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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week which ended Wednesday totaled \$138.64 according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

STORY HOUR Regular Friday afternoon story hour will begin at Jacob S. Mauney Library at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Joe S. Evans, Jr. will serve as story teller, with Mrs. Luther Cansler as hostess. The story this week will be for children from the first through the fourth grades.

LEGION SUPPER Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a fish fry Saturday night at the Legion building from 6:30 to 9 o'clock. The supper is open to members and veterans eligible for membership.

SQUARE DANCE Regular weekly square dance of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at the Legion building from 8 o'clock to midnight. The public is invited to attend.

TO JAPAN Miss Marion Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, is awaiting travel orders to Tokyo, Japan, where she will work with the civil service branch attached to the U. S. Army. It was learned this week.

BUILDING PERMITS Building permits were issued Tuesday at City Hall to permit Ross for construction of a garage on Linwood road, \$100, and to St. Paul Methodist church for construction of a five-room church building on North 1st street, \$8,000.

TO HEAR CHORUS The chorus of Western Carolina Teachers college will give a concert at the Central school auditorium Monday morning at 11 o'clock, according to an announcement this week by Rowell Lane, high school principal.

ON DEAN'S LIST GREENSBORO - Miss Elizabeth Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, of Kings Mountain, was among 278 students of Woman's College, UNC, to qualify for the dean's list for work during the past semester. To have a place on the list second semester juniors or seniors must have had a scholarship average of B or better.

Students To Get 2 Days For Easter

Kings Mountain school students will get a two-day holiday for Easter. Principal Rowell Lane has announced that annual holidays will be observed April 7th, next Friday, and April 10th.

Other important dates on the school calendar include: April 3-7 - Art exhibit sponsored by grammar schools, proceeds to be used to purchase pictures for the grammar schools.

April 14 - Hoye Declamation contest finals at Gardner-Webb college in Bowling Springs.

April 21 - Schoolmasters Reading contest finals.

April 24 - County Music Festival at Shelby. Glee club and individual entrants.

April 27 - Senior class play.

May 5 - Junior-Senior banquet.

May 9 - Western Conference Forensic contest at Shelby.

West School Work Is Virtually Done

School Superintendent S. W. Barnes was conferring Thursday with architect and construction firms with a view to final completion of improvements to West elementary school.

Barnes said the work on the addition to the plant was virtually completed and the inspection by the architect was to insure that all work called for on the specifications is completed.

He said he hoped the new portion of the building would be ready to occupy within the next few days.

The addition has given the West school plant a complete "new look." Two class rooms and a modern front have been added to the plant, as well as several smaller rooms.

Choral Society To Sing Easter Program Sunday

The 50-voice Kings Mountain Choral Society will give its first performance Sunday evening, with a presentation of Daniel Protheroe's "Easteride" at the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30.

The Palm Sunday program will feature as soloists Mrs. James McSwain, Burlie S. Peeler, Jr., Rev. L. C. Pinnix, W. P. Fulton, L. Ben Goforth, Jr., Miss Sarah Alexander, Miss Dotty Smith and Miss Alice Ridenhour.

Organist will be Miss Bonnie Mcintosh, and the pianist will be Miss Josephine Culp. The chorus is under the direction of Franklin Pethel, music director of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Members of the society include: Burlie Peeler, Jr., president; L. Ben Goforth, Jr., vice-president; Alice Ridenhour, secretary; W. P. Fulton, treasurer; Sarah Alexander, Shirely Arthur, Mrs. Rhea Barber, Mrs. Herman L. Campbell, Betty Cash, Jean Cash, Dolores Davidson, Betty Falls, Winford Fulton, Mrs. W. M. Gantt, Nan Jean Gantt, Margaret Goforth, Bobbie Grantham, Mrs. Joseph J. Hagler, Bernice Harrison, Hilda King, Mrs. Helen R. McGill, Mrs. James McSwain, Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Rachel Plonk, Ruth Randall, Sylvia Randall, Frances Sisk, Dotty Smith, Mrs. Paul Smyre, Pat Smyre, Lula Mae Teague, Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, Melba Tindall, Mrs. Franklin Ware, Bill Allen, Nelson Bridges, Harold England, Dr. D. F. Hord, David Mauney, Robert E. Osborne, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Rev. L. C. Pinnix, William Lawrence Plonk, Red Ramsey, G. E. Still, Jack Still and Arthur Walker.

