

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS MEETING

Rev. J. D. Sheppard, pastor of Ascension Lutheran church, of Shelby, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:30. Rev. Mr. Sheppard is a member of the Shelby Kiwanis club.

MARCH OF DIMES

John Anthony, of Shelby, has been named Cleveland County chairman of the annual March of Dimes campaign. It was announced last week. Proceeds from the campaign are used to combat infantile paralysis.

EXECUTIVES DINNER

Members of Cleveland County executives club will hear an address by Willard Mayberry, author, writer, editor, farmer and cowboy, at the dinner meeting of the club at Hotel Charles, Shelby, Tuesday night. The dinner at 7:00 o'clock will be preceded by a reception at 6:45.

CITY LICENSE TAGS

Kings Mountain motorists who have not already purchased city license tags were advised to get them this week by City Manager E. Burdette, who said that a shortage of automobiles will be made during February 1. Tags are on sale at the City Hall.

MERCHANTS TO MEET

W. Ruth, president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, said this week that a general membership meeting would be held Monday night, January 28th, to lay plans for the annual banquet meeting to be held in February to take up other important matters pertaining to the operation of the association. Included on the agenda will be appointment of a nominating committee.

LEGION MEETING

Mrs. of Otis D. Greene Post 1355, Kings Mountain Legion, will hold its regular January meeting at the Hall Thursday night at 7:30. Commander Paul Mauney presented Legion pins to all World War II members who have not had them, according to announcement by Robert Miller, adjutant.

VFW MEETING

This new members were sworn members of Johnny W. Blackpost No. 2268, VFW, as the regular monthly meeting of the post at City Hall Tuesday night. Meeting was largely confined to business, which included the adjutant and quartermaster. Membership of the organization now far exceeds 300, it was noted.

DEERE NAMED

Dr. L. Ker, Kings Mountain dentist, appointed a member of the county health board by officials members of the group as announced Wednesday by A. Bridges, chairman.

Broadman Helped Atom Production

R. Broadman has recently received the certificate of award and in the War Department for participation in the work done at the Atomic Energy Commission at the Tennessee site. "This is the first time that R. Broadman, of the Jones Construction Company, has participated in the atomic production of the atomic energy certificate is awarded in recognition of effective service."

Harrington, Secret War."

Four More Home From Front

Four more Kings Mountain men home recently after long duty in the front. They are: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Hospital Site Obtained, Plans Approved

1945 Receipts At Postoffice Over \$40,000

Postal receipts at the Kings Mountain postoffice totaled \$40,921.58 in 1945, according to figures released yesterday by W. E. Blakely, postmaster.

The total for the year (receipts represent sale of stamps alone) was more than \$2,000 less than the \$43,003.78 in 1944, the drop being attributed to the decline in mail to service men in the final quarter, but in other departments, business at the Kings Mountain postoffice boomed.

Receipts, in spite of the last quarter drop, were still sufficient to keep the local office listed as a first class postoffice.

Postal savings jumped from \$67,733 on January 1, 1945, to \$104,107 on January 1, 1946. This figure two years ago was only \$39,119.

Mr. Blakely's report also showed that purchase of money orders took a big jump during 1945, with total purchases of \$292,935.12 by 20,161 money order users, as compared with a total of \$170,610.11 by 19,058 purchases in 1944.

The number of December cancellations, boomed by the big Christmas season rush, was 259,900.

Following are 1945 postal receipts by quarters: January - March, \$10,864.70; April - June, \$10,275.82; July - September, \$9,664.26; October - December, \$10,116.80.

Quarterly totals for 1944 (in the same order) were: \$9,095.65; \$9,763.67; \$10,464.76; \$13,689.70.

1946 Masonic Officers Installed Monday Night

Officers of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. and F. M., were installed for 1946 at the meeting of the Lodge Monday night, at which time reports for 1945 showed the Lodge had enjoyed one of its most successful years.

Officers installed were: W. K. Crook, master (re-elected); C. J. Gault, Jr., senior warden; William A. Walker, junior warden; J. C. Keller, treasurer; and O. C. O'Farrell, secretary (re-elected).

Appointive officials for 1946 include: Allen H. Herndon, senior deacon; Paul W. Owens, junior deacon; D. E. Tate, senior steward; B. R. Gault, junior steward.

