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Local News Bulletins

TO PRESBYTERY

R. G. Plonk and J. G. Darra-cott will serve as delegates from First Presbyterian church to the January 15 meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery, to be at Armstrong Presbyterian church, Gastonia.

ATTEND MEET

Joe N. Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, attended a meeting in Charlotte Wednesday of the North Carolina Hospitals Association.

MAUNEY IN HOSPITAL

Ernest Mauney, well-known pianist and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital for leukemia. He entered the hospital last Friday.

AT STERCH'S

Mrs. Eugene Goforth has joined Sterch's as bookkeeper, replacing Mrs. Eugene Timms who is resigning. Mrs. Goforth formerly held a similar position with the firm.

TO CHICAGO

J. Kennon Blanton, manager of Sterch's, will leave for Chicago, Ill., Saturday, where he will attend the annual winter Furniture Mart.

WITH MAPPING FIRM

Bob Neill, prominent young Kings Mountain man, joined the Joyce Mapping Co., on December 3. Formerly with Margrace Mill, Mr. Neill is assisting his new firm with the mapping of the cities of Kings Mountain and Shelby.

AT KEETER'S

D. E. (Dekie) Tate has joined Keeter's Department Store as salesman, a cording to announcement by J. B. Keeter. Mr. Tate, formerly a part-time salesman with the firm, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Paul McGinnis.

KIWANIS MEETING

W. W. Tolleson, chairman of the 1951 Kiwanis Club Achievement committee, will be in charge of the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, which convenes at 6:45 at the Masonic Dining Hall.

RE-MODELING

The First National Bank is remodeling and renovating the offices formerly occupied by Dr. P. E. Hendricks for use by the bank's personal loan department, according to announcement by F. E. Summers, president. Dick Cannady is manager of the personal loan department.

CLUB NIGHT

Kings Mountain Country Club night will be observed Saturday night, buffet dinner to be served at 7:30 with a special attraction to follow. Members are asked to note the change in time. This month club night is the second Saturday night due to the New Year's Eve party.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Wells

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Sain Wells, 76, wife of Clarence W. Wells of the Bethware community, were held Wednesday afternoon at El Bethel Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Forbis, assisted by Rev. W. L. McSwain, officiating. Interment was made in the church cemetery. Prior to the rites the body lay in state at the church for a half-hour.

Mrs. Wells died at Shelby hospital Tuesday at 1:15 p. m. She had been in ill health for the past year and suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday night. She was a member of El Bethel church.

Mrs. Wells is survived by her husband, Clarence W. Wells; three sons, Carl H. Wells of Charleston, S. C., Guy Wells of Washington, S. C., and Hubert R. Wells of the home and Washington, D. C.; and four daughters, Mrs. Leo Devensy and Mrs. L. V. Hoyle of Bethware community, Mrs. Clyde Houser of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Lottie Kalle of Shelby. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Bob Brooks, of Lenoir, Mrs. Lora Powell of Hickory, Mrs. Laura Childers of Vale, a brother, Ed Sain of Vale; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Junior Woman's Club Seeking Old Clothing

City's Needy To Be Aided By Civic Group

The Junior Woman's Club will begin Monday a used clothing collection for the benefit of the city's needy. The collection will continue through Friday, January 18, and all citizens are being requested to contribute clothes which they no longer use.

Mrs. J. W. Webster, co-chairman of the collection, said all sizes of clothes are wanted, from infants' wear to adult clothing. She pointed out that the clothes need not be cleaned, that this would be handled by the Junior Woman's Club.

Citizens are asked to leave the clothing contributions at the Red Cross office, at City Hall, on any morning next week. Citizens not able to deliver the clothing to the Red Cross office are asked to call Mrs. A. B. Chandler at 735-J. Arrangements will be made by the Junior Woman's Club to pick up the bundles.

"All the clothing will be distributed to Kings Mountain persons who need it and need it badly," Mrs. Webster pointed out. "We are sure that attics and closets are full of old clothing, no longer used, either because it is somewhat worn or outgrown. They have a value to needy persons who have nothing to wear."

Other members of the Junior Woman's Club committee handling the project are Mrs. Grady McCarter, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Mrs. W. R. Hudgeth, Mrs. Paul Ware, and Miss Diana Gamble.



