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Number Of Textile Plants Instituting Wage Hikes

Merchants Announce Plans For Gala Christmas Fete

Local News Bulletins

LUTHERAN FILM
The Hollywood produced film, "And Now I See," will be shown at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday evening, November 16th at 7:30 p. m.

EXECUTIVES CLUB
"World Peace - Not Whether But How" will be the topic of an address by Ismet Sanli, Turkey's delegate to the United Nations conference at San Francisco when he speaks to members of the Cleveland County Executives Club at the club's annual meeting.

Youths Admit School Robbery
Three local youths admitted after questioning Wednesday by local police officers to breaking and entering Central school building on last Friday night and again on Sunday night, taking a small amount of notebook paper and two maps.

Farmers Urged To Make War On Rats
Farmers throughout Cleveland County are being urged to make war on rats in an effort to eliminate losses from these rodents during the next few months.

Auxiliary Postal Route Is Added

An auxiliary route has been added to the free city delivery mail route, it was announced yesterday by Postmaster W. E. Blakely.

Santa Claus will make his annual pre-Christmas visit to Kings Mountain on December 5, it was announced this week by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, which is already busy making arrangements for the annual Christmas opening event in the city.

Santa's visit will feature a big Christmas parade beginning at 5:30 on the afternoon of the fifth, and large crowds are expected to attend the function.

Among the parade features will be three divisions for children, including a pet parade, a wagon event and a bicycle event. Hilton Ruth is chairman of this branch of the contest and prizes will be awarded to winners. The wagon event will be open to children 12 years old and under, while the bicycle contest will be open to children 15 years and under.

Initial plans call for participation of the Kings Mountain high school band and several out-of-towns, Boy Scouts, floats, and several other features, which will be announced later.

Ned McGill, secretary of the Merchants association, said that initial plans call for the biggest and best Christmas opening event in the history of the city.

In cooperation with the program, it has been announced that the city will install Christmas street lights in time for the parade and visit of Old Nick.

The event will mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season in the city, and merchants are expected to have their shelves loaded with Christmas goods by that date.

McKinney Bank's Assistant Cashier

James C. McKinney, of Cliffside and Fort Bragg, has assumed the duties of assistant cashier and head teller of the First National Bank here, it was announced this week by F. R. Summers, president.

Mr. McKinney assumed his duties Wednesday, succeeding L. Gilbert Hord, who resigned in August to accept the position of cashier with the Security Bank and Trust Company, of Forest City.

Mr. McKinney was for nine years employed at the Hanes bank of Cliffside. He then entered the army and served in the finance department until his discharge over a year ago.

Since that time he has been a civilian employee at Fort Bragg, as cashier of the disbursing department, finance division at Fort Bragg.

Mr. McKinney is married and has one son. Pending his obtaining of housing accommodations here, his family is remaining in Fayetteville.

The bank also announced that Miss Melba Watterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watterson had been added to the personnel of the bank in the bookkeeping department.

Selling Course Launched Tuesday With 35 Enrollees

Thirty-five Kings Mountain salespeople were present at the City Hall Tuesday night, for the first of a two-week course on techniques of selling being offered jointly by the Merchants Association and the distributive education department of the State Department of Education, in cooperation with city school officials.

The enrollees, representing a dozen local business firms, will attend classes on alternate evenings through November 21 at the City Hall at 6 p. m. The classes last one hour.

Mrs. Delle Putnam, of the state department, is in charge of the classes.

Ned McGill, secretary of the Merchants association, reported considerable enthusiasm over the class, on part of both instructors and enrollees, and he said late enrollees will be welcome. Fee of 50 cents per student, usually paid by the business firm, covers complete cost of the course.

The course has been offered in many cities throughout the state.

"We do not expect this course to completely revolutionize merchandizing in Kings Mountain," officials conducting the course said, "but we believe it will result in much better service to patrons of Kings Mountain business firms participating in the course."

Grayson's Jewelry To Open Thursday

Grayson's Jewelry, which is located in the Fulton building on Mountain street in the quarters formerly occupied by Bridges Auto Parts, will formally open next Thursday morning, it was announced yesterday by T. W. Grayson, proprietor of the new establishment.

The new business firm will offer a complete jewelry line, including watches, diamonds, other rings, silverware, and in addition a complete selection of gift items, Mr. Grayson said, as well as a jewelry repair service.

The building had been repainted and floored with asbestos tile, and new fixtures are being installed throughout.

Mr. Grayson announced that special prizes will be given early visitors to the firm on opening day.

