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Local News Bulletins

ASSIGNED TO SHIP Lt. Jg. Ben H. Goforth, Jr., left Thursday for San Francisco, Calif., where he reports to Naval Headquarters to be assigned to the USS Corson, now located in the Pacific.

ATTEND CONVENTION Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Peeler, and Mrs. C. F. Thomason attended a Lumberman's Convention last week in Greenville, S. C.

CAKE SALE Phenix Woman's Club will have a sale of cakes, pies and cookies Saturday from 10 a. m. 'til 3 p. m.

JOINS AIR FORCE James (Jimmie) Ray McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDaniel, left Saturday, March 15 for Lackland Air Force Base where he will take his basic training.

NAMED MANAGER Bobby Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Martin, was named manager of Brevard college baseball team last week according to information received by his parents.

ASSUMES DUTIES William Stroup assumed duties of City policeman Monday according to C. E. Carpenter. Mr. Stroup replaces A. C. Stewart who resigned this month.

JAYCEE MEETING Regular semi-monthly meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday at 7 p. m. at the Masonic dining hall.

KIWANIS MEETING A routine business meeting will be held at the regular meeting of the organization Thursday night at 6:30 at Masonic Lodge Hall, according to an announcement of Paul Mauney, program chairman.

ATTEND MEET Mrs. Ben H. Goforth left Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Employment Service Management Staff in Raleigh and while there she will also attend a meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of International Association of Public Employment Services.

NOMINATING GROUP John Gladden, William Plonk and Glee A. Bridges have been appointed to the nominating committee of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, according to announcement by Commander Warren E. Reynolds.

GOSPEL CONCERT A Singing Gospel Concert will be held at Shelby Senior high school auditorium Saturday night, March 29, at 7:30 p. m. Hi-Neighbor quartet, Anderson, S. C., Southland Quartet, Greenville, S. C., and Sisk, quartet, Shelby, will appear on the program. Admission, \$1.00 for adults, 50c for children. Public invited.

Harris Declines Elections Post

Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, appointed to the Cleveland County election board, will not serve on that board, he said Monday. Mr. Harris told the Herald he was quite surprised to have been appointed, since he had notified Democratic party officials that he would not be able to serve, due to his holding of the county office of coroner. C. H. Hendrix, veteran chairman of the board, and G. V. Hawkins, veteran Republican member, were re-appointed. It was anticipated that Wade Tyner, alternate Democratic nominee, would be named by the North Carolina board of elections, which makes the appointments.

Easter Monday Is Retailer's Holiday

Easter Monday April 14 will be a holiday for Kings Mountain Merchants, Mrs. John Lewis, Merchants association secretary said this week. By-Laws of the association call for holidays on Easter Monday, Independent Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, plus two holidays at Christmas. Evidence of increased Easter-season buying was reported this week, with the rush expected to get underway in full swing the forthcoming weekend.

Cash Re-Trial Reached Jury Late Wednesday

At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Solicitor James Farthing was making his final appeal to a Cleveland County Superior Court jury to find L. D. Cash, Kings Mountain plumber, guilty on charges of arson.

The case was expected to reach the jury before the end of the afternoon.

Mr. Cash was originally found guilty on the charges in Superior Court, appealed, and was granted a mistrial, the North Carolina Supreme Court finding errors in the judge's charge to the jury.

He was originally sentenced last March to serve a jail sentence of from five to seven years.

At the time of the fire at the Cash home on November 30, 1950, there was suspicion of arson on the part of Fire Chief Grady King. After investigation by SBI agents and city police, Mr. Cash was arrested on January 2, 1951, by former Police Chief N. M. Farr.

Residents who lived near the Cash home reported hearing an explosion, shortly before the house burst into flames, and one man reported seeing an unidentified man running away from the house.

The man, William H. Starnes, was later apprehended and last March, was found guilty of arson on a similar charge. He was also sentenced to five to seven years in prison.

Mr. Cash, in Florida at the time the house burned, plead innocence to the charge.

Page Shows Here Next Week

Page Amusements, a 15-cession troupe, will set up for a week's operation here Monday under sponsorship of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

Announcement was made by Warren Reynolds, commander of the post.

The carnival will set up at Plonk showgrounds off Grover road.

