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Sixty-Seventh Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS

5,000 Jam Kings Mountain For Christmas Parade

Lions Will Honor Gridders Monday

Local News Bulletins

TO CHAPEL HILL
Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., and Dr. Robert N. Baker, Kings Mountain dentists, left Tuesday for Chapel Hill, where they attended a meeting of the North Carolina Dental Foundation.

FAIRVIEW LODGE
New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be elected Monday night, December 10, at the regular meeting at Masonic Hall.

PROMOTED
Fred A. Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tate, of Kings Mountain, was recently promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

LEGION TO MEET
Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold their regular December meeting at the Post Building Friday night at 7:30.

TO HEAR BROWN
Dr. John Brown, pastor of Shelby Presbyterian church, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at the Woman's Club.

TO ATTEND MEETING
John Gladden, past commander of Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, will go to Atlanta, Ga., Thursday for a weekend meeting of the National Rehabilitation Advisory Board of the American Legion.

AT TAX SCHOOL
Mrs. W. B. Logan is spending the week in Charlotte, attending an Income Tax School, which is jointly sponsored by the Federal and State Internal Revenue departments.

Oregon Man Has 'Hot' Detector

An Oregonian, who claims he has the world's best mineral detector, wants a sample of lithium to see if his detector will work on this metal.

He said his detector can locate many kinds of minerals, most people in the woods, diamonds and even rattlesnakes. Prospector Hands noted the recent Reader's Digest lithium story and this sent him to Kings Mountain.

UNC's Preston To Be Speaker At Annual Event

Pat Preston, assistant football coach to Jim Tatum at the University of North Carolina, will make the principal address Monday night at the annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Honor guests will be players and coaches of the 1956 Kings Mountain high school Mountaineers, undefeated championship team of the Western North Carolina High School Athletic association.

Another major event of the program will be presentation of the 1956 Fred Plonk Blocking trophy to the Mountaineer adjudged by his coaches to have turned in the most consistent blocking performance during the recently completed season.

W. L. Plonk, chairman of the banquet committee, said the meeting will be open to the public. Tickets are available at \$2.50 each.

Special guests will also include Supt. B. N. Barnes, School Trustee Fred Plonk, the blocking trophy donor, and sports writers from surrounding communities.

The Lions club has been honoring the high school football teams for nearly two decades. It is a traditional event which has attracted many coaches from various colleges to Kings Mountain.

New Hospital Set-Up Proposed

A proposed plan to lease the Shelby and Kings Mountain hospitals to two non-profit corporations was presented by Hospitals Administrator George Laycock to the Cleveland County commissioners Monday.

Mr. Laycock asked the commissioners to consider this plan of leasing the hospitals, and noted that the proposal had been approved by the current board of hospital trustees.

He added that last year the Cleveland County hospitals lost some \$80,000 in grants from charitable foundations because the hospitals were county operated.

Mr. Laycock proposed that a 12-man board be set up to govern the local hospital unit, and that a 20-man board be the governing body of the Shelby unit.

Horvath Asks County Funds For Water Line

Cleveland County commissioners were asked Monday to provide an eight-inch water line from the Kings Mountain city limits to the Margrace plant of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company here.

This request was presented to the board by W. J. Fulkerson, general superintendent, and W. K. Lee, southern division engineer for the company.

Mr. Fulkerson told the board that his company had already spent \$12,440.84 for equipment and supplies in preparation for the line installation.

"Our company is in the process of moving two-thirds of its northern equipment to the Kings Mountain area," Mr. Fulkerson explained.

The Commissioners had previously supplied funds for a water line to be run to the J. W. Wood Elastic Web Company plant outside Shelby.

However, since this money must come from non-tax revenues, the board took no official action, except to say that the monies in this fund had been exhausted for the current fiscal year.

The Commissioners advised Mr. Fulkerson to go ahead with the installation of the water line, and asked him to present certified bills to the board around the first of June, when the contract is due.

Jaycees Plan Variety Show

Kings Mountain Jaycees will sponsor a variety show, Friday night, December 7, at 8 p. m., to benefit Gaston County Center for Handicapped Children.

The show, which will feature the appearance of Jasper the Clown, Crowson the Magician, Hastings String Band, Kings Quartet, and Sunnyside String band will be held in the auditorium of Central high school.

