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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

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CAKE SALE

Daughters of Wesley class of Central Methodist church will sell cakes, pies, candies, aprons, and canned goods as a class project beginning Saturday and continuing each Saturday morning from 9 to 11 o'clock in the vacant building next door to Griffin Drug company.

PRESBYTERIAN

The Executive board of the Women of First Presbyterian church will meet Sunday, December 1st, at 2:30 p. m. This meeting is for all incoming and outgoing executive board members.

BACK AT WORK

H. G. (Pete) Barkley has returned to his work as a Shelby grocer, working a half a day, and resting half a day. Mr. Barkley who suffered a heart attack about a month ago was reported by Mrs. Barkley, as "doing fine."

SPEAKER

Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Brown and family, missionaries to Korea, will be honored Friday at a family night supper at the First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Brown will deliver the message Sunday morning, Mrs. Brown will speak at Sunday School assembly, and they will conduct the young people's program on Sunday night. The Browns will also conduct the Sunday 3 p. m. service at Dixon Presbyterian church.

BREAKFAST

All members of Central Methodist church are invited to the annual Thanksgiving breakfast Thursday morning at 7:30 in the church fellowship hall. The Adult Fellowship class will prepare the meal. Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor, will conduct the service following the breakfast.

NO PRAYER SERVICE

Due to the Thanksgiving breakfast on Thursday morning at Central Methodist church, there will be no mid-week prayer service this week, it has been announced by Miss Joyce Simpson.

DINNER SUNDAY

Seniors of Central Methodist church will serve a beef dinner Sunday immediately following the morning worship at 12:15 at the church. Plates will be one dollar for adults, 50 cents for children, and proceeds will go for Senior projects. William F. Young is sponsor.

ONE FIRE

C. D. Ware, city fireman, said Tuesday the department had only one call last week. Firemen extinguished a chimney fire at the home of Kings Mountain Negress Edna Briggs on N. Candler street last Thursday. Ware said there was no damage to the house.

CLUB OFFICER

Miss Jane Osborne, Catawba college freshman, has been elected secretary of the Blue Masque, campus drama organization. Miss Osborne recently had a role in the organization's presentation of "Show Boat".

Truck Dented, Pumpkin O. K.

And then there's the one about Andy Jenkins, projectionist at Joy Theatre, who had a minor key crack-up last Sunday because of his Thanksgiving pumpkin.

Andy was returning from a trip to Charlotte where he picked up a load of film. He bought a pumpkin. En route home the pumpkin rolled from its lodging beside him on the seat, landed on the projectionist's foot, pinning it to the accelerator.

Perturbed Andy couldn't reach the brake pedal, lost control of his truck, and it left the road.

Damage was slight, a small dent in the left fender of the truck. Neither Andy nor the pumpkin were injured and the Jenkinses still will have pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving day dinner.

Thanksgiving To Be Work Day For Most Folk

Kings Mountain retail employees will take a holiday Thursday as will workers in some of the city industrial plants and other businesses.

Majority of retailers will close for the day, as will financial firms, the postoffice, and local and state government offices. Principal retail establishments which will be open for business will be service stations, theatres, and some grocery stores.

Some industrial plants will observe regular schedule, and these include Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush company, Kings Mountain Manufacturing company, Craftsman Arms, Mauney Hosiery Mills, Carolina Throwing company, and Lithium Corporation of America.

Some plants will give their employees the holiday.

Kings Mountain Mica Company employees will get a long week end beginning Thursday when the plant will shut down for the holiday. Bonnie Cotton Mills will not operate Thanksgiving Day. Employees of Park Yarn Mills will get both Thursday and Friday as holidays, a spokesman for the firm said. Both Sadie Mill and Carolina Throwing company will observe the holiday and some employees of Lambeth Rope Corporation will get the day off, a spokesman reported. The regular mill shifts at Foote Mineral company will be in operation, though office personnel will receive the one-day holiday.

Drug stores will operate on abbreviated schedules. Kings Mountain Drug company will be open during the hours of 10 to 12 noon and from 4 o'clock to 6 p. m. for prescription service. Griffin Drug store also will offer prescription service. Stroupe Drug company will be closed all day.

