

Local News Bulletins

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Special Christmas services at the First Presbyterian church Sunday. At 11 the service will be one of music and scripture "Great Tidings of Great Joy" by the choir. The vespers service at 5 o'clock will be a candle-lighting devotional service. "The Light of Life, presented by the Woman's Auxiliary. A warm welcome to all.

CHRISTMAS SCENE
Central Methodist church will again present a Christmas Scene this year. It will be on display beginning Friday evening. The doors will be open to the public from 6:30 to 9 o'clock each evening. The general public is invited to come by the church to see this Christmas scene. Christmas carols will be played on the Tower Chimes each afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Final Rites Held For Bud Lockridge

Funeral services for Aaron Anderson, (Bud) Lockridge, 68, of route 1, Clover, S. C., well-known former Kings Mountain citizen, who was instantly killed when his pick-up truck collided with an automobile on the Clover-York highway Saturday night, were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Bethany A. R. P. church in York county. Interment was in the Bethany cemetery.

Dr. W. P. Grier, pastor of the Clover A. R. P. church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Griffin, pastor of Bethany church. The driver of the automobile, identified as Harold Robinson of Clover, was treated for injuries at the Divine Saviour hospital in York. Both drivers were alone at the time of the accident, and York county Policeman D. Ford said that no charges had been made in the head-on crash.

A native of York county, Mr. Lockridge had lived in the county most of his life. He was a member of Clover A. R. P. church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pearl Lockridge; four daughters, Mrs. Kimmie L. Grissom of Lowell, Mary Alice, Janie Maxine, and Della Lockridge, all of the home; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Veteran Killed In Hunting Accident

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p. m. at Sharon Methodist church for James Ponder, 29, lifelong resident of Cleveland county and overseas veteran of World War II who died instantly Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11, from accidental discharge of a gun while rabbit hunting.

Rev. J. M. Barber and Rev. J. N. Wise conducted the services. Inquest was deemed unnecessary by Ollie Harris, Cleveland county coroner, after investigation of the accident. Sheriff Hugh A. Logan and Deputy Sheriff C. O. Lee aided the investigation.

Ponder, his brother, Edward Ponder, and T. P. Lail, of Shelby were hunting rabbits on the farm of Glenn Oliver, south of Kings Mountain. Lail, it was stated, spotted a rabbit across a creek and started to fire when his foot slipped on the bank and the gun's charge flew wild, the load taking effect in James Ponder's heart. Ponder was standing across the creek.

James Ponder is survived by his wife, the former Miss Margaret Horton; two daughters, Ross O'Day and Marie Ponder; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ponder of near Patterson Springs; two brothers, Edward Ponder, of Shelby and Max Ponder, of near Patterson Springs.

Western Carolina League Accepted

Western Carolina Class D baseball league has been accepted to membership in the national association according to a telegram received by John Moon, of Kings Mountain, league president at noon Tuesday.

Phenix Bonuses To Total \$10,000; Yule Party Set

Christmas bonuses amounting to approximately \$10,000 are being paid this year to employees of Phenix Mills, unit of Burlington Mills, it was announced today by George B. Peeler, superintendent of the local plant, who also announced plans for the plant's annual Christmas party to be held on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Payment of the bonuses again this year was made possible by favorable business conditions and continued high production, superintendent Peeler said. On a company wide basis Burlington Mills will pay out approximately \$600,000 to production employees.

The annual Christmas party for children of employees of the plant will be held at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21 in the plant. Gifts will be given to children 10 years of age and under, and a program of group singing, recitations and carols by the children will be given. The Rev. G. W. Fink will offer the invocation and will speak briefly. The program is under the supervision of a committee composed of Gertie Roper, Carrie Barber, Bessie Davis, Effie Wiggins and Grace Huffstickler.

Holidays will be observed beginning at the end of the second shift on Tuesday, Dec. 23, and ending with operations being resumed at the beginning of the third shift on Sunday night, Dec. 28.

