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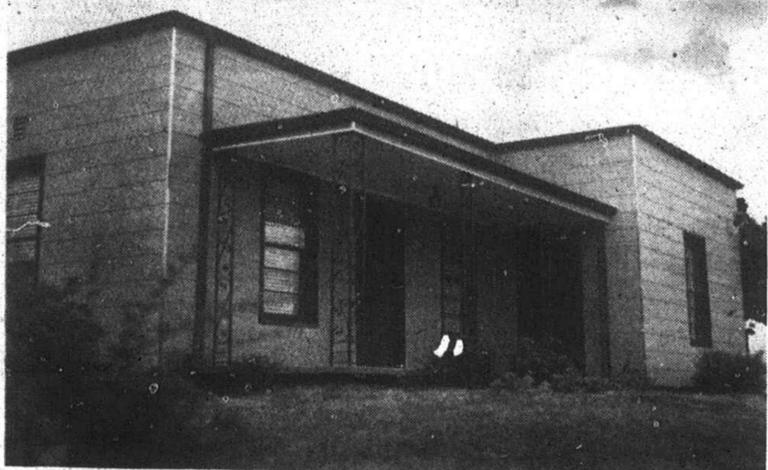
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Sixty-Third Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS



RENOVATED RESIDENCE NOW MEDICAL CLINIC—Shown above is the new, modern Hendricks Clinic at the corner of West Gold and South Candler streets. The building has been completely renovated by Dr. P. E. Hendricks, who is resuming his medical practice here next week. Formerly a residence, neither interior nor exterior resemble the former building, which had a peaked roof and clapboard siding.

Board Enacted License Schedule Without Change

The city board of commissioners, at a special meeting last Friday night, re-enacted without change the city's privilege license schedule, voted to purchase tax maps from the county, and rehired all city employees at existing salary and wage schedules.

The board also awarded to O. O. Walker contract for installation of about 1,100 feet of curb-and-gutter on Gold street, between Sims and Juniper street. Mr. Walker's low bid of \$2,106.92 edged the bid of J. D. Hord by about \$72. Other bidders were Neal Hawkins, of Gastonia, A. P. Warlick, and Spangler & Sons, of Shelby. According to the contract the city will handle the grading work, and the curb-and-gutter installations are to be completed by July 10.

In another action, the board voted to install an electric scoreboard at City Stadium at an estimated cost of \$325, the funds to be paid from parking meter receipts.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Authorized the city clerk to stop payment on certain outstanding checks against the city to clear his books, with instruction to issue duplicates as required.
- 2) Approved a petition by E. Ridge street property owners to install sidewalk on the North side of Ridge from Cleveland avenue to Deal street, the installation to be made when funds are available.
- 3) Authorized payment of \$3 to one off-duty policeman for extra duty at ball games at City Stadium.
- 4) Authorized installation of five street lights in the Linwood Road vicinity at an estimated cost of \$487.
- 5) Charged off the books certain utilities accounts as uncollectible. The balances occurred when persons moved away and deposits were insufficient to cover balances owed.
- 6) Ordered closing of Carpenter street, between Gold and King streets at night, with provision that the gates be equipped with red reflectors and that the road be properly marked "Dead end at night".
- 7) Authorized rental of two parking spaces, one on Battleground and the other on Mountain, street, to First National Bank at \$12 per year. The bank had requested the rentals for convenience of bank patrons and said it would limit parking in the two spaces to ten minutes each.
- 8) Authorized employment of sufficient persons to clean all city drainage ditches.
- 9) Employed Clyde Houston Hinson as third shift water plant operator, Ronnie Ledford, previously employed for the job, was too young for after-midnight employment. Public Works Supt. Tom Henry explained.
- 10) Employed Tommy Owens to fill the city office vacancy created by the resignation of C. E. Morgan.
- 11) Deferred action on instructions to the city attorney concerning handling of a suit against the city to void E. Gold street paving assessments, pending study of the costs by Mr. Henry and City Clerk Joe Hendrick.
- 12) Declined to reimburse Otto Guyton for the worth of scrap in a damaged white way pole. Mr. Guyton had paid for the pole, damaged in an auto accident, and asked for reimbursement of the scrap salvage. The Mayor was instructed to inform Mr. Guyton that no labor charge had been assessed in the replacement and that this charge outweighed the scrap value of less than five dollars.