Retailers Open Six Days Weekly

Kings Mountain retail firms have suspended regular Wednesday afternoon half-holidays until after Christmas.

As is customary, the merchants suspend the mid-week closings the day prior to Thanksgiving. They plan to resume them on January 1.

The change is made to accommodate Christmas gift-buyers, and is stipulated in by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

VFW Poppy Sale This Weekend

Kings Mountain Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9811 will hold a Poppy Sale Friday and Saturday.

Proceeds will be used, locally to help underprivileged children of Kings Mountain, it was announced.

The poppies will be sold by the Girl Scouts of Central Methodist church, under the direction of Miss Joyce Simpson. In event of rain the sale will be postponed a week.

ARP SPEAKER

Mrs. Jack Raymer, pres., of First Presbyterian, will address Boyce Memorial ARP Women of the Church at their regular meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Church Rites, Football, Hunting, Turkey On Thanksgiving Day Fare

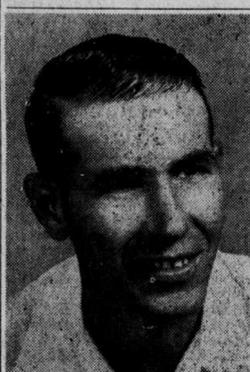
Kings Mountain citizens prepared this week for a traditional Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The diet promised to include numerous turkey dinners, treks to football games, church attendance at special Thanksgiving services, and rambles through the woods with hunting dogs and guns, an ill omen for rabbit and squirrel.

Three churches plan Thanksgiving morning services. A 7:30 breakfast will precede the Thanksgiving service at Central Methodist church. Thanksgiving rites will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church at 8 o'clock, to be followed by breakfast in the Sabbath school building. St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold a special Thanksgiving service at 9 o'clock.

Resurrection Lutheran, Grace Methodist and First Presbyterian churches had scheduled Wednesday evening services.

City Will Offer Natural Gas On Interruptible Rate Basis



RESIGNS — V. L. Beachum, city gas system superintendent, has tendered his resignation, effective December 8. Mr. Beachum is superintendent of the gas department of Carolina Pipeline Company.

Beachum Resigns Natural Gas Job

Vincent L. Beachum, city gas system superintendent, is resigning, following City Clerk Gene Mitcham to a position with Carolina Pipeline Company, a Columbia, S. C., gas public utility.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported Tuesday Mr. Beachum had notified him he was resigning effective December 8.

Mayor Bridges said he anticipated that Corbett Nicholson, assistant to the superintendent, would succeed Mr. Beachum in the \$3900 per annum position.

The Mayor said the resigning superintendent will take a similar position with Carolina Pipeline in Camden, S. C., a city of about 18,000 population. Mr. Beachum is the first gas system superintendent. He came to Kings Mountain during construction of the natural gas distribution system and aided in launching the city into the gas distribution business.

The city now lists about 600 gas customers.

Today's Herald Early By One Day

Today's Herald is being distributed a day earlier than is customary.

The change was made due to Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday. It enabled grocers to get Thanksgiving delicacies advertised in the Kings Mountain homes prior to holiday dinner day and will assure mail subscribers of receiving their newspapers prior to Friday, which the postal holiday would have necessitated.

The Herald will assume regular schedule next week, appearing on newstands Wednesday night, under date of December 5.

SERVICES WEDNESDAY

The annual Thanksgiving service at First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Special music by all three choirs of the church will feature the service.

Demand Charge Is 80 Percent Of Peak Usage

The city board of commissioners voted last week to purchase a gas telemeter—a consumption recording device—for an installed price of approximately \$1800.

Gas System Supt. V. L. Beachum had explained that several industrial gas customers, seeking lower rates, had asked for interruptible contracts, rather than the firm contracts (at higher rates) under which they now buy gas. Bennett Brick & Tile Company, he said, the city's largest gas customer, was chief among the complainants, Mr. Beachum said.

