

City Limits 7,206
Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

Local News Bulletins

LEGION SPECIAL
A special called meeting of Ota D. Green Post 155, the American Legion will be held at the Legion Hall Monday night at 8 p. m. Important business will be discussed and Commanded Sam Collins has urged all members to attend.

TUESDAY FIRE
City firemen answered an alarm Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and extinguished a blaze at Mauney Mills village crossing. No damage was reported.

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

YULE CANTATA
The senior choir of Central Methodist church will present "The Story of Christmas," a sacred cantata, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p. m., directed by Miss Bonnie McIntosh.

TAG SALES
Sale of 1953 city auto tags totaled 159 Wednesday morning according to a report from the city clerk's office. Tags must be purchased by February 1, 1953. City vehicle owners purchased 1,190 during 1952. Price of the tag is one dollar.

Retailers List Holiday Hours

Majority of Kings Mountain retail merchants won't observe longer hours prior to Monday, December 22, Dan Huffstetler, association president said yesterday.

Recommendation of the association, he said, is that retail firms observe Saturday hours during Christmas week. This means that department, jewelry and variety stores would be open until 7 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday immediately prior to Christmas. Furniture and appliance stores would close slightly earlier, and grocers slightly later than the other groups.

The association's holiday schedule calls for two days at Christmas time, with stores to close both on Christmas Day and on Friday, December 26. A week later another day and one-half holiday occurs for retail personnel. The Wednesday half-holiday closings are scheduled for resumption on December 31, and New Year's Day has been added as a regular holiday of the Merchants association.

Merchants here customarily extend their schedules during the final Christmas shopping days.

Jaycees Sponsor Food Collection

"Buy a Can, Leave a Can!" is again this year the appeal of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The club is again asking citizens to remember the city's needy at Christmas time by leaving staple food items in boxes located at most Kings Mountain grocery firms.

"Remember—when you're grocery shopping this Christmas season, buy something for the less fortunate and leave it at the store. We will see that your gift is distributed to make someone's Christmas merrier," a spokesman said.

The club will collect the donated items and distribute them to a welfare department list of needy persons in time for Christmas.

Christmas Sale Set By Council

A Christmas sale of decorations, arrangements, gift items, Christmas cookies, cakes, and other delicacies will be conducted by the Kings Mountain Garden Club council on December 19 at the Women's Club, according to announcement this week by Mrs. Claude Hambricht, publicity chairman.

The sale, similar to one conducted last year, will be conducted from 1 to 6 o'clock, and the public is invited to attend.

Last year's sale was a "sell-out," officials reported. The Garden Club council includes three Kings Mountain garden clubs.

Portrait Unveiling Services Sunday

Goforth Portrait To Be Unveiled At Hospital

The portrait of Miss Lottie Goforth, benefactress of Kings Mountain hospital, will be unveiled at special services at the hospital on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30.

C. D. Blanton, Number 4 Township hospital trustee, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will open the service with prayer, and Mr. Blanton will make a brief statement of appreciation to the public for the donations which made possible the painting of the portrait. Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will deliver the principal address, and Rev. R. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, will unveil the portrait and give the benediction.

The public is invited to attend the special ceremonies, to be held in the hospital lobby.

The portrait, painted by J. Lee Settlemire, Kings Mountain native and now a Rock Hill, S. C., artist, honors a Kings Mountain woman who is credited with launching the successful movement to build a hospital here. At her death, Miss Goforth bequeathed her entire estate, which on conveyance to the county board of commissioners totaled \$33,959.56, for the purpose of building a hospital here.

A few years later, the county voted a bond issue to expand the Shelby hospital plant and to build a new plant here. Today, Kings Mountain hospital can accommodate 40 patients. In operation only about 20 months, it has already been expanded from the original plant, an addition completed a few months ago bearing the name of the Lottie Goforth Memorial Wing. Bids have been accepted for a nurses' home, on which construction is to begin around January 1.

Miss Goforth's bequest was utilized in building of the wing which bears her name.

The board of hospital trustees invited the public to share in honoring Miss Goforth, and citizens contributed more than \$300 to defray costs of the painting which will be unveiled Sunday afternoon.

