

Final Rites Held Here Wednesday For Mrs. Shenk

The community was shocked this week, when it learned Monday evening of the sudden death in Washington, D. C., of Mrs. E. A. Shenk, prominent Kings Mountain church and civic leader, and mother of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Mrs. Shenk died shortly after a heart attack suffered at Union Terminal in Washington. She was en route to Baltimore in company with her daughter Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, and suffered the attack while changing trains. She had been in apparent good health.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Dr. J. L. Morgan, president emeritus of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor of Central Methodist church, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church. Interment followed in Mountain Rest cemetery here.

The body arrived here from Washington Wednesday morning, and lay in state at the church for an hour prior to the final rites.

Mrs. Shenk was born Katherine Pifer, daughter of the late George Washington Pifer, of Virginia, and Matilda Honaker Pifer, of Kuhl, Switzerland.

Widow of Rev. E. Ashby Shenk, prominent Lutheran minister who died in 1944, Mrs. Shenk had lived here for the past six years, coming to Kings Mountain after the retirement of her husband who was pastor of the Lutheran church of Greensboro. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and had long been active in religious work, both in her own church and in the Lutheran Synod. At the time of her death she was president of the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen. An accomplished musician, she was First Presbyterian church organist.

Outstanding, too, in civic affairs, Mrs. Shenk was the immediate past president of the Senior Woman's club and had served on the district committee for National Cancer Control. She was active in any cause for the underprivileged and has recently been engaged in presenting to the women of the town the ideals of the World Organization of Mothers of All Nations.

Survivors other than Mrs. Mauney include two grandchildren, Peggy and Gene Mauney, two sisters, Mrs. A. S. Cover and Mrs. Milt Hockman of Strassburg, Va., and one brother, Elijah Pifer, of Gravel Springs, Va.

Pallbearers were H. B. Wolfe, of Charlotte, Carl F. Mauney, B. N. Barnes, Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, Harold Hunnicutt, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Jacob Cooper and L. L. Lohr, of Raleigh.

Kiwanis Club Farmer's Night Banquet Is Set

W. Kerr Scott To Be Speaker At Annual Event

W. Kerr Scott, of Haw River, former Commissioner of Agriculture and currently candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will make the address of the evening at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club next Thursday night.

The event, with more than 100 farmers of the area expected to attend, will be held at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock, according to an announcement by Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, chairman of the club's committee on arrangements. Dr. Mauney said county agents and assistant agents of Gaston and Cleveland counties would be special guests at the banquet, along with agriculture teachers of all nearby schools.

P. D. Herndon will present the speaker.

Mr. Scott's address will be non-political, it was announced.

As commissioner of agriculture for the past 11 years, and a farmer and dairyman in his own right, Mr. Scott is eminently qualified to address such a group, Dr. Mauney said, for he is well-acquainted with the North Carolina farmer's problems today — both as an administrator and as a farmer. His home is in Alamance county.

Mr. Scott resigned the commissioner post on announcing his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination several weeks ago.

Weather Man Not Cooperative Easter

As has been feared, the weather man took a sadistic bent last weekend to make it a shivering brand of Easter.

In spite of low temperatures which became lower on Easter Sunday evening and damaged fruit crops of the area, crowds were undaunted by the weather, and turned out for Easter church service in large numbers.

An estimated crowd of 500 persons arose early for the community-wide Easter Sunrise Service at Mountain Rest cemetery.

After a busy weekend, merchants and several other business houses closed for the traditional Easter Monday holiday, and many persons braved the cool winds to cast for fish and play golf. The city business section was more or less deserted, except for occasional passers-by.

Many Contestants Will Compete In Lions Benefit Talent Show

Local News Bulletins

SECOND IN CONTEST

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, placed second in songs in the amateur division of the North Carolina Composers' contest, according to an announcement this week from Greensboro. The contest was sponsored by the State Federation of Music Clubs.

