calls. Service was resumed at 6 p. m.

VFW SPECIAL MEET

A special meeting of Johnny W. Blackwell Post 2268 has been called for Thursday night at the City Hall at 7:30, according to notices sent members this week by C. E. Dengler, adjutant. Attendance is urged.

Blakely Says Christmas Mail To Service Men Very Slight

Kings Mountain service men still overseas at Christmas time are likely to be gift-shy, according to Postmaster W. E. Blakely and other post-office employees.

Deadline on mailing packages to army personnel overseas falls Monday afternoon, and thus far the volume of packages sent to APO addresses via San Francisco, New York, etc., has been very small, it was stated.

There are no restrictions on mailing of packages to naval personnel with fleet postoffice addresses. However, friends and relatives of naval personnel have also been encouraged to mail gift packages by October 15—to assure the servicemen of obtaining them by Christmas.

"Evidently most folks think that all the men will be home by Christmas," Mr. Blakely remarked, "but this is not true. And the volume of



AWARDED MEDAL — Lt. (jg) J. G. Darracott, Jr., listed as missing in action by the navy, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a third air medal for heroism in action.

Missing Pilot Receives Award

CHARLESTON, S. C. — For participating in extremely dangerous missions over enemy-controlled territory on November 13 and 14, 1944, Lieutenant (jg) James Gideon Darracott, Jr., who is listed as missing in action, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Darracott, Sr., of 307 Battleground Road, Kings Mountain, N. C., has been awarded the Gold Star in lieu of a third air medal.

As a pilot in fighting squadron twenty, attached to the USS Lexington, in action against the Japanese forces in the Philippine Islands area, Lt. Darracott, (then Ensign) pressed home bold attacks against hostile planes, destroying three and contributing materially to the annihilation of a fourth.

The accompanying citation stated, "his daring initiative, cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Plonk Again To Head UNRRA Clothing Drive

William Plonk, Kings Mountain business man, has been appointed chairman of a campaign to collect more old clothes for the needy peoples of liberated nations, it was learned this week.

The campaign will be conducted in January, again under nationwide sponsorship by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration, with Henry J. Kaiser again campaign chairman.

Mr. Plonk said that plans for the drive here call for the aid of all civic groups in obtaining "at least one piece of clothing from each person."

National goal is 100,000,000 pieces. Persons giving clothing will also be asked to write a short letter and attach it to their clothing. This was done by some, Mr. Kaiser wrote, in the drive conducted last spring and is one of the best means to international good will.

Allen To Return To Police Force During November

William C. Timmons, Jr., was sworn in as Kings Mountain chief of police by S. A. Crouse, city clerk, Tuesday morning, and it was announced by H. L. Burdette, city manager, that Haywood Allen, well-known Kings Mountain man and former member of the local force, is to return to the force within the near future.

Chief Timmons, who has already assumed his duties, replaces Chief A. E. Aderholdt, resigned.

Mr. Allen will be an addition to the force, Mr. Burdette said, his addition making no other change.

Mr. Burdette said that Chief Aderholdt had indicated some months ago that he would like to be replaced, but had agreed to continue until a suitable replacement could be obtained. Chief Aderholdt resigned for personal reasons, Mr. Burdette said.

Chief Timmons, formerly of Charlotte, was a member of the Charlotte police force for a number of years, and was recently honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy. During his service in the navy, Mr. Timmons served as a chief specialist in charge of shore patrol organization and worked at a number of naval establishments.

"Chief Aderholdt served very satisfactorily as chief of police here," Mr. Burdette said. "He was a conscientious officer and served the interests of the citizens well."

"At the same time, we are glad to announce the appointment of Mr. Timmons, who has much experience as an officer, and who comes to Kings Mountain highly recommended."

Mr. Timmons is 46 years of age, is married, and the father of two children. He and Mrs. Timmons will reside at Mountain View hotel until suitable residence can be obtained.

Mr. Allen, who has been at Council since his resignation from the local force some two years ago, expects to assume his duties about November 15.

Chief Aderholdt served in that position for a period of more than two years.

The police force now includes, in addition to Chief Timmons, H. Y. Farr, S. E. Batley, Clay Williams, J. R. Guyton and P. D. Fulton, desk sergeant. Mr. Guyton has been ill for the past month but is expected to return to duty within two weeks.

Mrs. Neisler Drive Official

Mrs. Hunter Neisler, of Kings Mountain, has been named co-chairman of the annual Christmas Seal Sale to be conducted during December and will be directly in charge of the campaign in Kings Mountain, it was announced this week.

Mrs. Neisler will handle booth sales of the seals and personal solicitations here, it was stated.

Mrs. C. Rush Hamrick, Jr., managing editor of the Cleveland Times, has accepted the county chairman ship.

Proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals are used for the treatment of tubercular patients and for research in learning new methods to combat the disease. Seventy-five percent of the total receipts are used for work in Cleveland county.

Journalism Students Give Kiwanis Program

In observance of National Newspaper Week, the members of the journalism class of Kings Mountain high school were guests of the Kiwanis club at its meeting last Thursday night and spoke about journalism in the High School.

W. K. Mauney, a member of the program committee, introduced Miss Elizabeth Kee, senior English teacher at the school, who introduced the members of her journalism class who were to take part on the program.

They were Avis Warlick, who gave an "Introduction" to the study of high school journalism; Clavon Kelly,

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