

Santa Claus To Make 1946 Visit Here Friday At 5 O'clock

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Neisler Plants Resume Operations Monday

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS PROGRAM

First Lt. Waller W. Cheney, who was present at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Monday night endorsed the program.

TURKEY FOR STERCHI'S
Employees of Sterchi Bros. store here were guests on Tuesday night in Shelby, of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baird at a turkey dinner at the Baird home. It was the annual employee get-together of Sterchi employees of Shelby Forest, City, and Kings Mountain.

NEW POLICEMAN
James Leyon Thornburg, for over five years a member of the Shelby police department, has accepted a position with the local constabulary according to an announcement by Chief N. M. Farr of the Kings Mountain police. He served with the Navy during the war and is a former Kings Mountain Central high school athlete.

Drunks Highlight Recorder's Court

Majority of cases tried in this week's session of city Recorder's court held at City Hall here last Monday were for public drunkenness an average of twenty-two cases tried by the judge were added to the long list in court records of persons tried for drunkenness.

Records for 1947 were not immediately available but are thought to be far ahead of the 1946 records of persons tried in the court here for public drunkenness.

The judge rendered a not guilty decision in a case involving G. O. Moore charged with speeding.

Charged with possession of liquor for beverage purposes was Johnnie Hinson, who was found guilty and sentenced thirty days, suspended on payment of costs.

Ben R. Adams was fined \$10 and costs for driving without a driver's license and Adam Gakee was taxed with the costs for the same offense.

Vance Pruitt was found guilty on an affray charge and was taxed with the costs of court.

Paying fines of \$5 and costs for public drunkenness were William B. Foytakay, John Mitchem, Tracy Stewart, Jim Harrison, John O. Wilson and Jim Bellard.

The following were taxed with costs for public drunkenness: Ben Cooper, DeLoach, Hobart Metcalf, Brady Etchison, Clemmons, E. L. Hanson, Worthy, Baxter Hayes, C. R. Morris, Ralph Morrow and Rufus Woods.

Changes Made In Local Constabulary

Changes in the Kings Mountain Police Department during the month of November show three resignations and one acceptance according to information released this week by Police Chief N. M. Farr.

James Leyon Thornburg was accepted into the department to fill the vacancy of C. L. Curry, resigned.

The resignation of Boyce H. Stone was accepted on November 29 and J. G. Petty resigned on November 15. Stone had been with the department for three months and Petty for six months.

Lions Directors Endorse High Teacher Pay

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club Monday night endorsed the

program of the Kiwanis club.

For the past several weeks, NCEA officials C. W. Phillips and Claude

Orme have been visiting fifteen districts throughout the state, especially for asking too little of the 1947 General Assembly.

The resolution of the Lions directors will be forwarded to State Senator Lee B. Weathers and Representative Odus M. Mull, both of Shelby.

Teacher pay is expected to be one of the most torrid issues to reach the General Assembly's 1947 session, which convenes in January.

Action by the Lions directors was taken at the regular December meeting Monday night.

Flyers Hear Travis, Eat Fried Chicken

Newly elected officers of the Cleveland Aviation club were installed in office at the regular meeting of the group held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night.

They are Brad Moser, president, Harold Hunnicut, vice president, Carl Williams, secretary, and Nell Roberts, treasurer.

The group enjoyed a dinner featuring fried chicken, and heard a humorous address by Gus Travis, Charlotte Observer columnist.

Arrangements were made during a business session for a large representation of flyers from this county at the annual Miami, Fla., air show to be staged in January.

SEAL SALE

With only slightly more than one-third of the goal raised, citizens throughout the county are being urged to return cash or check for the familiar Christmas seals they received in the mail last week. Goal of the campaign is \$6,000 and receipts to date total over \$2,800. The funds are used in combatting tuberculosis and for providing emergency relief to tubercular patients.

Fireworks, Old Nick Are To Feature Yule Opening

MERCHANTS ARE OPEN ALL DAY WEDNESDAYS

The 1946 Christmas shopping season

starts Friday afternoon when Santa Claus makes his annual visit here to give youngsters a preview of the fellow they expect to visit them Christmas Eve.

