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"SWORD OF GIDEON" TO OPEN THURSDAY

Band Appreciation Week Designated

Local News Bulletins

COURT OF HONOR

Regular meeting of the Boy Scout court of honor will be held at the City Hall Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Scouter round table will be the feature of the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Joseph N. Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, will address members of the ministerial association at their meeting Monday, announcement was made this week.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mrs. Betty Cash McCarter has recently accepted the position as secretary to Kings Mountain Little Theatre, announcement was made this week. Mrs. McCarter replaces Miss Betty Ledford, who has resumed her studies at Gardner-Webb college, Bowling Springs.

PFA MEETING

West School Parent - Teachers association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school auditorium. The executive board of the school will meet Tuesday at 2:45 p. m., according to announcement made today. All parents and members are urged to attend.

LEGION MEETS THURSDAY

Regular September meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall on Thursday night at 8 p. m. "All members of the post are urged to be present," Commander Sam Collins urged.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Professor E. S. Banker and a group of singers from Central College, Central, S. C., will conduct the regular 11 o'clock service at Second Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday morning, according to announcement by Rev. Yancey Carter, pastor.

First Baptist Elects Five New Deacons

Members of First Baptist church elected five new deacons at a congregational meeting Sunday, the first election held under a new church policy whereby the board of deacons will be rotated on a staggered term basis.

Elected to three-year terms were Dr. D. F. Hord, Yates Harbison, Johnny Beam, Alton Iverson and W. B. Logan.

These replace J. R. Roberts, L. L. Benson, B. N. Barnes, and L. E. Abbott, one place on the board was previously vacant.

Rev. J. L. Teague was chairman of the committee on election of deacons.

On Sunday, the members also heard the first sermon by their pastor, Rev. H. Gordon Weekley.

Mauney Gives Paper At Biology Session

Jack Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauney, delivered a special paper at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Biological Science held at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., this week.

The subject of Mr. Mauney's paper was "Blossom, Purification, and Properties of a Growth Factor from Coconut Meat", which he delivered Wednesday before the plant physiology section. The institute convened Monday.

Kiwanis Club To Conduct Fund Drive Next Week

Next week has been designated "Band Appreciation Week" in Kings Mountain, in conjunction with the annual fund campaign for the city schools band.

This year's fund drive is being conducted by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, with L. E. Abbott serving as chairman.

Mr. Abbott said he hoped the several campaign committees would be able to concentrate on the work next week in order to complete it as quickly as possible.

"We'd like to finish in one week," Mr. Abbott said.

Campaign goal was previously announced as \$1,500.

In a special appeal to individual contributors, Mr. Abbott invited them to mail or bring contributions to him at First National Bank.

"The soliciting committees are handling the commercial and industrial solicitations," Mr. Abbott said, "and we hope there will be a large contribution from individuals. The city schools band is an important asset, not only to the schools, but to the community as well. It has made a good record throughout the years and has brought the city much favorable recognition."

"We should have no great difficulty in obtaining the minimum goal, but we are hopeful that the amount will be exceeded," he continued.

The funds are used to purchase large instruments not customarily bought by individuals, to purchase music, and to other necessary supplies.

Frances Goforth Co-Authors New Play

A new play "The Cat in the Case" co-authored by Miss Frances Goforth, former Kings Mountain citizen, and Howard Richardson, formerly of Black Mountain, attracted an overflow audience at its opening August 25 at Atlantic City, N. J.

The Hammond News reported in its subsequent issue that "an over-flow audience, dotted with critics and celebrities from New York" saw the opening, and the paper favorably reviewed both the play and the actors' portrayal of their roles.

The play is a comedy with a unique twist, in that the action is presented from two viewpoints, first as the actors portray it, then as one character retells it.

Miss Goforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goforth, played the role of Mrs. Flowers in the opening performance.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$153.85 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by the city treasurer's office.

Mrs. H. E. Lynch, vice-chairman of the city board of school trustees, at a special meeting last Thursday, heatedly questioned the school policy of accepting without fee out-of-district pupils.

Mrs. Lynch charged that the city school districts are losing money on out-of-district pupils, that the schools are over-crowded due to out-of-district pupils, and that Bethware Principal John Rudisill had complained to the county superintendent concerning loss of Bethware district pupils to the Kings Mountain district.

She presented a list of 89 city school pupils which live in the Bethware district and said the list was furnished by Mr. Rudisill.

In connection with the contentions on the out-of-district pupils, Mrs. Lynch charged Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes with

City Schools Report 1,867 Now Enrolled

Population of city schools grew to a total of 1,867 through the end of the first week Monday, a gain over the first day enrollment of 51 pupils.

The net increase was 43 pupils over the total enrollment at the end of the first week last year, with the white schools population up and the colored schools population down.

