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Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week totaling \$19,000. Permits were issued to: Curtis V. Gaffney, on April 13, for construction of a new dwelling at 307 Waco road, \$4,000; Fred Wright, Sr., on April 13, for construction of three five-room frame dwellings on Monte Vista street, \$4,000 each; and Glee A. Bridges, April 12, for construction of new four-room dwelling on Lot 21, Landing street, \$3,000.

NEW POLICEMAN

Melton Kiser has been added to the Kings Mountain police department according to an announcement by Chief N. M. Farr. Mr. Kiser, local man, began duty last Saturday.

BUYS BUSINESS

W. Lawrence Logan, well-known Kings Mountain man and long-identified with the dry cleaning business in Kings Mountain, has purchased Victory Cleaners, located on North Piedmont avenue, from Richard Barnett, it was announced yesterday.

REVIVAL UNDERWAY

Revival services now underway at First Wesleyan church will continue through Sunday, April 25. Rev. E. L. Henderson, pastor of First Wesleyan church of Charlotte is conducting the services, with J. M. Howard, of High Point, leading special music. Services are held at the church each evening at 7 o'clock.

JAYCEE MEETING

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock will feature election of officers for the coming year. James Bennett, treasurer, also announced that all members should pay their dues to date in order that books for the current year could be closed out on schedule.

LIONS MEETING

Winners of the Lions' Talent Show contest held recently will present the program at the regular meeting of the organization April 22, according to an announcement by W. L. Plonk, program chairman. Dan Huffstetler is arranging the program.

LIONS COMMITTEE

Ned McGill, chairman of the Lions club Ladies' Night committee, said a meeting of the committee will be held Monday night at Kings Mountain Drug Company at 7:30. He urged full attendance of the committee members.

RETURN CARDS

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are being urged to return reservation cards for the club Ladies night (scheduled for May 4) as quickly as possible. Ned McGill, secretary, said reservations are necessary due to accommodation limits.

FIRE ALARM

City firemen extinguished a trash fire in the furnace room at Mountain View Hotel Tuesday. The alarm was answered at 1:30, and the blaze was extinguished in short order. Chief Grady King reported "no damage."

Three Men Arrested On Robbery Charge

Three men have confessed to robbery early Sunday morning of R. N. Parrish's store on North Piedmont avenue according to N. M. Farr, Kings Mountain police chief.

The trio — Thurman Gantt, James Calvin Mullinax and Ben F. Seasons — will be given hearing in Recorder's court Monday.

Items found missing after the break-in included six cartons of cigarettes, \$3 in pennies, a wrist watch, and three cases of beer, Chief Farr said. He stated that the watch was recovered in Bessemer City.

Two of the men were arrested Monday and the third on Tuesday night.

Progress Made On Organizing Guard Company

Captain Humes Houston, commanding officer of the proposed Kings Mountain unit of the National Guard, reported yesterday a number of enlistments in the unit and added his hope that the local unit soon will be in position to meet the requirements of federal recognition. Capt. Houston and Lt. Frank Wall, along with Col. Peyton McSwain, of Shelby, National Guard regimental commander, and Capt. Gerald Goforth, commander of the Shelby company, appeared before the city board at its Tuesday night session in behalf of the local company.

The city agreed to allow use of the old City Jail on city street for a National Guard storehouse, as well as another adjacent building, and agreed to cooperate in arranging for a fenced-in drill area. It also agreed for guard use of the room in the City Hall basement for a personnel locker room. The old jail will be repainted and strengthened for use as a small arms storehouse. In connection with this action, the board voted a \$600 appropriation for use in preparing the buildings for guard use.

Capt. Houston told the board that the city school board had offered temporary use of the gymnasium for inside drill work, but that the congested situation in the gymnasium would make it unsuitable for long-term use.

He said the state organization had tentatively promised to send temporary building aid in the form of one or more Quonset huts, but that the huts would not be available until after the Kings Mountain company had been recognized.

Considerable interest in enlisting in the company, an infantry headquarters unit, has been evidenced by Kings Mountain men, Capt. Houston stated.

