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## Local News Bulletins

### "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

"Who is My Neighbor," the sound moving picture film which will be shown at St. Matthew's Lutheran church on Sunday evening at 7:00 p. m. is the story of Jemuel, a Samaritan in Jerusalem on business with his family, makes a deal with Lemech, a Jew, who buys all his wares, including a Roman amulet. The amulet disappears, and Lemech accuses Jemuel of having stolen it. The Samaritan is relieved of all his money. Later, the amulet is found and Lemech sets out for Jericho to sell it at a profit. Jemuel, impoverished, also travels to Jericho. On the way he finds Lemech helpless by the roadside. Jemuel cares for Lemech's wounds, takes him to an inn and assumes the bill. The grateful Lemech finally acknowledges that all men are brothers.

### MERCHANTS DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will hold a called meeting at the Kings Mountain Drug Company Thursday night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is being urged. President John L. McGill said the agenda would be short, but important.

### CITY TAG SALES

Sale of city auto license tags totaled 518 on Wednesday, according to City Clerk Karl Sawyer, who estimated that at least 150 Kings Mountain car owners have not yet purchased the tags. Adopting a policy in line with the state, penalties for buying tags late will not be added until February 1, when citations to delinquent car owners will be issued by the City police department.

### KIWANIS PROGRAM

Clyde Canipe, high school coach and city recreation director, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the regular meeting on Thursday night, at 8:30 at the woman's club.

### MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

Regular meeting nights for the Kings Mountain Lions club are reverting to second and fourth Thursday of the month, effective immediately, with the next meeting of the club scheduled for January 23. The club adopted a first- and-third Thursday schedule during November and December to avoid conflict with holidays.

### TAX LISTING

Bright D. Ratterree, Kings Mountain and Number 4 township tax lister, estimated Wednesday that 50 percent of property in the city and township had been listed. Mr. Ratterree said he regarded this as a very good record but urged others to list their taxes immediately in order to avoid a last-minute rush which would cause needless delay and inconvenience to the property owner. He will be at the City Hall courtroom daily, with the exception of January 20, when he will be at Herndon's Hardware in Grover.

### Younk Held On Robbery Charge

Police here have arrested an eleven-year old boy in connection with the robbery last Tuesday night of the Sude Mill office according to information received from the Kings Mountain police department.

Nothing was found missing from the office with the possible exception of a fountain pen and Officer Baywood Allen said yesterday that police have reason to believe that the young boy was the only person connected with the break-in.

On January 2 two Kings Mountain firms were broken into - with nothing found missing from either leading police to believe that the culprits were flushed from both firms by the passing of the patrol car.

### Dr. Plonk Practicing Temporarily

Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain physician, is practicing temporarily at the home of his wife, Mrs. Plonk, in Grover.

## District Scout Banquet Set For Club On February 11

Annual Scout-Cub-Parents banquet of the Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts of America, will be held on Tuesday night, February 11, at the Woman's Club at 6:30. It was announced this week by W. L. Plonk, district chairman.

The annual banquet will be one of the Kings Mountain highlights of annual Boy Scout week, February 7-13, which will also include a union service for Scouts on Sunday, February 9, Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will deliver the invocation.

Among the business to be conducted at the annual banquet will be election of officers for 1947-48 and reports from committees on the past year's work.

Mr. Plonk succeeded to the chairmanship several weeks ago when Ladd W. Hamrick moved to Rolling Springs.

Speaker for the event has not yet been announced, but Rev. J. G. Winkler and Rev. L. C. Pinnix are members of a Ministerial association committee handling this detail and Mr. Winkler said Wednesday he expected to have a report within a short time.

The dinner will be served by members of the Grace Methodist church and tickets to the event will be \$1.00.

"We are very anxious to have as many parents of Scouts and Cubs to attend this banquet meeting as possible," Mr. Plonk said, "for we are sure that increased parent participation in the Boy Scout movement will make the organization much more valuable to the youth of the community."

Details on advance ticket sale for the banquet will be announced in the near future.

