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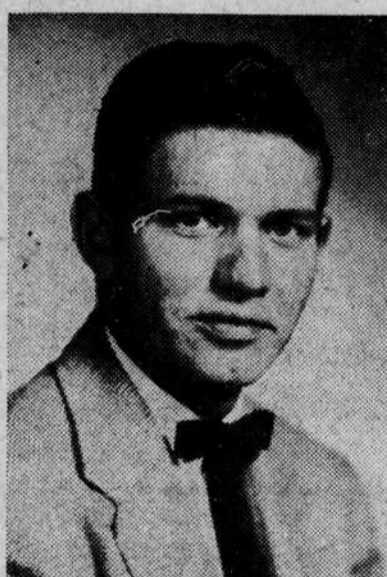
Sixty-Fifth Year

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Industry Holidays To Vary From Three To Seven Days



DIMES DRIVE CO-CHAIRMEN — Charles H. Dixon, left, Victory Chevrolet Company sales manager, and Curtis Kuykendall, right, Foote Mineral Company laboratory analyst, will serve as co-chairmen of the 1956 fund campaign for the county division of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, it was announced this week.



Majority Say Holiday Pay Plans Unjelled

Christmas vacations for Kings Mountain's industrial workers will range from three days to one week, a survey of local manufacturing plants revealed Wednesday.

Workers at Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mill, and Sadie Mill will get vacations of one week starting Thursday, December 22, and continuing through Wednesday, December 28.

Neisler Mills and Lambeth Rope Corporation announced that their workers will get a vacation beginning Friday, December 23 and continuing through Monday, December 26.

Burlington Mills employees will start their holiday on Thursday night, December 22 and will resume operations Monday night, December 26.

Craftspun Yarns will begin their holiday December 23 at 10 p. m. and will continue until December 26 at 10 p. m.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company employees will begin a five-day holiday on Thursday morning and will resume work Monday night, December 26.

Mauney Hosiery workers will have a holiday lasting from Thursday, December 22 through Wednesday, December 28.

Carolina Throwing Company employees will have a vacation, but the definite length of the holiday had not been determined Wednesday.

Foote Mineral Company's employees will have some time off, but the exact number of employees to receive the vacations, and the length of the vacation was not definite Wednesday. Ed Goter, company official, said that the operations of the mill had to continue, but that as many employees as possible can be spared would have vacations.

Reports on Christmas bonuses for workers were very slim, with only two local firms announcing definitely that their workers would receive bonuses.

Burlington Mills will pay their workers a Christmas bonus Thursday, but the amount of these bonuses was not available. However, it is believed that bonuses will run along the same lines as last year when Burlington paid \$.6000 to local workers.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., said that a bonus equivalent to one day's work would be paid their workers. Last year, this bonus amounted to approximately \$3,000.

Some other plants indicated that bonuses might be paid, but would specify no amounts as yet. The textile mills are closing for shorter periods of time than in some past years, an indication of improved conditions in the textile industry.

Jaycees Invite Man Of 1955 Nominations

In keeping with presentations to be made on a nation-wide scale during Jaycee Week, January 14-21, the Jaycees here will present a Distinguished Service Award to Kings Mountain's outstanding young man. This makes the second time the local civic organization has taken part in the project which annually brings recognition to men who have served their communities and fellowmen well during the year just ending.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., was chosen as Kings Mountain's outstanding young man of the year 1954.

Selection of the recipient will be made by a scout committee of leading citizens, according to Jaycee Project Chairman Ed Smith. The winner will be chosen from a list of nominations sent in by citizens of the community. Mr. Smith pointed out that nominations are not restricted to members of the Jaycee club, but open to any Kings Mountain man of the 21-35 age group.

"Any citizen of our community is entitled to send in the name of the person he or she feels has done the most for our town during 1955, and who best deserves to be called Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year," he said. The judging committee will be made of prominent local citizens above the age limit of the contest. The names of both judges and nominees will be kept confidential, with only the name of the winner being released to the public at the January 17th meeting of the club, he added.

Anyone wishing to submit a name for consideration is urged to write to Post Office Box 109, Kings Mountain. A brief statement of why they feel that person should be chosen may be included, but only the name of the nominee himself is necessary. All nominations must be submitted by December 29th.

