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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
 A total of \$146.59 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning according to a report by the city treasurer's office.

ATTENDS MEETING
 B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, went to Mars Hill Tuesday for the annual meeting of North Carolina school superintendents. He is to return Thursday.

UNION SERVICE
 Sunday night's union service for five city congregations will be held at Central Methodist church. Mr. William R. Klein, summer supply pastor for First Presbyterian church, will deliver the message.

COURT OF HONOR
 Court of Honor for the Kings Mountain district, Boy Scouts of America, will be held Thursday night at City Hall courtroom at 7:30, according to announcement from Piedmont Council headquarters.

TO ASSEMBLY
 Rev. Glenn Eason, pastor of the Church of God, is attending the General Assembly of the Church of God which meets this week in Indianapolis, Ind. The assembly meets every two years.

MISS AVERITT HERE
 Miss Alice Averitt, teaching consultant in Kings Mountain City schools, arrived here Tuesday to begin her duties for the coming year. Miss Averitt is residing with Miss Carlyle Ware at her home on W. Mountain street.

KIWANIS MEETING
 Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and their families will attend a barbecue supper at Lake Montonia Thursday evening at 6:30. Red Bridges is to serve the dinner. In event of rain, the supper is to be held at Masonic Dining Hall, the club's regular meeting place.

LIONS PICNICKED
 About 100 Kings Mountain Lions, their families and other guests, were served picnic dinner Tuesday night at Bethlehem school by ladies of the Bethlehem community. In addition to fried chicken and country ham, the tables were laden with a rich variety of cakes, pies, sandwiches and other delicacies.

MCGILL REUNION
 McGills of Gaston will gather at Bethel Arbor off the Cherryville Road at 11:30 for their annual reunion. Picnic dinner will follow the program and business session. All members of the clan are being urged to attend.

COLTRANE TO SPEAK
 D. D. Coltrane, assistant director of the budget, and a recent target of Governor Scott, is to address the Shelby Kiwanis club on the subject "North Carolina Fiscal Policy" at the regular meeting of the organization at Hotel Charles Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Senator Clyde Nolan arranged the program.

KISER TO PREACH
 Rev. W. A. Kiser, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran church, Cicero, Ill., will deliver the sermon at 11 o'clock services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday. It was announced by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding. Rev. Mr. Kiser, a Kings Mountain native, gave the invocation at one of the sessions of the Democratic National convention.

BETHWARE BARBECUE
 The Bethware Progressive Club will entertain Bethware Fair catalog advertisers and other supporters at the annual pre-Fair barbecue at Bethware school next Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Invitations to attend were mailed yesterday afternoon, according to John Rudisill, secretary-treasurer of the Fair. He said fair catalogs would be ready for distribution this weekend.

BENSON ILL
 L. L. Benson, Southern Railway agent here, has been confined to bed for the past eight days. His condition is not regarded as serious, and he has shown improvement during the past few days. He expects to enter Black Mountain Sanitarium for further treatment within the near future.



LITTLE THEATRE AT WORK ON BATTLE DRAMA—Shown above is a recent picture of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre members, and others from Little Theatre groups of nearby cities at work on the new drama "Sword of Gideon," commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, which will be presented at Kings Mountain National Military Park beginning September 11. Above, left to right, are Roy Trammel, of Shelby, Mrs. Phillip Padgett, Sam Mitchem, Rudi Wuennenberg, Meek Carpenter, Mrs. Sam Mitchem, Dr. Phillip Padgett, and Miss Polly Hendricks, of Shelby.

Complaints Voiced Against New Rates

Some 60 to 70 citizens braved a heavy rain last Thursday night to attend the special meeting of the city board of commissioners and to hear Electrical Engineer Max Miller outline reasons for the city's change in electrical power schedules.

There were undertones of politics, as well as complaints and protests on increased bills received by some customers, but, principally, the protests came from a group of commercial users who had found heavy increases in the bills they received August 1.