Dr. P. E. Hendricks Resuming Practice

Medical Doctor Near Completion Of Army Duty

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, nearing completion of a two-year tour of duty with the army medical corps, will resume the general practice of medicine here on July 1.

Dr. Hendricks said yesterday that he will go on terminal leave effective next Wednesday, though he will not officially be released from active duty status until August 10, two years from the date he reported to Fort Benning, Ga., for active duty.

Dr. Hendricks has been receiving evening office calls for the past few weeks at his newly-completed clinic at the corner of Candler and Gold streets. His regular office hours at the clinic after Tuesday will be 10 to 12 noon and 3 to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Yates Harbison, R. N., will continue to serve as office nurse and bookkeeper, he announced. During the past two years, Dr. Hendricks, an army medical corps captain, also served at Camp Gordon, Ga., and at the armed forces examining stations at Birmingham, Ala., Columbia, S. C., and Charlotte.

The modernized clinic, a former residence, was renovated by Dr. Hendricks, who holds a lease-purchase option on the property, which is owned by J. L. McGill and C. D. Blanton. Improvements, in addition to complete interior rearrangement and redecoration, include installation of an air-conditioning plant and a central heating plant.

The rooms include white and colored waiting rooms, nurse's office, three examination rooms, heating plant room, x-ray dark room, doctor's office, x-ray and laboratory room, electro-cardiographic room, eye-ear-nose-throat examination room, two baths, and

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BEING RELEASED — Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Kings Mountain physician, will resume his medical practice Wednesday after serving for almost two years as a captain in the army medical corps.

Saturday Show To Aid Youth

The Southern Playboys, stage radio, and recording artists will appear at the Kings Mountain High school auditorium, Saturday night at 8 p. m.

The Playboys will present solos and trios in western, hillbilly, and popular style, also comedy skits and a telepathy act by Bob Hood, acting emcee, from Gastonia.

Appearing with the Playboys are two local boys, Gene Whetstone, soloist, and Arthur Sprouse, an old-style fiddler.

The Playboys are sponsored by the Kings Mountain Junior Police Pony League Baseball League and proceeds will go to the league.

Admission is 30 and 60 cents and tickets are now on sale.

Shelby and Lexington Indians Here Friday In Kiwanis-Sponsored Tilt

Friday night is "Professional Baseball Night" in Kings Mountain with Shelby's Clippers and Lexington's Indians to meet in a Tar Heel league game at City Stadium at 8 p. m.

The game, first regular-season professional contest in Kings Mountain, is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Tickets sales have been reported as brisk, with the duceats selling for 35 and 75 cents. Tickets will be on sale at the gate Friday also.

Tickets are now on sale at B. & B. Restaurant, Plunk Brothers & Co., Bridges Hardware, Griffin Drug Store, and Kings Mountain Drug Co.

Shelby, home team for the game, features hard-hitting Charlie Ballard at first base. Ballard is a Kings Mountain businessman and a veteran baseball player, having led the Western Carolina league in many hitting departments in his pro career.

A large number of Kings Mountain fans have been following the Shelby team since the former WC loop went professional. Kings Mountain was in the loop as a semi-pro, with Ballard a mainstay on the club, but did not join the professional ranks.

J. B. Keeter is general chairman of the Kiwanis club committee arranging the game.

Other committees include: Tickets, Glee A. Bridges, chairman, Harold Phillips, John O. Plunk, Ted Weir and L. A. Hoke; concessions, Harold Crawford, chairman, Mr. Phillips and Harold Hunklutt; advertising, John C. Green, Jr., W. S. Fulton, Sr., B. S. Peeler, Sr., and John L. McGill; program advertising, L. Arnold Kiser, chairman, Mr. Hunklutt, Halbert Webb, Paul Mauney, W. G. Grantham, J. E. Herndon, Mr. Keeter, D. F. Hord, L. E. Abbott, Aubrey Mauney, Mr. Weir, Mr. Crawford, W. K. Mauney, George H. Mauney, H. R. Neisler, Harry Page, Glee E. Bridges, John C. Smathers and G. C. Kelly.

