

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

City Firefighters Flash Busy Signal

Local News Bulletins

MOOSE MEETING

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose lodge 1748 will be held at the lodge Thursday night at 8:15 p. m., according to announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

ATTENDING SEMINAR

Three Kings Mountain physicians, Drs. Kenneth McGill, F. G. Padgett, and Paul Hendricks are attending a heart seminar being conducted at Duke University.

TO INSTITUTE

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon will attend the annual Mid-Winter Press Institute, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Press association, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Durham Thursday through Saturday.

ON HONOR ROLL

Four Kings Mountain students were among the 56 members of the Western Carolina college student body listed on the fall term honor roll recently announced by Miss Addie Beam, registrar. They are Dewitt Blanton, Sherrill Spears, Joe Vernon Ware and Dwight Ware.

TO ALABAMA

John Latham, former superintendent of Phenix plant of Burlington Industries, and his family expect to move to Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Latham's home, about February 1, Mr. Latham said Wednesday.

AUTO TAG SALES

Sale of city auto licenses increased to 348 through Tuesday. Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said yesterday. The total of sales represented 86 during the past week. Normally, the city sells in excess of 1,100 auto tags per year.

PRESBYTERY

Rev. P. D. Patrick, S. S. Weir, and Dan Wells were commissioners from First Presbyterian and Dixon Presbyterian churches to the meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery held this week at Gastonia First Presbyterian church.

ON DEAN'S LIST

CHARLOTTE. — Curtis Wright has earned a position on the dean's list just released for the fall quarter at King's Business College in Charlotte. Mr. Wright, a business administration student, entered King's in June, 1955.

BAPTIST SPEAKER

Rev. E. B. Hicks, pastor of the Shelby East Side Baptist church, will show the films he made in the Holy Land at East Side Baptist church here Tuesday night at 7 p. m. Mr. Hicks attended the World Baptist alliance.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued two building permits this week. Wednesday, Jan. 12, a permit was issued to Gant & Crawford, Inc., for the erection of a frame house on Belvedere circle, at an estimated cost of \$6,500. Friday, a permit was issued to C. E. Neisler for the erection of a garage and servants quarters on N. Piedmont avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Ministers Plan Religious Census

The Kings Mountain Inter-Denominational Ministers Conference will take a city-wide religious census on March 4th to determine the number of Kings Mountain citizens affiliated with area churches.

Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church and vice-president of the association, said the ministers voted to take a census at a recent meeting of the ministerial association.

Name of the ministers' organization was also changed at the regular meeting of the group last week and new officers for the year were elected.

Margrace Mill, Church, Grass Fires Fought

January 1956 seems to be heading for a record as far as fires answered by the city fire department is concerned. A check shows that 17 calls have been answered by city firemen thus far.

A further check of years gone by shows that this figure is well above any other two week period in the past.

Twelve of the month's fires have been grass fires. This alarming rate of fires caused Mayor Glee A. Bridges to issue a warning to residents of the city.

Mayor Bridges pointed out that a city ordinance forbids anyone to set outside fires. He said that if this practice continues, the city will enforce the ordinance which calls for a fine for violation of the law.

Bridges also pointed out that every time the city fire department answers a call it costs the tax payers \$100.

The firemen put in a busy weekend, answering seven calls from Thursday through Sunday. No calls have been reported since Sunday.

Thursday's activities started with a grass fire on Shelby road, and ended Thursday night when the firemen had to fight a blaze in a drying machine at Margrace Mill for about 40 minutes before extinguishing it. No reports were available as to the amount of damage at the mill, but the machine was back in operation Friday morning.

The department got by "Unlucky" Friday, 13, with no fires reported.

Saturday, fire fighting activities started all over again with two fires being reported. The first of these was a grass fire on Dilling street. The other blaze was at Mauney Mills in a cotton press. The only damage was reported to have been suffered by the cotton.

Three blazes Sunday made that day the busiest of the week. About 1 a. m. a woods and grass

Tax Payments Reported Heavy

City tax receipts have been heavy since the beginning of the current calendar year totaling \$16,761.25 for the period January 3-18. Tax Supervisor C. E. Carpenter said Wednesday afternoon.

The receipts include both heavy 1955 tax payments, plus numerous payments of tax bills and penalties for prior years.