Young Loftin Up To Old Tricks

Major William Loftin was up to his old tricks Sunday—this time in Shelby—and the result is that he has been lodged in the county jail since, under \$1,200 bond after being bound over to Superior Court on charges of stealing \$66 from the choir room of Shelby's Lutheran church.

This same yen for removing valuables got the ninth-grade high school student and football player in trouble around this season in 1945. After a wave of choir room robberies here, the city police department set a trap and young Loftin, then only 15, walked into it.

He was sent to Jackson training school at Concord and was paroled last summer, with six months of his term remaining. Now 17, young Loftin entered school, and according to Principal J. E. Huneycutt, has made passing grades on his school work, played on the football team, and "has given his teachers no trouble at all."

Loftin was apprehended Sunday by Joe Craver, member of the Shelby Lutheran church, after he had taken money from the purses of Mrs. J. D. Sheppard and Mrs. Mary Louise Crowder. He was still in jail Thursday morning, according to Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, who said bond had not been made.

Christmas Eve Service Set By Lutherans

On Christmas Eve, Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, a Christmas service of candles and carols will be held at the St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

A beautiful candle-lighting program, in which every worshipper will participate has been arranged. The senior choir, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Herndon, will render special music, and the pastor will bring a Christmas message. The public is invited to attend.

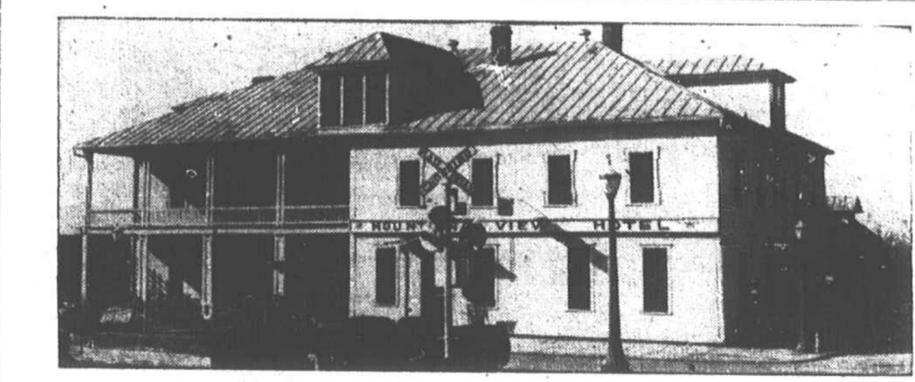
FIRE ALARM

While it caused no damage, Saturday morning's fire in the business district created considerable excitement. A batch of tar, being used to repair the street along the path of the Southern Bell Telephone company cable ditch, caught fire and rapidly spread down its length, causing billowing smoke. The firemen extinguished it in short order, but traffic was held up for several minutes.

Large Crowd Expected To "Swing Partners" At Kiwanis Square Dance

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will help to launch the Christmas season festivities Friday night as it presents its Christmas square dance at the high school gymnasium, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Hamrick Music-Makers will be on hand to furnish music for the occasion, and J. E. Huneycutt and Ray Smith will do the calling. Much interest is being evinced in the promotion, and a record crowd is expected to attend.



AGED LANDMARK SOLD AGAIN—The old Mountain View Hotel, a Kings Mountain landmark for 70 years, has been sold again, most likely for the last time. As quickly as it is vacated the new owners, David and Charlie Cash, plan to tear it away and use the site for a new motion picture theatre. Photo by Bundy.

Cash Brothers Buy Hotel, Plan To Erect New Theatre On Site

The Mountain View Hotel property was sold last Friday by DuCourt Mills, Inc., to David E. and Charles E. Cash, it was announced by the Cash Brothers this week.

The new owners said that the frame building—a Kings Mountain landmark—will be torn away as quickly as present occupants of the building move, and that the lot will be used for their planned new motion picture theatre, which, it had been previously announced, was to have been constructed on Railroad avenue on the lot adjoining the R. & M. Motors building.

The transaction, on which the consideration was not announced, was arranged by P. D. Herndon, Kings Mountain realtor. The lot included in the property fronts 100 feet on Railroad avenue and 210 feet on Mountain street. The new theatre is to be built on the corner and will occupy a space 54 by 134 feet. David Cash said yesterday that use of the remaining portion of the property had not been determined.

