

Registration Activity Light

City election registrars had an unbusy Saturday as the books opened for the first time for the January 16th city bond election referendum.

Activity was slight, most registrars reported, and the one new registrant, plus two transfers, handled by Ward 1 Registrar C. L. Black was about average for the day.

County Loop Action Slows Until Jan. 5

Bethware's high school girls were scheduled to entertain Waco last night (Monday), with Grover moving to Casar in county basketball loop action.

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Season's GREETINGS

WED - THURS. Randolph Scott - "MAN BEHIND THE GUN" Technicolor Comedy - Cartoon

IMPERIAL THEATRE Kings Mountain, N. C. Phone 134. TODAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 "ISLAND OF DESIRE" in technicolor Linda Darnell - Donald Gray 2 CARTOONS

Christmas Holidays

reported, and will resume operations on December 28, after being closed all week.

Consolidated Textiles, Inc., Supt. Lamar Moore said, paid a \$10 bonus to each employee, but will be out of operation for two weeks, until January 4.

Sadle Cotton Mills, paying a bonus approximating two percent of wages, will suspend operations Wednesday and will resume on January 4, according to report of George H. Houser.

Burlington Mills Corporation suspended operations at 10 p. m. Saturday night, and will resume at 10 p. m. Sunday, December 27.

Slater Corporation will close Wednesday night, according to Supt. C. W. Cradic, and will resume operations December 30.

Park Yarn Mills Company will be closed from December 24 until Monday, January 4, according to J. C. Smathers.

Elmer Lumber Company will take a long weekend beginning Thursday. Office personnel will be on hand Monday, but full operations won't be resumed until Tuesday, December 29.

Foote Mineral Company will close Christmas Day, and Superior Stone Company will take a long weekend, suspending operations on Wednesday until Monday, December 28.

Herald Publishing House will close from noon Tuesday to Monday, December 28.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, which has operated only a week in December were not available, General Manager Aubrey Mauney was out of town Monday, and Supt. J. H. Patterson could not be reached.

Short Docket Heard in City Court Here. A short session of City Recorder's Court was held in City Hall courtroom here Monday afternoon. Judge Jack White presided.

Retailers Open Later This Week

Kings Mountain retailers are observing Saturday hours throughout Christmas Eve and a few are advertising "open 'til 9 p. m. through Christmas Eve."

The schedule most popular is a 7 o'clock closing hour for department stores, 6 o'clock for hardware, and 6:30 for furniture dealers, with grocers remaining open until 7:30 or later.

After Christmas Eve, most stores will be closed for a long, three-day weekend, re-opening for business on Monday, December 28. The stores will resume their Wednesday half-holiday on December 30, but will not observe New Year's Day as a holiday, according to recommendation of the Merchants association board of directors.

Exceptions to the closing schedule are drug stores, which will be open as usual on Saturday. Kings Mountain Drug Company will be open for two hours in the morning and for two in the afternoon on Christmas Day. Griffin Drug Company will observe Sunday hours.

Theatres will be open as usual, as will some service stations. Silver Dollar Grill, customarily open 24 hours per day, will close for a long weekend, from Wednesday night at 10 o'clock to Monday morning at 5 a. m.

The City Hall office will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, re-opening on Monday, December 28.

V. P. Hambright's Rites Tuesday

Funeral services for Varn Pratt Hambright, 69, of Huntersville, brother of Dewitt and Quay Hambright of Kings Mountain, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Hopewell Presbyterian church in Charlotte.

Rev. Henry Schum, the pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Weyland of Fort Mill, S. C., and the Rev. Mr. Patterson of Davidson. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hambright died Friday morning at a hospital in Concord. He had been in declining health for two years and had been seriously ill since May of this year. Mr. Hambright was born July 21, 1884, in York County, S. C., the son of the late David R. and Mary Ann Dixon Hambright. He was a member of Huntersville Presbyterian church.

Caddy Goes Wading To Save His Pooch

Sunday's low temperatures made it no decent day for a dip in the lake, but a Negro caddy, S. J. Smith, at the Kings Mountain Country Club golf course went wading anyway.

The reason was more than a lost golfball for a foursome of diehard links enthusiasts. The caddy's pooch was ice-skating on the little lake of the fifth hole when the thin coating of ice crunched through.

