

Bridges Candidate For House Of Representatives

Effort To Form Guard Company Is Underway

Coggins, Others Purchase Hord Furniture Firm

Large Crowd Expected For Sunrise Service

Present Board Member Opposing B. T. Falls, Jr.

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS
The following building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week: Mar. 13, P. B. Falls, addition of shed on beauty parlour at 304 East Ridge street, \$100; Mar. 19, J. D. Boyd, add room to residence on Floyd street, \$450; Mar. 22, P. B. Phillips, new five-room dwelling on 2nd street, Cora, \$3,000; and Mar. 23, Z. V. Waters, Jr., new dwelling on Morris street, \$1,500.

ARP SERVICES
Special Easter services began at ARP church Tuesday night, and will be concluded with a special Communion service Friday evening at 8 o'clock and Easter morning services at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Stender is to deliver the Friday evening message, while Dr. J. H. Pressly of Statesville, father of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly, will preach Sabbath morning.

BAIRD BETTER
The condition of Dr. R. N. Baird was described as much improved yesterday by his physician, Dr. J. E. Anthony. The retired minister, who has been in ill health for many months, suffered a relapse Sunday night. Dr. Anthony said he hoped that Dr. Baird would be able to be up again in a few days.

LOST TAGS
Following North Carolina license plates (1948) may be claimed, at the police department: 572 528; 387 389; 566 687; 383 718; 411 660; and 893 329 (attached to Charlotte city tag 8-497.)

JAYCEE DIRECTORS
Directors of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday night at 7 o'clock according to an announcement by President Cooper. Directors will be notified as to place of meeting.

KIWANIS SPEAKER
Herbert M. Wayne, vice-president and cashier of Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting of April 1. It was announced by L. E. Abbott. Mr. Wayne will discuss current trends in banking and business.

FILM AVAILABLE
A sound movie film of the 1947 World Series and the all-star game will be available in this area for civic clubs during the month of April according to an announcement by John H. Moss, president of the Western Carolina baseball league. Clubs interested in scheduling the movie should contact Mr. Moss.

NEW MANAGER
T. H. Davidson, native of Rock Hill, S. C., assumed duties as manager of A & P Food Store here this week. Mr. Davidson came here from Ft. Mill and plans to move his family here provided he can find a place to live.

RABIES VACCINE
Hal D. Ward, number 4 township rabies inspector, announced yesterday that a shipment of rabies vaccine had been received and he urged all dog owners to be sure their dogs are vaccinated. Pups should be vaccinated after reaching age of six months, he said.

SELLERS ILL
Giles C. Sellers, well-known route 3 farmer, has been confined to bed this week due to illness. His condition was reported improved Wednesday.

Efforts are underway to establish a National Guard unit in Kings Mountain.

Captain D. W. Donovan, of Raleigh, of the adjutant general's department, North Carolina National Guard, arrived in Kings Mountain Wednesday to confer with city officials, former army officers, and interested citizens regarding the proposed unit, which, if it is formed, must be recognized by the National Guard board in Washington by April 11.

Captain Donovan came here following an invitation by the city board of commissioners to investigate the possibility of forming such a unit.

If formed, the Kings Mountain unit will be Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the Third Battalion, 120th Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, of which Lt. Col. Maston S. Parham of Gastonia, is commanding officer.

Minimum strength of the company required for recognition is two officers and 20 enlisted men, while the maximum authorized peacetime strength is four officers and 67 enlisted men, including a captain as company commander, a first lieutenant in charge of communication, a first lieutenant in charge of motor transport, and a second lieutenant as munitions officer, in addition to the battalion staff officers.

Enlistments will be for three years. After the first enlistment, reenlistments are accepted for one or three years, Captain Donovan said. Requirements of national guard service are: attendance at a two-hour drill once each week, but not (Cont'd on page eight)

Good Friday Rites To Start At Noon

A special three-hour Good Friday service, commemorating the death of Christ on the cross will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Friday, beginning at noon and continuing until 3 p. m.

During these hours which Jesus suffered on the cross, He spoke seven short sentences, and the service centers around these "seven Last Words," spoken from the cross, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Stender.

The service is divided into seven short devotional periods, with a five-minute intermission between each service. Each of the twenty-minute services contain appropriate hymns, scripture reading, prayer and a short meditation on one of the Words. The following are the hours, speakers and the Words spoken:

12:00-12:25 the First Word, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Wm. Medlin of the Southern seminary, Columbia, S. C.