NAVY RECRUITER

A Navy Recruiter will visit Kings Mountain on Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9. The Recruiter will be located at the Kings Mountain Postoffice and for young men interested, information will be available in regards to schools, training and complete enlistment information.

FIRE ALARM

City firemen were summoned to the Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company Wednesday morning at 7:30 after lightning had struck a switch. Minor damage was reported by Fire Chief Grady King.

RURAL YOUTH DAY

Rural Youth Day, annual event sponsored by the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce for the rural children of the county, will be held at Shelby Saturday. A full program of activity has been arranged.

A large crowd is expected to attend the Lions Club Talent Show at the high school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock, when some 35-odd amateur entertainers will vie for prizes in a two-hour show.

Dan Hufstetler, chairman of the Lions committee in charge, said the entertainment would feature "just about everything," including vocal solos, octets, trios, readings, acrobatics, dancing, and a jug band.

He also said so many entries had been received that no entertainment other than the talent competition, would be presented.

Charlie Blalock is in charge of ticket sales and reported a good advance sale by his school pupil assistants.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Kings Mountain band.

Admission will be 50 cents and 25 cents.

Winners will receive prizes as follows: first, \$10, second, \$5, third, \$3.

Legion Books Stelbar Shows

Officials of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, announced yesterday that the American Legion Spring Festival, featuring Stelbar Greater Shows, will be held here all next week.

The Stelbar company presents a number of shows and riding devices and will set up on the showgrounds on the Grover Road. No admission fee will be charged to enter the showgrounds, it was announced.



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College Choir Here Sunday

The Lenoir-Rhyne College A Cappella Choir will present a concert of sacred music at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The choir this year consists of 57 voices, 16 men and 41 girls, many of whom have been trained by the choir director, Kenneth B. Lee.

The appearance here will be the second of the current spring tour, which will cover many sections of North Carolina.

The three-part program will include: Durante's "Misericordias Domini," for double chorus, Tschalkowsky's "O Praise Ye God," Kainikof's "Agnus Dei," Corsi's "Adoramus Te," as part I. Part II will include "Hosanna" by Christiansen, "O Day of Full Grace," by Weyse, "How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand," by Schumann, and "Joy" by Christiansen. Part III will include the Finnish folksong, "Lost in the Night," "Source of Calm Repose," by Christiansen, "Before, God," by Lanstad, and "All Breathing Life," by Bach.

Twenty Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

Twenty cases were tried in weekly session of city Recorder court, held at City Hall Tuesday afternoon, Judge O. C. O'Farrell, presiding.

Junior Gidney, of Crouse, was convicted of driving drunk and was sentenced six months, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and loss of his drivers license for one year.

Gordon Beal, of Cherryville, was found guilty of driving drunk and was sentenced six months, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and loss of his drivers license for one year.

The case of Mrs. Lumas Eason, charged with assault on a child, was dismissed.

Ruby Connor, of Gastonia, for driving without a drivers license, forfeited a \$25 bond.

The case against John Mitchem, charged with public drunkenness, was not pressed and the defendant (Cont'd on page four)



CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES — Pictured above are Clarence O. Ridings, left, of Forest City, and Major A. L. Sulwicks, right, of Gastonia, who are seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 11th district. Mr. Ridings, has served as 18th district solicitor since 1936. He is a former chairman of the Rutherford County Democratic executive committee, and a member since 1926 of the state Democratic executive committee. Major Sulwicks is the incumbent, having served continuously in Congress since 1926, with the exception of the 1929-31 term. Both are World War I veterans.

Brother Of Local Man Murdered; Killer Unfound

C. D. Blanton, prominent Kings Mountain druggist whose brother, Hugh Blanton, 49, of Forest City, was murdered near Chattanooga, Tenn., March 24, said yesterday no further information concerning identity of the assailant had been received.

The Kings Mountain man said that both Georgia state police and Chattanooga city police are working on the case and are following several cities.

