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Local News Bulletins

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Christmas in many lands, a musical program directed by Howard Coble will be presented by the West School, Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p. m.

NEW BEAUTICIAN
Mis Pauline Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayes, recently completed training as a beautician at Shelby Beauty School and has joined Vera's Beauty Shop, according to announcement by Mrs. Andrew Jenkins, proprietor.

AT FIRST BAPTIST
Miss Barbara Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matthews, assumed the duties of secretary at the First Baptist church Monday. For the past three months, she has held a similar position at Watts Street Baptist church in Durham.

KIWANIS MEETING
Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday evening at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall.

LEGION MEETING
Regular December meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion building on East Gold street on Friday night at 8 p. m. Christmas party plans will be discussed and 25-year pins will be presented R. B. Grigg, Byron W. Whisnant and W. F. Stone according to announcement by Jack Barber, adjutant.

SUPERINTENDENT
Dale Volpert has been elected superintendent of the Sunday School of David's Baptist church, succeeding Ira J. Falls, who recently moved out of the church community and transferred his membership to another church.

VISITING MINISTER
Rev. G. W. Wilson, pastor of Central Baptist church, York, S. C., will speak at both morning and evening services at Temple Baptist church on Sunday, December 16, according to announcement this week.

TWO WINDOWS OPEN
To take care of extra Christmas season mailing, two windows are now open at Kings Mountain postoffice. Postmaster W. E. Blakely announced. Should demand justify, the policy of keeping two windows open will be continued, Mr. Blakely said.

TO HEAR HICKS
Rev. J. J. Hicks will preach at the Sunday evening worship service at David's Baptist church at 7:30, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. L. McSwain. A former pastor at a number of North Carolina and South Carolina churches, Rev. Hicks now teaches the David Church Men's Bible class.

Church Holds 24-Hour Service
Members of First Baptist church concluded a 24-hour prayer service Wednesday at 3 p. m. The service, devoted to foreign missions, was recorded and began promptly on each hour during the full day beginning at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Jr. narrated the 45-minute program, which also included a solo "O Holy Night," by Howard Coble, several prayers and calls to the audience for silent prayer. Christmas hymns were played during the prayer periods. Mrs. Cashwell and Miss Lulu Mae Tesse furnished the organ accompaniment for the recorded program. Theme of the program was "Spirit of Christmas." Some 150 persons attended the service during the late evening and early morning hours.

Special Rites Mark Beginning Of Regular Services In Church

Resurrection Members Lay Cornerstone

Members of Resurrection Lutheran church formally moved into their church on Crescent Hill Road last Sunday, with special services featuring the occasion.

Dr. J. L. Morgan, president emeritus of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina preached the morning sermon, with Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the Synod, conducting the service for the cornerstone laying in the afternoon.

At the morning service, six persons joined the church. They were Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, Eugene Tignor, Fred Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goter, Meek Foster and Sam Mitchem.

There was also a baptismal service. The children baptized were Luther Phillip Baker, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Baker, Tony Darvin Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Camp, and Sandra Gail Ledbetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledbetter.

At the cornerstone service, Rufus Mitchem and Fred Plonk sealed the cornerstone box, which included a list of the church's charter members, pictures of previous ceremonies, copies of church publications, of fair linen donated by the St. Luke's Lutheran congregation and used at the first service in the church, and a revised version of the New Testament.

Nelson Ledbetter and Herbert Mitchem placed the cornerstone in the wall, and Stowe Deviney, with mortar and trowel, sealed the stone into the wall.

The new church building has not been completed, but construction work had progressed sufficiently for the members to begin using the building. Since organization, the church has convened at West School auditorium.

Garden Clubs To Conduct Sale

The three garden clubs of Kings Mountain will sponsor a sale of Christmas decorations and foods on Friday, December 14, at the Woman's Club, it was announced this week.

The sale will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning, continuing until the articles are sold. Among the articles to be offered for sale will be Christmas trees, house and door decorations, gifts, cakes, cookies and candies.

The participating clubs are: Kings Mountain Garden Club, Open Gate Garden Club, and the House and Garden Club.

Meter Man Working All Day Wednesdays

The parking meter policeman doesn't get a half-holiday on Wednesdays during the Christmas shopping season. Some motorists learned this unhappy circumstance with damage to their pocketbooks last Wednesday afternoon, which led Chief S. R. Davidson to remind motorists that the meter officer follows merchant schedules.

When the merchants are open on Wednesday afternoons, as they will be through December 19, the meter officer tags cars which park longer than the red "expired" tag permits.