End-of-one-week comparisons showed white elementary schools with a gain of 54 pupils, and Central high school with a gain of seven pupils. Davidson colored elementary school was down by 18 pupils, while its high school population was six pupils less.

End-of-one-week total by schools: Central elementary, 698; East elementary, 325; West elementary, 241; Davidson elementary, 168; Central high, 370; Davidson high, 65.

Through Monday, the fourth grade had edged out the first grade for most pupils in the city's white schools. A total of 175 pupils were enrolled in the several city schools fourth grades, while a total of 172 were enrolled in the several city schools first grades. Adding Davidson colored schools' total, the first and fourth grade counts were an even 200.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, said Wednesday that majority of the over-crowded situations have been improved by pupil shifts, with only a few more which are required to be relieved. One shift transferred an eighth grade from East school to Central, and a sixth grade from Central to East.

Board To Meet Monday Night

The city board of commissioners will meet in regular monthly session Monday night at City Hall at 7:30.

Among the principal items thus far listed on the agenda are 1) discussion of plans for a new city hall; 2) continuation of discussion on power rate schedules; 3) receiving of routine monthly reports.

Ware Operating Recap Service

Paul Ware, well-known Kings Mountain man, has opened a new business, Ware's Recapping Service, in the Falls building on York Road.

Mr. Ware said the firm offers recapping service on all makes of tires, both automobile and truck, and that the firm has most modern equipment for this type work.

Mr. Ware has, for the past five years, been associated with Plunk Oil Company, Kings Mountain area Shell oil distributor. He is the son of Mrs. J. F. Ware and the late Mr. Ware.

County Fair Ready For 29th Opening



Funeral rites for Cpl. Harvey Lawson, 19, of Kings Mountain, who was killed in action in Korea on July 10, will be held Sunday at 3 o'clock at Mountain View Baptist church, with Rev. Floyd Holler and Rev. George Leigh officiating, and with military burial rites to be conducted by the Charlotte ORC instructors group, interment will be at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Lawson Rites Sunday At 3

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The body is scheduled to arrive here at 8:29 Friday.

Cpl. Lawson, son of Mrs. Ada Phillips Lawson, of route 3, Kings Mountain, died of wounds received in action near Hapok kong-gal, North Korea.

According to the army report, Cpl. Lawson was participating in a battalion size sweep of enemy positions when he was wounded by fragments from an enemy artillery shell. Though evacuated immediately to a nearby medical installation, efforts to save his life were unavailing. He was serving with Company F, 29th Infantry regiment. Before entering the army on July 18, 1950, Cpl. Lawson was employed by a High Point upholstery firm. His father died in 1950.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are six brothers, Phillip, Bobby, Bill, Johnny, Tommy and David Lawson, all at home, and two sisters, Miss Bessie Lawson, Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Beulah Owens, of High Point. Also surviving is his paternal grandfather, John L. Lawson, 91, of Converse, S. C.

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will serve as pallbearers.

Lions To Conduct Rummage Sale

The Kings Mountain Lions club is now gathering used clothing and other items with the intention of conducting a mammoth rummage sale sometime in October.

E. E. Marlowe is chairman of the project and proceeds from the sale will be used by the Lions club for sight conservation work and other civic welfare purposes.

While the Lions members themselves are expected to furnish much of the "stock", Mr. Marlowe is inviting other citizens to participate as well. Persons who have clothes or other items they would like to contribute should call Mr. Marlowe, who will make arrangements for a pick-up.

Further details on the rummage sale will be announced later.

CONDITION IMPROVED
The condition of L. L. Benson has been reported much improved, according to word received today. Mr. Benson has been in Black Mountain Sanatorium for a period of several weeks.

Archdale pointed out that it was disposing of its herd and therefore would discontinue the distribution of milk in Kings Mountain and Grover. Another reason given for the discontinuance was the recent resignation of H. P. Dixon, manager of the farm for the past 20 years, to enter business in Shelby. The farm is now under the management of the Ben Jenkins Management Service.

Archdale pointed out that Carolina Dairy, of Shelby, will be in a position to supply present Archdale customers with the "same high quality Guernsey" milk which the Kings Mountain dairy had produced.

In making the announcement, Archdale Farms stated appreciation for the support of its patrons during the past two decades.

FAIR BOOTH
East elementary school will prepare the city schools exhibit at the annual Cleveland County fair which opens next week.

Cleveland Fair Features Full, Varied Program

September is Fair Month in Cleveland County and 1952 is no exception, the Cleveland County Fair opening for its 29th annual five-day run next Tuesday, in spite of a disastrous fire which destroyed the grandstand at the fairgrounds last Christmas eve.

The Cleveland Fair, largest county fair in the nation, is being billed as "bigger and better than ever."

New bleachers have replaced the burned out grandstand and Dr. J. S. Dorton, veteran fair manager, this week said all phases of the sprawling operation are "shaping up nicely."