In order to better accommodate Christmas shoppers the retailers will be open all day each Wednesday throughout the Christmas season.

Majority of the retailers, according to W. F. Laughter, association secretary, will observe Christmas Day and Dec. 26 as holidays, and will resume the Wednesday afternoon closings on January 1, 1947.

J. R. Davis Is County Attorney

J. R. Davis, prominent Kings Mountain attorney, was appointed county attorney on Monday by the Cleveland county board of commissioners, after they had been sworn in for another two-year term of office.

Mr. Davis succeeds Henry B. Edwards, who recently refunded over \$9,000 to the county following alleged over-charges, and who last Friday waived hearing in county court of two counts of forgery.

The Kings Mountain attorney is a former representative in the General Assembly and has for many years been one of the city's leading attorneys.

Serving their fourth terms as commissioners are Glee A. Bridges, Max Washburn and D. D. Lattimore. Mr. Lattimore was chosen as chairman of the board, succeeding Mr. Bridges, and Mr. Washburn was named vice-chairman.

Charles G. Dilling of Kings Mountain was re-elected county auditor.

Joe C. Whisman, former county attorney, and C. C. Horn, both Shelby lawyers had declined the county attorney's post before it was tendered to Mr. Davis.

LOGAN HOSPITALIZED
AUGUSTA, Ga.—First Lt. W. B. Logan, infantry, husband of Mrs. W. B. Logan, Kings Mountain, N. C., was among patients who arrived here recently for further treatment at Oliver General hospital.

Coal, Or Lack Of It, Week's Big News As Mercury Drops

As it was the nation, coal was still the big story in Kings Mountain for the past week, and though there was immediate optimism concerning the resumption of operations at Neisler Mills plants, citizens still gave the coal situation their most strict attention.

And some had very good reason as they watched the week's low temperatures make further inroads into the home coal supplies which were moving to the dwindling point.

To a question, "Is anybody suffering?" Claude Hambricht, coal dealer said he didn't think so.

He was hoping for release of several cars of coal by directive and said his supplies of stoker and furnace coal were still regarded as adequate for the immediate future.

He added, however, that mine stock piles are dwindling and, as about everyone else, hoped for an early return to work by the miners.

Initial reaction to the \$3,500,000 fine handed the United Mine Workers and the \$10,000 fine put on John L. Lewis in federal court Wednesday was that it would not put the miners back to work.

Meantime, citizens generally and merchants and industrialists particularly contemplated on the embargo on freight shipments, passenger travel, and parcel post limitations for possible effects.

Northants, generally, opined that if the strike had been December 1945, it would have faced a very different fate for the statements at that time were that the miners had to-month

Interviewers Here To Take UCC Claims

Five interviewers from the North Carolina Unemployment Commission will be here today at the Pauline and Margrave mills to take claims for unemployment compensation and veterans' readjustment allowance, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Mary W. Goforth, manager of the

state mountain office of the state employment service.

Mrs. Goforth pointed out that veterans, under the special veterans readjustment act, are eligible for benefits for all work time lost, while other employees are required to establish a one-week waiting period.

Concerning the Margrave-Pauline shutdown (scheduled to end Monday), Mrs. Goforth said that non-veteran employees who file claims now will thereby establish the required waiting period and would be immediately eligible for benefits should they become unemployed through no fault of their own during the course of the next 12 months.

Workers in industrial or business firms employing eight or more persons who earned as much as \$130 during 1945 are eligible for unemployment benefits ranging from a minimum of four dollars to a maximum of \$20 weekly, based on average monthly earnings.

Mrs. Goforth said the UCC sends interviewers here and elsewhere when large groups are out of work to better serve the unemployed workers.

Neisler Mills Are Installing Oil Burners

The big Margrave and Pauline

plants, which were closed since the night of November 27 due to the coal strike, will resume operations Monday, Paul Mauney, official of the company, announced Wednesday.

