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Immediate Trading Area 15,000
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Christmas Opening Plans Announced

Local News Bulletins

NEW MANAGER HERE
Marvin Patterson, of Gastonia began duties last week as manager of Kings Mountain Motor Sales according to announcement by F. M. Francum, of Gastonia, owner. Mr. Patterson was transferred from the Gastonia firm also owned by Mr. Francum.

LEGION SUPPER
A boneless perch fish supper will be served members of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, on Saturday night from 6:30 to 9 p. m. at the Legion Building on East Gold street according to announcement by James Bennett, adjutant.

ELECTED TO OFFICE
Miss Kathleen Dettmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dettmar, of Kings Mountain, has been elected secretary - treasurer of the student body of Ringling Art school at Sarasota, Fla., according to information received here. Miss Dettmar was a student at the school for the past three years.

JAYCEE MEETING
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The meeting has been scheduled as a "Get-It-Off-Your-Chest" session, according to W. Faison Barnes, president. Members will be asked to make suggestions for club projects and activities.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$150.96 in revenue was collected from the city's parking meters for the week which ended at noon Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

AT GRAYSON'S
Mrs. Fred Dixon and Mrs. Hazeline Black, of Cherryville, have joined the sales staff of Grayson's Jewelry, it was announced this week. Both will be with the firm through the Christmas shopping season.

ARP BREAKFAST
Annual Thanksgiving Day services will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church at 7:30 on Thanksgiving morning in the church auditorium. Following the services, the annual Thanksgiving breakfast will be served in the educational building at 8 o'clock.

Jaycees Schedule Paper Pick-Up

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct its next waste paper pick-up on December 3rd, according to action this week by the organization's board of directors.

The directors also get Tuesday, December 19th, for a Bosses' Night banquet, and discussed plans for presentation of the Second Annual Jaycee Minstrel.

The Minstrel has been tentatively scheduled for the month of February.

At the recent paper pick-up by the organization, the Jaycees collected some 15,000 pounds of waste paper. Proceeds from sale of the waste paper are used by the Jaycees for worthy projects.

The Bosses' Night banquet will be the first for the Kings Mountain organization, though it is an annual event for many Jaycee organizations in other cities. At this meeting, Jaycee members will invite their employers as guests.

30 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
Buy Christmas Seals

November 30th Parade Plans Near Completion

Plans for the city's annual Christmas opening celebration, scheduled for the afternoon of November 30th, were reported virtually complete this week by W. Faison Barnes, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Principal feature of the event will be a parade through the city streets, with old Santa Claus himself the star attraction, and including five floats, at least four school bands, units of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the National Guard. Also to participate again this year will be the Jack and Jill Kindergarten class, a most popular entry last year.

The five floats to be entered in the parade will include entries by Burlington Mills, Queen City Coach Company, a religious theme float by a group of Kings Mountain churches, one by Bridges & Hamrick, and a Santa Claus float.

The line of march will be announced next week.

Mr. Barnes said that the Merchants Association has invested some \$400 for additional street decorations this year. The new Christmas - season decorations are permanent - type plastic street light designs, which include Old English lanterns, Santa Claus faces, stars and bells. He said these decorations are three-dimensional and are especially effective.

The city electrical department will hang the designs and install Christmas street lights in time for the annual opening parade. They will be turned on for the first time on the night of November 30th.

Bands which will participate in the parade will be the high school bands of Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Shelby and possibly Cherryville.

Members of the Merchants Association committee in charge of arrangements for the parade are Marriott Pflifer, chairman, E. C. McClain and T. W. Grayson.

The parade will begin at 5 p. m. on the afternoon of November 30th, and merchants plan to observe longer hours on that day, remaining open until 7:30 p. m.

"We expect this year's Christmas opening parade to be about the best ever," Mr. Barnes said.

Senator Hoey Flays Federal Encroachment

Senator Clyde R. Hoey, just elected to his second term as U. S. Senator, spoke to Kings Mountain civic club members and teachers Thursday, November 9th, and took the occasion to state his opposition to public power.