Train Hits Auto At Margrace Crossing

A 1949 Buick was almost completely demolished early Saturday morning when a north bound train hit it at Margrace Mill crossing.

According to police reports, the car owned by Fred Short, had stalled on the tracks. Mr. Short had abandoned the car. No one was injured in the accident.

Kings Mountain Hospital To Observe First Birthday Anniversary Tuesday

Kings Mountain hospital will observe its first anniversary next Tuesday.

Through Wednesday noon it had admitted 941 patients and had discharged 1,177, indicating that more than 236 children had first seen the light of day at Kings Mountain hospital.

Fourteen doctors and surgeons, including all the Kings Mountain medical contingent, eight from Shelby and one from Blacksburg, S. C., have used its facilities for their patients.

Hospital officials report a very satisfactory year of operation and are looking forward to a better year in 1952-53, when the

Kings Mountain hospital showed a net loss of only \$331.66 in its first nine months of operation, according to statement of George G. Scott and Company, certified public accountants.

Full condensed statement of the accountants is published in today's issue of the Herald, Second Section, Page Three.

Little Goforth Memorial Wing will have been completed. The new 12-bed addition is well underway and should be available for use within the next few weeks, hospital officials say.

The approaching anniversary brought a statement of appreciation from Joe Dixon, hospital administration, to the citizens of the Kings Mountain area for their cooperation in aiding the hospital over the difficult "first year."

Mr. Dixon said: "I wish to extend appreciation and congratulations to each citizen of Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township who has served to enhance the well-being of the hospital for a job well done. Without this help, our

Red Cross Appeal Is Hiked By \$275

Tornado Area Emergency Aid Raises Needs

With \$4,205.50 in hand, Kings Mountain Chapter American Red Cross fund drive officials were faced this week with the added necessity of not only meeting the \$6,500, but with an added \$275, as a result of the weekend tornado damage in a six-state area.

Thus the Red Cross seeks from Number 4 Township a minimum of \$2,570 to complete its joint roll call emergency disaster fund drive.

Mrs. Arnold Kiser, publicity chairman for the Red Cross fund drive, reported the increased appeal of \$275 to aid the stricken people would add a five million dollar burden to the Red Cross.

"The National Red Cross wrote that our fair share is \$275, and the chapter feels that it is," Mrs. Kiser said.

The weekend tornadoes left more than 200 persons dead, 877 injured, and many homes smashed. The Red Cross immediately sent groups of trained staffs into the area to provide food, clothing, emergency shelter and medical attention to the stricken people.

Prospects of meeting the increased quota are considered possible, and probable, if some people who have already given send in "emergency appeal" checks, Fred W. Plonk, drive chairman said yesterday.

Only a portion of the rural area fund drive solicitation has been completed, and no reports have been received on industrial, employee, Grover residential, and Negro division solicitations. It was also announced that one Kings Mountain residential section is still to be reported.

"The Red Cross moves to serve in any and all disasters," Mr. Plonk said, "as has been eminently demonstrated during past weekend. Those who have given and who can give a little more should mail a check to the Red Cross, Kings Mountain, N. C. Those who have not given should, too, for the Red Cross earns its way."

PARKING MONEY A total of \$150.40 was collected from the City's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday, according to a report of Joe McDaniel, assistant city clerk.

FPC Re-Schedules Hearings On Gas

Kings Mountain's request for a natural gas allocation was re-scheduled for next Monday by the Federal Power Commission on Tuesday, according to Mayor Fie Tempore James (Red) Layton, in Washington for the scheduled March 24 hearing, and just returned to Kings Mountain by plane.

City Attorney J. R. Davis was returning to Kings Mountain by train Wednesday.

Mr. Layton said the docket was crowded with applications, and the FPC re-scheduled the hearings for each city an alphabetical basis.

Honor Society Inducts Five

Cornelia Ware, Ann McKelvie, Joyce Biser, Dolores Davidson, and Gilbert McKelvie were inducted into the Kings Mountain chapter of the National Honor Society Wednesday afternoon at the induction program held in the high school auditorium.

Jack Still, president, presided. He explained the spirit of the organization.