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City To Seek Natural Gas Allocation

Kings Mountain will file an application with the Federal Power Commission for an allocation of natural gas.

This action was taken at a special meeting of the city board of commissioners held at City Hall Monday night after recommendation by A. S. Hall, engineer with Barnard & Burk Engineers, who have been retained by the city to make a survey to determine the feasibility of installing a natural gas distribution system. The application must be filed by January 18.

The board voted unanimously to apply for the allocation, after motion by Commissioner James Layton.

The board also agreed to send the city attorney and a board member to Washington for the hearing January 28, at city expense, after recommendation by Mr. Hall.

Mayor Garland E. Still and all members of the board were present at the meeting, which had been designated as a "public meeting." Others present were Mr. Hall, Davis, City Clerk Joe Hendrick, City Administrator M. K. Fuller, and Ollie Harris.

Several other items of business were discussed before the gas matter was brought up.

Tom Moore, representing Slater Brothers, re-appeared before the board in connection with his request for installation of an eight-inch water main to serve a sprinkler system in the company's building here. The board had informed the company that it could not install the main and Mr. Moore told the group that he was "frankly disappointed" in the matter just before leaving the meeting.

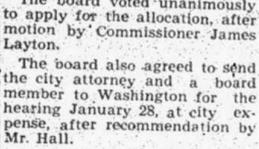
After discussion of the matter and on motion by Commissioner Olland Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis, the board voted unanimously to inform the firm that the city would install the main providing the company purchased the material and provides the right-of-way.

Mr. Fuller presented a contract from the Puroil Company, furnishing the city with a right-of-way for a water main to the new bus station on Railroad avenue. The board authorized Mayor Still to sign the contract on motion by Commissioner Wright.

Mr. Fuller informed the board that E. T. Platt had requested the city to install water mains in two blocks of E. Whitesides property off Linwood road and wanted an agreement for refunds on the cost of the pipe, which he was to furnish, when the property is developed.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, the board voted to install the mains and to refund Mr. Platt an amount of the cost of the pipe for each house built on the property. Mr. Layton abstained. At the conclusion of the meeting, the matter again came up, the motion was withdrawn and the board instructed Mr. Fuller and Attorney Davis to draw up a "main line extension agreement" for use between the city and any citizen. The agreement would require a developer to bear all costs of the installation, with the city to refund him a certain amount when customers were added to the line.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Fuller, the board voted to extend



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Bank Directors Are Re-Elected; Abbott Elevated

Stockholders of First National Bank held their annual meeting Tuesday, re-elected directors and hearing reports of officers on 1951 business.

The directors, in session following the annual meeting, made only one change in its officers set-up, naming L. E. Abbott vice-president and cashier. Mr. Abbott had held the position of cashier.

Report of the officers to the stockholders showed that 1951 was a prosperous, active year, in which it increased its assets by approximately \$68,000, and its reserves by approximately \$21,000. The bank's total assets at December 31, 1951, were \$4,148,215.17.

President Frank R. Summers reported that the bank, on December 31, was servicing 5,055 active accounts, including 1,022 savings accounts, and 1,458 checking accounts, and 1,458 loan accounts. The loan accounts had been made, he said, in virtually all categories, commercial, industrial, agricultural, residential and personal.

Officers of the bank, in addition to Mr. Summers and Mr. Abbott, are B. S. Neill, executive vice-president, R. L. Mauney, vice-president and J. C. McKinney, assistant cashier.

Directors are Dr. L. P. Baker, G. A. Bridges, W. K. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, B. S. Neill, P. M. Neisler, F. R. Summers and M. A. Ware.

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Re-Instituted Wright Motion Gets Approval

Differences between the members of the city's volunteer fire department and the city board of commissioners to all appearances were settled Wednesday morning.

The commissioners, at a special meeting, passed unanimously the re-instituted motion of Commissioner Baxter Wright to let the fire chief operate the department to the best of his ability. Commissioner C. P. Barry seconded with the remark that he believed the whole trouble had been due to "misunderstandings."

The action followed a discussion between the board members, representatives of the volunteer firemen, and L. D. Murphy, of Raleigh, representing the South-eastern Fire Underwriters association.

