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Local News Bulletins

CHURCH FILM

"The Blind Beggar of Jerasalem" a short sound moving picture will be shown at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday evening, Jan. 5 at 7 p. m. The film is a Cathedral teaching Picture produced under the direction of the Rev. James K. Friedrich, and presents the miracle of a man whose sight had been restored by Jesus, and who comes into difficulty with the priests and his family. The public is cordially invited to the film showing

KIWANIS MEETING

Jesse Tarlton, Rutherford county schools superintendent and Kiwanis lieutenant - governor, will install officers of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for 1947 at the regular meeting of the civic club at the Woman's club Thursday night at 6:30. Wives of Kiwanians are to be guests at the meeting.

LIONS MEETING

Roy Palmer, of Charlotte, official of Duke Power company will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at its meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the high school cafeteria.

BASKETBALL FINAL

Kings Mountain 26.
Charlotte (Tech) 29.

Hanna Being Held Under $1,000 Bond

Christmas 1946 passed very quiet and rather orderly in Kings Mountain according to police chief N. M. Farr, the only major exception being the Christmas Eve stabbing of Marcel Benton, or Kings Mountain, at Bob Parrish's Cafe. Christmas Day itself was unusually quiet with very little firecracker shooting.

Troy Hanna, Kings Mountain citizen, is being held in the county jail under $1,000 bond in connection with the almost fatal stabbing of Benton, who, according to hospital officials, was in very bad condition when brought in, but late reports indicate that he will live.

The stabbing took place around 6 p. m. and Benton received several slashes in the body.

Amos and Son, N. Piedmont clothing store, was robbed of around $900 worth of merchandise early in the morning of Dec. 23 when the glass in the front door was broken and the door opened.

Allen's grocery on E. King street was robbed of two cartons of cigarettes on Dec. 31. Police say that the robbers reached in a window and removed the cigarettes in the early morning hours.

James Lockridge is being held in Gaffney jail after having confessed the robbery of Parrish's Cafe here early last month.

Tax Listing Underway; Early Listing Is Urged

Annual tax listing began Wednesday throughout Cleveland county amid the usual urgings from officials requesting citizens to accomplish the job early.

The weather, however, was no help on the first listing day, and business was not too brisk.

Kings Mountain citizens again will have a simpler task, as Bright D. Ratterree will serve as both township lister, handling the county business, and also City of Kings Mountain tax lister. Thus residents of Kings Mountain will have to list only once for both town and county.

Mr. Ratterree has set up shop in the City Hall.

All persons owning personal property are required to list for taxes, and all males between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes. As required by law, penalties are provided for persons failing to list by the January 31 prescribed deadline.

"All citizens will find it to their advantage to list early," Mr. Ratterree said. "There is always a rush at the last minute, which means that citizens who could have accomplished their listing job in a matter of minutes will then have to spend time waiting in line.

Mr. Ratterre will be at Herndon's Hardware in Grover on January 9 and 20 to take listings of county citizens in Grover and the Grover area.

City property listings in 1946 totaled more than $4,000,000.

"Prissie" At Home For "Butchey's' Christmas

Little "Butchey" Houser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Houser, of Kings Mountain, received a 'ghost' for a Christmas present this year.

A year ago this past Christmas Eve "Butchey's" dog "Prissie" was taken to the Gastonia pet hospital in critical condition. The doctor said the dog could not be saved and Mr. Houser ordered the pet chloroformed.

The Houser's pastor, Rev. L. C. Pinnix, saw a very familiar looking dog in Gastonia with the same doctor who had passed on the Houser pet. He called the Housers and told them what he had seen.

Last Friday the Housers went to Gastonia, saw the doctor, and returned to Kings Mountain with the dog, in excellent health.

"Prissie's" return home made "Butchey's" 1946 Christmas complete.

McGill Infant Dies Of Lobar Pneumonia

Little John William McGill, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McGill of 6 Chambers St., Ct., Boston, Mass., died of lobar pneumonia Saturday, December 21, in a Boston hospital. Funeral services were held the following Monday afternoon. Burial was in a Boston cemetery. He is survived by his parents and one brother, Jimmy jr.

Merchants Resume Wednesday Holidays

Kings Mountain retail merchants, back at work and already busy taking inventories after the holiday season, resumed on Wednesday their regular weekly half-holidays.

The mid-week half-holidays had been suspended during December. Patrons of Kings Mountain are are being asked to note the resumption of the holiday.