The choral presentation will be a union service for many of the city's churches.

Church To Elect Pastor Sunday

Principal items of business at a congregational meeting of Macedonia Baptist church Sunday will be election of a pastor and four deacons. It was announced this week by Tom W. Smith, chairman of the board of deacons of the church.

Mr. Smith urged that all members of the church be present for the meeting which will be held at the regular 11 o'clock service.

Former pastor of the church is Rev. C. B. Bobbitt. Rev. Ben Fisher, of Gardner-Webb college, has been serving the church as supply pastor since January 1.

"Doctor's Day" Observed Here If your doctor was wearing a red carnation Thursday, it was no cause for surprise.

It was merely a part of the Kings Mountain doctor's observance of "Doctor's Day," observed in the Southeast since 1935 on March 30 in memory of Dr. Crawford Long, Atlanta physician who first used anesthesia.

"Doctor's Day" is now observed all over the United States, though various regions choose alternate dates.

Myrtle Hoyle Saves Girl From Drowning Myrtle Hoyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hoyle of Kings Mountain and a student at Appalachian State Teachers college, at Boone, was credited with saving the life of another student last week.

The incident occurred at the college pool. Miss Hoyle had already dressed and was ready to leave the pool when one swimmer among a group of learners began having difficulty in deep water. Miss Hoyle dove into the pool and saved the drowning girl.

Easter Buying Pace To Quickens This Weekend; Stocks Are Ample

Kings Mountain merchants are looking forward to a busy weekend as they anticipate quickening of the buying pace for Easter goods.

All retail stores are uniformly well-stocked with Easter goods, and apparel merchants are ready to outfit young and old from head to toe with new Easter outfits.

Easter is the traditional spring "dress-up" date, and while Kings Mountain, unlike New York, has no Fifth Avenue parade, Kings Mountain churches, clubs and homes are customarily well-dressed with new hats, spring coats and suits, and other evidences of new clothes during the Easter season.

Some firms are offering pre-

Hot Constable Contest Indicated; Three File

Whitney Wells Seeking Post On School Body

Indications are that Number 4 Township will have another hot race for constable in the May 27 Democratic primary, with three candidates already in the field.

Incumbent Warren Ellison, who unseated Will Blackburn in a close vote two years ago, has filed his candidacy, as has Marlton D. Blackwell, and Mr. Blackburn himself was to file on Thursday.

Mr. Blackburn, currently a member of the city police force, has some 20 years experience in law enforcement work, including 16 years as a deputy sheriff. All of it has been in Cleveland county.

Another Kings Mountain man to enter the spring primary picture was Whitney Wells, who filed notice of candidacy Tuesday for one of the five places on the county board of school trustees.

Mr. Wells, a resident of the Dixon community, had indicated last week he would file for the school board, following announcement by R. L. Plonk that he would not seek re-nomination.

Tou rumor of the week here was that Hazel Baumgardner, Route 1 farmer and poultryman, was considering making the race for the county board of commissioners.

As yet there is no contest for the county board, with only the three incumbents having filed for nomination.

Still a possible candidate for the county board was L. Arnold Kaiser, though he had not made any definite commitments.

A state-wide development saw elimination of opposition for U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, Marshal Kurfees, of Winston-Salem, withdrew from the race, which means that Mr. Hoey will be the Democratic nominee without opposition. He is opposed by Republican Halsey B. Leavitt in the general election.

Other than the address here Tuesday night by Congressional Candidate J. Nat Hamrick, it was an outwardly quiet week politically.

Candidates for local level offices (county, township) have until April 15 to file notice of candidacy with the county elections board.

The title of the winning declamation was "Stranger Within Our Gates" and David Medel Winner Weaver presented "Creative Education."

Second place in the Fulton contest went to Bobbie Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Barrett. The ninth grader read "Pink Ice Cream."

