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Local News Bulletins

COURT OF HONOR
 The December meeting of the Kings Mountain District Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held Thursday night, January 10, at 7:30 p. m. Scout Leaders Roundtable during Court.

CALLS HOME
 Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gosey talked with their son, Harry, who is stationed at Bad Nauheim, Germany, December 28. The message came through around 8 o'clock p. m.

PROMOTED
 Charles B. Wright, son of Mrs. Rosa Wright, Linwood Road, has recently been promoted by the army to the rating of sergeant, according to information received here. Sgt. Wright is serving with Co. B, 18th Engineers, in Fulda, Germany.

WITH MICA FIRM
 James White, Kings Mountain electrician and for many years associated with L. A. Hoke, has accepted a position with Kings Mountain Mica Company. Mr. White assumed his new duties Monday.

PARKING MONEY
 A total of \$127.88 was collected in revenue from the city's meters for the week ending Wednesday, according to a report of City Clerk, Joe Hendrick.

TO HEAR PHILLIPS
 Dode Phillips, well-known Erskin College official, will make the featured address of the evening Monday night, as the Men of the Church of Boyce Memorial ARP church hold a Ladies Night banquet. The dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

378 TAGS SOLD
 A total of 378 Kings Mountain motorists have purchased 1952 city auto license tags, according to a report, Wednesday by Joe Hendrick, city clerk. Deadline for purchasing the tags without penalty is January 31.

Drum, Bugle Corps Seeks New Members

Kings Mountain area veterans who are expert in playing bass instruments or drums are invited to attend an open house at the Gastonia Legion hall Monday night as guests of the "Rambling Rebs", Post 23 drum and bugle corps.

The famous Legion outfit has won the state championship the past four years and has ranked high at the three national conventions the unit has attended during that period.

Plans are already being made for a trip to the 1952 Legion convention at New York.

The "Rebs" are 18th ranked in the nation as a result of competition in the 1951 convention at Miami.

Anyone interested in joining the corps is urged to attend the open house or to contact B. S. Neill, Jr., at the Margrace Mill office.

Hearing Scheduled On Bell Rate Bid

The North Carolina Utilities commission will hold a public hearing on the request of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for service rate increases on February 26, according to notice published in today's issue of the Herald.

The hearings concern the rate increase requests filed by the company on November 27.

Hearings will be held in the commission's hearing room in Raleigh.

Francisco Joins Chicago Feed Firm

Carl Francisco, of 511 Crescent Hill Road, is now associated with Hales & Hunter Company, of Chicago, Ill., grain and feed manufacturers.

Mr. Francisco holds the position of assistant manager of the feed firm's dairy department. He was formerly field representative with the North Carolina and South Carolina Jersey Cattle Clubs.

Mr. Francisco expects to retain residence here for the next several months.

Mauney Hosiery Now Marketing Textron Line

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Kings Mountain, will introduce to the trade this month a new branded Textron men's hosiery line.

Announcement that the Kings Mountain hosiery manufacturers had completed arrangements for purchase of the Textron brand name was made several weeks ago. The announcement of the soon-to-be-offered new hosiery line was made in New York by Marvin Ross, Mauney sales manager.

This marks the first time the Textron Hosiery will be marketed. Each pair of hose will be pre-ticketed and bear a guarantee.

The new Textron line for spring selling consists of cotton, rayons, filament nylons, spun nylons and other blended numbers, including vicara and nylon. Different items include ribs, wraps, links and links, argyle patterns and overlaid argyles, Mr. Ross said.

Mauney is featuring the line by pairs, such as two for \$1.10, etc. In this category it has a large selection of novelty patterns, links and ribs. The line consists of about 85 numbers, but constant expansion is expected in the months to come, Mr. Ross claimed.

Pooler Remains In Critical Condition

Robert C. Pooler, of Gastonia, who was injured in a head-on collision of two automobiles Saturday night, December 22, remained in a semi-conscious condition at Kings Mountain Hospital at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The automobile, a 1949 Ford Tudor which was driven by Pooler, was listed by Sgt. Green of the Gaffney, S. C., police department as a stolen vehicle. The auto was owned by W. D. Fowler, of Gaffney, route five, according to police reports. Police Chief S. R. Davidson reported Wednesday afternoon that no charges had yet been made against Pooler.

