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Local News Bulletins

MASONIC MEETING

A special communication of Fairview Lodge Number 339, A. F. & A. M. will be held at the Masonic hall Monday night at 7:30, it was announced this week. The entered apprentice degree will be conferred.

CANCER FUND

Persons who have not yet made a contribution to the cancer fund are being urged to do so at once. "If you have not made a contribution to the Cancer Drive, please send your donation to the American Cancer society, 512 North Piedmont avenue, Kings Mountain, N. C.," Mrs. W. M. Gantt, chairman, said yesterday.

FILMS SCHEDULED

Jesse Kiser, of Kings Mountain, representative for Standard Oil company of New Jersey, will show three motion pictures made by the company at the Woman's Club Saturday night at 8 o'clock. This showing, Mr. Kiser said, will include "Meet North Carolina", "Date with West Virginia", and "New England Calling" and is especially for shut-ins, as well as others who have not had the opportunity of seeing these films. The showing is not under sponsorship of any group and the public is invited to attend.

AT CITY HALL

Miss Dorothy Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hayes, has been added to the office staff at City Hall, replacing Mrs. S. A. Crouse, resigned. Miss Hayes began her duties Monday.

UNION SERVICE

This week's union service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church giving the sermon, according to the schedule of services announced by [illegible]

[illegible] SCHOOL CLOSING

First Presbyterian Bible school commencement exercises will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the Fellowship hall of the church, it was announced this week. The public is invited to attend.

WOMEN'S MEETING

A meeting of all church women of the community will be held at the Lutheran church immediately following the union service Sunday evening, it was announced by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney. Purpose of the meeting is to set up an interdenominational organization of women and to formulate plans for the months to come. All women are being urged to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN AUCTION

Auction of the old Presbyterian church property on the corner of South Piedmont avenue and Mountain street will be held on Saturday, June 28, at 1:30, it was announced this week by R. D. Herndon, Kings Mountain realtor in charge of the sale.

Davidson Camp Fund Honor Roll

Contributions to Davidson Memorial Camp Fund increased during the past week, as work on the camp was reported "going good."

It is expected that the road into the camp site will be covered with gravel during the forthcoming week, and other work already mapped out is underway to make the camp one of the best in this area.

Contributions to the fund are used to help speed the work by providing funds for labor and materials which are not otherwise available. Those who wish to make contributions to the camp fund may send them to Davidson Memorial Camp, PO Box 32, Kings Mountain, or bring them to the Herald office. Such contributions will be promptly acknowledged.

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Anonymous 1.00
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Country Club To Hold Informall Opening Friday

The Kings Mountain Country Club will hold an informal opening Friday from 5 to 9 o'clock, with several out-of-town country club officials invited to attend, along with members of the club and their families.

Informal invitations from the entertainment committee were received by members last weekend, and the opening is under direction of Mrs. M. A. Ware, with the aid of a large number of wives of club members.

Light refreshments will be served and Bob Barkley, well-known Gastonia musician, will render a program of music on a miniature organ.

Official opening of the club almost falls on the seventh anniversary of its beginning. In early June 1940, a group of professional and business men met at Plonk Motor company and discussed preliminary plans for a country club. Among those present were Dr. W. L. Ramseur, J. B. Keeter, the late Hayne S. Blackmer, Joe A. Neisler, C. E. Neisler, and Fred W. Plonk.

The initial dinner at the Country Club will be served Sunday, June 22, beginning at 12:30 p. m.

A buffet supper will be served in the evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p. m. Dueto the fact that there is no telephone at the club, reservations for either meal, must be made on the opening day which is Friday.

At the moment this informal group was considering two possible sites, one a tract adjoining the Lake Montonia club property, the other the old R. S. Plonk home site on West King street. Eventually the West King site was favored, and a 10-year rental lease was signed, with option to purchase at the end of that time.

Action was quick, and the original group and other interested citizens met at the City Hall on June 26 to elect temporary directors and officers. The directors were Hayne S. Blackmer, Joe Neisler, Glee A. Bridges, J. B. Keeter, Hunter Neisler, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, J. E. Herndon, Fred W. Plonk, H. Tom Fulton, L. W. Hamrick, L. Arnold Kiser and Dr. P. G. Padgett. The officers were H. S. Blackmer, president; Joe Neisler, vice-president; Fred W. Plonk, treasurer; and J. E. Herndon, secretary. At the meeting a membership of 65 was reported, with $2,200 already paid in.

Work was begun immediately on building a nine-hole golf course, but the beginning of World War II halted work until 1946, when new officers were elected and work begun again. Completion of the clubhouse and formal opening of the club for use of its members have required little more than a year.