Kiwanians Hear Basil Whitener

The Lincolnton Kiwanis Club journeyed to Kings Mountain for an inter-city meeting with the Kiwanis Club here last Thursday night.

Harvey Jonas, Jr. of Lincolnton, introduced the speaker, Basil Whitener of Gastonia, who is state solicitor for the 14th district. Mr. Whitener spoke on the "Progress of the South."

The Gastonia man compared the advancements of the South with that of the North. He particularly noted the progress of the textile industry in the South. In the last 15 or 20 years, he said, the South has made long strides toward progress in industry.

Approximately 52 members from the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were present and about 29 from the Lincolnton club. Gailther Frye, president of the Lincolnton Kiwanians, presided over the meeting.

Harold Hunnicutt, president of the Kings Mountain Club welcomed the Lincolnton club to Kings Mountain.

Saturday Is Deadline For Filing City Carrier Extension Petitions

Citizens of Kings Mountain, not now receiving city delivery postal service and desiring it, should present petitions requesting such service to the postmaster by Saturday.

Postmaster W. E. Blakely, who last week invited petitions for city delivery route extensions, is compiling a survey and cost analysis of the increased service at the instance of the assistant postmaster general.

Mr. Blakely said all petitions should be in his office by Saturday, and should be signed by



UNVEILING — The portrait of the late Lottie Goforth, painted by J. Lee Settlemire from the picture above, will be unveiled Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at special ceremonies at Kings Mountain hospital. Miss Goforth, through the bequest of her estate for the building of a hospital in Kings Mountain, was credited with launching the movement for building of the hospital.

Shopping Pace Is Quickening

Officially opened last weekend, Kings Mountain's Christmas-shopping season is well underway, and merchants expect heaviest buying to begin this weekend and continue for the next two weeks.

That's right, one merchant remarked, Christmas is only 12 fast-flying shopping days away. Generally, merchants report that Christmas shopping is following the pattern of former years. While some citizens are early-bird buyers, it appears that majority will attend their gift purchasing during the final two weeks.

"It's too late already to shop early," one merchant reminded.

Stocks of Christmas-season goods seem quite plentiful in Kings Mountain stores, with only a few items on the scarce list. Some furniture items are not obtainable on "at once" delivery, and some models of television sets are virtually non-existent, though higher priced models with larger screens are still being exhibited on dealer's floors.

Most dealers think television set sales will break all records this Christmas season. Apparel merchants reported an upturn in buying last weekend and during the early days of this week, but they expect the peak season to begin Friday. Jewelers have reported good sales for the past month and generally outdistanced other merchants on November sales.

There is no lack of toys for Santa's bag from Kings Mountain stores, with several firms having stocked toys more extensively than ever this year.

The postoffice is expecting record-breaking mailings and, like the merchant, is urging citizens to handle their business early.

Residents of the street and block seeking route extensions. He said several groups of citizens had already indicated that they would file such petitions.

Previously, Postmaster Blakely had asked that a postal inspector be sent here with a view to extending city carrier routes. Following this inspection, the assistant postmaster general ordered the survey and cost analysis.

No major route additions to the city carrier service have been made in the past six years.

Board Requests State Suggestion On Sewage

The city board of commissioners voted unanimously Monday night at their regular monthly meeting to invite the North Carolina State Board of Health for suggestions on handling the city's sewage disposal problem, in light of last Saturday's unfavorable vote on the issuance of bonds to improve the sewage system.

Previously, Commissioner Oland Pearson had withdrawn his motion to suspend all sewage installation work previously authorized and not yet underway. It had failed of a second.

The State Board of Health previously had condemned the city's sewage disposal system as inadequate and defective.

Monday's monthly meeting was long but principally concerned routine business.

One exception was a charge by Taxi Operator Frank Price that Taxi Operator Frank Roper has been violating provisions of the city's taxi franchise ordinance by using a private vehicle as a cab. The board voted to remind all taxi operators of the franchise terms.

Otherwise, the board: 1) Accepted the bid of Allison Fence Company to put a five-foot fence around a portion of Mountain Rest cemetery (2,200 feet) for \$4,067 installed.