Rites Are Held For Mrs. Gault

Funeral services for Mrs. Rena Frances Bobbitt Gault, 29, of Gastonia, who died in a Gastonia hospital Wednesday, November 28, at around 6:20 p. m. after an illness of four days, were conducted last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Baptist church.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., pastor, and Dr. V. Ward Barr, of Gastonia, officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Gault was the wife of Robert E. (Buck) Gault, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault, Sr., of Kings Mountain. She was also a native of Kings Mountain, the daughter of Mrs. H. L. Bobbitt and the late Mr. Bobbitt.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, she and her husband had been living on Bessemer City road in Gastonia for the past three years. She held a position as secretary at Piedmont Mills, Inc., and was a member of Gastonia First Baptist church.

Mrs. Gault gave birth to a baby daughter on the day she died. The child survives.

Other survivors, in addition to her husband and mother, are two brothers, Rev. C. B. Bobbitt, of Vale, and Ernest Bobbitt, of Kings Mountain, and six sisters, Mrs. Elzize Bridges, Mrs. Edgar Deese, Jr., Mrs. Archie Bridges, Mrs. Denver King and Mrs. Neal Barnette, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Richard Hord, of Amite, La.

Kiser Resigns

L. Arnold Kiser, veteran member of the county welfare board, tendered his resignation as a member of the board on Monday. He said he was resigning due to recent ill health. The board of county commissioners did not name a successor. Other members include Gene Schenck, Mike Borders and George Hoyle.

Barnes Resigns As Secretary Of Merchants

W. Faison Barnes, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, tendered his resignation from that position to the board of directors Tuesday afternoon.

The resignation will be effective on the naming of a successor by the board of directors, though Mr. Barnes said he would like to be relieved on January 1.

T. W. Grayson, association president, announced Wednesday appointment of a special committee to obtain a successor. The committee includes John H. Lewis, J. Byron Keeter and Wilson Crawford.

Mr. Barnes became secretary of the Merchants association in 1949, succeeding James B. Simpson, and has conducted the work of the association in conjunction with his law practice.

Citizens Begin Gift-Purchasing

Christmas shopping is underway in Kings Mountain. Retail firms, which first presented their 1951 Christmas goods in full last Thursday, say that they noted a considerable amount of Christmas buying during the past weekend which continued through the first part of the week. An increase was reported in gift layaways by several merchants.

All report ample stocks and they don't think Kings Mountain citizens will go wanting for Christmas gift items.

In spite of higher prices throughout the nation, some items are purchasable at lower than usual prices.

Majority of firms dealing in ready-to-wear for both women and children have already announced percentage-type cuts on this type of merchandise, which means dollar savings to those buying women's and children's wear, either for the approaching holiday season, or as gift items.

Board To Meet Monday Night

The city board of commissioners will hold their regular December meeting Monday evening, beginning at 7:30. Expected to be considered at the meeting will be the engineering survey by Olsen Engineering Company, of Raleigh, which will give recommendations on improving the city's sewage distribution system and water distribution systems.

Lottie Goforth Hospital Bequest Was \$33,939.56

The contribution of the late Miss Lottie Goforth to the construction of a hospital in Kings Mountain totaled \$33,939.56. The amount was formally accepted by the county board of commissioners from Dr. O. P. Lewis, trustee of the Lottie Goforth estate, at their session on Monday.

The money will pay a portion of the cost of an annex to Kings Mountain hospital now under construction, which will bear her name.

The resolution provides that, in the unlikely event of sale or dissolution of the Kings Mountain hospital, a pro-rata part of the proceeds from sale of the plant shall go to the City of Kings Mountain.

WHEREAS, the late Miss Lottie Goforth in her Last Will and Testament nominated Dr. O. P. Lewis as trustee in her said Will and gave to him the right and authority to use all of the proceeds from her estate in building or helping to build a hospital in the City of Kings Mountain, N. C.;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Trustee, desires to carry out the wishes of the late Miss Lottie Goforth and feels that he is carrying out the wishes and desires of the said Miss Lottie Goforth as expressed in her said Will, by conveying to Cleveland County through Don Blanton as treasurer of the Kings Mountain Hospital the sum of \$33,939.56 being all of the proceeds of the estate of Miss Lottie Goforth to be used in building or helping to build an annex or wing to the Kings Mountain Hospital;

Now, therefore, on Monday, December 3, 1951, the Board of Commissioners for Cleveland County at their regular session, upon motion of Commissioner F. L. Rollins and seconded by Commissioner H. B. Bumgardner, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the Board of Commissioners for Cleveland County in behalf of the County and the Kings Mountain Hospital gratefully accepts the gift of the late Miss Lottie Goforth in the sum of \$33,939.56 and that said sum will be used in helping to build the annex or wing to the Kings Mountain Hospital;

That upon the completion of said wing, it is ordered that same shall be designated as the Lottie Goforth Annex and same be constructed in her memory and honor;

That in the event the Kings Mountain Hospital should ever cease to be operated as a hospital and should be disposed of then the pro-rata part of the proceeds received from the sale of said hospital shall go to the City of Kings Mountain so that same might be used in accordance with the Last Will and Testament of Miss Lottie Goforth; said pro-rata part shall be determined by the amount of said gift bears to the total amount of the construction of the hospital;

That it is further ordered that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners for Cleveland County, a copy to be delivered to Don Blanton, Treasurer for the Kings Mountain Hospital and a copy to Dr. O. P. Lewis, Trustee;

That the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Commissioners for Cleveland County.