Mrs. E. B. Woodis, of 619 Robertson avenue, Charlotte, who sustained head injuries and fractured ribs, and her son, Kenneth, who suffered a fractured collar bone, are still patients at Kings Mountain hospital where their condition is reported as improving. Mr. Woodis, who received facial cuts and head injuries was dismissed from the hospital December 31.

Stallings Joins Mauney Hosiery

Sam Stallings, formerly assistant superintendent of Burlington Mills' Phenix Plant, has joined Mauney Hosiery Company, according to an announcement by W. K. Mauney, Jr., general manager.

Mr. Stallings joined the Mauney firm Monday. His principal duties will be in connection with Textron Men's Hose, a division of Mauney Hosiery Company, Mr. Mauney said.

Penny Postal Card Is Now History; Parcel Post, Specials Cost More

Postmaster W. E. Blakely reminded postal patrons that increased postal rates are now effective.

The one-cent post card, the world's cheapest mailing expedient, and sometimes referred to as the "poor man's mail," will go out of existence with the exit of the old year—and be replaced by the new two-cent cards, which were voted into existence over a month ago and mailed to the nation's post offices last week.

The new two-cent postal card bears the likeness of Benjamin Franklin, and is in red lettering instead of the traditional green of the one-center.

Postmaster Blakely reminds persons with a supply of old one-cent postal cards on hand that they may use the cards after the first of the year, but an additional one-cent stamp must be placed on it.

Congress, in addition to the raise to two cents for the new card, also imposed a ten percent extra charge on the purchase of 50 or more cards at one time. For instance, 50 of the new cards will sell for \$1.10. Cost of mailing picture post cards also will be hiked to two cents, beginning January 1.

Also becoming effective the first of the year is a change in the parcel post rates.

Mr. Blakely stated that parcel post packages mailed between first class post offices will be limited in weight to 40 pounds and in size of 72 inches in length and girth combined in the first and second mailing zones (up to 150 miles radius from Kings Mountain). The weight limit for parcel post packages going beyond the first and second zone (beyond 150 miles) will be 20 pounds.

The reduced limits in size and weight do not apply to parcels mailed to or from second, third or fourth class post offices.

The regulations on the new two-cent postal card and parcel post rates are now posted at the stamp and general delivery windows at the Kings Mountain post office for the convenience of patrons.



PRINCIPALS AT KIWANIS INSTALLATION—Dr. Paul Wheeler, left, will make the principal address at Thursday night's Kiwanis Club Installation Banquet. Harold R. Hunnicutt, right, will be installed as president of the club for 1952. Mr. Hunnicutt will succeed L. E. Abbott.

Kiwanians To Hold Installation Banquet

Wheeler Speaker For Ladies Night Party Of Club

Dr. Paul Mowbray Wheeler, head of the English department of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., will make the principal address Thursday evening at the annual installation night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

The banquet will begin at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall.

As is customary, the installation night banquet will be a ladies night affair. Dress will be informal.

Mayor Clarence King, of Shelby, a former Kiwanis district official, will install the new club officers for 1952.

Officers to be installed are Harold Hunnicutt, president, who succeeds L. E. Abbott; Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., first vice-president; Paul Mauney, second vice-president; Harold Coggins, secretary; and John L. McGill, treasurer.

Directors to be installed include Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., Harold Crawford, W. G. Grantham, Halbert Webb, M. K. Fuller, H. R. Neisler, Lewis Hovis, and L. E. Abbott, ex-officio.

Retiring officers and directors are W. K. Crook, E. W. Griffin, Harry Page, B. S. Peeler, Jr., W. T. Weir, Hugh Y. Ballard, and Byron Keeter.

Dr. Wheeler is a well-known humorist and follows a busy speaking schedule. He is a Kiwanian and is a past Kiwanis lieutenant governor. He received degrees from Columbia University in 1915 (A. B.) and 1916 (M. A.) and received his doctorate from John Hopkins University in 1930. He has been head of the Winthrop College English department since 1934, and prior to that time held teaching positions at Georgia Tech, University of Maryland, Florida Southern university, Goucher college and at John Hopkins.

