

Local News Bulletins

LUTHERAN FILM

"The Rich Young Ruler" is the subject of the sound motion picture to be shown at the St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Sunday evening, at 7 p. m. It is the familiar story from the life of our Lord and true to the incidents as it is recorded in the Bible. However, what happened to the rich young ruler is left to the imagination in the film.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY

The Kings Mountain Presbytery met Tuesday at the First Presbyterian church in Shelby. Rev. P. D. Patrick and R. H. Webb represented the local church.

TO ATTEND INSTITUTE

Martin Harmon, editor of the Herald will go to Chapel Hill today to attend the annual Mid-Winter Press Institute, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Press association, Duke university, and the University of North Carolina. The two-day session will feature addresses by Bascom Timmons, veteran Washington, D. C., correspondent, and Sidney Alderman, prominent Duke alumnus and attorney in the nation's capital.

WEIR HOME SOLD

The Boyce Weir home on West King street was purchased this week by T. M. Shuford from William O. Weir. The property transaction included the home site and slightly more than an acre of land. Purchase price was not announced.

FIRE ALARMS

Kings Mountain fire department answered three calls last week. On Saturday afternoon they were called to Parton Funeral Home and Tuesday's call was to a home on Cansler street. Wednesday night's call was apparently a false alarm.

KIWANIS MEETING

W. H. Stender, president of the Kiwanis club will conduct a program on Kiwanis education at the regular meeting of the club to be held at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 8:30. Mr. Blakely is a former Kiwanis district governor and Mr. Benson is currently president of the local club. The program was arranged by the Kiwanis Education committee, including Rev. W. H. Stender, chairman, George Peeler, E. C. McClain, Halbert Webb and James Anthony.

LIONS PROGRAM

Rev. J. W. Suttle, veteran Baptist minister of the county, and chairman of the board of trustees of Gardner-Webb college, will address members of the Lions club at the regular meeting to be held at the high school cafeteria Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

RED CROSS CO-CHAIRMAN

Paul Mauney, well-known official of Neilsen Mills, will serve as co-chairman of the March fund-raising campaign of the local Red Cross chapter, it was announced this week by Red Cross officials. J. W. (Mike) Milam has accepted chairmanship of the drive.

HOTEL WON'T BE SOLD

Attorney J. F. Davis this week ordered the notice of sale of the Mountain View Hotel withdrawn and explained that DuCourt Mills, Inc., had made a payment on the \$13,361 balance due. Mr. Davis said that DuCourt had paid the holders of the deed of trust \$3,361, leaving a balance due of \$10,000. He said this amount is noted in a new deed of trust calling for interest at five percent. The deed of trust is made to former owners of the hotel, W. K. and D. C. Mauney and L. Arnold Klear.

Lions Obtain Sauer For Farmer's Event

Max Sauer, author of two humorous books, publisher of the "Lessburg Citizen," a weekly newspaper, and professional speaker who has appeared in more than 30 states will be the principal speaker at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club, to be held on February 27. It was announced this week by officials of the club.

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WILLIAM ALEXANDER WARE

W. A. Ware, Pioneer Citizen, Retains Youthful Spirit At 85

William Alexander Ware celebrated his eight-fifth birthday Monday, January sixth, and was entertained at a lovely appointed dinner at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John McGill, on Gold street.

Mr. Ware, known to many throughout the county as Mr. Alex, typifies the slogan "Life Begins At Forty." Now confined at his home most of the time with the exception of occasional visits to church, his mill and barber shop, he looks forward to his friends visits with him—holding forth his youthful spirit and interest in life.

Mr. Ware was an only son of Mary Ann McGill and William (Bill) Oates Ware, and a great-grandson of Captain John Weir of Revolutionary fame. An only sister, Regina Ware, married William LaFayette Plank and reared a large and interesting family. For years Mr. Ware and his brother-in-law, Mr. Plank were associated in business.

The parents of Mr. Ware were among the first settlers of Kings Mountain, having moved here in 1882 to establish the first industry in the community—a grist mill and saw mill operated by steam. The first business of this kind in Cleveland county was erected by Mr. Thomas Preston McGill on Pershams Creek about six miles from the present town of Kings Mountain and was operated by water power.

In 1870, William Oates Ware purchased the old water power mill from Mr. McGill, his father-in-law, and operated it until it was burned in 1880. The Ware family moved to Kings Mountain and built the new industry which was known as the Merchant Mills and operated by W. O. Ware and his son William Alexander Ware. W. A. Ware was the operator of the steam plant and his father, W. O. Ware, was the miller. The mill was burned in 1895 and rebuilt in 1898 with a cotton gin added. The cotton gin was partially burned in 1923 and rebuilt the following year. When electric current came to Kings Mountain, the Ware mills were among the first to progress with the times.

