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Local News Bulletins

FIRE ALARM

City firemen were summoned about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to the Phenix Mill store where they extinguished a fire starting from some trash under the building. Fire Chief Grady King reported "no damage."

SAWYER RETURNS

Karl S. Sawyer, city clerk and treasurer who was on leave of absence while serving in the armed forces, resumed the duties of these positions Monday. Mr. Sawyer, who served in the army for 40 months, saw duty in Scotland, Africa, Sicily, Italy and in other portions of the European theater.

TRASH TROUBLES

L. C. Parsons, city superintendent of public works, said this week that city trucks would pick up brush and limbs left by the Christmas icing "as quickly as possible." Mr. Parsons said that limited truck facilities and bad weather had prevented earlier pick-up of the brush.

WINS PRIZE

Miss Lenora Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Plonk and an eleventh grade student at Plonk School of Creative Arts in Asheville, was awarded $10 in Victory stamps representing third prize in an essay contest sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Press association and the Asheville Citizen-Times, according to a news report appearing in the Citizens-Times of January 6.

MASONIC OFFICER

In the report of the installation of officers of Fairview Lodge No. 330, in last week's issue, the name J. A. Walker, who is tyler and official usher of the lodge, was inadvertently omitted on the list furnished the Herald.

NEAR TOKYO

J. T. McGinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy McGinnis, is stationed near Tokyo, according to a letter from the Kings Mountain man recently received by his parents.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Dr. R. C. Granberry, president of Limestone college, Gaffney, S. C., will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 6:30.

VFW MEETING

Members of Johnny W. Blackwell Post No. 2268 will hold their regular meeting at City Hall at 7:45 Tuesday night, it was announced this week by Commander Charlie Warlick. Attention of members to the illness of Robert Smith, World War I veteran and post member, was called, and members were urged to visit Mr. Smith, who is ill at his home with pneumonia.

BOARD MEETING

Members of the city board in their session of January 8 took under consideration a request for extension of water lines on Linwood road and voted to grant free licenses to carnivals appearing here under American Legion auspices, provided similar action was taken by the Cleveland County board of commissioners, according to H. L. Burdette, city manager.

LIONS PROGRAM

The Victory Clothing Collection will be the theme of the program at the regular meeting of the Kings mountain Lions club to be held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 6:30. Otto Williams is in charge of the program.

JAYCEE ORGANIZATION

Members of the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet with Kings Mountain men next week to discuss possible organization of a Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce. All men between the ages of 21-35 are being invited to attend the meeting at the City Hall Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

BULLETS IN NAVY

William [illegible], son of Mr. and Mrs. John [illegible], enlisted in the [illegible]

J. E. Herndon Will Direct 1946 Red Cross Campaign

J. E. Herndon, well-known Kings Mountain business man and former mayor, will serve as chairman of the 1946 Red Cross Fund drive in Kings Mountain, it was announced this week by Rev. P. D. Patrick, Kings Mountain chapter chairman.

Mr. Herndon was named chairman at a director's meeting of the organization held last Thursday.

Kings Mountain's 1946 quota will be $4,050, with $2,125 of this amount going to national headquarters and with $1,925 to be used locally. The quota is thus less than half the 1945 figure of $10,000.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary, stated that the local portion was lower due to an unused balance of the fund raised in 1946.

The campaign will be conducted in March.

It was also announced that Laney Dettmar has been named chairman of the local chapter's committee on first aid.

A delegation from the Kings Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross will be in Hickory on January 22 to attend a regional conference with southeastern area officials on plans for the campaign.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m. at Hickory with Regional Director Francis P. Simerville leading the discussion of campaign plans. After luncheon the group will hear Lacy H. Darter, Red Cross hospital worker, in a talk on her experiences in serving hospitalized servicemen.

Miss Darter is the Red Cross Field Director at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Pensacola, where she directs and supervises all Red Cross activities in the hospital, including recreation and social service. Since joining the organization in 1943 she has served at LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans, and in the station hospitals at Selman Field, La., and Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. She is a graduate of Hollins College, Roanoke, Va.

The local delegation will include Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Chairman and Mrs. Patrick, and Mrs. Gamble.

National goal of the 1946 campaign has been set at $100,000,000.

McKelvie Heads Scout Council

Henry L. McKelvie, Kings Mountain resident and proprietor of McKelvie Machine company at Gastonia, was elected president of Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America at the annual meeting of Scouters held in Gastonia Tuesday night.