## Milam To Head Red Cross Drive

W. C. Milam, Kings Mountain man, will serve as fundraising chairman of the American Red Cross chapter for the March campaign, it was announced this week by J. L. McGill, chapter chairman.

Mr. Milam is expected to name a co-chairman for the drive in the next few days.

Mr. Milam is a veteran of World War II, having served in the navy with the rank of lieutenant-commander.

The drive customarily begins the first week in March. Quota for the 1947 campaign has not yet been set. It was \$4,050 in 1946 and was over-subscribed.

"The chapter directors and I personally feel that Mr. Milam's acceptance of the chairmanship of the fund-raising campaign assures its success," Mr. McGill said, "and it is a pleasure to announce his appointment."

## WOW And Circle To Install Officers

Woodmen of the World and Woodman Circle officers for the coming year will be installed here Friday night in the hall with Miss Blanche Eakin, state manager, of Charlotte, and T. P. Leil, district fieldman, of Shelby, as installing officers. A covered dish supper will feature the occasion.

Woodman Circle officers to be installed are: Miss Beatrice Spratt, president; Miss Lillian Lj. Wylie, 1st vice-president; Miss Wilma E. Hope, 2nd vice-president; Miss Francis Edens, secretary; Mrs. Susie Lee, treasurer; Mrs. Willie Iris Howell, auditor; Mrs. C. P. Goforth, chaplain; Mrs. Reba E. Wylie, attendant; Miss Eya P. Moore, assistant-attendant; Mrs. Helen F. McKee, musician; Miss Bertha E. Wylie, captain; and Mrs. Mary E. Weir, past-president. The circle numbers 55 members.

WOW officers for the new year are: A. Ray Smith, past council commander; Willis J. England, council commander; W. J. B. Hood, advisor; Annie Kiser, banker; Fletcher Wright, accountant; Albert Bridges, watchman; Clarence Spratt, secretary; J. W. Hamilton, financial secretary; and J. P. Jackson, J. O. Pruitt, and Charles Owen, auditors.

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## Board In Favor Of Cities Sharing Gasoline Tax

In regular January meeting Tuesday night, the city board of aldermen saw new board member D. L. Saunders sworn in office, endorsed the North Carolina League of Municipalities efforts concerning the state gasoline tax, and attended to other routine details of city business.

The North Carolina League is advocating:

- (1) That one cent per gallon of the six-cent state tax be pro-rated to the cities for street work, and
- (2) That cities be exempted from paying the state gas tax on purchases of gas for use by municipalities.

The local board took no action on several other League platform planks to be presented to the General Assembly. They include (1) raising of the tax limitation for general fund purposes to \$1.50 per \$100 valuation (now \$1.00), (2) elimination of discounts for tax pre-payments, and (3) giving to the city property confiscated by city officers when apprehending gambling activities (these funds now go to the school funds).

Otherwise the board confirmed sale of a tract of city land to Sam Jackson, colored. The 3.62 acres sold adjoined Jackson's farm and was a part of the city lake property. Jackson paid \$362 for the 3.62 acres.

The board also ordered the placing of "no parking" signs on the east side of Piedmont avenue from the Southern Railway crossing North to beyond the intersection of Piedmont with the Waco road. Unlimited parking will still be permitted on the west side of the street.

The hearing of regular monthly reports completed the board session. H. L. Burdette, city manager said.

## Greer Will Speak At Health Meeting

A large number of Kings Mountain citizens and civic leaders have been invited to attend a meeting at the Shelby school auditorium Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock, when Dr. W. C. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home hospital at Thomaston, will lead a discussion on "North Carolina's Number 1 Need—Good Health."

The meeting has been arranged by Dr. Wayne Washburn, of Bowling Springs, and W. E. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, co-chairman of the Cleveland county Good Health association.

The meeting is open to the public and all are being urged to attend. Dr. Greer will discuss the association's program which is to be presented to the present session of the General Assembly.

## Burdette Leads Contract Talks

H. L. Burdette, Kings Mountain city manager, led discussion in a regional meeting of city managers held at Sedgewick Country club near Greensboro last Saturday night.

