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Local News Bulletins

TO CAMP KILMER
 Corporal Samuel Bruce Huffstetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Huffstetler, of route two, has reported to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for overseas replacement after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents here. Corp. Huffstetler entered service March 9 and recently completed an air force "clerk-typist" course at the University of Alabama school of commerce and business administration. He received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

OFF-TO-SCHOOL
 Kings Mountain's off-to-school list for 1951 now numbers 87. Omitted from last week's Herald survey were Jack H. Gunnells, a student at Lenoir-Rhyne college, and Miss Virginia Ledford, a student at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Patti Parrish and Shirley Spivey, students at Ringling School of Art, Sarasota, Fla., Miss Virginia Ledford, a student at King's Business College in Charlotte.

ROTC OFFICERS
 Hilton L. (Jack) Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ruth, and William D. Herndon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon have been appointed, respectively, cadet sergeant first class and cadet sergeant in the Davidson College ROTC organization, according to announcement by Col. J. L. Ballard, Jr., senior ROTC instructor at the school.

DRAFT CALLS
 The Cleveland County selective service board has been ordered to furnish ten men for induction into the armed forces on October 18 and 15 men for pre-induction physical examinations on October 24 according to announcement by the selective service office.

BUILDING PERMIT
 A building permit, approved by Building Inspector Kelly Dixon, was issued at City Hall on Friday, September 21 to J. D. Shockey for construction of a service station on Second street at an estimated cost of \$900.

WITH BAIRD'S
 Kenneth Jenkins, well-known Kings Mountain man, has joined Baird's Furniture here as part-time salesman, according to announcement this week by Dan Huffstetler, manager.

IN HOSPITAL
 J. O. Plonk is receiving treatment at Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte. Mr. Plonk entered the hospital on Sunday.

METER MONEY
 A total of \$143.78 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday afternoon, according to a report of City Clerk, Joe Hendrick.

Civil Service Post Examinations Open

M. C. Falls, civil service secretary at the Kings Mountain post office, calls attention to the new "Stenographer and Typist" examination issued by the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Washington, D. C.

Vacancies in these positions paying from \$2200 to \$2875 per year at various Federal agencies will be filled from these examinations which are open until further notice.

Weather Delays Work At Hospital

Bad weather delayed two improvement programs at Kings Mountain hospital during the past week. Included were the construction of the Lottie Goforth Memorial Wing and the landscaping of the grounds. Work on the new wing is well-started with footings poured and the foundation laid up to floor level. Rain delayed the landscaping work being done by Gene Allen, of route 2 Kings Mountain, Joe Dixon, business manager, said the hospital grounds are being so-er in grass.

Annual Floral Fair Set For November 2

Competitions Are Announced By Mrs. Griffin

Kings Mountain's annual Woman's Club Floral Fair, presented by the Kings Mountain Senior and Junior Women's Clubs, will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday, November 2.

Announcement was made this week by Mrs. E. W. Griffin, chairman of the event. Plan of the Floral Fair, presented by the Woman's Club annually for more than 30 years, will be similar to former ones.

Dinner will be served at the club, both at noon and in the evening, and competitions will be held in floral, culinary and sewing divisions. The competitions are open to all citizens of the community, regardless of membership in the organization.

Mrs. Griffin said that the Woman's Club will continue its regular policy of providing good meals at low prices. She pointed out that all articles entered in the various competitions will become the property of the club and must be received at the Clubhouse not later than 10:30 a. m. on the morning of the Floral Fair.

"The public is cordially invited to attend and to participate in this annual community event," Mrs. Griffin said. "All proceeds go to the club's budget which is used solely for civic and welfare work chiefly in this community."

"The Woman's Club is going to leave no stone unturned to make the 1951 Fair the best ever," she concluded.

For complete list of Floral Fair contests see Page 5, this section.

Methodists At Conference

A number of Kings Mountain Methodists are attending, or planning to attend, the annual Western North Carolina Methodist conference which convened at West Market Street church in Greensboro Tuesday.

Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, and Mrs. Brendall, and Rev. T. W. Hager, pastor of Grace Methodist church, and Mrs. Hager left for Greensboro Tuesday, as did Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mauney.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill and Mr. and Mrs. S. Feeler are expected to attend the conference during the weekend.