The club is opening with a membership of 111.

The clubhouse has been completely remodeled and is one of the most modern of its type.

Present officers of the club are: J. A. Neisler, president; Fred Plonk, vice-president; Carl F. Mauney, secretary-treasurer; L. Gilbert Hord, assistant secretary-treasurer; W. J. Fulkerson, H. Tom Fulton, L. Arnold Kiser, Aubrey Mauney, J. W. Milam, H. R. Neisler and Dr. P. G. Padgett, directors.

Mrs. W. J. Fulkerson is club hostess.

Merchants Attend Annual Meeting

The Kings Mountain Merchants association, with better than a 50 percent increase, ran a close second for the anual President's Trophy for 1946-47 for greatest percentage of membership increase.

Recognition of the gain was made at the 43rd annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants association held in Raleigh Monday and Tuesday.

Representing the Kings Mountain association at the convention were W. G. Grantham, Clemonsee McDaniel, Ossay McCarter, and Secretary Ned McGill.

The group heard a number of outstanding authorities on retailing. Judson H. Blount, of Greenville was elected president for the forthcoming year, suceeding O.P. Matthews of Gastonia.

Homecoming Is Set At Patterson Grove

Home Coming Day services will be held at Patterson Grove church Sunday, June 29.

Sunday school will be at 10 o'clock and preaching services at 11:00.

The afternoon services will be a musical program. We hope to hear the name of our Creator and also the singers for our services that week.

CONTEST WINNER—Fred McDaniel son of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood McDaniel, was declared winner of the North Carolina American Legion Auxiliary's annual essay contest last week. Text of the winning essay appears in today's issue on page 3, Section 2.

Mauze To Conduct Revival Meeting

Rev. George Mauze, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, will conduct an evangelistic meeting at the First Presbyterian church here beginning Sunday, June 22, and continuing through Friday, June 27, it was announced this week.

Only one service will be held daily at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Mauze is a native of Virginia a graduate of Davidson college and of Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va.

He is recognized as one of the leading ministers in the Presbyterian church. He is an able preacher and a beloved pastor, loved by old and young. It is a great privilege to have Dr. Mauze in Kings Mountain," said Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the church.

The public is cordially invited to all services.

Rites Conducted For Rev. Mauney

Funeral services for Rev. John D. Mauney, 68, of Hendersonville, were held on Sunday afternoon from Grace Memorial Lutheran, with interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery here.

Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, conducted the rites.

Rev. Mr. Mauney, member of Kings Mountain's pioneer family, succumbed Friday at his home in Hendersonville. He had been in declining health.

Rev. Mr. Mauney was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Mauney. He was graduated from Roanoke college in Virginia and the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. During his service in the Lutheran ministry, he held pastorates at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Columbia, S. C., Augusta, Ga., and in Hendersonville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Frantz, of Salem, Va.; three sons, Rev. J. Luther Mauney of Marion, Va., Rev. J. D. Mauney, jr., of Fayetteville, and Rev. Marshall Mauney of Tom's Brook, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Ben Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Tiedman, Miss Margaret Mauney, and Miss Mary Vera Mauney, all of Hendersonville; four brothers, S. A. Mauney, Z. L. Mauney, D. C. Mauney, and W. K. Mauney, sr., all of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, of Chapel Hill.

Recreation Group Seeks To Continue Summer Program

Definite plans are underway to bolster the fast-fading city recreation program it has been announced, with a meeting scheduled for last night at the Woman's club building after the Kiwanis meeting, of all persons interested in providing recreation for the youth of Kings Mountain.

City recreation plans for the coming year took a re-bound last week with the action of the city council that it was unable to budget funds for the needed program.

Last night's meeting was called with the idea in mind to gain funds for the carrying out of the full program as announced by Clyde Canipe city recreation director, two weeks ago.

At it's June 10 meeting, the city fathers found no surplus from sources of revenue other than taxes to provide funds for the city recreation commission. State ruling is that no funds received from taxes can be used for recreation.

On June 3 the city recreation commission met with the city council to discuss problems relative to budgeting funds for recreation.

Cash balance of the recreation commission at that time was $4.80, and recreation officials were anxiously awaiting a report of whether the city would have a 1946-47 surplus on its water and light operations or from some other non-tax source of revenue.

Plans announced by Mr. Canipe on June 1 called for a well-rounded program, including a men's softball league, bantam baseball league, opening of Central playground and gymnasium, girls softball and volley ball, and a swimming program.