City managers from North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama attended the two-day meeting on Jan. 11 and 12.

Mr. Burdette led the discussion on the important matter of construction costs and contracts.

## Church Blaze Here Sunday Results In \$20,000 Damage

### Progress Reported On Road To Camp

Considerable progress is being made on the road into the Davidson Memorial Camp site. It was reported Wednesday by C. C. (Shorty) Edens, member of the district camping committee in charge of the project.

"What we need is more Boy Scouts and more Scouters to help get the road in shape," Mr. Edens comments, praising the work of the campers.

A group of Scouts and Scouters leave the City Hall for the camp site each Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Edens said that two bridges have already been completed, but that considerable work is still required to get the road in passable shape.

### Stender Heads Minister's Group

Members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association organized for the current year in a meeting at the Central Methodist church study Monday.

Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church was installed as president, Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, took over the duties of secretary - treasurer, and Rev. G. W. Fink, pastor of Grace Methodist church, became vice-president.

The ministers laid plans for holding a cooperative training program for all churches to be conducted in May, and set plans for holding a ladies' night event in February.

### No Damage Reported In Two Minor Fires

Two fires, in addition to the Presbyterian church fire of Sunday, were reported last week by Grady King, chief of the Kings Mountain fire department.

On Saturday, about 4 p. m. firemen answered a call to the old Baptist parsonage on King street to extinguish a small blaze, caused when a spark set the shingle roof on fire. There was no major damage to the home according to Mr. King.

Tuesday night at around 9 p. m. firemen were called to King street again, this time to put out a small fire in a truck. Mr. King reported "no damage."

### Supply Of Milk Bottles Short

Sunrise Dairy, one of the larger milk producers in the Kings Mountain area, is advertising for regular return of bottles to assure continued adequate supplies of milk.

L. A. Wolfe, official of the Gastonia concern, said this week that shortage of soda ash, used in glass manufacture, and increased demands on glass manufacturers by automobile manufacturers made the outlook black for obtaining regular supplies of bottles during 1947.

Fire in First Presbyterian church here early last Sunday morning caused damage estimated at \$20,000 and forced the Kings Mountain fire department to battle the blaze for almost two hours before getting it under control. Firemen answered the call around 8:50 a. m.

Believed to have started when the fan switch is a space heater, located in the Fellowship Hall of the church, stuck and ignited the surrounding walls, the blaze was estimated to have had more than an hour's start on firemen when

through the ceiling into the main auditorium of the church, located directly above.

Major damage resulted from the heavy smoke and intense heat as carpets, window panes, pews, and fixtures in the main auditorium received heavy damage. Water also caused considerable damage to the interior of the church as firemen fought to keep the fire from spreading to the oil furnace.

No one was in the building at the time, discovery of the fire coming from the parsonage, located next door. A heavy blanket of fog prevented possible earlier evidence of the smoke from the fire.

Several firemen were almost overcome by the heavy smoke but Chief Grady King reported no one very seriously injured in the fighting.

Firefighters were called in to aid in the clean-up work after the fire and many of the members showed up dressed for the work.

At a family night supper meeting of the congregation, held at Womans club last night, committee in charge of repairing the damage was announced and the membership expressed appreciation to the firemen for extinguishing the fire and to the other church congregations for their interest. The congregation also stated appreciation for the use of the Woman's club.

Dr. Langdon Henderlite, out standing missionary from Brazil, was the speaker at last night's meeting.

The committee includes Dr. W. L. Hanson, Joe Thomson, Hunter Reisinger, Paul Mauney, Ector Harrill, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, and Mrs. O. W. Myers.

Rev. P. D. Patrick said the members would visit other churches this Sunday and would meet at the Woman's Club Sunday, January 26.

## Max Washburn Resigns Post

Following announcement by Max Washburn that he would resign as a member of the board of county commissioners on February 4 and Clerk of Court Everett Houser's statement that he would appoint as commissioner the citizen recommended by the Democratic executive committee, names of Tom Cornwell, Henry McKinney and J. D. Elliott were projected Wednesday as possibilities for the vacancy.