At the same time Kings Mountain's outstanding local citizen is being honored, more than 2,000 other young men will be recognized in similar ceremonies by Jaycees all over America as a part of the celebration of National Jaycee Week.

Mail Avalanche Mounting Here

The annual Christmas rush at Kings Mountain postoffice was underway Wednesday as an avalanche of both outgoing and incoming mail caused post office employees to speed their operations.

Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir said the post office canceled 6,347 pieces of outgoing mail on Monday and another 5,441 pieces on Tuesday. At 2 p. m. Wednesday the Tuesday figure had already been topped.

Mr. Weir predicted that the coming weekend would be the peak mailing period, as citizens post Christmas cards and last-minute packages for out-of-town destinations.

Concurrently he announced that the post office will be open on Saturday all day, remaining open until 6 p. m. Customarily the post office closes at noon on Saturday.

Thus far, Mr. Weir reported, regular postal personnel has been handling the job "and keeping up with it." Ken Pruitt and Don Crawford have been working extra time for the past two days.

"It's too late to mail early," Mr. Weir commented, "but I do urge everyone to get their Christmas mail as quickly as possible, in order to insure delivery by Christmas. This applies particularly to parcel post and mail other than first-class."

Postal Receipts Up In November

Postal receipts at the Kings Mountain post office increased during November over the same month last year.

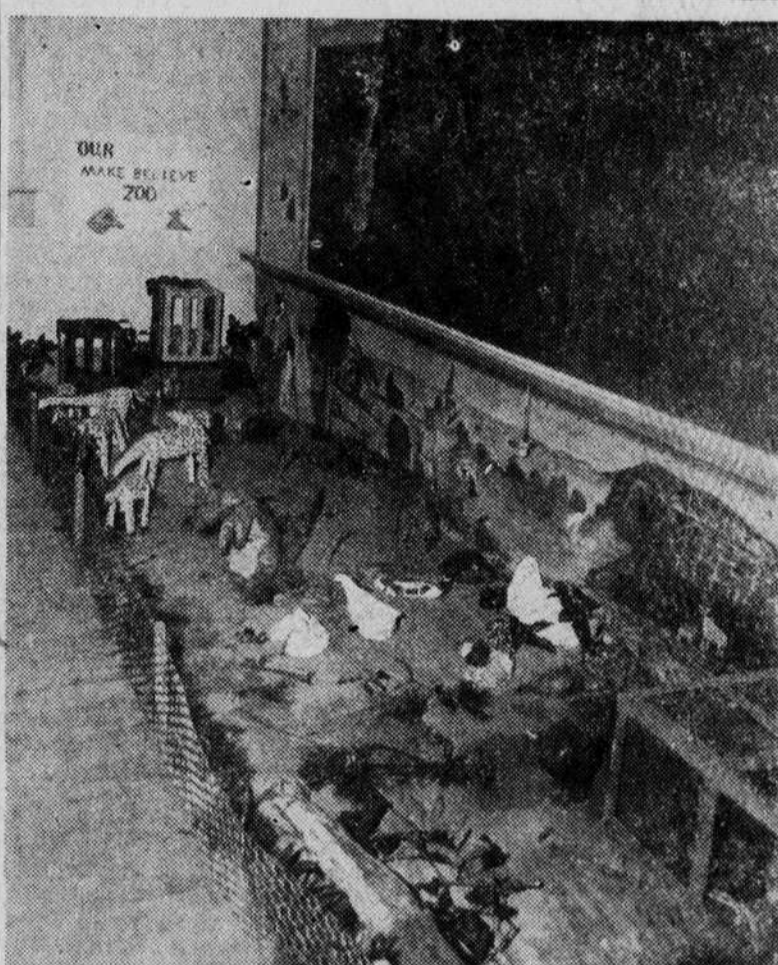
W. T. Weir, acting postmaster, reported November '55 receipts at \$4,781.97, or a gain of \$224.27 over the \$4,557.60 for November 1954.

Flags Will Fly Here On Thursday

Col. Frederick Hambright chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is asking Kings Mountain business firms and operators of public buildings to fly the United States flag on Thursday, the 164th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution.