He explained that with the telemeter, the city could have a constant report on gas consumption and that industrial users could be notified to switch to other fuels during peak load seasons—preventing the city system from being charged with a new demand rate.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham explained that a new demand charge is set each day that a new consumption peak is reached. He added that the demand rate is 80 percent of peak consumption. This rate system means that on one day last July the city paid Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation for 265,000 cubic feet of gas which the city neither sold nor received. "This cost the city gas system more than \$600 on that one day," Mr. Mitcham said.

Mr. Beachum said Bennett Brick & Tile could convert from gas to another fuel in two to five hours. Other industrial customer change-over rates, he reported, are: Kings Mountain Mica Company, 15 minutes; Mauney Hosiery company operating two boilers, about 45 minutes per boiler. He said Slater Manufacturing Company has installed recently a gas-oil boiler.

In other actions last Thursday, the board:

1) Approved, at request of Civil Defense Director Ollie Harris, installation of a telephone in

Busy Schedule For Miss Byars

Miss Jane Byars will represent Kings Mountain in the Carrousel parade on Thanksgiving Day. Wearing a yellow evening gown and fur stole, the Kings Mountain entrant will compete with other princesses for the title of Carrousel Queen.

The princesses will spend Wednesday night at Hotel Charlotte in preparation for the parade on the following day.

On Wednesday, registration will be held in the lobby of the Hotel Charlotte and at 3 o'clock a bus tour of Charlotte is scheduled. At 3:30, the princesses will go to Queens College for a tea in their honor and at 6 o'clock they will be honored at the Mayor's Dinner, also at Hotel Charlotte. The Knights of the Carrousel Coronation Ball will be held at 9 p. m. at the Coliseum with last year's queen reigning over the festivities.

On Thursday, the Carrousel Vice-President's breakfast will feature the princesses, at 9:30 the group will attend Thanksgiving services at various churches. Returning to the hotel, the princesses will be entertained at noon at the Executive Director's Luncheon.

At 3:00 the parade will begin following the parade, the queen will be named and crowned at the Carrousel President's buffet at 6 p. m. To climax the occasion, all princesses will be honored guests at the Carolinas Carrousel Show to be held at the Coliseum.

Miss Byars was determined Kings Mountain's Princess by a high school student body ballot and was officially crowned Miss Kings Mountain by Harry Milner, of the Carrousel committee in a recent assembly program at the high school.



ELEVATED—Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., veteran assistant city clerk, will assume the duties of clerk on Monday. He succeeds C. E. (Gene) Mitcham, resigned.

McDaniel Named To Clerkship

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., veteran assistant city clerk, will step into the clerkship Monday, succeeding C. E. (Gene) Mitcham, who resigned last week.

Mr. McDaniel was named clerk on unanimous vote of the city commission last Thursday night. He will be paid the same salary as the retiring clerk, \$4200 per year, with \$300 of the total being paid by the city's natural gas system.

Also elevated to the assistant clerkship, was Miss Grace Carpenter, for the past four years billing clerk at City Hall. Miss Carpenter is to be paid \$63 per week.

Named to the vacancy created by Miss Carpenter's promotion was Mrs. Margaret Pasour Wilson, wife of Furman Wilson, at a salary of \$40 per week.

Mr. McDaniel is a graduate of Gardner-Webb college, class of '49, and attended the University of North Carolina in 1949-50. He became billing clerk at City Hall in 1950, was promoted to assistant clerk in 1952. A member of First Baptist church, he is also a Mason. He is a navy veteran of World War II.

Miss Carpenter joined the city office staff at her graduation from Kings Mountain high school in 1953. She is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. James Carpenter.

Mrs. Wilson is currently employed at Stroupe Drug Company. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and is a member of Grace Methodist church.

City Gas Loses Foote Contract

Foote Mineral Company is making plans to use natural gas but will purchase from Public Service of North Carolina, rather than the City of Kings Mountain.

Foote's Manager Neil O. Johnson says, "The city bid too high on its rate schedule."

City Gas Supt. V. L. Beachum says, "Installation costs would have been \$45,000 and we would have lost money selling it any cheaper."

Mr. Beachum and City Clerk Gene Mitcham says the city's proffered gas contract was promulgated by the city's gas engineering firm and was presented as a tentative proposal.

