

Dayton Murder Case Is Scheduled For Trial Next Week

Local News Bulletins

TELEPHONE HEARING

The state utilities commission has announced that it will consider the request of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph company for rate increases for residential subscribers on November 13.

BUILDING PERMITS

One building permit was issued by S. A. Crouse, city clerk, at City Hall this week. Haywood E. Lynch was issued a permit Wednesday for a new 4-room dwelling located on York road, valuation \$2,000.

MOSS TO NEW YORK

Charles Moss, Jr., left last week for New York where he has accepted a position with Neisler Mills Company. Mr. Moss attended State College and has been with Neisler Mills, Inc., here for the past few months.

VFW MEETS SUNDAY

Johnny W. Blackwell Post 2268, VFW, will hold a special meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the City Hall, it was announced by Frank Gladden, commander. He said the meeting is being held on Sunday in an effort to boost attendance and urged all members to make a special effort to be present.

SYMPHONY DRIVE

Total memberships sold in the North Carolina Symphony society totaled \$430 Wednesday, with reports incomplete, Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman of the Kings Mountain group, said yesterday. Goal of the campaign is \$750, which insures Kings Mountain's being listed on the symphony's 1948 itinerary.

ICC DIRECTORS

Junior Chamber of Commerce officers and directors will meet at Kings Mountain Country club Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. It was announced this week by Ned McGill, secretary.

MERCHANTS DIRECTORS

Officers and directors of Kings Mountain Merchants Association will meet at Kings Mountain Drug company Monday evening at 7:15 p. m., it was announced this week by Ned McGill, secretary.

Baptists Holding 97th Annual Meet

The 97th annual session of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, which opened Thursday morning at Ross Grove Baptist church, will end Friday with the second full-day's session at New Bethel church.

Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor of Kings Mountain's Second Baptist church, opened the session Thursday morning at 9 o'clock with the doctrinal sermon, which was followed by various reports and addresses, built on the theme "Stewards of God."

Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of the First Baptist church, here, delivered a report on Baptist Orphanage work. Principal speakers at the meeting, presided over by veteran moderator Rev. John W. Suttle, who has been conducting Kings Mountain Baptist association meetings for the past 35 years, were Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, W. K. McGee, director of religious work at the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, P. L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb college, and L. L. Carpenter, editor of the "Biblical Recorder."

Xmas Overseas Gift Mailing Rules Given

Those planning to send Christmas and other gift packages abroad should get in touch with the District Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce, at 112 L.2 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, N. C., regarding regulations governing such shipments, according to Marion A. Leonard, Commerce Department District Manager.

Copies of the regulations applicable to virtually all principal countries of the world have been received at the Commerce Department District Office, and copies will be supplied upon request, it was stated.

Girl Scout Mass Meeting Is Set For Monday Night

Miss Fannie Funderburk, executive secretary of the Piedmont Area Council, Girl Scouts, will attend a mass meeting to be held at the Recreation hall of St. Matthew's Lutheran church Monday evening at 7:30 at which time a Kings Mountain council will be set up, it was announced this week.

Expected to attend the meeting will be representatives of the Kiwanis club, Lions club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Parent-Teacher Association, Junior Woman's Club, Woman's Club, as well as representatives from various church groups, troop leaders and others interested in the Girl Scout program.

Miss Funderburk will direct the meeting, it was announced, and the purpose of the council will be to foster the Girl Scout program in this area.

All citizens interested in Girl Scouting are being urged to attend the meeting.

Couple Change Story About Shooting Pact

Edna and Johnny Johnson were just a devoted couple in Gaston Superior court in Gastonia Monday the defense attorney pointing out to Judge Will Pless that they were "cooling like a couple of love birds." The judge deferred action on the case after the Negro couple changed their story of a shooting pact made on a Saturday night about 9 weeks ago—both had laid down to sleep with guns in their hands, with the agreement that the one who awakened first was to shoot the other.

Johnny denied the shooting agreement before the crowded courtroom, stating that his wife shot him after an argument about money. Edna had waited all the time in the home near Cherryville to the Kings Mountain police department on August 24 to tell local policemen she had shot her husband the night before.

The first story was told to police here and again at the first hearing in Cherryville Records court in September. Her husband has defended her on an assault with a deadly weapon charge in both courts.

Johnson received wounds in the leg and was reported seen walking around by Cherryville officers later in the week of the shooting, little the worse for the whole affair.

Mrs. Johnson said that her husband was not drinking much the night of the shooting. The couple have four children, the youngest was with them in court, and are expecting another child.

"This case has several unusual features," the judge commented. "Usually the wife has been beaten and tries to get the husband off, but this time it is the other way around and the husband's taking up for a wife who shot him."

Judgment in the case is expected this week.

Memorial Park In City Cemetery Is Resting Place For War Dead

With the return of the bodies of servicemen who died overseas now underway, nearest-of-kin of these war heroes were reminded this week that the City of Kings Mountain has set aside a special tract in Mountain Rest cemetery for the final interment of these men.

