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DUCCOURT MILL TO BE AUCTIONED MARCH 14

Township Red Cross Campaign Launched

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS A total of \$151.95 was collected from parking meters during the week which ended on Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

LEGION MEETING Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 455, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion building on East Gold street Monday night at 7:30 p. m.

BUILDING PERMITS Building permit was issued Saturday to W. H. Anderson for construction of a four-room dwelling on Stowe street, cost \$1,800.

MONTHLY MEETING Annual stockholders meeting of the Lake Montona Club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at City Hall courtroom, according to notices mailed this week by Harold Hunicutt, secretary of Lake Montona Club, Inc.

CHARTER NIGHT MEETING Annual Charter Night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will be observed at the regular meeting of the club on March 9. It will be a ladies night meeting, according to the Kiwanis Sinawik.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR Mrs. J. S. Evans, Jr., will be the story-teller at the weekly story-hour period at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. E. T. Flor will be hostess. The period is designed for children from grades one through eight.

ATTENDS MEETING Dr. Nathan H. Reed, Kings Mountain optometrist, attended the monthly meeting of the Piedmont District, North Carolina Optometrists society, held at Hotel Concord Monday night.

LEGION SUPPER Members of Otis D. Green Post American Legion, will hold a hamburger supper at the Legion Building off York Road Saturday night from 7 to 9 o'clock. Legion members are being asked to bring as guests eligible veterans not now affiliated with the post.

BENEFIT BRIDGE There will be a Benefit Bridge, Book and Canasta party Friday night, March 3, at the Woman's Club house. Tickets will be fifty cents each. This includes refreshments. For reservations please call Mrs. Don Blanton, phone 173, Mrs. Halbert Webb, phone 619-3 or Mrs. H. N. Moss, phone 151-3. Tickets will be on sale at the door if you do not get yours before. Funds derived from this project will go to club use, and be on hand at 7:30 Friday night.

Oak Grove Road Bids Received Thursday Bids were being received by the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh Thursday on the 19.6 mile road-paving project which includes the Oak Grove - Kings Mountain road-paving job.

The bids were scheduled to have been received on Tuesday, and the secretary to W. E. Rogers, Highway Commission engineer, indicated that the presence of other bids Thursday postponed the receiving of bids on the local road project until Thursday.

The bids on the local road project (included in a Georgia county project) are to be received by the highway commission at its March 7 meeting.

Drive Workers Plan Intensive, Short Campaign

Kings Mountain's 1950 Red Cross financial campaign got off to an enthusiastic start Wednesday morning as some 38 campaign workers gathered for a kick-off breakfast at the Country Club, heard a brief outline of plans for the drive by Chairman Ollie Harris, and a fact-filled address by Mrs. Mary Goforth, chairman of the residential division.

Goal of the campaign is \$5,533, of which \$4,144 is earmarked to remain in Kings Mountain for use in Number 4 Township by the local chapter. Mrs. Goforth, who pointed out the universal need for sympathy, as opposed to pity, for needs of other people who suffer misfortunes, entitled her address "The Red Cross Story."

She listed the many services of Red Cross, both on local and national level, and pointed out that the Red Cross blood program alone had supplied in the Charlotte area some \$480,000 worth of blood, of which \$7,425 worth had been given by Kings Mountain citizens. Importance of the blood bank is to have blood available when it is needed, Mrs. Goforth said.

Citing services of the Red Cross on the local level, Mrs. Goforth gave several case histories from Red Cross files, showing that they vary from helping a disabled veteran establish a claim to the community aid of teaching first aid, swimming and life-saving and other programs.

In connection with Red Cross service, Mrs. Goforth declared that Kings Mountain is in need of a welfare worker on a virtual full-time basis. This is outside the Red Cross field, she continued, though the chapter here is frequently called on—and does—under such aid. At the same time, she contended, it should be the county's responsibility to supply a welfare representative to serve the large Kings Mountain area.

