

Local News Bulletins

BANGLE DAY

As a climax to Bangle Week in Kings Mountain, in connection with the annual sale of Christmas seals, sales were conducted by Girl Scouts of Troop 12 on Saturday and a total of \$93.22 was added to the fund, it was announced by Mrs. David Hamrick. Eleven of the 12 troop members participated. Meantime, total receipts up to Wednesday on the county-wide campaign, showed it progressing nicely with \$4,608.28 in receipts against a quota of \$6,000. All who have not sent in money for seals are being urged to do so immediately.

VFW SUPPER

Members of Johnny W. Blackwell Post 2265, VFW, will hold a ham-and-egg supper at Bridges Airport Saturday night at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to

Next regular meeting of the post will be on January 14 information given the Herald last week inadvertently listed the next regular meeting as January 7.)

RADIO STARS HERE

Arthur Smith and his Cracker-Jacks, famous radio stars of WBT Charlotte, will appear here Friday night at 7:30 p. m. at Central school auditorium under sponsorship of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds of the show going to the Grace Methodist church building fund.

METHODIST SERVICE

The Senior Choir of the Central Methodist church under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will present a special Christmas Music program Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Patterson will be the reader at this program that is made up of the Christmas stories, customs and music of the Old World Countries. Carols and music from England, Scotland, Wales, Russia, Norway, Serbia and Germany will be used. The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

BAPTIST SERVICE

A choir of 25 voices of the First Baptist church will present on Sunday night at 7:30 a cantata for Christmas and Epiphany. The cantata's composer is Matthews and the title is "The Story of Christmas." The public is cordially invited to attend.

FIRE SATURDAY

City firemen were called to Gault's Grocery on N. Piedmont avenue about 9 o'clock Saturday morning where they extinguished a blaze resulting from a leaking kerosene tank. No damage was reported.

SHOPPERS BEWARE

Announcement has been made by N. M. Farr, Kings Mountain police chief, that additional personnel has been added to the force during the Christmas shopping season to aid local merchants in preventing shop-lifting. The new members will work as plainclothes men he added.

MOVIE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts were moving on Wednesday into the residence at 100 Myers street. Mr. Roberts is office manager of Phenix Mills and son of Frank Roberts, of Kings Mountain, superintendent of the Pauline mill.

LIONS PROGRAM

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear an address by Peyton McSwain, Shelby attorney, at the regular meeting of the club at the high school cafeteria Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. McSwain, who holds a colonelcy in the army reserve, was recently named commander of the 180th infantry regiment (North Carolina) of the national guard. He is also chairman of the county elections board and a veteran of both World Wars.



Yule Mailing Rush Underway At Postoffice

The personnel of the Kings Mountain postoffice hit their stride on the Christmas-mailing rush Monday of this week, and it is one group which is really looking forward to Christmas—and a lightening of the heavy mail load. Up to Wednesday morning, the postoffice here had sold over 57,000 of the brown one and one half cent stamps largely used on Christmas greeting cards. Total cancellations for the period December 9 to December 17 were 50,899—and the rush had just begun. Big jump came on Monday, with 13,622 cancellations, and Tuesday the post office employees ran 15,073 as

through the cancelling machines. Postmaster W. E. Blakely said that mailing is much heavier this Christmas season than in 1945, with most citizens getting a later start on the mailing business. Postal re-

ceipts are about \$1,200 behind last year, due to the drop in overseas regular and air mail, but he predicted that the mailing of cards and packages between now and next Tuesday will materially catch up the lag.

In addition to the regular postal force, Alex Owens, Pink Ware, and David Neill are serving as temporary aids, and, in addition, the rural carriers have two additional helpers. Mr. Blakely reported a record volume of money order and C. O. D. business and said that the postoffice is handling a much heavier load of incoming mail than ever before—with more direct mail advertising, larger magazine circulations and other factors.

The postoffice, naturally, is anticipating plenty of business through next Monday.