Mr. McKelvie, long active in the activities of the council, succeeds Judge Bismarck Capps, who resigned after serving 11 years as council president.

Mr. McKelvie will serve as national council committeeman along with four other Scouters including Aubrey Mauney of Kings Mountain.

Reports from various committee chairmen were also given, with Aubrey Mauney reporting on leadership training, and W. K. Mauney reporting onn extension, and B. N. Barnes reporting on general activities in Cleveland county.

Scout Executive R. M. Schiele presented an "in memoria" for Carl W. Davidson, who was killed in an automobile accident here last summer Mr. Davidson was Scoutmaster of Troop 1 and long active in council activities.

Library To Be Closed Next Week; Books Listed

The Kings Mountain library will be closed all next week, it was announced yesterday, but will be open again on Monday, January 28, and all persons are being invited to avail themselves of the library's reading room facilities, as well as the libary books.

Mrs. M. H. Biser, librarian, will be in Greensboro next week, studying the operation of library's at Woman's college, UNC, and the Greensboro library.

Many different magazines are available at the Kings Mountain library and Mrs. Biser announced this week receipt of a number of new books, some very recently published.

Included are: "The King's General," Daphne DuMaurier; "The Peacock Sheds His Tail," Alice Tisdale Hobart; "The White Tower," James Ramsey Ullman; "[illegible]" and "[illegible]"

Five Men Receive Separation Papers

Five more Kings Mountain men are now at home honorably discharged from the armed forces or on terminal leave prior to discharge.

At home on terminal leave are Lt. Charles Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Carpenter, and W. B. (Bill) Logan. Men discharged from the service include T-5 Clinton Jolly, army, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jolly, discharged Monday after three years in service including 19 months overseas; William Allen Hullender, navy, 209 Fulton street, veteran of 41 months in service; and John T. Bell, navy, 117 Oriental avenue, who served 28 months. Immediately prior to discharge, Hullender was serving aboard the USS Burleigh, while Bell was stationed on Tinian Island.

Crawfords Buy Weir's Market

Wilson and Harold Crawford, well-known Kings Mountain business men, purchased last Wednesday Weir's Market from Ted Weir.

The new owners assumed operation immediately and are operating the firm under the name of Crawford's Market, the same firm which was sold by Crawford interests to Mr. Weir some 22 months ago when Harold Crawford followed his brother into the army.

The business is now under the active operation of Wilson Crawford, who returned to Kings Mountain a few months ago, following his return from overseas. He had served 29 months in Africa and Italy.

Harold Crawford, still in the army, is stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., and expects to be discharged within a few months.

The purchase by the Crawford brothers included not only the business but a five-sixths interest of the Battleground avenue building occupied by the firm.

The firm deals principally in groceries, meats, and feeds.

Mr. Weir has resumed active management of Weir's Store at Park Yarn Mill community.

King Winter Gives City Another Icing

As has been the habit this winter, King Winter served notice Wednesday that he has no idea of relinquishing his throne in the near future, as he sent a shiver-producing blasts into Kings Mountain for the fourth time.

Residents awakened to find another ice coating in the making, and a celestial dropping of ice-sleet-snow continued to fall intermittently during the day.

Rural postmen and other motorists dug out their chains for automobiles, and city electrical men looked out the window with a baleful eye, hoping against hope that they would not have to repeat their job of line repairing, following the heavy Christmas icing, which felled power, telephone and telegraph lines.

Buses were still running at 6:58 Wednesday afternoon, but employees at the local terminal were unable to predict just how long they could continue.

Meantime, the Kings Mountain Ice and Coal company, which had finally built up a "fair" supply of the precious fuel, saw their stocks dwindle again under an avalanche of orders.

Gunn Infant Laid To Rest Wednesday

Final rites for Stanley Howard Gunn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Gunn, were held Wednesday afternoon at Sisk Funeral home with burial following in the Bessemer City cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Floyd Holler.

The two-week old boy died Tuesday.

Surviving are his parents, a sister, and [illegible]

Ledbetter Is Given 15-20 Year Sentence

Gaither Ledbetter, Kings Mountain textile operator, was sentenced last Friday to serve 15 to 20 years in state prison for the fatal shooting of Robert Brakefield, after Ledbetter had tendered a plea of guilty to manslaughter in Superior Court at Shelby.

Ledbetter was on trial for second degree murder in connection with the death of Brakefield, Smyrna, S. C., man, which occurred last summer at the road-house service station on the Grover road then-operated by Ledbetter.