The Forest City man left Monday morning, March 22, en route to Ruleville, Miss. He purchased a round trip ticket in Forest City for Memphis, Tenn. For some reason, he stopped in Chattanooga Monday night at 11:45 p. m. where he spent the night at a hotel, checking out Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday afternoon a couple, while motoring along a lonely lake road on Lookout mountain, noticed a large quantity of blood near a cliff. This was reported to police, and upon investigation it was found that a body had been pushed over a 150-foot cliff near the spot where the blood was found.

Police officers, aided by Red Cross workers started work about 6:30 Wednesday evening to recover the body from the foot of the treacherous 150 foot cliff. Seven and one half hours were consumed in bringing the body to the mountain crest. It was then tentatively identified as that of Mr. Blanton.

An autopsy was performed on the body. He apparently met death after having been knocked out by his assailant, who then fired a 12-gauge shotgun charge through his head, the load entering under the left ear, blowing a hole through his head. He was shot while lying on the ground. The body was then pushed over the mountain side. A total of \$2.65 in silver was found in the blood pool where he had been murdered. Mr. Blanton was carrying approximately \$1,300 in cash on his person when he left Forest City. The motive for the murder was robbery, police decided.

The body was released by Georgia officers Friday night, the murder having occurred in Georgia just over the Tennessee line.

C. D. Blanton and another brother, Robert Blanton, of Forest City, went to Chattanooga last Thursday to identify the body and to investigate details of his death. Funeral rites were held Saturday morning at a Forest City Funeral Home, with interment following at Cool Springs cemetery.

Also surviving are his estranged wife, a son, Evans Blanton, Donaldson, Ga., a daughter, Miss Mavis Blanton, of Fort Mill, S. C., his father, W. C. Blanton, former Forest City postmaster, and three brothers, Fred Blanton, Forest City, Max Blanton, Morganton, and Thomas Blanton, Rutherfordton, and a sister, Mrs. Tom Vernon, Forest City.

Plonk Brothers Burglarized

A thief or thieves entered Plonk Brothers & Company Sunday night and removed a quantity of men's pants and some other merchandise.

The culprits broke the lock to the basement door, climbed to the grocery department, and made their haul from the dry goods department. No arrests had been made Wednesday, but Police Chief N. M. Farr said his department was working on the case.



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Humes Houston In Line For Guard Command

Pre-School Clinic Set For Thursday

Mrs. H. C. Mayes, chairman of the P-TA pre-school clinic committee, announced yesterday that the clinic will be held Thursday morning, April 8, at 9:30 at Central School auditorium.

All parents who have children expecting to enter school for the first time next fall are being urged to bring them to the clinic. Smallpox vaccinations, required before a child can enter school, will be administered at the clinic, Mrs. Mayes said.

Red Cross Fund Reaches \$4,035

Kings Mountain's Red Cross fund edged upward during the past week to \$4,035.95, but it was still short of the \$5,412 quota.

Balance required for successful completion of the drive is \$1,385.05. Percentage-wise, the Red Cross fund drive is about three-fourths done.

Chairman J. G. Darracott expressed pleasure at the improvement noted during the past week but urged further work to complete the effort as quickly as possible.

He said several reports from campaign workers are still due, but he doubts that these reports will be sufficient to enable the organization to complete its quota. He is therefore urging citizens, business firms, and others who have not made contributions to do so at once. He said that contributions could be given to him, Mrs. J. N. Gamble at the Red Cross office in the City Hall, or to B. S. Neill at the First National Bank.

"I want to appeal to all persons to unite in a further effort to complete the drive successfully," Mr. Darracott said, "for I am sure no thinking citizen of the community wants the Red Cross to operate on a curtailed program. It is too valuable to the community."

Legion Post Meeting Night Is Changed

Regular April meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Monday night, April 12, at the City Hall, it was announced this week.

Post members are being requested to note the change in regular meeting night. Post meetings in the future will be held on the second Monday night in each month, rather than on the first Tuesday nights, as has been the former practice. Change was made to avoid several Tuesday night conflicts with other organizations.

