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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Kings Mountain Christmas Parade Next Wednesday

Carolina Mines Meeting Is Set

Local News Bulletins

ONE PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Monday to D. L. Bennett to add a two room addition to a house on Gold street, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

REJOINS COMPANY

A. C. (Red) Dellinger has rejoined Victory Chevrolet Company as salesman, it was announced this week, by Charles Dixon, sales manager.

BOARD MEETING

The City Board of School Trustees will meet in Supt. B. N. Barnes' office Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. This meeting was scheduled for last Monday but was postponed due to conflicts in board member's schedules.

MOOSE MEETING

Curtis Gaffney, secretary of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748, announced that members of the lodge will hold their regular weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

NAZARENE

Members of First Church, of the Nazarene are offering free transportation service to any person who wishes to attend Sunday church service and who do not have transportation, it was announced by Ben B. Short. Interested persons should telephone 120 or direct inquiries to Rev. R. J. Essary, pastor.

REVIVAL

Rev. W. L. Harkey, of Avonsdale, former pastor of Grace Methodist church here, will begin a week's revival Sunday night at Penley's Chapel Methodist church, it was announced by Rev. Leonard Huffstetter, pastor. Services will be held each evening at 7 o'clock.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will hold a Communion Service Sunday at 11 a. m. Advent Sunday marks the beginning of a season of four weeks when the church prepares itself for Christmas by repentance. This is done particularly by the Service of Confession and Absolution, which precedes the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Dr. Gerberding, the pastor, said.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ended Wednesday at noon totaling \$164.18, including \$135.50 from on-street meters and \$28.68 from the Cherokee Street parking lot. With retails open on Wednesday afternoons, the police department is enforcing the parking rules six full days each week, City Clerk Gene Mitcham noted.

Groups Plan Toy Collection

Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748, American Legion Post 155 and the Kings Mountain police department will co-sponsor "Operation Santa Claus," a campaign to obtain toys for needy children, it was announced yesterday by Dean Payne.

Plans for the collection of both new and undamaged used toys for children of the indigent will be announced soon, Mr. Payne said. Mr. Payne added that a number of collection spots will be established throughout the community. The members of the three organizations will handle the collection and the distribution of the toys.

Names of needy children will be obtained from welfare agencies and all the toys will go to children in the Kings Mountain

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Stockholders' Session Called For December 8

Notice of annual meeting of Carolina Mines, Inc., has been mailed to stockholders. The meeting is scheduled for the company offices at the mine site on December 8.

The notice to stockholders explained that the annual meeting, customarily held in February, was postponed by federal court order last January and that this order was terminated by order of the court on November 5.

The federal court involved litigation between A. S. MacCullough, president, against the company and concerned issuance of Carolina Mines stock to MacCullough. The court ruled that the president was entitled to the stock he claimed was his.

The accompanying proxy form, which stockholders are asked to execute if they are not planning to attend the meeting, suggests the names of six persons to be designated to vote stock by proxy: They are President MacCullough, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Secretary Peter E. Peterson, Kings Mountain; Dr. Emil J. Press, Chicago, Ill., doctor; P. J. Baugh, Jr., Charlotte cotton broker; O. S. Caldwell, Chicago insurance broker; and R. B. Shilling, retired Chicago businessman. A blank is provided for writing in the name of any other person the stockholder wishes to serve as proxy.

The stockholders are asked to give the complete proxy forms to the person designated to vote their stock, or to mail the completed forms to Craighill, Rendleman & Kennedy, 609 Law Building, Charlotte.

Mr. Peterson said approximately 227,000 shares of common stock are outstanding.

Commenting on the recent litigation, Mr. Peterson said, "We anticipate no appeal from the federal court order will or can transpire. The case was Mr. MacCullough vs. Carolina Mines Inc. and a majority of the company directors oppose an appeal in the

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Four Awarded King's Diplomas

Four Kings Mountain area students were among the 217 awarded diplomas by King's Business College, Charlotte, last Friday night.

Receiving diplomas for the junior accounting course were Robert Littlejohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Littlejohn, and Alfred Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tate.

Curtis Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kossie Wright, was awarded a diploma in bookkeeping, typewriting, and Marilyn Tessenier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tessenier, was awarded the executive secretarial diploma. The ceremonies were held in David Owens auditorium.

Lithium Is Termed "Magic Metal" By Article In Reader's Digest

Lithium, considered practically useless for 125 years after its discovery in 1818, may change the course of civilization. A Ronald Schiller describes it as "The Magic Metal Called Lithium," in a December Reader's Digest article condensed from "Chemistry."

