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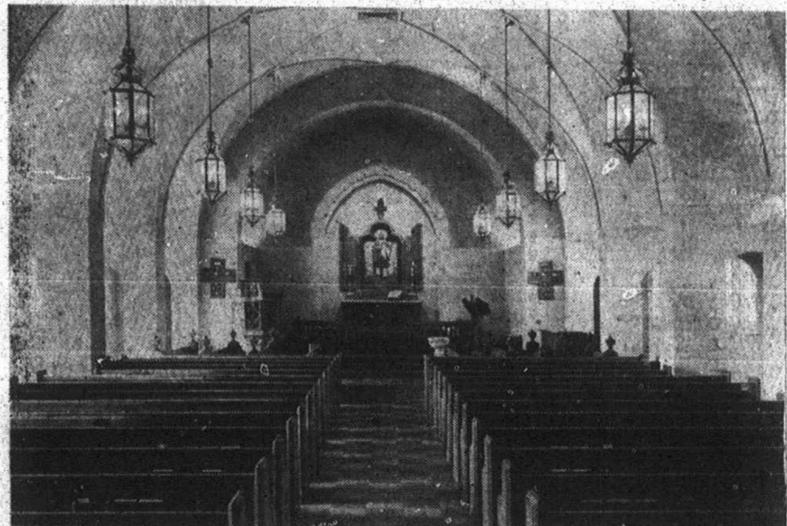
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DEDICATION RITES CONTINUING — Services of dedication for the new St. Matthew's Lutheran church will continue on Thanksgiving day and through Sunday.

Kings Mountain City Directory Work Underway

Work on publication of a Greater Kings Mountain city directory began this week, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Optimist club. Charles Drake, representative of Southern Directory Company, Asheville, arrived here Tuesday and will spend the remainder of the week with members of the Optimist club selling advertising for the directory.

The individual listings will note whether the person is married or single, his or her place of employment and residence address. The alphabetical street guide will list the person residing at the particular street address.

Ministers Flay Sunday Races

Kings Mountain ministers adopted a resolution in a meeting Monday morning opposing Sunday auto races.

A committee named to contact Clyde Hullender, one of the operators of the track, included Rev. Gordon Weekley, Rev. W. L. Pressly, and Rev. W. C. Sides. Mr. Weekley said three attempts of the committee to contact Mr. Hullender personally were unsuccessful and that the committee subsequently addressed a letter to him asking that he cancel the Sunday event.

Mr. Weekley said that Mr. Hullender had previously stated last weekend he would not repeat a Sunday race, but that heavy financial commitments made impossible cancellation of the November 28 amateur contest.

Winifred Marteen of Dallas who said he built the track, stated the track would close for the season after Sunday's race.

Rev. Mr. Weekley said investigation of county blue laws showed persons violating the laws are subject to a fine of one dollar and costs of court.

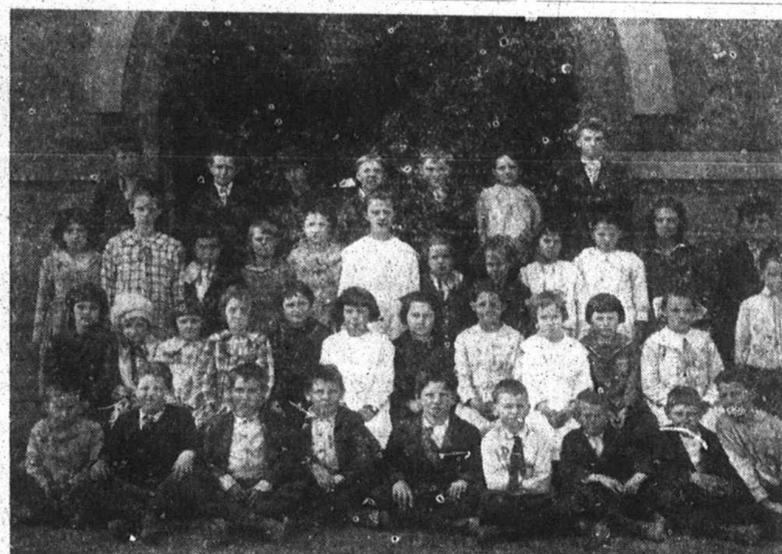
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City Lifts Water Restrictions



