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Local News Bulletins

DIRECTOR

S. E. McSwain, manager of Joy Theatre, has been elected to fill the one-year unexpired term of Ed Tutor on the board of directors of Kings Mountain Merchants association.

CAKE SALE

The Mary Kennedy circle of Boyce Memorial ARP church will offer for sale homemade cakes at Phifer Hardware company Saturday.

LODGE MEETING

Members of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will meet Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall for work in the first degree.

PLONK RELEASED

Pvt. William L. Plonk has been released from active duty with the army at Fort Jackson, S. C. During 15 months duty, he also was on duty in Texas, Maryland, and Louisiana.

VFW MEETING

Kings Mountain Veterans of foreign Wars post will hold a regular meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

METHODIST CLASS

Members of the Young Adult Fellowship class of Central Methodist church and their families will hold a hamburger supper at the church Friday evening.

LEGION DANCE

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will sponsor a dance for couples only Saturday night beginning at 8:30 p. m. Music will be furnished by Hague Sisk and his band.

MEETING POSTPONED

Monday night's scheduled meeting of the city board of education was postponed, Supt. B. N. Barnes reported, due to illness of Trustee J. W. Webster and absence from the city of Trustee P. D. Padgett.

WITH HERALD

Linda Biser, a high school senior, has joined the Herald staff for part time duty. Miss Biser will assist Miss Elizabeth Stewart in social reporting and circulation management.

KIWANIS

B. G. Banner, representative of O. G. Penegar Company, Gastonia, will address members of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the club's Thursday night meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

LIONS WON'T MEET

The Kings Mountain Lions club will not hold a formal meeting Tuesday night. The meeting has been cancelled to enable club members to serve as hosts at the Tuesday night Lions-sponsored basketball double header.

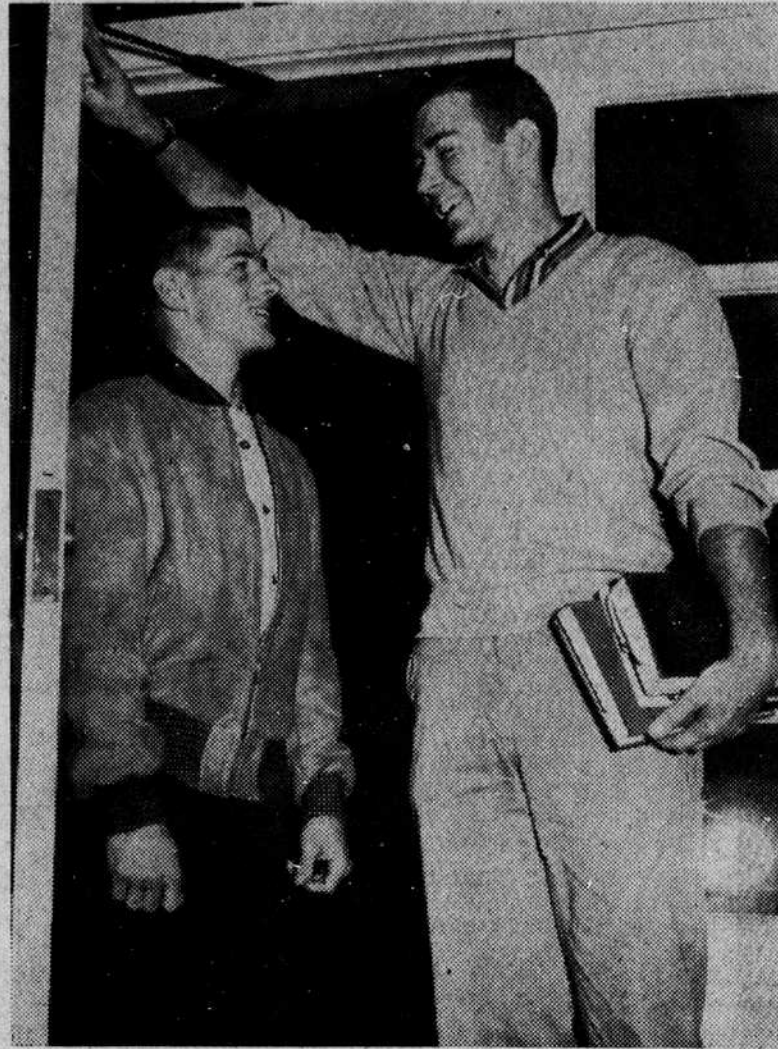
Herald To Publish Early Next Week

The Kings Mountain Herald will be published one day early next week, appearing on news stands Tuesday evening, with mail distribution on Wednesday morning.

