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Local News Bulletins

AT STERCH'S
 Mrs. Betty Crawford has joined Sterch's as bookkeeper, replacing Mrs. Eugene Goforth. Mrs. Crawford has just returned from Seattle, Washington, where she was with her husband, Bobby Crawford.

OPS VISIT
 Archie S. Reynolds, of the Charlotte district Office of Price Stabilization, service station unit, will be at the office of the Kings Mountain Merchants association Monday afternoon to assist Kings Mountain area business men with OPS problems, it was announced this week.

REGULAR SCHEDULE
 Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, announced that the library will be opened on regular schedule for the remainder of the week. The library has been closed due to the absence of Mrs. Dilling who was out of town.

LIONS DEFER MEETING
 The Kings Mountain Lions club will not hold its regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting next week, but will join the Kiwanis Club in a joint meeting on Thursday, March 13, according to announcement yesterday by Sam Stallings, president.

LEGION MEETING
 Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Legion Building Friday night at 7:30. Feature of the meeting will be showing of motion pictures of the national convention.

METER RECEIPTS UP
 Parking meter receipts totaled \$159.75 for the week ending Wednesday at noon, according to report of City Clerk Joe Hendrick. The total was \$24.67 more than put in parking meters the previous week.

Throng Attends Masonic Banquet

Some 200 Masons their wives and guests attended the annual banquet of Fairview Lodge No. 330 A. F. & A. M., held in the Masonic dining room Friday night, February 29.

Arnold W. Kincaid, a past master, acted as master of ceremonies. The National Anthem was sung by the group, followed with the invocation given by L. L. Benson.

A roast pork dinner with accompanying delicacies was served by the Kings Mountain Chapter of Eastern Star.

Special music was furnished by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, of Shelby, who delighted the guests with her accordion renditions.

Paul Owens, worshipful master, welcomed the ladies, and the response was given by Mrs. P. D. Herndon.

John H. Floyd, another past master of the lodge, recognized the Masonic widows present, each of whom was given a corsage of white carnations.

Mr. Kincaid presented Charles A. Pugh, of Gastonia, who introduced the speaker, Herbert M. Foy, Grand Master of North Carolina.

Mr. Foy made a forceful speech on Masonry, outlining where it originated, what is known about it, and what it means to the world today. He said 3,500,000 men as Masons, that 62 of the 96 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons, that 50 percent of the leaders in the world today are Masons, including 22 United States Senators.

Mr. Foy concluded that Masonry is "most worthwhile," and he challenged the assembled Masons to keep the work of the order to the forefront, as their forefathers had in years gone by.

Class To Observe 30th Anniversary

The Sumners Bible class of St. Matthew's Lutheran church is observing its 30th anniversary with a breakfast at the church Sunday morning at 9:30.

A special program has been prepared and all members have been notified.

Cards, sent to members of the class and to all former members, requested replies as to whether they can attend to President Dewey F. Randall.



STUDYING OIL PAINTING TO FIND A MURDERER—Pictured above at a rehearsal are members of the cast of "Laura," a mystery-drama to be presented at Central school auditorium on Saturday, March 15, by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc. The painting plays an integral part in the plot. From left to right are Delbert Dixon, Bob Osborne, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, director, Bruce Thorburn and Bernice Harrison. (Photo by Hubert Carlisle, of Carlisle Studio.)

"Laura" Tickets Are Now On Sale

Little Theatre To Give Mystery Drama March 15

Tickets went on sale this week for "Laura," a three-act mystery drama to be presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., at Central school auditorium on March 15.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, director, this week announced committee rosters appointed for the production.

The committees includes: Miss Emelyn Gillespie and Mrs. Rudi Wuennenberg, properties.

Meek Carpenter, Mrs. H. C. Campbell and Bob Osborne, publicity.

Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, tickets.

Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., and Mrs. Faison Barnes, makeup.

Mrs. Barnes, wardrobe coordinator.

Mrs. E. M. Leopard and Mrs. I. Ben Goforth, Jr., prompters.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. O. Z. White, program.

Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. Clay Poston, Mrs. Dudley Rainey, Mrs. Bill Hudspeth and Mrs. Frances Mitchem, entertainment.

Bill Melchior, lights.

Mrs. Poston, Faison Barnes, Jack White, Jimmy Spivey, Rudi Wuennenberg, Sam Stallings, Dudley Rainey, A. B. Chandler, Dick Canady, O. Z. White, Jr., B. S. Peeler, Jr., and I. Ben Goforth, Jr., stage.

Mr. Peeler, Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. M. A. Ware, Mrs. Mauney and Mr. Chandler, ushers.

Final plans are to be discussed at a meeting of all committees Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, Mrs. Chandler said.

