

Auto Inspection Lane Extends Schedule Here

Local News Bulletins

MAY DAY PROGRAM

Annual May Day program, featuring this year the progression of American dancing, will be held at Central high school gymnasium Friday night at 8 o'clock. The program will also feature crowning of Joyce Cloninger as Queen of May. Mrs. Hill Carpenter is directing the performance.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Sheldon M. Roper, Lincolnton attorney, was to address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 7 o'clock. The subject of Mr. Roper's address was "This is the Hour."

MACEDONIA REVIVAL

Revival services will begin Sunday at Macedonia Baptist church, with Rev. C. C. Parker, of Marion, conducting the services, according to an announcement by Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, pastor of the church. Ed Powell, of Gastonia, will lead special music at the services. The public is invited to attend.

BUILDING PERMITS

Two building permits were issued by City Clerk S. A. Crouse at City Hall during the past week. On Monday a permit was issued to H. C. Mayes for construction of a six or seven room house on East Ridge street, valuation \$6,000. On last Friday a permit was issued to R. J. Mitchell for construction of a garage at 506 Candler street, valuation \$300.

MERCHANTS DIRECTORS

Officers and directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will meet at Kings Mountain Drug Company Monday evening at 7:30. "This is an important meeting and we hope the attendance will be 100 percent," said Ned McGill, secretary.

WATSE PAPER TOTAL

Total paper collected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the waste paper collection of April 18 was 19,800 pounds, according to a report by President Jacob Cooper. The total broke all previous records for paper collections conducted by the organization, and Mr. Cooper expressed the appreciation of the organization for the response by the public.

COMBAT FILM MAY 10

"Appointment in Tokyo," a 56-minute combat film, will be shown at the meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion on May 10 according to an announcement this week by Master Sergeant Truman A. Billingsley, army recruiter.

METER INSTALLATION

Installation of parking meters here has been delayed. City Engineer E. C. Brandon said installation men of the Park-O-Meter company were unable to come to Kings Mountain on schedule, but that they are expected within the next few days.

ISENHOUR CONDITION

A. H. (Bob) Isenhour remained in a serious condition in Shelby hospital yesterday following injuries sustained when hit by an automobile April 18 according to Patrolman H. H. Dayton.

FISHING PERMITS

A total of 86 fishing permits were issued at City Hall during the past week for fishing at the city lake.

SOAP BOX DERBY

Rule books and official entry blanks for the Charlotte Soap Box Derby to be held July 21 are available at Victory Chevrolet company here according to an announcement this week by officials of the firm.

WILDLIFE "SHOOT"

Kings Mountain Sportsmen's Wildlife club will hold a "shoot" at the old quarry on Lake Montonia road Wednesday afternoon according to Sam Davis, president. The event will begin at 3 o'clock and members and guests are requested to bring their own arms and ammunition.

385 Autos Get Tests In First Two Days Here

The motor vehicle safety lane inspection unit, now located in front of City Hall will remain in Kings Mountain through next Thursday, May 6, according to an announcement yesterday by H. B. Kendrick, supervisor.

With some 385 vehicles passing through the lane for the first time on Tuesday and Wednesday, better than 300 passed the inspection and got a blue sticker, Mr. Kendrick said.

About half of the cars passed the inspection on the initial trip through the five stations, he said, while the rest of the 300 that passed on the two days had only minor repairs to make in order to get the approved label for 1948.

One point that has been confusing to many car owners was cleared up when the supervisor stated that cars that have been converted from old beam to sealed beam head lights are NOT required to have parking lights.

After the first two day's rush business began slowing Thursday morning and there was no waiting in line. Even on the first two days the line wasn't too long one of the four inspectors said.

The inspectors are George Toms, B. W. Reel, and J. M. McWhirter, all of Shelby, and G. A. McFalls, of Spruce Pine.

"Where else can you get four well-qualified mechanics to inspect your car anytime this year for one dollar?" asked Kendrick. "That's all it costs to get your blue sticker and even after you get it you can come back through the inspection lane any time you feel your car needs checking and it won't cost you a cent that's what the lane is here for—to make your car safe."

