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Dayton Exonerated In Death Of Cherryville Chief

Local News Bulletins

BIKE RECOVERED
A motor-bike belonging to Ben Bundy, of Kings Mountain, was recovered in Cherryville Wednesday according to Chief N. M. Farr.

GOLF MEMBERSHIPS
Monthly dues for golfing privileges at the Kings Mountain Country Club by non-members will be due and payable September 1, W. J. Fulkerson announced this week.

SPECIAL SERVICE
A special service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church on Sunday, August 24, during the regular morning service, for the removal of the congregation's service flag.

CROUSE ON JOB
S. A. Crouse was sworn in as city clerk by Judge O. C. O'Farrell on Monday morning.

TO NEW YORK
Commissioner John W. Gladden and Harold A. Phillips of Post 125 are scheduled to leave Wednesday for the national American Legion convention in New York City.

CORRECTION
In last week's report listing faculties of schools of the city, it was reported that Mrs. Elizabeth H. Baker of Winston-Salem would instruct the Davidson colored high school.

Three Defendants Ask Trial By Jury

Twenty-six cases appeared on the docket of city Recorders court with three of the defendants requesting trial by jury.

Silas Thomas Pope, charged with interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty, requested jury trial.

Robert Howell, of Cherryville, charged with reckless driving and no drivers license, requested jury trial.

R. L. Pope, charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, requested jury trial.

Burgin Ayers was found guilty on two counts, attempted assault with a deadly weapon on a female and disorderly conduct, and was fined costs on each.

Roosevelt Camp, for speeding, was fined \$5 and costs; Pearl Heavner, no drivers license, costs; Reggie H. Cook, of Wilmington, speeding, \$10 and costs; R. C. Ramsey, of Anderson, S. C., no drivers license, forfeited bond; Johnnie Johnson, no drivers license, \$10 and costs; Thom as Mukelly, of Bessemer City, no drivers license, \$10 and costs; and Clyde W. Bogan, of Charlotte, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Burgin Wilson was fined \$5 and costs for drunk and disorderly and T. E. Barrett and Everett C. Probst were each fined \$5 and costs for public drunkenness.

The following were taxed with the costs for public drunkenness: Charles Wilson, Wade Rollins, J. B. Green (Grover), Stanley F. Pearson, Earl J. Calhoun, Dillard McCoy, Nathan Fronsberger, Frank L. West, G. C. Harris, Boyce Henson, and James W. Moss.

Vets To Contest Either Marion Or Newton Twins

Kings Mountain Veterans baseball club, after capturing fourth place in final Western Carolina league standings, will meet either Marion's Marauders or Newton-Conover's Twins here in City Stadium Saturday night in the second game of a first round Shaughnessy playoff series, four games out of seven, to determine the championship team in the first-year loop.

The first game of the series is scheduled for tonight at the home park of the league runner-up, a Thursday afternoon match between the Marauders and the Twins to break the tie for second place and name Kings Mountain's opponent for the series.

Pennant winning Forest City Owls will be hosts to the third place team in another first round series scheduled to get underway there tonight.

Winners of the first round games will begin a four out of seven slate to decide the championship immediately after the first round is completed.

Primed and ready to meet their opponent, the Vets are in high spirits after Gus Hartsoe's five-hit, 7 to 4 victory over Valdese Wednesday night.

Manager Red Ormand has a staff of heavy-hurlers ready for the series grind. In addition to Righthander Hartsoe, Jinks Burrell, Charles Patterson, A. L. Curtis, Jr., and Don Parker are waiting on a call for duty on the mound.

Ready on the firing line are Coley Gaffney, Charles Ballard, and Coley Guyton, hard-hitting outfield trio and Bob Horton, home run hitting third sacker, Dermont Lehr, fence-busting first baseman, and John Gold, clutch-hitting shortstop.

Bill Dilling will handle the receiving duties, with veteran Ralph Mitchem on relief call.

Kings Mountain finished up the regular season in fourth place, only three games out of first, indicating the torridness of the race all season.

Club officials are predicting overflow crowds to attend the home games of the coming series to support the efforts of the local baseballers.