B. T. Wilson, watchmaker, will be in charge of the repair department.

Mr. Grayson, who came here in 1938 with Durham Life Insurance company, from Lincolnton, was formerly associated with Condry and Tate Jewelry until 1941. He entered the army, serving 3 years, including two years in Europe with the 10th Armored division. Mrs. Grayson is the former Miss Maxine Boggs, of Fallston, formerly a teacher in the Kings Mountain city schools.

"We expect to offer a fine selection of quality jewelry," Mr. Grayson said, "and we hope all who possibly can will attend our opening next Thursday to inspect our new firm."

Final Rites For Felmer Lynn, War Casualty, To Be Held Sunday At 3

Funeral services for Felmer L. (Pete) Lynn, Kings Mountain war casualty whose body has been returned for burial rites here, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Macedonia Baptist church.

The body of Pfc. Lynn arrived in Kings Mountain from the Charlotte quartermaster depot Thursday and will be at Sisk Funeral home until 2 o'clock Sunday. It will then lie in state at the church for an hour prior to the funeral.

Officiating at the rites will be Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, pastor of the Macedonia church, Rev. Blanchard Horne, pastor of First Nazarene church of Charlotte, Rev. Hal Robinson, pastor of First Methodist church, of Mooresville, Rev. O. S. Long, pastor of David's Chapel Baptist church, and Rev. John Cloninger.

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be pallbearers and the post will be in charge of the funeral. All Legion members have been asked to wear caps

City Makes Tentative Plans To Install Parking Meters

Merchants To Suspend Half-Holidays Soon

Wednesday afternoon, November 26, will be the final weekly half-holiday for Kings Mountain merchants until 1948, according to action taken by directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants' association this week.

The directors, following customary policy, voted to remain open all day Wednesday during December to better accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Merchants will be closed both Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 26, and on Thanksgiving day, November 27, giving personnel a one and one-half day respite. The directors also voted to observe regular hours otherwise during the Christmas season, with the exception of Christmas Eve, when Saturday hours will be observed.

Association by-laws call for holidays on both Christmas day and December 26.

Club Director Nominees Given

A large number of members of the Kings Mountain Country Club are expected to attend the annual stockholders meeting at the club next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Following a Dutch supper, which will be served for \$1.00, President Joe A. Neisler will report on the annual business session, which will feature a report of activities for the past year and election of 12 directors for the forthcoming year.

Byron Keeter, chairman of a nominating committee which includes Dr. W. L. Ramseur and C. D. Blanton, announced the committee's report this week, which follows: Fred W. Plonk, H. R. Neisler, Carl F. Mauney, Dr. P. G. Padgett, J. W. (Mike) Milam, O. W. Myers, Paul M. Neisler, Otto (Toby) Williams, Jacob Cooper, George W. Mauney, Hugh Ormand and Paul McGinnis.

The by-laws of the corporation require election of a minimum of three hold-over directors and three new directors, F. W. Plonk, H. R. Neisler, Dr. P. G. Padgett, J. W. Milam and Carl F. Mauney are members of the present board. Directors, after election, choose the officers.

Cards were mailed members last week requesting dinner reservations for the meeting, and members who expect to attend are being requested to return the cards at once to the secretary, Carl F. Mauney.

JAYCEES GIVING MEDAL

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce announced this week that it will present a citizenship medal annually to the student adjudged best citizen of Beth-Ware high school, it was announced this week. The student will be chosen by a faculty committee appointed annually by the school principal.

Kings Mountain will join many other cities, both small and large, in installing parking meters, provided the Southern Railway Company grants permission for such installations on its right-of-way, according to action taken by the city board of commissioners at the Monday night meeting.

With a representative of the Parking Meter Corporation present, the board tentatively contracted for 152 meters to be installed in the downtown business area, probably as follows:

Mountain street, both sides, from Piedmont avenue to Battleground avenue.

Battleground avenue, both on the east side and next to the railroad, from Mountain to Gold streets.

Railroad avenue, both on the west side and adjoining the railroad, from Mountain to Gold streets.

Cherokee street, west side (parking is prohibited on the east side.)

According to the agreement with the Parking Meter Company, the installation of the meters will not require a capital outlay from the city.

For the first six months, 75 percent of the income from the meters will go to the company to be applied to the purchase price. Thereafter, 50 percent of the revenue will go to the company until the cost of the meters is defrayed.