2) Voted to bill citizens for several thousand dollars worth of street assessments.

3) Voted to charge a fee of \$1.50 per month to out-of-city residents using city sewage service (the vote was 3 to 1, Commissioner Baxter Wright opposing, Commissioner C. P. Berry abstaining).

4) Voted city office holidays for December 25, 26 and 27, and authorized payment of salaried employees for a half-month in advance on December 15.

5) Voted raises to City Linemen Wilson and Blanton of \$25 per month each (to \$250 per month), and to Robert Wright, water plant operator, of seven dollars per week (to \$55 per week).

6) Deferred action on request of Tax Supervisor Clarence Carpenter to remove fire lots owned by E. R. and R. Roberts from tax books, on claim that lots are out of city limits.

7) Authorized 30-minute parking on weekends at the Ware railway siding, and voted to restrict parking to one hour on Mountain street, from Railroad to City street, and on W. Gold street, from Railroad west for 150 feet.

8) Heard a report by City Attorney on the action of an FPC trial examiner in recommending the city's requested allotment of natural gas.

9) Approved installation of a street light on Sims street near the Barber residence.

10) Approved installation of a two-inch water line on Carpenter street, and stoning of a portion of Carpenter street.

11) Appointed Clarence E. Carpenter tax lister for 1953.

12) Appointed Tom Henry, Commissioner's Layton and Wright a committee of three to purchase an air compressor.

13) Authorized painting of city jail by Broadus Cash at \$1.25 per hour.

Seal Sale Total Now \$3,172.18

Proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals in Cleveland county totaled \$3,172.18 on Tuesday, according to report from Maru Jarrett.

The total represents about 40 percent of the \$8,000 goal and brought an appeal from officials of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association for all citizens to send in checks for the familiar Christmas seals.

Christmas seals were mailed to business firms and citizens throughout the county. Sale of the seals furnishes the only revenue available to foster the activities of the association in its work to stamp out tuberculosis.

The money obtained from Christmas seals is used to provide treatment for indigent patients, for research to determine improved methods of prevention and cure, and for education on the prevention of tuberculosis.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts collected Wednesday morning totaled \$152.13, according to report by the city treasurer's office.



YOUNG PASTOR — Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, 22, above, has accepted pastorates at El Bethel and Penley's Chapel Methodist churches. He is to graduate from Wofford College in January, when he will assume full-time duties here.

Churches Fill Pastorates

Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, 22, who will graduate from Wofford College in January, has accepted pastorates at El Bethel and Penley's Chapel Methodist churches and delivered his first sermons on Sunday.

The new pastor graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1949. After his graduation from Wofford, he will complete a correspondence course from Emory Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

He is married to the former Miss Marie Humphreys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Humphreys, former Kings Mountain residents. They have one son.

Rev. Mr. Huffstetler will take over his new duties fulltime at the first of the year and will move into the newly constructed church parsonage about February 1.

The young pastor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huffstetler of Kings Mountain.

Dole Speaker At Lions Fete

"On the friendly fields of strife are learned what boys need for the future," was the word of Bill Dole, Davidson football coach, as he spoke Tuesday night at the annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Given in honor of the high school football team, the banquet was attended by team members and their coaches, as well as a number of invited guests.

Coach Dole, referring to the over-emphasis of sports to the point that it caused corruption and scandals, declined to agree with the extremists who desire to throw out all inter-collegiate athletics. "Just because one incident occurs, it doesn't mean that all of it is bad."

Davidson, he said, is trying to build better athletic teams, yet keep athletics on a healthy path with scholastics. He said Davidson, for instance, wants to be in position to be able to win a minimum of half its football games each season, preferably more, but that it wants to offer as many non-athletic scholarships as athletic scholarships.

He commended the members of the Kings Mountain coaching staff and said he felt all coaches should have experience coaching in high school. He closed his remarks by quoting what he called the "Ten Commandments of Sports," which command that losers shall not quit or alibi, that winners shall not gloat, and that none shall take unfair advantage of another.