Engineer Miller consumed about two hours in explaining details of the two new rate schedules but the tenor of the audience was pointed toward the end of the discussion when, to a question by L. L. Alexander asking why no break in rate is given commercial customers between 100 and 1,000 kilowatt-hour usage, Mr. Miller responded, "All you're saying is that the commercial rate should be lowered."

The response was a chorus of "yeas". Among those protesting was W. M. Gantt, who exhibited a power bill slightly more than doubled for usage of 80 less kilowatt hours. Mr. Gantt also flourished one of Mayor Garland Still's campaign circulars of last year, in which Then-Candidate Still charged that the city was making too much profit on its power system.

Ben A. Smith complained, as did Mr. Alexander, that the new commercial schedule penalized small users, and Wilson Crawford "The amount of current used is no fair basis of taxation."

George W. Allen, candidate for mayor last year, asked how Kings Mountain's new rates compared with rates in other cities, and Mr. Miller said Lincoln's rates are comparable. Mr. Allen later commended Mr. Miller on his work, saying, "You've done exactly what these boys have told you to do."

Commissioner Olland Pearson remarked, "If these fellows had been plugged in properly, they would have been paying more all along."

Mr. Miller, in reviewing the study of the rate schedules, said he had received two orders from the board of commissioners, 1) to equalize the schedules so as to be fair to all users, and, 2) to return the city the same revenue. He said he had gone over every 1951 billing, even checking for figuring errors, and had determined the following results of the new rate schedules: 1) about 1,000 customers would get lower bills; 2) about 800 would pay about the same; 3) some 100 would pay slightly higher bills; 4) about 100 would pay much higher bills, increased by as much as 60-70-80 to 100 percent.

Pre-Induction Draft Quotas Are Increased

Cleveland County's selective service board has a stepped-up pre-induction quota for September, probably indicative of the increased call for men by the army in October.

Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, said that the county board has two orders to furnish 40 men each for pre-induction examinations on September 9 and 18. It also has been ordered to furnish 40 men for pre-induction examinations on August 28.

Eight men, including one from Kings Mountain, go to Charlotte Thursday for induction into the armed forces.

Cleveland county is to furnish ten men for induction on September 30.

Plumbing Firm To Move Here

Ben T. Goforth, well-known Grover plumber, has purchased the York Road building known as the Velma-Craft building and will move his shop here in the near future, it was announced this week.

Several Street Jobs Completed

A large number of Kings Mountain citizens are now out of the dust as a result of street-paving work completed Tuesday by the city street department, under the supervision of Tom Henry, assistant superintendent of public works.

Street-paving work reported completed by Mr. Henry include: North Sims street, North Goforth street, Third street, Grace street, Falls street, Falls street extension, Wilson street, and Monte Vista Drive.

The city also has re-surfaced one block of Falls street and three blocks of West Gold street. Next week, Taylor Construction Company is expected to begin work on re-surfacing more than two miles of city streets. The Taylor firm was moving its hot-mix plant here Tuesday, to fulfill contract with the city for about \$25,000 in street re-surfacing.

Blanton Reunion To Be On Sunday

The annual Blanton Reunion will be held Sunday at Lake Crawford, in the South Carolina state park, according to announcement this week by Ralph Blanton, secretary-treasurer of the clan.

City Retains Architect Firm For Jail Work

Meeting in special session last Thursday night, the city board of commissioners

1) Passed resolutions to pave portions of Morris street and N. Gaston street;

2) Retained Vaughn & Ormand, Shelby architects, to draw sketches of proposed improvements to the city jail;

3) Assigned Fire Chief Grady King the task of making a fire line check to determine that lines serving industrial sprinkler systems are clear;

4) Named Commissioner James Layton and City Administrator M. K. Fuller as a committee of two to recommend changes in water rate schedules; and

5) Passed an ordinance making illegal and providing a \$25 fine for persons convicted of such offense.