The sentence was handed down by Presiding Judge F Don Phillips of Rockingham.

The jury which received the case Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock had already deliberated for more than three and one-half hours without reaching an agreement. After the plea had been entered by the defendant through counsel and accepted by Solicitor Folger Townsend for the state, it was learned that the jury was standing 10-2 for conviction of second degree murder as opposed to a verdict of manslaughter."

"I feel sorry for the defendant and the defendant's family," said Judge Phillips as he passed sentence. "But he was certainly guilty of second degree murder and it was only through the leniency of the state that he was not tried for his life. He shot a man running away from him in the back.

"I know nothing about Robert Brakefield, the man who was killed. But I do know that he had not done anything which justified anybody of robbing him of his life. Life was just as sweet to him as it was to the defendant. If I have made a mistake in imposing this term, the Governor of North Carolina in his wisdom has the right to commute the sentence any time during its term. I am doing what my conscience tells me is the right thing to do."

Taking the stand Thursday, Ledbetter said that he was washing glasses in his service station when his attention was called to free-for-all fight. He said that he succeeded in getting the fighters out of the door and came back in to find one of his associates with a gun. He took the gun from his partner's hands and went out the door again. Just on the outside of the door he was struck with a bottle which knocked him to the ground. He said that he came up shooting and that after he fired he saw someone who was running away from him fall to the ground. The man who was shot was carried away immediately and died on his way to a Gaffney, S. C., hospital.

Evidence was offered by the state tending to show that when officers arrived at Ledbetter's place he said that there had been no trouble there, only admitting the shooting later.

Rites For Jackson Infant Conducted

Funeral rites for Shirley Jean Jackson, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jackson of near Blacksburg, S. C., were held Saturday at the home of Mrs. Jackson's sister on the Battleground road, interment following at Antioch church cemetery.

The baby died in the office of Dr. W. L. Ramseur Friday, where it had been brought for treatment.

Active Cothing Collection Begins 21st; Depots Given

Ellis Warns Against Last-Minute Listing

Residents of Kings Mountain and Number 4 township were urged this week to list their taxes immediately to avoid the last-minute rush by J. B. Ellis, township tax lister, who said he anticipated rush business during the final days before the January 31 deadline.

Mr. Ellis said that a considerable number of persons had listed their taxes, but that the vast majority seemed to be waiting until the deadline neared.

"This will cause considerable waiting and inconvenience and can be avoided by listing at once," Mr. Ellis said.

Mr. Ellis, at the City Hall courtroom everyday except Mondays when he is at Grover, is also handling listings for the city.

Court Docket Light Monday

Business in city recorder's court was the dullest in months Monday morning, with only 10 defendants standing before the bar of julgment.

James Wade, operator of the Blue Moon cafe, was given a three-month sentence for violation of the liquor law, suspended on payment of $50 and costs. Wade appealed the sentence.

Robert Ramseur, of Bessemer City, found guilty of drunken driving and driving without a license, was fined $60 and costs, and Ileon Fife Huffstetler requested a jury trial for hearing of the non-support charge lodged against him.

Lawrence W. Huffstetler was fined $5 and costs for drunkenness, and the following were taxed with the costs on the same charge: James Victor Dover, Ned Moore, William C. Humphries, Floyd W. Dover, and James J. Smith.

Pinnix To Head Pastors' Group

Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association at the meeting of the organization held Monday.

Rev. D. F. Putnam was elected vice-president and Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, was named secretary.

Mr. Pinnix, who had been serving as secretary, succeeds Rev. P. D. Patrick.

It was announced that the annual Boy Scout union service would be held on February 10 at 7:30, with Mr. Stender delivering the sermon.

The ministers at their meeting also called attention to the Victory Clothing collection and promised the cooperation of the churches in aiding the Kings Mountain campaign.

Next meeting of the group will be held February 12, at 10:30 a. m., at Central Methodist church.

Active collection of clothing in Kings Mountain's part of UNRRA's Victory Clothing collection begins here Monday, with the goal of Kings Mountain and the immediate surrounding area 7,500 garments for relief in war-ravaged countries.

W. L. Plonk, Kings Mountain chairman, announced this week the following clothing depots which should be used by Kings Mountain citizens to leave their gifts of garments: Woman's Club, Central School East School, West School, Beth-Ware School, Davidson Colored School and Plonk Brothers and Company.

