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Local News Bulletins

TO OREGON
 Miss Martha Plonk left Sunday for Corvallis, Oregon, where she has accepted a position with Oregon State College.

LIANS MEETING
 Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall. Program for the meeting has not yet been announced.

KIWANIS MEETING
 Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, new pastor of First Baptist church, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Lodge Hall, according to announcement in the Sinawik, club bulletin.

ATTEND OPENING
 Joseph N. Dixon, business manager for Kings Mountain hospital, Mrs. Mozelle Gardner, chief anesthetist, and Mrs. Dorothy Goforth, head nurse, attended the opening of the University hospital, Chapel Hill, Tuesday.

BROTHERHOOD TO MEET
 The brotherhood of Resurrection Lutheran church will hold a special meeting at the church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. Vance Daniel.

TO HEAR BELK
 Rev. A. E. Belk, of Gayney, S. C., will be guest minister at both morning and evening services at First Church of the Nazarene on Sunday. It was announced by the pastor, Rev. C. E. McKenzie. The morning service is at 11 o'clock and the evening service is at 7 o'clock.

ATTENDED MEETING
 Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, J. H. Thomson, clerk of the session, and J. G. Darracont, superintendent of the Sunday School at Dixon, Presbyterian church, attended the meeting of the Synod of North Carolina at Davidson College this week.

DIXON SERVICE
 James Moss, a graduate of King College, Bristol, Tenn., will bring the message to the Dixon Presbyterian church at 9:45 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 7. Mr. Moss will attend Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Ga., this fall.

HOWARD RELEASED
 Capt. Grady Howard, on active duty with the Marine Corps for the past 17 months, has been returned to inactive status. He and Mrs. Howard and their family arrived home Saturday from Camp LeJeune, where Capt. Howard has been stationed.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE
 Baptist ministers of the county will hold a pastors' conference at First Baptist church in Shelby, next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, according to announcement by Rev. W. L. McSwain. Rev. B. F. Austin and Rev. J. R. Cantrell will discuss "Ordinances"

LEGION NOTICE
 Regular September meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall on Thursday, September 11. Date was changed from September 12 to avoid conflict with a Kings Mountain high school football home game.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 Members of the executive committee of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, were reminded today of the regular meeting to be held on September 8 at the Legion Hall. Commander Sam Collins has urged all members to attend.

Weekley To Begin Pastorate Sunday
 Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, new pastor of First Baptist church, will deliver his first sermon at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. Weekley is expected to arrive in Kings Mountain Thursday. He comes to Kings Mountain, succeeding Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., from the pastorate of Masonboro Baptist church, of Wilmington.

Auditors Suggest 13 Bookkeeping Improvements

Ernst & Ernst, of Winston-Salem, in their audit report of the city's books for the fiscal year 1951-52, itemized 13 recommendations for improving the city's bookkeeping procedures.

The recommendations compared with 18 suggested improvements made by the same firm following an audit of the city's books last year. Some of the recommendations were duplicates of those made last year.

The auditing firm stated: "Both the accounting procedures and the system of internal control employed by the City are, we believe, still inadequate to safeguard the property and funds of the City, even though improvement has been made during the year. We find the weaknesses now include, among others, the following:

"(1) little or no formal receiving procedure for goods purchased; (2) occasional failure to match invoices with purchase orders, due to absence of purchase orders or purchase orders without the proper information thereon; (3) failure to make record of audit of invoices as to extensions, footings, prices, etc.; (4) no accountability for materials purchased, or for scrap; (5) failure to control amounts receivable for taxes; (6) failure to completely control liability for utility deposits; (7) failure to abide by budget accounting; (8) failure to properly authorize all invoices paid; (9) payment of vendors' statements (as contrasted to original invoices); (10) no accountability of some permits issued; (11) failure to properly control utility receivables; (12) failure to accurately summarize and control assessments; and (13) frequent errors in the preparation and entry of accounting information."