While it is customary for January tax payments to be heavy, due to the fact that penalty for late payments on prior years taxes applies February 2, Mr. Carpenter credits the forthcoming collection drive on old tax bills as increasing the total during the past week. On the supervisor's daily report sheet appeared many payments with dates as long back as 1944.

The city tax office has announced its collection drive beginning February 2 will be bulk-worked by all the legal weapons available, including garnishment of wages, levying on personal property, and foreclosures of real estate.

"This is a distasteful proposition, and I am hopeful all old tax accounts will be settled prior to February 2," Mr. Carpenter said.

Will County Political Wars Be Tame? Mr. Wells Wants To Go To Washington

Is the 1956 Cleveland County Democratic primary to be a tame affair?

Ordinary answer would be "no," but thus far there are few evidences of approaching heavy political activity.

One principal trial balloon has been launched and this concerns the 12th district Congressional race, Hugh Wells, Shelby lawyer who managed the Scott-for-Senate campaign in Cleveland county two years ago, is putting out feelers concerning his candidacy.

Should he offer, Mr. Wells would oppose veteran Congressman Woodrow W. Jones, of Rutherfordton, who has already announced he would seek re-nomination.

In Kings Mountain Tuesday night for the Jaycee DSA award

Baptist Pastors Form Own Area Organization

Kings Mountain Baptist ministers organized a Baptist ministerial fellowship here Monday night.

Officers of the new organization of pastors of area Baptist congregations are Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church, president, Rev. T. A. Lineberger, Macedonia Baptist church pastor, vice-president, and Rev. H. G. McElroy, pastor of Temple Baptist church secretary-treasurer.

The organization includes ministers of First, Second, Temple, Macedonia, Midview, Faith, Eastside, Davis, Oak Grove, Oakview, Patterson Grove, and Bethlehem churches, and is being known as the Kings Mountain Baptist Pastors Conference, Mr. Quakenbush reported.

Mr. Quakenbush noted "the purpose of the organization is to encourage fellowship among the Baptist pastors and people, to work in cooperation with the local Inter-Denominational Ministers conference, and to sponsor certain Baptist projects in our city."

"First project on which the Baptist pastors are working on Mr. Quakenbush added, "is to bring the Billy Graham films to Kings Mountain for a free showing for all the people."

Employment Tax Meeting Friday

New employment tax regulations will be discussed in an open meeting here Friday night at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall, Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the local branch office of the state employment service, said Wednesday.

Mr. Ware said information for owners of small businesses, possibly subject to the state's newly revised employment security law, will be available and estimated that 150 additional Kings Mountain area firms will be liable for unemployment compensation taxes during 1954.

The 1956 General Assembly revised the act to make employers of four or more persons for as many as 20 weeks in a calendar year liable for providing unemployment insurance for their employees. The previous law did not make an employer liable until he had as many as eight employees during 20 weeks of a calendar year, Mr. Ware pointed out.

Lawrence Farrish, of Gastonia, area field representative, and H. G. Smallbones, claims deputy, will outline the new requirements and also will conduct a question and answer session.

Wreck Victim Still Unconscious

Grady William Montgomery, 42-year-old Grover man, is in "critical" condition at Kings Mountain Hospital from injuries received in a two-car collision near Kings Mountain Sunday.

Dr. Paul V. Nolan, Montgomery's physician, said Wednesday that the accident victim is still unconscious, and that he is suffering from serious head and chest injuries.

Patrolman C. D. Fortune, investigating officer, reported that the accident occurred on the Byron Keeter farm road and U. S. 29 south of Kings Mountain.

Fortune added that the mishap occurred when James Smith, of Bessemer City made a left turn from the highway just as the Montgomery vehicle tried to pass. Montgomery's car turned over and was said to have been practically demolished.

Mr. Smith was not injured in the accident.

Howard Young Man Of Year For '55



JAYCEE YOUTH ACTIVITY — The picture above shows one of the many youth activities sponsored by the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce during the past year. Bill Eldon, Voice of Democracy contest chairman, is congratulating Winner Don Hord (center) as Runners-up Carolyn Brown, Jimmy Heavner (extreme right) and Jaycee President Bill Jonas (extreme left) look on.