The little dog scrambled and scrambled, but each time it would break again. Finally, caddy stripped off pants, shoes and socks, walked in and rescued his pup.

The golfers ignoring Sunday's wintry blasts were W. L. Plonk, John Smathers, Oscar Myers, and a fourth, who reported the dog incident, but asked that his identity not be revealed, since his appearance on the golf course was in lieu of some Sabbath afternoon church work that had been tentatively scheduled.

"B" Boys To Drill After Holidays

Kings Mountain high school will field a ninth grade boys basketball squad, the "Bees", who will be coached by Shu Carlton and John Gamble.

The "B" team will start drills after the holidays, with a schedule to be drawn then also. The group will drill on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, game dates for the varsity cagers, and on Monday and Thursday nights after varsity practice.

Besemer City Kings Mtn. Drive-In Theatre

ALL NEW and BETTER Than Ever! ALL NIGHT SHOW Saturday, Dec. 26th STARTS AT DUSK .. DAWN 7 B-I-G FEATURES B-I-G STARS!

Hit No. 1 GREGORY PECK - "ONLY THE VALIANT"

Hit No. 2 GARY COOPER - "GOOD SAM"

Hit No. 3 JANET LEIGH - "TWO TICKETS TO BROADWAY"

Hit No. 4 GLEN FORD - "WHITE TOWER"

USAF Enlistments Are Invited

Applications are now being accepted by the U. S. Air Force for the Aviation Cadet program, according to Sgt. Carl D. Peak, county area recruiter.

The program, combining all phases of training, takes approximately 16 months for pilots and approximately 24 months for aircraft observers. In order to apply civilians must take a transcript of his academic credits and birth certificate to the nearest U. S. Army-U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, Air Force base, or his nearest Aviation Cadet Selection Team.

The Recruiting Station will furnish Government paid transportation directly to the nearest air base for a medical examination and personal interview, then if these are successfully completed final examination will be scheduled by an aircrew classification testing detachment.

Qualifications for the pilot program are as follows: age, 19 to 26 1/2 years; must have high school education; must pass aptitude test designed to test flying; must be single; male citizen, and must agree to remain single during training period; must be in good physical condition as to the eyes, ears, heart, teeth, height, and weight; and must have high moral and personal qualifications, as determined by board of Air Force officers.

'54 Tax Listing Starts January 4

Tax listing in the City of Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township will get a slightly delayed start in 1954, due to the calendar break, it was announced this week by Clarence Carpenter, city lister and Conrad Hughes, Number 4 Township lister.

Since New Year's Day comes on a Friday, kick-off day will be Monday, January 4th, in Kings Mountain, with both Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Hughes on duty at City Hall courtroom.

KINGS MOUNTAIN and BESSEMER CITY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Located on Kings Mountain - Bessemer City Highway, only 2 Miles from Kings Mountain. OPEN 7 DAYS PER WEEK Phone 1027-J - Kings Mtn.

TODAY, TUESDAY Dec. 22 "THE ALL AMERICAN" with Tony Curtis and Lori Nelson - ALSO - 20 MINUTES OF SHORTS 20 MINUTES OF CARTOONS

WED. - THURS. - FRI. December 23 - 24 - 25 "SO THIS IS LOVE" in technicolor with Kathryn Grayson and Walter Abel 20 MINUTES OF SHORTS 20 MINUTES OF CARTOONS

DECEMBER 26 ALL NIGHT SHOW SUN. - MON. - TUES. December 27 - 28 - 29 "EAST OF SAMATRA" in technicolor with Jeff Chandler and Marilyn Maxwell 20 MINUTES OF SHORTS 20 MINUTES OF CARTOONS

Mon. & Tues. Nights Are Family Nights EVERY WEEK Adm. 50c per car

Collins Transfers To Grover Postoffice

A. F. Collins, a familiar figure to route 1, Kings Mountain residents for the past score of years, completes his tour of duty as the mail carrier for Rural Route 1 this weekend.

Mr. Collins is not retiring, though he has spent more than 32 years in the postal service. He is returning to the Grover postoffice, where he first started carrying the mails, and will assume the Route 1, Grover, vacancy on Monday, December 28.

Mr. Collins, who lives at Grover, will be succeeded temporarily by Edwin Moore, substitute postal carrier at the Kings Mountain postoffice, until a regular appointment is made. Assistant Postmaster George Hord said Saturday.

ter and Mr. Hughes on duty at City Hall courtroom. Both tax listers will be at City Hall through January six days weekly with the exception of Saturday afternoon, January 9, Saturday, January 16, and Saturday afternoon, January 23.