The meters cost \$65.00 each. Action to install the meters came after several weeks' study by the board on the matter of alleviating the parking problem, and installation of the meters was recommended by the directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Initial plans call for establishment of a two-hour parking limit in the parking areas adjoining the railroad, with a one-hour limit at other places. A five-cent coin will keep the motorist "safe" from the violation penalty for the maximum parking time allowed. Should he be stopping for only a few minutes, he can insert a penny, or pennies, into the meter.

"While most cities have decided that there is no cure-all for parking problems," Mayor H. Tom Fulton said, "they have found that use of parking meters materially alleviates the problem."

This was the principal action of the board, which formally voted to accept the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library and Teacher's Home as a gift from the J. S. Mauney family.

The board also heard reports from the Mayor regarding street work and other routine reports, with City Clerk S. A. Crouse's financial statement showing in excess of \$21,000 receipts for October, with disbursements of \$16,698.53.

Mayor Fulton reported stop signs were on order for erection at several dangerous intersections and announced that the police department was now making shift reports detailing full activities for each eight-hour period.

Water report for October showed that more than 11,000,000 gallons of water had been treated at the city filter plant, with approximately 8,500,000 gallons billed to customers.

Freezer-Locker Stock Refunded

Stockholders of the Kings Mountain Freezer-Locker, Inc., reaffirmed a previous action Monday night and voted to return stock subscriptions in the company.

Checks for stock already paid in are being mailed to purchasers this weekend, it was announced by Paul Mauney, secretary-treasurer.

The directors of the company had sought a minimum stock subscription of \$30,000 to furnish sufficient funds to launch the project. Resumption of the stock sale drive in October resulted in total stock sale of about \$19,000.

Several Made Raises Effective On November 10

Kings Mountain industrial plants are instituting wage increases, or are planning to, for the most part in line with wage scales adopted in the last two weeks by major textile plants throughout the South, according to a survey conducted by the Herald Thursday morning.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., has announced a nine percent wage increase, effective November 10, as has Park Yarn Mills, while DuCourt Mills, Inc., has announced a nine percent raise for plant employees and overseers, but excluded office personnel.

Burlington Mills has announced wage increases for its wide interests throughout the South, also effective November 10 and which includes its Phenix plant here. The Burlington notice of increases did not give exact figures merely stating that the increases "were in line" and that the information had been furnished overseers as to new hourly and piece work rates.

W. K. Mauney said that increases would be instituted at Bonnie and Mauney Hills "approximating nine percent," though he added that wage scales had not been definitely set, while D. C. Mauney, of Sadie Mills company, said that this plant also is "planning upward adjustments."

The Herald was unable to contact officials of Neisler Mills, Inc., Thursday morning, but it was understood that wage increases will also be instituted at the Neisler plants.

Homecoming Game Tonight At 7:30

Central high school's homecoming battle with Shelby's Lions is scheduled for City Stadium tonight, a parade of bands beginning the student sponsored, gala festivities at 6:30 p. m. and the kickoff slated for 7:30.

Late switches in the Mountaineer lineup list the following changes: Jackie Wright, starting at right guard in place of Garland Still; Richard White, starting in the backfield at quarterback, in place of fullback Bob Huffstetler; and Bud Melin at tailback, Jack Ruth at fullback and Major Loftin at wingback, rounding out the starting backfield.

Student officials announced Wednesday the sponsor for starting center Herman (Bud) Jackson - Miss Jean Davis (Miss Ridenhour's home-room), omitted from the story on page one, second section.

Two Men Held For Hearing By Police

Two men were brought to Kings Mountain by local police officers Wednesday from Mt. Holly jail for hearing in connection with the robbery on May 24 of Barkley Brothers grocery here.

The men, William Loyd (Bill) Case and J. D. Shedd, were picked up by Mt. Holly police, who notified local authorities.

Another man, J. B. Shedd, also wanted in connection with the robbery, is now serving time in Danville Va.

Lions Give \$855 To Davidson Camp

The Kings Mountain Lions club donated \$855 to Davidson Memorial Scout Camp to apply to building of a shelter at the camp, according to announcement made by President W. K. Mauney, Jr., at the November 6 meeting.

The camp is being built on the York road for use of Kings Mountain Scouts and others in memory of Carl Davidson, for many years Kings Mountain Scout leader.

Directors of the club voted the donation at their November meeting Mr. Mauney said.

At the meeting Thursday night, Ollie Harris was officially welcomed as a new member of the club. Mr. Harris was transferred from membership in the Shelby club.

WATCH REPAIRMAN

Marion C. Wishert, of Chester, S. C., has joined the staff of Delinger's Jewel Shop as watch repairman, it was announced this week by the management. Mr. Wishert has served in this capacity with Cody's of Chester for the past four years.