Incidentally, therefore, the Shelby senator and former governor, took issue with Governor W. Kerr Scott, who, recently, has been charging North Carolina's power companies with being too slow in expanding their facilities.

Senator Hoey denied that North Carolina's power companies are failing to serve the public adequately, declaring, "I am against government functions where they are unneeded and where private enterprise can provide the facilities."

He cited the amount of taxes paid by the power companies, in support of government on all levels, and criticized policy of the Interior Department in two North Carolina instances. He said that, during his term as governor, Administration Company of America wanted to build what is now the government - built Fontana Dam and with plans to build a forty-million dollar aluminum plant near the dam. The government prevented the project on the grounds that the stream was "navigable."

He also pointed to government efforts to prevent the building of the Buggs Island dam by the Interior Department. This company is ready to build the dam, he said but the government says, in effect, "No, you can't build it; we want to build it ourselves in five years."

"When I oppose public power," Mr. Hoey said, "I am not favoring the interests, but the people of America."

Mr. Hoey said he is not pessimistic over the outlook for America, in spite of the high national debt and in spite of the war clouds. He also praised the action of the United States in aiding other nations and in entering the Korean fighting.

There were two choices for world leadership. It was either the humanitarian United States, or totalitarian Russia," he said.

"I do not think the United Nations has failed," he continued. "It has done much good, and it will do more good."

Concluding on an optimistic note, he reminded the audience of the familiar saying, "The darkest hour is just before dawn. I have hope that the threat of war will be removed."

Some 250 persons heard Mr. Hoey. Kiwanis President Hugh Ballard presided, and B. N. Barnes presented Mr. Hoey.

Girl Scout Fund Report Is Made

First reports on the Girl Scout fund campaign in Kings Mountain, showed contributions of \$288.50, Chairman John L. McGill reported Thursday.

Mr. McGill said the reports are incomplete, with several soliciting committees yet to complete their work.

Goal of the campaign is \$1,100. Chairman McGill urged all persons to give as liberally as possible to the fund, which is used in supporting the Girl Scout organization and in the expansion of its activities.

Citizens, Operators Discuss Bus Station

Group Demands That Carriers Provide Terminal

Bus operators, members of the city board of commissioners and interested citizens talked about a Kings Mountain bus terminal for two hours last Friday morning in the presence of Utilities Commissioner Edward H. McMahan.

At the end of the session, the situation was about where it began, with Kings Mountain citizens pressing the companies to provide terminal facilities, and with the companies pledging efforts to investigate every possible means of providing these facilities.

There were not, however, any concrete pledges that the operators would produce a terminal and the city board of commissioners indicated informally that it would file a formal petition before the Utilities Commission, asking that body to order furnishing of a terminal here, if the companies do not report progress within 30 to 60 days.

In fact, City Commissioner Hal Ward made a motion to file such a petition within 30 days, if the companies hadn't produced evidence of action, but the motion was not acted upon when other board members agreed to give the companies a little more time.

Mayor J. E. Herndon later mentioned "60 days" in referring to the time the city would possibly allow.

The informal hearing, presided over by Utilities Commissioner McMahan, re-hashed previous discussions between the city board and the bus company operators in reference to providing a terminal for Kings Mountain.

City Attorney J. E. Davis outlined the previous efforts of the city to obtain action by the operators, pointing to the inconveniences caused by lack of a terminal, as well as the danger to passengers and pedestrians when buses unload on heavily-traveled highways.

"We don't want anything particularly elaborate, but we do want a bus station," Mr. Davis said.

He also added that he knew of other bus companies which would be interested in building a station if franchises for inter-city operation could be obtained.

"However," he added, "the city has no complaint with the operation of Queen City Coach Company or Atlantic Greyhound, except the lack of a terminal."

J. H. Quattlebaum, of Queen City, did most of the talking for the bus operators. He declared, "We have been trying unsuccessfully to work out a solution to this problem, but we have not pigeon-holed the project."

He proceeded to paint a gloomy picture of bus company operations, stating that revenues have been constantly dropping and declaring that figures proved the companies could not pay any more for bus terminal operation than 10 percent of gross revenues.

