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Parks Commission Members Resign

Santa Will Visit City Wednesday

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$135.70, according to report of J. H. McDaniel, Jr., assistant city clerk.

GRADUATES
 Miss Phyllis Lall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lall, route 2, graduated from King's Business College, Charlotte, November 17. She is employed by the First Baptist church of this city as secretary.

TWO FIRES
 City firemen answered two calls last week, according to report of C. D. Ware, fireman. A small house behind the D. M. Peeler home on Goforth street caught fire Friday afternoon. Saturday night an unoccupied dwelling house on City Lake road owned by L. C. Hord caught fire from a stove. The house was being cleaned and the damage reported was a hole burned in the floor and ceiling.

Chairman Says Mayor Wants Five-Man Body

Members of the city parks and recreation commission have submitted a blanket resignation to Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Dr. Padgett, chairman, reported yesterday.

"Mayor Bridges asked that we cut our group from 15 to five members and we felt that the only way to effect the change would be to resign and let the city board appoint the members it wants on the commission," Dr. Padgett said yesterday.

The move for the blanket resignation was begun at a meeting several weeks ago, Dr. Padgett said, when a request from Mayor Bridges for the change in number was announced.

"Mayor Bridges suggested that a smaller commission could work better with the city board," Dr. Padgett stated, "and asked that we get together and decide which five would remain on the commission."

Dr. Padgett said that the commission assumes it is still active until the reorganization is effected.

Mayor Bridges said that he has received the letter of resignation and that the city board will act on it at the next meeting.

Some members of the recreation commission have stated in private, discontent over the mayor's actions in taking options on land for recreational purposes without knowledge of the Recreation Commission.

The recreation commission is not happy, some members indicated, with what they consider the mayor's assumption of recreation commission duties.

The parks and recreation commission was created by ordinance dated September 13, 1950, prescribing the terms of members, organization, powers and duties. Ten members were named in the original ordinance, which was amended on November 10, 1952, to include 15 members.

Under the amended ordinance, Dr. Padgett, Rev. F. D. Patrick and Mrs. J. H. Patterson were to serve for one year; Mrs. Harry Page, Hunter Neisler and W. K. Mauney, Jr. for two years; A. B. Chandler, Palmer Hudson and Jack Hüllender, for three years; G. C. Kelly, Jack White and John Latham, for four years; and John Smathers, Fred Plonk and James Layton, for five years. Future appointments were to be for five years.

Mr. Chandler and Mr. Hudson are no longer residents of the city and Mr. Layton was replaced when he was named recreation director. Dr. W. P. Gerberding is the only appointee to the board since the total membership was increased.

G. F. Lattimore Rites Conducted



SUCCEUMS — Funeral rites for George F. Lattimore, Kings Mountain textile executive, were conducted at his home Saturday afternoon.

Illness Fatal To Veteran Textile Official

Funeral services for George F. Lattimore, secretary-treasurer of Park Yarn Mills Company, were held Saturday afternoon at the Lattimore residence, 119 North Piedmont avenue, with Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church conducting the rites.

Mr. Lattimore died at his home on Friday morning at 11:30. In declining health for a number of years, his condition had worsened considerably during the ten days prior to his death. However, he had visited his office briefly on Tuesday.

At the funeral service Rev. Mr. Shore read from the Bible the 121st and 123rd Psalms, and a portion of the 14th Chapter of St. John.

Interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

A Kings Mountain citizen for 24 years, since he came here in 1929 to become secretary-treasurer of Park Yarn Mills Company, Mr. Lattimore held the distinction of being the oldest official in point of service in the far-flung Johnston Mills organization. He first joined the late C. W. Johnston in Charlotte, then served as secretary-treasurer of Eastern Manufacturing Company, a Johnston mill at Smithfield, before coming to Kings Mountain.

A native of the Sharon community of Cleveland County, he was a son of the late William Aaron Lattimore and Mary Donahue Elliott Lattimore. He was a Mason.