Men interested in joining the company should contact Capt. Houston for full information, it was announced, as several places are still available in the minimum complement of 20 men.

Prominent Clubwoman Will Speak Here

Mrs. William R. Wallace of Chester, S. C., president of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, will be the guest speaker when the Senior Woman's Club holds its regular meeting Friday afternoon, April 16. The meeting will be at the club house at 3:30 and all members are urged to be present to hear Mrs. Wallace speak on "Youth Conservation." Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Public Welfare chairman, will introduce Mrs. Wallace.

The hostess committee for the meeting will be Mrs. O. W. Myers, chairman, Miss Marjorie Hord, Mrs. J. S. Norman, Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, Mrs. D. G. Littlejohn and Mrs. J. M. Patterson.

Teachers Attending Annual NEA Meeting

Kings Mountain city schools will be represented this weekend at the annual state convention of the North Carolina Education association in Asheville, which began Thursday night and will continue through Saturday.

Attending from Kings Mountain are Superintendent B. N. Barnes, High School Principal, J. E. Huneycutt, Miss Margaret Goforth, president of the local NEA unit, Miss Betty Hoyle, Mrs. John Gamble and Miss Mitchell Williams.

Jaycees Will Conduct Waste Paper Collection Sunday Afternoon At 2

The Kings Mountain Jaycees are looking for waste paper again this weekend, with the city-wide collection to start at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

All citizens are being urged to place their waste paper—newspapers, magazines, boxes, and all other kinds—on the curbing or doorstep, where it will be picked up.

Business and industrial firms which have large quantities of paper and which will be closed on Sunday should call President Jacob Cooper or Secretary Ned McGill and arrangements will be made to pick up the paper earlier.

The plan of collection will follow that of former pick-ups, with the Jaycees manning trucks and conducting the collection themselves. A Southern Railway boxcar will be

City Lake Opened Again For Fishing

Attention, fishermen! The City Lake, customarily closed to fishermen for a month during this time of the year for spawning season, was opened again by vote of the city board Tuesday night.

The city commissioners voted the change of policy on advice that the Wildlife Resources Commission felt opening of waters would increase rather than decrease the fish population, and on the special plea of Sinclair Bridges, lake caretaker.

Persons using the city lake for fishing are required to obtain permits at the City Hall.

Merchants Set General Meeting

The Kings Mountain Merchants association will hold a general meeting of the membership at the City Hall Monday night, April 26, according to announcement of Ned McGill, association secretary.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss organizational plans for the current year, it was stated.

Directors of the association, in voting this week to hold the meeting, named E. C. McClain as chairman of arrangements for the meeting, and a well-known merchants association official is being contacted to attend the meeting and outline credit bureau and association activities.

Mr. McGill said that special invitation to attend is being extended all merchants, professional men, city officials and others interested in progress of the community and the association.

Goforth Umstead's County Manager

Gerald Goforth, Shelby attorney and World War II veteran, has been named Cleveland County manager of Senator W. B. Umstead's campaign for re-election, it was announced yesterday.

Senator Umstead also named two assistant managers, Buck Coble, of Shelby, Commander of the Shelby Legion post, and Mrs. Hugh F. Hamrick, the former Miss Dovie Logan, a sister of Sheriff Hugh A. Logan. Mr. Goforth is commanding officer of the Shelby National Guard company.

Senator Umstead, appointed by Governor Gregg Cherry to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Bailey, is a veteran of World War I, having served overseas with the 81st (Wildcat) division. He is a member of the Legion and VFW.

Woodmen Set Square Dance

Kings Mountain camp, Woodmen of the World, will sponsor a square dance at the high school gymnasium Thursday night, April 22, at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week by C. P. Goforth.

The organization will have Hamrick's string band on hand with Ray Smith doing the calling. A large crowd is expected to attend.

PADGETT CHAIRMAN

Dr. Phillip Padgett has been named chairman of the annual Kiwanis club Ladies Night banquet. The event is scheduled for May 27, according to a club announcement.