12:30-12:50, SECOND WORD, "Verily, I say unto thee today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Hoyle Whiteside, also of the Southern seminary.

12:55-1:15, THIRD WORD: "Woman, behold Thy Son! ... Behold (Cont'd on page eight)

One Of Two Cars Given For \$3,800 "Rubber" Check Recovered Monday

It all started with a \$3,800 check—that bounced!

On March 9 H. A. Hager and Frosty Spearman, of Victory Chevrolet Company, sold two 1947 Studebakers at an auction sale in Greenville, S. C. They accepted a check for the two cars, written on a known reliable firm in Columbia, S. C., and signed by "Jack Ledbetter."

A week later W. G. Grantham, of the local firm, was notified that the check was no good, the signature was not authorized.

Monday Mr. Grantham received a phone call from Police Chief D. Tatum, of Grenada, Miss. He informed Mr. Grantham that he was holding two men who had attempted to sell a 1947 Studebaker to a Grenada citizen, who in turn suspected foul play when the pair could produce no true bill of sale.

Mr. Grantham, along with Mr. Hager and Andy Jenkins, "took off" for Grenada, arriving there early in the evening. An interested crowd had gathered to welcome the trio.

Chief Tatum had wired the suspected pair's cell and had learned (Cont'd on page eight)

Sale of D. F. Hord Furniture Company to Mrs. Annie Cooper, of Union, S. C., Harold Coggins, of Kings Mountain, and other persons was announced Thursday morning.

Arrangements for the transaction, begun on February 27, were being completed Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. H. Tom Fulton, owners of the firm since 1940, and the purchasers.

The new owners expect to assume control of the business about April 1, it was announced.

Purchase price of the transaction was not announced but will include the Old Presbyterian church property at the corner of Piedmont avenue and Mountain street, which was purchased by Kings Mountain Furniture Company several months ago for \$12,150. The purchase includes inventory, fixtures, open and installment accounts, franchises and good will of the D. F. Hord company. Mrs. Cooper is proprietor of Kings Mountain Furniture Company.

Mr. Coggins, present manager of Kings Mountain Furniture Company, will continue in charge of that firm, and will also serve as general manager of the newly acquired business. (Cont'd on page eight)

Red Cross Fund Totals \$3,279

Though some improvement was noted in the total receipts, Kings Mountain and Number 4 township's 1948 Red Cross fund campaign was still lagging Thursday morning, and a renewed appeal was voiced by Chairman J. G. Darracott for "clean-up" work on the part of solicitors.

Total receipts Thursday morning were \$3,279.60—slightly more than 62.4 percent of the \$5,412 quota.

Chairman Darracott nevertheless expressed confidence that the quota could be—and would be—reached.

Only incomplete reports have been received from several campaign divisions, including industrial employees, industrial, outlying business, and the colored division, while no reports have been received from rural areas.

"There is no reason to prevent Kings Mountain from reaching its quota," Mr. Darracott said. "On a population basis, the quota this year is less than \$1.00 per person according to the official census of 1940, and the city has grown since that time. In addition, the gifts from Grover and the rural areas from around the city would further lower the per capita part in the drive."

"The Kings Mountain area needs the Red Cross, and needs it badly," he continued, "and additional work on the part of the solicitors should bring the campaign to a successful close."

Commenting on the campaign, John L. McGill, Kings Mountain chapter chairman, said, "The new Red Cross slogan is 'Keep your Red Cross ready'—as the voluntary auxiliary of the armed forces, and as the nation's agency for disaster relief, keep the Red Cross strong. There is an imperative need for that here."

Candidate Ridings In Town Tuesday

Clarence O. Ridings, Forest City lawyer who is opposing Major A. L. Bulwinkle for the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman, was wasting no time this week in getting around the district in an effort to corral votes.

Mr. Ridings was in town Tuesday afternoon, along with two cohorts, and was already passing out "Vote for Ridings" cards. It was a busy day for local citizens, Congressman Bulwinkle had been here in the morning.

Mr. Ridings did not outline his platform to the Herald, but said a statement would be prepared for publication in the near future.