"We have noted," the report continued, "the great turnover in personnel and understand the problems the City has faced. Many of the above weaknesses are being corrected and worked out by City personnel. We recommend for your consideration the employment of a receiving clerk and the establishment of a central storage in order to control the inventories of the City; that the Board of Commissioners authorize and approve all invoices over a minimum amount; that the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meetings include full, itemized information in detail on all actions of the Board; and that assessment scrolls be properly processed according to law."

The auditors reported that the "liability shown by the books for light and water deposits is not in balance with the detailed records. It probably represents the approximate amount of the liability. Considerable work will have to be done to be able to correctly state the liability."

METER RECEIPTS
 A total of \$146.58 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning according to a report by the city treasurer's office.

City Commissioners Talk New Jail, After Seeing Re-modeling Sketches

The city board of commissioners met in special session Friday night to discuss jail improvements with its architects, looked at the estimated \$19,000 price tag attached to the sketches, then agreed to investigate the possibility of building a new jail.

After first authorizing the firm of Ormand & Vaughn, of Shelby, to prepare sketches for a new jail to be built behind the present City Hall, the board rescinded the action to confer with J. L. Williams, Monroe, Va., architect, described by Chief of Police S. R. Davidson as a specialist in jail architecture. Mr. Williams is to confer with the board at its next regular meeting.

The board indicated it would consider financing the project, should it become a definite one, through a special bond issue. Such an issue would require a favorable vote of the citizens. Otherwise, the session was limited to further discussion on the recently-enacted power rate schedules.

Crowd Expected For Fashion Show



TO BE INSTALLED — Rev. Vance Daniel will be formally installed as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church at morning services Sunday at the church. Dr. F. L. Conrad, Synod president, will conduct the service.

Dr. F. L. Conrad To Install Daniel

Rev. Vance Daniel will be formally installed as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church at the 11 o'clock service at the church Sunday morning.

Dr. F. L. Conrad, of Salisbury, president of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, will conduct the installation rites, which will be held in the nave of the church.

Rev. Mr. Daniel first came to the Resurrection church with the status of mission developer. Sunday morning's service will be the first held in the main auditorium since construction work on the nave began several weeks ago. Plastering work has been concluded, though other work remains to be completed.

No vesper service will be held at the church Sunday evening. The Resurrection congregation having been invited to attend the opening of the new Spindale Lutheran church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. H. G. Fisher, a former pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church here, is pastor of the Spindale church.

ACKNOWLEDGE GIFT Kings Mountain hospital and staff have expressed appreciation to the WMU of First Baptist church for contribution of new linen for the operating room. Joe Dixon, business manager, announced the gift yesterday.

residential, plus 20 percent, or to eliminate demand charges. But there was no agreement with Commissioners Lloyd Davis and Olland Pearson indicating they wanted to give the current rates a trial over a reasonable period of time.

In reply to a question on complaints, City Clerk Joe Hendrick said, "We received less complaints last month than previously, though complaints on power bills are a regular part of the paying period."

On motion of Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Pearson, the board voted unanimously to study a report at the subsequent regular meeting to include: 1) revenue based on residential rates, with a 20 percent addition for commercial users; 2) revenue based on a 10 percent reduction; 4) revenue from city distribution if Duke Power Company rates were applied; 5) revenue, less demand charges; and 6) revenue, with REA rates applied.

The board also authorized the expenditure of up to \$1,000 additional for street re-surfacing being done by Taylor Construction Company. The board originally contracted with the Taylor Company for \$25,000 in street re-surfacing, and authorized the increase, if necessary, to complete all streets originally scheduled for the "hot-mix" treatment.

High School Gym Scene Of Event On Friday Night

"Fall Fashion Frolic," a fashion show featuring fall merchandise from Kings Mountain stores shown by local models, will be presented at the high school gymnasium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The show is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club in cooperation with the Merchants Association. Nine firms will show apparel and accessories during the evening. They are Belk's Department Store, Plonk Brothers & Company, Reba's Fashions, Myers' Dress Shop, Keeter's Department Store, Wee Folk Shop, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Sudie's Beauty Shop, and Grayson's Jewelry.