The principles of the Society were explained by Jonsie White, scholarship; Phyllis Ware, leadership; Charles Mauney, character; and Paul McGinnis, Jr., service. Katy Jones explained the colors which are blue and gold. Rachel Plonk, secretary, read the names of the graduate members from the roster.

Mrs. Juanita Warren and Howard Coble sang "Open My Eyes," "Give Us Stout Hearted Men," "I Would Be True," and "My Task" between discussions.

After the candidates had been tapped, Johnny Kiser, vice-president, presented them to Rowell Lane, principal, who gave them their membership cards, after their names had been written on the Society scroll.

The program was closed with an arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer" by Mrs. Warren and Mr. Coble.

Forest City Man Injured Here

Richard Crawley, of Forest City, remains in critical condition at Kings Mountain hospital from injuries sustained in an accident here Sunday night.

Mr. Crawley suffered a broken leg and serious facial cuts at about 8:50 p. m. Sunday when the car in which he was riding, driven by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Crawley, hit a steel post in front of the Joy Theatre.

The front of the 1951 Oldsmobile was almost completely demolished. A steady rain was falling at the time of the accident.

According to police reports, Mrs. Crawley said that she was headed north, on Battleground avenue and was blinded by a reflection at corner of Battleground and Mountain streets. The car side-swiped a lamp post on the southwest corner of the intersection, according to the report.

Witnesses, however, reported that Mr. Crawley was driving at that time and Mrs. Crawley took the wheel, bumped the post a second time and crossed the railroad.

The accelerator on the car hung up, Mrs. Crawley said, and she lost control of the car, running head on into the steel traffic signal light post in front of the theatre, the police report states.

Officer Ed Martin, who investigated the accident, said that his report was incomplete Tuesday. He is withholding his final report to talk to Mr. Crawley when the injured man's condition improves.

FINGER DUE HOME

First Lieutenant Fred E. Finger, U. S. Army Infantry Reserve who has been on active duty since August 1950 is being returned to inactive duty status and is expected in Kings Mountain Thursday, from Fort Dix, N. J., where he has been stationed the past several months. Mrs. Finger arrived here the past weekend. They will be at the home of Mrs. F. E. Finger, Sr.

"Then Conquer" Compromise Not Indicated

In a statement Wednesday, B. S. Peeler, Jr., president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., indicated that contract differences between the drama group and Bob Osborne, a member of the organization and author of "Then Conquer We Must!" will not be compromised, and that the Little Theatre will produce definitely a new drama by Florette Henri, New York authoress.

The indications were further borne out in a statement from Mr. Osborne, who said "I have heard no further word and am just sitting tight."

Mr. Peeler did not formally state that Little Theatre would not produce the Osborne play. He did, however, say that "no official reply" had been made to an offer by the Gastonia Little Theatre to mediate differences between the Kings Mountain Little Theatre and Mr. Osborne.

In a story appearing in the Gastonia Gazette last Wednesday, Mr. Osborne stated that the drama grossed \$10,000 in 1951, leaving a net profit of \$4,000, and he charged that Mrs. Henri was being given a better contract for an as-yet-unwritten play than he was offered for a "proven success."

Mr. Peeler, in his statement, gave these figures: He said the net from ticket sales after expenses, was \$1,378.92. He also stated that the Little Theatre had, two months ago, offered Mr. Osborne \$1,000 for outright purchase of his copyright, but had since dropped the offer to \$250.

Mr. Osborne said he offered the Little Theatre a contract in January of "unlimited duration" for a \$500 option fee, plus ten percent royalty, which was refused.

The Little Theatre's contract with Mrs. Henri calls for a \$500 advance against royalty fees of 10 percent on net admissions.

Acting last weekend, the Gastonia Little Theatre declined to accept Mr. Osborne's proffer of his drama for their production but offered to mediate the differences.

Mr. Peeler's full statement follows:

"Members of the Gastonia Little Theatre have contacted the Kings Mountain Little Theatre to inform the local group that the Gastonia group had turned down the contract offered to them by Robert Osborne, author of the historical drama "Then Conquer We Must". The Gastonia group wanted to know if the Kings Mountain Little Theatre would be interested in Mr. Osborne's play, if satisfactory terms could be arranged through the Gastonia group. At this date the Kings Mountain Little Theatre has not made an official reply to the Gastonia Little Theatre.