The tract, set aside by the former city board last year, is a beautiful area of the cemetery located on the southeast side and is known as Memorial Park—reserved only for servicemen. It is presently marked by a white wooden cross, but Sam Suber, cemetery superintendent says plans are being considered whereby a suitable stone memorial will be erected. Plans also call for further landscaping of the area, a portion of which is now a sunken flower garden, with permanent evergreens and flowers neatly arranged in the park.

No charges are to be made for the lots. Only necessary action on the part of nearest-of-kin of the man whose bodies are being returned is to request burial space in Memorial Park, either through Mr. Suber, or at the city offices.

First request to use Memorial Park as a final resting place has

Crowds Expected To Attend Woman's Club Floral Fair

The Woman's Club will present its annual Floral Fair Friday at the club house.

As in past years, dinner will be served both at noon and in the evening, from noon to 2 p. m., and from 5:30 to 7:30.

A large collection of awards and prizes await winners in various competitions, and Mrs. J. K. Willis, co-chairman of the event, has announced that all entries in all competitions must be in by 10 o'clock Friday morning to be eligible for awards, which include several classes of flowers, pastries, candies, other delicacies, and home-sewing.

Out-of-town judges have been obtained to select the winning entries, it was stated.

Mrs. Willis said the Fair's turkey dinner would cost \$1.00, and the chicken salad plate 50 cents.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur and Mrs. I. G. Paterson, in charge of prizes for the Fair, announced yesterday a large number of additions to the list of 56 announced last week.

Randall Funeral Held On Tuesday

Funeral rites for John Luther Augustus Randall, 83, prominent Bethlehem farmer, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Bethlehem Baptist church, with Rev. T. W. Fogleman, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. G. Camp.

The body lay in state at the church for an hour prior to the services. Mr. Randall succumbed at 12:45 Monday at his home in the Bethlehem community.

A native of Cherokee county, S. C., Mr. Randall moved to Bethlehem 34 years ago. While a resident of Cherokee he had been largely responsible for the building of the Antioch and Grover churches. He was also active in the Bethlehem community in church work and had served continuously as a member of its board of deacons.

He was first married to Miss Lenora E. Fulton and after her death married Miss Martha Ann McManus in 1908.

He is survived by eight children, Mrs. F. L. Moore, Knoxville; Mrs. William Snellings, New York city; Mrs. Paris B. Price, Forest City; Mrs. Alfred Russ Randall, Charlotte; Oree Randall and Mrs. Robert L. Hanna of the home; Robert and Roy Randall, Florence, S. C.; and John B. Randall, Kings Mountain, route 2. A sister, Mrs. O. A. Daves of Gastonia and nine grandchildren also survive.

Price Note: Popcorn Joins The Spiraling

The current price spiral is even affecting the popcorn you munch at a movie.

Dave Cash, of the Dixie Theatre, announced this week that a bag of popcorn will henceforth cost 10 cents. However, purchasers will receive a much larger bag of corn than in the past, for a while at least a bag twice as large. How long the double-size will last Mr. Cash was unable to say. Prices of corn and supplies are already up, and he is anticipating further increase, due to a short crop this year of the golden popcorn.

Library Dedication Will Be November 5

The Mounsey Memorial Library and Teachers, which the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mounsey are donating to the city, will be formally dedicated and dedicated to the city on Wednesday, November 5, it was announced this week.

A special program is being arranged for the occasion, with full details to be announced next week. Announcement of the purchase of the former Reed residence at King street and Piedmont avenues was made last year. Since that time the building has been completely renovated by the Mounsey family for its twin purpose.

been made by relatives of Pvt. Earle Eugene Carpenter, who at the age of 19, was killed in action in Southern France on September 19, 1944.

Landscape experts have commented that the Kings Mountain Memorial Park not only will be comparable to those of much larger cities, but will be more beautiful than most.

Santa Claus Places City On Visit List

Kings Mountain kiddies can look forward to seeing Santa Claus this season.

John L. McGill, chairman of the Merchants association Christmas festival committee, announced "his week that Old Nick had definitely put Kings Mountain on his pre-Christmas visiting list (as well as the night of December 24.)

A program is to be announced soon.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Higdon

Funeral rites for Mrs. Eunice Bishop Higdon, 64, sister of Frank Bishop of Kings Mountain, were held Thursday afternoon at Modena Street Baptist church in Gastonia.

Mrs. Bishop, a native of Jackson county but a resident of Gastonia for the past 32 years, died Tuesday afternoon in Gastonia at 4:30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Fox.

The rites were conducted by Rev. W. A. Costner, pastor of the Modena Street church of which Mrs. Higdon was a charter member. Deacons of the church served as pall bearers and interment took place in Gastonia's Hollywood cemetery.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Mae McManus, Gastonia, a sister, Mrs. H. R. Buchanan, three brothers, W. A. Bishop, Spartanburg, Dave and Joe Bishop, of Gay, N. C., and six grandchildren.

Ruth Rhodes Case Tops Monday Court

Ruth Rhodes, Kings Mountain colored woman, waived preliminary hearing in City Recorder's Court before Judge O. C. O'Farrell Monday afternoon and was bound over to Superior Court under a \$750 bond for assault with a deadly weapon.