It was announced that W. C. Timmons has become affiliated with Fairview Lodge by transfer from the lodge at Charleston, S. C.

Lions Heard McMahan, Report

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club heard a report on club activities for the past six months and an address by District Governor Edward McMahan, of Brevard, at their regular meeting at the Woman's club Tuesday night.

Billy White, Clarence Flowers and Paul Walker were welcomed to membership in the club by W. L. Plonk, past president.

In his address, Mr. McMahan said that Lions, through continued practice of their principles of liberty, intelligence and safety of the nation, could do much to be a tremendous factor in determining whether the atomic age would become a golden age or whether the world would soon be chaos and destruction.

He cited the history of Lionism, stating that Lionism was a new idea, a social club that would also render service organized in 1917. He praised the program of aiding the blind and needy.

"That's why we've grown to what we are today," he said.

"My instruction to the individual Lion," he continued, "is to be a good Lion. Take literally your code of ethics. Then you will be living the type of life which will take you anywhere. Be a missionary for good in your daily living, in business everywhere. Encourage people of your community to think in better terms than in the past. Be optimistic, and preach optimism which will breed a real world, peace, prosperity, and good will."

Mr. McMahan said that the clubs in his district were active and growing and he praised the club on its membership and community service.

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IN THE 1945

VICTORY PULPWOOD CAMPAIGN

TO

The Herald

In recognition of the valuable contribution this newspaper has made to the nation's war program by its efforts to increase the production of pulpwood.

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD



J. H. King
CHAIRMAN

Prizes To Go To School Rooms For Clothing Campaign Letters

William Plonk, chairman of Kings Mountain's Victory Clothing Collection, announced this week that plans for a successful drive in Kings Mountain are going forward, stating that prizes will be offered the room at six Kings Mountain city and county schools for writing of best friendly letters to be included with the garments going to Europe, the Philippines and war-ravaged nations.

It is hoped, said Mr. Plonk, that enough letters will be written, both by school children and by citizens contributing clothing, to include a letter with each garment sent overseas. Goal of the campaign is 7,500 garments from the Kings Mountain area.

Further details of the prize contest for schools will be announced next week, but present plan is to give a prize to the classroom at Central, West, East, Park Grace, Beth Ware and Davidson school which submit the best worded and neatest group of letters to be included with the garments.

Clothing depots will be schools and churches and the Woman's Club. Active collection here is to be concentrated during the final 10 days of the nation-wide drive from January 21-31, due to the lack of facilities for storing garments for a long period.

"I wish to urge all citizens to begin immediately to gather their old clothing for sending overseas," Mr. Plonk said. "Garments presented to the collection may be worn, but they should be serviceable. It's a chance for Kings Mountain to do its share in building international good will and in preventing future wars."

Articles of usable clothing particularly desired are: coats, suits, trousers, skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, underwear, shoes, (also galoshes, over shoes, rubbers), pajamas, night gowns, knitwear, blankets, bedding piece goods, remnants, draperies.

The following items are not desired: straw hats, toys, feather beds, pillows, mattresses, novelties, and household furnishings.

COURT OF HONOR

The January Day Scout Court of Honor will be held at the City Hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Lackey Resigns Church Position

J. C. Lackey, well-known Kings Mountain business man and for the past 36 years treasurer of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, resigned that position Sunday, as members of the church elected officers for the forthcoming year.

Mr. Lackey was praised for his service to the church during these years. Paul McGinnis was named by the church council to succeed Mr. Lackey.

Elected to serve on the church council for three-year terms were J. O. Plonk, W. K. Mauney, L. C. Dettmar and George W. Mauney, while Aubrey Mauney was elected lay-delegate to the church synodical meeting and W. K. Mauney was named alternate. Councilmen elected Sunday succeeded the following who have served for three years: A. S. Kiser, S. A. Crouse, Hugh Ormand and J. E. Aderholdt.

Reports were heard from the pastor, treasurer, Sunday School superintendent and from auxiliary organizations.

FALSE ALARM

City firemen answered an alarm taking them to the home of Frank Roberts on E. King street Sunday afternoon about 1:30, but on arrival they found only some burning trash, according to Fire Chief Grady King.