Mrs. E. L. Campbell, DAR chapter flag chairman, made the announcement.

Thieves Crack Bennett Safe, Get \$50, Carry Off Tumblers



WEST SCHOOL EXHIBIT — Pictured is a science and art exhibit of West school fifth grade pupils of Miss Louise Kiser which the class prepared for Visitation Night, observed Wednesday, December 7, at the school when the P.T.A. sponsored a Christmas dinner-bazaar. The exhibit features the use of paper mache and the pupil's study of reptile life. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Sheriff Thinks Safecrackers Professionals

Safecrackers "punched" a safe in Bennett Brick & Tile Company's office Tuesday night and took approximately \$50, it was reported Wednesday morning.

Dorus Bennett, a company official, reported that entry to the building was made by breaking a window in the back of the office. He added that the thieves took the tumblers and knob from the safe and carried them off when they left.

Bennett quoted Sheriff Haywood Allen and other investigating officers as saying that the robbery bore the earmarks of a professional job.

The robbery was discovered about 7:20 a. m. Wednesday, when the office was opened for the day's business.

Although the brickyard operates on a 24-hour-a-day schedule, no employee reported seeing any of the robbers' activities, and the actual time the crime was committed is not known.

This was the second robbery in the Kings Mountain area within a week, and the third in the last month.

Last week, Jack Moss, operator of Uncle Henry's Store on the Cherryville road, was knocked unconscious and some \$75 was taken from the store's cash box. Cleveland County deputies reported Wednesday that no positive identification had been made of Moss' assailant, but that several persons had been questioned in regard to the assault and robbery.

About a month ago, Yates Gordon, Kings Mountain postoffice employee, was robbed of about \$100 by a knife-wielding Negro man who entered his home while Gordon was taking his wife to work. Johnny Jones, 56-year-old Kings Mountain Negro, has been identified by Gordon as the man who robbed him. Jones is in the Shelby jail awaiting trial in Superior Court on charges of burglary and robbery.

Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata

Central Methodist church senior choir will present its annual Christmas program Sunday evening at 7:30, it was announced by Miss Bonnie McIntosh, director and organist.

The 21-voice choir will sing Matthews' "The Story of Christmas," an Advent cantata written in a melodious style and using modern harmony.

Members of the choir are Ann Byars, Jane Croker, Sue Dixon, Mrs. J. B. Goforth, Jr., Jean Hicks and Mary Alice McDaniel, sopranos; Jane Byars, Linda Biser, Barbara Hill, Kay McCarter, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mildred McDaniel, and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, altos; Jacob Dixon, Bobby Early, and Arthur Walker, tenors; and Glenn Grigg, Earl Marlowe, Rev. James McLarty, and B. S. Peeler, Jr., basses.

Soloists will be Sue Dixon, Earl Marlowe and B. S. Peeler, Jr. The public is invited to hear the cantata.

FREE SUPPER

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion announces that a free supper for all members in good standing will be held at the Legion Hall Saturday, December 17, from 6 to 8 p. m.

Christmas Herald To Be Day Early

Next week's Herald will appear one day early. It will appear on news-stands Tuesday night, December 20, and will be in the mails the 21st.

The Herald customarily advances its Christmas-week issue in order to give its staff an extra Christmas season holiday. All deadlines will be advanced by a day.

Advertising copy should be in not later than 2 p. m. Monday. News copy should be received not later than 2 p. m. Tuesday, and society news not later than 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The issue will be the Herald's annual Christmas edition, featuring special Christmas feature material, Christmas greetings from merchants, last-minute shopping suggestions, as well as the regular news content.

The Herald will observe Christmas holidays from noon December 21, re-opening Monday, December 26.

Gerberding To Give Radio Broadcasts

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will deliver a series of five Christmas messages via Station WKMT Kings Mountain, beginning Monday of next week.

The program will be at 9 a. m. Dr. Gerberding said his topics will be "The Announcements," "The Manger," "The Angels," "The Shepherds," and "The Wise Men."

