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Local News Bulletins

AT CITY SCHOOLS

Miss Mary Frances Gantt has assumed the duties of secretary to B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools. Miss Gantt replaces Mrs. William English, who resigned July 1. During the interim period Miss Patsy Ballard served in that position. Miss Gantt was formerly employed by the City of Kings Mountain.

AT WOODWARD'S

W. F. (Bill) Osborne, well-known Kings Mountain man, has joined the sales personnel of Woodward and Son Men's Shop. Mr. Osborne, who served in the navy during the war, was formerly employed at Margrace Mill.

AT STERCHI'S

Mrs. Charles Alexander has assumed the duties of bookkeeper at Sterchi's, it was announced this week by E. C. McClain, manager.

UNION SERVICE

Rev. Lee Barnette, pastor of the First Methodist church of Cherryville will be the guest preacher for the Union service to be held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, Aug. 11 at 8 o'clock.

TO ATTEND INSTITUTE

William F. Laughter, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, will leave Sunday for Chapel Hill where he will take a week's course of instruction at a special management institute for managers of credit bureaus and merchants associations. Members of the faculty include credit bureau officials and college professors.

LIONS TO BETHANY

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club, their wives and other guests, will meet at Bethany ARP church in South Carolina for the regular semi-monthly meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Supper will be served picnic style by ladies of the church. The Bethany meeting is an annual event of the local club.

LOGAN ELECTED

W. B. Logan was elected vice-president, in charge of external affairs at the meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce held at city hall last Friday night. Only 26 members were present.

Shuford Still Unconscious

Ward Shuford of Grover, brother of Tolly M. Shuford of Kings Mountain, was still in a critical condition at Shelby hospital Wednesday afternoon, following an automobile collision early Sunday morning near the Cleveland county fairgrounds in which he and another passenger were critically injured and two others sustained serious injuries.

Hospital officials reported "no change" in Mr. Shuford's condition, though relatives here were enheartened by a report that the youthful Cligson college student's temperature had dropped slightly.

He has been unconscious since the accident, in which he suffered a fractured skull and other injuries.

It was reported that others injured in the accident, when the convertible in which Mr. Shuford was riding collided head-on with a Firestone bus, are considered out of danger, though they sustained painful injuries.

The car was driven by Max Norman, also of Grover, who received a broken right knee, a broken right leg, and a dislocated left hip. Miss Betty Borders of Earl received internal injuries, and Mrs. Ruth Conroy sustained bruises and lacerations about the head and face.

Charles Holtzclaw, driver of the bus, was only slightly injured.

Sgt. W. L. Hatcher, who investigated the accident, said the Norman car had been traveling west, the Firestone bus, east, when the accident occurred. It was apparent, he said, that both vehicles were traveling at a high rate of speed. He quoted Holtzclaw as saying that he saw the Norman car approaching on the left side of the road whereupon he switched to the left. Simultaneously, he said, the car returned to that side of the road, also, just before the

Avis Warlick Shares Third Place Honors

Miss Avis Maie Warlick, "Miss Kings Mountain of 1946", was awarded a third place tie with "Miss Wilmington" in the North Carolina Beauty contest held at Wilson last Saturday.

Sharing third place honors with the Kings Mountain entrant was Miss Mary Jarman. Chosen "Miss North Carolina" was a Wilson girl, Miss Trudy Riley, who will represent the state in the national finals at Atlantic City, N. J., in September, while second place went to Miss Betty Brewer of Rocky Mount.

A total of 22 beauties from towns and cities all over the state participated in the beauty event sponsored by the state's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Judging in the state contest was in three parts, with a talent show taking place in the afternoon, followed by judging in both bathing costumes and evening gowns in the evening.

Miss Warlick was given a rating of "excellent" in the talent show in which she sang Sigmund Romberg's "Lovers." According to reports from Wilson, Miss Warlick was the only contestant to receive this high rating.

A dance followed the finals contest and the crowning of Miss North Carolina.

Attending the contest from Kings Mountain were Bill Davis and Fred Wright, Jr., of the local organization and Bob Abernathy, former state president.

Courthouse Bond Vote Canceled

The county commissioners lopped off \$350,000 from the September 14 bond election in meeting on Monday, leaving only \$1,500,000 in school bonds to be voted upon in the special election.

The commissioners declared that considerable opposition had developed to the \$350,000 proposal for reconstruction and improving of the county courthouse, resulting in their decision to withdraw the issue.

School bonds, if approved, will be divided as follows: \$1,000,000 to county schools; \$165,000 for Kings Mountain schools; and \$335,000 for Shelby schools. The division is based on per capita enrollment. Results will be determined by majority vote, and no registration will be ordered.