Proposed FM Sets Tested Tuesday

Actual road test of the new proposed frequency modulation, county-wide sheriff's department radio communication system was made over the entire county area Tuesday with county commissioner [illegible] and a number of the [illegible] among others, participating.

Purchase of the proposed communications system, newest thing in radio, has not yet been authorized by the county board of commissioners and was being tested here by Sheriff Hugh A. Logan and staff in an attempt to sell the idea to the county fathers as a money-saving, better police-protection law enforcement arrangement.

The system was installed in the county by the selling agent and according to county officials, is near-perfect communication.

Deputies Haywood Allen and Bob Kendrick, along with Officer Spake of the Shelby police department and the test operator, picked up Commissioner Glee Bridges and the Herald correspondent in Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon and, while traveling south on U. S. 29, reported location to Sheriff Logan and carried on a lengthy conversation.

Sheriff Logan stated that the system had been tested in the mountainous northern part of the county and worked perfectly, "like sitting on my desk and carrying on a conversation" he said.

Commissioner Bridges asknowledged approval of the system but added the commissioners will have to provide funds to install the system and at present don't know whether the funds can be arranged or not.

Mr. Bridges and Sheriff Logan discussed plans to include the cities of Kings Mountain and Shelby on the county frequency and the commissioner indicated the matter would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Jaycee Beauty Contest Scheduled For July 18; Trips Await Winners

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will present its second annual beauty contest, to determine "Miss Kings Mountain of 1947, on July 18, it was announced this week.

Plans for the event, a preliminary contest in the nation-wide Miss America Pageant to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., in September, [illegible] awards to both first and second place winners this year.

The winner of the contest will be given an all-expense paid trip to Wilmington to compete in the state wide contest, and the runner-up will get an all-expense paid trip to Morehead City to represent Kings Mountain in the Sixth Annual Coastal Festival.

The beauty contest this year will be held in the high school auditorium, with the beauty staff to follow the same high school graduation [illegible] of the Wilmington contest will be held in Atlantic City [illegible] compete for national honors and valuable scholarships, Miss America receiving a $5,000 scholarship. First runner-up will receive a $3,000 scholarship, second, $2,500, third, $2,000, fourth, $1,500, and the next ten finalists scholarships of $1,000 each.

Rules for entrants follow:

(1) Contestant must be single and must have been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled.

(2) Contestant's age on September 1, 1947, shall be not less than 18, nor more than 28.

(3) Contestant must be of good character and possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure.

(4) Contestant must be a resident of Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain area.

Admission to the beauty contest will be 50 cents, tax included, and to both the beauty contest and dance $1.20 tax included.

Former Citizen Is Killed When Shot By Son, Age 13

Merchants To Close As Usual On July 2

Merchants of Kings Mountain will close as usual on Wednesday afternoon, July 2 according to announcement yesterday by Ned McGill, secretary of the Merchants association.

The association had conducted a mail poll asking the merchants to voice their opinion on the question, [illegible] the holiday which is annually observed by the association.

Mr. McGill said majority of votes returned favored closing as usual on the preceding Wednesday afternoon.

Bowling Center To Open Friday

Arcadia Bowling Center will open for business on Friday, it was announced yesterday by Haywood E. Lynch, owner.

The new recreation center, located on Battleground avenue next to Plonk Motor company, is equipped with five new alleys of maple and oak construction and is equipped for both duck-pins and ten pin bowling.

The building, owned by Curtis H. (Cat) Houser, who will manage the establishment, has been renovated completely, and the firm will also operate a snack bar where cold drinks and hot sandwiches will be available.

An air cooling system has already been installed to provide for convenience of bowlers and spectators.

"We believe that this establishment will serve the need of the community for increased recreational facilities for the entire family, and we invite the public to visit and inspect these facilities," Mr. Lynch said.

City Court In Light Session

Twenty seven cases were tried in City Recorder's Court here Monday in one of the lightest sessions before Judge O. C. O'Farrell in recent months.

A. V. Lanier, of Shelby, for driving drunk, was sentenced six months, suspended on payment of $50 and costs and loss of his drivers license.

J. L. Hayes, for driving drunk and no drivers license, was given a six months sentence, suspended on payment of $60 and court costs.

Millard Prince, for speeding, was fined costs and Archie Lockhart, on a similar count, paid a $5 and costs fine. Harold Gibson, of Belmont, for speeding, forfeited bond.

Will Brown, for possession of non-tax paid liquor, was fined $10 and costs.

Willie Alexander, of Grover, for carrying a concealed weapon, was fined $50 and costs and the weapon ordered destroyed by Judge O'Farrell.

