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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Kings Mountain Battle Drama Opens Season Thursday Night

Local News Bulletins

ON DEAN'S LIST
Miss Suzanne Arrowood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Arrowood, has been listed on the Dean's list for the Spring quarter at Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone, according to announcement received here.

METER RECEIPTS
Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$152.50, Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office reported.

ASSUMES DUTIES
Miss Dorothy Frances Goforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bun Goforth, has joined the office staff of Elmer Lumber Company. A graduate of Gardner-Webb Junior college at Bowling Springs, Miss Goforth assumed her new duties last week.

OPTIMIST CLUB
The regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Optimist Club, which will be a ladies night affair, will be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the City Picnic Area, according to Neal Grissom, president of the club.

FIRST AID COURSE
A standard first aid course taught by Neal Grissom, Red Cross first aid instructor, began at Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, Inc., this week. The classes, which will terminate August 17, are to be held each Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 7 until 9 o'clock.

RANDLE REUNION
Annual reunion of the William Randle clan will be held Sunday, July 25, at the Fellowship Center in the Bethlehem community. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the dinner and reunion, a spokesman for the group said Monday.

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night union service for five city church congregations will be held at Central Methodist church with Rev. W. L. Pressley, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

ATTENDES MEETING
Rev. Gordon Weekley, Jr., attended as chairman for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, a meeting of the State Committee of Evangelism at Fruitland Baptist Assembly, Fruitland, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

X-RAY UNIT
Cleveland County Mobile X-Ray unit will be in front of Bek's Department Store here Friday, according to announcement by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett Wednesday. The unit will be open from 10-12 and 1-4 p. m., she said.

NO PARKING
The north side of Mountain street, from City street to Railroad avenue, is being designated as a "no parking" area by the city. The city painter has been marking off the area in yellow lines and signs are to be posted soon. The section was designated "most dangerous to traffic in the business section" by Chief of Police Hugh Logan at a recent meeting of the city commissioners.

SCHOOL BOARD
A special luncheon meeting of the city district board of school trustees has been called for Wednesday, July 23, at 12:30 p. m. at the Country Club. Chairman A. W. Kincaid announced Monday. The board will consider the new budget, the Central school re-lighting project and other business.

STORY HOUR SET
Story Hour at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library begins Saturday morning at 10 o'clock according to announcement by the library committee in charge of arrangements. Mrs. W. L. Mauney will read the story, and all children of the community are invited. Story hour will be held every other Saturday morning.



HOSPITAL TRUSTEE - Lewis Hovis, Kings Mountain businessman, has been appointed a member of the county board of hospital trustees, representing Number 4 township. His term will expire in 1957.

Hovis Is Named Hospital Trustee

Lewis Hovis, Kings Mountain farm implement dealer, has been appointed a member of the county hospital board of trustees to succeed Don Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist.

Mr. Hovis was named by the county board of commissioners on Monday, who also appointed four other members to vacancies created by expiring terms. The others are Ladd W. Hamrick, of Bowling Springs, a former Kings Mountain citizen, J. Lowrey Austell, Blaine Baker, and W. H. Covington.

Terms of office are three years and expiring members may not succeed themselves immediately. Mr. Hovis is one of three Number 4 Township trustees. Others are Franklin Harry, of Grover, and W. L. Plonk, of Kings Mountain.

The 15-member board of trustees includes three from each township in which county hospital units are located, plus one each from the other nine townships of Cleveland County.

The new appointees, all inducted at a supper for present, incoming, and retiring members, hospital officials and their wives at Brackett's Cedar Park Wednesday night, succeeded Parris Yelton, retiring chairman, Jim Beason, D. D. Lattimore, and Dr. A. A. Lackey, in addition to Mr. Blanton. The board was to organize for the coming year at the Wednesday night meeting.

Mr. Hovis, general manager of Community Implement and Supply Co., is an elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church and a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Following is the full board membership and the townships represented:

- Carver Bridges, Earl, No. 1. Ladd W. Hamrick, Bowling Springs, No. 2. M. H. Walker, No. 3. Lewis Hovis, Franklin Harry, W. L. Plonk, all No. 4. W. Z. Hord, Waco, No. 5. Lowrey Austell, Jack Dover III, and Jim Rucker, Shelby, all of No. 6. Aubrey Calton, Lattimore, No. 7. W. H. Covington, Polkville, No. 8. Blaine Baker, Lawndale, No. 9. Everett Lutz, Belwood, No. 10. Robert Beam, Casar, No. 11.