D. J. Keeter Laid To Rest

D. J. Keeter, 89, father of J. Byron Keeter of Kings Mountain and for more than fifty years a successful merchant at Grover and Kings Mountain, died early last Friday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Joe P. Wharton, in Greenwood, S. C., where he had been ill the past four months.

The funeral was at 11 a. m. Saturday from the Grover Baptist church of which he was long a deacon. The service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Hoffman of Gastonia, Dr. Dendy of Rock Hill and Rev. L. C. Pinnix of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Ethel K. Jenkins, of York, S. C., Mrs. Leo K. Hamilton of Raleigh, Mrs. Mary Helen K. Pierce of Greenwood, two sons, J. Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain, and Harry Keeter of High Point; one sister, Mrs. Andy Sherrill of Spindale, and a brother, T. S. Keeter, of Grover.

Mr. Keeter was born in Rutherford county, a son of the late John Calvin Keeter of Union Mills and Emaline Moore Keeter of Rutherford county. He went to Grover to enter the merchandising business and there married Miss Lenora Jane Harry who died nearly two years ago.

His business flourished and with his son, Byron, he extendeed his interests to Kings Mountain, becoming one of the respected business leaders of the county. He was for many years a trustee of Gardner-Webb College, and a leading member of the Baptist church at Grover.

Mrs. Shenk Praises Redecorating Group

Calling attention to the extensive use of the Woman's club for private parties and dances during the holiday season, Mrs. E. A. Shenk, president, yesterday issued a statement thanking theclub committee in charge of redecorating the building.

She pointed out that the new chairs in the first-floor lounge were donated by the committee chairman Mrs. D. C. Mauney, and praised the work of the committee in completing an "excellent job."

Other members of the committee included Mrs. Paul Mauney and Mrs. I.

Jones Home Destroyed In Fire Epidemic

An epidemic of fires during the past 10 days has kept city firemen working overtime as they answered nine alarms.

Biggest loss was sustained at the J. N. Jones home at DuCourt Mills, Firemen fought a blaze caused by an oil cooking stove, resulting in several thousand dollars loss. What was a house was left as a shell. Firemen [illegible]

Second big fire was on December 24, when several hundred dollars in damages was sustained by J. E. Herndon Company from a cotton fire in its City Street warehouse.

The remainder of the holiday fire record given by Chief Grady King follows:

December 24—9:30 p. m. Howard Sanders home on Oak street, slight damage from fire originating from Christmas tree.

December 25—11:15 a. m. grass fire off York road, no damage.

1:00 p. m. A. B. Falls home on Watterson street, fire from Christmas tree, slight damage.

December 26—3:30 p. m. grass fire at A. H. Patterson home on Gaston street, no damage.

December 28—1:20 a. m. Piedmont Drug Store, N. Piedmont ave., fire resulting from electric motor on ice cream box, slight damage.

December 30—11:50 p. m. automobile, var of Mrs. Sarah Ivey, near DuCourt Mills, approximately $100 damage.

January 1—10:30 a. m. Ector Short home, East King st., fire from oil stove, slight damage.

1947 Outlook Bright Here

Business leaders in Kings Mountain at the change-over to 1947 are almost uniformly predicting a "prosperous New Year."

Majority are looking forward to a leveling off of prices in some lines, more goods in others, and are optimistically hoping that labor will decide to buckle down and work and begin earning wage increases through increased production.

Industrial Kings Mountain is moving at full blast, which means steady and large payrolls, which further lend optimism to the situation.

In commenting on prospects for the new year, a majority of local firms indicated that 1946 had been a good year, considering the shortages which have plagued many lines.

Frequently mentioned as reasons for expecting 1947 to be prosperous were the backlog of demand for homes, automobiles, and many types of merchandise, the expectation that strikes would be fewer in 1947 and that supplies thus would be more plentiful.

Davidson Memorial Camp Reality With Land Gift

Donation of 10 acres of land on the west side of the York highway for the purpose of establishing a camp in memory of the late Carl Davidson, for many years prior to his death last year a leader in the Boy Scout program here, was announced this week by H. C. Wilson, chairman of the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district camping committee.

The property, situated at the foot of the largest mountain peak on the west side of the York Highway, was given by its joint owners, J. O. Plonk and the M. L. Plonk estate. Heirs of the late M. L. Plonk are R. G. Plonk and Mrs. Jette Plonk, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. George Patterson of Gastonia, and Mrs. Frank Schell of Tampa, Fla.

