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Local News Bulletins

LODGE MEETING

Officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be elected Monday night at the regular meeting at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Denver King, lodge secretary.

TO CHARLOTTE

Mrs. W. B. Logan is attending a federal and state income tax school in Charlotte. The course will be held through Friday.

NO FIRES

City Fireman C. D. Ware reported Wednesday morning that the department had had no calls during the past week.

NEW TEACHERS

Miss Cheryl Ellen Cogdill and A. P. (Buddy) Weathers, Jr., both of Shelby, are doing their practice teaching in the high school here. Miss Cogdill in commercial subjects and Mr. Weathers in the physical education department. They are seniors at Appalachian State Teacher's college, Boone.

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall Friday night at 8 p. m., according to announcement by Millard Prince, adjutant.

DANCE

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will sponsor a dance for couples Saturday evening at 8:30 p. m., according to announcements being mailed to members.

KIWANIS CLUB

Tony Hampton, young Kings Mountain winner of the Carolina Soap Box Derby in Charlotte, will describe his trip to the National Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio at the Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The convens at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

SUPPER

Women of the Church of Dixon Presbyterian church will sponsor a chicken supper Saturday afternoon. Serving will begin at the church at 5:30 p. m.

VFW MEETING

Kings Mountain Post 9811, veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. at La Royal Restaurant on Shelby road. It will be the regular meeting of the organization.

AT MEETING

E. L. Brown, principal at Central school, is attending a principals' meeting in Richmond, Virginia, and is expected to return Friday.

SPEAKER

Rev. George Webb, who recently completed post-graduate in Edinburgh, Scotland, will deliver the message at Sunday morning services at First Presbyterian church, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick.

ATTEND MEETING

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Commissioner Ross Alexander were in Raleigh Monday where they attended the Governor's conference on promotion of safety and sanitation on public roads of the state.

YULE HOLIDAYS

City schools will close for Christmas-season holidays on December 18 and will resume regular schedules on January 2, according to announcement from the city superintendent's office.

W. King Work Near Completion

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday contractors on the West King street widening hope to complete the work this week, but that it will be another ten days before the strip is reopened to traffic.

The Mayor said that good weather should mean the completion of the improvements, works, including curb and gutter, widening and a strip of sidewalk in front of the hospital, by the end of the week.

However, he noted, the concrete must "set up" before the street can be opened to traffic.

Highway 74 traffic is currently being detoured on Tracy and W. Mountain streets.

Lions Will Honor Gridmen Monday

Blocking Award Will Be Made; Giese To Speak

Warren Giese of the University of South Carolina, who will be the principal speaker at the Lions Club annual high school football banquet on December 9, is one of the nation's most promising young grid coaches.

Although he has been in the head coaching ranks only two years, his Gamecocks have become recognized as one of the powers of the Atlantic Coast Conference. His first team at South Carolina posted a 7-3 record including a victory over Duke, the first ACC loss in history for the Blue Devils. Injuries hampered this year's team, but the Gamecocks managed to pull a big surprise in defeating Texas, one of the top clubs in Southwest.

Giese is certain to recall some of the highlights of his two seasons at the helm of the Gamecocks when he speaks to the Lions annual affair next Monday night at the Woman's Club.

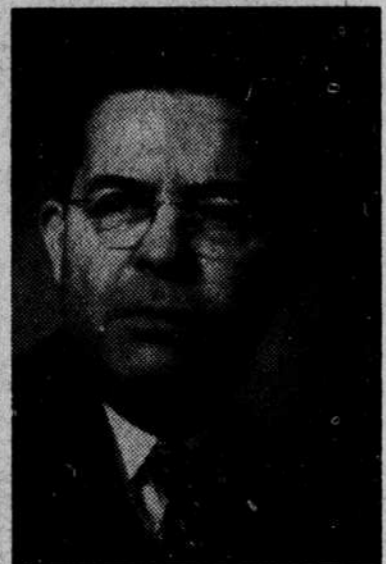
Ollie Harris, program chairman for the banquet, who invited Giese to address the group, said that he had asked the Gamecocks coach to bring along pictures of one of his games this autumn, preferably the 26-29 loss to N. C. State.

