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Local News Bulletins

AT DELLINGERS' Mrs. Joe Heddon will join the staff of Dellingers' Jewel Shop Monday and will be with the firm through the Christmas shopping season...

PARKING MONEY A total of \$150.85 in revenue was collected from the city's parking meters on Wednesday according to a report by officials at City Hall.

POLICEMAN RESIGNS Joseph D. Andrews, city policeman, resigned his position effective Thursday according to an announcement by M. K. Fuller, city administrator.

GUEST SPEAKER Rev. C. E. Shumake, District Superintendent of N. C. District will speak at the First Church of the Nazarene Friday night and throughout the weekend. Everyone is invited to attend.

Film of Boyce Memorial "The First Christmas Martyr" will be shown Sabbath Evening at 7:30 P. M. It is the life of Stephen, and is one of the most exciting in all the New Testament. A superb moving picture, highly dramatic with a challenge for everyone. The public is cordially invited.

FULLERS TO TEXAS City Administrator and Mrs. M. K. Fuller are to leave Friday afternoon for Houston, Texas, where Mr. Fuller will attend a four-day convention of the International City Managers Association...

CHOSEN FOR TOUR Miss Doty Smith, of Kings Mountain, student at Greensboro College, is among the college choir members who have been chosen to membership on the touring group which will sing this year in Florida, Georgia, and at several cities in North Carolina.

IN HOSPITAL Sam Mitchem, Coast Guard serviceman, was admitted to the Norfolk Navy hospital this week after suffering an acute case of arthritis. His condition has improved and he is now in a wheel chair it was learned. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchem visited relatives and friends in Kings Mountain last weekend.

UNC Clown Cagers Set To Play Here

The Mountaineer Club, Inc. has arranged a tentative date for a basketball game at the high school gymnasium between a local quintet and the Carolina Clowns team of Chapel Hill which features such stars as Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice and Art Weiner.

Announcement of the scheduled game was made Monday night at a meeting of officials of the club and the game committee.

E. E. Marlowe and Dan Huffstetler were named co-chairmen of the event. Others named included Faison Barnes and Fred Wright, Jr., tickets, Hazel Bumgardner, concessions, Charles Neisler programs, W. J. Fulker, officials and Charlie Moss, Jr., gymnasium and reception. Tentative date was set as January 28th.

The Clowns have won 69 of 70 games played during the past three or four years. Coy Carson is manager of the outfit and other players on the squad are Huck Holdash and Dick Bunting, of the UNC 1950 football team, and Rip Ryan, former all-southern baseballer at Carolina. Justice is now playing professional football with Washington Redskins and Weiner is with the New York Yankee pro grid club.

24 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TWO TICKETS TO THE NORTH POLE PLEASE! BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas Opening Set For Thursday

Floats And Bands To Be Feature Of Annual Event

Santa Claus will make his 1950 pre-Christmas visit to Kings Mountain next Thursday afternoon and will be the featured performer in a large Christmas parade presented by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Plans for the annual event are already virtually complete, with the Merchants Association listing a big number of entries. Among the features of the parade will be six floats, five high school bands and numerous other entries, including Boy Scout and Girl Scout units, the Jack and Jill Kindergarten class, and others.

LINE-OF-MARCH Line-of-march for next Thursday's annual Christmas parade here follows: Organize on W. Gold street, proceed to Railroad avenue, north on Railroad avenue to overhead bridge, east on King street to Piedmont avenue, south on Piedmont to Mountain street west on Mountain to Battleground avenue, south on Battleground to Gold, east on Gold to Cherokee.

The parade will mark the official opening of the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain. The City of Kings Mountain will install Christmas lights in the business section prior to next Thursday and the lights will be turned on for the first time during the parade. The street decorations have been expanded for this season by the purchase of additional units.

Members of the committee in charge of the event include Marriot Phifer, chairman, E. C. McClain, and T. W. Grayson, in addition to W. Faison Barnes, association secretary.

Stasavich Is Banquet Speaker

Clarence Stasavitch, head football coach at Lenoir-Rhyne college, will make the featured address at the annual Kings Mountain Lions club football banquet on December 12th, according to announcement yesterday by W. L. Plonk, club program chairman.