He added that Queen City revenues from Kings Mountain declined by 25 percent in 1949 over 1948, and after consulting with Fred Titlow, Greyhound representative, reported gross revenues for 1949 from Kings Mountain at \$34,000.

Commissioner McMahan supported the 10-percent contention of Mr. Quattlebaum. He explained that under the law, the commission has the authority to see that adequate facilities are provided, in keeping with gross revenues, and he expressed the opinion that the commission would order the companies to furnish some kind of facilities, should a formal petition be sought.

"Our experience, however, is that problems such as this can be worked out, in nine cases of ten, through informal hearings such as this, and without necessity of formal action," he concluded.



TO HEAR GARBER - Members of Central Methodist church of Kings Mountain will join with other Methodists of Cleveland County in worshipping at Central Methodist church of Shelby Sunday evening at 7:30, when Bishop Paul N. Garber, who presides over the Geneva, Switzerland, area of the church, gives a report on work in that area. Bishop Garber recently returned to the United States.

Mountaineers In Finale Friday

A journey to Lincolnton on Friday night is scheduled to round out the 1950 Kings Mountain high school football schedule. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p. m. on the Lincolnton high school field.

The Mountaineers will take a 3-4-2 record into the game and will be shooting to equal last season's .500 percentage. In 1949 the Mountaineers won 5 and lost 5.

Lincolnton, on the other hand, will be shooting to better .500. The Wolves' record to date for 1950 reads 4-4-1.

Lincolnton did not play last Friday but met Lenoir Western (AA) Conference champs, at Lincolnton Tuesday night bowling 26 to 0.

So the Wolves, although favored by around three touchdowns on comparative scores, will go into the game Friday night with only two days of practice and one of rest.

Lincolnton has defeated Mt. Holly, Cherryville (19-0) and Shelby (7-6), lost to Forest City 13 to 7 and tied Newton-Conover 12-12. Kings Mountain defeated Forest City 7-2, tied Cherryville 0-0 and lost to Mount Holly 13 to 6 and Shelby 20-13. Lincolnton has also posted a 7-0 win over Morganton and lost to Lenoir, Belmont (18-6) and Hickory (12-4).

Newton - Conover, a team Lincolnton tied 12-all, dumped mighty Belmont from the loop's undefeated ranks by 19-0 last week.

The Wolves have been hampered by injuries all season. Back Dave Rudisill was hurt in the Belmont fray but went against Lenoir Tuesday. He works with a highly-rated set of backs including Jack Benfield, who has been hampered with an injured leg, Shuford, Heavener, Jimmy Carpenter and Taylor, a standout on offense and a pass - defense wizard from his right halfback spot.

Key linemen include Les and Bill Eaker, tackles, Max Freeman, center, Elmore, tackle, Warren Stamey and Broome guards and Max Saunders, end. Most players are veterans of the 1949 team.

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Six Kings Mountain seniors will be playing their last high school football. They are Blocking Back Jim Cobb, Wingback Billy Shytle, Tackle Jack Crouch, End Raymond Goforth, End Steve Jones and Fullback Walter Griffin.

Club Stockholders Will Meet Tuesday
Annual meeting of stockholders of the Kings Mountain County Club, Inc., will be held at the club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, beginning with a Dutch supper.

December 6th Induction Call For 35 Is Received

Fifty-five Cleveland county men will be sent to the army on December 6th.

The selective service board announced this week that it had received an induction call for that date.

On Monday, 49 men were sent to Charlotte for pre-induction physical examinations, but unofficial reports indicated that only about 25 of the group were found physically fit for army duty.

Among the pre-induction group receiving examinations Monday were 11 Kings Mountain area men: They were: Elbert Ernest Wright, William Pinkney Early, Joshua Gist, Bobby Jean Lawson, Edward William Humphries, Alphonso Patterson, and Herbert Dale Dixon, David Conlies Allen, all of Kings Mountain, and Blaine Godfrey, Jr., John Henry Sharp and John Henry Dawkins, all of Grover.

Three men failed to report Monday for the trip to Charlotte and the selective service board is seeking information as to their whereabouts. They are Clarence Weber, Jr., Otis Tomes, and Thomas Henry Sanders.