The edition will be published under its regular Thursday, November 28 date line.

The one-day advance in publishing date will be made to accommodate grocers and other retailers who wish to distribute advertising messages in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday and also to enable mail subscribers to receive their regular editions in advance of Thanksgiving, rather than on Friday, a day late.

The December 5th edition will appear on regular schedule.



THE TALL AND SHORT OF IT — Dean Bridges meets Dean Bridges at Gardner-Webb College, and tall or short, both are top men on campus.

Relative Size Helps Identify Bridges Boys

BOILING SPRINGS—If your name is Dean Bridges and you are a student at Gardner-Webb college you might be a freshman.

In either case you are an outstanding student and a leader in campus activities.

The Baptist college has two students bearing the Dean Bridges moniker. What's more, both are Cleveland Countians and each is a class president.

Allen Dean Bridges, a native of Shelby, Route 2, is majoring in agriculture. He is president of the sophomore class. State College is his goal for senior college study.

Dean Carlyle Bridges, a freshman ministerial student from Kings Mountain, was recently elected president of the freshman class. A talented debater and public speaker, he plans to continue his education after Gardner-Webb at Wake Forest College.

"Little Dean," the sophomore so branded by his classmates as a means of distinguishing him from "Big Dean," is an outstanding basketball star.

Standing only 5 feet 3 inches, he is starting guard for the Bull dog five. Last year he made the all-conference junior college team, received the sportsmanship trophy in tournament play, and was second-high scorer for Gardner-Webb.

"Big Dean" towers a full 12 inches over his athletic friend and looks the part of a basketball natural. He prefers, however, to watch the game from the bleachers.

The two are not related and did not know each other until they met at Gardner-Webb this fall.

GAS TAX REBATE

The City of Kings Mountain has received a check from the state for \$478.50, representing rebate on state gasoline tax on 7,975 gallons. The rebate covered the quarter ending September 30, Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel said.

One-Side Parking On W. Mountain? Hike In Outside City Water Rates?

Will the city order one-side parking on West Mountain street in the two block business section?

Will the city up the tariff on water sales to outside-city customers?

No action has been taken but Mayor Glee A. Bridges commented on both questions at last Thursday's city board session.

Mayor Bridges said he felt the city's business district traffic problem would be improved in event one-side parking is ordered on West Mountain and added he'd had some requests that parking be limited to one side of the street. He didn't specify which side might be limited.



ACTING CHIEF — Former Sergeant Martin Ware, four-year veteran of the city police department and a former Cleveland County deputy sheriff is acting chief of the city department. Mr. Ware succeeded in a temporary capacity former Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., resigned.

Haas Replaces Halbert Webb

Arno Haas formerly superintendent of dyeing and finishing at International Looms' Clifton, N. J. plant, has assumed a similar position at Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

Mr. Haas has succeeded R. Halbert Webb, now associated with Morgan Mills, of Laurinburg, in a similar capacity.

Announcement was made by Alfred Maino, general manager, who also announced that James Dickey has been promoted to the position of night superintendent at the Margrace plant.

Mr. Maino also confirmed the resignation of Archie Wilbanks as superintendent of yarn operations in the Neisler division. Mr. Wilbanks will join J. P. Stevens Company's Roanoke Rapids plant. He will complete his duties here his week.

Mr. Wilbanks' replacement has not yet been announced.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham Resigns

City To Ask Insurance Bids As Current Policies Expire

Board Action On Coverage Taken Thursday

The city board of commissioners has voted to purchase insurance coverage on a bid basis.