W. A. Ware became the active head of the business in 1926, and his son, Moffatt Alexander Ware, joined his father at the close of World War I in 1918—making the third generation of Ware's to continually operate this business. For the past seventy-six years, W. S. Fulton, a son-in-law of W. A. Ware, is also a member of the business.

In 1930 a wholesale grocery department was added and in 1940 a modern grain elevator with a 50,000 bushel capacity was built which has proven a great aid to the farmers of this and neighboring communities.

Mr. Ware spent his young boyhood in Shelby.

Dixie Will Get News Reels With Real News

David Cash, operator of the Dixie Theatre, announced this week that his theater had made arrangements to show a news reel each Wednesday and Thursday which will be much ahead of regular news reel showings. The new showings begin January 23.

Mr. Cash said the Wednesday Thursday news reel showings will be two days ahead of any being shown in this locality, instead of two weeks behind showings at many theaters.

We are anxious to provide our patrons with best features and news with the best news. Mr. Cash said, "and we are constantly trying to better this aim."

Deadlines Nearing On Tags, Taxes, Listing

Deadlines are nearing on paying of city taxes for 1946, purchase of city auto license tags, and listing of property for taxes. Property listing is required to be completed by January 31, while penalties for failure to pay taxes and buy license tags apply on February 2.

Karl Sawyer, city clerk, said Wednesday that \$15,755.11 in 1946 taxes are still owed. Total city tax bill was \$71,280.59.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. McGill

Final rites for Mrs. Minnie Ruth McGill, 57, member of the Kings Mountain city school faculty for the past 20 years, were conducted by Rev. W. L. Pressly and Dr. W. P. Grier at Boyce Memorial ARP church here Saturday morning. Interment followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. McGill died at her home on West Mountain street, Thursday after a short illness. Despite her declining health, Mrs. McGill taught her fourth grade class on Monday. Her condition became serious Tuesday.

Widely known in educational circles of Western North Carolina, she was a leader in civic affairs and church activities.

She is survived by her husband, W. J. McGill; and three step-children, W. J. McGill, Jr., of Albany, Ga.; J. McGill, of Boston, Mass.; and Mrs. Nelson Pittinger of Union Bridge, Md.; a brother, Hugh Holcomb, of Mt. Airy; and a half-brother, Hurley Holcomb of St. Louis, Mo.

Active pallbearers were Elmer McGill, of Charlotte, Leroy McGill, of Gastonia, and Claude Hambricht, Howard Pursey, John L. McGill, and John E. Gamble, of Kings Mountain. Elders and deacons of Boyce Memorial ARP church served as honorary pallbearers.

W. Pink Herndon Fined Rites Held

Funeral services for W. Pink Herndon, 62, Kings Mountain, route 2, were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bethlehem Baptist church with Rev. J. W. Suttle, Rev. W. G. Camp, and T. W. Fogleman, in charge. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Herndon, lifelong resident of Cleveland county, died in Memorial hospital, Charlotte, Monday afternoon after an illness of six months.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice McDaniel Herndon; three children, Miss Nina Herndon of the home, Wilhelm Herndon, of Kings Mountain and Broadus Herndon of Charlotte; two sisters, Misses Pearl and Edna Herndon of Kings Mountain route 2, three brothers, Maxie, Lee and Hubert Herndon, all of the Bethlehem community. He leaves four grandchildren.

VFW ELECTION

Election of officers for the coming year will highlight a meeting of Johnnie W. Blackwell Post 2263, VFW, to be held Tuesday night at City Hall at 7 p. m. Nominations will be made from the floor and every member is urged to attend.

Laughter Resigns Merchants' Post Effective Feb. 1

W. F. Laughter, for the past eight months manager of the Kings Mountain Merchants association last week tendered his resignation to the association's directors. The resignation is to take effect on February 1.

In a letter addressed to President John L. McGill, Mr. Laughter wrote:

"Due to present conditions, it has been necessary to accept another position with more pay and better opportunities for the future."

It is regretted that I must resign from a position that has afforded me many kindnesses and courtesies from officials and members of the Association that I have come in contact with while doing my work.

In the future, if there is anything I can do to further the progress of the Association, do not fail to call on me.

When the resignation was presented to the board at a called meeting last week, the board accepted it with regrets.

Mr. Laughter said he expected to become affiliated with Imperial Life Insurance company.

The board appointed its officers, Mr. McGill, Vice-president J. W. Milam and Martin Harmon, as a three-man committee to recommend a successor.