Mr. Layton had complained that the city's water rate schedule "doesn't make sense," pointing out that the first 3,000 gallons of water are billed at 33 1/3 cents per 1,000, while additional gallonage is billed at larger amounts before the sliding scale reverses downward.

Mr. Layton remarked, "We don't want to penalize anybody."

Mayor Still suggested that the rate for the minimum user not be raised.

Resolution to pave Morris street followed an appeal by Bill Mullinax who said he had been waiting for "two years." According to the resolution the street will be hard-surfaced to a point where the city's 40-foot right-of-way ends.

N. Gaston street is to be paved from Parker street to the house owned by Wilson Crawford.

Under the arrangement for sketches of the jail improvements, the city will pay the firm one percent of the estimated cost of the work. If working drawings are ordered, the firm will receive an additional three percent, and an additional two percent should the city retain the architects for supervision of the work.

The board also passed unanimously a general resolution covering a considerable amount of street paving work, some of which is in process, and some of which is scheduled for the future.

Jaycees Attended Cherryville Meeting

Some 116 Jaycees attended the first quarterly meeting of the third district, held at Cherryville's Carlton clubhouse Tuesday night. Twenty-one Kings Mountain Jaycees attended.

J. L. Wilkie, of Shelby, third district vice president, presided and J. B. Brame, state president was the featured speaker.

Other prominent Jaycees present included Gene Osenrter, national director, and Bill Snow, state extensions chairman, both of Asheville.

The Cherryville Jaycee organization was host to the meeting. J. L. Beam is president of the Cherryville club, organized about a year ago by the Kings Mountain club.

In addition to dinner Tuesday at 7 p. m. other activities of the meeting included swimming and golf at the Cherryville Country club during the afternoon.

Vice President Paul Walker gave the report of the Kings Mountain club. Other Kings Mountain Jaycees attending were Louis Falls, K. E. (Red) Morrison, Delbert Dixon, Bill Mecher, Bill Beam, Clavon Kelly, Dr. L. T. Anderson, Bob Ledbetter, Sam Mitchem, Meek Carpenter, J. T. McGinnis, J. C. McKinney, Bill Hudspeth, Bill Fulton, Wilson Griffin, Harold Phillips, John Chaney, Fred Weaver, Billie Mauney and Yates Harbison.

Work On Church Interior Begun

Construction work on Resurrection Lutheran church began Monday.

Approval Is Given Negro School Plan

The city board of school trustees has received approval to proceed with plans for the building of a six-room Negro elementary school building on a new site, according to report this week by Superintendent B. N. Barnes.

Approval of plans of the board to alleviate a pressing problem for the Negro school population followed a meeting in Raleigh last week with the survey panel of the Department of Public Instruction, when Mr. Barnes and Trustees Fred W. Plonk and Arnold W. Kincaid conferred with members of the state survey panel. Recommendations of the panel have been approved by the North Carolina Board of Education.

Mr. Barnes said that the next moves on the part of the Kings Mountain board of school trustees will be obtaining of a site and plans for the new building. He added that, while approval had been obtained for a six-room building, construction of six class rooms would depend on available funds.

Originally, he said, the local board and the survey panel had talked in terms of a five-classroom building, but that both local groups thought a six-classroom building desirable, if sufficient funds could be allocated.

Developments on building of another elementary plant for white pupils were these: the survey panel recommend 1) that plans be deferred pending another and more complete survey to determine best location; and 2) a study of available funds and where to obtain more funds for a long-term building program.

Mr. Barnes said the trustees had pointed out to the survey panel that all its available funds could not be used for improving the colored school plant, since housing the white school population is becoming a greater problem annually.

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Kings Mountain Citizen Reports Impressions Of European Rebuilding

Covering six nations of Europe in a brief period of time keeps an American on the run, Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain manufacturer, reports from Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Mauney and his family attended the Lutheran World Conference in Hanover, Germany, and are making a quick trip to Italy and Paris before returning home late this month.