As last-minute suggestions for late Christmas shoppers, Mr. Blakely listed these:

(1) Send Christmas cards first class to assure delivery before Christmas (use a three cent stamp, first-class mail gets priority over third class).

(2) Send last-minute packages special delivery.

The windows of the postoffice will be closed on Christmas day, and again on New Year's day, as the postal employees observe holidays. They think they'll need them.

Beer-Wine Vote Scheduled

The Shelby Daily Star said Tuesday that a county-wide referendum will be held in 1947 on the question of continuing the legal sale of wines and beer in the county.

Agreement to call the vote was reported to have been reached between pastors of the county and Ode M. Mull and Lee B. Weathers, the county's representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly which convenes in January.

The Star said the pastors asked the representatives to outlaw the sale of wine and beer by legislative enactment but, as a compromise, it was agreed that the representatives will introduce a bill calling for a referendum to be held in May or June of next year.

It was pointed out that if the sentiment is overwhelmingly against the sale of wine and beer, it would be much easier for the officers to enforce a law than to have its sale banned without sounding the sentiment of the people.

Buying Tempo Speeds; Only Five Shopping Days Remain

Employees of Kings Mountain retail firms have been working at high speed this week, as Christmas shoppers throng into stores in order to complete Christmas shopping lists.

Most merchants reported high sales volumes last weekend, and the tempo of buying was steadily increasing the first days of the current week. It is expected to reach its peak during the forthcoming weekend and on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Most firms are observing regular store hours, though they will remain open until 7 p. m. on Christmas Eve.

Attitude of one salesman in a large department store was this: "I'm sure glad we are observing regular hours. I don't believe I'd be much good at helping customers after the regular day's rush is over."

The goods situation is much better than last year, which almost all firms reported a plentiful supply of goods available for Christmas.



SKETCH OF PROPOSED RURAL HEALTH CENTER — Here is an artist's conception of the type rural community health center proposed by the State's Relations Division of the U. S. Public Health Service and now under consideration by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission for location in areas not large enough to support a hospital. There are now 34 North Carolina counties without any type medical institution and it is the recommendation of the Medical Care Commission that every county in the state have either a hospital or one or more health centers.

Most Textile Employees To Receive Week's Holiday Beginning Saturday

Leo Devenny Bound Over

Leo Devenny, of Kings Mountain, was bound over to Superior Court on charges of manslaughter in connection with the death of Hodge Phifer, 60 year old negro, in hearing in Recorder's Court in Shelby yesterday.

Devenny is charged with driving the vehicle which struck and killed Phifer as he walked along the Cherryville Road Tuesday night, December 10.

Devenny was fined \$250 for drunk driving and \$10 for driving with improper lights in connection with the accident. He appealed both judgments. He is free under \$1,500 bond.

Riding in the truck with Devenny at the time of the accident was Lee Ormand, according to Ormand's testimony. Ormand said that they had been having trouble with lights on the truck.

"I saw this man walking along the road and I thought we had passed him," testified Ormand. "Then I heard the truck hit something and I told Devenny that we had hit a man. We stopped the truck and went back as soon as we could. Somebody was already there. We helped put the negro in a car and take him to the hospital."

Ormand said that he had been with Devenny all day and that each had had a bottle of beer 12 hours before the accident but had nothing else to drink in the way of intoxicating beverage for the rest of the day.

Witnesses at the scene of the wreck testified that they smelled the odor of alcohol on Devenny's breath but that he did not appear to be intoxicated.

Local Cab Driver Guilty of Assault

Harold Biddix, local cab driver, was found guilty of assault in special session of Recorder's court held at City Hall here Tuesday according to a statement by Chief N. M. Farr, of the city constabulary.

Biddix was fined \$35 and costs and was ordered to pay Cline Lingerfelt's doctor bill.

He was charged with assaulting Lingerfelt with a car pump last Friday at the bus station here, as the climax of an argument between the two cab drivers. Lingerfelt was beaten in the head with the pump according to the local police chief.