Dress rehearsal will be held on March 14 and afterwards a party for members and their guests has been set for the Woman's clubhouse.

Members of the cast of "Laura" are Miss Bernice Harrison, Bruce Thorburn, Delbert Dixon, Bob Osborne, Mrs. Sam Stallings, Mrs. Bill Melcher, Bobby Goforth and Sonny McDaniel.

"Laura" features an oil painting (Continued On Page Eight)

Improved School Attendance Figures Indicate Flu Epidemic Now Waning

Wednesday's attendance figures in city schools indicated the heavy influenza epidemic, which has been keeping doctors and druggists on heavy-duty schedules, is abating.

Wednesday attendance in white schools of the city was 89 percent, only six percent lower than the customary maximum of 95 percent, while attendance at Davidson Negro school was 87 percent, up five per cent from the previous day. The attendance low point at Davidson school, 85 percent, for city schools during the past several weeks occurred on February 26, day of heavy snowfall, when white schools of the city recorded 312 absences and barely reached the 80 percent attendance figure.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes, who supplied the attendance report, said that an attendance drop below the 80 percent figure usually results in closing of the schools, as occurred in some nearby communities.

Friday Receipts On Taxes Jump

City tax payments were heaviest of the month on February 29, as over-due taxpayers paid in \$1,032.28, to avoid further penalty on 1951 tax bills, City Clerk Joe Hendrick reported yesterday.

Penalty for non-payment of 1951 tax bills advanced to two percent March 1.

Beginning in April the penalty on unpaid 1951 tax bills will advance at one-half if one percent per month. A similar schedule applies to unpaid county tax bills.

Little League Officers Named

Dr. W. P. Gerber, lig. pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, was named president of the Kings Mountain Little League, which expects to field four juvenile baseball teams this summer.

Other officers elected are Bruce Thorburn, vice-president, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., secretary, W. J. Fulkerson, treasurer, and James (Red) Layton, commissioner.

Team memberships will be limited to youngsters between the age of nine through twelve.

The Kings Mountain League will be affiliated with the Gastonia association. Planning to field the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, Phoenix Plant of Burlington Mill, and the Margrace and Park Yarn mills.

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Johnston Bill Would Repeal Postal Surcharge

The 10 percent surcharge on postal cards, when bought in numbers greater than 49, may be eliminated soon, according to information received by George Hord, assistant postmaster.

Mr. Hord had reported to the National Association of Postal Supervisors considerable complaint at the local postoffice, both on the postal card surcharge and on the lowered restrictions on size and weight limits of parcel post charges.

Jesse V. Horton, the association legislative representative, wrote that a bill to repeal the postal card surcharge law had already been approved by a Senate committee and was expected to be passed by the Senate on the next calendar call. He also offered the opinion that the House of Representatives would take similar action, once the Senate passes the bill.

Mr. Horton did not offer any immediate hopes that restrictions on parcel post shipments would be eased. He wrote: "The law reducing the parcel post weight and size limits was sponsored by the Railway Express Agency and its employee organizations and was passed over the objections of the Postmaster General. A bill to repeal the restrictions has been introduced by Senator Langer, of North Dakota, and is being considered."

The fact that the law was passed by both the House and the Senate last fall without opposition would indicate that repeal may be without much support.

W. C. Beam Funeral Held

Funeral services for William Carroll Beam, 62, native of the Bethlehem community and for 23 years a weaver at Grover's Minette Mill, were held Saturday afternoon at Grover Baptist church.

Rev. S. M. Hughes, pastor of the church, conducted the rites, assisted by Rev. W. A. Hoffman and Rev. Park Moore. Interment was made at Grover cemetery with Masonic burial rites being conducted by members of State-Line Lodge.

Mr. Beam died at his home Friday morning at 7:25, following a three-months illness.

He was a member of the Grover Baptist church, the Masonic order, American Legion and VFW. A veteran of World War I, he had served in the 81st division. He was the son of Mrs. Amanda Bookout Beam, and the late John Beam.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Addie Kendrick Beam, three brothers, Marion Beam, of Kings Mountain, Grady Beam and Lester Beam, both of Badin, and two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Crump, of Badin, and Mrs. C. W. Bookout, of Richmond, Va.

Prior to the funeral rites the body lay in state at the church for a half-hour.

Lake Montonia Stockholders Hold Meeting

Dorus C. McSwain, of Gastonia, was re-elected president of the Lake Montonia Club, Inc., at the annual meeting of stockholders of the organization held at City Hall Tuesday night.

J. Pat Tignor, of Kings Mountain, was named vice-president. B. S. Neill, Jr., of Gastonia, and Harry Page, of Kings Mountain, were re-elected secretary-treasurer and assistant secretary-treasurer.

