

Dr. Hendricks Ready To Begin Practice Here

Local News Bulletins

TAG SALES 498

Sale of City auto license tags neared the half-thousand mark this week with sales through Wednesday afternoon totaling 498, according to announcement by S. A. Crouse, city clerk. Deadline is February 1.

GOFORTH NAMED

I. B. Goforth of Kings Mountain has been appointed a member of the three-man county board of tax appraisals. It was announced this week. Other members of the board are Raymond Cline, chairman, and J. W. Irvin. Retiring members are J. B. Ellis and Chivous Washburn.

TAX PENALTY

Penalty of one percent will apply on all unpaid city taxes, according to state law, it was announced yesterday by City Clerk S. A. Crouse. Persons who have not paid their taxes are being reminded to do so before the penalty applies.

BUILDING PERMITS

Two building permits were issued at City Hall last week, one to Crescent Hill Development Company for a new dwelling on Tracy street (Davidson Heights, \$2,000, and one to City Auto & Home Supply for a shed to the building on Battleground avenue, \$75.

PROMOTED

Captain D. F. Hord, army dental corps, has recently been promoted to that rank. It was learned here this week. Captain Hord, son of Mrs. D. F. Hord, Sr., is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

RETURNING HOME

Lt. Thaniel A. Bell, of Kings Mountain, is en route home from the Marianas for separation from the armed forces, according to information from the Marianas Command, received this week.

HEAFNER TO LEAVE

Herman Heafner, of Lincolnton, seventh grade teacher at Central school, has resigned effective in the near future, to enter business, it was announced this week by B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools. Mrs. Rosalie Polk Suber, former city school teacher, will replace Mr. Heafner when he completes his duties here, Mr. Barnes said.

Blanton, Kimball Injured In Wreck

Grady Brown, colored man, had prayer for judgment continued in recorder's court at Shelby Wednesday, on charges of reckless driving growing out of an auto accident on the Cherryville road Monday night in which Brown's car hit the car driven by W. C. Blanton.

Brown agreed to pay the hospital bill of Ray Kimball, passenger in the Blanton car, who sustained a fractured kneecap. Mr. Blanton suffered a head cut and fractured chest but was not hospitalized. Brown was not injured. The accident occurred about 6 p. m. and Patrolman Haroldis Dayton investigated.

March Of Dollars Began On Thursday

The annual Infants Paralysis fund campaign in Kings Mountain, with a goal of \$2,000, began yesterday. It was announced by B. N. Barnes, chairman.

Volunteer committees from the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions club, and Kiwanis club will make a canvass of business and industrial firms, and the school campaign, under the familiar name of March of Dollars, will begin on Monday. During the school campaign, children will make their own donations and are expected to solicit donations from their parents and neighbors, but they will not solicit donations from business firms.

"We hope that business firms and industrial firms will make this campaign a March of Dollars," Mr. Barnes said. "For it will require large donations to reach the goal of \$2,000."

Medical Corps Again To Number Four Doctors

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks will officially begin the general practice of medicine here Monday, he announced this week.

For the past week, Dr. Hendricks has been busy moving his family here and supervising renovation of his office quarters on the second floor of the Willeford building on Mountain street. His offices are those formerly used by Dr. D. M. Morrison, optometrist, and above those of Dr. J. E. Anthony, with whom Dr. Hendricks will be closely affiliated in the general practice of medicine.

He announced that Miss Faye Pope, registered nurse of Magnolia, N. C., and presently at James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington, where Dr. Hendricks recently completed his internship, will arrive here Saturday to assist him in his medical work.

Dr. Hendricks, who first came to Kings Mountain in 1935 as high school teacher and director of the school band, is a native of Mocksville. He was graduated from Wake Forest College, and established an enviable reputation as band director developing several groups which win top honors in national competition.

He underwent medical training via the army's service training program at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

He and his family reside at the residence on the corner of Cansler and W. Gold streets.

Dr. Hendricks' office telephone number is 521, his residence phone is 478-W.

Listing Of Taxes Progressing Well

Tax listing moved ahead at a swift pace this week, though County Lister B. D. Ratterree and City Lister Clarence Carpenter said they had no way of checking percentage list taking completed.

"We've been too busy—just listing," they said.

