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### Local News Bulletins

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Friday evening, Dec. 13, the members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will gather in the Recreation Room for the annual Christmas party, the "Hanging of the Greens." All ages will come to enjoy the fellowship of decorating together the Educational building, especially the Recreation hall where Christmas activities will be humming from now until Christmas. There will be games, carol singing and a social hour with refreshments. The entire congregation is invited.

#### HALF-HOLIDAYS

Kings Mountain financial houses—the First National bank, Home Building and Loan association and Kings Mountain Building and Loan association—are continuing to close at noon on Wednesdays. It was announced this week that majority of the city's retailers have suspended the regular mid-week half-holiday until January 1. Patrons of these businesses are being asked to note these half-holidays and arrange to conduct their business during regular hours.

#### KIWANS MEETING

Luther G. Boliek, of Hickory, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Brotherhood, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:30 at the Woman's Club. Mr. Boliek is a past-president of the Hickory Kiwanis club.

#### VFW SUPPER

Members of Johnny W. Blackwell Post 2298, VFW, will hold a ham-and-egg supper at Bridges Airport on Saturday night, Dec. 21. It was announced this week. No supper fee will be charged, and all members are being urged to attend. Next regular meeting of the post will be January 7.

#### HERE TONIGHT

Sgt. Dwight Freeman, RA, and Lt. Walter Schmidt, RA, of the Cleveland, Ohio, county reorganization office located in Shelby will continue to be at City Hall in Kings Mountain on Tuesday's from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. It was announced this week from the Shelby office.

#### NOTICE VETS

John P. Mall, Cleveland county service officer, will not be at City Hall here on Thursday, Dec. 12, as his schedule has will continue his regular Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon schedule next week it was announced yesterday.

#### KNOWS DIRECTORS

Directors and membership committee members of the Kings Mountain Sportsmen's Wildlife club will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at 6:30 p. m. at Woodward's store. It was announced yesterday by Joe Lee Woodward, president of the organization.

#### SMITHS MOVE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Smith, formerly of Charlotte, have moved their residence to the Herndon apartments on Mountain street. Mr. Smith has been associated with J. E. Herndon Company here for the past several months, was formerly associated with Baugh and Mouchot, waste dealers of Charlotte and Atlanta. He is a World War II veteran, having served three years with the navy in European waters. The Smiths belong to the Methodist church.

#### EXECUTIVES CLUB

John Fraser, native Scotch, lecturer and writer and a naturalized American citizen, will address the Cleveland county Executive club at regular meeting at Hotel Charles, Shelby, Friday night at 7:30. Reservations for the meeting should be in the hands of secretary J. W. Osborne, Box 311, Shelby, by noon Friday.

### High Schools Loop Grid Schedule Given

Kings Mountain Central high Mountain 1947 conference football schedule, released this week includes the loop's top teams and three foes the locals did not play this past season, Morganton, Marion, and Charlotte (Tech).

Forced to take on the two top winners, Morganton and Marion, by virtue of their finish in the top bracket of the loop, the Mountaineers face one of their toughest schedules in years and with only one member of the 1945 starting team returning, Tech High of Charlotte replaces

ing the Historical City - Queen City feud.

First five conference games are away from home with the first home loop affair to be roled off on October 31, here under City Stadium area.

The only returning letterman from the 1945 team is center Bud Medina, outstanding performer on defense in his line-backer position.

- Sept. 19—Hendersonville—there.
- Sept. 26—OPEN.
- Oct. 3—Marion—there.
- Oct. 10—Morganton—there.
- Oct. 17—Bath-Spindale—there.
- Oct. 24—Cherryville—there.
- Oct. 31—Charlotte (Tech)—here.
- Nov. 7—Lenoir—here.
- Nov. 14—Shelby—here.
- Nov. 21—OPEN.
- Nov. 25—Lincolnton—here.

### Seal Sale Fund Over Half Mark

Total receipts from sale of Christmas seals in Cleveland county up to Wednesday morning were \$3,259.96, according to an announcement from Mrs. Ruth Hamrick, Jr., of Shelby, chairman of the annual campaign.

The drive has thus passed the half-way mark toward reaching the \$6,000 goal.