The conference is expected to return Mr. Brendall as pastor of Central church for a fourth year, but it is expected to give Mr. Hager, completing his first year here, a new assignment.

Another expected change in the local structure is replacement of Dr. W. A. Stanbury as superintendent of the Gastonia district. Dr. Stanbury is completing his sixth year in that position.

RALLY DAY

Sunday is "Rally Day" at the First Presbyterian church. A special program has been planned for the Sunday school hour.

County Board Signs Contracts For Property Revaluation Job

The county board of commissioners, in special meeting Monday, authorized by unanimous vote the signing of contracts with professional companies for the revaluation of properties for tax purposes. The county entered into contracts with Cole-Layer-Trumble Company, Ohio appraisal firm, and with Joyce Mapping Company, specialists in tax mapping. J. H. Quigley, representative of Cole-Layer-Trumble, said work on the big appraisal job would begin within 30 days. Included will be a re-appraisal of all commercial, industrial and rural property in the county. Action by the county commissioners follows discussion of the matter for several years. Total cost of the project to the county will be \$84,000, the mapping service to cost \$28,000 and the scientific appraisal \$56,000. Contracts stipulate that the entire undertaking will be completed by February 1, 1953 and tax valuations derived from the new appraisals will become effective in the 1953 tax year. A conservative January 1, 1950

Civic Organizations May Promote Fence

Baxter Wright, Ward 5 commissioner, said Thursday that the Lions, Kiwanis and Jaycees are definitely interested in construction of a fence at City Stadium and that the club heads had already appointed committees to serve jointly on the project.

Mr. Wright and C. P. Barry, Ward 4 commissioner, were appointed to a committee by the city board of commissioners to investigate the possibility of paying for the cost of a fence through sales of advertising space on the structure. The fence would be constructed of concrete blocks, Mr. Wright said.

The civic groups would take charge of the selling of advertising space under the proposed plan, it is understood, with each organization to receive a small sales commission and the remainder to be used by the city for the building of the fence.

Appointments to the joint civic club committees include: Kiwanis club — Paul Mauney, chairman; Harry Page, and Hugh Ballard. Junior Chamber of Commerce: Ben Ballard, chairman; Dr. L. T. Anderson; and Jack White. Lions club — Ollie Harris, chairman; Ertle Powers; and Carl Mauney.

Mayor Fires Circular Shot

Mayor Garland E. Still published and distributed another circular this week, devoting its content to questioning the identity and motive of the "Citizens Committee," which last week joined in the word battle.

The signed mayoral circular, distributed Monday and Tuesday, said the unidentified "citizens committee" should be called the "City Manager Committee," and suggested that three city commissioners resign.

Though he did not mention them by name, he was referring to Commissioners Barry, Wright and Davis.

Snakebite Victim Out of Hospital

Myrtle Ann Plumbley, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Plumbley, was bitten by a copperhead snake late Sunday afternoon while feeding the family's chickens.

She was bitten twice on one leg, turned around, and was bitten on the other leg. She was taken to the Kings Mountain hospital for treatment. A report on Thursday morning stated she was improving satisfactorily, after being discharged from the hospital Wednesday.

RETURNS HOME

C. C. Edens has returned to his home after receiving treatment for several days at the Kings Mountain hospital for a heart condition. A report on Thursday stated that he was improving but was still confined to bed.

Legion To Give Square Dance

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will present its second square dance of the season Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock at the Legion building off York Road.

Warren Reynolds, post commander, said a good band will be on hand to furnish the music and he said post officials are expecting a large crowd for the dance.

Admission is one dollar per person. Servicemen in uniform will be admitted free. The dance is open to the public.

PATIENT AT HOSPITAL

Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr. is a patient at the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering an acute attack of influenza. A report from the hospital Thursday morning was that his condition was satisfactory.

Commissioners Refuse To Hike Taxi Franchises

Meeting in special session Monday night, the city board of commissioners declined to increase the available number of taxi franchises, bought a truck and two automobiles, and discussed at length the building of a fence at City Stadium.

The board also voted to transfer \$2,500 from the 1950-51 surplus to defray costs of installation of a section of concrete bleachers at a stadium. The board voted to establish a "no parking" zone in the vicinity of the Bridges Service Station at the intersection of Piedmont and Battleground avenues.