Mr. Houser is empowered by law to fill the vacancy.

Meantime, Clyde Nolan, of Shelby, Democratic chairman, said there would be no rush to make a recom-mendation but he indicated it would be made in time for the scheduled February 17 meeting of the board.

Commissioner Washburn, veteran board member, tendered his resignation in a letter Monday to Mr. Houser and D. D. Lattimore, board chairman. Mr. Washburn stated, "My doctors have advised me to slow down."

He also wrote, "There are two happy days in the life of a man in public office—the day he is elected and the day he steps out...."

In deferring to the Democratic Executive committee for the commissioner nominee, Mr. Houser said that he felt a consensus of opinion would be better than the opinion of one man on a matter "of so much importance."

All three prominently mentioned for the post are farmers of the Shelby area. Since Glee A. Bridges is the Kings Mountain representative on the board, it is assumed that the appointee will come from the Shelby area.

## Jackson Arrested For Draft Evasion

Norman Jackson, local Negro, was picked up here this week by the Shelby FBI agent on a Federal warrant charging him with evading the draft laws.

Jackson was ordered to report to the board for orders three months ago but failed to show up.

Police here say that the man has been in Kings Mountain and apparently did not try to leave town.

### Penalty On Unpaid Taxes Effective 2nd

Statutory penalty of one percent on unpaid 1946 taxes will apply on February 2, according to Karl S. Sawyer, city clerk, who reminded all who have not yet paid their past year's taxes to attend to the matter in the next two weeks in order to avoid this penalty.

Tax collections have been very good, but a few tax bills remain unpaid, Mr. Sawyer said.

"The City would much rather avoid adding the penalty," he continued.

### Machine Works In Operation

Kings Mountain has another new enterprise this week with the announcement that Kings Mountain Machine Works, Inc., located on Gold street between the York road and the Bonnie Mill, is now open for business.

Officers of the new company are James B. Simpson, president, W. E. Simpson, general manager, and W. K. Mauney, Jr., treasurer.

The company is equipped with latest modern machinery and will specialize in the following services: lathe work of all types, general machine work, spur-gear cutting, general welding, and all types of drilling and threading.

The plant is housed in a two-story 36x38-foot building of concrete construction which has just been erected.

W. E. Simpson, general manager of the firm, has 15 years experience in machine work and welding, having worked with the Carolina-Northwest Railroad and Cilly Foundry company at Hickory, and Truett Manufacturing company and Newnan Machine company in Greensboro. He is married and the father of a son and resides with his family at 100 Piedmont avenue.

His brother, James B. Simpson, is well-known in Kings Mountain, having resided here since his discharge from the army, following four years service, including 30 months overseas when he served as a construction foreman.

The Simpson brothers are brothers-in-law of W. K. Mauney, Jr., treasurer of the new firm, well-known Kings Mountain textile executive and general manager of Mauney Hosiery company.

### Masons Will Hold Ladies' Night Event

Members of Fairview Masonic lodge here will honor their wives and other guests at the annual ladies' night banquet to be held at the high school cafeteria Friday night at 7 o'clock.

Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor of Central Methodist church, will be the principal speaker at the occasion which will also include installation of officers for the current year.

Cost of the dinner is \$1.25 per person. A crowd of 100 to 125 is expected to attend.

## Herald Installs New Intertype Typesetting Machine; Appearance Of Paper Changed

The Herald installed last week end a new typesetting machine, designed to facilitate production and to improve the appearance of the newspaper.

The new machine, manufactured by Intertype Corporation of Brooklyn, N. Y., has many improvements over the machine formerly in use.

Most evident to Herald readers will be the change in face of type. Today's edition is printed from the new body type face called Regal, replacing the old type which was Merghenthaler Linotype company's Devanny. In addition, the Herald can now print from two sizes of type set on the machine, whereas only two were available on the machine replaced.

### Methodist Circle No. 3 Met Tuesday Night

Circle number three of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central Methodist church met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Jay Patterson.

The leader, Mrs. Austin Bumgardner, presided and Mrs. J. G. Winkler presented the Bible Study.

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