The lane is open weekdays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., closed from 12 to 1 for lunch and on Saturdays is open from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

The station is located in front of City Hall and vehicles must enter (Cont'd on page eight)

Clarks Leaving Country Club

Archie M. Clark, since January manager of the Kings Mountain Country Club, has resigned to accept management of the Highland Country Club at Fayetteville.

Mr. Clark will assume his new duties on May 15. Directors of the Kings Mountain Country Club, at a called meeting on Wednesday, granted "with regrets" Mr. Clark's request that the local club release him from the remainder of a six-month contract as manager. This contract would have expired June 6.

The Fayetteville club is a new one, with 275 members, and an 18-hole golf course designed by Donald J. Ross. The arrangements there, Mr. Clark said, will be much the same as here. He will serve as manager of the club and golf professional, while Mrs. Clark will manage the dining room and serve as club hostess. The Fayetteville club golf course was opened last summer, and the new club house was opened December 7.

Mr. Clark, who came to Kings Mountain from Clinton, S. C., is a native of Fayetteville.

"It is with more than a little regret," he said. (Cont'd on page eight)

Merchants Hear Dudley, Instruct Directors To Prepare Budget

Membership of the Kings Mountain Merchants association started in motion efforts to increase the budget of the association and expand its services to the members and community at a general membership meeting held at City Hall Monday night.

After an address by Charles Dudley, secretary of the Charlotte association, the members spent an hour discussing general and association problems, finally instructing the board of directors to prepare a workable budget and present it to the membership for approval.

Mr. Dudley, pointing out that retailing is the largest enterprise in the nation, declared that the merchant is least organized to protect himself in taxation matters and other legislative enactments directly affecting his business. He added, however, that North Carolina leads



HOUSE CANDIDATE—Glee A. Bridges, prominent Kings Mountain business man, is a candidate for Cleveland county's representative for the North Carolina House of Representatives. He is opposing B. T. Falls, Jr., Shelby attorney, for the Democratic nomination.

Registration Books To Open

Registration books for the primaries of May 29 will open Saturday at the respective polling places.

They will be open again on Saturday, May 8, and Saturday, May 15, with May 22 Challenge Day.

For Kings Mountain voters, the polling places will be the same as usual, the City Hall for East Kings Mountain residents, and Victory Chevrolet Company for West Kings Mountain residents.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur is West Kings Mountain registrar, while Mrs. Humes Houston has been appointed East Kings Mountain registrar. Mrs. Houston replaces Mrs. J. E. Lipford who told the county elections board she would be unable to serve in that capacity.

Persons who voted in the 1946 primary and general elections and in prior years are already registered. Those required to register to vote are persons who have moved to Kings Mountain since that time, and persons who have become 21 years of age since the last county elections. Meantime, political activity, though still seemingly quiet, was slowly picking up steam.

More and more placards extolling the various advantages of this or that particular candidate were being seen in store windows, filling stations, and on telephone poles, and there was already underway some background work for several candidates.

Clarence Ridings, Forest City candidate for the House of Representatives, made another visit here this week, and Gerald Goforth, county manager for Senator W. B. Umstead, was in town Monday, beginning his organization work.

Though the county races were also still quiet, Glee A. Bridges, of Kings Mountain, opposing B. T. (Buzz) Falls, of Shelby, for the Democratic nomination for State House of Representatives, was distributing a two-sided printed circular inviting the voters to support him for the nomination. Numerous placards at various Kings Mountain places showed effort on behalf of Griffin P. Smith, candidate for register of deeds.

The postoffice business was increasing, too, as virtually all candidates for state office barraged the voters with pamphlets and printed matter pleading for votes on May 29.

PARKING CHANGE

Parking on the west side of the railroad was changed to the slanting type last week. City officials said the change would enable motorists to park with more ease. They should enter the lanes from the south, it was stated.