"The next thing we heard, Foote was having lines installed to buy from Public Service," Mr. Mitcham reported.

Public Service is a natural gas utility. Its rate schedules are fixed by the North Carolina Utilities commission and are on file in Raleigh.

Foote will buy gas on an interruptible service schedule, Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Beachum said the city would have to obtain an increased allotment from the Federal Power commission if it served Foote.

Lithium Firm Will Auction Mining Tools

Lithium Corporation is offering for sale at public auction on December 6 all of its mining equipment located at the Indian Creek mining site in Lincoln County.

Sale circulars have been distributed to mining companies throughout this area and others.

Joe N. McClure, mining engineer for Lithium Corporation, was out-of-town Tuesday, but Richard Nielson, manager of the company's Bessemer City plant said the equipment is being sold to convert this now idle asset into cash for other uses.

Lithium Corporation is under contract to purchase lithium, bearing ore from Quebec Lithium Corporation and, since the early months of 1956, has been using this ore exclusively. The contract with the Canadian firm, originally for five years, expires in 1959.

Mr. Nielson said the sale of machinery in no way indicates that Lithium Corporation will fail to resume mining operations at the expiration of the contract with Quebec Lithium Corporation. He also said the sale has no connection with announced plans of Quebec Lithium Corporation to build a multi-million extraction plant at Rousse's Point, Quebec, on the St. Lawrence river.

Barring broadened demand for lithium chemical products during the coming two years, Lithium Corporation won't do any mining in that period, Mr. Nielson commented. However, he indicated the company will resume mining as quickly as the Quebec contract expires. Mining the company's own properties in this area would be a cheaper source of supply than the contract purchases from Quebec, Mr. Nielson said.

Noting that any type of equipment tends to deteriorate when idle, Mr. Nielson guessed company officials felt it better to dispose of the equipment now, make new mining equipment purchases and/or arrangements when it resumes ore recovery two years hence.

The sale will be conducted at the Indian Creek mine site, where the machinery is located.

The aircraft watch tower atop City Hall. Mr. Harris said he thought the Army would reimburse the city for his expense.

2) Voted to increase the salary of Police Desk Sergeant E. W. (Buck) Bridges by \$15 per month, retroactive to November 1, due to his increased duties as clerk of recorder's court.

3) Voted to pay city firemen, now doubling in brass as police department deskmen, the same as city policemen, retroactive to November 2.

4) Approved request of incoming-clerk Joe McDaniel to retain an auditor for one day to outline and approve city book-keeping procedures. Mr. McDaniel said several questions had resulted from installation of a new bookkeeping machine.

FROM CONFERENCE

Miss Alice Averitt, city schools teaching consultant, has returned from Southern Pines where she attended the state conference for supervisors and directors of instruction. Miss Averitt is state treasurer of the division of supervision of the North Carolina Education Association.

Alcoholics Anonymous Looks Back On Ten Years Of Profitable Work

Kings Mountain's branch of Alcoholics Anonymous is in its eleventh year of quiet, anonymous work toward arresting the alcoholism of citizens in Kings Mountain and other nearby communities.

Founded in the spring of 1947, the organization numbers on its informal roll (there's no membership record) more than 30 Kings Mountain citizens. In addition it organized a group in Cherryville and revived an organization in Shelby.

More important—and the real purpose—is a list of a dozen Kings Mountain area citizens, in addition to others in Shelby and Cherryville, who have arrested their alcoholism after work with and through the Alcoholics Anonymous program.

Alcoholics Anonymous operates on several basic principles. Here are some of them:



BEAUTY QUEEN—Elaine Herndon of Durham, Miss North Carolina, in last summer's "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City, N. J., will appear here Wednesday, December 4, in the annual Christmas opening parade of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Parking Question Brings Loud "No"

Mayor Glee A. Bridges got a quick answer to his suggestion that Mountain street parking be restricted to one-side of the street.

The answer was a resounding, "No!" The Mayor had said at the November 14 board session that he had received several suggestions that Mountain street parking be limited to improve the traffic situation. He didn't detail from whence the suggestions came.