In addition to being a top-drawer coach, Giese is a noted after-dinner speaker and lecturer. In 1952 the young coach was chosen to go to the Far East with the Armed Forces Football clinic. The young mentor also holds a masters degree from the University of Maryland, a degree he received while serving as an assistant coach to Jim Tatum.

Giese also is the author of a textbook, "Coaching Football and the Split-T". The book now is being used for instruction in more than a hundred colleges and universities.

He is a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and started his athletic career at Wisconsin State College. Under the Navy V-12 program, Giese played at Central Michigan. Later in the Navy, he played for

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ELECTED — Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Kings Mountain physician, has been elected vice-president of the Cleveland County Medical Society for the coming year.

Medics Elect Dr. Ramseur

Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Kings Mountain physician, has been elected vice-president of the Cleveland County Medical Society for 1958.

Other officers elected are Dr. Haywood Thompson, Shelby general practitioner, was elected president, and Dr. Avery McMurry, Shelby, surgeon, re-named secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Thompson will succeed as president in January Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Kings Mountain general practitioner.

MRS. GOFORTH ILL

Mrs. R. D. Goforth, saleslady for Myers' Department Store, is confined to her home while recuperating from a heart ailment. Mrs. Goforth became ill last week, suffered a relapse Monday, but was reported resting well on Wednesday. Her physician has specified she have no visitors.

Board Names Nicholson; Roper Re-Hired

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night named Corbet H. Nicholson acting superintendent of the city gas system, elected Charles H. Boheler as gas system assistant, and also re-named William H. Roper to the city police force.

Mr. Roper was discharged last summer in a general economy wave in which the police department was cut by three men.

Mr. Roper fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Acting Chief Martin Ware. He is to return to duty on December 15.

Prior to naming Mr. Nicholson to the gas position, the board accepted the resignation of Vincent L. Beachum, city gas system superintendent since the system was opened in July 1954.

Mr. Beachum made a statement Wednesday in which he thanked the citizens of Kings Mountain for their courtesies and gas patrons for their cooperation in launching the gas operations.

"I regret very much to leave Kings Mountain," Mr. Beachum commented, "for the people have been mighty good to me and my family."

Mr. Beachum resigned to accept the position of gas system superintendent of Camden, S. C., for Carolina Pipeline Company, a public utility with franchise to serve Camden.

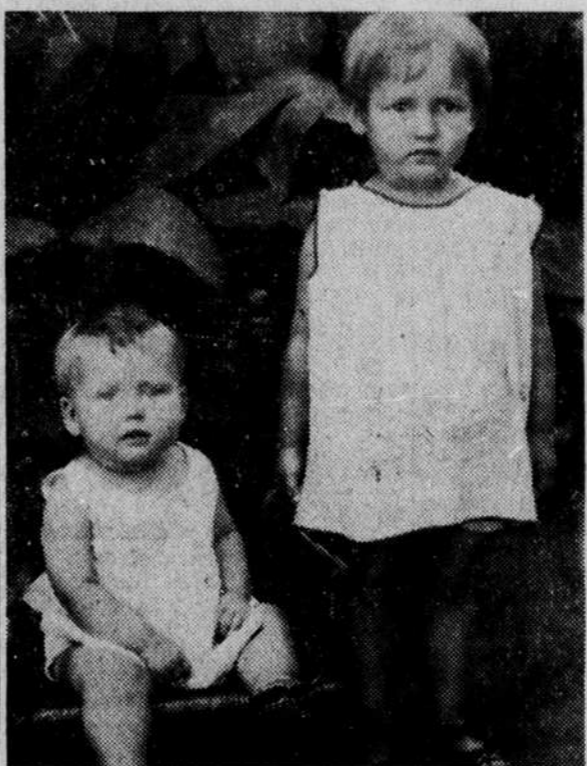
The new gas system superintendent has been a city employee since September 1954. He has been an employee of both the gas system and the city public works department, having been assigned both to the water installation crew and as a filter plant operator. He has been with the gas system exclusively for the past several weeks. He and his family reside at 615 Meadowbrook Road and attended Eastside Baptist church.

Mr. Boheler, who will assume his duties with the city on December 15, is an employee of Davis Sheet Metal & Furnace Company. In another action, the board granted a taxi franchise to Raleigh C. Brown, Negro, partner in Gill and Brown Funeral Home.