The action, taken unanimously by the commission at last Thursday's session, specifies that agents currently underwriting city properties, notify the city clerk 45 days prior to a policy's expiration. In turn, the city clerk is to notify all city agents to ask bids on the policies as they come due.

Luther Bennett made the motion, explaining that, though he is an agent, he would not be a party to the bidding while a member of the city commission.

The action followed a long discussion of city insurance purchasing policy, originally questioned by B. F. Maner. Mr. Maner has stated he felt it fair to split the insurance fees. He had suggested one agent be authorized to write all the city's insurance, with a portion of the fees to be split between other authorized agents of the city.

Other action by the board included:

- 1) Authorization of a loading zone in front of Logan Cleaners pick-up station in the Lynch building on S. Piedmont avenue.
2) Adoption of a resolution assuring members of the city police department that a Davidson Lake site could be used for a policeman's lodge and pistol range as long as it was confined to use by the policemen as long as its use was confined.

- 3) Authorized of trade of ten feet of right-of-way with Sadie Mill to implement installation of a heavier power line. The city was to be deeded ten feet off the city's right-of-way on the south side of the street.
4) Authorized an agreement with Duke Power Company whereby Duke can use the city's power line right-of-way on East Gold street. Duke agrees to replace with higher poles in order to install a heavier transmission line to serve Sadie Cotton Mills. The city will use Duke's poles to provide service to city customers.

- 5) Charged off a \$22 account owed by Will Adams, deceased, on the Mayor's report the amount is uncollectible.
6) Cancelled a \$40 charge to Otis Falls, Sr., for a telephone pole. Mayor Bridges said the charge was made in error. The charge concerned replacement of a pole after last summer's storm. The Mayor said Mr. Falls insured.

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Tracy Will Be Detour Street

The city will re-route its U. S. Highway 74 detour Thursday, Mayor Glee Bridges said yesterday.

Plans call for U. S. 74 detour traffic to be removed from Sims and Goforth streets to Tracy street.

Mayor Bridges said the city plans to install a six-inch water line on Sims and will begin the installation Thursday. He added that Goforth street is not wide enough to handle detour traffic two-way.

Incident weather delayed work on the West King improvements during the past week leading to the Mayor's prediction that at least another week, perhaps two, will be required to complete the West King job and get the street re-opened to U. S. 74 traffic.

Lutherans Plan Special Services

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold its Thanksgiving service next Thursday, November 29, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Both Junior and Senior choirs will present special music, and the public is invited, the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding said.

Annual Thanksgiving service of the Women of the church will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. The pastor also announced. The service will be held in the chapel and will be preceded by a complimentary supper at 6:30 p. m. in the church social room.



SPORTS EDITOR — Neale Patrick of Gastonia, is sports editor of the Kings Mountain Herald. Mr. Patrick succeeds David Baitly, who transferred to the advertising and news departments. Mr. Patrick is a University of North Carolina graduate, and former sports editor of the Raleigh Times and Gaston Citizen.

Flu Epidemic Appears Waning

Kings Mountain's continuing influenza epidemic seemed to be abating on Wednesday, and virtually everyone was praying that the downward sickness trend would continue.

City schools attendance figures were indicative of the improvement.

Supt. B. N. Barnes, himself a weekend victim of what he termed "the walking flu," reported Wednesday absences in the city system at slightly more than ten percent, down heavily from the 16 percent absent on Tuesday and the more than 20 percent absent last Friday.

Druggists of the city also concurred in the opinion that the epidemic is abating.

Charles Blanton, of Kings Mountain Drug Company, said he was having his first quiet moment in the prescription department for the past three weeks, and Wilson Griffin, of Griffin Drug Store, said demands for influenza prescriptions and patent remedies, though still heavy, was on the downward trend.

Most citizens looked to the newly arrived cold snap in the weather to help eliminate the flu. The warm, rainy weather previously prevailing is generally described as "flu and pneumonia" weather. Mothers complain of the veritable impossibility of dressing young children properly — they're either too hot or too cold and grown-ups, too, have difficulty maintaining the proper amount of protective clothing.

