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Local News Bulletins

TWO FIRES
Fireman Ted Gamble reported city firemen answered two calls this week, one Monday to a residence on N. Piedmont ave., the other, Tuesday to a residence on First street. Only smoke damages resulted he said.

BUILDING PERMIT
Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Saturday to W. D. McDaniel to alter a one story building at 109 Sims street, at an estimated cost of \$500.

METER RECEIPTS
City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon Wednesday totaled \$159.89, according to a report by Miss Grace Carpenter of city clerk's office. Street meters accounted for \$131.57 of this total, while off-street meters returned \$28.32, she reported.

HOLY COMMUNION
An advent celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday morning at 11 o'clock services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with new members to be received by a dual baptism and affirmation of faith, it was announced by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

LITTLE THEATRE
Members of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre will meet Tuesday night at 8 p. m. at the club office at the Woman's club, according to announcement by Mrs. Ed Dill, president.

PRESBYTERIAN
Dr. Robert L. Stamper, vice-president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., will speak at 11 o'clock worship services Sunday at First Presbyterian church on the sermon subject, "The Christian-A Unique Testimony." He will also preach at afternoon services at Dixon Presbyterian church.

ACCEPTS POSITION
Mrs. John Fulton, of Kings Mountain, has accepted a position in the offices of Minette Mills, Inc., of Grover, and assumed her new duties last week.

TO GREENVILLE, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Page left over the weekend for Greenville, N. C., where Mr. Page enrolled Monday as a student at Eastern Carolina Teachers college. The couple will reside at 100 S. Elm street. Mr. Page has held a position with Margrace Mill. Mrs. Page is a former member of the city schools faculty.

SOCIAL SECURITY
A representative of the Gastonia social security office will be in Kings Mountain City hall from 9:30 a. m. on December 5 and 19 to handle social security matters for area citizens, it was announced by the Gastonia district office manager.

Neisler Takes Pageland Post

J. A. Neisler, Jr., formerly at Margrace Mill here, has been promoted to superintendent of the former Neisler Mills plant at Pageland, S. C., and has assumed his new duties. Mr. Neisler succeeds the late Harry Turner, of Pageland, who died suddenly of a heart attack two weeks ago. Neisler plants were sold last month to Horvath, Inc.

Retailers Set Yule Hours And Holidays

The board of directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association set Christmas-season plans at a special meeting Wednesday morning. According to the action, the city's retail stores will be closed on Monday, December 26, and will take another holiday on the subsequent Monday, New Year's Day. Christmas falls on Sunday this year. The merchants directors also voted to work longer schedules on the three days preceding Christmas, December 22-24. On these three days the majority of merchants will remain open until 7 p. m.



MINISTER PRESENTED CAR - Pictured are Rev. and Mrs. Howard Cooke as they receive the keys to a 1956 model Ford from Mr. and Mrs. Horace Benfield. Mr. Cooke, pastor of Second Baptist church, received the car as a gift from members of the church recently. Mr. Benfield is a church trustee. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

Kings Mountain Residents Draw Prison Terms At Court

Childers, Guin Foster, Houston Are Sentenced

Cleveland county's Superior Court docket for the present criminal term has been well populated with prosecutions of Kings Mountain area citizens, with several drawing prison and road sentences.

James M. Childers, the Peaceful Valley resident charged with attempting to burn his wife to death by setting fire to her mattress while she slept, was found guilty and sentenced to a two year term of work on the public roads.

Jerrold Foster was found guilty of robbery and was sentenced to serve two to four years in the state penitentiary. Foster was charged with stealing \$2,900 from Rufus "Blackie" Oates, Kings Mountain service station operator, last summer. The money was found by Gaston County law enforcement officers in a house trailer in Crumerton, and Foster was taken into custody. He was said to have walked into the service station and removed the money from the cash register while the operator was servicing a car.