Mrs. James White is chairman of the Junior Woman's club committee and Mrs. J. B. Simpson will serve as commentator during the showings. Mrs. Charles Alexander will give the word of welcome, first item on the program.

Officials of the show are expecting an exceptionally good showing of all fashions for women and children and a capacity audience.

Tickets are on sale at the participating firms and by members of the sponsoring organization. Models for the show were announced yesterday. They include:

Belk's — Miss Ruby Crawford, Mrs. P. D. Herndon, Mrs. Ray Clemmer, Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, Phyllis Dean, Beth Houser, Billie Jo Thorburn, Johnny Clemmer and Billie Mabry.
 Plonk's — Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Eugene Roberts, Mrs. I. C. Davis, Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Sr., Miss Rachel Plonk and Miss Doris Stewart.
 Reba's — Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. Myers' — Mrs. Herndon, Mrs. L. E. Abbott, Mrs. Hunter Allen, Mrs. Sam Mitchem, Miss Marion Arthur, Miss Mary Ann Beam, Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. David Cash, Miss Joyce Biser and Pat Steffy.
 Keeter's — Mrs. Hunter Patterson, Miss Bernice Harrison, Miss Margaret Cornwell, Miss Diana \$1,680.

City Operations: \$2,099 In Black

Blessed by record general fund receipts, the City of Kings Mountain showed a slight cash operating profit during the fiscal year closing June 30.

Audit report of Ernst & Ernst, which audited the city's accounts, showed income exceeded expenditures by \$2,099.31, after deducting \$2,976.02 as an adjustment of the reserve for insolvent taxes.

The city received during the year \$420,141.04 and spent (including the tax reserve adjustment) \$418,041.73 for all purposes. General fund expenditures totaled \$375,427.28, debt service cost \$41,405.53, and cemetery fund expenditures, limited to capital improvements to the cemetery, were \$1,208.92.

All but one department closed the year showing their respective budgets underspent. The exception was the street department, which overspent its budget by \$879.07.

As was customary, the utilities departments showed the largest expenditures. The city spent \$113,060.34 on the light and power department (with \$65,383.43 paid for the purchase of power), and the city spent \$51,175.37 on the water and sewer department.

Fifth Annual Bethware Fair Ready To Open

The fifth annual Bethware Community fair will open next Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock with record crowds expected to attend the four-day event.

The fair will feature both farm and commercial exhibits, with prize drawings scheduled for each evening at 9:30 to be followed by fireworks displays. Opening day will be children's day, with special contests for children. No gate admission will be charged.

On the midway, the Williams Amusement company will hold away, with a half-dozen riding devices to be operating for the entertainment of fair-goers. Meeting Tuesday night, the Bethware Progressive club, sponsors of the fair, mapped final plans for the event and officials are predicting their "best-ever" fair.

John Rudisill, secretary-treasurer, said that the Bethware school luncheon room will be operated cafeteria style during the fair to serve meals to fair-goers at reasonable prices. The fair will open each day at 1 p. m. Judging of all exhibits and in all departments will be completed Thursday. The special Friday feature will be a farm machinery exhibit at 2 o'clock.

Fair officials include Lewis Hovis, president, Myers Hambricht, manager, Mrs. H. A. Goforth, assistant manager, Will Watterson, secretary, J. H. Rudisill, Jr., secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lamar Herndon, assistant secretary, Edwin Moore, superintendent of grounds, and Leonard Gamble, assistant superintendent of grounds. Directors are: J. D. Harmon, Will Watterson, Boyd Harrelson, Dale Volbracht, Leonard Gamble, Charles Goforth, Charles Blalock, Billy Phifer, Lewis Hovis, Edwin Moore, Willard Boyles, Hal Morris and J. H. Rudisill, Jr.