It deferred, until costs are figured, a request by Commissioner James Layton to consider voiding or reducing street-paving assessments on Grace Methodist church.

The request to increase the number of taxi franchises available or to scrap the franchise system, was made by Forrest Dover. By city ordinance, only 21 cabs may operate in the city. In turn, the cab owners pay \$50 annually for a franchise, which they may sell, provided the city board approves the transaction.

Mr. Dover was present at the meeting and made his plea for a taxi license as follows: "I should not be denied the right to earn a living in the way I see fit as granted by the Constitution. It is not right to limit the number of taxis when other businesses are not limited."

Representatives of the four Kings Mountain cab companies is opposed the request and pointed out that the 21 cabs were having a sufficiently hard time of making a living.

K. C. Morrison, of City Cab Company, argued: "The ordinance tries to prevent cabs from bootlegging and woman-hustling. The franchise set-up has done that."

In making a motion to leave the franchise limit at 21, Commissioner Lloyd Davis said he was quite agreeable to having a survey made to determine whether 21 cabs are sufficient for Kings Mountain. Mr. Layton seconded Mr. Davis' motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board opened bids in vehicle purchase proposals and voted to accept the bid of Victory Chevrolet Company of \$2,506.88 for a one-and-one-half ton Chevrolet truck, with a special body, for the garbage department. Other bids were: Plonk Motor Company, Ford, \$2,864.87; Reynolds Motor Company, Dodge, \$2,618.76.

The board voted to purchase a four-door Chevrolet for the Kings Mountain Police Department for \$1,239.32, plus a trade-in of a 1949 Ford. Bids on the cars has been made on a two-car basis, including two-car trade-in, as follows: Plonk Motor, \$2,503.64; Victory Chevrolet Company, \$1,803.10; Reynolds Motor Company (Plymouths), \$1,710.

Bids were also opened on the stadium fence requests, but no action was taken. Specifications had been incomplete, but it appeared that a concrete block fence would cost about \$10,000, with a wire or Page-type fence in excess of \$6,000.

Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., reiterated his previous opinion that the cost of a concrete block fence could be obtained by public subscription in return for fence advertising space. He and Commissioner C. P. Barry were named as a committee to further the project.

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Battle Drama Has Successful Opening; Sell-Out Expected For This Weekend

Press Praises Kings Mountain Historical Drama

Reviews and comments on "Then Conquer We Must!", the historical drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain which runs for five more performances, Friday, Saturday and October 4, 5, and 6, have been highly favorable.

Some of them follow in thumbnail style: Wink Locklair, in the Charlotte Observer: "... the opening night performance ... was staged in commendable fashion ... these semi-professionals handle their lines with precision and conviction ... Not often does a so-called amateur production come off with half the skill and enthusiasm as "Then Conquer We Must!" It deserves support from everyone who is interested in seeing history brought to life on the stage."

Charles W. Loveland in the Shelby Daily Star: "... the production shows much hard work, the costumes are excellent, and the amphitheatre is well-chosen for such a drama. In consideration of its virtues and faults, "Then Conquer We Must!" is good entertainment well worth the time and money to see it."

Bill Williams in the Gastonia Gazette: "Beneath a star-studded sky and on a backdrop of green pines, the historic drama was presented for the first time. It met with much approval."

The Cleveland Times, Shelby: "... the historical musical drama, "Then Conquer We Must!" ... opened to an enthusiastic, near-capacity crowd."

Mrs. Barnette Died Thursday

Mrs. Vonja Hanna Barnette, 67, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leila King, on Fairview street at 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Barnette had been in invalid and confined to bed for the past eight years.

A native of Haywood County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hanna, she had been a citizen of Kings Mountain for 35 years. She was a member of Second Baptist church.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. King, are four sons, Neal, Dillard and Clifford Barnette, all of Kings Mountain, and Ed Barnette, of Chase City, Va. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Second Baptist church, with Rev. B. F. Austin, Rev. W. H. Redmond and Rev. Harvey Laughter officiating.

Lions Hear Report; Plonk Wins Contest

In lieu of a formal program, members of the Kings Mountain Lions club participated in a university location contest at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Ollie Harris, program chairman, conducted, and listed 25 well-known schools. It was the job of the contestants to give their location.