Bobby Guin, 20-year-old Kings Mountain boy, was sentenced to serve six to ten years in prison on four charges. Guin had been found guilty on two counts of larceny of an automobile and two charges of breaking and entering and larceny. He was found guilty of breaking into Robert's Grocery and Jay Motor Company, as well as taking two automobiles. The charges were combined for judgement.

George "Banty" Huston Kings Mountain Negro was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and received 18 months imprisonment. Huston was charged with a knife attack on Willie Seawright, another Kings Mountain Negro, and of cutting Seawright's throat. The attack was said to have occurred near Nebo Bridge.

James Edward Wood, and Richard Styers, 16-year-old youths of Kings Mountain, were put on probation after being found guilty on charges of breaking and entering.

Jerome Grant, another 16-year-old Kings Mountain lad, was also put on probation. He was charged with breaking and entering. Continued On Page Eight

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Kiwanis To Hear Thomas Carroll

A representative of the National Cotton Council of America will discuss "Cotton's Blueprint for Progress" before members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the Thursday night meeting.

Thomas L. Carroll, of Charlotte who has been associated with the cotton council since 1949, will address the Kiwanians. Mr. Carroll's assignment with the organization is the maintenance of membership relations and information for cotton manufacturers.

Before joining the cotton council, Mr. Carroll was personnel director of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Winston-Salem, and before that time was a Community Chest director in Kansas City, Mo., and other cities. The club meets at Masonic hall at 6:45.

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First National's Christmas Club Tops \$70,000

Kings Mountain postmen will carry good news Thursday, as their pouches include 768 checks totaling more than \$70,000.

The money is the pay-off on First National Bank's 1955 Christmas Club, which found 768 persons completing Christmas Club savings contracts entered a year ago.

The total payment is by far the greatest in the bank's four-year history of Christmas Club activity. Last year the payments edged \$40,000. In 1953, the total was about \$20,000, and the first year found total payments at \$6,000.

First National President Frank R. Summers, who announced the totals for 1955, predicted another sizeable increase in participation for the 1956 Christmas club, now open.

"We expect the total payments for next December to top \$100,000," Mr. Summers said. "Already," he added, "some 250 people have joined the club for 1956 and it is just officially starting. We'd like to have 1,000 Christmas Clubbers for the coming year."

Christmas Club members agree to pay a set weekly amount into the fund each week. The minimum of 50 cents per week, but there is no maximum. The term is for 50 weeks. At the end of the club year, on December 1, the bank mails checks to its members.

Mr. Summers says members have told him the money goes for various expenses, though Christmas gift-buying claims a large part of the total. Others save for various purposes, one member noting that the money came in handy for defraying property tax accounts.

Board To Meet Thursday Night

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said yesterday he has a short agenda for Thursday night's regular monthly session of the board of city commissioners.

The board will be asked to confirm appointment by the chief of police of Samuel Eugene Ware, 27, as a city policeman. Chief Hugh Logan put Mr. Ware on the force when Bill Bell, former policeman, declined re-appointment. Ware is a "rookie," who formerly holds a third-class raidman's worked at Margrace Mill. A former Marine, Chief Logan says he license.

The board will also hold a public hearing, prior to confirmation, on paving assessments for a Meadowbrook Road extension.

In addition, the board will receive regular monthly departmental reports. The commissioners will convene at 8 o'clock at City Hall courtroom.

MOOSE MEETING
The regular weekly meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held at the lodge on Bessemer City road Thursday night.

Grand Jury Declines True Bill On Charge Against Huffstetler

Local Fund Audit Of City Schools Filed By Cooke

The annual audit of local funds of the Kings Mountain City Schools district has been completed by Robert H. Cooke, certified public accountant of Shelby.

A copy of this audit report for the year ended June 30 is on file at Superintendent B. N. Barnes' office, and a summary is published in today's Herald.

The audit reveals net value of the schools is carried at \$970,023.25, including the school buildings building sites, and fixtures, which are valued at \$891,606.

Other assets includes cash in bank \$85,417.25 and special taxes receivable for the current and past years, \$2,600.68.