Others present included Chief Grady King, Fireman Pat Tignor, Fireman Ollie Harris, Commissioner Lloyd Davis, City Attorney J. R. Davis, and City Administrator M. K. Fuller, and Mayor Garland Still, who presided.

According to Chief King, one of the bones of contention among the volunteer firemen was instructions of the city board to have the two paid firemen on duty answer grass fire and auto fire alarms. Mr. King said the firemen felt that they should get the easy jobs as well as the rough ones, a statement supported by Mr. Harris, and Mr. Tignor. Another, pointed out by Mr. Tignor, was the fact that several alarms had been answered without the chief having been notified.

Commissioner Davis said he had heard complaints about "deadhead firemen." Chief King replied that this was due to two main factors: 1) due to underwriting requirements, smaller fires did not require full use of all the men of the department; and 2) that other men among the volunteers were valuable for structuring less-trained, newer men. Mr. Davis said the explanation satisfied him.

Mr. Harris had previously pointed out that the question of calling general alarms for fires was a matter of principle rather than the money involved, adding it was his opinion that the members of the department were interested first; in doing the job, since damage to clothes, loss of time and related factors meant that there could be little profit in the business of volunteer firefighting. He also pointed out that the department had been of minor cost to the city.

Only question which had appeared a factor in the disagreement left "as was" concerned an order by the board to put a radio on one of the fire trucks, rather than on the chief's auto. Mr. Murphy had remarked that most one-radio cities install them on the cars of their chiefs, but that they were also desirable on fire trucks as well. Without any tacit or formal action, members of the board indicated they might, in the future, purchase an additional radio to be installed in the chief's car.

Asked if the fire department were not doing a good job, Mr. Murphy said he had received no complaints from insurance firms, which indicated it had been operating efficiently.

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Stadium Committee Met Monday Night

The City Stadium planning committee met at City Hall Monday night and voted several recommendations to be forwarded to the city board.

The group also drew up some dozen additional recommendations for improvements at City Stadium which were held for further study and planning.

Committee members present were Hugh Ormand, Sam Collins, Fleece McCurdy and C. T. Carpenter, Jr. Mr. Carpenter was named temporary chairman. Other members of the committee are Hilton Ruth and W. W. Tolleson.

Recommendations approved and forwarded to the city board included closing of the portion of Carpenter street within the stadium property to coincide with fencing of the cemetery property, grading of the east bank, grading of the field to provide proper drainage, planting of all banks to prevent washing out and rearrangement of the field to get it ready for the coming high school baseball season.

McGinnis Store To Open Friday

McGinnis Department Store, a new Kings Mountain retail firm, will open on Friday, according to announcement this week by Paul McGinnis, well-known Kings Mountain citizen.

The new firm will be located in the building on West Mountain street owned by Mrs. J. E. Lipton and adjoining Baird Furniture Company and McGinnis Furniture Company. Until December 31, it had been occupied by Dixie Bargain Store, a branch of Keeter's, Inc., which was closed by the Keeter firm on that date.

Mr. McGinnis said his new firm will be individually owned by himself and that it will offer general department store lines of popular-priced merchandise.

Mrs. Jack Kennedy, a former employee of Kings Mountain, will be a member of the sales staff. Mr. McGinnis said.

Mr. McGinnis, veteran employee of Keeter's, Inc., is a native of Kings Mountain, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hankie McGinnis. He first joined the Keeter firm on a part-time basis in 1931 and had been associated with it regularly since 1934. In recent years having held the position of general manager. He resigned on January 1. He is a member of Resurrection Lutheran church, a Mason and a Lion. Mrs. McGinnis is the former Miss Ethel Hamrick.

A formal opening of the firm will be held in the near future, Mr. McGinnis said.

Marlowe Selling Service Station

E. E. Marlowe, for the past 14 years owner of Center Service, announced this week he is disposing of the service station portion of that business, effective at the close of business Saturday.

Mr. Marlowe is selling the service station department to Clyde Whetstone, a veteran employee, and to James Gibson. Both Mr. Whetstone and Mr. Gibson will be active in the new partnership.