Winner of the five dollar prize was W. L. Plonk, who missed only one, failing to locate properly the University of Mississippi.

Prior to the contest, Sam Stallings read a report on the Lions fair booth project, which showed a net profit of \$255.55, and he thanked W. D. (Doc) Byers, Craig Falls and Hazel Bumgardner for their "very hard work in making the project a successful one."

Picnic Is Planned For Jaycee Meeting

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will have a picnic at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 2 at the country home of Billy Mauney.



GENERAL CONGRATULATES BAKER — Record-breaking Pfc. Thomas P. Baker, USAF, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker of 500 Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C., is congratulated by Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, Military Air Transport Service (MATS) commander. The young airman presented the general with the coveted Jim Walker command trophy which he won for MATS. Baker, a MATS-man, recently broke the world's speed record for model jet planes during the international Model Meet at Detroit.

Air Force General Commended Baker

WASHINGTON D. C. — Pfc. Thomas P. Baker, Kings Mountain airman who broke the world's speed record for jet models during the International Model Airplane Contest at Detroit, last month, was commended by Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, Military Air Transport Service (MATS) commander, while visiting his headquarters prior to his return to Africa.

The young airman, who represented MATS and the Air Force at the Detroit meet, paused en route to his Tripoli base, to present General Kuter with the coveted "Jim Walker" command trophy which he won for MATS during the Air Force's world-wide eliminations.

Pfc. Baker is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Luther P. Baker of 500 North Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C. Baker was selected to represent his base at the MATS-wide model contest at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. He placed first in three events and also received the "High Point Trophy" for the most points.

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Rained-Out Performance Re-Scheduled

Officials of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, were praying for bright sunshine Thursday morning, following a successful opening night last Friday of "Then Conquer We Must!", Bob Osborne's historical drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Rain started falling in torrents about 6 o'clock last Saturday and washed out the Saturday night performance, not only to the disappointment of Little Theatre of

Drama Facts
 Curtain-time: 8 o'clock, each performance.
 Remaining performance dates: September 28, 29, October 4, 5, and 6.

Site: The amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park (entrance nine-tenths of one mile East of museum.)
 Admission: Reserved seats, \$2; general admission \$1.20; children, 60 cents.

Tickets: On sale at gate each performance night, daily at Kings Mountain, East King street, phone 485-LW. In event of rain, performances will be cancelled and reserved seat tickets must be exchanged at the office for another date.

Officials but to many citizens from several states who had come to Kings Mountain to see the new historical production.

Mrs. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., ticket sales chairman, reported a complete sell-out Thursday morning of all 241 reserved seats for both Friday and Saturday evening and also said she had been informed that several school groups from nearby cities are expecting to attend this weekend. Mrs. Carpenter pointed out that more than 500 general admission seats are available and are good seats.

To make up for the rained out performance, an additional showing has been scheduled for Thursday evening, October 4, it was announced by Al Rolston, general manager of the production. No reserved seats will be sold for this particular performance, with regular general admission prices of \$1.20 for adults and 60 cents for children between the ages of six and 12 previously.

Theatre officials were highly pleased with the attendance and audience reaction to the opening night's performance. Some 600 persons were present and the author and cast have received high praise for their work.

C. J. Spivey, director, in a statement this week, stated appreciation for the favorable comment received.

"All of us are very appreciative of the many favorable reports," Mr. Spivey said. "However, I want to give particular credit for the success of "Then Conquer We Must!" to Mr. Nicholas Moss, well-known former Kings Mountain citizen, Mr. Moss, visiting relatives here, was pressed into service as an advisory director and gave us invaluable assistance. Much of the polish and pace of the drama is due to his freely-given hard work."

Mr. Moss, son of Mr. H. N. Moss and the late Capt. Moss, is head of the department of public speaking and dramatics at Wagner College, New York, and also teaches public speaking in night classes at New York University.

Arrangements have been made

Some Married Men Subject To Draft

President Truman signed Wednesday new selective service regulations providing for the induction into the armed forces of some married men in the eligible 18 1/2 through 25 age group.

The Associated Press reported that the regulations would mean induction for non-fathers. To qualify for deferment, expectant fathers will be required to furnish selective service boards with doctor's certificates certifying that their wives are pregnant.

Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the Cleveland County board, said Thursday that the new regulations are expected momentarily.

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