Weather permitting, Boy Scouts and Scouters are expected to meet at the City Hall at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, with mattocks, shovels and axes, where transportation will be provided to the Carl Davidson Memorial Camp site, where the group will begin work clearing the site.

While the Carl Davidson Memorial Camp will be developed by Boy Scouts and will be used by local Scout units extensively in their outdoor activities, it is not the plan of the committee to limit the site to use of the Scouts, Mr. Wilson said.

Initial plans call for the clearing of the grounds, building of a passable road into the camp site, and erection of several outdoor fireplaces, tables for eating, and a large rain shelter. Also planned is a large recreation area athletic field.

"On behalf of the committee, the whole Kings Mountain Boy Scout organization, and myself, I wish to state public appreciation to the donors of the property. They have made possible, by their generosity a camp which will not only honor the memory of real leader of boys, but will also mean much to the future program for boys in this community," Mr. Wilson said.

The site is about five miles from Kings Mountain.

Other members of the camping committee are O. W. Myers, Grace Peeler, Don Parker, Bill Davis and C. C. Edens.

Car Owners Reminded To Buy City Licenses

Kings Mountain motorists were reminded this week that all automobiles and trucks owned by residents of the city are now required to display city license tags.

The tags are obtainable for the customary fee of $1.00 at the office [illegible]

Sales thus far have compared with recent years, but it was pointed out that many car owners have not yet purchased their tags. The city is advertising this week. "Buy now, and avoid penalty."

Hopper New Bible Teacher

William H. Hopper, Jr., of Louisville Ky., has accepted a position as Bible teacher of Kings Mountain city schools, according to an announcement by Rev. P. D. Patrick, Bible-teacher committee member. He fills a vacancy created by the resignation last month of Mrs. D. F. Hord, jr.

Mr. Hopper graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., on December 20 of last year, majoring in philosophy and religion and the field of Bible.

He was active in YMCA work at Centre and played an important part in student government and the interfraternity council while there.

His father, Dr. W. H. Hopper, sr., is treasurer of the Presbyterian General Assembly committee of christian education and ministerial relief.

"We are indeed fortunate to have secured a Bible teacher with recommendations of such high calibre as Mr. Hopper's to fill the vacancy here," Mr. Patrick stated yesterday.

Bible teacher for city schools here is selected by the school board upon recommendation of the local committee, composed of members of the ministerial association and city civic clubs, for teaching of Bible in the city schools.

Hardware men are expressing considerable hope that the supply of building materials will be more plentiful than during the past year. Strikes in basic industries have been particularly crippling to their trade and the outlook for fewer strikes in 1947 will mean more plentiful building items by the middle of the year. The brighter picture for materials also will ease the worries of banks and home financing businesses.

Optimism is great in the farm equipment field where the backlog of orders is heavy and where the dealers foresee a large market for new mechanized equipment as changing farm methods bring about the use of more power tools.

Haberdashery Firm Name Now "Saunders"

D. D. Saunders announced this week that the haberdashery formerly operated as Saunders and Davis will in the future operate under the firm name "Saunders."

The men's wear firm, opened last spring, is now owned jointly by D. D. and D. L. Saunders, D. L. Saunders having purchased the interest of a former partner, W. L. Davis, last fall. No change is to take place in the management or policies of the firm.

Headline Recap Shows 1946 History Of Kings Mountain In Brief

As 1946 rolled completely away at midnight Tuesday, most Kings Mountain citizens could look back on the old year as a most prosperous one, in spite of scarcities, high prices, high taxes and a few other unpleasant factors.

They looked forward to 1947 with anticipation of better things to come and with their appetites whetted for more progress in the new 1947.

The Herald's annual headline inventory, recording the major events of the year directly affecting Kings Mountain showed a very active year, industrially, commercially, socially, athletically, and in about every other way.

At least a dozen new business firms were opened including two men's stores, a bottling plant, and other retail establishments, a brick manufacturing company was started and another industrial plant. In addition, there were important commercial sales, the biggest being sale of Phenix Mills to Burlington Mills, and purchase of the Cora mill by Scranton Lace company.

There was some sadness, as families lost members through death, and four families were saddened by accidental deaths. They included Ensign Jimmy Nickels, killed in a plane crash in New England; Ann Cloninger, killed when struck by a car, Bliss Payne, who was drowned in the city pond; and Hodge Phifer, negro, who died when struck by an automobile.

The records of the Herald list no fatal shootings, cuttings, or other homicides for 1946.

