

Local News Bulletins

ERVIN DISCHARGED
Recently discharged from service is John L. Ervin after three and one half years in service. Part of it was spent in Germany, France, England and Belgium.

MISS HAMBRIGHT HOME
Miss Bess Alice Hambright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Hambright of Grover, recently returned to her home, after having served as club director, with the American Red Cross two years in Hawaii and Guam. A graduate of Asheville Teachers college, she was a teacher in the Waco school before entering the Red Cross service.

JAYCEE MEETING
A special meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the City Hall Friday night at 7:30. A full attendance is being urged.

CITY EMPLOYEE
Miss Mary Frances Gantt, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Gantt and recently discharged WAVE, is now an assistant in the office of City Clerk Karl Sawyer. Miss Gantt assumed her duties Monday.

BUSEY IN HOSPITAL
Earl Ruth, city recreation director, is recuperating from pneumonia in Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte. Mr. Ruth became ill during the week-end. His condition was described as satisfactory on Tuesday.

LEWIS DISCHARGED
Lt. (j. g.) Robert F. Lewis, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Plonk Lewis, of Kings Mountain, has been released to inactive duty in the naval reserve, according to an announcement from the naval separation center at Charleston, S. C. Dr. Lewis who served in the navy medical corps for almost two years, will serve as surgeon at a North Wilkesboro hospital.

ALLEN BUYS BUILDING
George Allen, proprietor of Allen's Old Furniture, has purchased the Cherokee street building now occupied by the firm from W. J. Crawford. Partition separating the building is being knocked out to provide more floor space.

County Wake Forest Alumni Say "Accept"

In a special session at Shelby Monday night the Wake Forest Alumni association of Cleveland county urged the Wake Forest trustees to accept the proposed gift of more than 10 million dollars from the Z. Smith Reynolds foundation, which is conditional upon the transfer of the college to Winston-Salem.

In a formal resolution petitioning the trustees to accept the endowment offer, the Cleveland county alumni group pointed out that it is "more than three times the present endowment accumulated from all the gifts of the college during the 112 years of its existence."

They further asserted, that the move to Winston-Salem would place the college within 25 miles of two-thirds of the population of North Carolina and would leave the present site available for other "vital service" to the Baptists of the State.

The resolution cited crowded conditions in dormitories and in homes at the college, and declared that with the increased income from the Reynolds endowment, the school would be enabled to increase its students from 1,000 to 3,000 and to accommodate the many young Baptist students who yearly must be turned away from the college doors because of lack of facilities.

The group asserted that 8,000 Baptist youths annually seek higher education and that Wake Forest would be better able to fulfill its obligations to the church and to the State through acceptance of the gift.

In closing, the resolution pointed out the successful transfer of the Wake Forest Medical school to Winston-Salem under terms of the Bowman Gray endowment which, added to other income of the school, represents a yearly income nearly 10 times more than when the medical school was at Wake Forest.

Symphony Fund Is Over-Subscribed

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, chairman of the campaign for North Carolina Symphony association memberships, announced Wednesday that the quota of \$500 had been over-subscribed, and also announced that the scheduled appearances of the North Carolina Symphony on April 11 had been postponed until April 25.

On this date the Symphony will play a concert for children in the afternoon and a regular performance that evening.

Reason for the change, Mrs. Mauney said she had been notified by Kermit Hunter, business manager, was conflict with rehearsal schedules and to save travel expense.

Mrs. Mauney said the treasurer is sending the local funds to orchestrate headquarters immediately, in order that membership cards may be mailed to enable members to attend concerts by the orchestra in nearby cities.

"Local committee members are to be congratulated on the splendid work they did in the membership campaign," Mrs. Mauney said. "We also appreciate the interest and cooperation of the citizens of Kings Mountain in enabling us to bring this musical treat for back home."

IN HONORARY FRANCHISE
DAVIDSON March 31 - News item of the Junior class who were at this week in the honor of the Davidson College...

Red Cross Fund Is Over Quota; Total \$4,638

Kings Mountain has exceeded its 1946 Red Cross fund quota. It was announced Wednesday by B. S. Neill, treasurer, who reported total receipts at \$4,638.33.

Kings Mountain's quota was \$4,050. Mr. Neill said a few scattered returns were yet to be reported, and he said a full-break-down of the gifts would be compiled soon.

Boosting the total was a total of \$450.97 from the negro division.

J. E. Herndon, drive chairman, in a statement Wednesday, thanked all persons who had aided in the successful campaign and all persons who had made contributions.

"As Kings Mountain usually does," Mr. Herndon said, "it again has answered the call for a worthwhile cause."

"The response to this campaign has been gratifying not only to me and the Red Cross committee but to national headquarters as well."

"On behalf of the organization, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the cooperation received during this campaign, both to the persons conducting solicitations and to each individual who made this successful report possible."

Five Defendants Are Bound Over

Five defendants, all colored, were bound over to Superior Court, under bond of \$300 each, after preliminary hearing in city recorder's court Monday.