The exhibition will be open to the public Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p. m. and on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Proceeds from the showing are to be used to purchase pictures for the grammar grade school rooms.

HUNEYCUTT IMPROVED J. E. Huneycutt, former principal of Kings Mountain high school and now superintendent of Rockingham city schools, was reported much improved over the weekend, following a critical illness. Mr. Huneycutt had suffered a ruptured appendix.

New Trial Ordered In Saunders Suit

J. R. Davis, attorney for D. L. Saunders in the case of Iselin and Company vs. Saunders, was notified Thursday that the State Supreme court had ordered a new trial.

Iselin and Company had entered suit to collect an account allegedly owed the firm by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Saunders denied the allegations, contending he had returned the goods involved.

At the first hearing in Cleveland Superior court, a mistrial was the result. In the second, the jury found in favor of the plaintiff. This judgment was appealed, resulting in the ordering of a new trial.



CONSTABLE CANDIDATE - Will Blackburn has filed notice of candidacy for constable of Number 4 Township, subject to the May 27 Democratic primary. Mr. Blackburn is a former constable, and he is currently a member of the city police force.

England, Cash Win Top Honors

Harold England, twelfth grade student and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. England, and Jean Cash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cash, won top honors in the annual declamation and reading contests held at Central high school last Friday morning.

England, a previous winner of the Davis Declamation medal, will represent the school in the annual Hoye contest, a county event. The Davis medal, given annually by J. R. Davis, local attorney, went to Kelly Weaver, ninth grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weaver, who was runner-up to England in the voting.

Miss Cash will be awarded the Fulton medal, presented annually by H. Tom Fulton in memory of his sister who was for a number of years a teacher in Kings Mountain schools. She will represent the school in the annual county-wide Schoolmasters contest and won her honors with a reading entitled, "The Show Must Go On and On."

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Youth Will Preach Sunday At Temple

Jerry Frivette, a 13-year-old lad will preach Sunday at Temple Baptist church, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Monroe.

The young speaker began preaching last summer while attending a youth conference at Fruitland Assembly, Mr. Monroe said, and recently he preached to an overflow crowd at Concord's First Baptist church.

He is the son of Rev. H. A. Frivette, former pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Shelby.

Sunday Night Supper Available At Club

The Kings Mountain Country Club dining room will be open on Sunday evenings during the month of April to serve light suppers, according to announcement this week.

No reservations will be required of members for the Sunday evening suppers and the dining room will be open until 9 p. m. It was also announced that the club dining room will be closed on Monday during the month of April.

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Following the address, Robert Osborne posed several open forum type questions to Mr. Hamrick.

Mr. Hamrick's most specific answer, among several, was that he strongly supported the Hoover commission proposals for elimination of duplicating bureaus and waste in the federal government.

Among other answers were: (1) That he favored a complete study of the tax structure with a view toward its revision (to a question as to whether he favored elimination of the wartime excise taxes).

(2) That he favored balanced budget, consistent with a strong national defense program.

Citing the planned economy of Britain under William the Conqueror, Mr. Hamrick declared "in Britain there was no unemployment, no uncertainty, and no opportunity."

"The American government was a new concept," he continued, "with a man the master of his own destiny. And look at the progress shown in a mere 164 years. This progress was made possible by the individual enterprise of the people, not by a bureaucrat behind a desk."

"Nothing will get a man up early and keep him up late except the right to earn a living, and we don't want to lose sight of these fundamentals."

Mr. Hamrick contended that the American government of today is somewhere between the position of master and servant, "when it is supposed to be servant only."

He cited three reasons the government is wasting money, (1) bureaus breed bureaucrats, (2) the people are forgetting that government is a necessary evil, and (3) people have become to think of the government as a national grab-bag.

Ollie Harris presented Mr. Hamrick.

Nine Cases Heard In Court Monday

A total of nine cases were heard in regular weekly session of City Recorder's court, held at City Hall courtroom Monday afternoon, according to a study of records on file.

Judge W. Faison Barnes presided. Four defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Other cases included: Case against James Lee Bonds, charged with driving drunk, transferred to Cleveland county recorder's court at request of defense attorney.