All persons giving clothing should leave the garments at the nearest or otherwise most convenient receiving station, Mr. Plonk said, and all persons are urged to enclose a short note of good will to the eventual recipient of the items of clothing.

Following are the items of clothing particularly asked for in the Victory Clothing Collection:

overcoats	jackets
shoes	gloves
sweaters	pajamas
topcoats	pants
dresses	caps
robes	bedding
suits	underwear
skirts	

Take your clothing to the receiving station which is most convenient, beginning Monday.

In connection with this phase of the collection, being urged as a means of building international cooperation and good will, prizes are being offered at several schools to the classrooms which present the best, most and neatest group of letters. At Central and Beth-Ware schools and at Davidson and Compact colored schools a prize of $2.50 will go to the high school and grammar school classes writing the best letters, while at the elementary schools the class winning first prize will be awarded $3.00 with $2.00 for second prize. Prizes are being awarded by the civic clubs and other local organizations.

Both Lions and Kiwanis clubs are presenting programs next week concerning the campaign, Otto Williams serving as program chairman for the Lions club and J. L. McGill for the Kiwanis club.

"Reports from foreign countries which have been ravaged by war — Belgium, France, China, the Philippines and others—show that people are undergoing immense hardships and that many are dying because of insufficient clothing," Mr. Plonk said. "Kings Mountain, by doing its part, can help immeasurably to alleviate this suffering.

"We should meet our quota."

Clothing need not be new, but it should be serviceable. It will be shipped immediately, Mr. Plonk stated.

Recreation Program Begun

Some 125 boys and girls participated last Saturday in the opening of a weekly activity program which will be held each Saturday in the high school gymnasium under the supervision of the city recreation director Earl Ruth.

Feature attraction was basketball which included relay races, goal shooting and organized games. Ages of the youths range from 10 to 20 and the participants included a number of girls.

In an effort to avoid confusion and to have a maximum of space the following schedule will be effective next Saturday:

9:30—11:30 Grammar school boys.
1:30—3:30 High school boys.
3:30—4:30 All age girls and adults

Shower facilities are available. Anyone in Kings Mountain is invited to participate. It is advisable to bring tennis shoes as no hard soles can be worn on the gym floor. Those planning to use the shower should bring a towel, Mr. Ruth said.

Bill Logan Opening Logan Supply Company

Lt. W. B. (Bill) Logan, well-known Kings Mountain man now on terminal leave prior to release from active duty with the army, is announcing this week the opening of Logan Supply company, dealers in all kinds of electric appliances.

Location of the firm is on Cleveland avenue near East End school.

Lt. Logan, who spent eight months in service in the European theater, was [illegible] in September 1944 near [illegible]

Political Talk Picking Up; Allen May Offer For Sheriff

Irvin M. Allen, prominent Kings Mountain farmer and former Cleveland county sheriff, did not deny or confirm political rumors that he will again be a candidate for that office, in the May 25 Democratic primary.

Political observers report that Sheriff Raymond Cline will be a candidate to succeed himself, and the name of H. A. Logan, Jr., of Shelby, has also been linked with the sheriff's race. Mr. Logan is the son of the late former Sheriff Logan.

Mr. Allen said, "I may run."

Registration books for the biennial spring primary open April 27th and all candidates must file 30 days prior to opening of the books, according to a recent announcement by W. L. Angel.

Almost all major offices will be filled by the election in November, but November results in Cleveland county hinge on the outcome of the Democratic primary.

With the recent announcement that O. C. Hoey of Shelby that he will not run again for the state House of [illegible] T. Falls, Jr., both Shelby attorneys, as possible candidates.

So far, little talk has been heard concerning the county commissioner race, though scattered sources opine that incumbents Glee Bridges, Max Washburn and D. D. Lattimore may face opposition.

In the district soicitor's race, Cleveland county may have a candidate in the aforementioned Rep. Horn, or Horace Kennedy, of Shelby. Only announced candidate so far is a Mr. Leatherman from Lincolnton.

Following are the major posts which are to be filled in the elections this year and the incumbents:

Clerk of court. Everett Houser; sheriff, J. R. Cline; state senator, Lee. B. Weathers; recorder's court judge, A. A. Powell; state representative, C. C. Horn; county treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Newton; register of deeds, A. F. Newton; solicitor, Bynum Weathers; county commissioners, G. A. Bridges, D. D. Lattimore, and Max Washburn; county board of education members, A. L. Kilton, C. D. Forney, W. T. Lee, B. Austell [illegible]