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Local News Bulletins

COMMUNICATION
 An Emergent Communication of Fairview Lodge 339 A. F. & A. M., will be held Monday February 16, at 7:30, for work in the first degree.

COURT OF HONOR
 Regular monthly session of the Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts is scheduled for Thursday night at 7:30 at City Hall, according to announcement from Piedmont Council headquarters.

TO CHAPEL HILL
 Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton left Wednesday for Chapel Hill to attend a meeting of the executive commission of the North Carolina Pharmacists Association in session there.

PASSES EXAM
 Kelly Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weaver has successfully taken competitive examinations for a scholarship in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.

METER RECEIPTS
 A total of \$146.22 was collected Wednesday morning from the city's parking meters, according to a report by the city treasurer's office.

MAUNEY IMPROVING
 Carl F. Mauney, who underwent an operation at Charlotte Memorial hospital on Monday, was reported resting well Wednesday morning.

TAG SALES
 A total of 943 Kings Mountain motorists have purchased 1953 city license plates, according to a report by the city clerk's office. Deadline for purchasing tags without penalty was February 1.

PTA MEETING
 The executive board of the Parent-Teacher association of West School will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. Parent-Teacher association will meet in the school auditorium Wednesday Feb. 18, at 3 o'clock, according to recent announcement.

OYSTER SUPPER
 The young adult class of Grace Methodist church will sponsor an oyster supper Saturday, February 14, beginning at 5 o'clock p. m. at the Masonic Hall. Proceeds will go toward the church building fund and the public is invited.

CASTING MONDAY
 Completion of casting for parts in "The Robe," to be presented in March, will take place at the Little Theatre office Monday night at 7:30 p. m. It was announced by President Bruce Thorburn this week. Anyone interested in a part in the religious drama is invited to attend. Mrs. Audrey Mauney is director of the play.

Mrs. Lockridge's Kin Die in Wreck
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel David Melton of Caroleen, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Fred Lockridge, of Kings Mountain, died as a result of injuries received in an auto-truck collision near Forest City last Friday.

HOLY COMMUNION
 The service of Holy Communion will be observed at St. Matthew's Lutheran church next Wednesday evening, Ash Wednesday, at 7:30, according to announcement by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding. It will be the first of annual mid-week Lenten services at the church.

Warren Ellison, Hugh A. Logan, Jr. Advanced For Police Chief's Position
 Two names were advanced for the city's police chief vacancy Monday night, but no motions to employ were forthcoming. Clarence E. Carpenter, the personal director who is charged with responsibility of the department, recommended appointment as chief Officer Warren Ellison, who told the board he wasn't asking for the position but would accept it if tendered. Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis advanced the name of Former Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Jr., but Mr. Carpenter offered the opinion, "I don't think he'd be too good." He also suggested the former sheriff was interested in the job to build political fences for the 1954 sheriff's election.

Commissioners In Long Session

World Prayer Day To Be Observed

Kings Mountain's annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, February 20, at Grace Methodist church at 10 a. m. according to announcement this week by the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen which sponsors the service.

The program, on the theme "Walk as Children of Light," will be given by Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Jr.

"It is the one time during the year the world unites in prayer and the Council of Churchwomen urges all to meet for this special service," Mrs. Jacob Cooper, publicity chairman, said in announcing the service.

Footie Moving A. B. Chandler

A. B. Chandler, for the past 29 months manager of Foote Mineral Company's plant here, has been transferred to the company's Exton Plant at Paoli, Pennsylvania.

The announcement was made by Mr. Chandler.

James E. Castle, formerly assistant mill superintendent of St. Joseph Lead Co., Balmat division, will succeed Mr. Chandler as plant manager here. He will assume his new duties on Monday.

Mr. Chandler will remain in Kings Mountain for a month as the company's management representative before assuming his new duties as chemist at the Exton plant.

Mrs. Chandler was also active here about two years ago. Both were associated with the Little Theatre and were active in establishing the annual Battle of Kings Mountain historical drama.

Mrs. Chandler was also active in Junior Woman's club activities. Mr. Chandler is past chairman of the city's parks and recreation commission and is currently a member of that body.

The Chandlers, and son Allan, plan to move to their new home soon.

Mr. Chandler also announced that Rudl Wuennenberg, plant accountant, will assume his new duties at the company's new Sunbright, Virginia, plant on March 1.

Mr. Wuennenberg has been in Kings Mountain for about two years and he and his wife have also been active in Little Theatre activities. He is currently treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Wuennenbergs, and son, Eric, will move to Kingsport, Tenn., in the near future.