Keeter Horses Win 5 Ribbons

J. B. Keeter's horses, Ramblin Jess and Dazzling Lady, captured a total of five ribbons at the North Carolina horse show held at Raleigh last weekend.

Dazzling Lady won the walking mare class with D. T. Lambeth up, and won second place in the junior walking stake with Mr. Keeter up.

Ramblin Jess won two seconds, one in the amateur walking stake with Mr. Keeter up and one in the walking stallions and geldings with D. T. Lambeth up. Jess also won a third place ribbon in the walking horse championship. Mr. Keeter up.

AT FIRE CONVENTION
Chief Grady King and Glenn Grigg, of the local fire department are attending the international fire convention now underway in New York.

Jaycees Will Conduct Waste Paper Pick-Up Beginning Sunday At 1:30

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct its periodical scrap paper collection Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30. It was announced this week by Drace Peeler and Fred Wright, Jr., drive co-chairmen.

Plan of the pick-up will be similar to previous ones.

Members of the organization will gather at City Hall at 1:30 and will man trucks, furnished by members of the organization and business firms, and patrol the city streets for the paper—which they request that citizens have on their front porches or on the curbs in front of their homes not later than 1:30.

The paper will be loaded during the pick-up in a waiting freight car on the Southern Railway siding and shipped for reprocessing.

In the last pick-up conducted several months ago, more than 18,000 pounds of paper were collected for reprocessing.

Eighty-Four Books Donated To Library

An interested Kings Mountain citizen has donated funds to the Public Library which has been used to purchase 84 new books, according to an announcement by Mrs. Charles Campbell, librarian.

Opening date of the J. S. Mauney Memorial Library has not been set as yet. Mrs. Campbell stated she hoped the new books would arrive before the opening.

"The library has been donated to the people of Kings Mountain," she said, "and we believe that the people should have a hand in putting the books into it. We would like to have more books, funds with which to purchase books, from the people."

Included among the books purchased are 36 for adults, 14 for teen-agers, 23 for juniors, and 11 for children. Limited space prevents publication of the list by title and author.

Bank Will Cash Terminal Bonds

The First National Bank, along with other banks throughout the country, will begin cashing service men's terminal leave bonds on September 2, first day these bonds will be payable, it was announced this week.

These bonds will be payable according to regular bond-cashing methods, it was pointed out, and persons not regular depositors and customers of the bank and otherwise not known by the bank's officers, will be required to offer identification—in the case of terminal leave bonds the serviceman's separation papers.

In announcing that the bank here is local agency for bond-cashing, F. E. Summers, president, urged local servicemen to hold their bonds if possible, pointing out that the bonds in many instances, are a sizable savings nest egg, which will grow larger as interest mounts, and also that the actual money is less valuable at the present time due to high prices.

"Servicemen who cash the bonds merely to buy unneeded and quickly expendable commodities may later find they need this money for much more important purchases," Mr. Summers said, "and I frankly hope that all servicemen who can that all servicemen who can will retain their terminal leave bonds as long as possible."

Miss Cashion Sixth In Beauty Contest

In a regular supper meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday night, the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce devoted most of the program to business affairs, hearing reports from Charles F. Thomasson, Jr., and Bob Abernethy on the state beauty contest and state board meeting, at Wilmington last week, and adopting amended constitution and by-laws.

Mr. Thomasson reported that Miss Margrette Cashion, Kings Mountain entry in the "Miss America" Beauty Contest placed sixth among 26 contestants, thereby carrying the Kings Mountain colors in exceptionally high fashion.

Officer Facing Assault Count

Clarence Gladden, Kings Mountain police officer, was under a \$500 bond Wednesday on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, to wit a blackjack or a pistol, the warrant sworn out in Shelby Tuesday by R. L. Pope, also of Kings Mountain.

The trial was scheduled to take place in Shelby but local officials have contested that action, declaring that the incident is under jurisdiction of the local office.

Recorder Judge O. C. O'Farrell said Wednesday that City Attorney E. A. Harrill was contesting the scene of trial and no definite finding has been announced.