Lull Before Storm? Political Activity Negligible Past Week

After two busy weeks, political activity for the forthcoming Democratic primary quietened in Cleveland county this week, and it left political observers wondering whether the cause would be attributed to the Easter weekend, the cold weather, or both.

No new candidates entered the field for major county offices, and candidates for state offices apparently had not warmed up to the full extent.

Opinion was divided as to whether the field was complete, or whether there would be more candidates.

Deadline for filing notice of candidacy for county offices is April 17.

Already in the race are four candidates for the three county commissioner posts, two for register of deeds, and two for representative in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Seeking the county commissioner posts are: Dr. S. S. Royster, of Shelby, currently chairman of the board and serving by appointment following the resignation of Max Washburn, also of Shelby; W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain, A. C. Brackett, of Casar, and Henry McKinney, of Lawndale.

Griffin Smith of Shelby and Dan K. Moore, up-county citizens and AAA official are register of deeds candidates, and Glee A. Bridges, of Kings Mountain, retiring member of the county board, is running against B. T. Falls, Jr., Shelby lawyer, for state representative.

Lt. Frank Wall Expected To Get Other Assignment

First Lt. Humes Houston, infantry reserve officer, is expected to command the Kings Mountain unit of the national guard, according to information received from Capt. D. W. Donovan, of the adjutant's department, with Second Lt. Frank Wall, also of the infantry reserve, as second in command.

The appointments, of course, are contingent upon the formation of a national guard company here, but prospects for organization of the company were considered good by national guard officials and interested citizens this week.

Capt. Donovan stated that several details "must be ironed out" before formation of company is assured, but he expressed the opinion that the problems could be handled.

Among the problems are sufficient and proper floor space for a drill room and storing of equipment, but school authorities have indicated they will be able to supply some interim assistance in the matter and the city board of commissioners has indicated a willingness to cooperate to the fullest extent possible.

Other qualification, is enlistment of a minimum of 20 men, but several inquiries already made indicate this will not be too hard a task. Initial enlistments are for a three-year period, while subsequent enlistments will be taken for one or three years.

Particularly desired are young men, preferably high school graduates, between the ages of 17-20 who have not had previous service experience. It was pointed out by Capt. Donovan last week that the men may apply for training school instruction in specialized fields which will not only qualify them for high army ratings, but for well-paying civilian jobs.

The company, when formed, will be Headquarters and Headquarters company, Third Battalion 120th Infantry, North Carolina National Guard.

Lt. Houston entered the army in January 1941 as an enlisted man, and was commissioned a second lieutenant after successful completion of officer's training school at Fort Benning, Ga., in August 1942. He served with distinction in the European theater of operations, being awarded the bronze star for deactivating a German mine field which was "particularly dangerous to handle." He is employed at Kings Mountain Drug Company.

Lt. Wall, who has lived in Kings Mountain for the past several months, entered service in March 1943. (Cont'd on page four)

Jaycee Directors Met On Tuesday

Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, in meeting Tuesday night, mapped plans for an anti-fly campaign to be conducted during the summer months.

The directors also set the organization's annual Ladies Night event for May 4. A committee, including W. B. Logan, chairman, W. S. Fulton, Jr., and Martin Harmon will be in charge of arrangements.

Lockridge Remains To Arrive Sunday

Body of Private Calvin P. Lockridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meek Lockridge, of North Piedmont avenue, is scheduled to arrive in New York Sunday aboard the U. S. Army Transport John L. McCarley.

Pvt. Lockridge was killed in action near St. Lo, France, on July 18, 1944, while serving with the 315th Infantry regiment, 79th division.

His body may not arrive in Kings Mountain for possibly several weeks according to the graves registration division, Charlotte quarter-master depot.

Pvt. Lockridge entered service at Sharon, S. C., on Sept. 30, 1943. Graveside rites will be conducted in Mountain Rest cemetery when the body arrives here, according to word received from Harris funeral home.