BUILDING SOLD
R. C. Gold has purchased from Harold Coggins the building on N. Piedmont avenue now occupied by Barnette Cleaners. It was learned yesterday. Consideration was not announced.

A large crowd is expected to attend the annual Easter Sunrise service at Memorial Park in Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday morning.

The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. Rev. W. L. Pressly says the invocation, and will be preceded by a 15-minute concert by the high school band, under the direction of Joe Hedden.

The message of the morning will be delivered by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church, and other ministers of the community will take part in the program. Rev. H. E. Crump will lead the responsive reading, Rev. W. H. Stender will

Persons driving to the Easter Sunrise service at Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday morning should use the Dilling street entrance and follow directions of Boy Scouts, who will handle traffic, according to an announcement by Sam R. Suber, cemetery superintendent. There will be plenty of parking space, he said, adding a request that persons not park on the grass or flower beds.

The audience will sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and special music will be sung by the girls' glee club of the high school, with Mrs. Thomas Templeton directing.

Boy Scouts of the city will direct traffic, with Jack Hullender in charge, and amplifying arrangements are being made by J. H. Jenkins. Band members will eat breakfast at the high school cafeteria prior to the service, with Halbert Webb in charge of these arrangements.

The service, which is being arranged and sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, will be held at Central Methodist church in event of rain.

Bulwinkle Is For Economy

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, representative from the 11th Congressional district, said Tuesday he anticipated early passage of a limited selective service act to bring the armed forces up to authorized and needed strength.

The Congressman, in town for some pre-primary politicking, also predicted passage of the \$4,800,000, 000 tax-cutting bill and said he would vote for it. Actually it passed the House on Wednesday to be sent to the President, but Mr. Bulwinkle inferred that he would vote for it also, in event the President vetoes it.

Mr. Bulwinkle said he did not anticipate immediate passage of a bill setting up universal military training, but he quoted figures in backing up the need for more soldiers and sailors.

The armed forces are some 350,000 men short at the present time, he said, with many of the large war ships are being manned with half-complement—"and not all of them are in home waters," he added.

The Congressman, who has been in Congress continuously since 1920 with the exception of a two-year term in 1929-31, was putting in some fast politicking between a hop-skip-and-jump back to Washington where he expects to vote on Monday in favor of the European Reconstruction bill.

"We must accept our responsibilities," he remarked. "Britain, for almost 100 years after the Napoleonic wars kept the peace of Europe by remaining strong. Of course, there were localized fights and wars, but Britain, by threatening to join one (Cont'd on page eight)

Beware Of Thursday, It'll Be April Fool

Watch out for next Thursday! It's All Fools day on the calendar, and while not an official holiday, it will be one for pranksters.

April Fool's Day makes a good excuse for practical jokers to ply their trade and while no information has been received indicating unusual planning here, the wise policy will be to hold on to your hat and take periodic glances into a full length mirror all during the day.

Easter Monday Is Retailers' Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain business firms will be closed on Easter Monday, according to an announcement by Ned McGill, secretary of the Merchants Association.

The day is one of the regularly scheduled holidays of the association, and citizens are being reminded to complete their "long weekend" shopping on Saturday.

The firms will observe the Wednesday half-holiday as usual, Mr. McGill said.

Two Get Top Music Ratings

Billy Gene Amos, baritone soloist, and Pauline Mauney, senior high piano soloist, received honor ratings of I in district music contests at Charlotte last Friday to qualify for competition in the state music contests to be held in Greensboro next month.

Ratings of II were received by Jeanene Hallman, junior high pianist, and the girls' glee club, while Evelyn Cline, soprano soloist, received a rating of III. The high school band, which performed on Saturday, also received rating of II.

Music directors of the school expressed themselves as well-pleased with the performances.

A rating of I implies a percentage score of 95-100, while a rating of II implies a rating of 87-94.

The contest manual describes a II rating as follows: "An unusual performance in many respects, but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects in performance or ineffective interpretation. A performance of distinctive quality."

The glee club sang "Come To Me" by Beethoven and "Moon Behind the Cottonwood" by Cadman. The judges praised the group for its tone quality, interpretation, and its assured manner of singing, scoring minus points on breath control, diction and phrasing.