Hospital Head Is Recipient Of Jaycee Award

Grady Howard was Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1955.

Announcement of the award was made Tuesday night by J. B. Garland, Gastonia lawyer and former Jaycee district vice-president at the organizations Tuesday night meeting.

Mr. Howard was chosen for the award—second annual by local Jaycees—by a secret committee of Kings Mountain citizens, who named Mr. Howard from a group of six nominees, Ed Smith, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, said the committee told him they regarded Mr. Howard's performance as business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, a public service institution, as especially outstanding, and that he further met the tests for performance in many civic and religious activities.

He is an active member of Central Methodist church, a former Jaycee president, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War who holds a captain's commission in the marine corps reserve. He is a member of the Kings Mountain Township Republican committee. His wife is the former Miss Mary Sue McGinnis and they have three children.

First recipient of the award, given for 1954, was B. S. Peeler, Jr.

In his address preceding the presentation, Mr. Garland reviewed the history of the Jaycee organization, which grew out of the Young Men's Civic Club formed in St. Louis, Mo., in 1915. He noted that more than 100 chapters are now located in North Carolina, and cited the service of Jaycees in all fields of community endeavor.

Developing the theme, "An abundance of means is not the measure of life," Mr. Garland called attention to many examples of accomplishments by individuals which gave them little, if any monetary award, but which stood the test of time in giving aid to many. John Milton's "Paradise Lost," he said, brought the blind poet about \$90. Charlie Chaplin, the comedian, earned more than \$600,000 in one year, yet has been banned from re-entry into the United States, Mr. Garland reported.

"Who was the most successful?" Mr. Garland asked.

Numerous Jaycee officials, city officials, and other guests were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Swanson's Rites Conducted

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Baptist church for Mrs. Mary Allen Swanson, 44, of route 2, Kings Mountain, who died in Charlotte Memorial hospital Sunday following a brain operation last Thursday.

Mrs. Swanson, whose husband operates Swanson's Greenhouses in Kings Mountain, first knew she was seriously ill about three weeks ago. It was at that time she discovered she had a brain tumor.

She was a native of Cleveland County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen of Kings Mountain, who survive.

Other survivors include her husband, Rune A. Swanson; a son, James Herbert Swanson; a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Swanson; two brothers, E. H. Allen of Charlotte and W. E. Allen of Greensboro; and three sisters, Mrs. Grace Talbert, Mrs. Evelyn Edwards, and Mrs. Selma Crawford, all of Kings Mountain.

The Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Wayne Haynes, and the Rev. T. A. Lineberger. Burial was in Elizabeth church cemetery near Shelby.

Fallbearers were Glenn McDaniel, Hackett Wilson, Donald Welch, Paul Taves, Nevette Hughes, and Floyd Queen.

LYBRAND BETTER

Jim Lybrand, former city fireman and now on the staff of the county tax office, was reported improved Wednesday following operations he underwent Monday at Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat hospital. Mr. Lybrand was seriously ill after undergoing operations for removal of tonsils and adenoids and for relief of a sinus condition.

Jaycees List Long Activity Program

Year's Work Summarized By President

This week has been proclaimed "Junior Chamber of Commerce" week in Kings Mountain, as well as around the nation.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges signed a proclamation calling for the observance of the week here, and pointed out that the Kings Mountain Jaycees have been very active in the fields of civic projects and youth activities.

Bill Jonas, Jaycee president, has listed part of the organization's activities during the past year in various fields.

A list of some of the activities of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce during year 1955-56 follows:

Youth Activities included Co-sponsoring Soap Box Derby with 10 contestants participating in Carolinas Contest in Charlotte; Sponsoring Little League baseball team in City League; Sponsoring Junior & Senior Life Saving Course at city park in co-operation with American Red Cross; Sponsoring Voice of Democracy contest in high school, winning speech was entered in State and National Contest.

Community Service projects included assisting with the inspections of automobile during the voluntary Motor Vehicle Safety inspection week; Securing and donating furniture to a needy family; Donating an Isolette incubator to the Kings Mountain hospital at a cost of about \$500.

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Hospital Reports Three Memorials

Grady Howard, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, reported this week receipt of three additional memorials for the hospital, bringing to eight the total of rooms in the new wing having been furnished as memorials by Kings Mountain families, businesses, and civic organizations.