Chaplain Riddle Challenges Vets

Rev. George Riddle, combat chaplain of the famed 82nd Airborne Division during the war, and now pastor of the Presbyterian church in Cherryville, in an address before a meeting of Legionnaires of Otis D. Green Post 155 last Tuesday night, made an urgent appeal to all war veterans to unite and fight for peace as they did for victory on the battle field.

Chaplain Riddle stated, "We, the lucky ones who escaped with our lives, owe it to our fallen comrades to unite and build a monument of everlasting peace on earth."

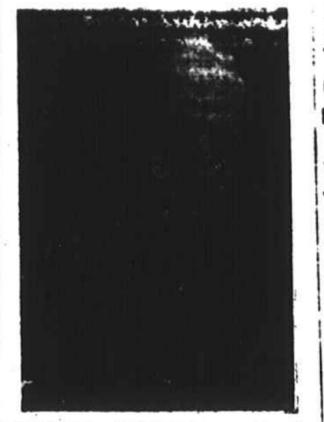
In explaining how service organizations can do their part in the fight for peace, Mr. Riddle called for the same spirit of unity, of sacrifice, and of service that guided our forces in war. That, combined with faith in our organizations and ourselves, will give us everlasting peace, he stated.

He stated that returning veterans were more appreciative of their country than the average citizen because they have seen how foreign nations live. He challenged them to take the lead for progressive good, to make towns and cities even more beautiful and good to live in, and not to forget the lessons learned during the war.

In a short business session before the address, Commander W. J. Fulkerson announced that the post would be required to handle the filling out of applications for enlisted men's back furlough pay. Details are to be announced when received, he stated.

He also announced that he has directed the adjutant to write a note of thanks to P. M. Neisler, for donation of transportation for the baseball team, and to Plonk Motor Company, for donation of cash and emblems for the uniforms of the team, in behalf of the post.

Vice-Commander John Gladden announced that 121 members have been signed for 1947 and established a goal of 500 for the year. Chaplain Riddle was introduced by W. L. Fulkerson.



KIWANIS SPEAKER — Senator Clyde E. Hoey, of Shelby, will address members of the Kiwanis club at their meeting at the Woman's club Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. Hoey has just returned home following the adjournment of Congress.

McGills Hold 50th Reunion

Of interest throughout the Carolinas, was the McGill Reunion which was held in the Smyrna A. R. P. church on last Thursday, Aug. 1. This was the 50th anniversary of the Reunion, and it was marked by the same interest and enthusiasm that prevailed fifty years ago.

The program began at 11 o'clock. Rev. S. A. Boyce, Pastor of the Smyrna A. R. P. church, led the invocation. D. M. Ellen of Bishopville S. C., President of the Clan, brought greetings. John L. McGill of Kings Mountain, N. C., gave briefly "The Purpose of a Reunion." It was a delight to have Dr. B. G. Pressly of Sharon, S. C., Lee Sherer, W. M. Mitchell, Forest Sherrill of York county, S. C., render two quartettes. They were accompanied by Miss Hazel Mitchell of Smyrna, S. C., Rev. F. T. McGill of Greer, S. C., introduced the speaker. Dr. Edgar Long, Head of the English Department, Erskine College, Due West, S. C., Dr. Long is an outstanding speaker and a great teacher. His address was heard with interest. He displayed a very interesting picture that was taken at the McGill Reunion 50 years ago.

Mrs. Grady D. McGill of Ruby, S. C., in a very impressive way, conducted a Memorial Service, making special mention of the late Victor Plaxico of Blacksburg, S. C., who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II. Mrs. McGill was assisted by Miss Rachel Kennedy of Sharon, SC. During the business session, Bontr McGill of Charlotte, N. C., was elected president; Mrs. John Gamble of Kings Mountain, N. C., was elected secretary-treasurer; Miss Sara Mc (Cont'd on page four)

Valuable Prizes To Be Given Lucky Horse Show Spectators

Valuable prizes — an electric refrigerator and a combination radio and turntable set — will be awarded lucky number ticket holders at the Lions club's Third Annual Labor Day Horse show to be held here the afternoon and evening of September 2. It was announced this week by the club's horse show committee.

Tickets for the event will go on sale this weekend, and will be obtainable from any member of the Lions club.

Purchase of a combination ticket — good for admission to both afternoon and evening events — will be necessary to obtain a chance on the prize drawing. Combination tickets are numbered and will sell at \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children (tax included). Separate tickets will be available for the events at \$1.00 and 50 cents respectively, but the holder will not be eligible for the prize drawing, it was announced.

First entries were received this week, with Horace Leitzey of Rock Hill, S. C., following his usual custom of being the first entrant in the annual Kings Mountain event. He has entered his Allen's White Rambler in three events.