"The Kings Mountain Little Theatre has already commissioned Mrs. Florette Henri to write a new drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain. She has contracted to write the play for a royalty of ten percent of ticket sales, after taxes with a \$500 advance to be deducted from her royalties. She is a native New Yorker, who now lives in Yorktown Heights, New York. Mrs. Henri graduated from Barnard College and received her M. A. from Columbia University. She is the author of "Earl of Surrey" a blank verse tragedy which was awarded the Maxwell Anderson first prize in 1936 and was produced at the Pasadena Playhouse in California. At the same time, a second play by Mrs. Henri, "Sir Thomas Overbury" won honorable mention in the same contest. Her first novel KINGS MOUNTAIN has been a complete sell-out and there is not a copy available for purchase at this time. The (Continued On Page Eight)

City's Political Volcano Erupts With Indictments



SING HERE SUNDAY—picture shows Paul Berry, tenor, of Greensboro, and Miss Pearl Francis, organist, who will appear with the Mars Hill College touring choir at the Baptist church in Kings Mountain Sunday morning, March 30. Berry will sing "If With All Your Hearts" (Mendelssohn).

Three Members Of City Board To Face Trial

The intra-administration city political volcano, smouldering more or less quietly for several months, erupted again Tuesday when the Cleveland County grand jury returned true bills against Commissioner Lloyd Davis, on charges of unlawfully trading with himself, and against Commissioner Davis, Baxter T. Wright, Sr., and C. P. Barry on charges of unlawful failing to fulfill the duties of office by cancelling a debt owed the city by Fred J. Wright and Elmer Rhea.

The three officials were placed under bond of \$100 each.

The grand jury had first considered the charges, brought by Mayor Garland Still, at the January term, and had returned presentments. Technically, the presentment meant that the grand jury threw the matter back into the lap of Solicitor Jim Farthing. By returning the presentments to the grand jury, Mr. Farthing reciprocated. The grand jury was in session both Monday and Tuesday morning before returning the true bills. City Hall offices were closed both days, until late Tuesday morning, as officials and employees were called to testify before the grand jury.

The cases could be tried at the current term of Superior Court but probably won't be. A crowded court calendar might well require the whole scheduled two weeks of court, Clerk E. A. Houser said. If not reached this session, the trials would be advanced to the July term.

Also expected to be postponed, for the same reason, is the civil suit whereby a number of citizens seek to restrain the mayor, board of commissioners, and others from paying the salary of M. K. Fuller, city administrator. The plaintiffs charge that Mr. Fuller is, in fact a city manager, and that employing a city manager is unlawful.

The charges against the three commissioners were pressed by Mayor Still, who has made no secret of his hopes to have the trio found guilty and thereby removed from membership on the board.

By such result, Mayor Still hopes to regain control of the board of commissioners, which he lost in August, when the board cut his salary from \$300 to the statutory minimum of \$50 per month, after a hectic two months in which the Mayor has charged numerous city officials with everything from malfeasance in office to dereliction of duty.

The individual case against Commissioner Davis charges that he unlawfully sold the city \$387.47 in merchandise and made a profit therefrom of \$30.

The amount in question in the joint charges against the three commissioners is "about \$1,200". B. T. Wright, Sr., one of the three commissioners indicted, said that the firm of Davis and White would represent the three defendants.

Stevenson Dies Of Severe Burns

Theodore Stevenson, 27-year-old Negro of route one, died at Shelby hospital Saturday at 7 p. m. after suffering burns in a fire at the residence of Doshja Kennedy, on West Ridge street, some 12 hours earlier.

Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, is conducting a routine investigation in cooperation with Sheriff J. Haywood Allen, of Shelby, and Police Chief S. R. Davidson.

Kings Mountain firemen answered a call to the residence at about 6:30 a. m. Saturday. Firemen found two rooms of the house ablaze, neither of which had a heating or cooking stove in it.

After subduing the fire firemen discovered Stevenson unconscious under a bed in one of the rooms. He suffered third degree burns all over his body hospital officials reported.