The local Negroess is charged with the shotgun shooting last August of Russell D. Crockett, also colored, who is under warrant by his assailant on charge of forcible trespassing according to Judge O'Farrell.

Crockett was given a prayer for judgment continued on the charge facing him, his trial awaiting verdict in the other case.

Crockett reportedly spent four weeks in jail as a result of the shooting. Rhodes was arrested on Sept. 11 according to police records.

In other cases tried in the weekly session of court Leonard Arenson, of Charlotte, was sentenced six months, suspended on payment of \$110 and costs for driving drunk and running traffic lights. Arenson's driver's license was revoked.

Millard Moss on an assault conviction was fined costs.

Case against Ben Adams for assault on a female was dismissed.

J. L. Hogan, of Charlotte, forfeited a \$25 bond on a public drunkenness charge. Adam L. Pruitt on two counts of public drunkenness was fined costs on the first and \$5 and costs on the second.

Fred Emery, of Asheville, for no drivers license, was fined costs.

The following were fined costs for public drunkenness: William Bert (Liberty, S. C.), Mattie Jackson, Edward Probst, Dave Huffstickler, John Mitcham, Clarence Williams, James Rogers, Dolph Chambers, and Pillow Lambricht.

Betty Brown's Condition Critical After Being Hit By Motorcycle

Betty Brown, seven-year-old first grade student of Central school, was still in a critical condition at Gaston Memorial hospital Wednesday afternoon, where she is receiving treatment for injuries sustained Tuesday morning when struck by a motorcycle ridden by Earl Ledford.

Mr. Ledford, butcher at Crawford's Market, was painfully injured in the accident, after being thrown from the motorcycle.

Dr. E. L. Rice, Gastonia physician attending the patients, said that the Brown child suffered a fractured skull, lacerations of the face and left eyelid, and a fractured bone in the left thigh. He said she was semi-conscious and that her condition was highly critical.

Mr. Ledford sustained two fractured ribs, lacerations of the scalp, and a mild concussion, Dr. Rice said,

Templeton Case Also On Docket For Court Term

Harolotis Dayton, state highway patrolman who is charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Carl Short, Cherryville police chief, is scheduled to begin in Cleveland County Superior court at Shelby next Wednesday, according to court calendar arranged by Clerk of Court Everett A. Houser.

The case highlights a crowded docket, which is scheduled for hearing before Judge Allen H. Gwynn of Reidsville.

Also scheduled for trial in the mixed term of court are the trials of Thomas Templeton, former Kings Mountain school teacher, on charge of embezzlement, and trial of Dewitt Hull, Kings Mountain taxi driver, who is charged with abandonment and non-support of his wife Lona Hull.

Chief cases docketed for trial in the civil term beginning Monday, November 3, of interest to Kings Mountain, are Cash vs. Owens, et al, in which David Cash, Kings Mountain theater owner, seeks recovery of \$10,000 in alleged damages brought by defendants' operation of a fish camp near the Cash home on the York road, and Brown vs. City of Kings Mountain, in another \$10,000 suit in which administrator of the estate of Charlie Dillard seeks recovery of damages from the city for alleged negligence resulting in the death of Dillard, who died after falling into a culvert hole on S. Battleground avenue in July.

Charges against Mr. Templeton, on which a true bill was returned by the grand jury in the previous term of Superior Court, grew out of operation of S. & T. Furniture company, in which Mr. Templeton and Frank Sisk, Kings Mountain mortician, were partners. Mr. Templeton is charged with embezzlement of slightly more than \$1600. This case is docketed for Monday.

In the case involving Mr. Hull, Mrs. Hull charges that her husband obtained from her a deed of separation when she was legally insane.

In the Cash-Owens matter, defendants were temporarily restrained from operating the colored fish camp in a court order signed by Judge Wilson Warlick during a recent term of court in Gaston county. E. A. Harrill, attorney for plaintiff, said that Richard Owens, owner of the property and chief defendant, had agreed to the restraint in the answer to the complaint. The court will decide whether the other defendant Cecil Tidwell, negro operator of the camp, will be permanently restrained and will decide what damages, if any, occurred to plaintiff prior to the signing of the temporary restraining order.

Mr. Harrill, who is also city attorney, said that he doubted that the case in which the city is defendant would come to trial. It is scheduled for November 7, but a crowded docket may prevent its trial by the court, he said, and necessitate continuation.

Highest interest, both locally and throughout the state, centers on the trial of Patrolman Dayton, who shot Chief Short while endeavoring to arrest him on a charge of drunken driving. After a recorder's jury here had found Dayton was justified in shooting Short, members of Short's family pressed charges and a county court jury bound him over for Superior Court trial. Dayton was released under bond of \$2500. His case of 44 criminal cases and 99 civil actions, including 63 divorce cases. (Cont'd on page 8 First Section)

Lebon Thornburg, said witnesses reported that the Brown child was hit after stepping in front of the south-bound motorcycle. He said witnesses reported that the child had been looking to her right, waiting until

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