Following is the news in brief, through Herald headlines, which was recorded in 1946:

January

Faced the Judge; Burlington Buys Phenix; Davis, Saunders to Open Store; Rhyne Awarded Legion of Merit; Recreation Supervisor Earl Ruth Is In City; City Observes "Icy" Holiday; Hospital Site Obtained. Plans Approved; Lackel Resigns Church Position; 1946 Receipts at Postoffice Over $40,000; J. E. Herndon Will Direct 1946 Red Cross Campaign; Ledbetter Is Given 15-20 Year Sentence; Phenix To Head Pastor's Group; Bill Logan Opening Logan Supply Company; Crawfords Buy Weir's Market; McKelvie Heads Scout Council; P. D. Herndon To Lead Meet; Baird Granted Leave of Absence; Home B. and L. Had Good Year; Junior Chamber of Commerce Organized, George Ware Chosen President; Ratterree Signs Pro Grid Contract.

February

Brick Manufacture to be New Kings Mountain Enterprise; Citizens Give 8,002 Garments in Local Drive; Allen's Flower Shop to Open Monday; January Crime Bill $2,001; Ladd Hamrick Is Elected Chairman of Boy Scout Organization; VFW Re-Elects C. K. Warlick; Hospital Bonds Go at Low Rate; Dr. A. L. Hill, Dr. W. L. Mauney to Resume Practices; Nine Textile Plants Affect Wages Upward; Local Company Will Begin City Bus Service March 1; School Band Receivables; Hal Ward Enters Primary Race for Sheriff; Veime-Craft to Begin Operation on Monday.

March

Lions Club, Police Department Are Launching Safety Campaign; Charlie Williams to Make Race for State House of Representatives; City Fixes $100,000 Stock Vote for Incorporation; Weekend Sale Has Open March 4; Insurance Agents Group of 108 at Annual Merchants Banquet; D. F. Hord, Jr., Awarded Degree; 200 Present as Lions Hold Annual Farmers Night Event; Walker Sells Cleaning Firm; School Purchases Bleachers for Gym; Builder's Supply Firm is Opened; Constable Race is Getting Hot; Hamrick Wins Medical Degree.

April

Bridges, Other Incumbents File for Board Positions; Red Cross Fund Is Over Quota; Negro Shot by Officer Honey Improves, Faces Rape Charges; Guernsey Bull Attacked Dixon; School Musicians Take Major Ratings at District Contest; Stender Urges Lions to Work for Peace; State Jaycee President Sustains Fatal Injuries Following Charter Night Event; High School Retains Association Rating; Bottling Firm Opens Wednesday; Presbyterian Women Hold Meeting Here on Friday Mrs. Warlick Leaves OPA.

May

Evaluation Committee Gives School High Rating; Paper Collection Estimated at 15,000 Pounds; Coal Shortage May Force Curtailment of Operations at Neisler Mills Soon; Timmons Resigns Position as Chief of Police Here; Prices Stymie Hospital Plan; Mrs. Mary Amanda McGill Rites Conducted; Charles Carpenter an Herald Staff; Kiwanis Hold Annual Banquet; Lions Frolic Features Plonk School; Nylons, Ensign Jimmy Nickles Killed in Crash; Bud Ormand Legion Coach; Candidates Beating Bushes; Bank Will Join Outside Staff; Patterson, War II Vet, Legion Head; Progress Reported by Million $ Merchants' Member Drive; Vote Slash Sex by 4-5; Dr. Preston to Deliver Baccalaureate Address; Polio Hit in Kings Mountain; Work Will Start Soon on Old Lake Fund to Be Used; Bond Issue Is Approved; Kiwanis Primary; Don Blanton to Head Lions; City Fathers Ban Carnivals; Mrs. Parton Resigns Merchants' Position; Hoyle McDaniel New Jaycee Head; Farr New Police Chief.

June

Padgett Given Italian Award; Laughter Merchants' Manager; Wife Accident Victim Sues Three Defendants for $75,000; $200,000 Bond Election To Be Held July 27th; Blease Payne, 13, Drowned In Quarry Pond on Tuesday; Barnes Reports Eight Faculty Vacancies; Legion Post Wins Class C Trophy; Funeral Rites for Cloninger Child Held; New Yorkers Buy Phenix No. 1; Fund for Food Totaled $1,058; Frank Crawford is Chairman of Beauty Event; City Tax Rate to Be Hiked by 10 Cents; Baird Resigns AEP Pastorate; Superior Stone Cuts Charges to Minimum; Boyce Installs Lions Officers; X.