WEST P-TA

West school P-TA will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, December 11, at 3:30 p. m., according to announcement by Mrs. George Hampton, publicity chairman. The meeting was advanced one week earlier because of holiday schedules.

Crowd Of 3,000 Sees Annual Kings Mountain Yule Parade



THEN AND NOW—These two pictures bridge the gap of 27 years separation of two sisters who were reunited here a few weeks ago. The picture on the left above shows the two shortly before their separation in 1930. Dorothy Louise Sargent, aged one year, is seated, and her sister, Lonedea Sargent,



2 1/2 years, stands. The picture on the right shows the same two sisters two weeks after their reunion. Mrs. Dorothy Putnam of Kings Mountain is on the left, and Mrs. Lonedea Church of Lexington on the right.

Streets Lined As Cold Winds Bring Shivers

The weatherman provided cold but clear skies Wednesday much to the delight of youngsters and adults who jammed the city streets for the big Christmas opening parade.

Parade onlookers, a record Parade onlookers, a crowd estimated at 3,000 persons, were on hand to get a preview of Santa Claus for 1957, to see the reigning Miss North Carolina, and other parade attractions.

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

Particular comment was heard among viewers on the beauty of the floats, including numerous local entries. Riding on the float furnished by Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair

Plush Company were Brownie Brown, Sara Nell Moss, Mikle White, and Connie Dixon. On the Mauney Mills float were Ann Falls, Phyllis Dean, Georganna Moss, Polly Page, Mary Owens, and Diane Cansler. Joyce Dixon rode on the Miss North Carolina float with pretty Elaine Herndon, of Durham, state beauty queen.

Representative Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, led the 42-unit parade followed by officials of the city, National Guard units, and various Scout Troops.

Bands from Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Dallas, Shelby, Bessemer City, and Cherryville as well as Davidson high school's band and rhythm group performed well and played Christmas music along the line of march.

High school beauty queens who appeared in the parade included Jane Byars, Kings Mountain; Patricia Hamrick, Bethware; Brenda Jackson, Grover; Elizabeth Haynes, Shelby; Gail Baxter, Cherryville; Barbara Tate, Bessemer City; Lois Adams, Gastonia; Virginia Eaker, Waco; Leslie Smith, Dallas; and Emmabell Lovingood, Tryon.

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

Christmas lights were turned on for the first time, and this year decorated trees placed in the business district of town to highlight the event. Store windows were also gaily decorated in the holiday motif, and as customary, a Christmas scene was placed on the lawn of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.

The merchants Christmas parade officially launches the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain.

No Further Word On Plant Prospect

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday he had received no further communication from Consolidated Textiles, Inc., concerning a new occupant for the vacant Loom-Tex Corporation building.

Consolidated had asked the Mayor for a statement concerning city water and sewage disposal facilities.

Mayor Bridges wrote that the city could furnish over one million gallons of water daily and W. K. Dickson, city engineer of Charlotte, wrote Consolidated for specifications concerning waste material to be handled.

Consolidated had stated the prospective tenant or purchaser would employ a dying and finishing operation.

Jaycees Seek Names Of Needy Families

Know a needy family in Kings Mountain area you'd like to see have a merrier Christmas? The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is seeking the names and addresses of needy families — over and above those furnished through regular welfare and Red Cross sources.

The Jaycees annually distribute food and toys to brighten the Christmas season for needy families.

Citizens are asked to mail names and addresses of needy families to PO Box 162, Kings Mountain. The letters need not be signed.

Sisters Reunited After 27 Years

11-Year-Search Successfully Concluded Here

A Kings Mountain woman and her sister, separated 27 years ago as small children, were reunited here on Sunday night, November 17.

The local woman is Mrs. Dorothy Louise Curry Putnam who was located at her home on Kings Mountain, Route No. 1, by her older sister, Mrs. Lonedea Church of Lexington, who instituted the search for the long-lost sister 11 years ago.

Mrs. Putnam, on the other hand, did not know that she had a sister, and the reunion came as a great surprise to her. The Kings Mountain woman had heard that she had a brother, and had made unsuccessful efforts to find him. She learned after the reunion with her older sister that they did not have a brother.

Mrs. Putnam was at home with her husband, Lloyd F. Putnam, and their three children, Phyllis Ann, Larry, and Douglas Ray, when the surprise reunion took place.