Rich Mauney, Belmont radio announcer, will serve as MC. The Travelers Quartet of Gastonia will also be featured in the talent-studded show.

Admission for adults will be one dollar and for children, 50 cents. Children under six years of age will be admitted free.

"We invite the public to attend this excellent show," spokesman for the sponsoring organization said.

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C. Of C. Formed On Monday Night



DAR CITIZEN - Miss Betty Jeanne Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, has been selected to represent Colonel Frederick Hambricht chapter, DAR, as good citizen in the State DAR good citizenship contest.

Only girls in the senior class of public senior high schools are eligible. Girls are selected on qualities of leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism.

\$500 Sought For Hungarians

Kings Mountain citizens are being asked to join with others throughout the United States to provide funds for relief of Hungarian refugees.

Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter officials hope to obtain at least \$500 through donations for this cause. The American Red Cross goal is five million dollars.

As quickly as sufficient memberships have been obtained, Mr. Weiss said, another general membership meeting will be called to elect permanent officers and directors for the year 1957.

Membership work is already underway and both Mr. Weiss and Mr. McCurdy reported Wednesday morning that several membership checks are already in hand.

"The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce is definitely in business," Mr. Weiss commented. Among those attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting

Ward Charged With Murder

Dee Ward, 55-year-old Chestnut Ridge Negro, is being held in Gaston County jail on a charge of murder.

Ward is accused of firing a shotgun blast that struck his son, John Robert Ward, 30, in the stomach November 27. The injured man died in Kings Mountain hospital last Friday.

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Trustees Seek More Property For West School

The Kings Mountain Board of School Trustees held a regular session Monday night in the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes, with just minor items of business being discussed.

This meeting had been postponed twice previously, and board members voted to allow this meeting to serve as both the regular November and December meetings.

Items of business coming before the board included:

1) Hearing a report from Trustee J. R. Davis that a deed had been executed and delivered covering the purchase of a tract of land from Mrs. Henry Jones.

2) Heard a report from Fred Plonk and A. W. Kincaid, representatives to the annual North Carolina School Boards' meeting in Chapel Hill.

3) Fred Plonk and J. W. Webster reported that they had contacted Sam Weiss in regard to purchasing two small tracts of land adjoining the property at West School.

4) Discussed a possible petition to the city to pave Ramseyer street, but tabled action pending further investigation as to the width of paving desired.

5) Voted to patch a leaking roof at West School until next summer when permanent repairs will be made.

6) Discussed insurance coverage on the new North School plant and contents. Mr. Barnes reported that the state insurance group had quoted a price of .048 cents per hundred dollars valuation, compared with a .031 cents quotation by a local company.

7) Voted to insure the dwelling on the former Jones property for \$2,000 for a period of one year.

8) Heard a report from Fred Plonk that sidewalks and drain systems had been installed in front of West School. Voted to buy 100 feet of six-inch terracotta pipe which the city will install to handle water draining from West school grounds.

9) Mr. Barnes reported that Withrow Brown, former janitor, at North School had been replaced by Nathaniel Thomas. Brown recently resigned to accept another job.

10) Voted to clean lands around East School in preparation for making playground space. John Chambers will do the work at a price of \$10 per hour for bulldozer work and \$7 per hour for tractor work.

11) Voted to hold official open house at the new North School Friday night in conjunction with a program already planned by the North School P.T.A.

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Memberships Being Sought By Committee

Organization of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce was effected Monday night.

A group of 20-plus businessmen, in meeting at City Hall, set up the organization on an "acting" basis, and voted a dues schedule of \$25 per year.

The group adopted a constitution and set of by-laws which provided for election of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and seven directors.

The constitution provides any person, firm, or corporation interested in the development of the Kings Mountain area may become a member, but limits office-holding to residents of the immediate area, including Number 4 and 5 townships, Cleveland County, and Crowder's Mountain and Cherryville townships, Gaston County.

It was agreed by the group Monday evening that the adopted constitution and by-laws be "temporary," with William Eldon, J. R. Davis and Martin Harmon named to a committee to examine the adopted document and recommend changes which might prove more suitable to the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

Completing the officer committee, the group elected Sam Collins acting first vice-president, Ben H. Bridges, acting second vice-president, and designated Dr. L. T. Anderson, acting secretary-treasurer.