Resumption of operations will be complete with the possible exception of the finishing plant, Mr. Mauney said.

It was originally announced that the plants would remain closed until the miners return to the pits, and the earlier resumption of production is due to installation of oil burners which will enable the plant to use oil instead of coal for a major portion of its operating needs.

Mr. Mauney said resumption of work in the finishing plant depends on the completion of installation of the oil burners.

The announcement from the company that work would be resumed was classified as "good news", not only for the approximately 900 employees affected by the Lewis-enforced layoff but for the community as well.

The Neisler company's Kings Mountain payroll is approximately one-third the city's textile payroll, and, with the possibility that the coal strike could continue for several weeks, prospects for a long layoff which might have carried through the Christmas season was discouraging to the whole community, according to opinions and expressions voiced the past week.

Otherwise, the city's industrial plants were still operating at full production, and W. K. Mauney, Jr., general manager of Mauney Hosiery company — next in line of local plants experiencing operating difficulties due to the coal shortage — was more optimistic yesterday and said his company "will be able to struggle through until the Christmas holidays at least." The hosiery manufacturing firm, which employs 125 persons, may also install oil burners, Mr. Mauney said, in event the coal situation is not relieved in the near future.

Alderman May Be Named

Principal business of the regular monthly meeting of the city board of aldermen, to take place next Tuesday night at City Hall, will be positive appointment of a Ward 3 Council member.

H. L. Burdette, city manager, said Wednesday that no other important matters, other than presentation of routine reports was listed on the agenda thus far.

He said it was likely the commissioners would choose a Ward 3 alderman, to succeed Ladd W. Hamrick who has moved to Boiling Springs, but professed lack of knowledge as to the identity of the particular Ward 3 citizen.

A source close to the board indicated last week that David L. Saunders was the most likely appointee. Of others under consideration, W. B. Logan, a veteran, is now on active duty with the army for hospitalization, and this factor is thought likely to eliminate him from consideration. The appointee will serve until May 1947.

STEWART RE-ENLISTS

Ray Stewart, son of J. A. Stewart, of route 2, has re-enlisted in the army, reporting to Fort Bragg on Monday, November 23. He served during World War II for almost three years, with a long period of duty in Africa, Italy and France. He held the rating of corporal on discharge.

Gifts are to be sent by the Auxiliary of the post to wounded and sick veterans in hospitals at Osteen and Fayetteville and donots are asked to select a gift that will be suitable.

All Legionnaires who have not already donated a gift are asked to do so by the Monday afternoon deadline.

Legion Christmas Gift Deadline 6 P. M. Monday

Commander W. J. Faulkner, of Post 155, the American Legion, yesterday requested members of the post to have their Christmas gifts for hospitalized veterans at Bridges and Hazenick store by 6 p. m. Monday afternoon, Dec. 9.

The appointee will serve until May 1947.

Football Banquet Tonight Features Feathers, Movies

Annual Lions football banquet honoring members of Central high school football team will be held tonight at the high school cafeteria at 7 o'clock with the Southern conference's "Coach of the Year," Beattie Feathers of the N. C. State Gator Bowl-bound Wolfpack, as featured speaker of the program.

All members of the high school team which had a season's record of seven victories and three one-touchdown losses, and Coach Feathers and

will introduce the featured speaker.

The Wolfpack mentor scored the first big upset of the season when his team defeated Duke's Blue Devils in the opener. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where under General Bob Neyland he was chosen an All-American back for two years.

He has an impressive professional record, being chosen on the All-Pro dream team for two years.

By guiding his Wolfpack to a season's record of eight wins and two one-touchdown losses, Coach Feathers was chosen as the Southern's conference's "Coach of the Year" according to W. J. Faulkner of the Lions club committee in charge of arranging the program for the grid banquet. His team has accepted an invitation to play in the New Year's Day classic at Jacksonville, the "Gator Bowl."

Also a former Tennessee All-American assistant coach Suffridge will help give the banquet a decided All-American atmosphere.

Motion picture of several of the State football games of the current year will be a highlight of the program it was announced.

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