LARGE GROUP OF MOUNTAINEERS OF A FEW SEASONS AGO — Above is a vintage picture of many present and former Kings Mountain citizens. It is Kings Mountain city school's third grade of 1919, then taught by the late Miss Bessie Simonton. At that time, the only city school was Central. Front row, left to right, are George Moss, Harold Crawford, G. L. Wright, Everett Cashion, Clyde Jolly, Arthur Saunders, Hubert Davidson, Hubert McGinnis, and Glenn Wilson. Second row, left to right, are Lucille Casler Falls, Helen Ridenhour Ferguson, Elizabeth Ware Leslie, Ivy Falls Weaver, Aileen Cobb, Louise Carpenter, Ruth McGinnis Caveny, Helen Logan, Mahle Regan, Carrie Huffstetter, and Eugene Roberts.

Third row, left to right, are Beatrice Ford, Willie Morris, Mauxe Williams McGill, Thelma Huffstetter, Nellie Jackson, Lucy Haynes, Grace Neisler Page, Mary Elizabeth Elam Vance, Ruth Lindsay, Nellie Detmar, Vera Cole Cash, and Robert Barber. Back row, left to right, are Lemuel Ware, Buck Dilling, Miss Simonton, LeRhynae Houser, Floyd Jenkins, Clyde Detmar and Curtis Falls.

Moss Says Use Rises 60,000 Gallons Daily

The city lifted water use restrictions suddenly last Thursday afternoon, Mayor Glee A. Bridges using the police department safety car loud speaker to make the announcement.

The lifting of restrictions, imposed in September, now means that citizens and service stations can again wash their cars, water shrubs and lawns, and for any other purpose. However, the Mayor asked the citizens to be as conserving with water as possible.

Meantime, water consumption jumped somewhat from its low level, but not to staggering amounts, Water Plant Operator George Moss reported. He said the plant's measuring instruments indicated consumption up about 60,000 gallons per day, on the average, since the restrictions were lifted. Oddly, peak-use day was last Sunday, when 410,000 gallons of raw water were used by city customers.

The city's action followed a rain on November 16 and two misty days when rainfall was very slight. Rain fell again last Friday night, and again on Tuesday, though neither measurement of rainfall could be termed a heavy rain.

Water Commissioner W. G. Grantham said the city commissioners took a look at the supply in both York Road and Davidson auxiliary reservoir and decided it would suffice until the rainy season arrives to further enhance the supplies. He said service station operators had requested relief from the edict and had pointed out Gastonia's decision to wipe out restrictions.

Fire Fighters March Friday

The Kings Mountain Fire department will join the fire-fighters nation-wide march for muscular dystrophy Friday night, when they canvas the community for contributions to the fund.

City firemen will meet at the City Hall fire station at 7 o'clock Friday night and are asking all citizens planning to give to the fund for muscular dystrophy to leave their porch lights burning.

The comedy team, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, is leading the nation-wide campaign to obtain funds to relieve suffering from another of the dread and crippling diseases.

Fire Chief Pat Tignor said he hoped Kings Mountain's contribution to the fund would be large.

Envelopes are being distributed in advance of the Friday night collection.

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Church Continues Dedication Rites

Climax Of Series Set For Sunday At 3 O'Clock

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will continue through Sunday its series of nine religious festivities dedicating its new church building.

The remaining services include a Thanksgiving morning service at 10 o'clock, when Dr. Robert Roth, of the Lutheran seminary, Columbia, S. C., will conduct the service of blessing for the tower terrace service.

On Friday, at 8:30 p. m., a covered dish supper will be held at the church honoring visiting pastors and local officials, and the series will be concluded on Sunday, with Dr. Walter Nau, former supply pastor of the church and Lenoir-Rhyne college professor, conducting a service blessing the memorial windows.

