

Local News Bulletins

WAR DISCHARGED

Sgt. Belvis Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ware, has received an honorable discharge from the army, following service in the European theater of operations. He arrived home this week.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A union memorial service will be held at Central Methodist church Sunday night, November 11, under sponsorship of Johnny William Blackwell Post No. 2268, VFW. It was announced this week by Post Commander Charles E. Warlick. Mr. Warlick said an out-of-town speaker would deliver the memorial sermon.

STREET RESURFACING

Kiker and Yount, Contractors, of Beidsville, are now resurfacing all city streets. H. L. Burdette, city manager, said that all streets will get a coating of the surface treatment and that, with good weather, the job may be completed within another week. Work was begun last Thursday. It is the first large-scale repair work on city streets since materials were frozen.

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David Cash, well-known Kings Mountain business man, and Theodore Thornburg, son of E. W. Thornburg, have received honorable discharges from the armed forces. Mr. Cash was discharged from the navy Monday and Mr. Thornburg was discharged from the army last week. Both saw foreign service.

ARRIVED IN STATES

Sgt. Billy Weir, son of Mrs. W. O. Weir, and Sgt. George Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ware, have arrived in the United States and are expected home soon. Sgt. Weir received the West Coast last Thursday from the South Pacific theater and Sgt. Ware arrived from the Mediterranean Theater on Sunday.

CROUSE REMAINS LEG

E. A. Crouse, city clerk, suffered a broken leg when he fell at the City Hall last Thursday. Mr. Crouse who did not realize the extent of his injuries, was taken to Shelby hospital where he is receiving treatment. He is said to be suffering considerable pain and is expected to be confined in the hospital for some time.

LIONS GAZE ACTION

Athletic members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will journey to Stanley Friday night, where they will engage members of the Stanley club in a basketball game, one of three events on the evening's program. Proceeds of the game are to be used in repairing the Stanley gymnasium. A return game is to be played here at a date to be announced later.

KIWANIS MEETING

Ministers of the Kings Mountain area will be guests of the Kiwanis club at the regular meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 8 p. m. Dr. E. A. McFarland, retired minister of Gaffney, S. C., will be the speaker for the occasion. Dr. McFarland is now permanent supply pastor for a large church at Spartanburg, S. C. He is an excellent speaker, a club spokesman said.

HUMES HOUSTON

Humes Houston, recently released from active duty with the army, resumed his duties at the Kings Mountain Drug Store, where he was employed before entering service, this week.

LIONS MEETING CHANGE

Holland Dixon, president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, called attention to members to the change in meeting night recently voted by the club. The club will henceforth meet on the second and fourth Tuesday nights at the Woman's club. The next scheduled meeting will be on the night of November 13 at 7:30.

VFW MEETING

Regular meeting of Johnny William Blackwell Post No. 2268, VFW, will be held Friday night at 7 o'clock at the City hall. It was announced this week. Commanded by Charles E. Warlick, the meeting will be attended by veterans of various wars and the attention of members will be directed to the 11th anniversary of the end of the war.

SHRIMPERS PLEDGE SUPPORT

Ted R. Gamble, National Director of the Treasury Department's War Finance Division, shows the official poster for the forthcoming Victory Loan to William E. Woodfield, Jr., of San Francisco, who is Imperial Potentate of the Shrimpers of North America. Mr. Woodfield told Director Gamble that to date, Shrimpers have invested more than \$500,000,000 in War Bonds, and pledged that its 450,000 Nobles will again go all out in support of the Victory Loan extending October 23rd through December 8th, 1945.