He was a man of friendly disposition and quiet humor.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn White Lattimore, a son, George F. Lattimore, Jr., Greensboro; three brothers and six sisters, J. A. Lattimore, Shelby; Sam C. Lattimore, Blacksburg, S. C.; Eugene Lattimore, Shelby; Mrs. R. R. Miller and Mrs. Will Harris, both of Harris; Mrs. M. C. Moore, Shelby; Mrs. T. N. Cook, Monett, Mo.; Mrs. Broughton McGinnis, Shelby; and Mrs. R. O. Crawford, Gastonia. A grandson, George McNeill Lattimore, also survives.

Active pallbearers were L. Arnold Kiser, Halbert Webb, W. T. Weir, and John C. Smathers, all of Kings Mountain, Billy Lattimore, Blacksburg, S. C., Donald Jonas and Fred Krueger, both of Charlotte, and Fred Lindsay, Rutherfordton.



FAIRVIEW LODGE HONORS PAST MASTERS — Pictured are the living Past Masters of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., who were honored Monday night by fellow Masons at an emergent communication. All 13 of the past masters were present and took part in the degree work. Back row, left to right, are Dr. O. P. Lewis, Arnold Kincaid, Dr. J. E. Anthony, M. A. Ware, John H. Floyd, J. E. Herndon, and Dr. L. P. Baker. Front row, left to right, are W. K. Crook, Paul Owens, C. J. Gault, Jr., Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, O. T. Hayes, S. A. Crouse, and P. F. Dilling, Dr. Pugh, of Gastonia, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was the principal speaker at the communication. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Water Shortage Is Still Serious

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Fairview Lodge Past Masters Honored Monday

Past masters of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., were honored Monday night at an emergent communication which, some of the Masons think, set a record in Masonry.

Each of the 13 living Past Masters of Fairview Lodge, chartered more than three quarters of a century ago, was present for the communication and each participated in the degree work conducted, according to D. E. Tate, Master.

Honors to the following past masters were accorded by Charles H. Pugh, senior grand warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina: Dr. L. P. Baker, Dr. J. E. Anthony, Dr. O. P. Lewis, M. A. Ware, O. T. Hayes, P. F. Dilling, J. H. Floyd, S. A. Crouse, J. E. Herndon, W. K. Crook, C. J. Gault, Jr. A. W. Kincaid and Paul Owens.

The lodge was opened by the master, and his corps of officers. Arnold W. Kincaid, past master, acting as marshal, presented John H. Floyd, past master and district deputy grand master of the 37th Masonic district and Warden Pugh.

The Past Master relieved the regular officers in conferring the Fellowship degree.

At the conclusion of the degree rite, Mr. Pugh called on all Masons to help correct the deplorable situation existing in the nation today, in which crime and apathy prevail. The speaker declared peace is not in the world today because the "Supreme Architect of the Universe is not invited in at the peace conferences."

Following the closing of the lodge, coffee and sandwiches were served by members of the Eastern Star.

Thermon Green Chest Winner

The third weekly drawing for a Treasure Chest award offered by 31 Kings Mountain retail merchants will be held on Friday afternoon this week, a one-day postponement due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The hour of the drawing will be 3:30 at the same location, the First National Bank corner, Amount in the Treasure Chest, according to announcement by the committee in charge, is \$175.

Last week's drawing, which attracted an estimated 300 persons to the business district, again was reeled off in quick order, with Thermon W. Green, Route 3, Kings Mountain, citizen and Margrace Mill employee, the winner.

Mr. Green's winning ticket was the first one pulled from the ticket cage and he immediately stepped up to claim his winnings — \$30 in trade certificates spendable at any one of the participating firms. Mr. Green's was a 20-percent ticket.

Anyone may obtain a ticket for the drawing from any participating firm, and the more tickets, the more chances, for none are destroyed. Under the Appreciation Day Treasure Chest plan, the total in the Treasure Chest increases each week.

Rules of the promotion require that a person be present to win. A husband may answer for his wife, or a wife for her husband. Otherwise, the winner has to step up, be identified, and claim his own winnings.

No purchase is required to register for the contest.

Greenville Men Get Chenille Haul

Wrenn and Syracuse, of Greenville, S. C., purchased from the Southern Railway claim agent last Friday "the chenille merchandise contained in the rail car wrecked here several weeks ago.