Michael Lyons has been at the local plant for several weeks as accountant. He and his family live on York road.

Board Disposes Of Numerous Routine Matters

In a long session Monday night, the city board of commissioners 1) Voted \$600 to the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, provided such a payment is legal, after a plea for the gift had been made by Rev. P. D. Patrick.

2) Voted to refund to E. T. Plott cost of pipe for a water line originally installed by Mr. Plott at a time when the city had no pipe available. Mr. Plott had complained that he was being charged water tap fees "for tapping my own line."

3) On request of Lawrence Patrick, authorized a slight change of roadbed on the southbound (unnamed) street passing Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company.

4) Heard a report from J. W. Webster, building inspector, who stated only one person in nine had responded to letters condemning certain derelict properties.

5) Authorized extension of a water line on East Ridge street, to serve the Fulton property, at request of W. S. Fulton, Jr.

6) Authorized erection of street markers on certain unmarked streets at request of Postmaster W. E. Blakely. Mr. Blakely had said markers are mandatory for city carrier delivery and lack of them would prevent route extensions currently planned.

7) Declared the city a bird sanctuary.

8) Ordered a traffic signal light installed at the corner of York road and E. Gold street.

9) Agreed to estimate cost of regrading a portion of the entrance to McGill's Esso Station. N. F. McGill requested the estimate and said standard Oil Company would defray the costs.

10) On question of Mr. McGill, instructed Street Superintendent Tom Henry to install curbing on portion of Mountain street, to Juniper street, as previously authorized.

The board also heard a Mr. McKee, of Morristown, Tenn., offer to clean two of the city's septic tanks for \$1,000. Mr. McKee also made the statement that the two tanks could serve the city adequately if properly cleaned and properly maintained.

Asked if the sewage disposal plants recommended by an engineering firm were unnecessary, Mr. McKee replied that the state sanitation department has encouraged erection of such plants as a means of combating stream pollution. He indicated the plants were desirable, but not mandatory.

All members of the board were present.

Lions Continuing Broom-Mat Sale

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will continue this weekend their annual broom-and-mat sale for the benefit of the blind.

Hoping for better weather, the club members expect to finish their work as house-to-house salesmen of two articles manufactured by blind people in Greensboro Industries for the Blind.

Brooms sell for \$1.50, while the rubber doormats sell for \$2.50.

The Kings Mountain club's share of the proceeds is used locally for aid to the blind and other sight conservation work.

Legion Endorses G. R. Leukhardt

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Mr. Leukhardt is currently serving as commander of the division's 28th district.

A disabled veteran of World War I, he has long been active in programs of the Legion and especially in the membership and disabled veterans fields.

A former vice commander of the Shelby post, he has held positions on the local, district, division and national levels. Long a leading "Go-Getter," he holds many state awards for securing members for the organization.

Mr. Leukhardt was present at the meeting and told the group that his primary interests in the American Legion are membership and service to disabled veterans, whether Legionnaires or not.

Some 30 Legionnaires were present at the meeting. Commander Sam Collins presided and, among the items of business discussed, the group voted March 7 as the tentative date for a square dance.

Stolen Automobile Found Near Brevard

The Nash automobile owned by Mayor Garland Still, stolen early Sunday morning from the front of the Still residence on North Piedmont avenue, was found abandoned near Brevard on Tuesday, city police reported.

The car was found on a dirt road about 12 miles from Brevard and was only slightly damaged.

The thief or thieves had connected the ignition wires and driven it off without benefit of key. The thief or thieves have not been apprehended.

B. & L. Meeting Set For Thursday

Shareholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association will hold their annual meeting at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the offices of the association.

The shareholders will hear reports from officers on the past year's work and will elect directors for the coming year, in addition to transacting other necessary business.

Announcement of the meeting was made by J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer.



WORK UNDERWAY ON NURSES' HOME — Work is now underway on construction of a modern nurses home at the Kings Mountain Hospital plant. Ground was broken for the building, being erected on the northwest corner of the hospital tract facing North Juniper street, last week. Pictured above, left to right, are V. W. Breeze, architect for the home, Joe Dixon, hospital business manager, and Clarence Morrison, Shelby contractor, who holds the contract to build the structure. In the background, two unidentified workmen are mixing mortar for the footings. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

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J. H. Patterson To Chairman Fund Campaign

D. R. LaFar, executive vice-president of the Piedmont Council, will make the featured address at the annual Kings Mountain district Boy Scout banquet Friday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall.