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Permits were also issued by the city to William Ledbetter, for new roof to residence, \$100, and to James Watkins, for addition of a room to dwelling, \$500.

Fletcher Home Is Demolished By Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher on Grace street was completely demolished by fire Tuesday morning.

City firemen answered the alarm at 9 o'clock and found the roof falling in on arrival.

Cause of the fire was thought to have been a defective oil cooking stove. Only occupant of the house at the time the fire was discovered was a young girl, who had returned to bed after cooking breakfast. She awakened to find the house in flames.

Firemen fought the blaze for about 90 minutes and were able to prevent nearby houses from catching fire. The house was reported partially covered by insurance.

The board also accepted deeds for property for streets from Trustees of Temple Baptist church (for five feet on N. Candler street) from W. A. Harmon and wife, (for 60-feet, N. Candler street), and from W. B. Barber and wife (40-feet, extension of Sims street.)

Commissioners Name Harris Defense Head



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Joseph Ervin Davis was found guilty of illegal possession of 23 gallons of whiskey and was ordered to pay a fine of \$250 and costs.

Sam Jackson appealed a case in which he was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and illegal possession and was ordered to pay a fine of \$200 and costs, to be on good behavior for two years, to not violate the laws of the state for two years and to close his business. Jackson operates a cafe on Candler street.

Case against Coffard Lee Stewart, charging him with driving drunk, was transferred to county recorder's court at his request for trial by jury.

Cecil Eugene McLees, of Anderson, S. C., forfeited \$25 bond on a speeding charge.

Robert Eugene Herndon paid a fine of \$10 and costs for speeding.

Civil Defense Organization To Be Formed

J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician and county corner, was appointed chairman of civil defense in Kings Mountain by the city board of commissioners Wednesday.

The board thus followed action of the state and of many other cities in the state and throughout the nation in launching a civil defense organization, designed to handle emergency situations which might arise.

Specifically, the civil defense movement has been the result of evidence that Russia has the atom bomb and the strained international situation. However, the civil defense organization is to be set up to handle any kind of community disaster.

As civil defense chairman, Mr. Harris will correlate activities of various groups. In general, the civilian defense plan of operation utilizes existing organizations for emergency work, such as municipal police and fire departments, emergency ambulance teams, the American Red Cross, the National Guard, and other agencies.

The city board of commissioners discussed the set-up at its Wednesday meeting, and made plans to invite E. Z. Jones, state civilian defense head, to come here for discussions of the operation.

At the meeting, M. K. Fuller, city administrator, pointed out that cities on the West Coast and some on the Eastern seaboard have long ago set up civilian defense organizations.

Mr. Harris, a former commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, is a veteran of World War II, having served some 30 months in the army and for 16 months as a staff sergeant in the 65th Field Hospital in France and Germany. His work with this unit won for him the bronze star.

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Algie Blanton was sent to jail for 60 days on two counts of public drunkenness.

Six defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Austin Barrett and Estel Blanton were each taxed with costs and prayer for judgment was continued on warrants charging them with assault and cases against J. L. Barrett and Annie Roberts Barrett charging them with assault were each nolle prossed, with leave.

Church Services, Turkey Dinners, Holiday To Feature Thanksgiving

Kings Mountain citizens were getting ready for Thanksgiving this week.

Grocers are featuring turkeys for weekend and early-next-week sale, and are anticipating the usual extra vuying for Thanksgiving dinners.

The Thanksgiving program for Kings Mountain, thus far, is a quiet one.

Majority of retail stores will be closed for the day, and it will be a holiday weekend for the school children who will not have to answer school bells from Wednesday afternoon until the following Monday. A turkey dinner will feature the Wednesday menus of all schools in the city system.

Majority of churches will hold special Thanksgiving services, beginning on Wednesday evening, and Boyce Memorial ARP church will hold its annual Thanksgiving breakfast, with the men of the church serving as host for a family breakfast, following early morning Thanksgiving services.

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The merchants will be closed next Thursday, however, in observance of the annual Thanksgiving holiday.