By terms of the sale agreement, Mr. Marlowe will retain the other portions of his business, which include wholesale and retail distribution of tires and automotive accessories, and retail sales of appliances and related merchandise. Mr. Marlowe will operate the portion of the business he is retaining under the trade name "Marlowe's," while Mr. Whetstone and Mr. Gibson will operate their service station under its former trade name "Center Service."

Mr. Marlowe said that Jack Arnette, present manager of the service station department, would join "Marlowe's" as shipping and service manager. Mrs. Walter D. Harmon will serve as bookkeeper, and that Marshall Gore will replace Mr. Marlowe as salesman. Mr. Marlowe is area distributor for Lee tires and other automotive products.

Mr. Whetstone has been associated with the Marlowe firm for the past 13 years, with the exception of service in World War II with the Air Force, including 34 months in the Pacific Theatre. He is a member of First Presbyterian church and the Lions club.

Mr. Gibson, also an Air Force Veteran of 30 months in the Pacific Theatre is a Margrace Mill overseer. He attended N. C. State college and is a member of Grace Methodist church.

Marlowe's will occupy the building at 222 W. Mountain street, where the appliance division has been located.

The service station is located at the corner of Battleground and Mountain. It features Gulf products.

New Scout Troop

A new Boy Scout Troop will be sponsored by the Brotherhood of Resurrection Lutheran church, it was announced this week by Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of the church. L. C. Dettmar has been named scoutmaster and the first meeting of the new troop will be held at the church Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Scout-age boys who wish to join the troop are invited to attend, Mr. Daniel said.

All City Schools Had Lunch Rooms By 1941; 12th Grade Added In 1942

By 1941, W. P. A. lunch rooms had been placed in all white schools and the vocational economic department was established.

The corner lot adjoining the high school was purchased for additional playground space. West school was accredited.

In 1942, the twelve-year program of the High School was instituted, although pupils who could not return for the twelfth year were granted an eleven-year diploma. Policy of awarding eleven-year a twelve-year diploma was continued until the state officially adopted the twelve-year program. During those years, pupils

In 1945-46, a county-wide bond election was offered to raise money for the remodeling of the present buildings and the erection of new ones. The bond sale was approved by the voters. Folding seats were placed in the gymnasium. Floodlights for the athletic field were presented to the school by the Kiwanis Club.

In the following year, 1947, a public address system was placed in Central school. Neisler Mills presented the school with a bus that was painted in the school colors, black and gold. This bus is used by athletic teams, bands, glee club, and other groups making educational trips.

The family of the late Jacob S. Mauney presented to the city of Kings Mountain a beautiful teachers home in connection with the city library.

The Claine property adjoining West school was purchased to be used as a playground.

In 1948, a small brick house and owned by Mrs. Nell Thompson and adjoining the high school campus, was purchased. The garage was removed in order to make room for a new brick garage for the school bus. The veteran's class in brick laying was established at Davidson school and this group erected the bus

RECRUITER HERE

Sgt. Dewey Lowe from the Shelby Recruiting office is in Kings Mountain on Mondays all day, and each Wednesday afternoon. He is stationed in the Postoffice building. All non-prior service men are required to have birth certificates only. Men who have had previous military service are required to have last discharge papers. Sgt. Lowe is recruiter for the Army and Air Force.

CORRECTION

B. N. Barnes succeeded Claud Grigg as superintendent of the city schools on July 1, 1934, instead of 1933.

pils completing the twelfth grade wore white gowns at commencement, while those completing the eleventh year wore gray.

In that same year, 1943, upon recommendation of the board of education, the special supplemental levy on the Kings Mountain school district was reduced four cents.

In 1944, Central school playground was graded and built by the Central P. T. A., aided by the city.

Polio Drive Benefit Amateur Show Set

An amateur show for the benefit of the March of Dimes will be held at the high school auditorium Friday evening, January 18, it was announced this week.

Dan Huffstetler and Joe Hedden are co-chairmen of entries for the event. Mr. Huffstetler said that a number of acts have already been obtained and that more are desired.

No admission will be charged, but a free will offering will be taken.

Members of the Number 4 Township March of Dimes organization were busy this week making solicitations and Jack White, chairman, said the work was "going well."

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