The fair's five-day program of events follows the regular fair pattern.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, harness racing, a long-popular fair feature, will be the big feature. On Wednesday afternoon, the always-exciting stock-car races will be held, with AAA races beginning Saturday at noon. Jack Kochman's Hell Drivers show will be a Wednesday night event.

The midway will again feature the big James E. Strates troupe, which requires 45 special railway cars to move its people and gear.

Each evening, fireworks displays will be fired and are reported to be more elaborate than ever. As is customary, school children will be admitted free to the Fair. Opening day will be rural school day, while school day for Kings Mountain and Shelby will be on Friday, September 19. B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, said the day will be a half-day in city schools, and that principals have already received the free school children's tickets.

Much interest is being evidenced in the \$15,000 in premiums awaiting winning fair exhibitors. Two new buildings have been erected on the fairgrounds this year.

Also returning to the fair this year was the popular Terrell Jacobs wild animal circus, which drew thousands of patrons at the 1951 fair.

The George A. Hamid revue, featuring acrobats, high-wire artists and entertainers will furnish entertainment both afternoon and evening.

Gates will open at 8 a. m. daily.

Dairy To Cease Distributing Milk

Archdale Farms, Kings Mountain dairy, will cease the sale of milk at both retail and wholesale after Monday's deliveries, according to an announcement this week.

On Tuesday, Carolina Dairy, Inc., of Shelby, will assume the former wholesale and retail deliveries of Archdale Farms.

On Thursday, September 18, Archdale will sell at auction the major portion of its purebred Guernsey herd.

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Kings Mountain Off-To-School List Totals 105

The Kings Mountain area will send 105 students to 45 universities, colleges, prep schools, business schools, nursing schools and seminaries according to a list compiled by the Herald.

This year, some 88 students are listed at 30 major colleges and universities, eight students are listed at seven nursing schools, four at three secondary schools and five at as many special schools.

Gardner-Webb College, at Bowling Springs, heads the list with 12 Kings Mountain area students.

The Herald has made a diligent effort to obtain the names of all students going away to school this year. However, recognizing the possibility of omissions, the Herald would appreciate learning the name of any student who may have been omitted from this list.

enrolled for fall term, an increase of five over last year.

Davidson College lists 10 local area students. Appalachian State Teachers College and Western Carolina Teachers College 8 each, Lenoir Rhyne College seven and N. C. State College six.

The list of Kings Mountain area students and their schools, as compiled, follows:

GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE—Harold Pearson, Norris Camp of Grover, Jimmy Weaver, Betty Ledford, Sarah Kincaid, Gene McCrae, Jack Crouch, Dorothy Goforth, Josephine Williams, Play Payne, Lawrence Carroll and Jake Thornburg.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE—Jack Ruth, William Herndon, Joe Neisler, Charles Mauney, Joe Neisler, Jr., Dick Webb, Hugh Neisler, Johnny Kiser, Jack Still and John Warlick.

APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE—Charles Palmer, Bobby Goforth, Frances Sisk, Tommy Owens, Mary Jane Sisk, Jake Hurd, Jr., Faylene Falls and Betty Kiser.

WESTERN CAROLINA TEACHERS COLLEGE—Mr. and Mrs. Oren Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Wright, Jr., Barbara J. Gault, Donald Patterson, Joe Wise and Alton Dover.

LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE—Gene Mauney, Bobby Moore, Mary Medlin, Louis Lackey, Rachel Plunk, Dikie McMaekin and Luther McSwain, Jr.

N. C. STATE COLLEGE—Herman Mauney, Garland E. Still, Jr., William Lawrence Plunk, Jimmy Yarbrough, Bobbie Huskey and Kenneth Spencer.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA—Charles Blanton, William Prince and Harold England.

WEST VIRGINIA TECH (Montgomery, W. Va.)—Gene Austin.

MONTREAT COLLEGE—Sarah Jackson.

FRSKINE COLLEGE—Iris Patterson.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—Charles Shepard of Grover.

WESLEYAN METHODIST COLLEGE (Central, S. C.)—Darrell Fowler.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY—Ellis Tate of Grover.

CLEMSON COLLEGE—Bill Cockrell of Grover.

PRESBYTERIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE (Maxton)—Ray Go.

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Ticket Sales Up For Battle Drama

Mountaineer Club To Meet Monday

A meeting of the Mountaineer Club, Inc., amateur sports promotion organization, has been called for Monday night, at 7 o'clock at City Hall, according to announcement this week by E. E. Marlowe, vice-president.

Mr. Marlowe said the principal business of the meeting would be a discussion of whether to continue the grammar grade football program, which the organization has sponsored for the past three years.

All members are urged to attend, Mr. Marlowe said.