On the excepted dates Mr. Hughes will be at Grover to accommodate citizens of that area. The tax listers pointed out that all property owners are required to list their properties for taxes, that owners of dogs, television sets, diamond rings, guns, automobiles, and other property must list it for tax purposes, and that every male between 21 and 50 must list for poll taxes.

Kiwanis Santa To Nine Families

Kings Mountain Kiwanians are seeking to make Christmas a happy time for members of nine Kings Mountain families.

With the entire club serving on the project, nine committees have been at work for several days now preparing baskets of fruits, nuts and candies, tree ornaments and gifts for the nine families chosen by the club. All of the families are large ones, Dr. D. F. Hord, president of the club said. "One family has eight children and is expecting an addition soon. Since other groups are concentrating on food, we thought we'd work on the other items," Dr. Hord added.

The 18 standing committees of the club were paired to form the nine committees. Chairmen are Bill Fulton, B. N. Barnes, G. A. Bridges, Gurney Grantham, Rowell Lane, Paul Mauney, B. S. Neill, J. B. Keeter and Jay Patterson. The club will not meet Christmas eve nor on New Year's eve. Next regular meeting will be on January 7, 1954.

There were 77 Marines killed or died of wounds during the Confederate war.

North Carolina hatcheries produced 58.2 million chicks in the first 10 months of 1953—some 11.7 per cent more than the same period of 1952.

JOY KINGS MTN. CLEVELAND-GASTON'S ONLY DELUXE THEATRE. Merry Christmas. Last Time Tuesday ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT TAYLOR GRANGER BLYTH. Wed. - Thurs. GLENN ANN FORD-SHERIDAN "Appointment in Honduras" ZACHARY SCOTT. FRIDAY - SATURDAY FIRST SHOWING IN CAROLINAS. HUNTED! HOUSED! PURSUED! He fought the Apache terror... ALONE! TUMBLEWEED STARRING AUDIE MURPHY - LORI NELSON - CHILL WILLS. Added Joy: Comedy - Cartoon. Late Show Sat. Dec. 26 - ALSO - Mond. - Tues. December 28-29 M-G-M'S MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA IN COLOR! KISS ME KATE starring KATHRYN GRAYSON-KEEL ANN MILLER. Wed. - Thurs. December 30-31 Warner Bros. Present FERNANDO LAMAS DAHL with MARY HUNT The ROLAND DIAMOND Queen. To Each and All! Thursday, December 31 ALL NIGHT New Year's Party 6 BIG HITS Plus 6 color Cartoons All Features On The New Wide Panoramic Screen. OUR HEATERS ARE ON for your convenience The ONLY Drive-In THEATRE Equipped With In-Car Heaters. Giving Entertainment with the BOOKS of HAPPINESS \$2.50 Per Book At Our Box Office

Drive-In THEATRE. FREE CANDY For The Children at the Box Office EVERY NIGHT. TUES. - LAST DAY December 22 ON WIDE SCREEN. RONALD REAGAN LAW and ORDER. DONOTHY MALONE- PRESTON FOSTER- ALEX NICOL. WEDNESDAY - THURS. December 23-24. The Steel Trap. FRIDAY - SATURDAY December 25-26 Double Feature. First time on our new Panoramic Wide Screen. WALT DISNEY presents A TRUE LIFE ADVENTURE. NATURE'S HALF ACRE. Second Feature. RED HOT ACTION in the hottest spot on earth. TARGET HONG KONG. SUN. - MON. - TUES. December 27, 28, 29 First time on our new Panoramic Wide Screen. HOUDINI starring TONY CURTIS - JANET LEIGH. WEDNESDAY December 30. Merry, Merry CHRISTMAS. To Each and All! Thursday, December 31 ALL NIGHT New Year's Party 6 BIG HITS Plus 6 color Cartoons All Features On The New Wide Panoramic Screen. OUR HEATERS ARE ON for your convenience The ONLY Drive-In THEATRE Equipped With In-Car Heaters. Giving Entertainment with the BOOKS of HAPPINESS \$2.50 Per Book At Our Box Office. Drive-In THEATRE. GASTONIA-KINGS MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY.