

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS

Three building permits were issued by City Clerk S. A. Crouse, at City Hall during the past two weeks. Clyde Fullender secured a permit on Feb. 16 for construction of a garage on Candler street, valuation \$3,000. Permits were issued on Feb. 5, J. A. Fisher \$700 for remodeling on Mountain street and on Feb. 10, R. Boothe Tarkington for \$65 for construction of a chicken house on Gannt street.

LADIES' NIGHT COMMITTEE

Dr. P. G. Padgett has been named chairman of the Kiwanis club Ladies' Night committee, according to an announcement in the current issue of the Sinawik. Other members named by President John L. McGill are B. S. Peeler, H. Y. Ballard, G. A. Bridges, and J. A. Neisler.

ATTEND MEETING

President Jacob Cooper, W. B. Logan, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Fred Wright, Jr., Ned McGill and C. F. Thomason represented the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at the fourth quarterly conference of the state organization held in Durham last week end.

FOUNTAIN CLERK

Miss Helen Robb, formerly popular fountain clerk at Kings Mountain Drug Company, is again affiliated with that firm in the same capacity. Miss Robb resigned last year when her family moved to Gaffney. They have since returned to Kings Mountain.

FIRE ALARMS

City fire department had two fire alarms this week according to Grady King, chief. On Monday at 10 a. m. \$50 damage was reported when a truck caught fire at Sadie mill. At 6 p. m. Tuesday a small roof fire started by a spark did \$10 damage to the home of Joe Walker on Parker street.

Calendar Cross-Up; Spring Here, Tra-La

In spite of the calendar and the previous heavy-handed rule of King Winter, Sweet Spring threatened to put in appearance this week, as the mercury in local thermometers came out of its lethargy and moved upward.

Birds were heard singing, and some few people even felt the need of sulphur and molasses treatment for an advance season case of spring fever.

Everyone breathed easier. Fuel dealers, with an "if the real bad weather is over" statement, opined that the city was over the hump on the fuel drought for the current winter.

Coal, which had suddenly replaced oil as the shortest fuel in stock, was more plentiful again, as stoves and fireplaces used less, and local dealers anticipated increased shipments over the coming weekend.

For fuel oil users the danger was also virtually over, following the receipt of 70,000 gallons of emergency oil, in addition to regular quotas. But the calendar says spring does not come until March 21.

Note-in-the-Bottle Stunt Gets Answer

Fourteen-year-old Timothy Gladden, son of John W. Gladden, commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, should qualify as a balloon oriolist.

Not that he actually flew in one, as the earlier experimenters with aviation tried to do, and later did, but young Gladden "flew" one a long distance.

Sometimes before Christmas, in a landlubber's version of the note-in-the-bottle stunt, he floated a balloon into the air, to come down he knew not where. But he enclosed a pencil-scratched note with his name and address on it.

This week he had a letter which read as follows:

"Dear Friend: Am returning your note I found in a peach tree attached to a balloon on the 23 of January 1948. It was found in a peach orchard six miles north of Ellerbe, N. C. If you wish to purchase best peaches in the market, pay us a visit. Vesper Roberts, Route 1, Ellerbe."

The balloon had traveled quite a distance. Ellerbe is located in the Sandhills country near Pinebluff, some 125 miles from Kings Mountain.

Jaycees Set Up Band-Aid Club; Mauney Chairman

W. K. (Billy) Mauney, Jr., was named to head a Junior Chamber of Commerce committee to secure funds for the Kings Mountain school band at the regular meeting of the organization at the Woman's club Tuesday night. The club voted formation of a band-boosters organization, the Band Aid Club, to enable every citizen to become a supporter of the band.

The membership campaign in the new club was to get underway Thursday night at 8 p. m. at Central auditorium at a free concert to be given by the local group of musicians.

The concert was scheduled by the Band Association as a part of Band Emphasis Week, set for this week.

Formulation of the Band Aid club was approved by the executive committee of the Band Association at a meeting Wednesday, Mr. Mauney said. Junior Chamber of Commerce adopted the new club after Band Director Joe Hedden, a member of the organization, had appealed for help in raising \$4,000 needed by the band.

Three types of memberships have been set for the Band Aid club: regular, membership fee \$1.00; contributing, more than \$1.00; and life, \$50 or more.

"The band means much to the community and we feel that the Band Aid club will be a very effective way for the citizens to support the musicians. Every Jaycee in our club is serving on the committee and we feel sure that the move will be highly successful," Mr. Mauney said.