Department directors and assistants include: Agriculture — Cameron Ware, director, Wayne L. Ware, Jr., Frank Ware and Edwin Moore. Farm and machinery — Lewis Hovis, director, Lyman Champion and Joe Craver.

Women's department — Mrs. H. A. Goforth, director, Mrs. Hal Morris and Mrs. Clay Poston. Women's department subdivisions include: Canned Fruits and Vegetables — Mrs. Leonard Gamble, Mrs. Will Watterson, Mrs. Eugene Patterson, Mrs. Wray Greene.

Preserves, Jellies, Jams, Pickles, Relishes and Meats — Mrs. Menzell Phifer, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mrs. Frank Ware, Mrs. Claude Harmon. Pantry and Dairy Supplies — Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Earl Morris, Mrs. Hugh Ormand, Mrs. De Witt Randle.

Household Arts Department — Mrs. Ted Ledford, Mrs. Frank Herndon, Mrs. Hugh Dover, Mrs. Willard Boyles. Flower Department — Mrs. Floyd Herndon, Mrs. Boyd Harrelson, Mrs. Perry McSwain, Mrs. Dale Volbracht.

Food Committee — Mrs. John Rudisill, Miss Sara Cranford, Mrs. Bryan Hord, Mrs. J. K. Willis. 4-H Club Department — Miss Lois Gamble, Miss Sonya Goforth, Miss Laura Laine Morris, Miss Patsy Hoyle.

Jenkins Assumes Archdale Duties

Ben P. Jenkins, Jr., former Cleveland County farm agent, will superintend the operations of Archdale Farms, Kings Mountain dairy, according to announcement this week by P. M. Neisler.

Mr. Jenkins will manage the dairy in conjunction with the operation of his farm management service in Cleveland County. He said no immediate changes are anticipated in the dairy operation, which supplies milk to consumers both via retail stores and home delivery.

Mr. Jenkins assumed the duties of manager of the dairy Monday. He succeeds Holland P. Dixon, who resigned to become an official of Hardin-Dixon Equipment Company, Shelby farm equipment dealers. Archdale Farms is owned by Neisler Mills, Inc. Mr. Jenkins recently resigned as a district official of the farm extension service to launch his new farm management service.

1,991 Kings Mountain Area Pupils Begin School Term



PORTRAY DRAMA ROLES — George Gray, of Gastonia, and Miss Betty Weathers, of Shelby, may be seen as "Reece McDermont" and "Virginia" in the Kings Mountain Little Theatre drama, "The Sword of Gideon," which opens at the amphitheatre at Kings Mountain National Military Park on Thursday night, September 11. The drama is scheduled to run for 12 nights, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

City Enrollment Shows Net Gain Of 38 Pupils

A total of 1,991 Kings Mountain area school children enrolled for the 1952-53 term Tuesday. Of the total, 1,816 were enrolled in the five city schools units, while 175 were enrolled at Park Grace school in the county system.

The city system showed a first-day population gain of 38 pupils, while at Park Grace the total was three less than on last year's opening day.

Opening day problems in the city system were confined to equalization, of classes and space problems, Mr. Barnes said. All elementary schools reported very large fourth grades, and East school found itself one classroom shy. Some pupils will be transferred to Central school to alleviate the over-populated problem, and school officials are contemplating moving one class from East school to Central. Mr. Barnes said ample classrooms had been provided by pressing three rooms at Central into classroom service which had formerly been used for other purposes. He said all the necessary re-arrangements would be completed by the weekend.

Largest first-day enrollment gains were reported by East and Central elementary schools, each reporting 24 additional students over last year. Davidson colored school, however, showed a drop in opening-day enrollment of 28, eight in the high school and 20 in the elementary school.

West elementary school enrollment gained eight over last year's first day and Central high school enrollment was up a total of ten students. First-day enrollment figures follow: Central elementary, 653; West elementary, 236; East elementary, 346; Central high, 366; Davidson elementary, 153; Davidson high, 62; totals, white, 1,601; colored, 215.