On Saturday of this week, Girl Scouts will be on streets and in business houses of Shelby and Kings Mountain selling the double-barrel cross, which is the symbol of the T-B seal.

Persons who received Christmas seals through the mails are being urged to return cash or check for the seals immediately. Part of the receipts goes for the purchase of gifts for tubercular patients at Black Mountain and Sanatorium.

The fund is administered by the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association for both educational and remedial work in fighting tuberculosis.

### Baptist Churches In G-W Fund Campaign

Kings Mountain area Baptist churches accepted quotas totaling \$8,500 for the Gardner-Webb college endowment fund, it was announced Tuesday.

First Baptist church accepted a quota of \$5,000, while quotas of \$1,000 each were accepted by Second Baptist church, Macedonia Baptist church, and Patterson Grove church. David church accepted a quota of \$500.

The Kings Mountain Baptist association in endeavoring to raise a quarter million dollar endowment fund for the church college at Boiling Springs.

### City Police Force Adds Two Officers

Two additions to Kings Mountain police department patrol force were announced here this week by N. M. Farr chief of the local constabulary.

Herbert C. Pickens, of Lincolnton, veteran of four years service with the U. S. Marine Corps has assumed duties with the local force after serving in the Lincolnton department for two months.

John F. Gibbons, of Gastonia, formerly with the North Carolina State Prison at Raleigh, also assumed his new duties here this week. Officer Gibbons served with the Gastonia police department for six months before the war.

Both new officers are married and according to Officer Pickens are looking for a place to live in Kings Mountain.

### COURT OF HONOR

The regular monthly Court of Honor for the Kings Mountain area will be held Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12, at the City Hall.

### Lions Football Banquet Held Last Thursday

With short speeches, a good dinner and football pictures highlighting the evening, the Kings Mountain Lions sponsored the high school football annual banquet at the Oteria last Thursday evening.

Feature talk of the evening was made by Beattie Feathers, coach of N. C. State's bowl-bound Wolfpack football team. Lions, coaches and members of high school gridiron aggregation were other guests.

Mr. Feathers was introduced by...

#### ALL-CONFERENCE RECAPS

Robert Neill, husky tackle of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Neill, and outstanding athlete and student at Kings Mountain Central high school, was selected for a tackle spot on the Western Class A All-Conference football team in a meeting of coaches and officials in Hickory last Tuesday night, marking the second year he has been picked for the list.

Mr. Neill is a member and was named by coaches at the meeting as one of the really outstanding players in the loop. He was also chosen for the 1945 loop all-star team last year.

### Neill Again On All-Star

Robert Neill, stellar tackle of the Kings Mountain Central high Mountaineers, was selected by coaches representing the 15 schools of the Western class A conference, in a meeting at Hickory last Tuesday night, to fill his 1945 All-Conference position at tackle for the 1946 edition of the loop "dream team," according to an announcement from conference officials.

Neill was selected on last year's team, becoming the first local player ever to be selected on the honor squad for two years in a row.

The husky Mountaineer lineman was the only Central High player to make the team. Bill Cashion, falling by one vote to place on the team.

Morganton, loop champion winners paced the field by placing three men on the squad, and Cherryville and Marion, with two each, lead the list which also included Forest City, Lincolnton and Shelby along with Kings Mountain.

- The team:
- Ends—Nasney, Forest City; Padgett, Marion.
  - Tackles—Neill, Kings Mountain; Duncan, Morganton.
  - Guards—Hord, Morganton; Lawing, Lincolnton.
  - Center—Blackwood, Cherryville.
  - Backs—Williams, Morganton; vulan, Cherryville; Cheek, Shelby; Bader, Marion.

### Mrs. Grant's Father Dies; Rites Today

Thomas Eber Dixon, 86, died yesterday in Memorial hospital at Gastonia after a long illness. He had lived in Gastonia for the past two years, but was a native of Cleveland county and had spent most of his life here where he was engaged in farming. He was the son of the late Henry and Emma Potest Dixon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Dixon; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Cook, of Boiling Springs, Mrs. Bessie Grant, of Kings Mountain, a son, Edgar Dixon, of Kannapolis.

He also leaves nine grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zion Baptist church. Rites will be directed by Rev. Jesse Blalock. Interment will take place in the church cemetery.