Charlie Justice To Be Speaker At Annual Fete

The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its annual football banquet Tuesday night, honoring members of the 1951 high school football team and their coaches.

Feature of the banquet will be an after-dinner address by Charlie Justice, now a member of the University of North Carolina coaching staff and former all-American at UNC.

Art Welner, teammate of Justice at UNC and himself an all-American, is head coach of the high school team.

The banquet, for which a capacity crowd is anticipated, will be held at the Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock.

Admission will be two dollars per person, and Richard Barnett, in charge of ticket sales, is asking all members of the Lions club to call him for reservations or to pick up tickets from him not later than Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Barnett pointed out that one ticket is reserved for each member of the club and that those who do not need extra tickets need not call him.

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Merchants Set Yule Schedule

Kings Mountain merchants, in accordance with past policy and the by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, will observe a two-day Christmas holiday, closing on both December 25 and 26.

Action on Christmas schedules was taken by the Association board of directors Tuesday, according to announcement by W. Faison Barnes, secretary.

Otherwise the directors made the following recommendations, Mr. Barnes said: Retail stores to observe Saturday hours (open until 7 p. m.) from Monday, December 17, through Wednesday, December 19.

Retail stores to close not later than 9 p. m., beginning Thursday, December 20 through Christmas Eve.

Retail stores to be open on New Year's day, for business as usual.

In 1950, policies varied on the New Year's day holiday. Some firms remained open, while others closed their doors. There was indication that some groups, notably the furniture stores, might again observe a holiday on New Year's Day, one furniture dealer said Wednesday.

The Christmas schedule is set forth strictly as a recommendation," Mr. Barnes said. "The association board of directors feels, however, that general cooperation on the policy will be less confusing to the public."

Seal Sale Report Given

The total of \$2,730.45 has been reported collected against a quota of \$9,000 in the annual sale of Christmas seals and bonds. The announcement was made by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, secretary of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association.

Of the total collected 80 percent remains in Cleveland county for the use in fighting tuberculosis. The remaining amount goes to the state association.

Big portion of the money is used for the operation of the county's mobile T-B X-Ray unit, owned by the county and the T-B association. The unit makes free X-Rays of county citizens over 12 years of age at least once annually.

Other functions of the association are educational programs in the county's schools, industrial firms and for other groups.

Citizens Asked To Participate In Aiding Needy

"Buy a can, leave a can!" That is the slogan of the Junior Chamber of Commerce's city-wide plan to collect food for Kings Mountain's needy families this Christmas.

With some 30 grocery firms cooperating, the Jaycees are promoting the plan by various means of advertising, appealing to citizens to think of the needy when making their grocery purchases this holiday season and leave something for them in the "Merry Christmas Baskets" at the stores.

The local organization will collect the items given, prepare baskets and distribute them in time for preparation for Christmas meals.

Completion of plans for the promotion was the highlight of the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Jaycees held at the masonic dining hall on Tuesday night.

Fred A. (Pete) McDaniel is chairman of the club's Christmas activities committee. J. T. McGinnis and Dr. L. T. Anderson are in charge of the advertising and collection committee, and Luco Falls, Fred Wright, Jr., Paul Walker and Yates Harbison are chairmen of the packaging and distribution committee.

Members of the advertising and collection group include Mr. Harbison, J. C. Bridges, Harley Dixon, Mr. Falls, Meek Carpenter, I. B. Goforth, Jr., Wilson Griffin, Gene Timms, Bill Beam, Bill Fulton, John Lewis, Ben Ballard, Dr. N. H. Reed, Mr. McDaniel, Dr. Anderson and Faison Barnes.

"Merry Christmas Baskets" will be set up in the following stores, Mr. McGinnis has announced: Barber's Grocery, Davis Grocery, West End Grocery, Mack Gantt's Store, E. C. Payne's Grocery and Floyd Payne's Grocery.

Frank Ballard's Grocery, Tommie Ellison Grocery, Robert's Grocery, Timm's Grocery, Arrington's Grocery and Frank Glass Grocery.

S & T Grocery, Weir's Store, Margrace Store, Ware & Heavner, Pauline Store and Alexander Grocery.

Yarboro's Grocery, Dettmar & Edens Grocery, Gault's Grocery, L. E. Davis & Son Grocery, Bark- Continued On Page Eight

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