Local News Bulletins

BEGIN MONDAY

Classes in make-up English grammar for Kings Mountain high school students will begin Monday morning at 8 o'clock in the Physics laboratory at Central school. Miss Helen Logan, a member of the faculty, made the announcement.

TO KANNAFOLIS

Miss Charlotte (Ducky) Jenkins, a recent graduate of Catawba college, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jenkins, has accepted the position as social worker in Cabarrus county. Offices are located in Kannapolis.

PROMOTED

Thomas D. Tindall, Sr., of Kings Mountain, staff manager for Life Insurance Company of Georgia, last week attended a special staff managers conference at the company's home office in Atlanta. Mr. Tindall was promoted to staff manager in March.

FIRE ALARMS

City firemen answered two fire alarm calls Saturday. At 7:30 p. m. a trash fire was extinguished on Parker street. At 9:15 p. m. on June 20 a blaze was extinguished on Cherokee street, caused from a hot water heater in a colored eating establishment.

RE HOSPITALIZED

Grady W. King, Kings Mountain mechanic and fire chief, was re-hospitalized Sunday at Charlotte Memorial hospital. Mr. King has been in ill health for the past several weeks.

TO SCOUT CAMP

Edward Blanton, James Pressly, Benjie Moemaw, Phillip Padgett, Tommy Goforth, Gerald Blanton, and Steve Wells will leave Monday for a week's stay at Piedmont Council Boy Scout camp, Tryon. J. D. Newsome, summer supply pastor at First Presbyterian church, will accompany the group.

Cotton Bloom Derby Won By Evans Again

As he has for several years, E. D. (Ed) Evans, well-known Negro farmer who lives on York Road, was first to bring a 1953 cotton bloom to the Herald. Evans brought his bloom in Tuesday morning.

R. D. Hambright, Route 2 farmer, was a close second, producing a cotton bloom later in the day for a Herald reporter.

Evans has a 21-acre cotton crop on his 126-acre farm.

Third cotton bloom reported to the Herald came from Grady Scism, who reported some boll weevil in his fields but also much more "fruit" than in the bad weevil year of 1950. Mr. Scism brought the bloom in at mid-afternoon Wednesday.

Mountain, Howard Clapp, county agent, told the Herald Tuesday that the weevil infestation of five official check fields ran from 11 percent to 32 percent. Mr. Clapp urged cotton farmers to dust their fields with a reputable poison regularly.



SYNOD SECRETARY—Miss Shirley Sellers, of Kings Mountain, has been appointed assistant director of young people's work in the Synod of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church. Her office will be located at Boyce Memorial ARP church here.

Shirley Sellers In Church Post

Miss Shirley Sellers, daughter of Mrs. Edgar Sellers, of Kings Mountain, has assumed the duties of assistant director of Young People's work in the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and has opened an office at Boyce Memorial ARP church here.

Miss Sellers was graduated in June from Erskine College with an A. B. degree in elementary education. A native of Statesville, she is a graduate of Due West, S. C., high school.

At Erskine college, Miss Sellers was a member of the "Choraleers", a traveling choral group which sang here last spring, a vice-president of the Life Service group, and a member of the mixed chorus. She was also class poet.

Mrs. Edgar Sellers has lived in Kings Mountain since July 1952. She holds a secretarial position with Minette Mills at Grover and resides at the home of Mrs. J. O. Plunk.

Tutor To Manage Joy And Dixie

Ogburn M. Hough, district manager of Stewart & Everett, Inc., was in Kings Mountain Wednesday completing details for the transfer of the Joy and Dixie Theatres to management of the Charlotte exhibiting firm.

Stewart & Everett, Inc., which with the five-member Cash Brothers chain it is acquiring after the close of business Saturday, will operate 85 motion picture houses in the Southeast. The Charlotte firm has obtained a ten-year lease on the five Cash Brothers houses.