Medical doctors were almost uniformly tired, after a long season of seeing many patients around-the-clock.

TO BE RELEASED

"Reb" Wiesner, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiesner, struck by an automobile several weeks ago, is steadily improving and is expected to be released from Kings Mountain hospital Thursday.

Boyce Memorial ARP Members Vote To Sing Hymns, As Well As Psalms

Members of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church voted 74 to 56 to add to the musical worship service. The action broke a long tradition for the Kings Mountain church.

Motion by M. A. Ware to authorize the moderator, Dr. W. L. Pressly, to name a songbook committee and a counter motion by John L. McGill to authorize the board of elders to name a songbook committee were withdrawn after request by Marriott D. Phifer.

Prior to the voting, conducted by written ballot, short talks in support of retaining the traditional Boyce Memorial policy of singing only Psalms were made by Mrs. Helen Galloway Neal, Mrs. Elizabeth McGill Gamble,

Suits Quashed As Three Pay Assessments

Three Kings Mountain citizens who were facing legal action by the city for collection of street assessment balances paid their accounts last Thursday.

The three are J. E. Mauney, John B. Mauney, and John Riddle. Suit had already been lodged against Mr. Riddle in amount of \$30.37.

City attorney J. R. Davis reported the payments at the board of commissioner session last Thursday night.

Balances paid included \$17.14 by John B. Mauney and \$71 by J. E. Mauney, Mr. Davis reported. One other delinquent on street assessment costs has made arrangements to amortize his account, Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported. Leroy Camp, charged with a balance of \$72.34 and reported in ill health by the Mayor, has agreed to pay the city \$10 per month until the account is closed, Mayor Bridges said.

Collection of the street-paving assessments has been a continuing argument between these citizens and the administration for several months, with the citizens variously charging that 1) they were improperly assessed, 2) they were assessed for shoddy work which didn't meet specifications, and 3) that interest charges of six per cent per year should be waived.

Under state law, the statute of limitations on collection of street improvements assessments is ten years, City Clerk Gene Mitcham said the ten year period since the assessments were confirmed was near and that the suits were contemplated to prevent loss of the accounts.

Yule Parade Plans Shaping

Santa Claus will pay a pre-Christmas visit to Kings Mountain Wednesday, December 4, as one of many personages in the Merchants 40-unit yule parade.

The parade will officially launch the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain and will begin at 4:30 p. m.

Among parade personalities will be pretty Elaine Herndon, of Durham, Miss North Carolina, and numerous beauty queens from area schools and surrounding cities. Numerous bands and floats will also feature the parade.

Miss Herndon has notified the Merchants association committee, of which Charles Blanton is chairman, she will come to Charlotte by plane where she will be met by a committee of well-wishers and will be brought to Kings Mountain for the annual Christmas opening event.

Representative Basil L. White, of Gastonia, has also notified Mrs. Elaine Queen, Merchants' Secretary, he expects to be present for the parade.

Mrs. Queen estimated this week that some 35-40 units had been entered in this year's event and guessed that others may still provide, parade entries.



Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel Likely Successor

City Clerk Gene Mitcham has tendered his resignation effective December 1.

Mr. Mitcham is resigning to accept the position of accountant with Carolina Pipeline Company, a natural gas utility, franchised to sell natural gas in South Carolina.

The Clerk tendered his resignation to the mayor and board of commissioners on Saturday, and the board has been summoned to meet in special session to act on the resignation Thursday evening at 7:30.

Indications are that Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel will be offered the top position and that he may accept.

The position currently pays \$4200 per year, with \$300 being paid by the city and \$300 by the city natural gas system, which the clerk also serves as chief accounting officer. The clerk has also served as secretary-reasurer of the city recreation commission.

Mr. Mitcham said he expects to report for work at Columbia, S. C., December 1, and will move his residence there when it is convenient for his wife, a teacher of the fifth grade at North school, to relinquish her teaching duties.