Providing furnishings for rooms in the new wing will be the Kings Mountain Lions club, the W. L. Plonk Estate (in memory of William Lafayette and Martha Ware Plonk), and Dr. Craig S. Jones and Dr. Frank Longino (in memory of their fathers, John Craig, Jones and Hugh E. Longino).

Memorials previously announced had been received from Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, the R. S. Plonk Estate and Mrs. Herbert Plonk in memory of J. Calvin and Herbert J. Plonk, Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion, and the C. F. Harry family, in memory of their father, C. F. Harry, Sr.

Mr. Howard said the contractors had indicated the new wing would be virtually complete in another month.



SUPERINTENDENT — James Rotan, Belmont native, is the new superintendent of Burlington Industries' Phenix Plant here. Mr. Rotan assumed his duties January 9. He succeeds John T. Latham.

Pony Expressman Ambushed Here

A contract mail trucker from Asheville practiced old-time pony express speed into Kings Mountain early Wednesday morning and his speed cost Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir some shut-eye.

The police log showed Carl Ted Shook, 59 Annanbale Ave., Asheville, booked for speeding within the city limits at 1 a. m. by Officers Jack Stone and Tom Gladden.

To keep the mail running, \$25 appearance bond was required and the carrier called his first-in-aid Kings Mountain acquaintance, Acting Postmaster Weir, and bond was immediately arranged.

The Asheville-Charlotte pony express sped on at 1:12 a. m.



HOWARD WINS DSA—Grady Howard, center, is receiving from J. B. Garland, right, the handsome plaque emblematic of Mr. Howard's selection for the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award for 1955. Ed Smith, left, project chairman, looks on. The presentation was made at Tuesday night's Jaycee meeting. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Projects Planned For Dimes Drive

Kiwanis Club Plans Benefit Dance Monday

Charles Dixon, cochairman of the Kings Mountain March of Dimes campaign, announced Wednesday that approximately \$1,300 of the city's \$5,000 quota has been raised for the polio drive.

Dixon pointed out that this total is very low, but added that several projects are coming up during the next week to raise money for the project.

The Kings Mountain Moose Lodge has tickets to sell for singing program to be held in Shelby by January 29, with all proceeds to go to the March of Dimes. Dixon said the Harmonaires and many other well-known groups would be on the program.

The Teen-Age Club will sponsor a dance at Central High gym Monday night at 8 o'clock in cooperation with the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club for the benefit of the drive. The general public is invited to attend this dance. Sisk's Band from Shelby will play for the dance.

Dixon also announced that the Bolling Springs Micro-Midget racing association is sponsoring a race at Bolling Springs, Sunday afternoon with all proceeds going to the campaign. He said that 95 laps of racing have been scheduled.

The Junior Woman's Club will conduct its annual Mother's March on Polio for the March of Dimes, March 31, from 7 until 8 p. m. Miss Grace Davis and Miss Margaret Goforth are co-chairman of this year's march. Citizens are being asked to leave their porch lights on if they wish to make a contribution.

Polio Fund Unlikely To Get Meter Take

The past week's on-street parking meter receipts of \$154.95 are not likely to go to the March of Dimes fund, after all.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham, noting that the January 5 action of the board of city commissioners in earmarking the past week's meter receipts from on-street meters to the polio fund drive carried the rider "if legal."

Mr. Mitcham says the city's files are well-filled with rulings from the attorney-general's office on similar questions and state that public welfare projects are not proper functions of municipal government.

Mr. Mitcham says he'll draw the check only if the commissioners rescind the "if legal" rider. But he doesn't think they will. Technically, commissioners are liable for reimbursing the city any illegal expenditures made, the clerk noted.

Receipts from the Cherokee street lot totaled \$29.70, bringing the week's total to \$184.65, or just \$2 above total for the previous week.

Home B. & L. Meeting Set Tuesday

Home Building and Loan Association of Kings Mountain will hold a stockholder's meeting Tuesday at 5 p. m. in the association offices, A. H. Patterson, secretary and treasurer of the organization has announced.

Business to come before the stockholders includes reports from the officers on the activities of the association during 1955, and the election of directors for the coming year.

Mr. Patterson is asking that all stockholders be present at this meeting.