Probable cause against four was found in connection with the robbery of Tate's Jewelry, while the fifth, Leroy Gordon, was bound over on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Bound over for breaking and entering and larceny were W. C. Brown and Boyd Leach, Jr., while Elma Harris and Thelma Hudson were bound over on charges of receiving stolen property.

Given six-month suspended sentences for drunken driving, on payment of fines of \$50 and costs, were Lawrence Hardin, Stewart and Carl Lee. In addition, their driver's licenses were suspended for one year.

The following were assessed costs for public drunkenness: P. F. Ship-ton, Leroy Wood, Ralph Hunt, Charlie Williams (negro), Albert L. Crawford, Martin Leigh, A. H. Isenhour, and Boyd Ledwel. Rufus Wood was fined \$5 and costs on the same charge, as was Samuel Worthen.

Phillip Myers was fined \$10 and costs for assault on a female, Leroy Gordon was assessed with the costs for damage to personal property, and Paul Goodman Bernard was fined \$10 and costs for speeding.

Frank Jackson, found guilty of hit and run driving was assessed with the costs and ordered to pay damages to the plaintiff for repairing plaintiff's automobile.

Milton Kiser appealed a fine of \$25 and costs for reckless driving, while charges of drunkenness and affray against Hazel Ashley were dismissed.

Charge of assault on a female against Gaither Hoyle was withdrawn by plaintiff, who was taxed with



CONSTABLE CANDIDATES—Shown above are two of the six men who have announced that they would be candidates for the Democratic nomination for constable of No. 4 Township. At left is W. L. Blackburn, present constable, and at right is Johnny D. Jones, former Kings Mountain policeman.

Negro Shot By Officer Boney Improves; Faces Rape Charge

The condition of Frank Johnson, self-styled Negro preacher who was shot by Policeman Kell Boney while allegedly in the act of raping his nine-year-old step-daughter last Thursday morning, was said to be satisfactory Wednesday by Chief W. C. Timmons.

Chief Timmons had just returned from Colored Hospital, Gastonia, where he had visited the colored man. Johnson, if and when he recovers from the gunshot wounds, will face charges of rape on a minor, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and resisting arrest.

Conviction on the first charge could result in the death sentence.

Police were summoned to the scene of the crime last Thursday morning, after Annie Johnson, Frank's wife, ran to John W. Gladden's home on North Piedmont avenue and asked Mr. Gladden to call the officers. She said that her husband was killing her daughter.

Officers went immediately to the negro's home on Second street. Police man Boney said that he found Frank Johnson in bed with the little girl who was screaming with pain. He ordered Johnson to get up and put on his clothes.

After Johnson had put on his clothes he took Officer Boney's blackjack away from him. Boney backed up as he shot the negro in the leg. This, he said, did not faze the negro, who is said to have picked up an ax and started for Boney. Boney fired several more times, most of the shots taking effect in the negro's body, with a shot in the lung stopping Johnson.

The negro girl was taken to Shelby hospital for treatment.

LIONS MEETING
Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of the Lutheran church, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 8:30.

Baseball On The Upgrade; Legion To Field Junior Team, VFW Sponsoring Semi-Pro Club

Semi-Pro Players Invited To Try Out
Johnny W. Blackwell Post No. 2268, VFW, will sponsor a semi-pro baseball team for Kings Mountain this summer, which will play a regular schedule in a six-team three-county league, it was announced this week by John Henry Moss, business manager.

First practice is to be held at the city stadium Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and all baseball players interested in playing on the team are urged to be present. Mr. Moss pointed out that any player is eligible for the team and that membership in the VFW is not required.

League play is to begin on May 4, but Mr. Moss stated he hoped to arrange several exhibition games prior to that date. He also said he hoped to arrange Wednesday afternoon home games through the summer with independent semi-pro outfits.

He said that City Manager H. L. Burdette indicated a possibility of having lights for night play in the city stadium by July. If necessary supplies and fixtures arrive on schedule.

He added that an advisory committee from the VFW and the Legion will be formed to advise on the project.

Bridges, Other Incumbents File For Board Positions

Glee A. Bridges, prominent Kings Mountain merchant, and present chairman of the county board of commissioners, and other incumbents Max Washburn, of Shelby, and D. D. Lattimore, of Lattimore, filed for reelection Wednesday morning.

The three candidates paid their fees to Virgil Weathers, elections board chairman at 10 o'clock.

Filing by the incumbents followed by a day announcement that N. G. Self, route, Shelby farmer and contractor, had filed for commissioner.

These announcements high-lighted the political week which was quiet on the surface, but rumbling beneath.

Hal Ward, Kings Mountain candidate, filed officially for sheriff, and otherwise all candidates were spending virtually all of the day and part of the night at the business of contacting voters in each of the county's 26 voting precincts.

With deadline on filing little more than a week away, (April 13), political observers felt the lines as already drawn would stand with little more major changes, though they did not discount the possibility of last-minute candidates — particularly those who prefer a short, concentrated campaign to a long one.

Sellers Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

Thomas F. Sellers, prominent farmer and life-long resident of Cleveland county, died Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock at his home on route 3, Kings Mountain.