Mr. Mitcham became city clerk on February 15, 1955, succeeding Joe Hendrick. He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college, class of 1950, and is a veteran of three years of service in the coast guard.

Mrs. Mitcham is the former Margaret Lea, of Hickory. They have two daughters. The family are members of Resurrection Lutheran church. Mr. Mitcham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mitcham and has been active in the work of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Mitcham recommended an interim audit of both the city and gas system books, and commented, "My tenure has been most enjoyable and educational. I have had the pleasure of working under two fine administrations and with my excellent city employees, all of whom I shall remember fondly."

NLRB Hearing Next Wednesday

National Labor Relations board hearing on petition of the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum workers to represent Foote Mineral Company employees as bargaining representative will be held in the postoffice building at Charlotte next Wednesday, beginning at 10 o'clock.

The union has claimed it holds membership cards for a majority of Foote's employees and the company has denied the union contention.

If customary procedure is followed, an NLRB election on the question will be conducted subsequent to the hearing. Foote employees have twice rejected union organizing bids, first in 1954 and again in 1956.

ARP's Schedule Thursday Service

Annual Thanksgiving service and breakfast at Boyce Memorial ARP church will be held next Thursday morning at 7:30 a. m., the pastor, Dr. W. L. Pressly, has announced.

Members will gather at 7:30 a. m. at the church and the meal will be served by men of the church at 8 a. m. In charge of serving the meal are members of the Neil Baird Bible class. Other members of the committees are Oscar McCarter, George Marrow, W. C. Grantham, Ben Goforth, Sr., Garrison Goforth, Marvin Goforth, and R. S. Burton.

Merchants Suspend Mid-Week Closing

Wednesday afternoon was the final half-day for Kings Mountain retail merchants until after Christmas.

The Kings Mountain Merchants association announced that business firms, according to association by-laws, will remain open Wednesday afternoon and subsequent Wednesday until after Christmas to accommodate yule shoppers.

Virtually all firms will close Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28) Mrs. Elaine Queen, Merchants Secretary, said Wednesday.

Textile Orders Up Slightly

Textile business has shown perceptible, if slight, improvement in Kings Mountain during the past three weeks.

Two firms which have been running considerably below capacity for several months were among those noticing increase in orders. They are Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, and the Neisler division of the Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company. Alfred Maino, general manager of the Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair, confirmed reports on the increase of orders here.

He said the increase is "not near as much as we need" but that it would enable the firm to put 14 idle looms into production and would result in longer work weeks for many employees who have been on part-time schedules for several weeks.

Several Neisler employees reported receiving paychecks for a five-day week last Thursday for the first time in months.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company upped work schedules to five days three weeks ago, and anticipates maintaining this schedule in the immediate future. Currently, two shifts are being operated on a five-day basis, and the third is to resume a five-day work week as quickly as machinery changeovers, now underway, are complete.

Franklin Ware, manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the state Employment service, said Wednesday, "Two or three workers were called back to Neisler this week and there were no new layoffs."

Mr. Ware also reported that Park Yarn officials told him they anticipate 1958 business will compare to 1957 and anticipate continuation of current five-day week production schedules. He said he had received a similar report from Mauney Mills, Inc.

Linda Biser Wins Contest

Linda Biser, high school senior, was adjudged winner of the 1958 Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, and will compete at Shelby next Wednesday for district honors.

Miss Biser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Biser, and other contestants were honored by the Jaycees at their Tuesday night meeting, when contest results were announced.

Runner-up was Paula Owens, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Owens.

Miss Biser was awarded a trophy, and Miss Owens was awarded a plaque.

Other contestants were Linda Logan, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Logan, and Sherry Goins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goins.

Each contestant's address was entitled "I Speak for Democracy" and each recited for the Jaycees Tuesday.

District contest winners will compete at Forest City for North Carolina honors.

Kenneth Pruitt was chairman of the Jaycee contest committee.

Yule Club Checks In Mail Friday

First National Bank will mail its 1957 Christmas club checks Friday.

Bank officials say the total payment to club members will total \$85,000, up some \$15,000 over last year's record payment.