CEMETERY CLEANING
The cemetery at Antioch Baptist church will be cleaned Friday morning, July 23. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Progressive Club Is Sponsoring Bethware Bloodmobile Call Monday

A visit of the Charlotte Region at Blood Center mobile blood collecting unit is scheduled a Bethware school Monday from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The bloodmobile visit is being sponsored by the Bethware Progressive Club and member of the Bethware School PTA will assist with the center. Mrs. Priddy Ratterree, treasurer of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, said that the quota for the visit is 125 pints. Mrs. Ratterree also pointed out that blood is not accepted from donors but ever three months, and

Rate Schedules On Gas Received

Engineers Say Gas Use Cheaper Than Other Fuels

The city has received recommended rate schedule for natural gas service from its engineers, along with recommended contract forms for industrial and commercial users.

The engineers, Barnard & Burk of Baton Rouge, La., note that the residential rate and interruptible service rate schedules have been revised upward, in view of the recent increase in rates granted Transcontinental Pipeline, the city's supplier, by the Federal Power commission.

The engineers add, however, that the residential rate still compares "very favorably with coal, oil, propane and electricity," and notes that the revised interruptible rate will still provide large savings to Mauney Hoisery Mill and Consolidated Textiles, two firms which have indicated a desire for gas service.

The city will open bids from contractors on installing a distribution system on August 6 and has already contracted to begin taking gas from the big pipeline which crosses the York highway not later than January 15, 1955.

In the engineering rate studies furnished by Barnard and Burk, the contention is made that residential use of gas will result in savings of eight percent under use of coal, 29 percent under use of No. 1 fuel oil, 22 percent under use of No. 2 fuel oil, 37 percent under use of propane gas, and even greater savings under cost of electricity for water heating, cooking, and space heating.

The city has received several extra copies of the rate schedules and contract forms and they may be obtained for study at City Hall.

Adoption of the several rate schedules will be subject to action by the board of city commissioners.

The residential rate recommendation provides for a monthly minimum of \$1.25 for the first 200 cubic feet of gas consumption, with the next 2800 cubic feet to be billed at 14c per 100, the next 7000 cubic feet at 11 cents per 100, and all additional gas at 9.5 cents per 100. Monthly consumption of 1000 cubic feet would cost \$2.37, while 100,000 cubic feet would cost \$98.37.

The general commercial and industrial rate recommendation prescribes a \$1.50 minimum for 200 cubic feet, with the next 4800 at 13 cents per 100, and scaling down to quantity users of more than 500,000 cubic feet to seven cents per 100 cubic feet.

The recommended schedule for year-round commercial and industrial users calls for a \$10 monthly minimum, beginning at 11

Privilege Payments Are Reported Slow

Privilege license purchases were sparse at City Hall during the past week.

Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel said total purchases of the 1954-55 licenses through Wednesday morning totaled \$2,839.37, an increase of only \$195 during the week, and only slightly more than half the anticipated amount of receipts from this schedule. Deadline for purchase of the licenses without penalty is July 31. Penalty of five percent per month applies thereafter.



REVIVAL SPEAKER—Rev. Charles R. Bixler, of Gastonia, will conduct a series of revival services beginning Sunday evening at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Bixler To Lead Dixon Revival

Rev. Charles R. Bixler, pastor of Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian church in Gastonia, will begin a week's revival at Dixon Presbyterian church beginning Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Services during the week will begin at 8:15 with Bible school classes for all age groups to begin at 7 o'clock each evening. Ken Boyer, summer pastor at the church, is serving as superintendent of the school.

Rev. Bixler, son of missionary parents, was born in the State of Sergipe, Brazil, and lived in Brazil until he was 15. He attended Ponte Nova school in Brazil, Stony Brook Prep school in Long Island, N. Y., and was graduated from Davidson college and Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

He has served as pastor of six churches in Blountville, Tenn., four churches in Mallow and Covington, Va., and a church in Sharon, S. C., before accepting the call to the Gastonia church. Mr. Bixler served as summer pastor here for Rev. P. D. Patrick in 1941-42. He is married and the Bixlers have three children.

Bottling Firm Sold To Moore

Kings Mountain Beverage Co., Inc., Kings Mountain bottling firm, has been sold to C. C. Moore, of Gastonia, it was announced Wednesday by R. B. Grigg, Jr., official of the firm.

Mr. Grigg said the transaction was concluded Tuesday. Founded in May 1946 by R. B. Grigg, Sr., R. B. Grigg, Jr., and Robert Abernathy, Kings Mountain Beverage Company employs six persons and has marketed Bireley's non-carbonated fruit drinks, Grapeite soda, Red Rock Cola, and other assorted soft drinks.