County Docket Again Heavy; Routine Counts

It was another long, but more routine, session of city recorder's court here Monday, as 30 cases were disposed of by Judge O. C. O'Farrell. All sentences handed out were suspended on payment of fines or costs or both. Jack Tino, L. C. Condry, Arthur W. Gamble and George E. Hawkins, each found guilty of drunken driving, were given statutory sentences, \$50 fine and costs, and their driver's licenses were suspended for a year. Fined \$10 and costs for speeding were Dewey E. Carpenter, Paul Shull Clyde Watts, Harry Zeb Ford, Filmore M. Lee, Curtis A. Young, Thom as A. Limerick, Faye Pauline Johnson, Merrill E. Hall and Hoyt M. Ferguson. Assessed costs for public drunkenness were Franklin A. Smith, Curtis N. Brown, Walter Johnson, W. C. Humphries, Sam Dover, Floyd Picklesimer, Sam Worthen, Eugene L. Bradford, Felix Childers and Burgin Falls were fined \$10 and costs on the same charge, while E. L. Moore was fined only \$5 and costs for drunkenness. Ray McQueen was assessed costs for driving through a red light, and Buford Barrow was acquitted of the charge of assaulting a female, with the prosecuting witness ordered to pay the costs. Heywood Warlick, charged with violation of a parking ordinance, and C. E. McKinney, charged with driving without a license, forfeited bonds.

Road Buying Urged; Last Loan Campaign Launched

Kings Mountain's final bond-selling campaign, the eighth loan drive since the beginning of the war, began Monday and local sales leaders are urging all citizens to buy bonds to the limit of their abilities. J. R. Davis, chairman of the campaign here, announced Wednesday four committee chairmen to speed the sale of bonds. They are: professional men, F. E. Summers; corporations, W. K. Mauney; merchants, Hilton Ruth; and women's organizations, Mrs. E. A. Shenk. Cleveland County's quota is \$1,510,000 in all types of securities, with \$325,000 of this amount "E" bonds, sold only to individuals. This total would indicate that Kings Mountain's share in the quota for individuals is about \$75,000, though no definite quota has been assigned the city. In urging all citizens to purchase these securities, Mr. Davis said, "This is the final bond campaign and, as a Victory drive, we should not only do our part but more. Bonds remain the safest investment available, and their purchase also acts as a deterrent to inflation, as well as giving the buyer an easy opportunity for savings. "The government needs the money," he continued, "for the expenses of demobilizing the men of the armed forces and will be great. "We should not forget the men as quickly as their fighting job is ended." The drive will continue through December 8. National goal is \$11,000,000. In the "E" bond series, a new bond has been added. There is now available the \$500 Redeemable War Bond, sale price \$450.

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Bridges Elected To Head Kiwanis

Glee A. Bridges, Kings Mountain business man and chairman of the board of county commissioners, was elected president of the Kiwanis club for 1946 at the meeting of the club last Thursday night. Mr. Bridges, at present vice-president, will succeed Dr. E. N. Baird as president of the club. L. L. Benson was elected vice-president. Newly-elected directors are H. L. Burdette, W. E. Creek, E. C. Gold, Gurney W. Grantham, W. H. Stender, W. W. Tolleson, and M. B. Winstead. These succeed Hugh Ballard, Byron Keeter, Aubrey Mauney, C. G. McClain, O. W. Myers, R. S. Neill, and Joe H. Thomson. At the meeting last Thursday night the club entertained returned servicemen. Some 50 were recognized. Capt. James Battersole, Lt. J. C. Bridges, M-T-4 James Bennett, and Cpl. Fred Wright told in some detail of their experiences in the various theaters of operation.

Bill Webb Takes Over Theatre Management

Bill Webb, of Shelby, has assumed the management of the Impetus Theatre it was announced yesterday. Mr. Webb, who operated the business here a number of years ago will take over the management from Claude Webb, who has operated this theater for the past several years.

