

Local News Bulletins

RECORD ENROLLMENT

Enrollment at summer school this year is a record number of approximately 50 students, in addition to more than 50 students in the band summer school, J. E. Huneycutt, principal, announced this week. Courses being offered include typing, American history, biology, advanced algebra, civics and English. Instructors are Miss Helen Logan and Mr. Huneycutt. Mr. Huneycutt said requests for grammar school instruction were still insufficient to offer this work, but that a course would be offered if enough requests are received this week with classes to begin Monday.

SCOUTS TO CAMP

Ten of the 19 members of Boy Scout Troop F have undergone medical examinations and are ready to leave on Monday for a week's outing at Piedmont Boy Scout camp at Tryon. James Moss, son of Scoutmaster Broad Moss, is a councillor at the camp this year.

VFW MEETING

Members of Johnny W. Blackwell Post No. 2368, Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their regular semi-monthly meeting at the City Hall Tuesday night at 7:30. Commander Charlie Warlick said the Jaycee beauty contest and a fish fry would be among the items of business on the agenda.

LIONS INSTALLATION

Dr. W. M. Boyce, former pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church and now a pastor of Charlotte, will install the officers of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1946-47 at the meeting of the club to be held Tuesday night at 8:30 at the Woman's club.

OW COLLEGE BOARD

Mr. John L. McGill has been appointed to serve on the Board of Erskine College at Due West, S. C., according to a notice of appointment received from P. L. Grier, clerk of the board, this week.

WEAL KIWANIS SPEAKER

William H. Neal, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company of Winston-Salem and president of the North Carolina Bankers association, will address members of the Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

J. G. Darracott, secretary of the Lions club, represented the local organization at the annual state convention held at Raleigh last week. Dave Mauney, of Cherryville, was elected governor of District 31-A, in which the Kings Mountain club is included.

UNION SERVICE

Rev. L. C. Plantz, pastor First Baptist church, will deliver the sermon at the regular Sunday evening union service to be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 8 o'clock.

NEW POLICEMAN

George Lemuel Curry has been appointed a member of the city police force and assumed his duties on Sunday.

MOSS ATTENDS MEET

George Moss, superintendent of the city water works here, is attending the 1946 Waterworks Operators school, conducted for the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association by the University's school of Public Health, in Chapel Hill. Mr. Moss is among the more than 75 operators attending the meet from all over the state.

VETS MEET 8-7

With John Gold, Billy Thornburg and Sam Bitters showing the way with the stick, Kings Mountain Vets defeated Great Falls, S. C., 8-7 before a home crowd at city stadium. The Kings Mountain team scored four runs each in the first and second innings and then held the line. The Vets

Funeral Rites For Cloniger Child Today

Funeral services for Ann Cloniger, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cloniger of the Margrace Mill community, who died in Gaston Memorial hospital about 10 o'clock Tuesday night of injuries sustained when struck by an automobile Saturday afternoon, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Macedonia Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, will conduct the rites, and interment will follow in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The young child, who attended Park Grace school, sustained a fractured skull and broken legs in the accident Saturday. She was struck by the 1941 Pontiac, driven by Jack Smith, after getting off a city bus, according to Patrolman Hal D. Ward who investigated the case. Mr. Ward said the child went around the front of the bus and stepped into the path of the approaching car.

Mr. Smith, who is employed at Mrs. Kate Blanton's service station, is under bond of \$1,000 on charges of reckless driving and assault with a deadly weapon (the car).

The child was rushed to the Gaston hospital after the accident, but never regained consciousness.

Preliminary hearing in the case against Smith is to be in Shelby Recorder's court at a date yet to be set.

Mr. Ward said the child was picked up about 90 steps beyond the place where she was struck.

Both the bus, driven by Fred Sanders, and the car driven by Smith were proceeding toward Kings Mountain on the street which passes the Margrace Mill store.

Surviving, in addition to the child's parents, are several brothers and sisters.

Bond Election Books To Open

Registration books for the special \$200,000 public improvements bond election will open for the first time, Saturday with all citizens who expect to vote required to register.

Registrars will be at the five ward polling places to take names for the registration.

As is required by law, the vote will be "against the books." Registrants who fail to cast a vote will automatically vote against the proposals.

The voters will vote "yes" or "no" on four questions, since the total of \$200,000 is divided into four issues, one for construction of recreational facilities, one for sewer expansion and improvement, one for water line extension, and one for street improvements.