School liabilities included \$7,000 on bonds payable; and a \$2,600.68 reserve for uncollected taxes. The audit reveals that the Kings Mountain school district received \$42,269.67 from Cleveland County on a student per capita basis during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. It also shows that the special 20 cents district tax returned \$19,153.90 to the school coffers.

Other major items in cash receipts included \$12,322.77 brought in by the school lunch rooms, and another \$4,334.21 as Kings Mountain per capita share of fines from various city and county courts.

On the district fund disbursements side, the largest expenditure was for the maintenance of schools which cost \$33,222.84. Other large items included instructional service, \$29,438.27; and auxiliary agencies, \$13,651.24.

Other expenditures showed that \$10,086.50 was spent for realty purchases at existing schools, and that another \$9,260.25 went for new building sites for proposed buildings.

A look at the cash disbursements compared with the district budget reveals that the district underspent its budget of \$498,113.61 by \$377,072.79. Current expenses cost \$9,919.61 less than anticipated, and capital outlay for new buildings and sites were \$367,153.18 less than anticipated. This money will be spent however, as new buildings are started, and for the new North Elementary School already in progress.

A break-down of school insurance shows that \$631,630 worth of fire insurance is in force on

Philbeck Home Razed By Fire

The residence of Jasper Philbeck, of the Oak Grove community, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night around 10:30.

The family was away from home at the time the fire was discovered by Tom Hamrick, a neighbor. Origin of the fire is unknown, but the blaze is thought to have started in the back of the house. The house was partially covered by insurance.

All household articles and wearing apparel of the family were destroyed, with the exception of several bedclothing items, a couch and several chairs. Wedding gifts of Mr. Philbeck's daughter, Miss Betty Philbeck, were also destroyed. Miss Philbeck is to be married December 11.

Stokes Wright, city postman and a neighbor of the Philbeck family, said several friends are donating monies, clothing, and other items to the Philbeck family. He said he had received several gifts and would be happy to accept others to turn over to the fire victims. Mr. Wright's phone number is 793-R-2.

Jaycees To Collect Waste Paper Sunday

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a waste paper pick-up Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, it was announced by President Bill Jonas.

Citizens are asked to stack their waste paper on the curbs in front of their homes for the Jaycee pick-up. In event of rain, the pick-up will be postponed until the following Sunday.

Blood Collection Set For Thursday

Red Cross Unit Will Operate At Woman's Club

Kings Mountain citizens are being urged to contribute their blood to the Red Cross area blood bank Thursday, when the bloodmobile returns here for a one-day visit.

Donors will be processed at Kings Mountain Woman's club beginning at 11 o'clock this morning until 5 p. m., Red Cross officials said.

Miss Antonette Beasley, Red Cross area field representative in Kings Mountain Tuesday to discuss the blood program with local chapter officials, invited area citizens to visit the bloodmobile "in the spirit of Christmas giving."

She noted that Kings Mountain citizens donated only 82 pints at the last visit of the bloodmobile. Goal of the collection is 125 pints.

Pritchard Joins BurMil Phenix

J. T. Latham, superintendent of Burlington Industries Phenix plant, announced this week the addition of Fred S. Pritchard, who joined the supervisory staff as general overseer of spinning.

Mr. Pritchard comes to Burlington from Gaffney Manufacturing company where he held a similar position for the past nine years. A native of High Point, he attended school there before being graduated at North Carolina State in 1926 with a degree in textile chemistry. Mr. Pritchard has been in the textile field all his life.

He and his wife, Mary Fitzgerald Pritchard, now reside at 804 W. Mountain street. Mrs. Pritchard has been a member of the faculty at East School for the past several years.

'56 Allotments On Cotton Due

Cleveland county's cotton allotment for 1956 has been cut by six percent to 34,950 acres, it was reported this week by county ASC officials.

J. D. Ellis, ASC secretary, said individual farmers would find their allotments pared up to 25 percent. Smaller growers may not be cut any.