City Board Passes Planning Board, Parking Meter Ordinances Tuesday

Sites For Legion Building Talked At Monday Meet

Discussion of a suitable site for a memorial building highlighted the regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion held at City Hall Tuesday night.

Dr. J. P. Mauney, chairman of the building committee, reported on progress of his group and Bright D. Ratterree, member of the committee, explained location of a proposed site and told the members that the owners wanted about \$5,000 for the land.

Location of the proposed site is on West Mountain street near a street marked on the city map as "Cypress Street" and is owned by the R. S. Plonk Estate and the Williford Estate.

Price of the Williford lot, which fronts about 200 feet on West Mountain street, was quoted at \$20 a front-foot, according to Mr. Ratterree. Price asked by the Plonk Estate for the approximately 1500 square feet was \$1,000.

Moving pictures of the 1947 World Series were not shown as scheduled. John H. Moss, Western Carolina baseball league president, reported that shipment of the film to his league's area had been delayed, according to C. H. Aderholdt, post adjutant. Another mix-up resulted in no showing of war pictures.

Commander John W. Gladden presided at the meeting attended by an unusually large number of members.

Cab Driver Arrested For Blanton Shooting

Albert L. Brooks, 36, Chattanooga, Tenn., taxi driver, was jailed last Friday on charges of murder in connection with the killing of Hugh Blanton of Forest City, brother of C. D. Blanton of Kings Mountain.

The homicide victim's body was found on a remote mountain roadside near Lulu Lake in Walker county, Georgia, and a post mortem report attributed the death to two shotgun blasts.

Brooks was taken to the LaFayette, Ga., jail after Governor Jim McCorr, of Tennessee, approved an extradition warrant signed by Governor Thompson of Georgia.

E. E. Smith, homicide officer, said a double-barreled shotgun, which he believed was used in killing Blanton, was located through information given by the Chattanooga office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

C. D. Blanton said Thursday morning that no further information on the case had been received by him.

Junior Baseball Appears Doomed

Junior baseball appears doomed in Kings Mountain this summer, in spite of the fact that much better attendance for games this summer was anticipated.

At a meeting of the American Legion athletic committee held at City Hall Tuesday night after the regular post meeting, only four of the 10 committee members were present, less than a quorum. No action was taken to enter a team in the program.

Previously the post had voted not to sponsor baseball this summer unless the athletic committee had raised \$500 to support the undertaking.

Last year the organization spent around \$600 for the program, with less than 100 paying fans attending the home games, according to C. T. Carpenter, jr., post athletic officer. Some games scheduled for Kings Mountain had to be played away because of lack of a team following.

Teams must be entered in the North Carolina department by May 1 in order to become eligible to compete in the state program.

LOST BICYCLE

A small girl's bicycle was found Monday night in a downtown alley and local police officers are seeking its owner. No bicycle theft has been reported, they said. The "bike" has a solid rubber front tire and may be claimed at the police department.

Blind Bogie Tourney At Club This Weekend

Two blind bogie golf tournaments will be held on the Kings Mountain Country club course Saturday and Sunday according to an announcement yesterday by Booth Gillespie, chairman of the committee in charge.

Separate play was decided in order to give more members a chance to compete, with prizes to be given for each day's play, he said.

Handicap will be determined by each player before starting and members may compete any time Saturday or Sunday.

Gifts To Cancer Fund Drive Urged

Mrs. Jesse Kiser, chairman of the Kings Mountain cancer fund drive, announced this week that no report was ready on the drive, which began last week but voiced appreciation for the money and checks she had received from citizens without soliciting them.

Other citizens named to the business solicitation committee announced last week are: Mrs. Clyde Kerns, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Mrs. B. N. Barnes, Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. H. R. Parton, Mrs. W. G. Grantham, Mrs. W. M. Gantt, Miss Audrey May, and Miss Jean Davis.

The drive will be conducted during the entire month of April and goal for the state is \$200,230 with no goal set for the Kings Mountain drive.

"Everyone should contribute to the cancer fund drive," Mrs. Kiser said, "because more funds mean more research. Research and education, along with service — the three things your money does in helping the fight — is doing much to curb the cancer death rate. The lives of your loved ones may be at stake—give now."