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Mrs. Cobb Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Nora Wilson Cobb, 73, widow of A. B. Cobb of Kings Mountain and Mother of Mrs. J. P. Van Pelt of North Belmont, died at 4 p. m. Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John F. Harmon on the New Hope road near Gastonia, after an illness of one year.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 4 p. m. at the Harmon home with the Rev. Garland Winkler, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Kings Mountain, officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem cemetery near Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Cobb is survived by her daughters, four sons, Russell Cobb of Detroit, Tom Cobb of the merchant marine, A. B. Cobb, Jr., of Bessemer City, and Hal Cobb of Birmingham, Ala., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Baptist Bible School Commencement Friday

Vacation Bible school, being held at the First Baptist church, will end Friday evening in commencement exercises to be held at 8 o'clock. Parents and friends of the children are invited to attend.

Enrollment at the school, which lasted two weeks, is around one hundred, with the average attendance over eighty-five.

A picnic lunch will be held at Lake Montonia at noon Friday with the mothers of the beginners and primary children invited to attend.

An offering collected at the school amounting to \$45 will be given to Chinese relief.

VETS MEET FRIDAY

Superior Stone Cuts Charges To Minimum

Superior Stone Company has lowered the weight of dynamite charges used in blasting operations to the absolute minimum, according to an announcement by Trent Bagland, official of the firm, this week.

In response to complaints from citizens and the Herald the company brought experts here to determine the minimum on charges, Mr. Bagland said, adding that he hoped the rather considerable concussion caused by the blasts had been lessened.

"We regret, of course, the necessity of blasting at all," Mr. Bagland said, "but it is required if we are to continue this rather large operation. However, we are doing our best to bring the blasts down to the minimum of both noise and concussion."

New Yorkers Buy Phenix Number 1

Agreement to sell Unit No. 1 of Phenix Mills, Kings Mountain, N. C. to Fifth Operating Corporation, New York City, by a Burlington Mills subsidiary company, was announced last Friday.

Sale and management take-over date will be July 1. The unit, which consists of the weaving division of Phenix, has over 18,000 spindles and 388 looms. Weekly cloth production is approximately 200,000 yards of print cloth and broad goods.

Principal officers of the Fifth Operating Corporation are Courtland Palmer, President, and George B. Duckowney, Executive Vice President and Treasurer. C. G. White will continue as Superintendent of the weaving unit under the new ownership, which will operate under the name of Du-Cort Mills, Inc.

Burlington Mills Corporation will retain Phenix Unit No. 2, a cotton yarn mill. This plant will continue to operate under the present management and supervisory set up.

FCX Will Be Operated Here; Building Started

Construction on a 25x100 foot brick building on Cherokee street to house a local Farmer's Cooperative Exchange was begun on Wednesday.

The new business establishment here is to be operated by Hal D. Ward and will specialize in the sale of feeds and seeds and other farm needs.

Mr. Ward said he hoped that the business would be in operation by September 1.

"A White Thread In Everyone" Veteran Teacher's Philosophy

By Martin Harmon
"There is always a white thread in every person's character, no matter how dark his character may appear on the surface. And if you find that white thread and develop it, it is frequently possible to completely eliminate the dark ones."

The statement was made by Miss Bessie Simonton and gives an insight into another statement that in 46 years of teaching youngsters, she has never had any trouble with children or their parents.

Forty-six years is a long time, and Miss Bessie, as she is known to her many former pupils, is retiring for what anyone would tell you is a well earned rest.

In the course of 49 years—47 spent teaching Kings Mountain children—Miss Bessie has had many experiences and met many people. She has also taught children of four generations and frequently meets people on the street who speak and ask, "You don't remember me do you?"

The usual reply is, "I don't remember your name, but I remember your face." And 99 times out of 100, it's some now-grown young man, or woman, who learned his ABC's under Miss Bessie, for she has "started" at least 1,200 six-year-olds on the road to learning.

Miss Bessie first began teaching in the old familiar one-room schoolhouse in South Carolina, with all seven grades confined to one room. The children sat on benches, and there was no desk to write on—or lean on. To write, the children had to leave their seats, and go to the writing bench, slapping a slanting shelf at the front of the room.

The following year, 1900, Miss Simonton joined the faculty of Old Edwards school as a math and English teacher, serving under the administration of Rev. A. J. Kirkpatrick and Rev. A. J. Lindsay. At this time the college was for girls only.

Miss Bessie's first husband, Mr. J. P. Van Pelt, died in 1910. She has since been married to Mr. John F. Harmon.

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City Tax To Be Hiked By 10 Cents

Kings Mountain's 1946 tax rate will be \$1.69 according to preliminary budget estimate prepared by City Manager H. L. Burdette.