The cold weather of Wednesday afternoon caused a slowing of the

A lady, with a baby in her arms, had completed listing her taxes for 1948 and had almost reached the front door of City Hall.

Suddenly she turned and came back to the lister's desk.

"Oh, I'm sorry," she said. "I forgot to list my baby."

The lister reported she was quite perturbed when told that babies weren't subject to listing.

"After all," she remarked, "it's the most valuable possession I have."

tax-listing traffic for the first time since listing began January 1, they reported.

However, they urged all citizens who have not yet completed the annual job to accomplish it at once.

"There is always a last-minute rush," they said, "and needless delay can be avoided by listing before the final few days."

Penalties are provided for those who fail to list during the scheduled one month.

All persons owning personal and real property are required to list, and men between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list their

City's Six-Month Financial Report Shows Operations "In The Black"

Semi-annual financial report of the City of Kings Mountain given at the board meeting of Tuesday night showed receipts of the first six months of the current fiscal year totaled \$126,615.53, while expenditures during the same period totaled \$123,841.40.

The report brought the comment from Mayor H. Tom Fulton that "we are operating well within the black." "While expenditures in the first six months represent slightly more than 50 percent of the 1947-48 budget, several of the expenditures were capital outlay items and supplies which will be usable over the next six months and cut these outlays."

Biggest income figure was from the utilities operations, \$70,812.63 having been received from sale of water, lights, and power, while the second biggest revenue item was from property taxes, totaling \$25,317.49 and including \$22,956.55 on taxes for the year 1947. (Figures for the current fiscal year do not include

Local Red Cross Quota Is \$5,412

Kings Mountain quota in the annual Red Cross fund campaign which will be conducted in March will be \$5,412, it was announced this week.

The quota assigned Kings Mountain is therefore approximately \$800 less than the quota assigned and met in 1947.

Of this amount 69 1/2 percent will be retained by the chapter here, with 30 1/2 percent to go to the national organization.

J. G. Darracott has been named chairman and Carl F. Mauney co-chairman of the campaign by John L. McGill, chapter chairman.

Bank Stockholders In Annual Meeting

Stockholders of the First National Bank, in annual meeting at the bank Tuesday afternoon, re-elected all officers and directors and heard reports on the bank's operations for 1947.

Reports of the president, executive vice-president and cashier showed that the bank enjoyed a prosperous year, adding \$10,000 to the surplus, making a total of \$85,000, and adding \$14,432.97 to the reserve and undivided profits fund, for a total of \$62,092.79. Total resources at the close of business at the end of business December 31, 1947, was \$4,134,936.02.

The reports also showed a considerable increase in number of loans in force, with 1,252 loans in force on December 31. Biggest increase was noted in the personal loan department, with 698 in force December 31, as compared with 440 on December 31, 1946. It was also reported that more than 3,000 individuals and business firms maintained bank accounts.

The bank paid a five percent dividend during 1947.

Officers of the bank are F. R. Summers, president, B. S. Neill, executive vice-president, R. L. Mauney, vice-president, L. E. Abbott, cashier, and James C. McKinney, assistant cashier.

Directors are D. L. P. Baker, C. A. Bridges, W. K. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, B. S. Neill, P. M. Neisler, F. F. Summers, and M. A. Ware.

City Board Raises Pay Of Firemen

The city board, in regular January meeting Tuesday night, heard the semi-annual financial report, voted to raise the pay of city firemen from \$2.00 per fire to \$3.00, and voted a fine of \$5 on city motorists not buying and displaying city tags by February 1.

The board also took steps to require plumbers to obtain a permit before cutting into a paved street or sidewalk in making sewer taps, and discussed the possibility of employing a city supervisor.

C. B. (Pat) M. Brayer, Shelby attorney, appeared before the board in behalf of C. E. Roberts, Shelby negro, who sought a taxi franchise. The board refused to consider granting the franchise on the grounds that the present limit is 21 franchises; cabs and there are 21 cabs being operated in the city.

City Attorney E. A. Harrill was instructed to draw the necessary legal papers requiring plumbers to secure permits before cutting into paved streets and sidewalks, and the motion called for making failure to obtain permit a misdemeanor.

Motion to increase the pay of firemen (paid on answering a fire alarm) was made by Carl F. Mauney, seconded by John H. Moss, and passed unanimously after it was pointed out.