The alleged assault took place on Tuesday of last week, according to N. M. Farr, Kings Mountain police chief, who said that Officer Gladden, on patrol, attempted to arrest two men identified as R. L. Pope and Silas Thomas Pope. The two men assaulted the officer Gladden, he said, and ran into his nearby house.

Officer Gladden then returned to the station and secured a warrant for the men, Chief Farr said, and went to Pope's house and made the arrest.

Two Teaching Vacancies Here Include Coach

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, reported two vacancies remaining on city faculties this week—an elementary school teacher and high school coach.

Regarding the coaching vacancy, Mr. Barnes said he had talked with several persons who might fill the position, but he added that none could be considered applicants and perhaps few as prospects.

The resignation of Clyde Canipe last week threw a wrench into the situation, since only three weeks remained until the opening of school. In North Carolina teachers are required to give 30 days notice before school opening when resigning. Mr. Canipe is taking the principalship of a high school in a Florida city near West Palm Beach, and the rule therefore had no teeth.

Mr. Canipe was here last Thursday to confer with Mr. Barnes, regarding his resignation which had been received by wire the previous day. He told the city superintendent, Mr. Barnes said, that he regretted the late resignation, but that the offer of the Florida post was "what he wanted, and too good to turn down."

Mr. Barnes declined to mention any of the coaching prospects he had conferred with, on the grounds that none had indicated more than mild interest in taking the position.

Meantime, Assistant Coach Don Parker has issued a call for candidates to the 1947 squad and has been holding workouts since Monday. Practice is underway daily at City Stadium.

Mr. Barnes reported the addition of two more teachers, which leaves only one vacancy in the city system other than head coach. Employed last week as elementary teachers at Central school were Miss Elizabeth Hunt, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Thelma Truesdale, of Marion.

The additional vacancy is also an elementary position at Central.

All city schools will officially open at 8:40 the morning of September 2, Mr. Barnes announced, following teachers' meetings the previous day.

All white teachers will convene at Central school at 10 a. m. for a general meeting on Labor Day, and a similar meeting for colored teachers will be held at Davidson school at the same time. In the afternoon, departmental meetings will be held at each school, with Mr. Barnes conducting meeting at Davidson to outline general instructions.

Building Permits Recently Issued Show Much Construction Underway

In spite of so-called high building costs, much construction is now underway in Kings Mountain, according to a listing of building permits issued by the City of Kings Mountain in the past seven weeks, which indicate a total cash outlay of \$117,900.

Largest single item is the new Grace Methodist church edifice on Church street calling for an outlay of \$40,000, while the second largest is the construction of the now-completed Kings Mountain Laundry building on Childress street at \$30,000. Permit for the Grace church construction was issued on Tuesday.

Other large building projects include: Plonk Brothers & Company, remodeling, \$15,000, and Belk's Department Store, addition to its building, \$7,500.

Included in the present building is no less than eight new residences ranging in price from \$1,800 to \$6,850.

The complete list of permits issued since July 1 follows:

July
Central Methodist church, repair \$500; Kings Mountain Laundry, new building, \$30,000; Mrs. Susie Heath, new four-room dwelling, \$2,750; Plonk Brothers & Company, remodeling, \$15,000; Oland Horn, new four room house, \$2,000; Belk's Department Store, addition to building, \$7,500.
August
C. F. Stowe, new six-room house, \$6,850; T. D. Long, new four-room dwelling, \$2,600; Emory Murray, new four-room dwelling, \$1,800; Carl F. Davis, new 4-room dwelling, \$2,500; Floyd Smith, new four-room dwelling, \$2,500; Paul Hamm, new five-room dwelling, \$4,500; J. A. Gibson, repairs and addition of two rooms and bath, \$1,200; and Grace Methodist church, new building, \$40,000.

Columnist Belk Better After Two-Week Illness

H. Y. Belk, the Herald's Nebo Valley correspondent whose regular weekly column has been missing the past two weeks, has been ill, but is now improving.

He informed the Herald in the inimitable Belk style.

He wrote: "I've been in bed two weeks with the doctors waiting for me to die. I paid him up, he let me go, I'm better now. I wrote my column in bed, stamped it plenty good, and mailed it to the office, brought it back and dumped it in the box. Called for three cents more. So it's too late to get in print."