Dog And Pups Perish In Flames After Barks Awaken Cook Family

E. B. Cook, Walker street resident, was convinced Wednesday morning that a dog is man's best friend.

In fact, Cook and several members of his family probably owe their lives to Topper, a small toy terrier, and the family pet.

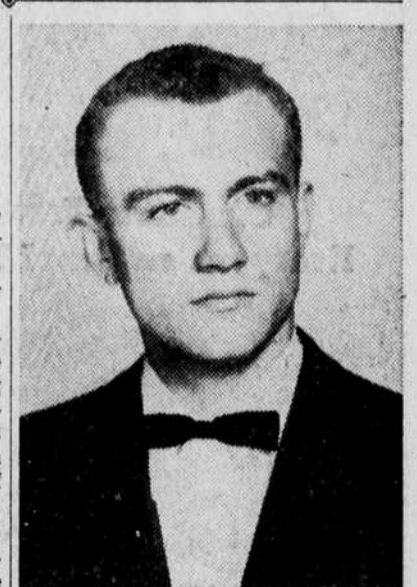
Topper's barking awakened Mr. Cook early Wednesday morning and upon investigation, he found the back part of his home in flames.

After arousing his three children and getting them to safety, Mr. Cook, cut off from the telephone by the flames, dashed across

the street where he called the fire department from a telephone at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Jolly. Mrs. Cook was at work when the fire was discovered.

The house, owned by Neisler Mills, Inc., was reported by Fire Chief Pat Tignor to have been approximately 75 percent destroyed. Origin of the fire is unknown. Most of the family's personal effects and part of the household items were saved.

The dog, Topper, lodged on the back porch for the night, and her four small pups died in the flames.



HONORED — Paul H. McGinnis, Jr., senior in chemical engineering at N. C. State college, was initiated recently into membership in Tau Beta Pi engineering fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. McGinnis, Sr., of Kings Mountain, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

Mauney Twins Play Concert At Hickory

Kings Mountain's Mauney Twins, duo-pianists, played to an enthusiastic audience at Hickory Saturday night, in a Community Concert association performance.

The pianists, identical twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, played five encores—in addition to a heavy four-group program—and might have played more, the applause from the capacity audience indicated.

Numerous Kings Mountain citizens attended the concert. The artists pleased the audience with an informality of style in presenting their program, sometimes interposing for the benefit of those who were unable to differentiate between them, "He's Ernest," or "He's Miles."

The twins opened with Bach-Howe's "Sheep May Safely Graze," and continued in the first group with the Mozart-Busoni overture to "The Magic Flute," and Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Haydn."

The second group included Scriabin's "Fantasy," Arensky's "Le Reveur," and the difficult "Perpetual Motion" by Weaver, the last played in unison, each artist playing the same notes. The twins played Strauss' "The Blue Danube" as an intermission encore.

The third group included Chopin's "Rondo in C major, Opus 73," Debussy-Busser's "En Bateau," and Saint Saens' "Scherzo, Opus 87."

Group four included Milhaud's two-part "Le Bal Martiniquais," Scaikowsky's "Valse Sentimentale," and the Babin arrangement of Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Dance of the Tumblers." Finale to the formal program was another unison selection, Liszt's tinkling bell "La Campanella."

As encores, the twins received appreciative applause from the audience for two versions of "Yankee Doodle," one played in the style of the late George Gershwin, the second as Beethoven might have written it. They ended the concert with a number called "The Baggipier" and a Milhaud rumba.

Santa Claus Comes Early For Williams

Santa Claus came early for Willis Williams, janitor of First National Bank.

Willis finished his night's duties at the bank Tuesday and took off for a restful sleep. However, his sleep, if any, was not restful, after he discovered he had lost a key-ring containing the keys to the bank.

Not everyone was in bed, however, and LaFaye Meacham, Herald staffer, working late, chanced upon the keys lying on the sidewalk on Mountain street.

Mrs. Meacham turned the keys in at the police department.

Bright and early Wednesday morning, Williams sped to the police department to inquire about the missing keys. Upon seeing the key-ring, his face lighted like a Christmas tree, local officers reported.

Local News Bulletins

BOARD MEETING

Supt. B. N. Barnes announced Wednesday that the school board will have a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, December 19. He added that only routine business matters will be taken up by the board at this time.