### GO FORTH WITH STERCHI'S

Charles A. Goforth, Jr., has accepted a position in the Jewelry department of Sterchi's. It was announced this week. Mr. Goforth assumed his duties on Monday.

## Coal Strike Like Bad Dream, Citizens Now Turn Full Attention To Christmas Season

John L. Lewis suddenly decided to change his course last Saturday, and Kings Mountain citizens, who had been doing everything from worrying about empty coal bins to taking full advantage of the low prices on coal, turned full attention to Christmas.

Most of them realized suddenly that Christmas was upon them and that they were going to be without coal for the next few days.

But the citizens who had been wanting to buy coal for their homes and businesses were not too good.

Kings Mountain Cotton Oil company received several carloads by government directives, after coal users had signed certifications that they had a 10-day supply of coal, and these shipments were piled up in lots of coal for use.

Coal dealer Claude Hamblight said Wednesday that though coal is still being shipped by directive, he is not sure how long it will last.

Pea schools, Nelsler Mills, Inc., resumed operations Monday.

Already Christmas shopping had begun in earnest with the early shoppers leading the way, and it really picked up last weekend. Most local merchants reported heavy sales on Saturday with considerable activity the first days of this week.

University, Kings Mountain and other schools are now in session. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is also in session.

After that first year," he laughed. "I saw much too much of him."

Mr. Garrison, in introducing Mr. Feathers, stated that high school football had made rapid strides of advancement in the past few years.

Club President Don Blanton served as toastmaster, and Martin Harmon presented Mr. Garrison.

Invocation was given by Rev. W. L. Pressly.

Otto Williams welcomed the football team, congratulating them and Coaches Clyde Canipe and Don Parker on the excellent record of the team in winning seven of 10 games.

Mr. Canipe presented a traveling kit, including a 1947 auto license tag, and a shaving kit.

In lieu of presenting letters, Coach Canipe listed the men awarded letters as follows: Buddy Moffa, Bill Harmon, Robert Neill, Kenneth George, Bob Laddetter, Roy Boheler, Dwight Farn, Bob Early, Bill Gault, Jim Black, Bill Cashion, Don Crawford, Bill Dettmar, John E. Plonk and Jake Harry.

Committee in charge of the banquet included Mr. Williams, Charlie Moss, and W. J. Fulkerson.

A delicious dinner, featuring chicken dumplings, was served by ladies of Grace Methodist church.

Following the banquet Coach Feathers showed motion pictures of the State-VMI and State-VPI games. Over 400 persons were present to see the movie.

### Crowd of 2,500 Saw Santa Claus Friday

Santa Claus came to town last Friday afternoon and had his usual fine reception as an estimated crowd of more than 2,500 people turned out for the annual event.

Arriving on schedule by plane at Bridges Airport, the red-clad, white-bearded harbinger of Christmas joy was carried by city fire truck through the business section, escorted by the Kings Mountain band, to the City Stadium.

There the Kings Mountain Merchants association handed out treats to the young folk, and presented a 30-minute fireworks display.

Christmas lights in the business district were turned on for the occasion.

The youngsters were wide-eyed as usual at the opportunity to see the gentleman they expect to visit them December 25. They started gathering long before parade time.

### Bank Will Pay Extra Dividend

First National bank stockholders will receive an extra dividend of one percent this week end as the bank mails out checks to stockholders for the regular semi-annual two percent dividend and additional checks covering the extra dividends.

F. E. Summers, First National president, said that dividends will be paid to stockholders of record Dec. 7.

Total dividend payments for the year will thus be five percent. Par value of the stock is \$100 per share.

### Rites Are Conducted For Crump's Mother

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie E. Crump, 81, mother of Rev. Harry E. Crump, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene here, were held Sunday at the Pineville Methodist church, with interment following in the Pineville cemetery.

The rites were conducted by Rev. Mr. Faulkner, pastor of Pineville Methodist church. Mrs. Crump had been a member of the Pineville church for 71 years.

Mrs. Crump succumbed at her home in Pineville Sunday afternoon.

Surviving, in addition to her son here, are four sons, two brothers, a sister, 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren served as pallbearers.

### TRAINS RESTORED

The Southern Railway announced this week restoration of several trains which had been taken off regular runs on November 25 due to the coal strike. Among those restored are trains 35 and 30 between Washington and Atlanta.