Senior Class Play Set For Friday

"Fingerprints," a comedy with a little mystery, will be presented by members of the Senior class at Central High school in the school auditorium Friday night, April 16, at 8 p. m.

Miss Sarah Alexander is director of the play and Miss Elizabeth Hunt has been in charge of property and publicity.

The Seniors and their sponsors are eager for a good attendance and promise an entertaining evening. Characters in the amusing play are:

- Hosey Hawks: James Moss.
- Ned Thorndyke: Charles Wilson.
- Rogger Lee: Oren Fulton.
- Roger Whitney: Bobby Bridges.
- Pamela Thorndyke: Jean Webb.
- Paulette Whitney: Jean Davis.
- Mrs. Whitney: Barbara Simmons.
- Mignon Mocane: Beulah Rhea.
- Porcelain Purdy: Colleen Falls.

Ushers at the performance will be Helen Childers, Maxine Hord, Elvia Smith, Jean McClain, Kermit Huffstetler and Nellie Mae Ellison.

Frances George and Clara Flowers will handle the tickets.

Deadline For Filing For County Political Offices Falls Saturday

Cleveland county's spring political campaign will be formally set at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when deadline for filing for office falls.

Activity has been quiet for the past three weeks, but it is expected to speed up following the close of filing time.

While some political observers looked for last-minute additions to the current candidate list, most felt that the major races are already set and that there will be no more candidates for the top offices.

Races are virtually assured for all major posts except for the state senate, where Lee B. Weathers is, thus far, the only candidate. Mr. Weathers is the incumbent, having served for three terms in the Senate. W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Moun-

Plan Formulated For Outside-City Fire Protection

The city board of commissioners convened for a long session Tuesday night, passing ordinances to set up a five-man city planning board, to install parking meters, and discussed an ordinance which would set up a plan of outside-city-limits fire protection.

The board also voted a \$600 appropriation to help to provide facilities for the Kings Mountain National Guard company, and agreed to allow Superior Stone company to add a sewer disposal tank to avoid interference with another now interfering with Superior's quarry operations. The changes will be made at the Stone company's expense, according to the agreement.

The board also heard a plea from Paul Mauney, representing Neisler Mills, Inc., for replacement of a four-inch water line with a larger one on the street adjoining Neisler's Pauline plant. Mr. Mauney told the board that fire insurance companies would not accept the Pauline plant as a risk with a four-inch line.

The board unanimously adopted on three readings both the parking meter and planning board ordinances.

The planning board ordinance provides for appointment of a five-man advisory board which would have the authority to make any and all recommendations it deems necessary to the future advancement and welfare of the city, including zoning of properties. However, the city board retains the power of approval and disapproval of the recommendations.

According to the ordinance, the members of the board will be appointed for staggered terms, with two members serving three years, two two years, and one for one year. The ordinance further provides that the city board may discharge any member of the planning board for "inactivity" and failure to give the task attention.

The planning board will have the power (within the limits of a city board appropriation for the work) to employ the services of engineers and others to aid in the work of the board, but members will serve without salary. They will be requested to meet once each month.

The board took no action Tuesday night on appointment of the planning board, but it set a special meeting for April 23 for this purpose.

The parking meter ordinance merely put in legal form the tentative outline of plans for meter installations previously announced. The board voted to reserve parking space for Kings Mountain doctors at the rate of \$1.00 per month, and made a similar plan for Kings Mountain Bus Company bus stops. The bus company will be required to pay \$1.00 per month per space used on metered streets.

**Fire Limits**  
The city board tentatively approved and ordered proper ordinance prepared for the following recommendations on outside-city fire limits as advanced by Fire Chief Grady King and City Engineer E. C. Brandon: Limits of protection—Shelby Road, to Beth-Ware school; Cherryville Road, to McGill crossroads; Gastonia road, to Lincoln Academy and Frieda Manufacturing Company; Grover Road, to Arehdale Farms; Waco Road, to Patterson (Cont'd on page eight)

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