Scout Banquet Date Advanced

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church at China Grove, and a prominent Scouter, will deliver the featured address at the annual Scout-Cub Parents-banquet of the Boy Scout district, it was announced yesterday by Rev. J. G. Winkler, member of the committee in charge.

Date for the banquet is Monday night, February 10, rather than February 11.

The meeting night was advanced a day by Scout officials in order to avoid a conflict with a high school basketball doubleheader scheduled here for February 11.

All other details announced last week are unchanged, with the dinner to be served by the members of Grace Methodist church at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

The banquet usually attracts some 200 Scouts, Scouters and Parents.

Rev. Mr. Thornburg, former Lutheran pastor for many years at Statesville, is very active in the Boy Scout affairs and holds the Silver Beaver Award, one of the highest awards given to Scouters.

Banquet tickets will go on sale in the near future at \$1.00.

Harry R. Boheler Dies After Illness

Harry Richard Boheler, 47, of Kings Mountain, died in Memorial hospital, Gastonia, Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock after an illness of two weeks.

Son of the late Chambers and Emma Westmoreland Boheler, he was born and raised near Kings Creek, S. C.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Jolley Boheler, and eleven children, Estelle, Charles, Thomas, Roy, Juanita, Edith, Sturgeon, James, Bobby, Joe, and Barbara; two brothers, Harold and J. H., of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Mrs. D. L. Allen and Miss Janie Boheler, also of Kings Mountain.

He served as First Sergeant in World War I and was a National Guard First Lieutenant. One of the original organizers of Oak View Baptist church here, he was a teacher and chairman of the board of deacons. He was an overseer in Mauney Mill, Inc.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete yesterday.

JAYCEES MEET

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce enjoyed a steak dinner, served by John Demetriades, at the regular semi-monthly meeting held Tuesday night at the Woman's Club. President Hoyte McDaniel told the club that Bill Davis had been appointed vice-president for the unexpired term of W. B. Logan, who resigned as an officer because he was entering an army hospital for surgery. Ben Balluff was welcomed as a new member of the group.

Detailed Statements Given On Ruddock Speeding Case

BY MARTIN HARMON

E. T. Plott, professional bondsman and employee of Solvay Process company, Chief of Police, N. M. Farr, Judge O. C. O'Farrell, Mayor Joe H. Thomson, and City Manager H. L. Burdette denied completely in the past week any collusion concerning bonding of persons arrested in Kings Mountain.

All the above-named were replying to last week's Herald editorial entitled "What the Deal?" in which the case of William O. Ruddock, charged with speeding and running a red light, was presented.

The editorial, incidentally, was written without Mr. Ruddock's knowledge. He had told the Herald he was going to pay it, and the Herald assumed that he had. (2) The other error was one of omission. No mention was made in the editorial of the charge of running through a red light.

The editorial has attracted more comment than any written in the past several weeks. Many others have commented on it favorably. Still others have offered information about other incidents when it seemed to them hard to get out of jail.

The Herald editor was, in effect, called on the carpet Saturday afternoon, with City Manager Burdette, Mayor Thomson, Judge O'Farrell and himself the four principals.

Mr. O'Farrell had taken the editorial as a slap at him, which was not intended, and he took issue in rather strong manner with the Herald's right to criticize the amount of bond set, I took issue with him here, pointing out that setting a bond was his right and privilege, but that I, as a citizen of the city and state, had a right to criticize his actions, both editorially and personally. After some discussion, Mr. O'Farrell agreed with this view.

During the discussion about the matter, Mr. Ruddock's reputation as an auto driver was discussed pro and con, which I regarded as a side issue.

Mayor Thomson asked why I did not inform the proper officials before publishing the editorial. My reply was by example. On Wednesday, January 15, I called on Mr. Burdette to pick up details of the board meeting of the previous night. The details given were printed in last week's edition. There was no mention of the Ruddock case, but I learned later it was one of the topmost matters on the board's agenda. Remarking it was a lame excuse, Mr. Burdette said he had no notes on the matter and that he had forgot it. The Mayor then added that there are no minutes where no action is taken. I replied that every subject brought up, considered, or discussed at a city board meeting was public record, should be entered in the minutes, and should be published. Point was made by Mr. Burdette that the meeting room door was open and I could have been present. I replied that a Herald reporter would attend the board meetings regularly and report them when a written invitation to attend is issued.

This meeting ended with the statement by the Mayor that statements outlining the situation would be given.