Dr. Wheeler addressed the Kiwanis Club here at its annual Ladies Night banquet several years ago.

City, Park Grace Schools Open Today

Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school of the county system resume classes Thursday.

Students of Bethware and Grover schools went back to the books on Monday after a 10-day Christmas holiday.

City and Park Grace school students began their annual year-end vacation after classes of December 19, a 14-day rest.

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A raise on the cost of special delivery letters also will go into effect tomorrow. The rate has been raised from 15 cents to 20 cents, in addition to the regular three-cent mailing stamp.

Herald Headlines Give Synopsis Of 1951 History

Kings Mountain closed its books on 1951 at midnight Monday and could review a busy year which included a full complement of joy, sorrow, progress, and tragedy.

The year of 1951 was not the most prosperous in the city's history, but must have been as interesting as any.

Among the outstanding developments of the year were the opening of Kings Mountain hospital, and the launching of construction of a bus terminal by Queen City Coach Company.

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre presented most successfully a drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, and a city beautification committee sold more than 1,000 rose plants in the first step toward making the community "The Rose City of North Carolina."

Politics came in for its share of attention, with the city election being conducted as heatedly as it ever had been.

Kings Mountain citizens were liberal with their means, as was the past pattern, supporting a large number of charitable financial campaigns. In addition, the Kiwanis Club gave an air pressure lock to the hospital, and citizens contributed an emergency fund for flood relief in Kansas, an emergency fund for Korean relief, and used clothing and food for local relief.

The year was not one of great expansion commercially, but Foote Mineral spent \$350,000 to purchase the former Solway Plant properties and a number of retail businesses opened.

The Korean War continued to effect many Kings Mountain men and their families. Two men were killed in action, Stacy A. Mulliax, Jr., and Dan Luff, the death of Pfc. Fufus G. Huffstetler previously reported missing, was confirmed. Pfc. Elmer G. Allen was reported missing. Other Kings Mountain casualties were Sgt. Billie B. Blanton, Pfc. Evans Carroll, Pfc. Robert (Whitey) Whitesides, and James Brackner.

Four died through accidents during 1951. They were Alfred Wilson and J. D. Martin, hit by a car on York Road, Will Briggs, hit by a car on King street, and Melvin Sprouse, who suffocated while digging a well.

Other well-known citizens removed by death included: Mrs. R. S. Plonk, J. A. Wright, Vane Wells, D. L. Jones, Mrs. J. M. Williams, C. L. Early, J. T. Goforth, W. Pink Herndon, R. B. Dixon, Wade Hill Putnam, Robert McDaniel, Mrs. R. Lawrence Mauney, Mrs. William Lawrence Mauney, D. H. Houser, Mrs. R. C. Gold, Mrs. Charles B. Campbell, H. Y. Belk, Pinkie Lee Randall, John Oates Plonk, S. O. Kirby, Mrs. Sallie Reynolds, Mrs. J. M. Garrison and Carl Bennett.

Mr. Lewis, a saleslady at Belk's Department Store, since coming to Kings Mountain in September 1950, is a native of Salisbury.

In Salisbury, Mrs. Lewis held several secretarial positions. She was associated with Rowan Distributing Company, and served as secretary for a Salisbury medical doctor. She also formerly held a sales position at Moskin's, Salisbury, department store.

Mr. Grayson said Mrs. Lewis was chosen for the position by a special committee of the association's directors Monday night.

Mr. Lewis is credit manager of Sterchi's retail furniture firm.

Mr. Lewis will succeed as association secretary W. Faison Barnes, who tendered his resignation last month, effective on the naming of a successor.

The office of the association will continue to be maintained in its present quarters in the Professional Building, Mr. Grayson said.

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March Of Dimes Campaign To Get Underway Monday

Financial Firms Paid \$27,662.16 In Dividends

Year-end dividends to shareholders and savings account holders of Kings Mountain financial institutions totaled \$27,662.16, according to reports of officials of these firms.