J. C. Crawford Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for J. Calvin Crawford, 83, of route 1, Clover, S. C., will be held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Bethany ARP church.

Mr. Crawford died at Gaston Memorial hospital Tuesday night, where he had been a patient since last Thursday.

Surviving are five children, Roy Crawford, Mrs. Elma Stewart, Mrs. Berry McCarter and Mrs. Lawrence Traxler, all of Clover, S. C., and Mrs. Jess Stewart, of Gastonia. Mr. Crawford made his home with Mrs. Traxler.

Lions Favor Ike By 15-14 Count

Thirty Kings Mountain Lions participated in a presidential straw vote at the Tuesday night meeting and results were Eisenhower 15, Stevenson 14.

One ballot was marked with a question mark and was thrown out.

However, the vast majority of the "voters" thought that North Carolina's electoral vote should be Democratic on November 4. Only two thought the vote would be Republican, one a Democrat voting for Stevenson, the other a Republican voting for Eisenhower.

The ballots were furnished by Kings Mountain Court.

Program for the meeting was a current events quiz, conducted by W. L. Plunk, program chairman.

Generally speaking, the Lions did not prove too well informed.

First prize was taken by Paul Howard, who successfully answered 14 of the 20 questions. Carl P. Mauney was runner-up with 13 correct answers, and Dan Huffstetler took third prize with 12 correct answers.

Two members, Gene Timms and Paul McGinnis, were welcomed back into active membership following leaves of absence. Willard Crawford, former Kings Mountain citizen, was a guest at the meeting.

Sunny Skies Greet Bethware Fair On Opening; Big Crowds Expected

Sunny skies greeted the Bethware Community Fair on opening day Wednesday and officials were predicting that this year's fair, which continues through Saturday night, would be the best in the five-year history of the event from all standpoints.

The Bethware schoolgrounds, where the fair is located, was a busy place Wednesday afternoon. Many exhibitors were finishing their booths, and school children were enjoying "school day", featured by special contests for children.

Thursday will be judging day and much interest has been evidenced in this portion of the fair program, according to fair officials.

Friday's big afternoon feature will be a farm machinery demonstration.

Each evening at 9:30 a fire-

12 Performances Are Scheduled At National Park

Thursday night is opening night for "The Sword of Gideon" new battle drama commemorating the historic Battle of Kings Mountain, to be presented for 12 performances at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

The drama will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through October 4.

Opening night will be "press night", with the Kings Mountain Little Theatre to be hosts to some 35 working newspapermen and radiomen at a barbecue at Lake Crawford at 6:30. Prior to the barbecue, newsmen will tour the battleground area.

Advance ticket sale was brisk Wednesday afternoon, according to report of Mrs. Betty McCarter, who has assumed the office duties formerly handled by Miss Betty Ledford. Miss Ledford has returned to school.

Mrs. McCarter said a number of good reserved seats are still available for this weekend's performances. Some 150 remained for the opening night performance, while about 225 are available for both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Total seating capacity is approximately 1,300 persons, including both general admission and special bleacher seats.

Reserved seats are \$2.40, general admission \$1.80, and bleacher seats \$1. Special rate of \$1 per person is offered chaperoned school groups of 20 or more. Tickets may be obtained up to 5:30 p. m. daily at the Little Theatre office on E. King street. The ticket booth at the amphitheatre opens at 6 p. m. each performance night.

A "Remember the 17th" Kings Mountain area citizens, plus Little Theatre members, from surrounding communities, will present the new drama written by Florette Hentl, New York author.

Lead roles are taken by George Gray of Gastonia, as Reece McDermott, by Jack Atkins of Gastonia, as Col. Patrick Ferguson, Mrs. Sam Mitchem, of Kings Mountain, as Alice, and Mrs. Ellen Atkins of Gastonia, as Sally, Rev. W. L. Pressly and Rev. Vance Daniel are sharing the role of Rev. Samuel Doak.

Mrs. Atkins, as Virginia, starred in the feminine lead of last year's commemorative drama "Then Conquer We Must!", written by Bob Osborne, which played to standing-room-only crowds.

Mrs. Moffatt Ware is director of the drama.

Curtain time for each performance is 8 o'clock.

City Civil Suits Due For Trial

The question whether the employment of a city administrator in Kings Mountain is legal may be answered in Cleveland Superior Court next week.

Calendared for trial in the civil term opening next week, with Judge A. R. Crisp presiding, are two actions which seek to restrain the payment of City Administrator M. K. Fuller.

The plaintiffs, when filed last year, contend that the city administrator is, in fact, a city manager, and that employment of such an official is illegal under the city's charter.

The defendants named are members of the city board of commissioners, Mayor Garland Still and Mr. Fuller. Majority of the defendants deny the allegations and are represented by Davis & White, Kings Mountain attorneys. Peyton McSwain represents the complainants.

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