Mr. and Mrs. Church of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill of Charlotte, the latter being the mother of the two sisters, drove up to the Putnam home about 9:30 p. m. on the night of Sunday, November 17.

The reunion of the two sisters, thus, ends a chapter in their lives which dates back 27 years, to 1930, when Lonedea was two and a half years of age, and Dorothy Louise was one year old.

The two sisters were separated when their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Sargent of Lexington parted.

Lonedea lived with her father and in foster homes in Lexington, Rockingham, and Hamlet until her marriage a few years ago to Ira Church of Lexington. They have a daughter, Myra. Mr. Church is a manager of a loan service in Lexington.

Dorothy Louise was left by her mother with a pastor in Shelby, and he contacted the proper authorities which led to the young girl's adoption by a Kings Mountain couple, G. L. Curry and the late Mrs. Curry.

She grew up in Kings Mountain and attended the city schools. She later married Lloyd F. Putnam who with his brother, operates Putnam Brothers Garage. They have three children.

The older sister related to the Kings Mountain woman at their reunion that she recalled hearing her father speak of a young sister, "Dorothy Lou". About 11 years ago, H. H. Reeves of Lexington, Lonedea's foster father, be-

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Scouts Raise \$78 At Poppy Sale

Girl Scouts of Central Methodist church sold 980 poppies in the poppy sale sponsored Saturday by Kings Mountain Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Proceeds from the sale will be used locally to aid underprivileged children of Kings Mountain. Approximately \$78 will go toward a fund for the underprivileged, Miss Joyce Simpson, Central Methodist church worker, said.

Retailers Ready For Buying Rush

"We have so much stuff, I don't know where to put it."

"Christmas gift items, you bet, and plenty of them."

"Yep, we've been working hard to get our Christmas goods unpacked and displayed by the parade."

These comments are typical of the remarks of Kings Mountain retail store personnel and managers during the past week.

Odds are that the 1957 Christmas merchandise offering in Kings Mountain is at an all-time peak.

The breadth of inventory includes all lines of retail selling, including toys, cowboy and cowgirl apparel and shooting irons, apparel, jewelry, appliances, novelties and many other gift specialties.

An appliance dealer is advertising free gift wrapping of appliances, indicative of the effort of Kings Mountain merchants to strive to please in handling Christmas business.

"We hope all Kings Mountain citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity to shop conveniently and easily in Kings Mountain firms, Charles E. Dixon, president of Kings Mountain Merchants association, said this week. "Wednesday marked the opening of the Christmas shopping season and Kings Mountain merchant are ready to serve you. Selection is broad and prices are competitive or better."

Annual Buy-A-Can, Leave-A-Can Charity Drive Is Being Launched

Kings Mountain Jaycees are conducting a charitable campaign designed to make Christmas brighter for the needy.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring this year its "Buy A Can—Leave A Can" appeal for food. Citizens are asked to deposit food in baskets located at all grocery stores, or

Employment Off Slightly In November

Employment in Kings Mountain was off slightly during November, though there was a slight increase in weeks of unemployment compensation claimed and a jump in the number of persons actively seeking work.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment service reported that 1499 claimed unemployment benefits during November and noted there would have been more had not some persons exhausted their benefits. Under the law, a person may receive unemployment compensation payments for only 26 weeks of a benefit year.

At the end of November, 514 persons were registered as job-seekers at the Kings Mountain office.

Mr. Ware said unemployment claims had been more brisk due to curtailment of third shift operations at Carlon division of Carlon Mills, Inc.

Otherwise, Mr. Ware reported, the employment situation wasn't greatly changed during November. He said his office handled no "spot points" which occur when a plant lays-off as many as 20 workers for a definite period.

During November the agency received 44 job openings and filled 33 of them. A total of 113 persons registered for work during the month.

Textile production continued at about the same pace. Alexander Maino, general manager of Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company reported the Neisler situation "quiet, normal". He said pile fabrics production is up and that more persons are getting a full five-day work schedule than previously. He added that his firm is seeking more orders for "flat goods".

Meantime Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company continued its five-day, three-shift operation. Supt. J. H. Patterson said recent yarn sales indicate the mill should continue to operate on this schedule indefinitely.

CARPENTERS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and their family have occupied the residence on Crescent Hill Road which they purchased recently from Mr. and Mrs. James A. Houser, now of Graham.