Board Approves Aid Requests

L. Arnold Kiser, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of hospital trustees, said Thursday that the board had approved at its Wednesday night meeting an application to the North Carolina Medical Care commission for aid in expanding county hospital facilities.

The application includes both requests for the Shelby hospital and for the proposed unit at Kings Mountain.

Mr. Kiser did not divulge details of the application but said "the situation looks very encouraging to us" and he added that the application was to be forwarded at a very early date.

Under the state-wide hospital program enacted by the 1947 General Assembly, the state is providing aid for the expansion of medical facilities in the state.

Bank Employs Clover Man As New Teller

The First National Bank announced this week that M. E. Stanton, now associated with the First National Bank of Clover, S. C., will join the Kings Mountain bank on March 1, as a teller.

An army veteran during the recent war, Mr. Stanton served in both the African and Pacific theaters. While his official capacity with the bank here will be as teller, it was announced that Mr. Stanton will later serve as the bank's agricultural representative.

A native of Clover, he was reared on a farm and has been active in farm management for the past several years. He is married and has one child and expects to move here as quickly as accommodations can be obtained.

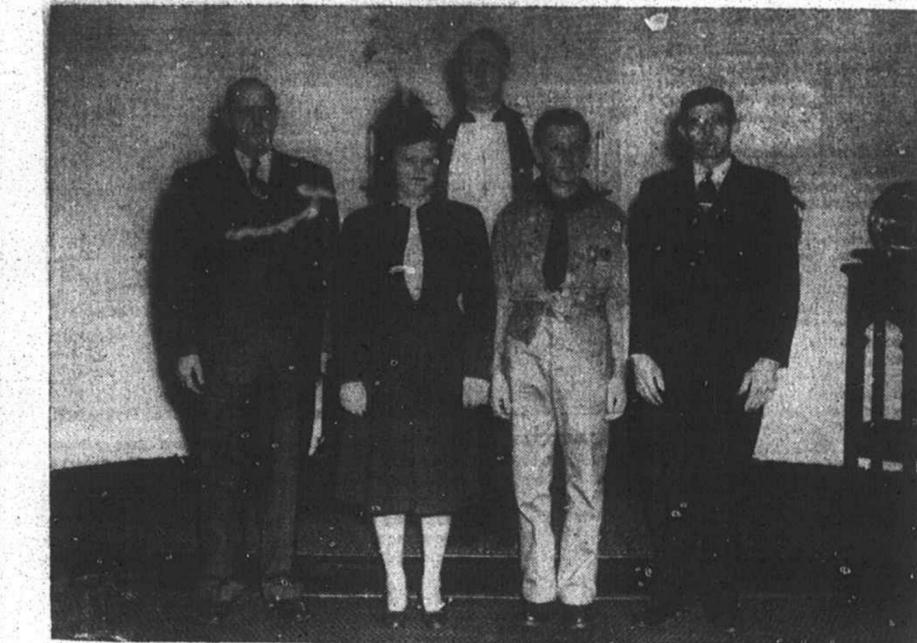
Committee Chairmen Named To Lead Red Cross Campaign; Goal \$5,412

Kings Mountain committee chairmen for the annual Red Cross drive which begins March 1, were announced this week by Chairman J. G. Darracott and Co-Chairman C. F. Mauney, following a meeting Tuesday at City Hall.

Tuesday's meeting, attended by local organization officials, and interested citizens, featured reports on the past year's work, which showed a large number of activities in the social service field on the part of the local chapter.

Quota for the forthcoming campaign is \$5,412, approximately \$800 less than the quota assigned — and raised — in 1947. Of this amount 69% percent will be retained by the chapter for local work, with 30% percent going to the national organization.

"We are confident that this year's quota will be met, as usual," Mr. Darracott said. "Kings Mountain people are aware of the good work being done by the Red Cross, not only in distant places, but here at



RECEIVES HIGH AWARD—Eagle Scout Paul McGinnis, Jr., second from left above, was awarded the Pro Deo et Patria award, highest church award for Boy Scouts, on February 8, at morning church services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. To receive the award, a Scout must give evidence of daily Bible reading, regular attendance at Sunday School and church, must have a knowledge of the church, church altar, church year, and of the Word and Sacraments, and, in addition, he must give at least 150 hours of service to the church over the regular attendance at church services. Eagle Scout McGinnis is among the youngest Scouts to obtain the Eagle award. After qualifying for that rank, highest in scouting, he was forced to wait three months to meet the age requirements. In the picture above are, left to right, Troop 2 Scoutmaster Laney Dettmar, Scout McGinnis, his pastor, Rev. W. H. Stender, and his parents, Mrs. Paul McGinnis and Mr. McGinnis.—Photo by Bundy.