## David Saunders Appointed To Fill Ward 3 Vacancy

### City License Tags On Sale This Week

City license tags for 1947 went on sale at the Treasurer's office in City Hall this week.

All car owners living within the corporate limits of the city are required by law to purchase and to display city license plates on their vehicle, Karl Sawyer, city treasurer, said this week.

This year's tags will be the same size as the tags used last year.

David L. Saunders, well-known business man, was appointed by the city board of aldermen to fill the unexpired term of Ward 3 alderman at the regular December meeting of the board held at City Hall Tuesday night.

Mr. Saunders succeeds Ladd W. Hamrick as a member of the board. Mr. Hamrick moved his residence to Boiling Springs last month.

The new alderman first came to Kings Mountain 20 years ago as overseer at the old Dilling Silk mill. He later spent six years with Rurlingtoning here nine years ago to open Saunders Dry Cleaning which he still operates.

He and his son, D. D. Saunders are owners of Saunders and Davis, haberdashery which was opened last spring.

Mr. Saunders is a member of the Lions club, a Shriner and was for many years a member of the Kings Mountain Fire Department. He is a member of Grace Methodist church.

Mr. Saunders' term, along with those of other members of the board, will expire in May 1947.

Appointment of Mr. Saunders was the highlight of Tuesday night's board meeting.

According to Karl Sawyer, city clerk, the board heard routine monthly reports from various city departments and rescinded the no parking order on the North side of Mountain street in the block occupied by Victory Chevrolet company. The street is to be marked off and a one-hour limit imposed.

## Colored Man Killed By Car

Hodge Phifer, 60 year old negro of the Ebenezer community near Kings Mountain, was almost instantly killed Tuesday night when hit by a truck said to have been driven by Lee Deviney, 45, of Kings Mountain, who is under a \$1,000 bond on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the accident.

The aged negro died as he was being rushed to Kings Mountain to a doctor. At the time of the accident he is said to have been walking down the road meeting the truck.

The accident took place two miles north of Kings Mountain on the Cherryville road near L. W. Barrett's Store at about 7:30 p. m. Tuesday night.

The Deviney truck was found abandoned near the scene of the accident and he was arrested two hours later in Kings Mountain as the driver of the vehicle.

Investigation is being conducted by Sheriff Raymond Cline of the Cleveland county sheriff's office.

## Jaycees Set Yule Party

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will give a Christmas party for children under 12 years of age at the Dixie Theatre Saturday morning, December 21, at 9:30. It was announced Wednesday by Sloan Wright, member of the special committee handling arrangement for the event.

Plans call for showing of several motion picture cartoons, featuring Donald Duck, Popeye, and other favorites, and a Christmas treat is to be given all who attend, Mr. Wright said.

Further announcements concerning the Christmas party are to be given next week.

## Girl In Germany Gets VOC Cloak

A Kings Mountain citizen has recently received a letter from a young miss of Erkheim, Germany, thanking her for a coat she had received through UNRRA, and which was given by the Kings Mountain citizen during the Victory Clothing Collection last year.

The letter was written in English and includes references to the poverty in Germany today. It follows:

"Many thanks for your token of friendship which I got yesterday afternoon. The cloak is fit and I shall wear him with thankfully thoughts for you. Now we have very cold days, therefore I am glad to have a mantle. It warms the body and the heart too, but not the stomach, which is mostly empty. No offense; but in home, we have not much to eat. The daily horrors of life we almost don't know anything about our dear father. Probably he is in Russian captivity and we lost our native country four years ago and can never go back. Can you imagine what means to lose the home? If I should be master of your language, I would tell you more about our life, though it's not very interesting.

"Once again many thanks and with a hearty farewell.

"Every your Lilly Kerpa."

Miss Kerpa lives in the American occupation zone.

## Business Telephone Rates Take Increase

Resting of telephone rates of the Kings Mountain exchange of the Southern Bell system are now being increased, following approval late last month on rate increases by the North Carolina Utilities commission.

The increases were effective December 1, and will mean that the Kings Mountain exchange will be paying more for telephone service than other exchanges in the area.



Illustration of a person, possibly a child, in a winter setting.