The figures cover the dividends for the final six months of 1951, and represented an increase over the total paid for the six months ending June 30, indicating that Kings Mountain citizens participated in the nationwide trend toward increased savings during 1951.

A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of Home Building & Loan association, reported total dividends of \$14,168.21. The total included: on full-paid shares, \$8,141.06; on optional savings shares, \$4,287.64; on matured installment shares, \$1,496.07; on withdrawn shares, \$243.47.

J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, reported total dividends of \$8,593.92. The total included: on full-paid shares, \$5,418.85; on optional savings shares, \$2,482.46; on matured installment shares, \$648; on withdrawn shares, \$446.

L. E. Abbott, cashier of First National Bank, reported dividends to holders of savings accounts totaled \$4,900.

Feast of Wise Men Will Be Observed

The Feast of the Wise Men, celebrated throughout the world on January 6, will be observed Sunday with two services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Holy Communion will be administered after both services, according to an announcement by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

SCOUT LEADER WORKSHOP

A Girl Scout Leaders' workshop for all Kings Mountain leaders will be held at Davidson school home economics room January 3 at 7:30 p. m.

Barnes Took Over Superintendency In 1933, School History Reveals

(Ed. Note—The following is the seventh article of a series being written by members of the high school journalism class, telling the story of the growth of Kings Mountain city schools in the last seventy-five years. This article is based on minutes kept by the school board and on interviews with former pupils and teachers.)

In 1933 Superintendent Claud Grigg resigned and B. N. Barnes was elected superintendent of the Kings Mountain city schools, and F. M. Biggerstaff high school principal.

During the first seven years of Mr. Barnes' superintendency, two new rooms were added to Davidson high school, and in 1935 it was accredited by the North Carolina State Department of Education.

East and Central Elementary were accredited by the same department in 1938.

In 1937, the high school received a charter for a chapter of the National Honor Society, a recognition enjoyed by only a relatively few schools of the nation at that time.

In 1937, an election to increase the local annual tax to 20 cents on the \$100 valuation was voted. This money was used to add needed rooms to city school buildings, to make repairs, and to construct a gymnasium at Central. The completion of the gymnasium enabled the high school to institute an athletic program, that from the beginning according to school officials, was so well planned and executed that it became a model for other schools. Pictures of the activities were used in publications of the North Carolina State Department of Education.

At that time the state paid for the basic eight months of school and the city paid for the ninth month. In 1937 during the worst of the depression, the city was unable to pay for this last month. In order that seniors might graduate with a diploma of high standing, the graduating class furnished funds for the last month by giving profits from the annual play to help defray the cost. The board went on record as "greatly appreciative" of this gesture and the following year curtains for the auditorium were purchased in remembrance of the class. Within a few weeks after they had been hung, lightning set fire to the auditorium and the new curtains were blackened by smoke and soaked with water. At

Merchants Resume Wednesday Closings

Majority of Kings Mountain retail merchants resumed this week regular Wednesday half-holidays.

The retail stores had suspended the customary mid-week Wednesday afternoon closings for the Christmas shopping season.

The mid-week half-holiday has been a policy of many Kings Mountain merchants for several years.

City Welcomes New Year Gaily

Kings Mountain welcomed a New Year Monday night.

A wide number of private parties and group gatherings were scenes of gaily as friends joined to sing "Auld Lang Syne" and celebrate the arrival of 1952.

More than 125 persons attended the Country Club's New Year's party, and hundreds of other gathered around television sets to watch New Year's arrival in New York.

Big news of New Year's Day was an advance showing of spring weather.

The sun shone brightly and balmy temperatures sent topcoats to closets and thermostats to low levels.

New Year's Day was only a partial holiday here, with majority of retail stores open for business as usual. Furniture stores closed both January 1 and 2, as did the A & P, Dixie-Home Store and the First National Bank observed New Year's day as a holiday.

ter they were cleaned and reworked, however, they showed little damage.

New electric equipment was installed in the home economics room and a "George Reed Home Economics Department" was organized to Kings Mountain.

