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## Local News Bulletins

### UNION SERVICE

The regular Sunday evening union service will be held at First Baptist church at 8 o'clock, with Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church preaching the sermon. This is the second in the summer series of union services.

### ROBERT (BOB) ABERNETHY

Robert (Bob) Abernethy, Kings Mountain bottler, left by special plane last Saturday night for Long Beach, Calif., where he is attending the national convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### MRS. CROUSE RESIGNS

Mrs. S. A. Crouse has resigned her position in the city hall office. City Manager H. L. Burdette announced at the city board meeting Tuesday night. He said Mrs. Crouse resigned due to ill health.

### LIONS MEETING

The Kings Mountain Lions club was to hear an address by E. R. Vreeland, director of Camp Cherokee, S. C., at the regular meeting of the club Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the high school cafeteria.

### KIWANIS DANCE

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were devoting all their time to the club-sponsored square dance at the high school gymnasium Thursday night, in lieu of the regular dinner meeting.

### ARMED DINNER

Bridges Airport is sponsoring a dinner for armed on Sunday afternoon. It was announced this week by Archie Costner, manager. He said a large number of visiting armed are expected to join with local flyers for the supper, which features a country ham and egg meal, and he urged local pilots to make reservations by calling him at the airport.

### SATURDAY FLAG DAY

Local merchants are being reminded that Saturday, June 14, is national flag day and are being urged to display in front of their business houses. Ned McGill, secretary of the Merchants association, said yesterday.

### PRESBYTERIAN PICNIC

First Presbyterian church will hold its annual picnic Friday, June 13, at Lake Crawford. Parents and children are requested to meet at the church at 3 p. m. with well-filled baskets. It was announced for the benefit of those who expect to arrive late that supper will be served between 6 o'clock and 6:30.

### SCRAP PAPER TOTAL

James Bennett, treasurer of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, reported this week that a total of 16,840 pounds of waste paper was gathered in the May 30 pick-up.

### TAX PREPAYMENTS

Citizens who pay 1947-48 taxes during the month of June will get a two percent discount. City Clerk Karl Sawyer reminded yesterday. The same rule applies to county taxes.

## Davidson Camp Fund Honor Roll

Contributions to date for the Davidson Memorial Camp Fund totaled \$123.15 Thursday.

Much progress is being reported on the job of shopping up the camp site. Contributions to the fund will help speed the work at the camp, by providing funds for labor and materials otherwise not available.

Those who wish to give should send contributions to Davidson Camp Fund, P. O. Box 32, Kings Mountain, N. C., or bring them to the Herald office. Each contribution will be acknowledged.

Previously acknowledged \$114.15 and 1,000 feet of lumber.

Carl Falls	1.00
Flores Sawyer	2.00
M. C. Ames	1.00
Bill Coulton	1.00
Harry Hummel	1.00
Pauline Stone	1.00
L. D. Early	1.00
L. L. Davis	1.00

Total to date \$123.15 and 1,000 feet of lumber.

## Fred McDaniel State Auxiliary Essay Winner

Fred McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood (Happy) McDaniel, has been adjudged winner of the North Carolina Legion Auxiliary's annual essay contest. It was learned here yesterday.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Dickie Tate, auxiliary president.

McDaniel was previously adjudged local winner for his essay on "America's Contribution for a Permanent Peace."

He has completed the junior class and will graduate from Kings Mountain high school next year.

Prize for writing the winning essay is the World Book encyclopedia. McDaniel's essay will be entered in national competition, Mrs. Tate said.

## FFA Given Heifer By Archdale Farms

Archdale Farms has given a registered Guernsey heifer to the Grover Future Farmers of America chapter, in cooperation with the FFA chain project to improve breeds in the county.

This calf—given to a chapter member in return for future calls for chapter members—went to Douglas McDaniel, of Grover and the Bethlehem community by drawing. The Grover chapter had three worthy candidates for the calf and left it up to Lady Luck to decide the eventual owner.

The calf given to the young farmer was Archdale's Maxim's Ideal Francis, born October 19, 1946. The calf was sired by Trexler's Ideal Com mando, herd sire at Archdale Farms, and son of Quail Roost Maxim's Ideal, advance registered, and father of 19 advance registered daughters. Ideal sold for \$1250 in 1945, and was resold in 1947 for \$1150. Ideal is out of the great cow Ethel of Arden, advance registered at 14,037 pounds of milk and 705 pounds of butter fat Class AA. Commando's half sister sold for \$1900 in April. The heifer is out of another great cow, Adonis Francis, advance registered at 7940 pounds of milk and 352 pounds of butter fat Class GGG. Francis, in the Archdale herd, is sired by Quail Roost Adonis, advance registered sire of 11 advance registered daughters.