J. R. Davis Urges Formation Of Chamber Commerce Here

J. R. Davis, prominent Kings Mountain lawyer, this week urged organization of a Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce as a needed organization to aid the commercial and industrial growth of the city.

In making the statement concerning a Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Davis had the support of many Kings Mountain business and industrial leaders who have expressed themselves recently as being very interested in the formation of this organization.

Mr. Davis called attention to an editorial appearing in last week's State Magazine on the subject. The editorial, entitled "Chambers of Commerce," follows:

"Have you got a good live chamber of commerce in your town? 'If you haven't, it's time you had one."

"A chamber of commerce is a clearing house for everything that

pertains to the advancement and progress of a community. Without such a service, a town is decidedly handicapped.

"Practically every town is going to see a sizable boom during the next year or two. There will be new industries, new retail business, new civic projects and many other things. It is the chamber of commerce that helps steer all these projects along the proper course.

"During this postwar era, chambers of commerce are going to play a more important part in the progress of a town than ever before. Many towns let their local organizations disintegrate while the war was in progress. If you want your town to keep pace with others in your section of the state, you should see to it that the local chamber of commerce is revived. You'll find that it will pay big dividends."

W. King Site Will Be Used For Hospital

Plans for the 50-bed Kings Mountain hospital, which will be built on 10.65 acres of West King street property, have been submitted by Walter W. Hook, Charlotte architect, and approved by the county's board of hospital trustees, according to an announcement Wednesday by a spokesman for that body.

The trustees also announced that they hoped to secure a landscaper at an early date to lay plans for the grounds, and said they also anticipated receiving at an early date the architect's conception of the hospital.

The total acreage was obtained as follows:

6.88 acres from the R. S. Plonk estate for \$4,000, with three smaller tracts donated, including 1.62 acres by the Kings Mountain Country Club association, 1.77 acres by W. A. Williams, one of the three Number 4 township representatives on the board of trustees, and .38 acre by the Kings Mountain Bonded Warehouse.

Principal amount of the building fund of almost \$200,000, will come from Cleveland County, following passage by a landslide last summer of a hospital bond issue. The bond issue provides \$160,000 for the building of the hospital.

In addition, there will be available approximately \$30,000 from the estate of Miss Lottie Goforth, and an additional \$5,000 has been given to by interested citizens, it was announced.

"Naturally," the spokesman stated, "erection of the hospital will depend greatly on the availability of labor and materials, both hard to obtain at the present time, but we are happy to be able to announce that a site has been obtained and plans approved."

Officers And Directors Of Bank Are Re-elected

All officers and directors of the First National bank were re-elected at the annual stockholders meeting of the bank, held Tuesday afternoon, as a survey of the bank's new quarters was made, and the stockholders expressed themselves as pleased with the operation of the bank and with the rebuilt quarters.

Officers of the bank are F. R. Summers, president; R. L. Mauney, vice-president; B. S. Neill, executive vice-president; M. B. Winstead, cashier; and L. G. Hord, assistant cashier.

Directors re-elected are Dr. L. P. Baker, G. A. Bridges, W. K. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, B. S. Neill, P. M. Neisler, F. R. Summers and M. A. Ware.

Ledbetter Is Now On Trial

Gather Ledbetter, Kings Mountain textile operator and formerly proprietor of a service station-roadhouse on the Grover road, went on trial in Cleveland Superior Court Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock on charge of second degree murder of Robert Brakesfield, who died following a shooting altercation at Ledbetter's establishment last summer.

Testimony was heard by the jury and Presiding Judge F. Don Phillips of Rockingham from seven state witnesses and a number of character witnesses for Ledbetter before the court adjourned Wednesday, and the trial is scheduled to be continued Thursday.

State Patrolman Hal Ward, who had investigated the case, and who is one of the prosecution witnesses, said the cases would probably be disposed of by noon Thursday.

Judge Phillips ordered Ledbetter, who has been free under bond since the shooting, held without bond until the end of the trial.

The defense witnesses all testified as to Ledbetter's good character.

Called on the stand by the prosecution were Dewey Falls of Kings Mountain, and Ruth Phillips, Ralph Randall, Clary Mullinar and Fred Humphries, all of South Carolina. Patrolman Ward and J. B. Gayles, former city policeman.

Conviction on the second degree charge calls for a sentence not exceeding 30 years in prison.