L. L. Benson, local Southern official, said about 5,000 chenille bedspreads were included in the car of textiles, as well as chenille robes and rugs in large quantity.

Turkey Day Fare Traditional

Kings Mountain was preparing for Thanksgiving Wednesday, and grocers suspended their regular Wednesday half-holiday in order to help housewives fill their larders.

Generally speaking, Kings Mountain's plans were traditional for the Thanksgiving season, with butcher's sales indicating turkey to be a menu favorite.

Hunters welcomed the arrival of rain, which enabled the Governor to lift the ban on hunting, imposed due to dry weather and danger of forest fires, and church-goers — estimated at well over half the population planned to attend annual Thanksgiving season services.

Boycot Memorial ARP churchmen were working on their traditional breakfast, scheduled at 8 a. m., to follow services of 15 years standing. A special offering would benefit the church's Dunlap Orphanage.

A similar service, followed by a breakfast, is scheduled at Central Methodist church.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church also has scheduled a traditional service, The 10 a. m. Thanksgiving Day rite will feature special music by Miss Frances Summers, and the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding will preach on the subject "Our National Blessings."

Other Thanksgiving Day events which will attract Kings Mountain citizens is the Charlotte double-header, the Carrousel opening the Christmas shopping season, and the Turkey Day football game between Wake Forest and the University of South Carolina.

Other Thanksgiving Day football fare which customarily attracts Kings Mountain citizens is the Catawba-Lenoir Rhyne encounter, at Hickory this year. Expected to see action for the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears is Jim Kimbrell Kings Mountain frosh star.

Business firms will close for the day, with the exception of drug stores and service stations, and the druggists expect to work on short schedule. "Holiday hours" are planned at Griffin Drug Company, "Sunday hours, no fountain service" at Kings Mountain Drug Company.

The postoffice will be closed, as will the North Carolina Employment Service office, the City Hall office, and all financial institutions.

The Kings Mountain Herald will be closed for the day, but majority of industry will follow regular schedules.

Harmon Property Bid Was \$10,217

M. L. Harmon, Sr., was the high bidder at the commissioner's re-sale Saturday of the T. N. Harmon Estate property at the corner of Battleground avenue and Falls street, Mr. Harmon's high bid was \$10,217.

It edged the bid of B. D. Rattee, who had held the high bid prior to Saturday's sale.

Under commissioner's sale procedure, the bidding will remain open through next Tuesday, December 1, ten days after the sale. During that period, a person may raise the bid by a minimum of five percent of the present high bid.

Martin L. Harmon, Jr., is the commissioner, and Davis and White are attorneys.

Billy LeRicheux, Long Retired, Busily Active At Age of 90

William (Billy) LeRicheux, native Canadian and resident of Kings Mountain for 56 years, celebrated his 90th birthday Monday.

Billy LeRicheux and his late wife, the former Miss Julie (Lizzie) Dover, were married in 1895. Mr. LeRicheux's daughter, Mrs. Glenn Smith, lives next-door, and a second granddaughter, Mrs. Everett Davis, lives in Gastonia.

A member of Central Methodist church, Mr. LeRicheux has been a Methodist for 60 years. He never missed a Sunday. Mrs. Price said, except the past summer when he underwent a major operation. His general health is good, though his hearing and his sight are poor, she added.

Mr. LeRicheux is not content to sit still. Mrs. Price continued, "He was quick to prove it."

"You want me here anymore?" he asked. "I've got to get in there and get that dining room dusted out."

And away he went, busily wielding his feather duster, no mean task for a man born during the War Between the States.

Charles LeRicheux, who still

SQUARE DANCE

Kings Mountain and Cherryville WOW will present the annual Christmas square dance on Saturday at 8 p. m. at the Cherryville American Legion Hall. Proceeds from the dance will go to the orphan homes of the state, Ray Smith, who announced the dance, said.

ARP's To Observe Building Fund Day

Boycot Memorial ARP church will observe its second "Building Fund Sabbath" at 11 o'clock services on Sunday.