"We are proud to know that our Future Farmers are interested in the dairy," says Holland Dixon, Archdale Farms manager. "I know of no phase of farming that has as bright and promising a future as the dairy industry in Cleveland county and North Carolina. It is one of the largest industries in the world, and milk is our nation's number one food. Yet thousands of gallons are imported into the county and state each year. We hope to see the farmers of our county take advantage of this situation and produce more of the number one food for local consumers."

## Home Aid Offered During This Month

During the month of June, the Home Economics department of Kings Mountain high school will be open on each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock, and on each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 7 o'clock until 3:30. It was announced this week by Mrs. Dorothy H. Finger, home economics instructor.

The sewing department will be open for the public to use as needed, and individual instruction and guidance will be given to those desiring help with their sewing and other home problems, Mrs. Finger said.

## Tentative County Tax Rate 95 Cents

Cleveland county's tentative 1947 tax rate was set at 95 cents by the county commissioners Monday morning. The total including 25 cents for general purposes and 45 cents for schools and representing a 14 cent increase per \$100 valuation.

Various township tax rates will be added to the total.

Regular summer instruction for high school students begins Monday.

## City Employees Re-Hired, Mauney Gift Accepted, Stadium Light Fee Slashed

The city board, burned the midnight oil Tuesday night, both literally and figuratively as its regular June meeting ran for five hours until 12:30 a. m.

The board took the following actions:

- (1) Re-employed all city employees and provided for salary increments approximating 10 percent.
- (2) Voted to retain E. A. Harrill attorney at a retainer fee of \$100 per annum.
- (3) Passed a broad privilege license ordinance taxing virtually every business enterprise.
- (4) Agreed to accept the gift of the J. S. Mauney family of the Hord residence on Piedmont avenue to be used as a public library and teaching.
- (5) Passed an ordinance putting operation of taxicabs on a franchise, rather than license, basis.
- (6) Voted against allowing use of the City Stadium by the Kings Mountain colored baseball team.
- (7) Cut the fee for use of lights at the City Stadium to \$26 per game (from \$15 per hour), the cut retroactive to the beginning of the 1947 baseball season.
- (8) Re-appointed O. C. O'Farrell judge of city recorder's court at a salary of \$100 per month.
- (9) Voted to pay Mayor H. Tom Fulton \$50 per month, the minimum amount allowed under the revised city charter.
- (10) Declined to grant a request from the city school board asking inclusion in the budget of a \$1,500 donation to schools for the next fiscal year.
- (11) Found no surplus from sources of revenue other than taxes to provide funds for the city recreation commission.

Mayor Fulton presided over the meeting at which all members were present except Commissioner Hunter Neisler. All of the actions were unanimously voted.

The board first heard a request from Horace Barrett and Arthur Barrett requesting a sewer line between West Main and the stadium. The board, in effect, said that this project was outlined but would have to await obtaining of funds for sewer projects. It offered to enter into an agreement with Messrs. Barrett to reimburse them for the expense of this line when funds were available, in event they wished to put the line in themselves according to city specifications.

Noah Gardner and Eddison Sanders each appealed to the board for use of the City Stadium for games between the baseball team sponsored by the Owens Miller Post, American Legion, and colored teams from other communities. Both promised good conduct from players and spectators. Sanders said the team had been financed through a \$300 loan and that it needed night ball to

pay out in disposing of the matter later in the meeting, the board declined with regrets to grant use of the stadium due to lack of proper sanitary facilities.

In agreeing to accept the gift of the J. S. Mauney family, the board agreed to the following conditions: (1) to use the building for a library-teachage, with the building to be used exclusively as a library should it expand sufficiently; (2) in event for these purposes, it would revert to the grantors, or their heirs; (3) to set up a three-man commission for administration, to be appointed biennially and including a member of the school board, city board, and a member of the J. S. Mauney family; (4) to devote all income from the leaseage to upkeep of the property, with the city to supplement in an event of need. The building would bear the name "Jacob S. Mauney Library and Teaching."

Appearing before the board concerning the gift were W. K. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, S. A. Mauney, and D. C. Mauney, representatives of the grantors, with W. K. Mauney acting as spokesman.

Pointing out the fact that the grantors were particularly interested in a library, Mr. Mauney said, "We recognize the fact that giving that size library to this town or any other would be a dead expense, and we felt that its use for a teachingage would be all right. We are not going to give the town a sick baby, but intend to have the building and grounds in tip-top shape by the time we are ready to convey the deed."

The grantors anticipate that the building will be ready for conveyance by fall, Mr. Mauney said.