One-Day Scout Fund Drive Has \$2,000 Goal

The annual Kings Mountain district Boy Scout financial campaign — with a goal of \$2,000 — will be conducted Friday.

Along with the figure of \$2,000 sought, the aim of the committee, headed by Glee A. Bridges, is completion of the drive in one day, if possible.

According to Aubrey Mauney, district commissioner, the total amount is slightly over \$8.00 per Boy Scout enrolled, and he pointed out this was a small investment in support of such a worthwhile program of citizenship training.

Feature of the Thursday night program of the Kiwanis club was a program in the interest of Scouting, featuring a skit by Eagle Scouts Garland Still, Jr., and Charles Blanton, a talk on "Benefits of Scouting to Me," by Eagle Scout Paul McGinnis, and a short address by Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan church and new chairman of the Kings Mountain scout district.

Following the Kiwanis meeting, plans for the financial drive were mapped by district leaders and civic club representatives participating in the campaign.

CITY AUTO TAGS

Sale of city auto tags jumped to 860, according to a report through Wednesday, to top the total number of 847 sold in 1947. The city this week addressed cards to motorists who have not yet purchased the tags, informing them that citations would be issued in the near future, and urging them to purchase the tags to avoid additional penalties which are already accruing.

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home. They have a habit of donating liberally to this worthy cause, and this year should be no exception."

Committee chairmen named follow:

Industrial Group—Howard Jackson.

Industrial Employees—J. H. Patterson.

Business area (uptown) — Joe Lee Woodward.

Outlying business area — Gene Roberts.

Public Employees—W. E. Blakely.

Professional Group—E. A. Harrill.

Rev. W. L. Pressly.

Insurance agents—C. P. Barry.

Schools—J. E. Huneycutt.

Residential—Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. Moffatt Ware.

Grover—Vassar Hardin, general chairman.

Rural districts — Rev. T. W. Fogleman.

Negro districts—J. A. Gibson, J. C. Mitchell.

Carl Goerch Lions Farmer's Night Speaker

Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, editor of The State, will make the address of the evening at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club, it was announced yesterday by W. L. Plonk, program chairman. The annual event has been scheduled for Thursday night, March 25th.

Building & Loan Stockholders Met

Stockholders of the Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, in their 41st annual meeting Thursday night, February 12, re-elected all officers and directors and heard reports showing an active year during 1947.

The association showed net income from loans for the year of \$13,753.78, with \$13,578.78 of this amount being paid to shareholders as follows: to full-paid shareholders, \$5,019.42; to holders of optional shares, \$1,782.80; payments to holders of matured shares, \$5,436.50; payments to holders of withdrawn shares, \$914.24; and payments to holders of prepaid shares, \$412.50.

The additional \$175, plus interest received on federal government bonds, totaled \$2,500 and this amount was added to the association's reserve fund, which now totals \$20,500.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer J. C. Lackey also showed that the association loaned a total of \$195,650 during 1947 in 167 separate loans. They included: \$109,950 in 72 construction loans; \$43,100 in 28 loans for the purchase of homes; \$6,200 in two re-financing loans; and \$36,400 in 65 loans for other purposes.

Stockholders numbered 1,032 at the close of year, including 912 white persons and 120 colored persons.

Officers re-elected were: W. K. Mauney, president; J. C. Keller, vice president; J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer; and J. R. Davis, attorney. Directors include the officers and C. W. Hüller, Dr. L. P. Baker, W. M. Gantt, B. H. Bridges, R. L. Mauney, and C. F. Thomason.

ARP Vesper Service Series Subjects Given

Rev. Wm. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church, will continue his special services at the Vesper Hour Sabbath afternoon at 5 o'clock.

This series is on the life of Christ, using the following subjects: "Journeying with Jesus to the Wilderness," "Journeying with Jesus to Samaria," "Journeying with Jesus to the Transfiguration," "Journeying with Jesus to the Cross," "Journeying with Jesus to the Upper Room." The Vesper hour is 5 p. m.

Boys And Girls' Work Group Meet

Harry Page was elected chairman of a joint civic club committee on boys and girls' work at its first meeting, held at the Country Club Tuesday night.

The 13-man group, which includes representatives from the Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has as its aim the formulation of boys' and girls' program, looking to the full utilization of all facilities of the community.