Byron Keeter Is Named Chairman Of Newly Created Planning Body

Thomassons Are Seriously Hurt In Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomasson, prominent Kings Mountain citizens, were seriously injured in an automobile accident near Athens, Ga., Tuesday afternoon.

According to information here, Mrs. Thomasson sustained a broken right leg, a broken left ankle, severe lacerations of one hand and painful bruises, while Mr. Thomasson sustained a broken jaw and lacerations of the face.

They were receiving treatment at St. Mary's hospital in Athens.

Relatives here had few details on the accident, but understood that the Thomasson car was involved in an accident with a school bus. It was reported that Mr. Thomasson's car, a four-door Chrysler sedan, was virtually demolished.

The Thomassons were returning to Kings Mountain from their winter home at Palm Harbor, Fla. They were making a leisurely trip, after having spent several days visiting friends in Cordele, Ga.

Mrs. J. E. Lipford, sister of Mrs. Thomasson, and C. F. Thomasson, nephew of Mr. Thomasson, left for Athens on receiving word of the accident.

Mr. Thomasson is a former mayor of Kings Mountain.

Building & Loan To Expand Office

The Home Building & Loan association will expand its quarters in the near future to incorporate the space now occupied by Sanitary Barber Shop, it was announced yesterday by A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Work is already underway on new quarters for the barber shop, owned by Baxter Wright, in the Plonk Brothers & Company building on Railroad avenue.

Mr. Patterson said complete details on the expansion and modernization of the building and loan are pending completion of work by V. W. Breeze, Shelby architect. He said however, that the building and loan will utilize a Mountain street entrance and use the additional space for more commodious accommodations in the association office.

Sanitary Barber Shop is expecting to move early next week. Plans for the new barber shop quarters call for four barber chairs. The shop will also install two showers for benefit of the public, it was announced.

Henry Neisler Named Senior Class Officer

DAVIDSON. — Henry Neisler of Kings Mountain was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the rising Senior-Class here at Davidson College.

He will take office after an installation ceremony next month and serve during the coming school year.

Neisler has been outstanding in athletics and in other campus activities since coming to Davidson three years ago. He formerly held the position of Secretary-treasurer of the student body, is a member of the student council, and plays varsity basketball and tennis.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Neisler of Kings Mountain.

Legion Team Assured; Drill Saturday At 9

American Legion junior baseball program for Kings Mountain for this summer was assured early this week and entrance notice for the local team was submitted to the state chairman, Howard Edens, Kings Mountain man and former junior baseball player here, has been named to coach the team.

The "go-ahead" signal was given after canvass of many local business men indicated sufficient funds with which to support the program would be available.

The second practice session will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and all candidates are urged to be present. In even of rain the session will be held in Central gymnasium.



LAWYER — John J. Mahoney, Jr., announced yesterday he is opening a law office here in the Professional Building on Saturday.

Mahoney To Open Law Office Here

John J. Mahoney, Jr., Shelby attorney, announced yesterday he is opening a law office in the Professional Building here on Saturday.

Mr. Mahoney has rented the offices formerly occupied by the late Dr. A. L. Hill.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Mahoney was graduated with honors from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Mass., in June 1937, and was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts November 3, 1937. He subsequently had offices with Driscoll and Monahan in Boston until his induction into the army in January 1942. He served in the army until March 1946. After his release, he has had offices with Geoghan and Cummings, prominent federal attorneys of Boston, and with Horace Kennedy, of Shelby.

Mr. Mahoney is a member of the United States District Court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Tax Court of the United States, as well as the Supreme Courts of North Carolina and Massachusetts. He is enrolled to practice before the United States Treasury Department. He is also a notary public.

He is the husband of the former Miss Virginia McNeely of Shelby.

P-TA Is Sponsoring Play Next Thursday

"Arsenic and Old Lace," the popular play which enjoyed a long run on Broadway, will be presented at Central school auditorium next Thursday night at 8 o'clock by the Rock Hill, S. C., Little Theatre group.