Last Thursday night, a petition was presented to the board of commissioners which opposed in hardly uncertain language the mayor-voiced suggestion. It was signed by virtually every mercantile and professional occupant and employee on the two-block strip of Mountain street, which is a main portion of the business district.

City Attorney J. R. Davis remarked after the session, "No I didn't sign it. I thought the petition favored one-side parking."

The city board voted to leave Mountain street parking "as is." Comm. Ben H. Bridges said the petition was handed to him about three hours prior to the meeting by Steve Rathbone, Griffin Durg company employee.

Football Banquet To Feature Giese

Warren Giese, head football coach at the University of South Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the annual Lions club football banquet, to be held Monday, December 9, at the Woman's Club.

Completion of program arrangements was announced Tuesday by J. Ollie Harris, chairman. The Lions club annually honors the high school football team at a dinner meeting with a college coach as chief speaker. All high school players, coaches and managers will be guests of the club, along with area sports writers.

Coach Giese is completing his second year as head coach at South Carolina. Formerly assistant to Jim Tatum at Maryland, he migrated south at the same time Tatum came to UNC. Giese first played at Central Michigan in 1947, then transferred to Oklahoma, where he played end under Tatum.

Elaine Herndon To Appear Here; 15 Bands Listed

Santa Claus is coming to town Wednesday for his annual pre-Christmas visit.

His hosts, the Kings Mountain Merchants association, has been busy this week completing plans for the event which will feature a big parade, and large crowds are expected to attend.

Sharing the parade spotlight with Santa will be Miss North Carolina, Elaine Herndon, of Durham, who will appear along with numerous beauties from the surrounding high schools and cities in the 42-unit Christmas opening event.

The pretty North Carolina beauty will come to Charlotte by plane where she will be met by a committee of newcomers who will accompany her to Kings Mountain and the parade.

Scheduled to get underway at 4:30 p. m. sharp, the parade will

LINE OF MARCH

Next Wednesday's Christmas parade will form on West Gold street and at 4:30 sharp will begin 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 street 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.

also include numerous floats entered by Kings Mountain area firms and organizations, including Neisler Mills, Foote Mineral company, Biltmore Dairies, Carolina Freight Carriers, Mauney Mills, the State Highway Patrol, and others.

Representative Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, will also ride in the parade as will officials of the city, the mayor, and board of commissioners.

Among high school beauty queens in the parade will be Miss Kings Mountain, Jane Byars who represents the city in the Carolinas Carrousel parade in Charlotte Thanksgiving Day; Miss Bethware, Pat Hamrick; Miss Grover, Brenda Jackson; Miss Shelby, Elizabeth Hayes; Miss Cherryville, Gail Baxter; Miss Bessemer City, Barbara Tate; Miss Gastonia, (of Ashley High school) Lois Adams; Miss Waco, Virginia Eaker; Miss Dallas, Leslie Smith, and Miss Tryon, Emmabell Lovingood.

In addition to the Kings Mountain school band, other bands to appear in the parade will feature school musicians from Ashley high school, Gastonia, Dallas, Shelby, Bessemer City, Cherryville, and Davidson high school. The Rhythm band of Davidson school and the John Chavis band will also present music along the line of march.

Troops of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts will march in the parade, and clowns and horses will also feature the colorful program.

The merchants Christmas parade officially launches the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain. Charles Blanton is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the event.

Water, Sewage Asked By Firm

Consolidated Textiles, Inc., has asked the city what it can furnish in water and sewage disposal services to an industrial prospect for the vacant Loom-Tex Corporation building.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he acknowledged the inquiry last week, informing L. L. Langley, of Lynchburg, Va., a Consolidated vice-president, that the city could handle water demands of one million gallons per day, or more.

Meantime, W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, the city's engineer, wrote that he felt sure the city could handle dye waste in its sewage system, provided it were pre-treated.

Mr. Dickson, who designed and superintended the installation of the city's new McGill creek sewage disposal plant, commented he was sure the city would cooperate in supplying the industrial prospect's needed services.

Mr. Langley wrote that the prospect for the Loom-Tex plant, liquidated and idle for some two years, would have a dyeing and finishing operation.

Mayor Bridges said Tuesday he'd received no answer to the correspondence.

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