The Kennel woman told firemen that Stevenson had decided to remain at her home Friday night because of the unusually hard rain. She said that she had noticed Stevenson under a window in the room before firemen arrived but, since he was not un-

Mars Hill Choir To Sing Sunday At First Baptist

MARS HILL — The Mars Hill College touring choir, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Weaver, teacher of voice at the college, will present a varied program of religious music at the First Baptist church in Kings Mountain Sunday morning.

Miss Pearl Francis, teacher of organ and piano at the college, will serve as organist for the service.

The program includes "God is a Spirit" (Kopyloff); "Almighty God of Our Fathers" (James); "Steal Away" (Arr. by Hall); "Lost in the Night" (Christiansen); "Salvation Is Created" (Tschernokoff); "Psalms 150" (Frank); "Create in Me, O God" and "Grant Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation" (Brahms); and "Jesus Is My All" (Bach).

Soloists for the group are Paul Berry, tenor, of Greensboro, and Norma Jean Banner, soprano, of Blowing Rock. Mr. Berry will sing "If With All Your Hearts" (Mendelssohn), and Miss Banner will sing the solo part in "Steal Away" (Arr. by Hall).

Large Crowds Hear McSween

Large crowds have been attending the evangelistic series of services at First Presbyterian church this week, which are being conducted by Dr. John McSween, veteran Clinton, S. C. minister.

The services continue through Sunday evening, with nightly services at 7:30. Dr. McSween will also deliver the sermon at regular 11 o'clock services Sunday morning.

Subject sermons for the remainder of the series include:

Thursday — "God's Call and Man's Response."

Friday — "The Lost Boy and a Living Father."

Saturday — "A Strange Refusal."

Sunday morning — "Religion in the Home."

Sunday evening — "Then Dynasty of the Gospel."

Services Held For Julius Carson

Funeral services for Julius J. Carson, 75, who died at his home Friday morning after a long illness, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Missionary Methodist church.

Rev. Spurgeon Struggs, assisted by Rev. George Leigh and Rev. Lawson, officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Kiwanians Attend District Meeting

Byron Keeter, Aubrey Mauney, J. H. Patterson, B. S. Peeler, Jr., D. M. Peeler, Dr. D. F. Ford and Harold Hunnicutt represented the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the annual meeting of Division One, Carolinas district, of Kiwanis International at Forest City Monday night.

Clubs in the district, which include Asheville, Brevard, Cherokee, Forest City, Hendersonville, Kings Mountain, Marion, Morganton, Rutherford, Shelby, Tryon, and Waynesville, heard an address by Joe Talley, Jr., the district governor.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

The Kings Mountain post office has received 5,000 lot shipments of two current commemorative stamps. The stamps commemorate the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the 50th anniversary of the American Automobile association.

State, Congress Filing Deadline Passes; Local Voters Unsurprised

Filing deadline for state and district offices passed Saturday at noon, with a mass of filing activity at the last minute from Republican candidates who feel this may be the year to upset the incumbent North Carolina.

There were no particular surprises in the Democratic ranks affecting Kings Mountain voters. The Democrats will choose a governor nominee from William B. Umstead, of Durham, Hubert Olive, of Lexington, and Manly Dunaway, of Charlotte, with the prime interest in the Umstead-Olive battle. Dunaway, a perennial candidate, has never obtained many votes. H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, is the Republican candidate.

Woodrow W. Jones, of Rutherfordton, 11th district Congressman, has no Democratic opposition, one of three North Carolina Congressmen to escape a primary fight. His general election opponent will be George M. Pritchard, Marshall Republican.

The candidates for state offices, in addition to the governorship, are:

For Lt. Governor: Marshall C. Kurfess, Winston-Salem (D); Roy Rowe, Burgaw (D); Luther Hodges, Leakesville (D); Ben J. McDonald, Wilmington (D); W. Gordon H. Pritchard, Spruce Pines, (R); William C. Lehw, Raleigh (R).

For Secretary of State: Frank G. Carr, Brevard (R); Thad Eure, Raleigh (D).

For State Auditor: Henry L. Bridges, Greensboro (D); J. A. Maulsby, Whiteville (R).

For State Treasurer: Brandon P. Hodges, Asheville (D); S. C. Eggers, Boone (R).

For Attorney General: Harry McMullan, Washington (D); A. Valon E. Hall, Yadkinville (R).

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