PARK MUSEUM

Kings Mountain national military park museum will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, announced Wednesday.

CAKE SALE

The Open Gate Garden club will sell cakes, pies, and cookies Saturday at C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency. The sale begins at 8:30 a. m., officials of the club said Tuesday.

NEW DEACONS

First Presbyterian church elected four deacons to serve a three year term of office at a congregational meeting Sunday. Elected were J. W. Webster, Ben T. Goforth, T. L. Kessler, and P. M. Neisler, Sr.

MORE CORE-DRILLING

Basic Atomic, Inc., is now operating a second core-drill on the S. S. Weir Estate tract, it was learned this week from W. T. Weir, one of the heirs to the property. The company is seeking to determine the supply of lithium ore on the 200-acre tract.

TWO FIRES

Kings Mountain Fire department answered two alarms this week. Monday morning, a trash blaze was extinguished near Sterchi Brothers and Monday after a small blaze was extinguished at the old laundry building on Childers street.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts again topped \$200 for the second consecutive week, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported. On-street meters supplied \$166.21 and the Cherokee street lot another \$36.40, for a total of \$202.61.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Contracts totaling \$9,476.13 covering equipment for the new wing of Kings Mountain hospital have been let, Business Manager Grady Howard announced this week. He said the contracts — for linen, janitorial supplies, patient room equipment, lobby equipment, dietary equipment and office equipment — went to five low bidders, previously reported.

Chief Sporting New Safety Car

Chief of police Hugh Logan, Jr. is sporting a new 1956 Chevrolet Safety Car.

The safety car is donated annually for the use of the police department by the First National Bank and Victory Chevrolet Company.

City Schools To Get \$50,000 From Bond Melon

Kings Mountain City Schools will receive approximately \$50,184.53 of the \$393,604.18 appropriated to Cleveland County from the state last week, according to Supt. B. N. Barnes Tuesday.

This money is the second half of a \$50 million school bond issue voted by the residents of North Carolina a few years ago.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said that the figures are unofficial, but that he and the superintendents of the county and Shelby schools had worked the amount out according to a student per capita ratio.

According to Mr. Barnes, Kings Mountain has 12.7 per cent of the county's school population, while Shelby has 22.20 per cent and the other 65.05 per cent are registered in county schools.

Based on these percentages, Shelby will receive \$87,380.13, and the county system will get \$256,039.52.

The first \$25 million of the issue were distributed to the counties some two or three years ago.

Supt. Barnes says that the Kings Mountain city school system is receiving "a little more" than they did at the last distribution of the money.

This is probably due to the increased enrollment of the Kings Mountain schools during the past three years.

GAMBLE ILL

John E. Gamble is a patient at Kings Mountain hospital, after becoming ill at his home last Friday morning. He is not allowed visitors, and members of his family described his condition as "fair" yesterday.

Lions, Kiwanians To Hear Justice, Honor Grid Champs Thursday Night

Kings Mountain's ace 1955 football squad and its coaches will be the honored guests at the annual Kings Mountain Lions Club football banquet Thursday night at 6:45 o'clock at Masonic Hall.

Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice, former University of North Carolina All-American halfback, will be the guest speaker for this occasion.

Justice, who performed for the Washington Redskins pro football club, is now a member of the American Oil Company's public relations department staff.

During recent weeks, Choo-Choo has been traveling the state speaking at numerous sports banquets. He is regarded as an excellent speaker, and an authority, of course, on football.

The Asheville flash will be making his second appearance at a Lions Club banquet here. The first time Charlie attended was in 1951, but he was not the principal speaker at that time.

One of the highlights of the banquet will be the third annual presentation of the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy to one of the Mountaineers. The coveted award went to Charles Yelton, senior guard, at last year's banquet. Ronnie Layton, Mountaineer end, was the first Kings Mountain player to receive this award in 1953.

This year's banquet will be a joint meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, with the Lions serving as hosts.



GRID SPEAKER — Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice, one of the all-time greats in Southern football, will be the guest speaker at the Lions Club annual football banquet Thursday night. Justice is now a member of American Oil Company's public relations department.