Mrs. Goforth answered some of the objections which, she said, are sometimes heard to Red Cross. She said reports during the war that Red Cross sold cigarettes resulted from confusion on shipments, with Red Cross cigarettes accidentally reaching army exchanges. She also added that Red Cross receives no government money.

Red Cross is really nation-wide cooperation, she continued, as she urged activity of the workers and community support for the campaign.

Robert D. Miller Rites Conducted Here Sunday

Funeral services for Robert D. Miller, 44, prominent Kings Mountain man, were held Sunday afternoon at First Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock, with interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of church of which Mr. Miller was a member, conducted the rites. Mr. Miller, a World War II veteran, was found dead at his home shortly after noon on Saturday, victim of a shotgun blast which investigating officials said was self-inflicted.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris and Police Chief N. M. Farr investigated, and Coroner Harris ruled that no inquest was necessary. He estimated that death occurred around 10 a. m. Saturday morning. Mr. Harris said that powder burns were found on the right temple where the shot had entered the victim's head.

The body was discovered by Mrs. Miller in the bedroom of their home on East King street. The Millers had been accustomed to eating lunch at the home of Mr. Miller's sister Mrs. Fred E. Fingers. Mrs. Miller was working on Saturday morning at Marjorie Mill and was to be joined by her husband at the Fingers home. When Mr. Miller, who had not been working Saturday morning, failed to appear for lunch, his wife hurried home and discovered the tragedy.

Mr. Miller's death was a shock to the community, in spite of the fact that he had been in ill health since returning from army duty. He was well-known throughout the community as a man of quiet and pleasing disposition, and was active in civic, religious and social circles. For the past several years he had been a victim of intermittent periods of depression.

A native of Lincoln county, he had lived in Kings Mountain for the past 20 years and was a veteran employee of the Neisler Mills, Inc., serving as a clerk at the time of his death. He was a member and past president of the Lions club, the Country Club and the Kings Mountain district.

Mrs. Luther Cansler, in behalf of the Kings Mountain district, presented Miss Fannie Funderburke, executive director, with a badge of thanks. Mrs. Paul Mauney was elected chairman of the organization committee, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, program chairman, Harry Page, finance chairman, and Mrs. Luther Cansler, chairman of the Kings Mountain district.

The Rev. Lee Spencer of Cherryville, principal speaker of the evening, declared the greatest need in Girl Scouting today is leadership. There is no dearth of leaders in any community, he added. It is a matter of getting those capable of leading to accept the challenge and become active in the organization.

Jaycees To Present Minstrel on Tuesday



HEADS MINSTRELS — Ben Goforth, Jr., Kings Mountain high school faculty member, is chairman of the Jaycees committee which presents "Jaycees Minstrels of 1950" at the high school auditorium Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Girl Scouts Cop Two Area Awards

Two of the three award banners for 1949 of the Pioneer Area council went to Kings Mountain Girl Scout units, Brownie Troop 14, led by Mrs. J. B. Sims, and Girl Scout Troop 19, led by Mrs. W. F. Houser.

The awards were presented at the area council banquet in Lincolnton last Friday night, attended by some 180 Girl Scout leaders from three counties, including some 40 from Kings Mountain.

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Mrs. Warren Heads Teachers

Mrs. Juanita Warren, eighth grade teacher at Central school, was elected president of the Kings Mountain unit, North Carolina Education association, at a meeting of the unit February 23. Other officers elected are: Miss Alice Ridenhour, high school teacher, vice-president; and I. Ben Goforth, Jr., eighth grade teacher, secretary-treasurer.

The new officers will assume their duties following the state convention.

Show Features All-Local Cast, Jokes, Old Songs

Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce are promising an evening of fun and frolic Tuesday night, when they present the "Jaycees Minstrel of 1950" at the high school auditorium. The show starts at 8 o'clock.