The appearance of the Rock Hill players here is being sponsored by the Central School P-TA.

Tickets are on sale at Kings Mountain Drug Company and are also being handled by a group of Central school students. Admission will be 50c and 75c.

Officials of the organization are anticipating a large crowd for the performance.

NATIONAL GUARD

Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer, said yesterday, more than half the minimum complement of the local national guard company had been filled. He pointed out that the recruiting policy currently calls for careful screening of applicants, adding that men who qualify for enlistment now will be in position to qualify for ratings in the company. A representative of the company is at the City Hall each Friday night from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Jaycees To Hold Annual Ladies' Night Banquet Tuesday Evening

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Ladies Night banquet at the Kings Mountain Country Club Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Features of the program will include installation of officers of the organization for the coming year, a humorous address by J. Graham Morrison, Lincoln county farm agent, with a dance to follow. Music for the dance will be played by a Shelby dance band.

Reservations indicate a capacity crowd will attend the event, according to officials of the organization.

Mr. Morrison, who has addressed several clubs in the city during the

Neisler, Herndon, Thomasson And Williams Named

J. Byron Keeter, prominent Kings Mountain business man, was elected chairman of the city planning board at its first meeting held Tuesday night at City Hall.

The board, appointed by the city commissioners in special session last Friday night includes Mr. Keeter, C. E. Neisler, Charles F. Thomasson, P. D. Herndon, H. O. (Toby) Williams.

Mr. Keeter and Mr. Neisler were appointed for two-year terms, and Mr. Williams for a one-year term. Mr. Thomasson was named secretary of the board at the Tuesday night meeting.

According to provisions of the ordinance setting up the city planning board, this body will serve without pay as an advisory group. It has the authority to conduct surveys on matters of community interest, including zoning of the city, and to make any recommendations to the city board which it deems necessary.

Funds for operation of the planning board activities will be furnished by city board appropriation. The city board may accept or reject the recommendations of the planning group, and has the power to request the resignation of any member.

At the meeting Tuesday night, attended by members of the city board the planning body heard a reading of the ordinance setting up the board and made plans to begin its work.

Thumbnail sketch of planning board members:

Chairman Keeter — merchant, president of Keeter's Inc., Baptist, Kiwanian, former president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, horseman.

Mr. Neisler — manufacturer, president, Neisler Mills, Inc., Presbyterian, Kiwanian, former city commissioner.

Mr. Thomasson — building materials dealer, owner and operator of Thomasson's Builders Supply, Presbyterian, Li, a Jaycee, director Kings Mountain Building & Loan association.

Mr. Herndon — realty and insurance, Presbyterian, Kiwanian, former city commissioner, active in farm organizations.

Mr. Williams — farmer and dealer in lumber, Baptist, Lion, air corps veteran.

Harris Purchases Parton Funeral

Harris Funeral Home announced this week purchase of Parton Funeral Home from Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Parton.

Purchase price of the transaction was not announced. The purchase does not include the East King street building occupied by the Parton establishment.

All operations of Parton Funeral Home will be combined with Harris Funeral Home, and will be handled from the present Harris location on South Piedmont avenue.

Purchase of Parton Funeral Home by Harris was arranged several months ago, but details of the transaction were not finally completed until the past few days.

"We are indeed happy to announce the purchase of Parton Funeral Home," said J. Ollie Harris, of Harris Funeral Home. "By the purchase and resulting consolidation, we shall be better able to serve the people of Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain area."

Mr. Parton, who has operated Parton (Cont'd on page eight)

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past few years, is a popular speaker and much in demand for after-dinner engagements.

Among out-of-town guests expected to attend the event are Ed Ellis, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Ellis, Rush Hamrick Jr., of Shelby, past president of the Shelby club, and candidate for national director from North Carolina, and Mrs. Hamrick, and several other Jaycee officials.

W. B. Logan is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the banquet. Other members are W. S. Fulton, Jr., Martin Harmon, John Cheshire and Charles Thomasson.