Junior Red Cross Roll Call Begins

The annual roll call of the Junior Red Cross will begin Thursday and continue through November 15, and all boys and girls are being urged to enroll in this organization by Miss Gusie Huffstetler, Junior Red Cross chairman. "Here is a chance for you to do a post-war job and go to school at the same time. Enroll in the American Junior Red Cross which now numbers 20 million school age boys and girls. Help supply our men still overseas, and hospitalized service men at home with comfort and recreational articles. The Junior Red Cross needs the help of every boy and girl. The time to enroll is NOW, November 1 through 15. The place to enroll is at your school," Miss Huffstetler said. On Friday morning at 10:30 the 8th grade, under the sponsorship of Miss Helen Logan, will present an assembly program, "The Wonder World of Junior Red Cross," after which three Red Cross films will be shown. The public is invited to attend.

Mariott Phifer Given Commendation

T-Sgt. Mariott D. Phifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Phifer of this city, has received a letter of commendation from his commanding officer for his work as non-commissioned officer in charge of records with a headquarters squadron of the army strategic air force. The commendation covered the period from July 16 to September 29, 1944. At that time a staff-sergeant, the Kings Mountain man has recently been promoted to his present rating. A portion of the letter follows: "Your ingenious initiative, boundless energy, keen foresight, sound judgment and unusual administrative knowledge and ability has proved superior in all respects. "You have at all times displayed the highest efficiency in the performance of your duties. Your outstanding leadership, zeal and determination, and your fine sense of fairness in your dealings with others, properly won for you the admiration and respect of all of your associates and proved to be an inspiration to other enlisted men under your supervision, which inspiration contributed immeasurably to the high morale of all personnel and to the accomplishment of the mission of the Division. "The cooperation and loyalty which you have so willingly and untriggly rendered are of the deepest personal satisfaction to me, and reflect great credit upon yourself and upon the Army Air Force. Therefore, through this official Commendation, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding services which you have rendered beyond the call of assigned duties."

Dixon Commended By General Devers

Fred Dixon, well-known Kings Mountain man who was recently honorably discharged from the army, has received a letter of commendation from General Jacob L. Devers, commander of Army Ground Forces. The letter follows: "I wish to express to you my very real appreciation for the important part you have played in the war. "The Nation, the Army and the Army Ground Forces share your just pride in your contribution to making our arms victorious. Without you, and others who like you unselfishly gave up civil pursuits to defend the civilization we cherish, our brilliant and complete victory could never have been achieved. "Your military organization and the friendships you have formed through will be a source of great satisfaction to you for many years to come. "I am sure you will resume your duties as a citizen with the same loyalty, leadership and devotion that have marked your service as an officer. You go to your home with my wishes for your good fortune in the future."

Throngs Attended Floral Fair; List Of Prize Winners Given

Crowds thronged the Woman's club last Friday from noon until evening for the annual club Floral Fair, which was described by officials as one of the most successful presented in the history of the event. A large number of flowers, sewing pastries and cakes were entered in the prize competition and large crowds were served dinner at noon and in the evening. Prizes, awarded in considerable number by Kings Mountain business firms, are at the home of Mrs. J. E. Deane, and winners are requested to claim their prizes immediately. Mrs. E. A. Shenk, president, expressed her appreciation to the community, business firms, and others for their cooperation in making the event successful, and expressed appreciation also to the members of the club for their cooperation. The winners: A—Large Chrysanthemums. 1. Best vase of six blooms—pair of Cannon sheets—Mrs. W. T. Weir. 2. Best collection pompoms and buttons combined—basket groceries—Mrs. David Cash. 3. Best collection hard garden varieties, including daisies—vase—Mrs. David Cash. 4. Best small chrysanthemums—\$2.50—Mrs. W. T. Weir. B—Dahlias. 1. Best collection six blooms—basket of groceries—Mrs. W. T. Weir. 2. Best collection, any kind, except pompoms—oven broiler—Mrs. Charles Cash. 3. Best vase of six blooms, any color—kitchen stool—Mrs. David Cash. 4. Best collection, pompoms—basket of groceries—Mrs. C. W. Richardson. C—Bases. 1. Best vase, not less than six—black handbag—Mrs. Carl Mauney. (Cont'd on page four)