Climax of the series will be a Sunday afternoon service at 3 o'clock, in the service of dedication of the church building, featuring a sermon by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, and blessing of the church by Dr. Voligt Crömer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne college. This service will include a processional of church officials and members, Dr. Gerberding announced. The clergy, choir, and church council will march into the church from the chapel, to be followed by the members of the church, who will congregate in front of the church prior to the service. An open house will follow the Sunday-afternoon service.

The dedication festivities began Sunday morning. Synod President Dr. F. L. Conrad, former pastor of H. B. Schaeffer and Dr. C. K. Derrick, in addition to local pastors, have participated in the services this week. On Tuesday night Ernest White, New York organist, played an organ recital to a filled church, and on Wednesday night, another former pastor, Rev. W. H. Stender, conducted the service blessing the pews.

Duggin On Rostrum For Grid Banquet

E. C. Duggin, coach of the Appalachian State Teachers College football team, will be the principal speaker at the annual Lions Club football banquet at Masonic Hall on December 16.

Ollie Harris, program chairman for the banquet, made the announcement.

Coach Duggin has led his team to the North State Conference championship and the club has been selected to play in the Burley Bowl game at Johnson City, Tenn., and in the Raleigh Optimist Bowl game.

The Lions Club annually honors the Kings Mountain high school football team, which compiled a record of seven wins, one tie and two losses this year.

Coach Rex Enright, of South Carolina, was the speaker last year.

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Community Is Busily Preparing For Thanksgiving Observance

Kings Mountain was busily preparing for Thanksgiving Wednesday.

Grocers were supplying turkeys, cranberries, and other table delicacies to housewives in large volume and retail personnel were anticipating the one-day respite from work before the busy month between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Churches, from Sunday since, have been holding special Thanksgiving services, with several scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, including the traditional early morning service and breakfast at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church, beginning at 7:30, and one of a series of dedication rites, set for St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 10 o'clock Thanksgiving morning.

Majority of industry will follow regular schedules. Service stations and movie houses will be open, but the City Hall business office, Kings Mountain post-office and employment service office will be closed, as will the Kings Mountain Herald and city financial institutions.

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Many sportsmen are anticipating a day in the field looking for in-season game, while football fans will divide interest between two area attractions, Lenoir-Rhyne versus Catawba, at Salisbury, and the Optimist Bowl high school all-star engagement at Asheville. The Asheville game finds three Mountaineers involved, Ken Cloninger, high school guard, and Dewitt Blanton, end, are playing on the East team, while Coach Stu Carlton is coaching the East squad. The two players are sponsored by the Lions Club and Jaycees.

Local News Bulletins

LIBRARY CLOSED
Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library will close Thursday (today) for the Thanksgiving holiday, Mrs. Charles Dilling, the librarian announced.

LICENSE BUREAU
The local driver's license bureau will be closed Thursday (today) for the Thanksgiving holiday, according to W. C. Willis, license examiner. The bureau will be open next Thursday, December 2.

AT KEETER'S
Charlie Ballard, well-known Kings Mountain man and former professional baseball player, has joined the sales force of Keeter's Department store for weekend and holiday season duty.

ON DEAN'S LIST
Jane Ormand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ormand, and Don McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter, were listed on the dean's list for the first quarter at Lees McRae Junior college.

ASKING CO-OPERATION
The city is asking the co-operation of all motorists in observing "street closed" signs on streets where work is underway on construction of the city's natural gas distribution system.

TWO CALLS ANSWERED
Firemen answered two calls this week. The first call was answered Friday, around 5:40 p. m. to the home of Mrs. Bessie West, on Fulton street to extinguish an oil stove blaze. The second call, a false alarm, was answered around 10:30 p. m. Tuesday night at 401 S. Sims street.

METER RECEIPTS
Net receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$148.90, according to Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office.

MOOSE LODGE
Moose Lodge No. 1748 will hold its regular Thursday night meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the lodge on Sessamer City road.

Chasing Fire Wagon Illegal, Chief Says

Fire-truck chasing is against state and city ordinance. Fire Chief Pat Tignor reminded Kings Mountain citizens Wednesday.