Fred Mayhew, worthless check, fined \$10 and costs and ordered to pay check.

Walter Burris, assault, costs. Theodore Bridges, illegal possession, fined \$5 and costs.

Wendell Kerby, Charlotte, speeding, fined \$5 and costs.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow Friday afternoon at Oak Grove Baptist church near Kings Mountain. The Rev. Floyd Hollar will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Queen was a member of Mountain View Baptist church.

Taking Of Census Is Scheduled To Begin Officially Saturday

Red Cross Fund Drive Lagging, Leader Reports

Kings Mountain's Red Cross fund campaign was reported lagging Thursday, with only \$3,470 reported against the quota of \$5,533.

Meantime, directors of the Red Cross and Co-Chairmen Ollie Harris and L. E. Abbott of the fund campaign and other members of the solicitation organization were to meet Thursday night for a review of the situation in an effort to map ways and means of reaching the quota.

Mr. Harris said that some reports are yet to be received and he anticipated several additional contributions of reasonably good size, but that his estimate would still leave the fund short.

Purpose of the meeting Thursday was to arrange for a clean-up campaign, if that was deemed advisable.

Mr. Harris said smaller gifts from some firms and individuals had contributed to the difficulty in meeting the quota.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Revels

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at Second Baptist church in Shelby for Mrs. W. M. Revels, 71, former resident of Shelby who died at her home in Kings Mountain Tuesday night.

Rev. W. W. Harris, pastor, officiated and burial was in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Revels, the former Miss Eliza Hoffman, had been a resident of Shelby for 26 years, moving to Kings Mountain about three years ago. She was a member of Shelby Second Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband; six daughters, Mrs. M. H. Shull, Mrs. Everett Mull and Mrs. Phate McSwain, all of Shelby; Mrs. Jesse Head of Caesar, Mrs. Loy Payson of Mooresville, and Mrs. Archie Hardin of Kings Mountain; five sons, Roy L. Revels of Greenville, S. C., F. F. and Dave Revels, both of Shelby, Raymond Revels of Kings Mountain and Sam Revels of Spartanburg, S. C.; a twin brother, John A. Hoffman, one sister, Mrs. L. W. Robertson of High Shoals; 31 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Gibson's Sister's Rites Set Friday

Mrs. Cornelia Haskin Queen, 79 former resident of Cleveland county, died Wednesday morning about 8 o'clock at Rutherfordton hospital after an illness of one month. She had been living in Rutherfordton since her marriage to Jefferson Davis Queen.

She was first married to Albert M. Haskin who died in 1920. Surviving are her second husband; three sons, H. A. Haskin of Shelby, George and Will Haskin, both of Shelby; two brothers, Avery Gibson of Kings Mountain, route 3, and B. Y. Gibson, of Gastonia; 24 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow Friday afternoon at Oak Grove Baptist church near Kings Mountain. The Rev. Floyd Hollar will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Queen was a member of Mountain View Baptist church.

Members of the Grace Methodist class are also planning to attend the meeting if it is understood.

Trinity church is located on the York road near Victory Mill, South of Gastonia.

Guard Unit Leaves July 2nd For Camp

The Kings Mountain National Guard unit will leave for annual summer encampment at Fort Jackson, S. C., on July 2 according to announcement by Captain Humes Houston, commander.

The unit - Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Third battalion, 120th Infantry - will train with other units of the North Carolina National Guard and units from other states in one of the largest encampments since the war.

Captain Houston stated this week that strength of the company has been frozen but that "vacancies are existing." The unit needs radio operators, he said.

The training period will last for 15 days and Guardsmen will receive full pay during that time. The company presented a show of American arms in the lobby of Joy theatre during the showing of "Sands of Iwo Jima" Monday and Tuesday as part of an educational program designed to acquaint the public here with the National Guard.

Enumerators Now Getting Final Training

Kiwanis Directors Want City Manager

Directors of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club voted Tuesday night to offer a resolution for action by the club urging the city to employ an administrator.