Chief Farr has since pointed out the reason for bonds being set the particular figures they are. The minimum fine for speeding is \$10 and the maximum, set by state law, is \$500, with the local court pretty well adhering to the minimum. (On second offense the law says a minimum fine of \$50.) Mr. Farr pointed out that, if an offender fails to appear in court, his bond is therefore forfeited and, by law, goes into the county school fund, with the city thus "stuck" with all expenses in connection with the arrest. The reasoning is that a man who is put under a bond as small as the customary fines, he says, will not respect the court and will not return for trial.

Mr. Farr also said that customary policy with respect to so-called minor violations is to give citations to court only, requiring no bond, in case the offender is known and thought to be of good character. If a traffic violator, after receiving a citation, fails to appear for trial, a capias may be issued and the offender brought in.

Following is the schedule of bond fees for more-or-less regular violations which was set up by Judge O'Farrell and which is posted in the police department office:

Drunkness, \$25; drunkenness and disorderly conduct, \$40; assault, \$25; assault with a deadly weapon, \$75; liquor law violations, \$100; lot, \$100; abandonment and non-support, \$100.

For traffic violations, speeding, \$50; reckless driving not involving an accident, \$100; drunken driving, \$100; operating car after license revocation, \$100; minor traffic violations, \$25.

The Herald, as stated in the editorial, is glad to air the situation and accordingly publishes herewith the following accounts of the incident, including detailed accounts by Officers Picketts and Gladden and Judge O'Farrell, for the purpose of clarifying the part of each in the case, and also a detailed account by Mr. Ruddock himself:

Picketts Statement

"W. L. Blackburn, P. D. Fulton and I were making a routine check out Mountain street, when two cars—a '41 Plymouth, followed by a '41 Mercury passed the fork, proceeding east on King street at 60 miles per hour. The cars continued at a high rate of speed to the Cansler street intersection, where they started slowing for the stoplight at Battleground and King. I had driven 70 miles per hour to catch them and had closed to within 50 paces by the time they reached the light. It had turned green and they continued at 30 to 35 miles per hour. I figured on letting them go.

"Before I turned at Piedmont to return to the police station, both cars ran through the red light at Piedmont and King, and I decided to stop them. Traffic was pretty heavy." (Cont'd on page four)

Ruddock's Statement

"I had left Shelby about 11:30 p. m., and entered Kings Mountain on King street about 12:05. I slowed for the stoplight at Battleground and King, but it was green and I drove on. I took the red light at Fuller McGill's service station and though I could have stopped, but didn't. There was no traffic.

"I first noticed the police car behind me in front of P. D. Herndon's home, and I pulled in at M & M Service after the police car had driven alongside and waved a flashlight at me about the vicinity of F. C. Roberts house.

"After I stopped, Mr. W. L. Blackburn came over, and I let him in my car. He asked if I would mind going back to the police station. I said no and drove to the front of the city hall. Mr. Blackburn got out, then" (Cont'd on page four)

Teachers Tell Mull They Want 40 Percent "Across The Board"

Symphony Here March 5; Quota \$300 Short

North Carolina Little Symphony, composed of 21 pieces, will present two concerts here in Central auditorium March 5, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, local chairman, announced this week, stating that the quota for Kings Mountain is still \$300 short.

Stating that the committee hoped to wind up the membership campaign within the next two weeks, Mrs. Mauney said dues were: general member, \$2; active, \$5; donor, \$25 and patron, \$100. A general membership will admit the members to concert by the full orchestra anywhere in the state, she added.

Interested citizens wishing to join the organization are asked to contact a member of the committee named by their chairman as the "hard-working people" who have raised the major part of the quota she listed as the committee Messiaens J. E. Herndon, Hubert Davidson, P. D. Herndon, George Bousser, Bill Howard, J. E. Kester, Paul Mauney, Leonard Barton, J. G. Patterson, J. H. Patterson, K. A. Shank, Garland Hill, M. A. Ware, and Miss Helen Ramsey, treasurer.

Teachers of Kings Mountain area schools, in meeting at Central school Monday afternoon for a heart-to-heart talk with Representative Odus Mull, of Shelby, told Mr. Mull in no uncertain terms that they wanted an increase of 40 percent "across the board."

After considerable misunderstanding over the week end between teacher groups and Mr. Mull, the legislator came over to Kings Mountain to talk with the teachers.

In the course of the discussion, more of a round-table than a speech, Mr. Mull discussed everything from percentages to fit items and back again, but reiterated several times the statement that "he considered the problem of teacher pay Problem Number 1" of the current session.

"What I want is to put dollars in your pockets," Mr. Mull said. "The only way I know to do it is to find out what you're making and add more to it."

To his question, "Are you willing for the NCEA to set up the pay brackets, or do you want the legislature to do it?" he received a reply in chorus, "We have the brackets, you supply the money." There has been considerable arm-

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