Robert Purkey, for gambling, was fined $5 and costs. Purkey was also sentenced, along with G. C. Bridges and James Moore, on another gambling count, each receiving a $5 and costs fine.

Hattie Mae Stewart, for assault, was sentenced two months, suspended on payment of costs and not to interfere with home life and domestic relations of Charles Stewart and wife.

Fred Roberts, for assault on a female, was fined $10 and costs.

J. G. Bell, for public drunkenness, was fined $5 and costs and the following received fines of costs for similar charges: B. J. Myers, Fletcher Hughes, Lester Bell, Will McCraw (Shelby), J. A. Carroll, Otto Jackson, Luther McClain, Bobbie Parriss (Bessemer City), Earl Beatty (Vale), Gus Beatty, Otis Smith, Ira E. Harrison, and Hunter Huffstickler.

TAKES NEW POSITION

James H. Page, former teller at the First National Bank, has accepted a position as payroll clerk and office secretary at Kings Mountain Manufacturing company. He began his new duties last week.

REWARD MEETING

Dr. H. V. C[illegible] vice president of [illegible] announced this week that a reward meeting [illegible] Friday night [illegible]

Mrs. Buck Weaver Fatally Wounded By Angry Youth

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Cora May Weaver, 47, of Spencer Mountain, former citizen of Kings Mountain who allegedly was shot to death by her 13-year-old son, Johnny David Weaver, at her home early Wednesday afternoon, were still incomplete Thursday morning.

Mrs. Weaver, whose husband Rev. William Carl (Buck) Weaver, was one time overseer of the Patricia plant of Neisler Mills, Inc., died 15 minutes following the shooting by her son who said, "I flew mad and I shot her."

Three brothers and a sister of Mr. Weaver reside here. They are Ralph Weaver, who lives on Watterson street, Forrest Weaver, who lives in the Margrace community, and Lloyd Weaver and Mrs. Daisy Costner, who live in the Pauline community.

The Weavers lived here from 1929 to 1939(during which time Mr. Weaver was a loom-fixer at both Margrace and Pauline mills. He is now pastor of Pearl Baptist church at Iron Station, and is a part-time loom fixer at Spencer Mountain mill.

According to news reports, the boy became angry following a scolding by his mother and allegedly shot her twice with a .22-caliber rifle. He is being held without bond in the Gaston county jail and without formal charge, pending completion of the investigation.

His grandmother, Mrs. Emma May, told officers that the boy apparently became angry when his mother scolded him forh aving opened some mail addressed to one of his sisters. Mrs. May was an eyewitness to the tragedy.

Betty Jean Weaver, a sister of the accused boy, said that her mother was returning from the chicken house where she hadbeen gathering eggs when Johnny fired a shot which struck her in the chest.

He later fired another shot into his mother's body, according to officers.

Betty Jean said that her mother shouted "Johnny, you've shot me," and that her mother was dead within fifteen minutes after the second shot.

Sheriff Efird said Wednesday that Johnny would be given a hearing in juvenile court before Juvenile Court Judge Paul E. Monrie but that no date had been set for a hearing.

Mrs. Weaver is survived by her husband, her mother, six children, Johnny, Mrs. Tom Elders of Darlington, Wash., Mrs. C. F. Wilson of Gaston county, and Betty Jean Carol, Naomi and William Everett, all at home. Also surviving are a sister, Miss Louella May of Dallas, and five brothers, W. D. May, of Dallas, S. W., F. P., and J. C. May of Spencer Mountain and J. T. May of Gastonia.

Jaycee Organization Met At Airport

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce was held at Bridges Airport Tuesday night, with a ham-and-egg supper served by the Gleaners Class of First Baptist church as the feature of the menu.

The group heard a report on the National convention at Long Beach, Calif., from Bob Abernethy, who represented the local club. Mr. Abernethy described his sight-seeing airplane trip to Long Beach, and gave a brief account of the various sessions held in convention.

Vernon Crosby, membership chairman, welcomed Pete Barkley as a new member of the organization, and Jacob Cooper, presiding, welcomed W. S. Fulton, Jr., back into the organization after a year's absence in Florida.

S. R. Suber, Jr. Honor Graduate

Samuel Robert Suber, jr., of Kings Mountain, was graduated in yarn making last week from the North Carolina Vocational Textile school at Belmont.

Member of a class of more than 130 graduates, he was one of 15 to finish with high honors.

Mr. Suber, who entered the class from Mauney Mills here, went to school four hours daily in addition to working an eight-hour schedule. He has re-enrolled in the school to take the course in weaving.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Suber.