In 1939 the first high school annual was published. "Milestone", the title was chosen by the annual staff. D. M. Bridges was principal at that time and also the financial advisor for the annual, with Mrs. Weir as literary advisor, Jim Nickels, editor-in-chief, and Paul Neisler, business manager.

The Student Participation organization was first organized in 1938 with Bobby Hord as president. He appointed a committee to draw up the constitution. The committee was made up of representatives from each high school grade. Some of the upperclassmen were Julia Pollock (Mrs. Clarence Ponk), Carolyn Prince, (Mrs. Baxter Paysour), and Faye Moss, (Mrs. Gene Goforth). The group asked 20 other schools for copies of their constitutions, so as to draw up one to fit the needs of the Kings Mountain school. A group of students went to Salisbury, accompanied by Mr. Bridges and Paul E. Hendricks, band director, to watch hall traffic procedure.

The Hullender property adjoining Central school was purchased for additional playground space. Later the Central P. T. A. aided by the city of Kings Mountain, graded and beautified the grounds under an N. Y. A. project. The grounds at the various schools were improved and sidewalks at East and Central were paved. In 1940 property was purchased from the Duke Power company for an athletic field for the high school.

A full time band director was approved. A music department was added to the Davidson school. West school was accredited by the state.

The first cafeteria in the local schools was opened about 1935-36. In Central school under the sponsorship of the Central P. T. A. Mrs. W. C. Caveny was in charge. Following that addition to the school, WPA lunch rooms were opened in all white schools.

Under the sponsorship of the Ministerial association and local civic clubs, a Bible teacher was secured for grades six and seven and the high school.

Announcement of the special meeting was made by Joe Hendrick, city clerk, who said the board is designating the session as a "public meeting" and urging the attendance of all citizens.

Barnard & Burk, engineers, have been making a survey to determine the feasibility of installing a natural gas distribution system.

White Chairman Of Township's \$7,500 Drive

The Number 4 Township committee will begin work Monday in an effort to raise a minimum of \$7,500 for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Jack White, Kings Mountain lawyer, is chairman of the Number 4 Township campaign and had called a committee meeting for Wednesday evening to complete his solicitation organization.

The campaign work will be handled by several committee chairmen in Kings Mountain, the committee break-down will include industrial plants and employees, professional, grocery and dry goods firms, business and individual solicitations, churches, etc.

In addition, community chairmen are being named for Grover, Bethware and Patterson Grove.

Among committee members already named are Bruce Thorburn, Dr. N. H. Reed, John H. Lewis, Dick Cannady, Dan Huffstetler and I. Ben Goforth, Jr.

Several special promotions are being planned to assure a successful campaign, including an amateur night performance. Mr. White said, the familiar iron lung boxes will be placed in conspicuous spots throughout the area.

"We anticipate a successful campaign, though we realize that the quota of \$7,500 is not a small one," Mr. White said. "At the same time, the community knows how terrible polio is and it has a record of supporting this worthwhile, health-giving campaign."

Mr. White said the aim of the committee will be to complete its work in the shortest possible time.

Businessmen Not To Report SS Quarterly

"If you work for yourself" and are planning to include your name on the quarterly social security tax return you are to file in January for your employees, don't," So says Miss Margaret H. Lowder, manager of the Gastonia Social Security office.

Miss Lowder reports that many self-employed businessmen who were brought under social security by the 1950 amendments are under the impression that they should report their net income quarterly in the same manner that their employees are reported. That isn't correct. Self-employed people report their own net earning for social security purposes only once a year, at the end of the year when they make their individual income tax returns.

Everyone who has net earnings of \$400 or more in a year from trade or business must make the annual self-employment return and pay the self-employment tax. A form for making the return will be included with the income tax forms.

Although self-employed people do not make returns until early in 1952, Miss Lowder stated that they will receive social security credit for their 1951 earnings just as do employees whose wages are reported quarterly by their employers.

A booklet, "Do You Work For Yourself?", explaining old-age and survivors insurance as it applies to people who are self-employed, may be obtained free at the Gastonia office, she said.

City May Seek Gas Allocation

The city board of commissioners will hold a special meeting Monday night at City Hall at 7:30 to consider an application to the Federal Power Commission for an allocation of natural gas.

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