Mr. Sellers had been in declining health for two years and had been seriously ill for the past two weeks. Before his illness he was an active member of the Shady Grove Baptist church, serving for a number of years as deacon of the church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Shady Grove church two miles south of Cherryville and burial followed in the church cemetery. The body lay in state at the church for an hour before the services.

He is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Cora Black, and the following children: Mrs. Charles C. Sellers and Louie W. Sellers of Kings Mountain; Clyde Sellers of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. J. Clarence Dellinger, Mrs. Jesse Carroll, Ernest and Worth Sellers of Cherryville; Mrs. Arthur Stroup of Waco; and Webb and Miss Lorene Sellers of the home. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. P. P. Beattie of Kings Mountain, two brothers, Luther of Beams Mill and W. M. Sellers of Kings Mountain; 43 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
Paul Ervin, Charlotte attorney, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 8:30. Mr. Ervin has practiced law for 16 years and is a former member of the General Assembly.

Legion Candidates Begin Work Saturday

Kings Mountain will definitely have Junior Legion baseball this summer, according to action taken at the meeting of Otis D. Greene Post No. 155 Tuesday night.

Candidates for the team are being urged to be at the city stadium Saturday afternoon at 2:30 for initial drills, and Legion athletic officials are confident that they can field a good team for elimination play.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Charles Carpenter was appointed Legion athletic officer, replacing Charlie Watlick who had resigned, and Mr. Carpenter made the announcements concerning fielding of a Legion team.

"We are anxious to get the Legion baseball program underway immediately," Mr. Carpenter said, "and there is no reason to prevent our putting out a good team. Not only boys from Kings Mountain are eligible but also those who live in Grover or who attend Beth-Ware school."

Other members of the Legion athletic committee are W. J. Fullerton, vice-chairman, Luther Morrison, Otto (Toby) Williams, Red Bowers and Gus Hartage.

Mr. Carpenter said that efforts are being made to employ a full-time, experienced coach.

All boys over 17 who were born in 1929 or after are eligible for membership in the Legion.

Highs Drop Opener; Face Cherries Friday

Kings Mountain Mountaineers, 9-4 victims of Cliffside in the season baseball opener at Cliffside Tuesday afternoon, play their first home game of the season at the city stadium Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Cherryville furnishing the opposition.

The Mountaineers fell by the wayside through errors Tuesday as they committed seven, six in the vicinity of third base.

Hodgins started on the mound for Kings Mountain but was lifted after four-run Cliffside uprising in the second, the runs coming after three hits and two Mountaineer errors. Payne finished up and pitched steady ball except for the sixth when three more runs came in.

Billy Gene Amos and Bill Cashion collected six of the Mountaineer hit total of eight, each getting three for five.

Ralph Smith, who made four errors at third base, was tossed out of the game in the fifth for talking back to the umpire.

Score by innings:
Kings Mtn 001 120 000 4 8 7
Cliffside 041 013 00x 9 9 2
Batteries: K. M., Hudgins, Payne and Britt; Cliffside, Jolly and Bigstaff.

Jaycee Charter Night April 12

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its Charter Night banquet at the Woman's club Friday night, April 12. It was announced this week by President George Ware.

Mr. Ware said approval of the local organization's charter had been made at national headquarters.

The Charter Night banquet will be a "Ladies' night affair, with dress optional.

State organization officials are expected to be on hand to present the local organization's charter, which will show a total of 52 charter members.

Mr. Ware said full announcements concerning the Charter Night event would be made next week.

Easter Season Buying Will Hit Full Swing

With verdant spring growth already aided by a mild March, April opens this week into the pre-Easter buying season, with apparent prospects for the Kings Mountain Easter parade bright for the ladies, less bright for the men.

Merchants report shortages of goods still acute, but think they can outfit the ladies better than the men. Still, the majority of Kings Mountain retail stores are getting sporadic shipments of merchandise and with cooperation of the public, the various firms feel they can virtually take care of everyone.

Most merchants are glad that Easter 1946 is a late one, as it gives them four additional weeks to receive goods and satisfy customers.

The expressman has been busy this week carrying packages to local firms and with his continued cooperation most folk will be able to come out in new apparel on Easter morning, though some of the men may be forced to get into the moth-proof bags for pre-shortage suits.

Hen Presents Bollinger With Three In One

There are eggs and eggs are very plentiful now, but a few months back, O. H. Bollinger of Phenix No. 2 would have had a real treasure. He brought an egg to the Herald office yesterday which weighed 7 ounces, measured 7 3/4 inches around and 12 inches end over end. According to averages, this one egg was larger than three ordinary ones. Upon opening the oversized, all-American breakfast food item, it was found to contain two yolks plus an average size hard shelled egg. A three-in-one!

The hen, she's a New Hampshire and was fed laying mash which came from Crawford's.

GRASS SELECTED
Claude Grigg, former superintendent of Kings Mountain city schools, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Education Association at its annual session in Asheville last week end. Mr. Grigg, now superintendent of Albemarle city schools, will automatically succeed to the position next year.