The church recently began a long-term building fund program and sets each fifth Sabbath as Building Fund Day with a goal of \$1,250. The ten-year goal is a minimum of \$50,000.

The committee includes J. L. McGill, chairman, I. G. Patterson, M. D. Phifer, J. E. Anthony, Jr., treasurer, and Martin Harmon.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Bennett

Mrs. Nancy Bennett, 85, died Friday night in a Shelby hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, of which she was a member, with Dr. William P. Gerberding officiating. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett is survived by her husband, Wade Bennett.

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HEADS RED CROSS — I. G. Patterson, oil dealer, is the new president of the Kings Mountain chapter, American Red Cross. He succeeds Rev. W. L. Pressly, following recent annual election of officers.

Griffin Reports On Band Drive

Some \$200 has been collected in the Jaycee-sponsored drive for funds for the Kings Mountain school band during the first week of the campaign, Wilson Griffin, chairman, reported yesterday.

Reports have not been heard from most of the soliciting teams. Mr. Griffin said, and he urged heads of the divisions to "pep up" the drive during the next week.

Goal of the drive is \$1,500, with

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Senator Al Lennon Spends Busy Afternoon Shaking 400 Hands

United States Senator Alton A. Lennon, openly and frankly publicizing for the Democratic nomination to the senate seat he holds by appointment, held open house in Kings Mountain's City Hall Saturday, then toured the business section for a quick handshake with many more local area citizens.

He told friends in the late afternoon he had met 400 citizens.

The sandy-haired, 47-year-old senator proved quite affable, demonstrated a hearty handshake, and greeted callers like long-lost kin. As a matter of fact, he occasionally greeted approaching Kings Mountaineers as "cousin."

Senator Lennon made no momentous pronouncements, but mentioned, among other items that:

- 1) He expects the race for the Senate Democratic nomination next May to be a two-man affair, with former Governor W. Kerr Scott, the Haw River farmer, as his opponent;
- 2) He thinks Scott's talk of a minimum of \$125,000 required to make the race has hurt Scott;
- 3) He is glad to have Harry Gatton, the Iredell county man, as his new administrative assistant;
- 4) He attended all the roll call votes from the date of his qualification as a senator, and loss 20 pounds in the process;
- 5) He will visit 30 counties between now and January 6, the date Congress reconvenes, if he is to be sure of visiting the 100 prior to next May's election.

The Senator greeted many citizens who dropped by to call at invitation from Charlie Moss, Margrace Mill overseer, who had first proffered a civic club speaking engagement to the Senator several weeks ago.

Among the Kings Mountain

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Faith Baptist Church Organized

A new Baptist church, named Faith Baptist, was organized in Kings Mountain on Sunday, November 15 in the Burlington Mills area.

The new church is an outgrowth of a mission point which began two or three years ago under sponsorship of the Second Baptist church.

Organization was under direction of the missions committee of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, Rev. Lawrence Roberts, chairman, and Rev. T. W. Bray, associational missionary.

Rev. M. A. Bray acted as moderator, Rev. Mr. Roberts, clerk, and the Rev. John S. Farrar, chairman of the associational missions council, delivered the organizational sermon.

Others taking part in the organization were Rev. W. S. Hardin, Rev. Franklin Monroe, and Rev. Gordon Weekley, Jr.

Officers of the new church are B. T. Brooks, superintendent; Ed Riley, treasurer, and Mrs. B. T. Brooks, clerk. Walter Flay Payne who has served the mission for the past year, was called to be pastor of the new church. Ordination services were held

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Nothing New On School Site

There were no further developments during the past week on the proffer to the city board of school trustees of 15 acres of land for its new Negro Elementary school site.

This was the statement of Arnold W. Kincaid, board chairman, on Tuesday.

W. A. Williams has offered for sale at \$1,000 per acre a tract adjoining the site where construction of a new \$75,000 six-room elementary school has already begun.

State school officials require a minimum of 12 acres for the site, local schoolmen said, and the prospect hit a snag when B. D. Rattee declined to sell a portion of a tract owned jointly by himself and by the Estelle Weir Estate. Later, adjacent property owners petitioned the board not to continue plans for condemning the Rattee-Weir property.