The band, playing in Class C this year after advancing from Class D (Cont'd on page eight)

Marine Found Guilty Of Bridges Robbery

Robert Randolph Beam, Camp Lejeune Marine from Hickory, was sentenced to not less than one nor more than two years in jail Monday in Shelby after Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles found him guilty of larceny of \$210 from Bridges General Store here on Feb. 9.

The Marine was absent without official leave from the post at the time of the robbery and said he spent the money on a taxi trip to Tennessee.

He was picked up in Kings Mountain early this month by Police Officer J. W. Roach.

Carl Farris, clerk in the store at the time of the robbery, testified against Beam.

Kings Mountain Anticipating Busy Easter Weekend; Monday Is Holiday

Kings Mountain citizens are getting ready today for last-minute preparations for Easter.

With two shopping days remaining, merchants are expecting rush business today and Saturday as citizens complete their new spring wardrobes and fill their pantries, and refrigerators with special table delicacies.

Majority of churches have been conducting special Easter services this week which will culminate with Easter rites at all churches Sunday morning. Majority of churches will hold Communion services either during the weekend or Easter morning.

Meantime, the Ministerial Association is expecting a record crowd at the community-wide Easter Sunrise service at Memorial Park in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Easter Monday will be a holiday for a large portion of Kings Mountain citizens. Majority of retail firms will close for the day, in observance of an annual custom, the First National Bank will be closed for the legal banking holiday, and city and state offices will be closed. (Cont'd on page eight)

Kings Mountain citizens received a political surprise this week, when Glee A. Bridges, who had announced last week he was retiring as a member of the board of Cleveland County commissioners, announced Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic primary in May.

The citizens were not surprised when Mr. Bridges, veteran of eight years service on the county board, announced his retirement, for he had confided to friends for several months that he did not expect to seek re-election.

Majority took the statements to mean that Mr. Bridges was retiring altogether; an impression that was proved incorrect.

The announcement of the former county board chairman and Kings Mountain civic leader thus assures a contest for the House seat, now held by O. M. Mull, of Shelby. B. T. Falls, Jr., Shelby lawyer, and former representative, announced his candidacy last week.

Meanwhile, last week's announcement by W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain, that he was running for the county board was quickly followed by other announcements. Henry McKinney, No. 2 township farmer and a deputy sheriff for the past 30 years, announced last Friday, and A. C. Brackett, Casar business man, announced on Saturday.

Other developments of the county's political week:

Col. Peyton McSwain, of Shelby, county elections board chairman, resigned, and was replaced by C. Hooper Hendrix, Democrat. Other Democratic member is Carl Thompson, and the Republican member is G. V. Hawkins. Both the last-mentioned were re-appointed by the state board.

Will Blackburn, No. 4 township constable for the past four years, announced he would seek re-election.

D. D. Lattimore, present member of the county board of commissioners, said he would not run again.

Deadline for filing for county offices is April 17.

With Mr. Bridges in the political campaign, Kings Mountain now has two candidates for county offices.

In his announcement statement, Mr. Bridges said: "I am just a country boy; and would like to have the honor of representing Cleveland County. I won't make any big promises. I will just do the best I know how, being honest and use the best judgment I can in matters that come up."

Prominent Kings Mountain hardware merchant, Mr. Bridges is a past president of the Kiwanis club, director of the First National Bank, and of the Home Building and Loan association. He is a Mason and Shriner, and a veteran of World War I, and has served as commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion. He is an active member of First Baptist church.

CLARK IN TOURNEY
Archie Clark, Kings Mountain Country Club professional and manager, is entered in the Charlotte Open golf tournament which began Thursday morning.

W. Kerr Scott Kiwanis Farmers Night Speaker

W. Kerr Scott, former commissioner of agriculture and gubernatorial candidate, will be the featured speaker at the 8th annual Kiwanis club Farmer's Night banquet to be held April 8 at the Woman's club at 7 p. m. according to an announcement by Dr. J. P. Mauney, agricultural committee chairman.

Each Kiwanian will invite a farmer as his guest, with county agents from Cleveland and Gaston counties and other outstanding agriculturists as special guests of the club.

Other members of the committee include E. W. Griffin, B. M. Omond, Archie Hicks, and Jim Anthony, Jr.

COURT TUESDAY
Regular weekly session of City Recorder's court will be held in the courtroom at City Hall on Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. instead of Easter Monday this week it was announced by Judge O. C. O'Farrell.