It is anticipated that the resolution will be presented to the club for action in the near future.

Other actions by the directors included voting of a \$100 donation to the Kings Mountain school band fund, and a month's salary (\$281) for the public schools Bible teacher.

Progress Made In Band Drive

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, chairman of the fund campaign for the city schools band, reported Thursday a total of \$306 "in hand," and with good reports expected from several committee heads.

Goal of the fund campaign is \$1,500. The money will be used to purchase uniforms, music, instruments, and other needed equipment for the school band.

"I hope to be able to make a report next week," Dr. Hendricks said, "showing the campaign successfully completed."

He urged campaign workers to complete their canvasses as quickly as possible.

Beth-Ware Gets Voting Precinct

The Cleveland County elections board ordered Monday formation of a new voting precinct at Beth-Ware school, with the big portion of the district to be taken from West Kings Mountain precinct.

The additional precinct was one of two new ones created by the board.

The board also ordered new registrations in Kings Mountain and Shelby precincts, and indicated that they may order others.

Members of the board are C. H. Hendrix, chairman, Carl S. Thompson and G. V. Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins is the Republican member.

Registration books will open on April 22, preceding the May 27th primary.

Youth Fellowship Classes To Meet

A sub-district meeting of Youth Fellowship classes of the Methodist church will be held at Trinity Methodist church near Gastonia Friday night and the two local classes plan to send a large number of representatives.

M. C. Poston, president of the Central Methodist class, said this week that it was very important to have a good number of representatives from his class. That group is to leave from the church at 7 p. m. Friday and members not having transportation are urged to call the church office to make arrangements. All members planning to attend are urged to meet at the church before leaving he said.

Members of the Grace Methodist class are also planning to attend the meeting if it is understood.

Trinity church is located on the York road near Victory Mill, South of Gastonia.

Lutherans Plan Holy Week Rites

On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, at the 11 a. m. service, the rite of confirmation will be administered, with seven young people to be received into the church. They are Misses Peggy Rippe, Peggy and Dixie Chne, Billie Gibbons, Gene Layton, Rondal Yates, and Charles Ledbetter.

Enumerators Now Getting Final Training

Nose-counting began throughout the nation and in Kings Mountain Thursday afternoon.

It was a practice run on the beginning of work on the 17th decennial census, which will be launched officially Saturday morning.

Just how long the work will take is not known.

In some areas, census directors are planning to complete the taking of the census of city populations in two weeks, with an extra week estimated to be required in covering rural areas. However, the word from Hoyt Cunningham's Gastonia district office Thursday morning was that there had been some resignations by enumerators which would have the effect of requiring additional time to complete the job.

Miss Jennie Schultz, a secretary in the district office, said the plan was to use only trained personnel, rather than to try to replace those who had resigned.

The Herald has not seen a copy of the questionnaire the enumerators are using, but the word is that they are voluminous in size and with a mass of detail.

Kings Mountain's official population in the 1940 census was 6,574, and there are various estimates as to the figure the census will reach this year.

The city limits of Kings Mountain have been extended only a small amount in the last ten years (taking in a portion of the Crescent Hill property), but many homes have been built within the city limits during the past decade.

Some estimate that the population of Kings Mountain will have grown as much as 25 percent. Others say the total will approximate 7,500. Some optimists look for a 10,000 count. Closest a county figure for guessing purposes was the 1945 raton board registration for Number 4 and 5 townships, which listed some 15,000 men, women, and children.

Census leaders are urging cooperation with the census takers in an effort to complete the task as quickly as possible and to get every person counted.

Some of the questions will ask for the name of the head of the household and of all others who live there, their ages, relationship, marital status, birthplace, occupation, and whether working for private enterprise or government. There are also "sample line" questions which will ask the amount earned last year and other more detailed questions from every fifth person.

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Easter Monday To Be Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail firms will observe Easter Monday as a holiday, giving the firms a long Easter weekend.

Announcement was made yesterday by Faison Barnes, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, who reminded members that association-by-law call for the annual observance of Easter Monday as a holiday.

The stores will also be closed on the Wednesday afternoon following, according to customary practice.