Christmas Edition Will Appear Monday

In accordance with past custom, the next edition of the Herald will be distributed to subscribers on Monday, December 23.

It will be the annual Herald Christmas edition, in which the majority of business firms will offer Christmas greetings and salutations to their patrons. In addition, there will be a considerable amount of Christmas feature stories, as well as the regular news coverage on local events.

The edition of the twenty-third will replace the edition which would ordinarily appear on December 26, which means that the following edition will be published on January 2, 1947. This change in schedule serves the double purpose of better serving the merchants and business interests of the city and also allows the Herald staff a well-earned Christmas vacation. The Herald will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23, to Monday, Dec. 30.

The Herald will make every effort to contact all business firms regarding the popular greeting advertisements, but due to limited time, merchants who wish to insure space in this edition should call 167.

Advertising deadline will be Saturday afternoon, news deadline Sunday afternoon. Correspondents are urged to get in copy by Friday, at 5 p. m.

Jaycee Yule Party Is Set

Children of Kings Mountain up to 13 years of age are invited to be guests of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at a Christmas party to be held at the Dixie Theatre Saturday morning at 9:30.

Through arrangements with the management of the theatre, the local civic organization will provide children a 75-minute free showing of comic shorts, and after the show each guest will be given a treat including candy and fruit.

Movie shorts to be shown include "Gents Without Cents," featuring the Three Stooges, "Coney Island Honeydew," and four cartoons, "Hot Foot Light," "Coo Coo Nuts," "A Story of a Dog," and "Herr Nuts Hair." Parents are being urged to encourage their children to attend.

Lutheran Brotherhood Has Christmas Program

The Lutheran Brotherhood had its regular supper meeting Monday night. Following the supper which was prepared and served by members of the Brotherhood, a Christmas program was presented. President Hugh Ormand presided over the meeting, and Aubrey Mauney had charge of program were: W. A. Bennett, Carl Mauney, Calvin Plonk, D. C. Mauney, George Houser, Paul McGinnis, Earl Bumgardner, and Billy Mauney. Mr. Ray Cline was elected secretary of the Brotherhood.

CHRISTMAS SCENE

The Central Methodist church will be open to the public Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 8 o'clock each afternoon to allow the public to view the Christmas Scene. The scene is in the lobby of the Educational building and can be seen by entering the main door to the building.

Yule Holiday Schedule Set

With Christmas 1946 just around the corner, majority of Kings Mountain citizens were looking forward this week to Christmas holidays of more or less long duration when they could relax, visit friends, and generally forget the regular weekly toil.

Industrial workers generally will receive longest holidays, with most manufacturing concerns closing for one week. Neisler Mills, Inc., Mauney Mills, Inc., Phenix Mills, Bonnie Mills Company, Kings Mountain Mfg. Co., DuCourt Mills, Sadie Mill Company and Craftsman Mills, Inc., will suspend operations with the last shift on Saturday, resuming operations on Monday, December 30. Mauney Hosiery Company will close on Friday at 3 p. m. and resume work at 12:01 a. m. Monday, December 30.

Park Yarn Mills will be closed "two or three days," but definite announcement on the holiday was not given, and Frieda Manufacturing company employees will enjoy a three-day holiday, resuming operations on December 26, after closing on Saturday, December 21.

Merchants of the city, with the exceptions of drug stores and service stations, are to be closed two days, in accordance with regular custom, and the city offices also expect to be closed two days, as will the First National Bank and other city financial institutions.

City schools will close for a two-week holiday on Friday, with students to resume daily schooltreks on Monday, January 6.

Many college students are already at home for the holidays, and majority of the remainder are expected during the forthcoming week end.

Churches have planned special Christmas programs and various social functions will feature the holiday season.

Mrs. Vance Speaker At Columbia Meeting

Macon, Ga. — Mrs. Zeb B. Vance of the Mercer University faculty has just returned from the annual meeting of the Southern Business Education Association in Columbia, S. C., where she spoke before the College and University Division of the Association on the subject of "Business Education in the Liberal Arts College." In addition to her participation on the program Mrs. Vance also represented Georgia on the Executive Board and attended a luncheon meeting of the Delta Pi Epsilon National Honorary Graduate Fraternity in Business Education of which she is a member.