Best information obtainable by the Herald indicates the hotel building is at least 70 years of age, having been converted into a hotel from two store buildings in 1876 or 1877. It was operated by the Misses Agnes and Emma Norris as a hotel for 36 years and enjoyed a wide reputation for hospitality and good food.

C. J. Gault, Jr. Masonic Master

C. J. Gault, Jr., well-known Kings Mountain grocer, was elected Worshipful master of Fairview Lodge No. 339, AF & AM, at a meeting at the lodge hall Monday night.

Other officers elected for the coming year are: William A. Walker, senior warden; Paul Owens, junior warden; J. C. Keller, treasurer; Paul W. Walker, secretary; Dr. W. L. Mauney, senior deacon; Marriot Phifer, junior deacon; Bruce McDaniel, senior steward; Oscar McCarter, junior steward; and J. A. Walker, Tyler. It was announced that the annual Masonic banquet will be held in January at a date to be announced in the near future. Those on the banquet committee are P. D. Herndon, S. R. Suber, and C. J. Gault, Jr.

Christmas Pageant At First Baptist

The young people of the First Baptist church supported by the choir will present the pageant, "The Birthday of the King" Sunday evening at 7:30. Those who will have speaking parts are as follows:

Interpreter: Peggy Smith.
Abraham: Demouth Blanton.
Judah: Bobby White.
Spirit of Prophecy: Gladys Sexton.
Angel of Life: Betty Knox Davis.
Angel of Annunciation: Juanita Gunnels.
Angel of Praise: Joan Stewart.
Angel of Wisdom: Martha Cox.
Angel of Worship: Betty Cash.

Others who will take part in the pageant are Sidney Bond, Joe Hord, Ralph Hulleader, and Archie Costner. The music will be directed by Mrs. L. C. Plink, and the pageant by Miss Lila Mae Yagus. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Many Toys Given In Jaycee Drive

Junior Chamber of Commerce used toy drive, conducted here last week on Thursday and Friday, was termed a huge success with a large quantity of toys collected, majority of them in good condition, according to W. S. Fulton, Jr., chairman of the club's Christmas activities committee who had charge of the collection.

Jaycees are repairing other toys and dolls and will work with the Kings Mountain Lions club in distribution of the gifts for needy and underprivileged children in the city. Lions are donating clothing and food stuffs, fruit, and candy will also be included in the Christmas bundles. "We are happy to know that so many more fortunate children in Kings Mountain have given so generously to the used toy drive and we wish to thank everyone who contributed," Mr. Fulton said this week. Committee members also expressed appreciation to members of the Kings Mountain band who aided the drive by making house-to-house collections during the drive.

Christmas Herald To Appear Tuesday

As has been the custom for the past several years, next week's Christmas edition of the Herald will be advanced from the regular date to enable the staff to enjoy a well-deserved Christmas holiday.

The paper will be dated Tuesday, December 23, with some local distribution on Monday afternoon.

The edition will be used by majority of merchants for their Christmas greetings to patrons, and the Herald will make an effort to contact each business firm. Merchants are requested to give some advance thought to their copy for this edition, for which the advertising deadline is Saturday (tomorrow) at 5 p. m. News deadline is Sunday at 3 p. m.

The December 23rd edition will be the last Herald to appear in 1947. The subsequent edition will appear on January 2, 1948.

Final Rites Held For J. P. Lewis

Funeral services were held at Keeter Funeral Chapel in Rutherfordton Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Joseph Preston Lewis, 83, who died at 3:45 Friday morning after a long illness at the home of his son, Dr. O. P. Lewis, in Kings Mountain. Interment was in the Rutherfordton cemetery.

Rev. Irby Jackson, pastor of First Baptist church of Rutherfordton, conducted the service at the Chapel and Western Star Lodge No. 91 A. F. & A. M., of Rutherfordton, had charge of graveside rites. John C. Vance, of Mount Herman Lodge, of Asheville, led the service, attended by a large number of masons and friends of the family.