Silver Star Given Flyer

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 29—For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as pilot of a fighter plane in which he severely damaged a heavy Japanese cruiser, 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 Silver Star medal, one of the nation's highest awards for heroism. Lieut. Darracott, performed his daring mission while a member of fighting squadron twenty, attached to the USS Enterprise, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle for Leyte Gulf, October 24, 1944. Undaunted by intense and unremitting fire from Japanese antiaircraft guns during a strike against units of the Japanese fleet tank force, Lieut. (then Ensign) Darracott launched a relentless attack on a heavy enemy cruiser, skillfully maneuvering for maximum combat efficiency and scoring successful rocket hits which inflicted heavy damage on the important vessel. The citation concludes: "His fearless courage and expert airmanship were contributing factors in the fulfillment of his squadron's vital mission in this area and his unwavering devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon Lieutenant, Junior Grade, Darracott and the United States Naval Service." It was announced earlier this month, that Lt. Darracott had been awarded the Gold Star in lieu of a third Air Medal for participation in particularly dangerous missions on November 13 and 14, 1944.

Injury Hit Gridders Face Bonanza City

Kings Mountain's injury gridders will play Bonanza City high school Friday afternoon 7:30 p. m. at the stadium here in the first of three consecutive home games for the local gridders. Bonanza City defeated Belmont earlier in the season, as did the Mountaineers.

Shelby Show Starts Tonight

Kings Mountain horsemen and sportmen are expected to keep the Kings Mountain-Shelby road hot this week as they travel between the two cities to and from the big three-day horse show to be presented at Dedmon's Ring and Shelby Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Almost 200 horses, including a number of Kings Mountain entries, are expected to be shown in the event, and exhibitors were already arriving in Shelby Wednesday. Tom Fulton, Byron Keeter and N. F. McGill are expected to show their horses, and there are other entries from the vicinity according to George Wray, a show official. Starting performances begin each night at 7:30 and the one afternoon show gets underway Saturday at 2 p. m. A buffet dinner for exhibitors is to be held at North Lake club Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and Tom Fulton and his associates will play the horse show ball at the Shelby Inn from 10 to 11 o'clock Friday evening. The show is being presented by the Shelby Horsemen's Association.

Darracott Chairman Of Christmas Event

J. G. Darracott, proprietor of Western Auto Store, will serve as chairman of the Merchants association's Christmas Opening celebration, it was announced this week by Hilton Ruth, president. Mr. Darracott said Wednesday that committees will be named within a few days and that complete plans for the opening, first to be scheduled here since 1941, will be mapped. Tentative plans call for a parade, with prizes to children for best wishes, and arrangements are also being made for an airplane visit by Santa Claus. Darracott said Christmas opening celebration.

Pauline Store Sale Announced

Harry Page, Pauline Mill official, announced Wednesday sale of the stock and fixtures of Pauline store to Charles E. Spearman and Charles E. (Charlie) Blalock. The sale is effective today, November 1. Mr. Spearman, an employee of the store before entering service, was honorably discharged on October 2. Mr. Blalock is proprietor of Blalock's Grocery on Mountain street. The sale is the second announced in the past two weeks by Neider Mills, Inc., the announcement having been made last week that the Margrove store is being sold to John L. Caveny.

Arrested Bootlegger Meets Old 'Friends'

Before the war, Andrew England, Charlotte bootlegger and informant, was sent to prison for 10 years. On Monday morning local police arrested England on East King street and charged him with violation of the Prohibition act. England was brought before Chief W. C. Thompson, he said, "See, it's known you were ever here, I never would have been in Kings Mountain." It was Chief Thompson, then with the Charlotte police force, who had sent him to prison.

OUR SCOUT MEETING

A meeting of the Kings Mountain Cub Pack will be held at Central Methodist church Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. All Cub Scouts and their parents are urged to be present.

Camp Pendleton, Calif.—Marine Private Lawrence L. Green, 37, of Kings Mountain, N. C., has been discharged here. His wife, Martha, lives at 512 West Side, Kings Mountain.