Coach Dole was presented by Jack Ruth, of Kings Mountain, Davidson quarterback for the past three seasons, who completed his Davidson career. Ruth praised Coach Dole as "a fine man and a good coach" and Dole said Ruth was one of the "best boys" he had ever coached.

Following the address, Coach Dole, aided by his assistants, Carl Hambricht and Chuck Slements, showed motion pictures of the thrilling Davidson-Harvard game.

Gifts were presented to coaches Shu Carlton, John Charlis and Don Parker by the Lions Club. Coach Carlton presented team members.

Prior to the program, Sam Stallings welcomed Hal S. Plonk and Rev. Phil M. Shore, Jr., as new members of the organization. Among special guests was Charles Neisler, coach of one of the city's Little League teams.

Citizens Give 109 Pints Blood Here On Monday

Kings Mountain area citizens contributed 109 pints of blood Monday during the one-day visit here of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

The total was 55 pints short of the goal for the collection, but was higher than some previous collections. The total would have been greater, Red Cross officials reported, had not several potential donors been refused for a variety of reasons, either because they had just returned from a broad or because they had recently given blood, or for other related reasons.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross executive secretary, said no Negro donors were included in the Monday group and she urged this group to help swell collection totals in the future.

Rev. Vance Daniel, chairman of the Kings Mountain chapter's blood collection program, issued a statement in which he thanked Sunrise Dairy for milk and Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company for ice, donated to the canteen. He also thanked Fireman Ted Gamble and P. D. Fulton for their work in assembling and dismantling the Bloodmobile equipment.

"I also wish to thank each blood donor for their part in helping to increase the Kings Mountain collection. We did not get enough on this visit, but I am hopeful that future collections will be much larger," Rev. Mr. Daniel said.

Following is Monday's blood donor list:

- John H. Lewis
Mrs. Rosa Head
David Kincaid
Jerry King
Lester R. Howell
Geo. H. Mauney
Timmons W. Vassey
Sam Stallings
L. E. Abbott
Pansy L. George
R. Lawrence Lovell
Mrs. Hilda Goforth
Dr. D. F. Ford
Bobby E. Henson
Mrs. Addie M. Turner
James T. Malcolm
John A. Cheshire
Clarence Dixon
Robert G. Whisnant
Richard B. Hale
Phillip L. Shore
James H. McKee
Everette Cloninger
J. Edwin Moore
Hall Rufus Goforth
Edgar E. Marlowe
John C. Reynolds
Maynard Lee Odell
Joe W. Hutchins
George W. Kennedy
Charles W. Wright
Troy L. Wright
James P. Crawley
Mary Edna Brown
William B. McSwain
William A. Pyror
Millard L. Metcalf
Baxter Short
Theodore E. Moss
Ruth C. Cloniger
Charles A. Black
John P. Lackey
Frank Morrow White
Kenneth Davis
Darrell Austin
Miss Alice Winifred Fulton
Miss Mildred Oletha Ballard
Broadus Moss
Carl Fisher Mauney
Miss Marilyn Gail Lewis
Bobby W. Rhea
John F. Hoyle
Hubert C. Whitaker
Charles Edward Blalock

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Sewage Bond Issue Defeated Saturday



ACCEPTS CALL — Rev. R. E. Robbins has accepted the call of Bethlehem Baptist church to become its first full-time pastor. He will preach his first sermon on December 21.

Robbins Accepts Bethlehem Call

Rev. R. E. Robbins will assume the pastorate of Bethlehem Baptist church on Sunday, December 21, following acceptance of the call of the church to become its minister.

Rev. Mr. Robbins, presently the pastor of First Baptist church, Goodman, Miss., as a native of Lenoir, and has held pastorates in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, and Mississippi during the past 13 years.

He is a graduate of Mars Hill college, Furman university, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Mrs. Robbins is the former Miss Evelyn Watkins, of Mt. Holly. They have two children, Linda, age seven, and Tommy, age three.

Mr. Robbins will become the Bethlehem Baptist church's first full-time pastor since its organization more than 100 years ago in 1849. He will fill the pulpit left vacant by the resignation of Rev. T. W. Fogleman, who retired from active ministry.