Mr. Page said no definite policies were formally concluded at the Tuesday night organization meeting, but that definite plans would be advanced in the near future.

Members of the committee are: Lions — Howard Jackson, Hilton Ruth, Carl F. Mauney, John Henry Moss, Charles E. Warlick, Kiwanis — H. L. Campbell, L. Arnold Kiser, Harry Page, Rev. J. G. Winkler, Paul Mauney, Jaycees — Ralph (Frosty) Spearman, J. B. Falls, Grady Howard.

WOW Boosters Meet Wednesday

Cleveland and Rutherford county Woodmen of the World Boosters Club will hold the regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the hall here with Kings Mountain Camp 15 as hosts, according to an announcement this week by Denver King, local WOW official.

Refreshments will be served at the meeting, Mr. King said. The group is composed of members from all WOW camps in the two counties.

Nine camps will be represented at the meeting, including Kings Mountain, Shelby, Spindale, Ellenboro, Grover, Cliffside, Caroleen, Lawn-dale, and Union Mills.

WEATHERS ANNOUNCES

State Senator Lee B. Weathers, of Shelby, publisher of the Shelby Daily Star and for the past three terms representative of the 27th district in the North Carolina Senate, Wednesday announced that he would be a candidate for reelection.

Tickets Going Fast For Annual Merchants' Banquet Tuesday Night

Ned McGill, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, said yesterday that tickets for the annual employee-employer banquet set for Tuesday night, are going fast, and he urged members of the organization to place orders at once.

Accommodations are limited to 200 persons.

Feature of the annual event will be an entertainment program by the Gay Nineties Quartet of Charlotte, one of the favorite entertainment groups in the Piedmont area. Hilton Ruth, chairman of the arrangements committee, will serve as master of ceremonies, and J. W. Milan, retiring president, will welcome the group and recognize special guests. Glee A. Bridges, first president of the association on its reorganization in

Kiwanis Request For Auto Test Lane Granted

G. A. Bridges, chairman of the Kiwanis club public affairs committee, was notified this week that an auto inspection lane would be opened here in ample time for all people in the Kings Mountain area to get inspections.

The information was received from Colonel H. J. Hatcher, commanding officer of the state highway patrol and director of the highway safety division, in response to a request from the Kiwanis club committee that Kings Mountain — which had not been previously scheduled for a vehicle inspection lane — be put on the schedule.

Chairman Bridges, in a letter to Col. Hatcher, pointed out the inconvenience to motorists which would be caused, should an inspection lane not be established here, and urged that Kings Mountain be added to the schedule.

According to the highway safety act, passed by the 1947 General Assembly, all motor vehicles are required to be inspected once during 1948 and twice yearly thereafter. If found defective the owner is required to have them repaired before driving them on the highway. Motor vehicles are defined by the act to include cars, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, motorcycles, and motor bikes. A total of 25 items are checked during an inspection, including everything from brakes to stickers on the windshield.

Col. Hatcher did not say on what date the inspection lane would be set up. His letter stated:

"I have made an investigation as to the possibility of having a checking station for the inspection of motor vehicles located in Kings Mountain for the convenience of the people who live in this vicinity. I have been assured by Mr. Moore, who is director of the Mechanical Inspection Department, that this Inspection Lane will be located in Kings Mountain for the convenience of your people in ample time for all to take advantage of the opportunity."

Members of the Kiwanis Club's public affairs committee, in addition to Mr. Bridges, are G. H. Mauney, director, Joe A. Neisler, F. R. Summers, J. B. Keeter, and Hugh Y. Ballard.

Lions Heard Mrs. Goforth

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club, in regular meeting at the high school cafeteria February 12, heard an address by Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the state employment service.

The program was arranged by Don Blanton.

In her address, Mrs. Goforth outlined the six-point program of the employment service, and described her office as a local clearing house between employers and employees.

The six-point program of the employment service includes: (1) placement of the job-seeker; (2) special services to veterans; (3) employment counseling and selective placement; (4) labor market information; (5) industrial services; and (6) cooperation with the community groups.

Mrs. Goforth urged employers to place job orders with her office in order that their demands may be filled more quickly and with more suitable personnel, in addition to keeping unemployment at a minimum.

She stated that present extra-pressing needs in the local labor market are for weavers, loom fixers, masons and carpenters.

New members welcomed into the club included Atchie Clark, transferred from the Clinton, S. C., club, Harold Plonk, Pete Barkely, and Denver King.

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