Mr. Hough announced that S. E. Tutor, currently managing the Drake Theatre, a Stewart & Everett house at Wilson, will come to Kings Mountain as manager of the Joy and Dixie theatres.

"Mr. Tutor has been connected with theatres almost all of his life," Mr. Hough said.

Mr. Hough said it was the expectation of the new operators that they will continue with the same personnel.

Joy Theatre will feature only latest motion picture releases, he added, with Kings Mountain showing dates to coincide, where possible, with producer releasing dates. Regular admission prices at the Joy will be nine cents for children and fifty cents for adults, tax included.

As a sample of the policy of being first with the latest, Mr. Hough announced booking of the full length technicolor three-dimension feature "Fort Ti" for the weekend of July 2.

He said that latest candy bar and concession equipment will be installed at both the Joy and Dixie Theatres.

Stewart & Everett, Inc., operate the Carolina and State Theatres in Shelby, and the Cherokee Theatre at Gaffney, S. C.

Departure of David and Charlie Cash from active operation of their Kings Mountain theatres will mark the end of a 22-year period in which they have been prominent in this business in Kings Mountain, dating back to 1931 when David Cash came here as manager of the Imperial Theatre. The Dixie Theatre was opened in 1935 and the Joy Theatre was opened in 1949.

School Comitteemen Report People Favor Consolidation

Three-Member Site Committee Named Monday

Majority opinion expressed by Number 4 Township school patrons to district school committee, men show great favor for the proposed consolidation of township high schools, it was reported Monday night at the third of a series of meetings concerning the proposed consolidation.

A dozen committeemen were present at Kings Mountain's Central school Monday and expressed considerable enthusiasm for the proposal. Still minus answers to technical questions from state school officials and from the North Carolina attorney-general, the group set another meeting for Monday, July 13, to be held at Grover school.

Indicative of the optimism of the group was the decision to appoint a site committee to seek out a minimum of three sites which would be suitable for the proposed consolidated high school. Named to this group were W. B. Harry, Grover; Fred W. Plunk, Kings Mountain, and J. C. Randle, Bethware.

The committeemen discussed financing of the new building, and J. R. Davis, member of the Kings Mountain school board, estimated that the new consolidated district would have to raise not more than \$300,000 to \$400,000 to finance the project. He said the state would share in the cost, and that the proposed district's proportion of county funds would be in excess of 20 percent of the county total. B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain school superintendent, said he understood that the township's valuation will approximate \$16,500,000.

Expressions concerning sentiment of various areas in the township were reported as follows:

Glenn Roundtree, of Grover, estimated that 80 percent of Grover would vote in favor of the consolidation proposal. He said he based his estimate on talks with both farmers and town school patrons.

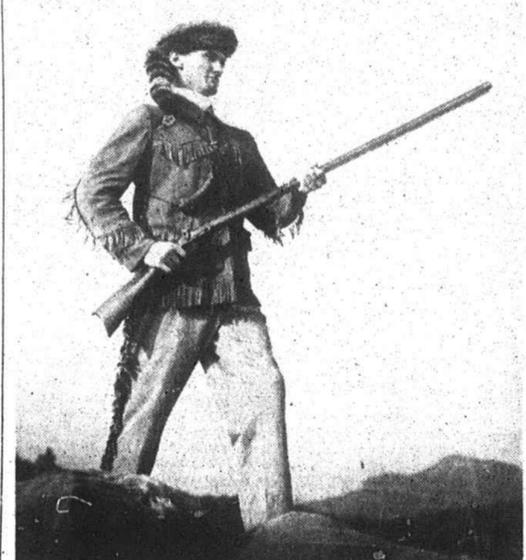
W. B. Harry, who presided at the meeting, said he had conducted a straw vote at Minette Mills, and that the result was 200-15 in favor of the consolidation proposal.

Carl McGinnis, Bethlehem, guessed that his area would favor the proposal by 85 to 15 percent, adding that the split term question was the only objection he had heard voiced.