The annual banquet, given in honor of the Kings Mountain high school football team, is one of the principal special programs given by the Lions club each year.

Mr. Stasavitch is a former athlete at Lenoir-Rhyne and has been head football coach and athletic director for the past several years.

He regularly fields winning teams and has enjoyed a successful season during the current year. Lenoir-Rhyne closed its season Thursday with the annual Thanksgiving Day game against arch-rival Catawba.

Mr. Plonk said a number of other special guests will be invited to attend the banquet. Further details concerning the event will be announced next week, he said.

Merchants Now Open All Day Wednesdays

Kings Mountain retail firms were open for a full-day Wednesday for the first time since last Christmas. The merchants have suspended the regular mid-week half-holidays until after the Christmas season, which means that they will resume this plan on December 27th.

Patrick To Head Red Cross Drive

Rev. P. D. Patrick has been named to head the annual Red Cross fund drive next March according to an announcement by L. L. Benson, Kings Mountain chapter chairman.

The announcement was made at a meeting of chapter officers and directors held November 16 at which time the home service plan of organization was revised and expanded.

Chairman Benson appointed directors to head the various services. The appointments include B. S. Neill and W. K. Mauney, home service; Mrs. Mary B. Go-forth and Edwin Modes, blood program; Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Lamar Herndon, home nursing; Joe Thomson, auditor; J. B. Keeter, Hal Ward and C. F. Harry, Jr., disaster; and William Plonk, first aid and life saving.

Girl Scout Drive Nearing Its Goal

Contributions of Kings Mountain citizen to the Girl Scout fund now total \$968.80, according to a report on the fund campaign made Wednesday by John L. McGill, chairman.

The campaign is still approaching its goal of \$1,100 with several soliciting committees yet to report, Mr. McGill said.

He asked that persons not yet contacted to send their donations to him or to J. C. McKinney, treasurer.

"We have had an excellent response to the Girl Scout fund campaign and it appears that the goal will be reached, if not surpassed," Mr. McGill stated.

Recorder's Court In Light Session

Only five cases were heard in regular weekly session of city Recorder's court held at City Hall Monday afternoon.

Three defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness.

Don Bennis was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced six months, suspended on payment of costs of court and to be on good behavior for two years, not to molest his wife and not to drink wine or liquor.

BURTON INJURED R. H. (Doc) Burton suffered a severe cut on his right arm Saturday in the market of Plonk Brothers Grocery.

W. G. Hughes' Funeral Rites Are Conducted

Funeral services for William Gordon Hughes, 73, resident of the Dixon community who died suddenly of a heart attack Monday around 5 p. m. near Bethany S. C., were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Antioch Baptist church, near Grover.

Rev. W. A. Hoffman, of Gastonia, former pastor of Antioch church of which Mr. Hughes was a member, and Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Hughes was a native of Cleveland County and had lived near Kings Mountain for 50 years. He was a prominent farmer and was a brother of the late Hatcher Hughes, famous author and professor at Columbia University.

Survivors include his wife, the former Florence Wells; five sons, Conrad, Nevett, Gordon, William and Robert Hughes, of Kings Mountain; six daughters, Mrs. Charlie Campbell, Mrs. E. C. Martin and Mrs. Phillip Baker, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. C. C. Boone, of Radford, Va., Mrs. W. B. Atchley, Raleigh, and Mrs. W. I. Carrill Asheboro; two sisters, Mrs. Molly Neal, Blackburg, S. C., and Mrs. E. Atkins, York, S. C.; 26 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were six grandsons, Bill, D. C., Jack, Eugene, Harry and Ervin Hughes.

Little Theatre Play Dec. 5th

The recently reorganized Kings Mountain Little Theatre will open its 1950-51 season Tuesday night, December 5th, with a presentation of the play "You Can't Take It With You."

The play will be presented at the high school auditorium and is under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Ware.

Rehearsals have been underway for several weeks. Admission will be 35 cents for children, and 75 cents for adults.