The church has recently completed a handsome parsonage at the cost of \$12,000.

Mr. Robbins and his family expect to arrive about the middle of next week.

East School To Give Program On Tuesday

"Christmas in Many Lands," a Christmas play, will be presented by pupils of East School on Tuesday night, December 16, at the school auditorium.

Pupils of all grades will make up the cast of the play which is directed by Miss Margaret Cole, city schools music supervisor, and other grade teachers.

Miss Cole urged the public to see the play. "Time of the program is set for 7 o'clock and no admission will be charged," she said.

Allen Memorial Church Dedicatory Services Will Be Held On Sunday

The new building of Allen Memorial Baptist church will be dedicated at special services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the dedicatory services marking the recent retirement of \$5,000 in indebtedness, the last installment owed on the building.

Announcement of the special service was made by the pastor, Rev. W. L. McSwain, who said that final payment of the church debt was made possible through the Lord's Acre and Dollar-A-Month club projects, which supplemented regular gifts and special offerings.

Rev. Garland Hendrick, of Gardner - Webb college, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

Others having part in the dedicatory services will be the Rev. Lewis E. Ludlum of Winston-Salem; Albert Hardin, Harold Queen and Paul Allen, all local young men who are students for the ministry; Brady A. Lall, chairman of the board of deacons; the Rev. Durham Hughes who helped to organize the church, and pastor McSwain. Two deacons will be ordained

Proposal Loses By 57 Ballots In Light Vote

Kings Mountain voters declined to approve a bond issue for sewage improvements in a special election held last Saturday. The official canvass showed 244 votes against the bond issue, with 187 votes for the bond issue.

The margin of defeat for the bond issue was therefore 57 votes. Interest in the election was slight, only 434 taking the trouble to visit the polls. Three ballots were not counted, registrars reported, because they were defective.

Generally speaking, election officials spent a dull day as the voters stayed away from the polls in droves, indicating little interest in whether the city was given permission to borrow up to \$600,000 for sewer system improvements. It was the third time since 1946 that a sewer improvements bond issue had been defeated. The other two were for lesser amounts.

Of the five voting precincts, only one returned a favorable vote on the question. Voters of Ward III favoring the bond issue by a heavy margin. In other wards the opposite was true, with Ward V voters turning in the heaviest margin of "no" votes. The totals by wards:

- Ward I — For 32, against 45.
Ward II — For 32, against 40.
Ward III — For 53, against 14.
Ward IV — For 25, against 39.
Ward V — For 45, against 106.

The voting was quiet throughout the day with no outward signs of organized effort either to pass the proposal or to defeat it. The total vote was only about one-fourth the total cast in the runoff city election of 1951, when more than 1,800 persons went to the polls.

Rites Thursday For Mrs. Clark

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rachel Neal Clark, 91, who died Tuesday evening following a long illness, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover, with the pastor, Rev. Park Moore, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. T. Denny.

The body will lie in state at the church for a half-hour prior to the funeral rites, and interment will be in Grover cemetery. Mrs. Clark had been in declining health for the past five years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Hardin, of route 2, Kings Mountain, and a brother, T. L. Neal, of Grover. Also surviving are four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clark was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian church.

Legion Hall Square Dance Set Saturday

Phenix Square Dance club has issued an invitation to the public to attend a dance to be held at the Legion Hall on East Gold street on Saturday night at 8 p. m.

Bruce Thorburn, recreation director at the Burlington Mills Corporation plant here, made the announcement and urged local square dancers to attend the frolic.

The dance was moved from the club's recreation room at Phenix to the Legion Hall to accommodate a larger number of dancers and spectators, he said.

The famous Cramerton square dance team is scheduled to give an exhibition and to join in the dancing. The Phenix band will play.

Herald To Advance Christmas Issue

The Herald, as its custom, will advance its Christmas week edition to appear in advance of its regular publication day. This year's Christmas-week edition will be published on Tuesday, December 23, rather than on the regular Thursday date which falls on Christmas Day this year. The edition will include special Christmas season feature material and greeting advertisements from business firms, in addition to the customary full news coverage of any regular Herald edition.