Lithium, so abundant that traces of it are found in every spadeful of soil in your garden, is the lightest solid in existence and even among gases only helium and hydrogen are lighter. It has such an affinity for air and water, that it soon decomposes unless immersed in oil or an airtight container. A knife cuts it like cheese. It burns with an intense white flame.

Until World War II, it had few uses. Then it was found to suck up noxious gases in submarines, de-ice airplane wings, and when combined with water, to release hydrogen to inflate radio air balloons used in air-sea res-

Bloodmobile Collection Was 126 Pints

Kings Mountain area citizens donated 126 pints of blood via the Red Cross bloodmobile here Monday. Goal of the collection was 145 pints.

Lithium Corporation led industrial plants in blood donations, reports from the Red Cross office show. Lithium employees donated 29 pints of blood, Foote employees gave 24 pints of blood, donors from Burlington Mills totaled 17, and 11 Mauney Hosiery employees donated a pint of blood.

Donors were processed at First Presbyterian church. The unit was scheduled at the Woman's club but because of a faulty furnace, the bloodmobile was moved to the church where it was in operation from 11 o'clock until 5 p. m.

Donors included Charles A. Neisler, James L. Bennett, Jasper E. Wilson, Loyd McFalls, John I. George, Jr., James Fletcher, Campbell L. Lockridge, Sam A. Absher, Jr., Roy A. Carter, Gene Mitcham, William P. Mitcham, Marion P. Sexton, Neil E. Hullender, Russell E. Smith, Edgar E. Blackburn, Joe D. Rhea, Lawrence E. Putnam, Edward L. Green, Frank Pace, Carlee Jenkins, Robert Brown, Thomas B. Humphries, Dock H. Glascoe, Jr., Hubert Bowen, Roy Huffstetter, James D. Jackson, and Paul D. Bell.

Also James M. Bridges, Clyde Adams, Jr., Bruce Thorburn, John Howell, Frank Mitcham, Samuel Starnes, Lee Whitworth, Mrs. Eric L. Bryant, Annie M. Bridges, Margaret Moore, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Clarence T. Dixon, Paul H. Bidy, C. J. Gault, Jr., Mrs. Eunice Smith, Jimmie L. Dobbins, Carl

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Mrs. Bridges' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Gertie Wright Bridges, 45, of 109 S. Watterston street, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from First Baptist church, interment following in Pleasant Grove cemetery near Fallston.

Mrs. Bridges, widow of Edgar W. Bridges, succumbed Monday morning at 7 o'clock in Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several months.

A native of Cleveland County, she was co-owner of Bridges Auto Parts here. She was a member of First Baptist church.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. C. Crowe, of Shelby.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wright, four sons, Bobby C. Bridges, Reuben Bridges, and Dennis Bridges, all of Kings Mountain, Carroll Bridges, of Gastonia, and two daughters, Miss Joanne Bridges and Brenda Lou Bridges, both of Kings Mountain.

Three brothers, Ben Wright, Yates Wright, and Wray Wright, all of Shelby, three sisters, Mrs. Leonard Wright, Mrs. Herman Dawson, both of Shelby, and Mrs. Alvin Cooke, of Hickory, and two grandchildren, also survive.

Palbearers were Charles Wright, Tom Propst, Tommy Bridges, Arnold Wright, Dixon Bridges and Sammy Costner.

Cook Jury Is Being Chosen; Safe-Crackers Are Sentenced

Farris Draws Suspension In Arson Case

Some 150 Burke County jurors reported to Shelby around noon Wednesday awaiting the afternoon session of Cleveland County Superior Court and the expected beginning of the George Cecil Cook murder trial.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell ordered the special Burke County venire after Cook's attorneys said that their client would not be given a "fair trial" in Cleveland County because of the amount of publicity given the case.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill against Cook Tuesday charging him with the slaying of Daniel Z. Holloman on September 10. Similar charges against Mrs. Cook were dropped when a "no true bill" verdict was returned by the grand jury.

Cook is reported to have confessed the Holloman shooting to officers in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he and his wife were apprehended on a worthless check warrant from Cleveland County.

Holloman's lifeless body was found in his combination filling station-grill with five bullet wounds in it. The cash register and one compartment of his wallet had been cleaned out.

Cook's attorneys tried to get the case postponed until the January session of Superior Court, but the motion was refused by Judge Campbell. The judge also denied a request by the attorneys that Cook be given psychiatric examination, which would have required a postponement of the trial.