The Herald regrets Mr. Belk's illness but trusts he will be back in shape — and in print — next week.

Horse Show Plans Moving Forward

Richard Barnett, entry chairman reported 30 horses already entered through Wednesday in the Fourth Annual Lions Club Labor Day horse show.

The entries have come from Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina, in addition to North Carolina.

Officials are quite optimistic concerning the event and they feel it will be the best show offered, both from the standpoints of spectators and exhibitors, in the history of the show.

Tickets for the show, which will feature an afternoon program beginning at City Stadium at 2:30 and a night show beginning at 8 p. m., are on sale and are obtainable from members of the Lions club. Price of admission will be \$2.00 for both events, \$1.00 for single program admissions.

The horse show steering committee was to meet Thursday night to map final plans for the event, and Jimmie Harris, general chairman, pointed to a record number of entries, featuring best horses ever shown here, due to the increase in prize money and the fact that the Kings Mountain show is becoming one of the most popular in the circuit.

Among local horsemen expected to participate are Byron Keeter and H. Tom Fulton, in the walking horse events, and Gurney Grantham in the roadster classes.

Legion Will Have Feed On Saturday

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a supper Saturday night at 7 o'clock at Buffalo Fish Club near Buffalo Bridge on the Shelby highway.

A large number of Legionnaires are reported to have made reservations for the supper.

Members not having transportation are urged to be at City Hall by 6:30, where transportation will be provided.

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Carl Short Shot In Tuesday Night Fracas Near Here

A Carl Short, Cherryville police chief and former member of the Kings Mountain police department, was fatally shot by State Highway Patrolman Haroldotis H. Dayton about 10 o'clock Tuesday night, after an altercation between the two on York Road.

Dayton was attempting to arrest Short on a charge of drunken driving, and the shooting occurred after Short had slashed Dayton's left arm with a knife.

Coroner's jury, in hearing at a jam-packed City Hall courtroom Wednesday morning, ruled that Short's death was justifiable homicide, with J. Ross Roberts, foreman of the jury returning the verdict at 11:10, forty minutes after County Coroner J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, had convened the jury for the inquest. Other members of the coroner's jury were Joe Lee Woodward, S. R. Suber, Frank Hamrick, Charles Blalock, and Dan Huffstetler.

The shooting of Chief Short was witnessed by his daughter, Mrs. George Lublaneski, who resides on the Lake Montonia Road.

Testimony at the inquest was given by Patrolman Dayton, G. L. Curry, former deputy sheriff and a passenger in the patrol car with Dayton, and Mrs. Lublaneski.

Dayton said he followed the Short car on the York road and that it was zig-zagging from one side to the other. He stopped the Short car and another car in front, which Mrs. Lublaneski was driving, also stopped.

Dayton said he asked Short to produce driver's license and registration card, but that Short had only a driver's license. Dayton said he then told Short "you're too full," and that he would have to go in with him. At this point, Dayton testified, Short said "No, I'll die before I'll go, I'm chief of police at Cherryville."

"He hit me with his fist," Dayton said, "and I hit him with my blackjack."

Meantime, Mrs. Lublaneski was trying to keep between the two men, without success, and Short lunged at Dayton, cutting his left arm severely. At that moment, the patrolman said, he started shooting, continuing to fire with his .38-caliber revolver until Short fell. He then went to the office of Dr. J. E. Anthony, where he was treated for the knife-wound.

A local ambulance carried the wounded man to Garrison Memorial hospital, Gastonia, but he was dead on arrival. Rufus Hambrick, driver of the ambulance, said that Short was dead when he was picked up.

The coroner's jury did not determine how many bullets had entered the body of the victim. One hole was below the heart, another in the abdomen, and another at the hip, which pierced the wallet of Short.

Testimony of Mrs. Lublaneski and Curry corroborated that of Patrolman Dayton, though Mrs. Lublaneski, who said she had met her father in Gaffney, S. C., at 5 o'clock, said her father had not taken any liquor since that time. She said that she was driving the car of Dr. A. L. Hill, who was a passenger, and that (Cont'd on page eight)