A native and life-long resident of Rutherfordton, he had been a member of Western Star Lodge for 53 years. He was the son of the late Preston and Martha Blanton Lewis, and was a member of First Baptist church. He was born Jan. 8, 1864, and would have reached his 84th birthday in January. He was a retired mail carrier.

His wife, Mary Taylor Lewis, preceded him in death by four weeks, passing away on Nov. 15 at the home in Rutherfordton.

He is survived, in addition to Dr. Lewis, by one daughter, Mrs. George W. Ferguson, of Gastonia, one brother, W. E. Lewis, of Forest City, and two grandchildren.

Rush On As Last-Minute Shoppers Plan to Start Earlier—Next Year

The Christmas rush is definitely underway here.

The postoffice department is already reaching the madhouse stage, as piles of mail—both incoming and outgoing—quickly replace those those just handled, and clerks at

Kings Mountain merchants will observe regular open hours through December 23rd, and they will observe Saturday hours on Christmas Eve. This means that last minute shoppers will have until 7 p. m. Christmas Eve to get their gift purchasing finished, with an additional hour to purchase food-stuffs for Christmas dinners.

Kings Mountain retail stores are already wearing a haggard look, with live more shopping days left.

With Oil Short Many Are Seeking Yule Log To Burn

Last year it was coal; this year it's oil. Today a year ago the coal strike had just been settled, and coal users were still worried over possible arrivals. Nobody got cold, but they came close.

The result was that several coal users switched to oil, and persons making new installations accented oil burners.

Now the squeeze is on for oil. One dealer said yesterday that he had a little on hand and was doing some personal rationing until his supply is exhausted. This will occur in quite sufficient time, he said, to provide an unduly long, enforced Christmas vacation, for he won't receive any more shipments until January.

Big hold-up is transportation, created by the shortage of tank cars. Railroad rolling stock is still short in all types of cars, but tank cars seem to be most short. New rail cars are being built, but until last month, the car-building program was not keeping pace with the junking of old ones.

While the situation is less serious for coal users, it is still not possible to order up several tons for immediate delivery. Coal dealer Claude Hambright said he was taking no advance orders, refusing all orders until coal is actually in the yard. This method, also a form of personal rationing, is working out very well, he said, and no coal user has been without coal. The transportation situation, in this instance shortage of coal cars, is also a big factor. Mr. Hambright is urging coal users to make their supplies last as long as possible, since three more big coal-using months remain.

Fuel oil users don't need to be urged. They know that profligacy might mean some cold homes on cold days.

Plonk Country Club President

Fred W. Plonk, prominent Kings Mountain business man, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club at a joint meeting of the incoming and outgoing boards of directors Tuesday night.

P. M. Neisler, Sr., was elected vice president, and Carl F. Mauney was re-elected secretary-treasurer, while George W. Mauney was named assistant secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Plonk, who has been serving as vice-president, will succeed Joe A. Neisler, while George W. Mauney will succeed L. Gilbert Hord, who is now living in Forest City.

Election of officers was the principal business conducted, with remainder of the agenda concerning routine business, the secretary reported.

PARKING CHECK-UP

Chief N. M. Farr said Thursday that beginning today city policemen are being instructed to tag cars for parking violations "where local cars are left in restricted areas for an undue length of time." In the half-hour areas, a person may park a few minutes overtime without fear of having to pay the penalty for over-parking, but the warning is being issued for the half-day parkers, Chief Farr said. These will be tagged for the penalty, according to the chief.

AT ECONOMY GROCERY

Walter Q. Huffstickler is now employed at Economy Grocery at 431 North Piedmont avenue it was announced this week.

Christmas Candles Already on Scarce List, and Most Buyers are Placing Advance Orders or Buying on the Spot

Christmas candles are already on the scarce list, and most buyers are placing advance orders or buying on the spot. White shirts for men are not too plentiful, but generally merchants are offering more varied selections and greater quantities of apparel, furniture, toys, and appliances than they have been able to show since 1941.