After voting to re-employ city department heads and employees at salaries including increases, City Manager H. L. Burdette was asked what figure he had in mind for himself. Mr. Burdette replied that he would consider staying on as city manager at a substantial increase in salary, pointing out that he could have a number of other positions where at higher financial return. He added that he knew more about the city government and its properties than any other man. At this point Commissioner Carl Mauney asked what salary would satisfy him, and he replied \$416.25 per month.

"Understand this gentleman," he added, "a city manager can do a good job or a bad one. It largely depends on you. He is bound by the budget."

There was some discussion, with several board members offering the opinion that the city manager's salary should not be increased out of line with other salaries, and Commissioner T. J. Ellison moved re-employment of the city manager at a salary of \$350 per month. Mr. Phifer seconded.

The taxicab ordinance, putting cabs on a franchise basis, sets up qualifications for both owners of taxicabs and drivers of cabs, makes the franchise fee \$50 per year, and continues the limit on the number of local cabs at 21. The ordinance provides revocation of franchise certificate if requirements are violated, and revocation of driver's permits on driving and conduct violations. Passage of the privilege ordinance

In an effort to increase revenue with out a property tax increase, will mean that almost every business enterprise will pay a privilege tax. It will affect some retail firms which have not previously been taxed, including department stores which will be taxed at \$50 per year, and also taxes manufacturers.

The ordinance provides for a \$10 yearly tax on miscellaneous manufacturers, including rugs, bedspreads, etc., taxes knitting mills at \$25 per year, and sets up a scaled schedule for spinning and weaving mills.

The spinning mill schedule: 5,000 spindles or less, \$25; 5,001 to 10,000, \$50; 10,001 to 15,000, \$75; all over 15,000, \$100.

The weave mill, schedule: up to 10 looms, \$25; 11 to 25 looms, \$50; 26 to 50, \$75; 51 and above, \$100. It is further provided that no manufacturer shall be taxed on this schedule more than \$200.

Also taxed in the ordinance are all dogs, at \$1.00 each, with the further provision that a dog must have been inoculated against rabies before license can be issued.

Biggest privilege license increase was for fortune-tellers, clairvoyants, and the like. Under the new ordinance their license fee will be \$500. It was \$200.

Mr. Phifer moved retention of Mr. Harrill as city attorney, remarking that Attorney J. R. Davis was already a member of the school board and county attorney and that he believed in "dividing." Mr. Ellison seconded.

Mr. Phifer then amended the motion to provide for installation of a meter on the stadium lights at earliest practicable time and at that time turn over the lighting facilities to the proper authorities.

Monthly salaries of employees during the coming year include: Administrative, H. L. Burdette, \$350, plus \$60 per month for auto expense; K. S. Sawyer, \$225.

Public Works: George Moss, \$200; Floyd Thornburg, \$200; L. C. Parsons \$225; F. C. Tidwell, \$200; D. H. Allen, \$220; Sam R. Suber, \$150.

Police and Fire: N. M. Farr, \$225; P. D. Fulton, \$165; G. W. King, (build ing inspector) \$25.



ENTERTAINER — Miss Joyce Falls, ninth grade high school student, has only 15 years old. She has made appearance before many civic groups here and in the county. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Falls.

## Joyce Falls, 15, Expert Speaker

Miss Joyce Falls, attractive 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Falls, is becoming known as a brilliant speaker in this vicinity.

In 1944 Joyce was winner of the Baker Reading Medal given in Gram mar school and in 1945 she won the Fulton Reading Medal in high school. She represented Cleveland county in a reading contest "North Carolina's No. 1 Need Good Health," sponsored by the N. C. Good Health Association.

Since then she has presented this oration to the Kiwanis, the Lions, the Woman's Home Arts Clubs here and at several clubs in Shelby.

Joyce has an excellent speaking voice, talent and dramatic ability. Her humorous readings have been enjoyed by the Lions, Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs, the Bethware school and clubs in Shelby during the past two years.

Last Saturday night she was guest speaker at a dinner given by the Young Men's Bible Class of the Second Baptist church for their wives. Her talents are equally appreciated in reading essays and oratory.

## Old Presbyterian Will Be Auctioned

F. D. Herndon, Kings Mountain, realtor, said this week that the old Presbyterian church property would be sold at auction in the near future.

The church, which was vacated in 1935 when the new First Presbyterian church was built, is currently in use as a warehouse by Kings Mountain Furniture company.

The property for sale will include the old church building and lot, located on the corner of S. Piedmont avenue and Mountain Street, which is 75 by 100 feet. The property adjoins city property on which the City Hall is located.