Dewey H. Moore and Horace G. Tate each had 8-10 years added to long prison sentences they are currently serving. Both pleaded guilty to breaking and entering and larceny charges in connection with the cracking of a safe in the C. S. Plonk home here on March 11.

Both men had earlier been convicted on charges of cracking a safe in Smithfield. In this case, Tate had received a 10-20 year sentence, and Moore had been given 8-16 years. The Cleveland sentences are to begin after the expiration of any and all sentences now being served, Judge Campbell ruled.

Mrs. John Butler Plonk's diamond rings taken in the robbery were returned to her. However,

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Drace Peeler Elmer President

Drace M. Peeler, formerly secretary-treasurer, was elected president of Elmer Lumber Company, Inc., following the annual meeting of stockholders Monday.

He succeeds his late father. Other officers are Mrs. B. S. Peeler, vice-president, and B. S. Peeler, Jr., formerly vice-president, secretary-treasurer.

The three officers were previously named directors by the stockholders.

All of the 150 shares of capital stock were represented, either in person, or by proxy. B. S. Peeler, Jr., presided at the session and told the stockholders the company had been operated "to the best of our ability" and that expansion plans, mapped by his late father, were being carried out.

He enumerated: the building of a lumber shed, the acquisition of a five-acre tract adjoining the company property, purchase and installation of an end-trimmer and separator device, and purchase of two fork-loading machines. He said the improvements would speed operations and make the firm more competitive in pricing its products.

The stockholders also adopted a set of by-laws which specified the election of three directors and changed the date of the annual meeting from November to May. The latter will coincide better, D. M. Peeler explained, with the corporation's fiscal year, which ends in February.



KINGS MOUNTAIN PARADE ENTRY — Queen City Trailways will enter its prize-winning float on the theme "Book of Knowledge" in the Kings Mountain Christmas parade next Wednesday.

The float won first prize in the transportation division of the Carolinas Carrousel at Charlotte. Queen City's is one of a dozen floats entered in the Kings Mountain parade.

Father Wounds Son In Blast With Shotgun

Dee "Bub" Ward, Jr., Gaston County Negro, is in Kings Mountain hospital in "critical" condition as the result of a shotgun wound in the stomach.

According to Gaston County Sheriff Department sources, Ward was shot by his father, Dee Ward, Sr., 50-year-old Chestnut Ridge resident, about 10:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The injured man was said to have been shot at a distance of about six feet with a 12-gauge shotgun, Dr. Craig Jones, attending physician, said Wednesday that the 30-year-old Negro had been receiving blood transfusions since he entered the hospital, and that his condition was definitely "critical."

The elder Ward reportedly told officers that the shooting was an accident, and that both he and his son had been drinking. Officers reported, however, that there was no evidence that either of the men had been drinking. They added that at least three shells had been fired from the shotgun, with two of the blasts hitting portions of the Ward home.

Mrs. Ward, who was a witness to the shooting, told officers that her husband and son had been arguing prior to the shooting. Assault with a deadly weapon charges have been filed against the elder Ward by the Sheriff's department. This charge would be changed to murder if the injured man dies.

The wounded man would not talk about the shooting Tuesday night. Officers said he refused to talk about the attack when they questioned him.

Kings Mountain Employment Shows Another Rise, ESC Report Says

Unemployment in Kings Mountain declined again during the past month, statistics of the Kings Mountain office of the North Carolina Employment service show.

Franklin L. Ware, manager, said claims for unemployment compensation dropped to 981 for the four-week period, a drop of nearly 200 weeks from October 1956. The November average was 245 per week.

Principal segment unemployed are women, some of whom have exhausted their unemployment benefits, Mr. Ware noted.

Acting Officers Hope To Launch C of C Monday

A third meeting concerning organization of a Chamber of Commerce will be held at City Hall Monday night at 7:30.

Dan Weiss, temporary chairman of the organization, said notices of the Monday night session have been mailed to some 200 Kings Mountain businessmen and industrial leaders with invitations to attend.

Mr. Weiss said efforts will be made to effectuate the organization at the Monday session. By-laws will be offered for consideration.

"We hope to get organized formally on Monday," Mr. Weiss said. "Much interest in the formation of a Chamber of Commerce has been expressed by many Kings Mountain citizens and there seems every reason to believe the organization is now ready to be formed," he stated.