The play "You Can't Take It With You" ran for several years on Broadway and became a motion picture hit as well, starring Jean Arthur and Lionel Barrymore.

In the play, each character is a person who lives his life exactly as he wants. The scene never changes from the room which customarily carries the name living room, but, in this house, could be called an everman-for-himself room. In this room, meals are eaten, plays are written, snakes collected, ballet dancing practiced, and printing presses operated, etc.

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre was re-organized after four years' inactivity and has a large membership.

Rites Conducted For Long Infant

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Jackie Paulette Long, 4-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Long who died Saturday night at Shelby hospital.

Rites were conducted by Rev. R. L. Hardin at the home of T. D. Long. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Turkey Day Holiday Quiet Here

With an assist from the weather, Kings Mountain enjoyed Thanksgiving Thursday. After a siege of wintry rain on Wednesday, the clouds cleared and Thanksgiving dawned clear and frosty, just as the picture books say it should.

Though the big portion of industry operated as usual, the majority of Kings Mountain business houses were closed for the day and the business section was rather uniformly deserted. Drug stores observed short hours, and the principal activity was around eating establishments, service stations and theatres.

Many families had guests for the day, including kin and friends from other cities. For others, it was a day of travel to visit friends in other places. It was also an ideal day for the hunter to welcome the opening of

State Health Engineers Say Sewage Disposal Plant In Very Bad Shape



WINNERS AT CAROLINAS CARROUSEL—Shown above is the Kings Mountain school band's drum majorette team, which took first honors in the Carolinas Carrousel parade at Charlotte on November 16th. Left to right are Jerrie McCarter, Faylene Falls, head drum major, Patsy Malcolm, Maxine Miller, Hollie Ward, Linda Hartsoe and Peggy Ware. The group received a loving cup signifying its honor.

Country Club Directors Named

Stockholders of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., met in annual meeting Tuesday night, heard reports on the past year's operation of the club and elected 12 directors to serve for the coming year.

Directors elected included E. J. Powers, W. S. Fulton, Jr., J. O. Harris, C. D. Blanton, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Hunter R. Neisler, Otto (Toby) Williams, George Houser, David Neill, Charles Neisler, George W. Mauney, and George Hoek, Sr., of Bessemer City.

Mr. Powers, Mr. Fulton and Mr. Harris are holdover members from the retiring board.

Old directors and new directors will hold a joint meeting at the club on Friday evening. Following this meeting, the 1950-51 board will organize, electing officers from the board membership.

Reports made by club officers and committee chairmen revealed that the club had enjoyed an active year.

Sec.-Treas. Ollie Harris read the financial report, which showed all club obligations paid and with a cash balance to begin the new year.

Ertle Powers, reporting for the greens committee, asked J. H. (Buck) Pressley, club professional, to report on improvements to the golf course. Mr. Pressley listed improvements during the year and outlined plans for further improvements.

Mr. Powers, chairman of the swimming pool project committee, said that the work of this committee had been temporarily halted by government edict, but that the club held some \$800 in donations from members for the building of a pool, plus additional pledges.

Jack Arnette gave the report of the social committee. Tolly Shuford gave the membership committee report, and retiring president Howard Jackson stated his appreciation for the help given the directors during the year.

Retiring directors include M. Jackson, Mr. Arnette, Mr. Shuford, M. A. Ware, Fred W. Plonk, J. O. Neisler, Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, O. W. Myers, and W. K. Mauney, Jr.

Henry R. Franklin Missing In Korea

Three Kings Mountain men were listed on Korean casualty reports this week.

Staff Sgt. Henry Russell Franklin, of Boston, former Kings Mountain citizen was listed as missing in action according to information received by relatives here on November 16. He is a half-brother of T. A. (Bud) McDaniel, Jr., Logan McDaniel, Broadus McDaniel and David McDaniel.

The message said that Franklin was trapped by the enemy in action on November 1st. He was a member of K company, 8th Regiment, First Cavalry division.

Sgt. Franklin was a veteran of 18 months combat service in World War II and was in the army for two years before Pearl Harbor. He served a year overseas after fighting ceased and returned to civilian life and entered school. He re-enlisted into the army about a year ago.