The show, an all-local-talent production, is being billed as real, old-fashioned minstrel, under direction of F. W. Grable, Cherryville band director, with I. Ben Goforth, Jr., chairman of the committee handling the project. The minstrel features as black-faced end men, Draze "Snowball" Peeler, Faison "August-Child" Barnes, Ned "Roosevelt" McGill,

A Minstrel Parade will pass through the streets of the city business section Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It will include members of the cast of "Jaycees Minstrels for 1950" and the high school band.

Barnett Buys Grigg's Interest

Guy Barnett, well-known Kings Mountain mechanic, has purchased the interest of Glenn Grigg in Grigg's Garage, according to an announcement this week.

Group To Present Plays Friday Night

The Kings Mountain high school Dramatic department is to present three one-act plays at Central auditorium Friday night at 8 p. m.

The plays will be directed by Miss Mary Belle Teague, high school dramatic instructor.

Lions Heard Woodrow Jones Tuesday Night

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club heard an address Tuesday night by Woodrow Jones, Rutherfordton lawyer and member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, and now a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives from the 11th North Carolina district.

Mr. Jones entitled his address "The History and Objectives of Communism," and gave some interesting information about the background, and development of the communistic program, which has reached its peak in Russia.

Mr. Jones was introduced by Odus Mull, of Shelby, longtime Cleveland County commercial, industrial and political leader and a former speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Mull was presented by Don Blanton, who had arranged the program. Mr. Blanton described Mr. Mull as a man who had always been a friend of Kings Mountain and who had made valuable contributions to his home, his county and his state.

Eight New Members In Honor Society

Eight high school students, including two seniors and six juniors, were inducted last Friday into membership in the local chapter of the National Honor Society.

Baseball Drills Start On Monday

Baseball drills at Central high school are scheduled to get underway Monday afternoon with 15 players returning from the 1949 aggregation.

Only four members of last year's team were lost by graduation. They were Second Baseman Boyce Huffstetler, First Baseman Jack Ruth, Right Fielder Jim Lybrand and Pitcher Don Ellison.

Bankrupt Sale Date Is Set By Referee



ELECTED — Aubrey Mauney, prominent Kings Mountain citizen and Lutheran layman, was recently elected to fill the unexpired term of secretary of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran church of America. Mr. Mauney attended a meeting of the Brotherhood board in Bethlehem, Pa., last weekend.

Hord Appointed Route 2 Carrier

Bryan Hord, veteran postal carrier, will become a rural carrier at the Kings Mountain postoffice effective March 13, according to an announcement this week by Postmaster W. E. Blakely.

Allran Buys Baker Grocery

Albert (Buck) Allran, well-known Kings Mountain man has purchased the business formerly operated as Baker Grocery, it was announced yesterday.

Cotton Growers Urged To Purchase Federal Insurance On '50 Crop

Kings Mountain area farmers were urged this week to insure their 1950 cotton crop investment under the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation plan.

Comrad Hughes, of route 2, Kings Mountain, made the appeal and noted that the 1949 crops in this area were far better than average, due in many respects to less trouble from boll weevil.

\$345,000 Upset Price Set; Sale In New York

Properties of DuCourt Mills, Inc., bankrupt, will be sold at public auction on March 14 at 11 a. m. at the United States Courthouse in Foley Square, Manhattan, New York City.

The properties will be sold on that date—11 days earlier than had been previously indicated—was learned by the Herald from J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, who had been notified of the sale plans by Franklin Ellenbogen, trustee, following approval by Herbert Logenthal, referee.

The complete properties at the upset price of \$345,000. (2) By separate bids on (a) the four acres of realty occupied by the mill plant, the plant itself, the equipment, and other personal property involved, including office furniture, supplies, etc., and (b) for the mill village, which consists of some 40 acres of realty and 71 houses totaling 280 rooms.

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Local Dealers Still Have Coal

Though the situation was becoming critical in many parts of the nation, the coal supply—in spite of the coldest weather of the current winter—was not yet considered serious here.

Though both local dealers were on an overtime work basis Wednesday and Thursday they said their supplies were adequate barring long continuance of the present cold spell and/or complete stoppage of coal shipments.