After the organization is formed, a board of directors will be chosen by the membership, he added.

City Police Car Has Smash-Up

A two-car traffic accident in Gastonia resulted in damages of approximately \$300 to a Kings Mountain City Police Department car Tuesday night, Gaston County reports indicate.

According to information supplied by Police Reporter Paul Crooke of the Gastonia Gazette, the accident occurred at the Myrtle School-Kings Mountain Highway intersection just inside the Gastonia city limits about 10:30 p. m.

City Policeman William Roper, Jr., was operating the police vehicle at the time of the mishap.

Crooke said Gastonia traffic accident reports showed the patrol car rammed into a 1940 Chevrolet operated by Wallace N. Spencer, service station operator, as he was stopped for a traffic signal.

Roper reportedly was enroute to Kings Mountain after making a trip to Charlotte to pick up blood for transfusions being given Dee Ward, Jr., Negro who was shot Tuesday night. City Commissioner Paul Ledford was said to have been a passenger in the patrol car.

Damages to the Spencer automobile were slight and were estimated at \$25. No charges were filed in the accident.

Floats, Queens, Vicki, Clowns To Be Features

Santa Claus will come to Kings Mountain next Wednesday to appear in the 1956 Christmas parade being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

The parade—to be the largest in the long history of the event—will include 49 units, including 12 floats, many of them supplied by firms, which are cooperating with the merchants in this event. Eight bands, including Kings Mountain high school's band will furnish music along the line of march.

The parade will begin at 4

LINE OF MARCH
Next Wednesday's Christmas parade will form on West Gold street and at 4 p. m. will begin to move along the following route: West Gold to Railroad avenue; north on Railroad to West King street; east on West King to Gaston street; south on Gaston to Mountain street; west on Mountain to Battleground avenue; south on Battleground to Gold street; east on Gold street to Mountain Rest cemetery entrance and disband.

o'clock sharp, Charles E. Dixon, chairman of the parade committee said.

Another feature of the parade will be appearance of ten high school beauty queens. To appear in the parade are Peggy Reynolds, Kings Mountain high, Nancy Huffstetter, Shelby high, Becky Marley, of Gastonia's Ashley high, Joann Noblett, Bessemer City high, Diana Long, Cherryville high, Rachel Hamrick, Bethware high, Phyllis Denton, Dallas high, Annie Bell Stroupe, Grover high, Cere'da Yarbro Waco high, and Inez Rayfield, Tryon high school.

Appearing on the several floats will be Ellen Baker, Jean Davis, Debbie Carlton, and Debbie Scruggs. Neisler Mills float: Jean Hicks and Charles Bridges, Mauney Mills float: Peggy Black, Brenda Barnette, Annette Lawrence, Norma Kay Hamrick, Pat Owens, Linda Biser, Mikie White, Carolyn Wright, Faye Robbs, and Kay Barnette, Queen City Coach company float; Brenda McDaniel, Jean Allen, Ann Falls, and Brenda Kay Bridges, Burlington Mills; Sandra Gilbert and Phyllis Dean, Coca-Cola float; Judy Cooper, Nancy Ho-vis, Dot Ware, Jane Byars, and Becky Thornburg, Craftsman

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Citizens Joining Christmas Club

First National Bank's Christmas Club for 1957 doesn't open officially until Saturday, but former clubbers and other citizens are rushing to join in advance of the opening date.

F. R. Summers, First National president, said Wednesday nearly 300 persons are already listed for 1957 and he anticipates the total membership for the coming year will be considerably greater than the 827 persons who received 1956 Christmas Club checks last weekend.

Mr. Summers also anticipates the aggregate total of club payments next Thanksgiving will increase over the \$70,000 members of the 1956 club received last weekend.

First National will launch officially its seventh annual Christmas Club Saturday.

Joiners agree to pay a regular sum into the club each week for 50 weeks. A person may join for as little as 50 cents per week and receive at the end of the club year a check for \$25. Other club plans are weekly payments of \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10. The \$10 weekly payment returns a check for \$500.

"We at the bank are very pleased with the growth of the Christmas Club plan," Mr. Summers said. "More and more persons have found this the easiest method to prepare for Christmas gift-buying. We hope to have at least 1,000 members for 1957 and would like to see the club total top \$100,000."

Not all of the Christmas Club checks are used for gift-buying. Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier and officer in charge of the Christmas Club, said she was very busy last week, transferring Christmas Club checks to U. S. bonds.

Other persons use the checks for bill-paying and various other purposes.