Mrs. Vance is the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Elam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Elam of Kings Mountain. She is head of the Department of Secretarial Studies of Mercer university.

Stockholders of New Company Meet Today

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Narrow Fabrics, Inc., are to meet at 2:30 this afternoon at the office of Attorney J. B. Davis to elect officers and to further effect organization of the company, according to Robert Riley, general manager.

The company, which manufactures binding and electrical tape, is now in partial operation, and Mr. Riley said he expected the whole present plant to be in operation by January 1. He also said that plans are proceeding to build another building to the plant in order to house new looms due here in February.

Barkley Store Midway Lunch Burglarized

Barkley Brothers grocery on East King street, and Midway Lunch near the rail station here, were both entered by robbers early Wednesday morning according to local police and both business firms report loss of a number of items, including cigarettes and sugar.

Police estimate that both firms were entered by the same parties in the early morning hours, between 4 a. m. and 5:30 a. m.

Barkleys was entered through the back door, after a bar holding the door shut had been worked out of position with a small slim instrument.

Midway Lunch was entered by the breaking of a small pane of glass in the back door and the lifting of the high steel according to police reports. According to police owner Lloyd Houser, estimated that missing items such as cigarettes, cigars, candy, socks, beer, and cash totaled around \$75.

suspect some local persons of both robberies in view of the fact that it appeared that much about the construction of the two doors broken into was known and because it was apparent that whoever did the jobs was very familiar with the police patrol schedule. Both firms were checked at intervals during the night they stated.

Major items missing at Barkley's according to manager Pete Barkley, included sugar, sugar stamps, snuff, cigarettes, possibly quantities of meats, and toy balloons, but amount of the loss sustained by this firm was not announced yesterday.

Three quart bottles of milk were found at the grocery with the cream missing leading police to suspect three persons were involved in the break-in at that establishment.

Leading clue left in the lunch establishment robbery was considerable fingerprints which are in the process of being traced as the investigation of the two robberies, first in several months here, continues.

Baker Is Appointed Corporal at Fishburne

Thomas P. Baker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Luther P. Baker, of Kings Mountain, N. Piedmont ave., a student at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., was appointed corporal in a general order published today by Col. R. G. Sherman, Inf., head of the school's R. O. T. C. unit, relating to the organization of the cadet corps into a battalion of three rifle companies, and a headquarters company. Cadet appointment designated in today's order were effective at once and will remain in effect until further notice.

Since the opening of school in September, there has been a continual rotation of cadets in the leadership positions in the military organization for which their respective classifications (years of military instruction) in the R. O. T. C. made them eligible, the purpose in view being to generally analyze the capabilities of each cadet and to place him where he would do the best job. The appointments made today were based on demonstrated efficiency in conjunction with conduct and academic rating.

Car Stolen Here Found In Gaffney

N. M. Farr, chief of the Kings Mountain police department, announced this week recovery of an automobile stolen here last Saturday night.

The vehicle, a 1933 Plymouth coach owned by A. D. Bell, of Kings Mountain, was found Monday night in Cherokee county by the sheriff's department and word from Gaffney was received here Tuesday.

The car was abandoned at the time of discovery and no clues were found as to who stole the car.

Merchants Are Warned Against Check-Flashers

Rules for merchants who wish to avoid cashing worthless checks were listed in the current Merchants association bulletin; in the mails Wednesday as follows:

1. Be suspicious of strangers who ask check favors.
2. Require personal and positive identification.
3. Just because a man is in uniform doesn't mean his check is good. Many forgers use this as a disguise. Get his serial number.
4. Every strange check worth cashing is worth investigating.

COKEY QUARTET

The Cokey quartet of Gastonia will be at the Second Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday evening Dec. 23 at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to the service to hear this quartet sing.