Carl Mauney, of Kings Mountain, retiring vice-president, and Howard Whisnant of Gastonia, were named to three-year directorships, replacing J. W. Grimes, of Kings Mountain, and Claude Wyrick, of Gastonia.

Holdover directors of the organization are W. T. Spencer and Dr. O. P. Lewis, one-year; and W. R. Huskins and H. L. Ruth, two-year.

The group voted to advance the date of the annual meeting to the second Tuesday of each January instead of the first Tuesday of each March.

Reports were heard from the president, the road committee and the fish committee.

The number of associate memberships was cut from 30 to 25 for Cleveland and Gaston counties and a motion to raise the price of the memberships from \$35 to \$45 was defeated.

Luther Hodges Visits In City

Luther H. Hodges, candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor in the May primary, was in Kings Mountain last Friday in behalf of his candidacy.

A former ECO official in Germany, and, for many years, general manager of the Marshall Field textile enterprises at Leaksville, Mr. Hodges said he was running "as a business man candidate."

He said it had been proved that businessmen could conduct political affairs with efficiency and that he felt businessmen in a position to serve should be willing.

Mr. Hodges is now retired. He said he was not running at the behest of, or as the "chosen candidate" of minority groups.

He said he was seeking the lieutenant-governorship on the basis of his experience in business and with a desire to "serve the people of North Carolina who have been quite good to me."

Other announced candidates for the lieutenant-governor nomination are State Senator Roy Rowe, of Buigaw, and Mayor Marshall Kurfees, of Winston-Salem.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Scheduled

The Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Area Council are planning a Cookie Sales campaign to begin March 12.

The purpose of this year's sale is to raise funds for development and maintenance of the Council's two camps. Profit from cookies sold by the White troops will be used for maintenance and improvements of Camp Rotary.

This camp opens its gates for the 14th season on June 23rd. It is available for use of troops year around.

Profit from cookies sold by the Negro troops will be used for development of the newly acquired site located on Crowder's Mountain, and named Camp Kiwanis. Plans are underway for some type of camping on the site this summer.

The cookies sell for 40 cents per box and fourteen and a half cents from each box will go to maintenance and development of the camps and three cents will remain in the treasury of the troop to which the girl belongs.

Board Declines Approval Of Recreation Bond Vote

FPC Postpones Gas Hearing Until March 24

The Federal Power Commission hearing on the request of the City of Kings Mountain for an allotment of gas from the Transcontinental Gas pipeline has been postponed until March 24.

The hearing was previously scheduled for Monday and City Attorney J. R. Davis, Mayor Garland Still and Planning Board Chairman Byron Keeter were to represent the city at the hearing.

Mr. Davis said he received a registered letter from the Federal Power commission last Thursday morning notifying him of the postponement.

The FPC said that Transcontinental Pipeline Company was objecting to the granting of allotments along the line, and is asking that it be allowed to supply present customers along the line with additional gas.

Following receipt of an engineering survey which showed the operation of a natural gas system feasible, the city board of commissioners voted to request the allotment. If granted, the city would endeavor to build a distribution system at an estimated cost of \$890,000. (The cost estimate is also based on the survey by Bernard & Burk, Baton Rouge, La., engineers.)

Hay Insurance Firm Honored

The Arthur Hay Agency, Kings Mountain insurance agency, which represents The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, a member company of the America Fore Insurance Group, has just been presented with the company's engrossed scroll in token of more than 25 years' representation.

Presentation was made by G. W. Kasebert, resident manager for the company. The scroll was accompanied by a letter from President Frank A. Christensen which said:

"It is with great pleasure that my associates and I welcome you into the 'Old Guard'—that association of agents and company employees who have been connected with the companies of the America Fore Insurance Group for over 25 years.

"Our company has grown and prospered greatly during the period of your association with us, and we wish to acknowledge your contribution to this success.

"We thank you for your loyalty and sincerely trust that your splendid representation of this company will continue for many years to come."

The Hay Agency was founded in 1883 by Lewis G. Hay, grandfather of Miss Helen Hay, now senior partner in the Kings Mountain agency.

Red Cross Campaign Is Underway; Some Workers Busy In Monday Rain

The annual Number 4 Township Red Cross fund campaign is underway this week.

In spite of Monday's heavy rains, several members of the solicitation committees began work on schedule, and the work of all divisions was going at a brisk rate by Wednesday.

John Rudiail, Beth-Ware school principal and chairman of the rural division, held a luncheon meeting of his group on Monday and reported that prospects are good for the rural area solicitation.

The Negro division will hold a meeting on Monday night. L. L. Adams, principal of Compact school, is serving as chairman, with J. A. Gibson, principal of Davidson school, as co-chairman.