Mr. Jack E. Reynolds, son of Mrs. Mable Reynolds of route one here, was listed as wounded in action.

Pfc. Floyd K. Clark, son of Mrs. Nancy Y. Clark of route one was listed as injured.

Draft Board Seeks Tones, Not Tomes

The Cleveland county draft board is seeking to locate Otis Tones, not Otis Tomes, well-known Kings Mountain colored man.

In a previous list of draft delinquents published in the Herald, Tones' name was misspelled.

Tomes says he's been accused of "draft-dodging," and points out that he is somewhat over the draft-age category.

The man sought, Otis Tones, was living at Route 2, Kings Mountain when he registered. His last-known address was Hoskins post office, Charlotte.

City Officials Receive Report On Recent Survey

North Carolina Board of Health engineers have recommended immediate steps on the part of the City of Kings Mountain to revamp its sewage disposal system.

The engineers recommended: (1) If feasible, to pump the sewage now going into the Ware and Mauney tanks into a new modern plant to be built in the vicinity of the present McGill plant. (2) If not feasible, to proceed with improvement plans according to one of the types of treatment outline by W. K. Dickson, consulting engineer, early in 1948.

The report was made by F. R. Blaisdel, district engineer, following a survey of the system and discussion with the city board of commissioners several weeks ago. Two other engineers collaborated with Mr. Blaisdel in making the report, which was received this week by Mayor J. E. Herndon and members of the board of commissioners.

A bond issue to improve the sewage disposal system was defeated in 1948.

The engineers stated flatly that the McGill and Mauney tanks are "outmoded and overloaded."

"These plants cannot be approved by the State Board of Health, and immediate action should be taken by the people of Kings Mountain to replace them," the report stated.

It was pointed out that the Ware tank might be put in satisfactory condition to serve for a few more years but that funds necessary to improve the plant might be better expended if spent toward a new plant.

The report suggested that the board of commissioners investigate feasibility and comparative costs of combining the three plants into one and to proceed according to the findings.

The engineers' analysis of the situation at the three tanks follows:

McGill Plant—This plant is located east of the city in Gaston county. It consists of an Imhoff tank and sludge drying bed in a poor state of maintenance. No bar screens are provided. According to Mr. Dickson's report, this plant receives an average sewage flow of 300,000 gallons per day, a maximum flow of 500,000 gallons per day, is grossly overloaded both in the settling and sludge storage compartments. Some industrial waste, consisting of size, dye and fiber waste from cotton and hosiery mills, is discharged into the plant. The receiving stream has a low flow and the effluent from the plant is having a decidedly detrimental effect on it. It was the consensus of opinion of the engineers from the State Board of Health that the conditions as Mr. Dickson reported there were correct regarding this plant.

Mauney Plant—This plant is located in the southwestern section of the city, near the brick plant. It consists of a rectangular covered Imhoff tank and sludge drying bed. The drying bed is located at such a low elevation in respect to the receiving stream that it is subject to flooding. (Cont'd on page eight)

Hughes Firm Going Out Of Business

Clyde Hughes, owner of Hughes Clothing Company, announced this week that the firm will suspend operations here in the near future.

Mr. Hughes also announced special discounts on virtually all stock in the firm, to be offered beginning Friday at a going-out-of-business sale.

He said he expected to close the store by January 1. Mr. Hughes purchased the business last spring from D. L. Saunders. He also owns and operates Hughes Clothing Company, specializing in men's wear and ladies ready-to-wear, at Union, S. C.

Woodward Matter Hearing Wednesday

First meeting of creditors in the matter of Joe Lee Woodward, trading as Woodward & Son, bankrupt, will be held at noon next Wednesday at the Mecklenburg County courthouse before R. Marion Ross, referee in bankruptcy.

In a notice to creditors and other interested parties distributed under date of November 10th, the referee said that a trustee would be named at the meeting and other such business as might properly come before the meeting would be transacted.

The firm was adjudicated bankrupt on a petition filed by creditors on October 13th.

It was pointed out that all claims should be filed on proof-of-claim forms, properly signed and sworn to.