Mr. Herndon said date of the auction has not yet been set, but that it will be announced in the near future.

## Six Entered In Baseball Event

Six fast semi-pro teams are currently entered in the western district North Carolina semi-pro baseball tourney to be played at City Stadium here June 30-July 3. It was announced yesterday by John Henry Moss, commissioner.

The tourney, winning of which is the first step on the road to national finals at Wichita, Kansas, is under local sponsorship of the Lions club.

Already entered are the Kings Mountain Vets and league-leading Forest City Owls of the Western Carolina league, Lance Packers, Lincoln ton Red Sox, both of the Mid-State league. Lance is currently leading the league with Lincolnton tied for the runner-up slot. Other entry is the Monroe Blue Sox and Norwood, which also sport good records this season.

Among others expected to compete in the tournament are Wadesboro, Champion Fibre, Belmont and Chatham Blanketeers.

Mr. Moss said only umpires eligible to work the tourney are those approved by the National Baseball Congress. Ray Cline of Kings Mountain is on the National Congress list and help call the games.

Arrangements are being made for radio broadcast of the tourney, and a public address tournament will be used during tournament to better acquaint the fans with the teams and players. Trophy for the winner (Cont'd on page eight)

## John Caveny's Mother Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. C. S. Caveny, 71, mother of John Caveny, well known Kings Mountain grocer, were held Sunday afternoon at Central Methodist church in Shelby, with interment following in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Caveny, native of Cleveland county and citizen of Shelby for many years, died at 1:30 Saturday morning in Shelby hospital. She had been in declining health for the past six months, and had been seriously ill for three weeks prior to her death.

She was the former Miss Lillian Bell Saratt, and was a very active member of the Shelby Central Methodist church.

Surviving in addition to Mr. Caveny, here, are two sons, Charles and Howard Caveny, of Shelby, and four grandchildren.

## Elementary Summer School Deadline Mon.

Parents interested in enrolling their children in summer school for elementary instruction, are being urged to contact Superintendent E. N. Barnes before next Monday.

Mr. Barnes said yesterday that several parents had expressed the desire for summer school instruction for children in grades one to eight, but that the number as yet is insufficient to offer the instruction.

Summer school is a fine opportunity to make up work and avoid repeating a whole grade, Mr. Barnes said.

Regular summer instruction for high school students begins Monday.

## Scholarship Medal Won By Miss Mauney

The Herald made a quite inadvertent typographical error in its edition of June 6, when it reported the winner of the Plank scholarship medal as Peggy Ramsey.

The winner was Peggy Mauney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, who has just completed the 10th grade.

The Herald apologizes for the error and gives its editorial best bow to Miss Mauney on her high scholastic attainment.

## Country Club Opening Near

The Kings Mountain Country Club is expected to open next week, Carl F. Mauney, secretary-treasurer said Wednesday.

Mr. Mauney said the board of directors of the club was to meet Thursday night to arrange final details for officially opening the club.

The Country Club, incorporated in 1940, languished during the war, with majority of the work on renovating the clubhouse and grounds being accomplished in the past 12 months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fulkerson will live at the club and will operate its dining room.

Complete new furnishings will adorn the club interior and officials say it will compare favorably with country club facilities of many larger communities.

## Mrs. R. L. Mercer Rites Conducted

Funeral service for Mrs. R. L. Mercer, 72, was held at Boyce Memorial ARP church here Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly officiating, assisted by Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and Dr. W. M. Boyce, of Charlotte. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Mercer died at her home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a prolonged illness.

She is survived by the husband, two daughter, Mrs. W. L. Watterson, and Mrs. George W. Mauney, both of Kings Mountain; two sons, Thomas Mercer of the home, Fred W. Mercer of Red Springs; two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Ross of Bessemer City and Mrs. Earle C. Carpenter of Kings Mountain; five brothers, T. F. McGill, R. A. McGill of Kings Mountain I. W. McGill, Little Rock, Ark., N. F. McGill, Kings Mountain, and J. D. McGill of Kannapolis, N. C.; two grand-children and four great-grand children.

Mrs. Mercer was a loyal and faithful member of Boyce Memorial ARP church for many years. Her gentle manner, cheerfulness, and sweet disposition, gave testimony to a truly consecrated soul. Her quiet Christian life and devotion to her family will even be a cherished memory to all who knew and loved her.

Full bearers were W. L. Watterson, Jr., Robert Watterson, J. O. Ross, Jr., Norman Ross, Ned McGill and Norman F. McGill, Jr.

### CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

The Kings Mountain Merchants association hopes to complete its plans for a city-wide, clean-up, paint-up campaign in time for it to get underway on June 23. Ned McGill, secretary of the association said this week.