Will Watterson, Bethware, said, "I have talked to 46 people and have written their answers down in a little notebook. The count is 30 to 16 in favor of consolidating."

Fred Plunk, Kings Mountain, said he had found a vast majority of city school patrons in favor of the proposal.

The committeemen agreed that problems of location, transportation of pupils, and financing would have to be solved.



DRAMA TRADEMARK—R. G. Plunk, Jr., above, is the subject for the pictorial trademark of the "Sword of Gideon," the historical drama which the Kings Mountain Little Theatre is producing again, beginning July 23, at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park. Tickets for the show are now on sale at the Little Theatre office on E. King street and the cast is hard at work on the production. Mr. Plunk plays the lead role of Reece MacDermott.

Mid-Year Vacation Season Beginning

Vacation Pay To Be Received By Many Workers



KIWANIS SPEAKER — Robert L. Hines, assistant secretary of American Trust Company, of Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday night at 6:45. Mr. Hines, who is also assistant trust officer of the bank, will discuss "Trust and Your Estate."

Many Kings Mountain citizens were preparing for vacations this week, as many major industrial firms planned mid-year closings.

Most popular holiday period, as learned in a Herald survey, is the weekend beginning Saturday and ending with resumption of regular schedules July 6. However two firms, Mauney Mills, Inc., and Bonnie Cotton Mills, will observe shorter vacation periods, working through July 1 and resuming on July 6. Sadie Cotton Mill will holiday a week but will cease operations with week of July 6, resuming on July 13. Neisler Mills, Inc., will run on regular schedules.

Many manufacturing firms are paying mid-year bonuses, generally amounting to paid vacations.

Top announced vacation pay total is being paid by Craftsrun Yarns, Inc., Superintendent G. C. Kelly reporting that the vacation pay figure will approximate \$20,000. Burlington Mills' Phenix plant employees will receive approximately \$18,000 in vacation pay.

Other firms who have announced they will make vacation payments are Sadie Cotton Mills, Park Yarn Mills Company, Mauney Mills, Inc., Bonnie Cotton Mills, Lambeth Rope Corporation, and Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, the last mentioned taking a two-week holiday which began Monday.

Industries closing Friday and resuming regular schedules on July 5 and 6 are Burlington Mills Textile Company, Inc., Slater Brothers, and Lambeth Rope.

Bethware Community Host Friday To Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit



HERE SUNDAY — Dr. Phil Elliott, President of Gardner-Webb College, will be guest preacher at First Baptist church Sunday morning on the occasion of Education Day, an annual Baptist special on which churches raise special offerings for the endowment and operation expenses of their schools.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will visit Bethware school Friday from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The visit, sponsored by the Bethware P. T. A. and the Bethware Progressive Club, is the first to that community and the quota has been set at 150 pints.

Transportation will be furnished by all Kings Mountain auto dealers and persons desiring transportation are being asked to call the auto establishments.

Edwin Moore is Bethware chairman for the Bloodmobile visit and committee members are Lamar Herndon, Leonard Gamble, Stokes Wright, and J. D. Harman.

John B. Dilling's Father Succumbs

John B. Dilling, of Jackson Springs, father of John B. Dilling, Jr., of Kings Mountain, died at his home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Dilling, who was 61-years-old, had been in failing health for the past several years.

Funeral services were held in Jackson Springs Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Board Was Working On 1953-54 Budget

The city board of commissioners was to consider Wednesday night the 1953-54 budget.

Principal task was to cut planned expenditures by \$40,000, or to find revenue in that amount, city officials working on the budget for the past several weeks, said.

The board members were meeting together for supper as the guests of Mayor Glee A. Bridges and were to meet at City Hall Wednesday night at 7:30 for budget consideration.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$175.91 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

Wheat Elevator Nears Capacity

Ware & Sons 50,000-bushel grain elevator will be filled to the brim sometime Thursday, M. A. Ware predicted late Wednesday.

Mr. Ware said the 1953 crop is a big one, but that quality has been poor since the rains began. Tests have run between 53 and 57. Before the rainy season, much of the wheat was of premium milling quality.