Mr. Barnes said it is customary for enrollment to increase slightly after the opening day.

New Battle Drama Opens Next Week

100-Member Cast Completing Work For Opening

Some good reserved seats, including only a few for the September 11 opening night performance, are still available for the opening week of the Little Theatre's new drama, *The Sword of Gideon*.

Cast of the drama was announced this week. Miss Betty Ledford, office secretary of the sponsoring group, reports that ticket sales are brisk and a capacity opening night audience is almost assured.

Several important guests and many members of the press, radio and television are expected to attend the September 11 performance. Miss Ledford has announced that U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and U. S. Representative Woodrow W. Jones, of Rutherfordton, will be present for the opening performance.

The drama is now going into the last week of dress rehearsals and Mrs. P. G. Padgett has issued an appeal for all members of the 100-odd cast to be present at all practice sessions. Reserved seat tickets are priced at \$2.40, general admission at \$1.80 and grandstand at \$1.00. Tickets may be secured at the Little Theatre Office, 510 East



RECEIVES MASTERS DEGREE — Mrs. Marcelle Blanton Navey, above, received her master of arts degree from George Peabody college for teachers in Nashville, Tenn., on August 22. She received her bachelor of arts from East Carolina. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blanton, of Kings Mountain, and wife of the late Ralph L. Navey of Raleigh, Mrs. Navey has taught at the State School for the Blind in Raleigh for 12 years. She resumed her teaching position there September 2.

Footnote Institutes Wage Increase

A five-cent per hour wage increase and extension of group life insurance coverage for hourly rated employees was made effective Monday by Footnote Mineral Company for employees of the Kings Mountain division.

Announcement was made by A. B. Chandler, superintendent of the Kings Mountain plant. The increase was termed a "cost of living adjustment."

A total of \$2,000 in life insurance is to be granted each hourly-rated employee who has been with the company for 90 days, or more. It was announced that those employees who have been with the company less than 90 days will receive the coverage once they have completed the 90-day period of employment.

Circus Coming To Town Monday

The circus is coming to Kings Mountain on Monday, according to announcement by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Two performances will be given at Plonk Showgrounds, off Grover road. "This is really a circus, not a carnival," Chairman Jack White said in making the announcement. "We feel that local citizens will really enjoy seeing an old-time circus and are happy to be able to present the Kelly & Morris Circus, one of the best," he continued.

The circus features "Big Blanche," billed as the largest elephant in the United States. "Blanche" weighs 11,000 pounds, according to circus officials and was purchased from Cole Brothers Circus in 1950. "The management offers \$1000.00 for proof Blanche is not the largest elephant," according to a press release. Kelly & Morris also features what is billed as the second largest travelling zoo in America, according to page eight.

City Audit Report Shows Surplus Value Over Million For First Time

The City of Kings Mountain closed its fiscal year 1951-52 showing a surplus value of \$1,078,722.55, an increase during the year of \$86,000.79, according to report of Ernst & Ernst, Winston-Salem auditing firm.

It was the first time the city had shown a surplus book value in excess of a million dollars. The surplus breakdown includes: general fund, \$58,020.67; cemetery fund, \$16,888.78; and capital fund, \$1,003,813.10. According to the condensed summary of the city's financial condition, the city listed at June 30 cash of \$84,438.97, receivables of \$38,058.23, supplies inventory of \$23,462.72, and property and equipment totaling \$1,256,773.02.

Liabilities included \$71,050.47 in current accounts, plus \$253,000 in bonded indebtedness. Included in the current accounts were 1952 tax pre-payments of \$30,639.18 and prepaid 1952 privilege licenses of \$3,026.87.

The property and equipment values listed by the auditors included these major items: Water and sewer lines, \$333,885.31; water plant and equipment, \$301,764.59; street paving and equipment, \$251,815.67; and school buildings and sites, \$128,096.88. The city hall and site is listed at \$44,409.77, the electric light and power system at \$39,140.06, while the cemetery property is listed at \$27,112.51.