R. B. Grigg, Sr., has accepted a position with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Gastonia, and will join that firm soon, while R. B. Grigg, Jr., expects to enter the seminary at Wake Forest college in the term opening in September.

Third former owner of the firm, Thurmond D. Smith, of Kings Mountain, expects to continue in the employ of the new management, Mr. Grigg stated.

Ellison Child Illness Termed Poliomyelitis

Kings Mountain's first polio case of 1954 was diagnosed Wednesday.

Eric Stephen Ellison, seven-year-old son of City Police Officer and Mrs. Warren Ellison, of 811 Rhodes-avenue, was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital on Tuesday.

Dr. John C. McGill determined yesterday that the child has spinal poliomyelitis. The youngster was transported to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital polio center Wednesday afternoon.

Examination of the child, who had not been ill more than a day or two, showed a weakness in his back. The case was reported as mild, so far, according to Mr. Ellison.

Bivens Hearing To Be August 16

Preliminary hearing for Evan Herman Bivens, of Church street, Cherryville, on eight charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and on a charge of driving drunk, has been set for Monday afternoon, August 16, in City Recorder's court.

The charges grew out of an accident occurring July 4, on Cherryville road, when a 1950 Buick four-door sedan driven by Bivens went out of control and crashed into the residence of Mrs. Bertie L. Lockridge.

Six people on porch at the time of the accident were hospitalized, two of whom are still in the hospital.

The eight counts of assault with a deadly weapon were brought against Bivens by the parties who sustained injuries as a result of the accident. The ninth count of driving drunk was placed against Bivens by Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr. Chief Logan said the drunken driving charge is a second offense.

Members of the injured group have retained John J. Mahoney, Jr., of Shelby, as their prosecuting attorney.

Fisher Sells To Demetriades

John (The Greek) Demetriades has purchased the business known as Fisher's Corner Cafe from John Fisher, in a transaction effective at the close of business last Saturday.

Mr. Demetriades, one-time Kings Mountain cafe operator, has assumed the management and is re-decorating the interior of the restaurant located at Mountain street and Piedmont avenue.

Mr. Demetriades said he opened the Silver Dollar restaurant on Grover Road on July 22, 1944. He subsequently operated the Silver Villa Grill here, and later operated Johnny's Diner at Blacksburg, S. C., and the Plaza Pier at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

The new owner said the firm will specialize in serving regular dinners, short orders, and all specialty food items, catering both to individuals and groups.

The building and fixtures are owned by Haywood E. Lynch.

Mrs. Charles Alexander President Of Credit Women's Breakfast Club

A pre-organizational meeting of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club was held Wednesday morning at 7:30 at Horseshoe Grill.

Twenty were present for the first meeting, with 12 prospective members. John H. Lewis, president of the Merchants Association, presided and presented Ansel Fowler, of Winston-Salem, manager of the Fowler Furniture Company and past president of the North Carolina Merchants Association. Mr. Fowler presented a short talk on the purposes of the Credit Women's Breakfast club.

Three members of the Charlotte chapter, Mrs. Ethel Wilkerson, president, Charlotte Goodson, director, and Eunice McCloud, vice-president, were also



PLAY LEADS IN BATTLE DRAMA - Susan Moss, left, and Charles Hales, play the leading roles in the 1954 version of 'The Sword of Gideon,' opening Thursday night for a 12-performance run at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre. Miss Moss is cast as Sally, the mountain girl, while Mr. Hales plays Reece McDermott, a leader of the resistance against the British. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Drama Cast Has Old, New Faces

Charles Hales, Susan Moss Play Leading Roles

The 90-member cast of "The Sword of Gideon", opening Thursday night, includes "some old, some new, some borrowed."

Many of the cast are old troupers on the Kings Mountain Little Theatre's battle drama stage, some in the same roles, such as Dr. P. G. Padgett, again in his comic role of Billy Rover, and Meek Carpenter, again portraying the villainous Whittacre.

Lead roles this year have been changed, Susan Moss having graduated from her part of last year to the female lead of Sally, the beautiful but rustic heroine, and Charles Hales, borrowed from Warsaw and the University of North Carolina, playing the male lead, Reece McDermott, the mountain man who aroused the citizens to the danger of a loss to the British.

Back again this year as Joe Kerr and Gil is young Newton Neely of Rock Hill, S. C., while Charles Loveland, of Shelby, takes the role of Col. Patrick Ferguson, the famed British commander killed at Kings Mountain, in the battle which turned the tide of the Revolutionary War in favor of the struggling colonies.