In an interesting letter to the Herald dated August 7, Mr. Mauney summarizes his impressions gleaned in the past few weeks: "It was an unexpected pleasure to receive the Herald in Cologne, Germany, and again here in Zurich, Switzerland. The destruction of war we saw wrought in Cologne was terrible - blasted homes, whole business sections and churches. It was awful to see and stand in striking contrast to this beautiful city in which we now are. In this small peaceful country where there has been no war to mar the beauty of scenes of long ago, Ages of construction and improvement have created buildings mellowed with age.

Each generation for a thousand years or more, has added to and taken nothing from.

"The people we see here look like the best we would see in any community back in America. The same was true in Holland. We are always surprised to find that they may not understand our American English. Yet we can always find those who can talk with us as many as five languages.

City Enacts Restrictive Livestock Law

The city commissioners passed a sanitation law last Thursday night, entitled "Livestock Ordinance," which restricts the keeping of swine, poultry and other livestock within the city limits.

The ordinance specifies: 1) No person shall maintain "hogs, pigs, horses, mules, cows," with 200 feet of any residence, place of business, cemetery, public or private playground within the city limits.

2) No person or firm raising poultry for commercial purposes shall maintain such a place within 400 feet of any residence, place of business, cemetery, park or playground.

The law also requires that such places complying with the distance regulations shall be kept clean, provides five days for compliance with a complaint notice, and provides penalty for persons convicted of violating the ordinance. Persons convicted are subject to a maximum fine of \$25 and imprisonment up to 30 days.

The ordinance was unanimously adopted.

It is published in full in today's issue of the Herald, Section I, Page 7.

Rites Sunday For Boyce Stone

Funeral services for Boyce Henry Stone, 28, native of Cleveland County and resident of route 2, El Bethel community, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from El Bethel Baptist church.

Rev. R. L. Forbis, pastor of the church, officiated assisted by Rev. Ray Swink and Rev. R. L. Chaney. Interment was in El Bethel church cemetery.

Stone was killed instantly Friday morning at 11:50 when the crane which he was operating at the new Shelby water plant overturned and pinned him under it.

He was employed by the Lee Construction Co. of Charlotte. At the time of the accident, Stone was moving some large pipe, the heavy weight of the pipe causing the crane to overturn, thus catching him beneath it. Shelby police reported that it took about 40 minutes to get him from under the crane. Death was termed accidental by Coroner Ollie Harris and no inquest was held.

Stone was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Stone of the El Bethel community and was a member of El Bethel church.

The young Kings Mountain man was a former professional baseball player, playing in '47 as pitcher for Charlotte, in '48 for the Shelby Farmers, and in '49 for Conover. A veteran of World War II, Stone served as a sergeant in an aviation battalion.

Surviving in addition to his parents are: one son, Tony Lee Stone of Baltimore, Md.; one brother, W. F. Stone, Jr.; and one sister, Betty Stone, both of Kings Mountain.

Honorary pallbearers included: Jack Stone, Jr., Harvey Stone, William Maple, Sr., Paul Medford and Walter Atcom.

Active pallbearers included: Buster Watterson, A. T. DeBree, Wilford Maples, William Maples, and Hubert Maples.

Hardin Farm Auction Set For Saturday

Auction sale of the L. D. Hardin farm on Grover road will be held on Saturday beginning at 2 o'clock.

The property, known as Hardin's Peach Orchard and located about four miles south of Kings Mountain on U. S. 29, includes two residences, one six-rooms and one four-rooms, numerous outbuildings, building lots and several farm tracts.

Prizes are being offered holders of lucky numbers. J. B. Nolan Co., auctioneers, have announced.

Board To Meet Monday Night

Regular August meeting of the city board of commissioners is scheduled for Monday night at City Hall at 7:30.

The meeting was postponed from the past Monday night.

Mayor Garland Still said the agenda, thus far, is routine, with monthly reports to be received and other routine pending matters to be discussed.

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