Other entries received to date include Angle, a pony owned by Jimmy Bradley of Gastonia, and Greyboy and The Jeep, two ponies owned by Montana Drum, route 1, Kings Mountain.

Interest in the annual event — expanded this year to a 22-class show — is reported mounting among horse men throughout the area, and show officials are expecting a record number of entries for the show.

All exhibitors are being urged to enter their horses early in order that the official horse show program may carry full information about each horse to be shown.

Bridges Brands Revaluation Opponents Sponsors Of Expenditure Investigation

More Textile Firms Report Wage Increases

Four additional Kings Mountain textile firms reported wage increases this week, making the general increase announced by eight other firms last week virtually complete for all industrial firms in the community.

"Across the boards" increases of eight cents per hour were announced by officials of Mauney Mills, Inc., Bonnie Cotton Mills, Inc., and Kings Mountain Manufacturing company.

Paul Mauney, of Neisler Mills, Inc., owners of Pauline mill and the big Margrace mill, said only that Neisler is making "comparable" increases, which will become effective on August 12.

The raises by the 12 Kings Mountain firms virtually establishes a 73 cents per hour minimum wage for textile workers in Kings Mountain, numbering around 2,000.

The present minimum compares with a 40-cent minimum at the outset of the war, in 1941.

Whit McDaniel Rites Held Here Wednesday

Whit McDaniel, 72, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Sellars, here, last Monday after a long illness.

Mr. McDaniel was born in Virginia on July 4, 1875, and moved to Kings Mountain at an early age. He married the former Mary Littlejohn in 1895, and she preceded him in death on August 12, 1944.

He is survived by a brother, Charles, of Norfolk, Va., and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Hite, of Kenbridge, Va.; eight children, Joe, of Norfolk; Woodrow, of Mt. Holly; John, Edna, Mrs. Selges, and Mrs. Louise Burton, all of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Clyde Steen, of Lenoir; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church in Kings Mountain, conducted by John H. Bogie, assistant pastor, assisted by Rev. L. C. Pinnix pastor of the First Baptist church.

Pallbearers were John Oates, John Davis, Bob Gordon, Jack Wilson, Robert Hord, and Joe Cole.

TROPHY ON DISPLAY

The trophy won by Otis D. Green Post 155 for the greatest increase in membership of any class C post in the state is now on display in Keeter's window.

Merchants Membership Reaches Total of 61

Membership in the Kings Mountain Merchants association has now reached a total of 61, it was announced this week by William F. Laughter, secretary.

In connection with the announcement, Mr. Laughter pointed out that the membership is already ahead of previous totals and he invites all business firms to affiliate with the organization.

"It's a good business to belong to a trade association such as this," Mr. Laughter said, "for through organization much can be accomplished for the good of all."

Bulwinkle Will Be In Gastonia Soon

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle will return to Gastonia sometime after August 7, according to an announcement from his office in Washington, D. C.

A Congressional office will be opened in Gastonia in the Post Office Building on August 13. Mr. Charles F. Gold and Mr. Herbert M. Lineberger will be in the office there with Congressman Bulwinkle from 9 o'clock in the mornings until two or three o'clock in the afternoons every day except Saturdays.

Miss Irene Whisnant, a member of the staff, will remain in Washington at 1313 House Office Building. During the adjournment of the Congress, Major Bulwinkle will visit in each county in the district.

Herald Announces Circulation Policy

Attention of Herald subscribers is directed today to a new circulation policy which is effective immediately.

In the future, the Herald will allow a grace period not exceeding 30 days on subscription payments, and, if subscriptions are not renewed within 30 days after expiration date the subscription will be stopped.

While the majority of Herald subscribers are quite prompt in paying their subscriptions some allow the matter to lag.

Prime reason for the change in policy is the scarcity of newspaper. Until the present time weekly papers have been little affected by the scarcity, but the Herald was notified by its chief supplier this week that the big portion of its 1946 quota has been used. Therefore, it is imperative that all newspaper savings possible be effected. Cooperation by subscribers will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Bridges Gets \$10,000

Mrs. Annie Wilson Bridges, wife of James Harry Bridges, Kings Mountain man who was killed in an accident in front of the First National bank June 6, 1945, was awarded \$10,000 in Gaston Superior court last week, as her \$75,000 damage suit was compromised.

The suit, filed in Gaston Superior court on March 26, was against Lee Construction company, of Charlotte, Burlington Trucking company, of Greensboro, and J. F. Melton, Fairfax Falls, Va., lessee of the truck.

Attorneys for defendants and plaintiff reached agreement, Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayette, he ordered that Lee Construction company pay \$8,500, Burlington Trucking company \$1,000, and J. F. Melton, \$500.

The construction company was in charge of remodeling the First National Bank at the time of the accident, which occurred when the large truck owned by the Burlington company and leased by Mr. Melton, broke a line holding a scaffold on the side of the building. A marble slab fell from the scaffold, hitting Bridges. He died shortly after.