Mrs. Phillip G. Padgett, a past performer in the role of Widow Smith, plays Virginia, Ferguson's mistress, with Mrs. M. A. Ware, along an important figure in the drama presentations, playing Widow Smith.

Others in the cast include Lar

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LIONS SPEAKER - Jim Farthing, of Lenoir, district solicitor and governor of Lions district 31-B, will address members of the Kings Mountain club Tuesday night. The club meets at Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock.

Sutherland Died Early Wednesday

Chapel Richard Sutherland, 43, died at Kings Mountain hospital yesterday morning at 3:30 a. m. He was a resident of Bennett Drive and was an employee of Burlington Mills.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday afternoon at 3:30 at Faith Baptist church, with Rev. Flay Payne officiating. Interment will be at Mountain View cemetery, Blacksburg, S. C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eunice Sutherland, four sons, Bobby Gene, William Walker, and Richard Sutherland, all of the home, and Holland B. Sutherland, in the navy at San Diego, Calif., and two daughters, Betty Lou and Sheila Anne Sutherland, both of the home.

Two brothers, H. O. Sutherland of Norfolk, Va., and Arthur Sutherland of Gaffney, S. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Geneva Hamrick of Blacksburg, S. C., and Mrs. Beatrice Bowers of Baltimore, Md., also survive.

Young Girl Faces Vagrancy Charge

Martha Melton, 18, of E. Gold street, was arrested Tuesday by Officers Paul Sanders and Jack Stone around 2:45 p. m. on Jackson street, and charged by the Kings Mountain Police department with vagrancy.

A fourteen year old sister of the Melton girl, also picked up at the same time, by Officers Sanders and Stone, will be turned over to the welfare department.

Trial has been set for next Monday in City Recorder's court.

Sword Of Gideon Script Revised, Staging Speeded

"The Sword of Gideon", fourth of the Carolinas outdoor historical dramas, opens for its 1954 season of a dozen performances Thursday evening at 8:15, with the producers promising a much revised show with new costumes, improved sound and lighting, a shorter running time, and a spectacular production throughout.

Curtain time is scheduled for 8:15 and the 90-member cast has been termed "ready" by Director Bill Trotman after six weeks of work and three nights of dress

Drama Tickets

Tickets are on sale daily for "The Sword of Gideon" at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre office on East King street. Prices are \$2 for reserved seats, \$1.20 for general admission, and 60 cents for children. The ticket office moves to the Military Park box office prior to each evening's performance.

rehearsal which lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

Script changes by the author, Florette Henri, New York novelist and playwright, included near-complete re-writing of the narration, cutting of several pages of the script, and revision of other portions.

New costumes, made by members of the Woman's Club are being used by the actors and a track arrangement on the sets has eliminated delay in change-overs of the sets in the 15-scene, three-act presentation at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre.

The sound effects department is presenting for the first time its version of stereophonic sound by using three speakers in various sections of the audience, designed to give the hearers an added measure of realism.

Thursday night will be press night, with newspapers, radio-men and others throughout the area expected to attend. Several public officials from surrounding areas are also expected to attend. Among those who have accepted opening night invitations to attend are Chalmers Davidson, the Davidson college professor and historian.

The production is scheduled for presentation on successive Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights July 22 through August 14.

Moose Lodge Assured Here

A Moose Lodge is assured for Kings Mountain, Rocky McGivern, Moose membership official, reported yesterday.

Mr. McGivern said that he has written Frank Ray, of Asheville, regional director for the Carolinas and Virginia, requesting a charter and an institution date for the lodge here.

Temporary officers of the Kings Mountain Moose Lodge, are Warren E. Reynolds, chairman, and J. Lee Roberts and Jack H. White, co-chairmen, the Moose official reported.

Meetings are now scheduled for each Monday and Thursday evening at 7 p. m. at the Community Club, located on Bessemer City road across from Radio Station WKMT, he said. Information about the lodge can be obtained from the chairman.

Mr. McGivern said that he expects a charter membership of 175-200 by the date of charter presentation and institution and some 200 visiting Moose, including dignitaries from Mooseheart, Illinois, for the event.

The lodge will be the second chartered in Cleveland County this year. The Shelby lodge, which now numbers more than 500 members, was instituted on May 21.

Tax Advertising To Start Aug. 12

Advertising of property for unpaid city taxes will begin on August 12, it was announced by Clarence E. Carpenter, tax supervisor, yesterday.

The property on which taxes for the year have not been paid will be sold on Monday, September 13.

Mr. Carpenter also noted that July 31 is the final day for paying 1954 tax bills at 1.5 percent discount. The discount rate will drop to one percent, effective August 1.