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Grace Methodist To Hold Initial Services In New Building Sunday

Shaw, Query Named to Top Presbytery Posts

Kings Mountain Presbytery, in 104th session at First Presbyterian church here Tuesday, elected Rev. A. W. Shaw, of Stanley, as moderator, and chose Hugh Query, of Gastonia, to head the group's Program of Progress.

Through its Program of Progress the Presbyterian church is seeking to raise a \$7,750,000 fund over the course of five years, with some \$4,000,000 of the goal to be used for foreign missions. The church is completing its first year on this program.

The presbytery paused for special prayer of thanksgiving after Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the local church, reported that a goal of \$135,000 for Presbyterian Junior college at Maxton had been reached by the January 1 closing date. Successful completion of this campaign meant that another \$15,000 in a contingent gift would go to the school.

Presbytery voted to ask the General Assembly to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches by vote of 33-24, and asked the General Assembly to cease action for 10 years on the proposition to amalgamate the Northern and Southern Branches of the church. On the vote concerning withdrawal from the federal council, the local church cast its votes with the minority.

Rev. W. M. Currie of Belmont preached the sermon at request of Elder I. E. Howe, retiring moderator. His subject was "Foreign Missions."

Grady E. Dixon of Gashen church, North Belmont, was received as a candidate for the ministry.

Norman S. Pease, an elder of the Myers Park Presbyterian church in Charlotte, and chairman of the program of progress for the Synod of North Carolina, addressed Presbytery. Rev. L. M. Ellis of Gastonia, chairman of Foreign Mission committee, announced that the churches of Presbytery would on Sunday January 18, have a general exchange of preachers.

Rev. Allen C. McSween of Lincolnton announced that the property for the permanent camp for the young people of Kings Mountain Presbytery was now an assured fact and that substantial contributions of cash were coming in.

Election held. Rev. J. Hector Smith and Rev. A. (Cont'd on page six)

Kiwanians Heard Achievement Report

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club was held at the Woman's Club last Thursday evening, with a large attendance.

Feature of the program was presentation of the annual report of the Achievement Committee by Rev. W. L. Pressly, committee chairman, and P. D. Herndon, who gave a humorous account of club activities during the year 1947.

C. B. McBrayer, Shelby attorney, was to speak to the club at the regular meeting Thursday night on the subject "The Birth of the Constitution of the United States," according to announcement by Jesse Kiser, chairman of the program committee.

Mrs. Fulkerson Resigns Country Club Post

Mrs. W. J. Fulkerson, hostess at the Kings Mountain Country Club, has tendered her resignation, it was announced this week by Fred Plonk president.

Mr. Plonk said arrangements are being made to employ a club manager and that he hopes to make an announcement next week. He said Mrs. Fulkerson expected to continue to manage the club until a new manager could be obtained.

The Fulkersons have purchased a home in Crescent Hill and are moving their residence there.

Pressly President Of Minister's Group

Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, at a meeting of the group Tuesday.

He succeeds Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Other officers elected were Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, pastor of Macedonia-Baptist church, vice-president, and Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, secretary-treasurer.

City Freezes As Mercury Plummet

Kings Mountain started feeling a cold wave late Tuesday afternoon which continued to a record low for the current winter Thursday morning, when local thermometers moved down to 10 degrees.

Warmer temperatures were recorded later in the day, but the wind was still biting and making citizens who had to be out wish they were inside.

Garages were busy thawing out stubborn motors and several cars, which were minus anti-freeze presented radiator problems.

Non-permanent type anti-freeze sales were heavy, and there were no reports of permanent types being available.

Meantime, users of fuel oil for heating purposes looked with fear at dwindling oil supplies and coal users were keeping dealers busy.

Girl Scout Group To Hear Heaton

Tickets for the annual dinner of the Pioneer Girl Scout Area Council, which includes Kings Mountain Girl Scout units, went on sale this week, according to an announcement by Mrs. Otto Hehn, local chairman.

The annual dinner will be held at the Armington hotel in Gastonia January 23, at 7 p. m. with Dr. George D. Heaton, prominent Charlotte minister, scheduled to deliver the address of the evening.

Dr. Heaton, pastor of the Myers Park Baptist church, has held pastorates in Louisville, Lexington and Paducah, Ky., and at Lynchburg Va., since entering ministerial work in 1929. He is prominent in the activities of the Baptist church and in Charlotte community affairs, and boasts an 800-member church in Charlotte, with seven staff members.

Local Girl Scout leaders are urging a full attendance at the Gastonia dinner. Tickets cost \$1.10.

Scouts, Scouters To Hear Elliott

Dr. Phil Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb college at Bowling Springs and active in Boy Scout work in the county, will deliver the principal address at the annual banquet of Kings Mountain district Scouts and Scouters to be held at the Woman's Club Tuesday evening, February 10. It was announced this week by W. L. Plonk, district chairman.

The annual event is customarily attended by a capacity crowd and this year's is expected to be no exception.

The dinner will be served by Mrs. C. D. Ware and tickets will go on sale in the near future for \$1.00, it was stated.

Feature of the meeting will be presentation of annual reports by district officials and election of officers for the coming year.

Members of the nominating committee named by Mr. Plonk includes: B. S. Neill, chairman, C. C. Edens, Harold Hunnicutt, J. H. Patterson, and Paul Mauney.

Policemen Shoot 46 Dogs In Effort To Combat Spread Of Rabies Here

Some 46 dogs have been reported killed by police since the 30-day dog quarantine ordinance was passed by the city board of commissioners in a special called meeting held at City Hall last Friday afternoon at 1:30 p. m.

The quarantine, lasting until noon Feb. 8, was voted because of a report from state officials that a dog's head sent to Raleigh for rabies tests was found to be "mad." The confinement period of 30 days is to give owners sufficient time to determine whether their animal is rabid and to keep them away from other dogs that might possibly be mad.

The ordinance amended previous ordinances to make it legal for city police to kill dogs found in violation of a quarantine, regardless of whether the dog is on the owner's property or whether it is licensed by the city.

The "mad" dog, a big brown, Chow belonging to E. B. Cook, of Walker street, was killed by Bobbie Barrett on Gantt street the morning of Jan. 7 and the head was shipped

Fire-Destroyed Edifice Replaced By New Building

Inaugural services will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the new \$50,000, brick building of Grace Methodist church according to an announcement by Rev. G. W. Fink, pastor.

Rev. W. A. Stanbury, Gastonia district superintendent, will deliver the address.

Included on the program of activities for the day is Sunday school at 9:45, service at 2:30 o'clock during which Rev. W. L. Pressly, president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, will bring greeting to the church from his organization and other members of the association will make short talks, and at 7 p. m. Rev. E. P. Green, former member of the church and pastor in the Marion district, will deliver the evening service.

Special music will be rendered at all services, it was added.

The former church building, a wooden structure, in use by the church for over 20 years, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, Feb. 17, 1946, ground-breaking ceremonies were held on June 1, 1947, beginning construction of the church's new home on the original site.

Mr. Fink said the church would begin using the new structure owing only \$3,000 on the new plant.

The church had been using East school building for its services since the old church was destroyed.

"The pastor and congregation of Grace church extend a hearty invitation to the public to attend the inaugural services Sunday," Mr. Fink said yesterday.

Annual Masonic Banquet Tuesday

Annual banquet of Fairview Lodge No. 339, AF & AM, will be held at the high school cafeteria Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Dr. C. H. Pugh, prominent Gastonia doctor and 33rd degree Mason, will make the principal address at the banquet, at which wives of Masons will be special guests. Also invited to attend as guests of the lodge are widows of Masons.

Also invited are all Masons and their wives who reside here but who are members of other lodges.

The dinner will be served by the ladies of Grace Methodist church.

C. J. Gault, Jr., is in charge of ticket sales and is requesting that Masons expecting to attend obtain their tickets by Friday of this week.

SEAL SALE

Grand total of receipts from the 1947 drive conducted by the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association is \$7,525.08, it was announced by Mrs. W. G. Stallings, executive secretary. Goal is \$8,000 and reminder cards are being mailed those who failed to respond to the mail sale. She reported that in Bangle Day sales conducted last week, Kings Mountain schools contributed \$65.01, divided as follows: East school, \$4.96, West school \$21.56, Central primary, \$10.05, and Central high, \$28.44.

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