Bridges lived in the Long Creek community and was the father of seven children.

The complaint charged that: 1. The Lee Construction Company built or caused to be built a walkway around the First National Bank in Kings Mountain, said walkway being constructed in the street without any cover over the walkway.

2. That on June 16, 1945, while raising a slab of marble by means of an old worn, dilapidated wedge or block and tackle, the Lee Construction Company negligently and carelessly tied or attached a rope to a telephone or telegraph pole across the street from the bank building, thereby blocking the street.

3. That a truck of the Burlington Trucking Company had been leased or rented to J. F. Melton, and that the truck was driven in a careless and reckless manner into the rope across the street, jerking the rope in two and causing a pole, which was used by the Lee Construction Company, in hoisting the marble slab to strike and kill Mr. Bridges, who was standing in the street within the safety zone.

The plaintiff was represented by Ernest H. Warren and Hemphill and Hemphill. Lee Construction Company had as attorneys P. W. Garland and Helms and Mullis. Representing J. F. Melton was L. B. Hollowell, and the Burlington Trucking Company was represented by S. B. Dolley.

Herald Office To Be Closed Over Weekend

The Herald office will be closed this weekend to allow its employees a short vacation.

It will be closed with the publication of this issue, but will be open again as usual on Monday morning.

The Herald feels that its staff will return to work with renewed vigor after these few days of needed rest.

WOMANLESS WEDDING

Mountain View Baptist church at Crowder's Mountain will present a womanless wedding at the Chapel Grove school Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will be devoted to the church building fund.

Newton Address Here Starts Ball Rolling

County Board of commissioners Chairman Glee A. Bridges, in a statement to the Herald Wednesday, branded rumored action of a citizens group concerning investigation of county expenditures as coming from a group opposed to the proposed revaluation of county properties.

Asked by the Herald for a comment on the story published in Tuesday's Cleveland Times, Mr. Bridges did not deny the statement of Shelby Attorney D. Z. Newton concerning payments by the county to Attorney Henry B. Edwards, but he indicated that there was nothing amiss in these payments.

The Cleveland Times said Tuesday that steps were being taken by a citizens' group to institute suit against necessary parties to recover any Cleveland county funds which might have been illegally expended, adding that the suit was the result of statements made in an address to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club by Mr. Newton.

Both the Times and the Shelby Daily Star reported Mr. Newton as saying:

"I understand Henry Edwards was overpaid to you last week. He ought to know a lot about county finances. In view of the fact that Cleveland county paid him \$11,087.50 for his services last year, I'm out of what he paid New York Bond attorneys a little over \$400. 'We have a liberal and wealthy county, but we also have a liberal and wealthy state and it sees fit to pay its governor only \$100,000.'

Chairman Bridges said Wednesday, "In my opinion, based on reports from reliable sources, this whole business is being sponsored by owners of considerable properties who are opposed to revaluation of county properties for taxable purposes."

Mr. Bridges said that Representative Nominee O. M. Mull, whom the Shelby Daily Star had reported as having agreed to introduce a bill in the forthcoming legislature providing for the revaluation, is fighting the revaluation, along with other big property owners in Shelby.

Information received from a source close to the situation on Wednesday said a large group of Shelby attorneys are busying themselves with the business of a suit against "necessary parties," and this source was of the opinion that the attorneys are working for the customary fee.

Will G. Arey, Jr., of the Cleveland Times, said Wednesday that a check of county records revealed Mr. Edwards had been paid a total of \$10,919.85 during the fiscal year 1945-46 divided as follows: salary, \$600; tax cost, \$4,925; fees and expenses in connection with the hospital bond issue, including \$400 to New York bond attorneys, \$5,394.85.

Mr. Arey said he understood Mr. Edwards had handled collection of old taxes owed the county on a fee basis of \$25 per collection. He reported that only 10 tax bills are owned the county assessed prior to July 1, 1945.

Burgin Ayers Goes To Jail For Six Months

Burgin Ayers was sent to jail for six months for breaking a two year good behavior sentence on an assault charge last May in action taken at city recorder's court here last Monday.

He was tried this week on two counts of drunk and disorderly and also on a charge of assault on a female with a butcher knife.

According to court records of last May, Ayers was sentenced six months on an assault charge, (the weapon that time was an ice pick), with the sentence suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and good behavior for two years.

On each of the two counts this week of drunk and disorderly, Ayers was given a thirty day sentence.

William "Sam" Mitchem, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchem, recently discharged from the Navy, was not the William Mitchem mentioned in last week's city court story, the Herald is happy to report.

suspended on two years good behavior, after he serves the six months, providing he does not molest his family during that time.

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