Mrs. Arnold Kiser, publicity chairman of the fund campaign, said that Miss Hope Buck, area Red Cross representative from the Atlanta regional office, visited the chapter this week and expressed the opinion that the Kings Mountain chapter's campaign would be a successful one. Quota for the Number 4 Town-



CANDIDATE — E. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, announced last week he would be a candidate for re-election as Cleveland County's representative to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Falls, Moore Ask Re-election

Two Cleveland County elective officials announced last week they would seek re-election.

On Thursday, B. T. Falls, Jr., Shelby lawyer, three-time Cleveland representative to the North Carolina House of Representatives, announced he would seek his fourth term. On Friday, Dan Moore, registrar of deeds, announced he would seek re-election to a second term.

Both seek the Democratic nominations, subject to the May primary.

Announcement by Mr. Falls and Mr. Moore bring to four the number of announced candidates for county offices.

Lone contest to date is for the Senate seat in the General Assembly, sought by Clyde Nolan, of Shelby, the incumbent, and Robert Morgan, Shelby feed dealer.

Other offices to be filled in the 1952 election include five county commissioner posts and five county school commissioner posts. Winning of the Democratic primary is tantamount to election in Cleveland county.

Mr. Falls served as Cleveland representative in the General Assembly sessions of 1943, 1949 and 1951. In a statement accompanying his announcement, he said, "I hereby announce as a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Cleveland County, subject to the Democratic primary in May. I trust that my record of service will meet with the approval of the people of Cleveland County. My seniority of service places me in a position to more effectively serve the people of my County and State. I feel that I know the people of Cleveland County and the things that they stand for. I shall strive to represent them to the best of my ability. I will appreciate the support and influence of all those who approve my record of service."

Mr. Moore, formerly a Bolling Springs farmer, was elected registrar of deeds in 1948.

Officials Plan Raleigh Talks On Bond Matter

The city board of commissioners, in a special session Monday night, declined to approve a motion to offer a \$250,000 bond issue to build a city recreation plant. However, it did approve a motion to send A. B. Chandler, city recreation commission chairman, and two commissioners to Raleigh to discuss possibilities of holding a recreation bond vote with W. L. Easterling, secretary of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. The League has legal supervision over the offering of municipal bond issues.

The board met Monday at the request of Mr. Chandler, City Clerk Joe Hendrick said. Mr. Chandler asked some indication that it would support the current plans of his commission for a city-wide recreation plant.

The motion to offer the bond issue, offered by James (Red) Layton, failed to obtain a second. The motion by Mr. Layton to discuss the matter with Mr. Easterling was seconded by Ollie Pearson and unanimously carried, with all commissioners present.

City Attorney J. R. Davis had previously told the board, following a visit to Raleigh to discuss possible water and sewer bond issues as well as a natural gas system revenue bond issue, that Mr. Easterling had taken a dim view of the recreation bond proposals, in view of the consideration of the other projects.

Discussion was advanced on the collection of unpaid city tax bills for prior years to 1951 and suggestion was made that the tax accounts be turned over to W. Faison Barnes, attorney, for collection. However, the matter was deferred without action.

More Vaccination Clinics Friday

Dr. J. P. Mauney, Kings Mountain veterinarian who is conducting a series of dog vaccination clinics in the Kings Mountain area, reported excellent response to the clinics last week and announced another series for Friday.

Dog vaccination clinics have been held throughout Cleveland County under sponsorship of the county health department in an effort to stamp out rabies in the county.

Dr. Mauney will be at City Hall Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. He had previously stated that city residents were slower to respond to the vaccination call than rural citizens.

Dr. Mauney's Friday morning schedule follows: Shady Rest, Cherryville Road, 9:00 to 9:15. T. H. Eaker's at Mary's Grove, 9:30 to 9:45.

Barrett's Grocery, Cherryville Road, 10:00 to 10:15. Stowe's Grocery, Cherryville Road, 10:30 to 10:45.

Robert's Cash Grocery, Cherryville Road, 10:45 to 11:00. Pauline Store, 11:00 to 11:15. Ware & Heavner's Store, Waco Road, 11:30 to 11:45.

Carver Blanton, county dog warden, has pointed out that the law requires annual vaccination of dogs against rabies. The vaccination fee is one dollar.

Property Maps Will Be Shown

Robert Neill, representative of Joyce Mapping Company, said that a mix-up had occurred in the scheduling for showing of aerial property maps of the Kings Mountain area, resulting in postponement of the presentation, which had been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

He said aerial maps showing city properties and immediately adjacent areas would be available at City Hall next Wednesday and Thursday, and he invited property owners to see the maps and to identify their properties.

The mapping and locating work is a prelude to the revaluation of properties for tax purposes, which is now underway.