Specifically, Chief Tignor said, the law provides punishment for motorists who follow a fire truck within a city block's length, and requires that motorists in front of an approaching fire truck drive their cars to the curb and await the passing of the fire wagon.

Chief Tignor said the city department has noticed an increasing tendency among citizens to follow the fire truck when alarms are being answered and he asked the cooperation of the public in meeting the law. Actually, he noted, the ordinances are safety measures for the protection both of the fireman and the public.

FARM NO. 12 REMAINS 'MYSTERY'

The Mystery Farm pictured in last week's Herald remains unidentified. Herald's readers have been naming Mystery Farms successfully since the feature began on September 2 before bumping into No. 12 and a stone wall. One caller said she thought she knew the farm but after considerable mooting

Inspector Gives Guard High Rate

The Kings Mountain National Guard company has received a rating of "very high excellent," Capt. Samuel H. Houston, company commander learned this week, following an October 27 inspection.

Capt. Houston, expressing himself as highly pleased with the result of the inspection, said it was the opinion of Lt.-Col. E. D. Winstead, the inspecting officer, that the unit would have received highest rating of "superior" if the unit had had sufficient personnel.

Lt.-Col. Winstead is acting assistant army inspector general for the Third Army, with headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga.

The inspection was conducted in two phases, an afternoon inspection covered administration, supply, chemical, medical, small arms, crew-served weapons, and vehicles. The second phase of the inspection was conducted in the evening and included a review of personnel, questions, and observation of training.

The comment on the inspection follows: "The organization of this unit

is handicapped by a critical shortage of qualified men to fill key positions. Administration and supply were excellent. Maintenance of equipment, general appearance of the Armory and the display of equipment were superior. Answers to questions in ranks and classes indicated that the post training has been effective."

Captain Houston urges all young men interested in serving in the National Guard to contact him or the Sergeant at the National Guard Armory, telephone 606. Sgt. Wilson, unit administrator of the Guard, will explain what the requirements for enlistment and discuss the National Guard's training program.

All young men planning to enter active military training soon could receive training which would help prepare them for their training on active duty in the National Guard, Capt. Houston said.

At present, there are only 28 openings. Captain Houston believes that these openings will be filled soon.

Rites Conducted Last Saturday For R. L. Lackey

Funeral rites for Rufus L. (Fate) Lackey, 79, were conducted Saturday afternoon from St. Matthew's Lutheran church with interment following in St. Luke's cemetery.

Mr. Lackey, Cleveland county native and well-known Kings Mountain citizen, died at his home on route 3 at 5:30 Thursday afternoon following a 16-month illness. He had been hospitalized intermittently during that time.

Mr. Lackey was a son of the late James P. and Sara Ann Crouse Lackey. He was a former school teacher, having taught at many Kings Mountain area and county schools, including Mary's Grove, Oak Grove, Beaver Dam, and St. Luke's. Subsequently he was an employee of the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company store for more than 30 years. A longtime active member of St. Luke's Lutheran church, he transferred membership to St. Matthew's church here when the St. Luke's church was abandoned. He was married on Christmas Day, 1898, to Miss Sara Josephine Oates, who survives.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, St. Matthew's pastor, conducted the final rites.

"Ever lovingly loved Mr. Fate," Dr. Gerberding stated. He commended the late Mr. Lackey for having lived a Christian life and particularly for the courage he had exhibited during the final 16 months of his life, when he was seriously ill.

Mr. Lackey is survived by his wife, three sons, Charles P. Lackey and James M. Lackey, both

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Lithium Walkout Ended Monday

The walkout of Southeastern Construction Company employees at work of the Lithium Corporation plant near here ended Monday, as work on the construction of the big plant returned to normal, Manager G. A. Munson reported.

The walkout had been termed a wildcat strike by company officials, but the picket lines had been honored by several union groups.

No formal announcements were made concerning the end of the strike, by either management or labor officials. However, attorneys for the company were busy last weekend and were planning to seek an injunction against the strikers on grounds of violation of North Carolina's "right to work" law.

J. R. Davis, attorney for Lithium Corporation, said as far as he had been informed the strike situation was back to normal.

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