Allotments are due to be mailed individual farmers early next week. In 1955, Cleveland county planted 37,091 acres of cotton.

Officials Put Finishing Touches On December 8 Christmas Parade

The Kings Mountain Merchants association was busy this week completing plans for the December 8 Christmas parade, which, officials report, should be Kings Mountain's "biggest and best ever."

Mrs. Elaine Queen, association secretary, reported Wednesday that 30 units are already entered in the parade, with more expected.

Traditional highlight will be the appearance of Santa Claus, on his annual pre-Christmas visit. In addition to the Santa Claus float, seven more are already entered in the parade, including the Lance, Inc. float of Charlotte, the prize-winning Queen City Coach Company float, a float by Kings Mountain Jaycees, one by Lithium Corporation, by Carolina Freight Carriers, of Cherryville, and by Burlington Industries Phenix plant.

Beauty queens from area schools will appear in the parade, and eleven marching bands have already indicated they will be here for duty next Thursday. In addition to the Kings Mountain

Manslaughter Count Had Faced Local Youth

The Cleveland County Grand Jury Tuesday returned a "no true bill" decision in the case of Palmer Huffstetler.

Huffstetler, 17-year-old Wake Forest freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetler of Kings Mountain, had been indicted on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, which arose out of an automobile accident on August 4 that took the lives of four persons.

Young Huffstetler had said that he was racing with one of the vehicles involved in a two-car collision on the U. S. 29 by-pass near Kings Mountain.

The four occupants of the two vehicles killed in the crash were Paul Kenneth Furr, 19, of Stanly County; Mrs. Mary Emmaline Sansing Grigg, 41, of route 1, Kings Mountain; Lyman E. Champion, of route 3, Kings Mountain; and Ronnie L. Blackwelder, 21, also of Stanly County.

The defendant signed a statement following the accident, in which he said that Furr had been talking to him about a race for three or four days, and that the two cars lined up at the scene of their work for the race a short time before the fatal mishap.

Huffstetler said he passed the car being driven by Champion, when Furr's vehicle failed to catch up, he returned to find the wreckage. He then came to Kings Mountain and called an ambulance.

It was several days before charges against Huffstetler were preferred, the state highway patrol finding technical legal barriers in the way of making charges. The road on which the fatal accident occurred (now U. S. Highway 29) was under construction and not a public road.

Huffstetler was represented by Davis & White, of Kings Mountain and Horn & West, of Shelby. Mr. Hugh Carpenter, of Shelby, is foreman of the grand jury which returned the "no true bill" on the charges.

S-D Activities To Start Today

Kings Mountain hopes to have five "S-D Days," Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said this week as he announced the city's participation in the nationwide effort to cut traffic accidents and deaths.

Kings Mountain's activities will begin Thursday on National SAFE-DRIVING DAY as designated by President Eisenhower, and continue through Monday. As a part of Special activities, a traffic safety contest will be conducted to reward an expert driver.

Called "Spot Checks For Driving Experts," the contest will award a prize of ten gallons of gasoline to the driver who has been judged outstanding behind the wheel. Officials of the local police department and the State Highway Patrol will make the selection.

The traffic division of the Police department and members of the State Highway Patrol in the county will make daily spot checks during contest week. Each day drivers will be under observation, with only the expert eligible for the prize.

The winning driver will be presented an "Expert Driving" certificate by a Police official. This certificate will entitle the winner to ten gallons of gasoline provided by East King Esso Service. Here are some of the qualifications that Police observers will look for:

- 1. Smooth driving. You can always spot an expert by his smooth driving - the way he blends with the flow of traffic without jerky stops and starts.
2. Perfect Timing. Watch how an expert driver anticipates his next move long in advance. That takes perfect timing. He never darts from lane to lane.
3. Constant control. That's another sign of an expert behind the wheel. He knows that driving at reasonable speeds will enable him to keep constant control of his car. He knows, too, that excessive speed is the number one highway killer.
4. Good judgment. The expert always adjusts his driving to

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