Meantime, the city is again offering customary two percent discount on prepayment of next year's taxes during the month of June. The tax is to be figured on the \$1.60 rate, and is, of course, subject to readjustment.

Mr. Burdette said the tax increase is due to increased cost of materials and labor, and that the principal reason limiting the rate increase to 10 cents per \$100 valuation is anticipation of greater income from the sale of water, lights and power.

The budget was set up on the city's property valuation of \$4336,955 which will bring in an estimated \$71,471, with the balance of an estimated over-all revenue of \$204,816 to come from water and lights, license taxes, intangibles, cemetery and sewer rental income.

Final estimate is to be prepared in the near future.

The city's bonded debt will drop to \$399,000 at the end of the current fiscal year, June 30. Of next year's anticipated income, \$51,544 (almost one-fourth) will go for debt service, with the bonded debt to be reduced \$31,000.

Daughter Of Local Citizen Succumbs

Mrs. Aronia Webb Hudson, wife of C. A. Hudson of Gastonia, died Tuesday night at 7:30 in a Charlotte hospital after a lingering illness.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. J. A. Webb of Kings Mountain; four children, Mrs. Leonard Summey of Gastonia, Paul Hudson of Cherryville, Ray Hudson of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Carl Hudson of Gastonia; the following brothers and sisters, Ray Webb of Cliffside, Ralph Webb of Gastonia, Forest Webb of Ohio, Mrs. C. W. Hullender of Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. W. Dagenhart of Charlotte, Guy Hudson and Mrs. Gardie Wilkie of Swannanoa. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Main Street Methodist church of which the deceased was a member. Rev. Claude Moser, pastor, will conduct the services assisted by Rev. W. C. Black, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Burial will be in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Miss Allen Returns From Chicago Meet

Miss Grace Allen of Allen's Flower Shop arrived in Kings Mountain Sunday morning from Chicago, Ill., where she attended the National Telegraph Delivery Service Convention held at Hotel Continental. Registration was held Monday morning and the design schools started in the afternoon lasting throughout Thursday. The convention came to a close with a banquet and dance in the grand ball room of the hotel on Thursday night.

Every phase of the florist industry was brought out with leading designers of the United States and Canada demonstrating. There were four florists from North Carolina represented at the convention.

Just How Old Is The Mountain View Hotel?

In what year was the Mountain View Hotel building erected? P. D. Harndon, real estate agent, who is selling the property at auction on June 28, says many people are asking just how old the Kings Mountain landmark is.

He is unable to tell them and has been unable to find any citizen who knows the answer.

The hotel property has been subdivided into nine lots for the auction, with the provision that the building, to be retained by seller, will be removed by January 1, 1947.

Bob's Cola To Close For Week—No Sugar

Bob's Cola Bottling company will suspend operations on Friday and remain closed until Monday, July 1, according to an announcement this week by Bob Abernathy, official of the firm.

Reason for the suspension has been inability to obtain sugar.

"We have plenty of points but can't find the sugar," Mr. Abernathy said. "We regret very much the necessity for suspending operations, but we have no alternative. We will resume bottling Bob's Cola on July 1."

Miss White Is Reporter For Alumnae Coker Notes

Hartsville, S. C., June 17.—Class reporter for Coker Notes, quarterly publication of the Coker College alumnae association, have been named by presidents of most alumnae classes. Miss Doris White of Washington, D. C. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White of this city, was named class reporter for the alumnae.



CONTESTANT — Miss Avis Warlick is to be one of the contestants in the beauty pageant to be staged by the Junior Chamber of Commerce on July 18. Miss Kings Mountain of 1946 will represent the city at the state contest in Wilson.

Fund For Food Totaled \$1,053

W. L. Plonk, chairman of Kings Mountain's Emergency Food collection, announced today total cash gifts to the fund of \$1,053.90, plus contribution of about 2,000 cans of food-stuffs.

The cash contributions have already been forwarded to collection headquarters in New York, and the foodstuff has been shipped to a Baltimore, Md., warehouse for shipment to starving Europeans.

In addition to many personal contributions, organizations and other groups taking part in the collection were the Kiwanis club, Lions club St. Matthew's Lutheran, Boyce Memorial ARP, Presbyterian, Central Methodist, First Baptist, Patterson Grove Baptist, Oakview Baptist churches, and the Church of the Nazarene and all schools in the Kings Mountain area.