Named to the membership committee, described by Acting President Dan Weiss as "first order of business," were Fleteer R. McCurdy, chairman, W. K. Mauney, R. S. Lennon, Dr. R. N. Baker, William Eldon, Paul Walker, and John Cheshire.

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TO GIVE RECITAL - Miss Shirley Falls, Kings Mountain student at Greensboro college, will be presented in organ recital next Wednesday evening in the college auditorium.

Miss Shirley Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Falls, will be presented in organ recital by the Greensboro College School of Music next Wednesday at 8 o'clock p. m. in Odell auditorium.

A senior at Greensboro college, Miss Falls will receive her degree in music education in the spring term of 1957.

Featured in the recital will be "Pastorale" from Joseph and "Trumpet Voluntary" by Henry Purcell.

Boy Hit By Auto Here Wednesday

Dean Smith, 12 or 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Smith of 204 Cranford drive, was struck by a car on East King street just prior to the Christmas Parade Wednesday afternoon.

Joe W. Watkins of Shelby, driver of the car that struck young Smith, said he had just pulled off from the King Street - Battleground avenue traffic signal when the boy stepped in front of his car. He estimated his speed at about 10 miles-per-hour when the accident occurred.

The injured boy was taken to Kings Mountain hospital, and reports indicated that he would be kept for observation. His injuries were not believed to be serious.

Logan In Hospital Ware Acting Chief

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan Jr., is a patient at Veteran's Hospital, Oteen, where he is receiving treatment for a back injury. Chief Logan entered the hospital last Friday. His ailment is described as a recurrence of an old injury suffered in World War II.

Sgt. Martin Ware is serving as acting chief of police, city officials reported.

ONE PERMIT
Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday, to S. M. Rasburg to erect a one story building on York road, at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

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Event Rated Best In History By Spectators

An estimated 5,000 persons jammed Kings Mountain Wednesday afternoon for the Kings Mountain Merchants association's annual Christmas opening parade.

Kings Mountain's biggest ever, the parade got underway at 4:05 p. m., only five minutes behind schedule, and it was 40 minutes later before the big Santa Claus float passed the dispersal point.

Many onlookers commented on the excellence of the parade, which included floats, high school beauty queens, other pretty girls, and numerous high school bands.

Chief comic feature of the parade was a trick car act, featuring a clown who guided the car with his hands - even while walking in front of it. He could cause the car to reverse or turn in any direction. Intermittently, a feeder or other part would pop off, accompanied by a loud "bang."

National Guard units also appeared in the parade as did numerous Girl Scout and Brownie Scout groups.

Particular comment was heard among viewers on the beauty of the large number of floats, including local entries of Mauney Textile Interests, Craftspun Yarns, Burlington Industries, Neisler Mills and others. Special comment was also heard on the singing of the choir on the Macedonia church entry.

The bands marched well and played Christmas music throughout the parade.

The units topped the 50-mark by several. Charles Dixon chairman of the event, was tired but happy when the parade had ended. He commented, "It was a good parade and it wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of many different people and organizations."

He expressed particular appreciation to Kings Mountain business firms which entered floats, to the out-of-town firms, including Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Queen City Coach Company and Southern Dairies which sent floats for the event, and to all others contributing to the success of the event.

The parade was staged in ideal weather. The sun was shining and the temperature was not low enough to cause discomfort.

Throngs of youngsters followed the big Santa Claus float as Old Nick tossed out candy to the crowds along the line of march.

At dusk, Christmas lights were turned on for the first time this season.

Grover Woman, 67, Champion Walker

The office and sales force of Sterch's, Kings Mountain furniture firm, was astounded Monday when a lady customer, in the store to purchase a couple of linoleum rugs, made a special request.

"Could I ride home in the truck when it delivers my rugs?" she asked. "I walked up here from my home which is a mile-and-a-half on the other side of Grover."

The customer was Mrs. Lula Lovelace, who added she was 67 years of age, had hung out the Monday wash before leaving at noon. She was at Sterch's at 1:30 p. m., which was somewhat of a record time for the jaunt of more than nine miles. Salesman A. T. DeBruer posed the request to Manager Kenneth Blanton.