July

McGill Urges Merchants to Maintain OPA Prices; Houser is Chairman of Lions Horse Show; Cash Brothers Will Construct New Show House City Will Have New Industry Employing Over 200 Persons; Clyde Canipe to Coach Here; Mayor's Statement Gives Details on Bond Election; Colored Legion Post Formed; Roberts Named Recorder Clerk; George W. Mauney New Hospital Trustee; Combined Tax Rate for Citizens Here is $1.06 Axie Hale Warlick Is Winner of Beauty Title on Thursday; Draft Board Here Will Be Consolidated; Negro Escapes Lynch City Jail; Only 750 are Registered for Road Election.

August

Majority of City Industrial Firms Report Wage Hike; Board Refer Road Question Back to Voters; Lions Hear Report; Auxiliary Formed; Kiwanis Association Opponents Sponsors of Expenditure Investigation; Mrs. Bridges Gets $10,000; More Textile Firms Report Wage Increases; Avis Warlick Shares Third Place Honors; Final Rites Held for Ward Shuford; Edwards Says Fee Charged County Were Not Excessive; Baker Is First in Plane Event; Congressman Heard by Lions.

September

Reynolds is Car Dealer; Barnes Urges Public Support for Bond Vote; Lions Horse Show Reeled Off Before Record Crowd Monday; DuCourt Mills Buys Mountain View Hotel; City Almost Meatless; Ladd Hamrick, C. C. White Will Leave Positions Here; Ware and Sons Robbed of 300 Pounds of Sugar; Hord Property on Piedmont Sold to Parton; Jones is Succeeding White as DuCourt Mills; Barkleys Buy R. and W. Grocery; School Bonds Favored Here; Ormand Heads Brotherhood; Stadium Lighting System is Completed; Kiser Named Hospital Board Chairman; McMackin Buys Gamble Business; Saunders Buys Davis Interest; Aldermen Pass $250,000 Street Bond Ordinance; Jaycees Honor Teachers, Safety Program.

October

Mauney Family Purchases Hord Home for Memorial Library; Kiwanis Given Stadium Lights; Legion Numbers 204 Members; Annual County Fair Attracts Record Crowds; Red Cross Names McGill Chairman; Scranton Lace Buys Cora Mill; Mrs. J. E. Willis Chairman of Woman's Club Floral Fair; W. L. Prosser Accepts AEP Pastorate; Rites McCarty to Be Today; Grace Methodist Has New Pastor; Knot De-Knotted Stolen Here; Crawford Sells Shop on Yelton; Hunter Indicted Sale to Boston; Rev. Ayscue Accepts Pastorate; Kiwanis Awards' Fees; City Was $200,000 Business in 1945-46; Opinions Vary on Price Fall of King Cotton; Mrs. Oates New Society Editor; Amos and Son Opens Friday; Benson Elected Kiwanis Head.

November

Voting Follows Old Pattern Here as County, City Ignore GOP Trend; Feed Seed Store Opens Friday; Harrill Elected To Head Laymen; Jaycees To Aid Annual Seal Sale In City; Lions Club Plans to Make Citizens-of-the-Year Award; Country Club Membership Meet Will Be held Next Wednesday; Hunnicutt Named Vice-President Aviation Club; Mountaineers Defeat Shelby 6-0; W. K. Mauney Heads County Health Drive; Local Coal Stocks Low; Pollock Named Legion Chaplain; Coal Strike Forces Shutdown of Neisler Mills Plants; Recorder to Hear Forgery Charges Against Edwards; Gulf Service Changes Hands; Club House Rules Set; Roberts Phenix Office Manager.

December

Neisler Plants Resume Operations Monday; Football Banquet Tonight Features Feathers, Movies; Aldermen May Be Named; Jaycees Plan Yule Program; J. E. Davis County Attorney; Lions Directors Endorse High Teacher Pay; David Saunders Appointed to Fill Ward 3 Vacancy; Hall on All-Star; Bank Will Pay Extra Dividend; Colored Man Killed by Car; Most Textile Employees to Receive Week's Holiday Beginning Saturday; Buying Stamps Sparse; Beer Will Vote Scheduled; Lee Devaney Burns Gear; Buckley Store, Midway Lunch Burglarized; Zetty Yarn Mill Sold To Whitehead; AEP Pastor to be Installed; City Busy Making Final Plans for Yule Observance; K. and L. Dividends Total Over $2,000.