"I wish to thank all persons who helped make the collection successful," Mr. Plonk said. "In addition, I wish to thank particularly Hubert Davidson, John Caveny, Billy Houser, George Houser, T. C. McKee, J. W. Milam, H. C. Wilson, Charlie Blacklock, W. B. Logan and C. C. Erens for their help in packing canned goods for shipment, and Mayor J. H. Thompson and Neisler Mills, Inc., and W. K. Mauney, Jr., for furnishing cartons and other necessary packing materials."

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Baird Resigns ARP Pastorate

Dr. E. N. Baird, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, has resigned that position due to ill health.

Dr. Baird presented his resignation on Sunday, June 9, and it was accepted by the church session at a meeting on Wednesday night June 12.

He has been on leave of absence from his duties as pastor for the past several months.

Dr. Baird, who assumed the duties of pastor of the church on February 11, 1940, succeeding Dr. W. M. Boyce, was uniformly successful in his church and has been a civic and community leader, serving as president of the Kiwanis club at the time he suffered a stroke of paralysis in May 1945.

He and Mrs. Baird intend to continue to make their home in Kings Mountain and have purchased the Gaston street residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howard from Mrs. J. M. Garrison.

VFW TO MEET

Johnny W. Blackwell, Post 2268, VFW will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at the city hall at 7:30 Tuesday night the 20th of June.

Frank Cranford Is Chairman Of Beauty Event

Frank Cranford has been named general chairman of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce Beauty Pageant to determine "Miss Kings Mountain of 1946."

Also announced this week were committees for the event which is to take place on July 18 at the high school gymnasium when Kings Mountain girls between the ages of 13-23 vie for honor of representing the city in the state contest.

North Carolina winner will subsequently represent the state in the national contest at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Cranford reported four early entries in the contest. Miss Avis Warlick will be entered under sponsorship of the VFW post, Miss Peggy Smith is to be sponsored by the Lions club, Miss Margaret Cashion by Mauney Hosiery company, and Miss Mary Ann Crouse by the Kiwanis club.

Several business firms have already indicated they will sponsor entries and are anxious to contact possible contestants. Young ladies interested in competing in the contest should get in touch with Chairman Cranford or the members of the entries' committee.

Following are committees appointed:

- Orchestra—E. W. Neal.
- Publicity—Martin Harmon.
- Entries—Charles Thomason, Bill Davis.
- Finance—W. K. Mauney, Jr., Jim Page.
- Tickets—Charles Carpenter.
- Judges—Hoyle McDaniel.
- Conduct—Hal Ward, Haywood Allen.

Decorations—James Houser, Fred Wright, Ernie Powers, Inace Peeler, Arthur Walker, T. M. Shufford. Program—Bill Logan, George Houser, Clemonsee McDaniel, W. K. Mauney, Jr., James Houser. Ushers—James Harris, Marriott Phifer.

Members of the refreshment committee are to be appointed later.

It was also announced that Harvey Laughter will serve as master of ceremonies at the event.

Two Drunken Drivers Fined At Busy Session

Robert Britton and William Wholley were found guilty of driving drunk and each was given a 90 day sentence, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs with his driver's license revoked, in action taken at city recorder's court here at the city hall last Monday.

This brings convictions for driving drunk to a total of five for the last two-week period.

Meyer C. Arrowood was given sixty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs, for not having a driver's license and driving without brakes. Ross Lee Oats was found guilty of speeding and not possessing a driver's license and was taxed \$10 and costs with a sixty day sentence suspended.

Henry Martin was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was given ninety days, suspended to pay \$10 and costs and put on good behavior for one year. On a similar charge, Howell Hayes was given sixty days and taxed \$10 and costs, also put on one year's good behavior.

Leonard Bennett was charged the costs for destroying a mattress in the city jail after he had been locked up for public drunkenness and was taxed the costs of the court for the offense.

Collie M. Smith was charged with violation of city code number five and taxed with the costs. He had torn down a street barricade and partially destroyed it.

Garland Lougin was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon not on his person and was taxed \$10 and costs.

The following were given thirty days, suspended on payment of \$5 and costs for public drunkenness: J. L. Buck, W. C. Humphries, John J. Stevenson and Burley Green.

Also tried for public drunkenness and sentenced thirty days, each suspended to pay costs, were J. B. Myers, Fred Alderholdt, Bessie Short, Bob Shoff, Eugene Green, Glenn Green, James W. Bell, Wilbur Rash, Earl L. Warren, and Harry O. Gibson.

Merchants Association Telephone Number 381

W. F. Laughter, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, announced this week that the office now has a telephone and that the number is 381.

Merchants Association office is located at the city hall and the hours are 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.