The annual event, one of the features of the local observance of National Boy Scout week, which runs through Saturday, always attracts a capacity crowd of Scouts and Scouters.

Tickets for the banquet are \$1.25 and can be obtained from Ollie Harris, ticket sales chairman.

Boy Scouts attended the annual Boy Scout church service Sunday night at Boyce Memorial ARP church, and heard a sermon by Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

On Thursday night, the Kiwanis club will have Boy Scouts as honor guests.

Immediately following Boy Scout Week, district officials will conduct the annual district financial campaign.

J. H. Patterson is serving as chairman of the 1953 campaign, according to announcement by J. W. Webster, district chairman, and other campaign committee members are E. E. Marlowe, George H. Mauney and Paul Mauney.

Minimum goal of the fund campaign is \$1,850.

Rites Are Conducted For Mrs. Barkley

Funeral rites for Mrs. A. J. W. Barkley, mother of Mrs. Edgar Sellers, of Kings Mountain, were conducted last Friday from First ARP church in Statesville, with interment following in the family plot of New Sterling church cemetery.

Mrs. Barkley died in an Asheville hospital on February 4, following a heart attack suffered a week previously.

For almost all of her life she had been a resident of Statesville, but had been living recently with another daughter at Black Mountain.

Several sons also survive.

Myers Chairman Of Merchants' Promotion Group

O. W. Myers, proprietor of the Myers' Department Store, will head the trade promotion committee of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for the coming year.

Mr. Myers was appointed to head the committee at a meeting of the Merchants association board of directors Monday. Others named to serve on the committee are John Lewis and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

The association also named a committee to investigate the feasibility of forming a Community Chest in Kings Mountain, with Fred W. Plonk being named as chairman, and with other members including Dan Huffstetter and John O. Plonk.

President J. C. Bridges led a discussion on membership and outlined plans for a membership campaign, in which the directors will make an effort to contact all merchants not now members of the association with an invitation to affiliate.

Baird Rents Lynch Building

Baird Furniture, Inc., has rented from Haywood E. Lynch the new concrete block building adjoining the furniture firm.

Dan Huffstetter, manager of the firm, said the expansion would double the firm's floor space and will enable the company to better display its stock of furniture and to carry a larger inventory of all kinds of furniture.

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Clerk Analyzes Revenue, Advises Board To Slow Rate Of Spending

City Clerk Joe Hendrick, making a report Monday night to the board of commissioners on city spending during the current fiscal year, advised the board to "go slow" during the remainder of the current year in order to avoid a deficit.

Mr. Hendrick gave a detailed report on departmental expenditures through January 31, the first seven months of the fiscal year, and, while percentage of budgeted expenditures were apparently satisfactory in most instances, Mr. Hendrick said, "We have to receive the money before we can spend it."

He said two major estimates are

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CANDIDATE — Harold Phillips, assistant superintendent of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., is a candidate for city commissioner in Ward 4. Mr. Phillips paid his filing fee last week. O. T. Hayes is also seeking the position.

Bill Logan Won't Make Ward Race

City political activity slowed this week, at least outwardly.

For the first week in three, no new candidates filed for office and the principal development was announcement by W. B. (Bill) Logan, prominently mentioned as a candidate for Ward 3 commissioner, that he would not seek the office.

Mr. Logan said that a large number of people had encouraged his candidacy but that he was "unable to offer at this time."

"I have given the matter my thorough consideration," Mr. Logan said, "and I will not be a candidate in the May election. I do appreciate very much the interest evidenced in my running by a large number of people."

The candidates to date:

For Mayor — Garland E. Still, incumbent, and Glee A. Bridges.

For Ward 2 commissioner — Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 3 commissioner — Olland R. Pearson, incumbent.

For Ward 4 commissioner — Harold Phillips and O. T. Hayes, Sr.

For Ward 5 commissioner — Sam Stallings.

No candidates have filed for Ward 1 commissioner, nor for the Ward 1 school trusteeship, also to be filled at the May election. School trustees are elected only by the voters living in the particular ward. However, voters may choose a candidate in each ward for city offices, the ward arrangement merely controlling residence of the candidates.

Newest name in the speculation list of possible candidates was that of Ben A. Smith, mentioned as a candidate for Ward 3 commissioner.

Incumbents not yet announcing their intentions but expected to seek re-election are James G. Layton, Ward 1 commissioner, and Lloyd E. Davis, Ward 2 commissioner. Baxter Wright, Ward 5 commissioner, may not seek re-election, but has not made any announcement. C. P. Barry, Ward 4 commissioner, has said he will not offer for re-election.