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Local News Bulletins

AT CITY HALL Mrs. Furman Wilson, recently named city office stenographer, assumed her duties Monday.

RALLY DAY Lawson Brown, principal of Kings Mountain high school, will be the speaker at Rally Day exercises Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

COURT OF HONOR Boy Scout Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district boy scouts will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:15 p. m.

ONE FIRE Kings Mountain Fire Department reported one fire during the past week. A blaze was extinguished Monday at the home of Lemon Carter on Cranford Road.

RECUPERATED Dr. W. L. Ransauer returned to his office Tuesday after recuperating from his recent illness.

DEACONS The congregational meeting at the First Presbyterian church Sunday, resulted in the election of four new deacons.

BOARD TO MEET The city board of commissioners will convene Thursday night at City Hall at 8 o'clock for the regular December meeting.

METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$157.51, with \$131.76 accruing from on-street meters and another \$25.75 from Cherokee parking lot meters.

CITY GETS CHECK The City of Kings Mountain received this week a check for \$852.15 from the Treasurer of North Carolina representing quarterly payment of the city's share of utility franchise taxes.

KIWANIS MEETING Showing of the film, "Green Light Ahead", a film on highway safety, will feature the Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The club convenes at the woman's club at 6:45 p. m.

MEETING SITE CHANGED The Men's Bible class of Central Methodist church will meet Sunday morning in the parsonage, rather than in the church sanctuary, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. James B. McLarty.

TO TAX SEMINAR Mrs. W. B. Logan will leave Sunday for Raleigh, where she will attend a week's tax seminar to be held at N. C. State college. Courses in both state and federal tax laws will be given.

NAMES SOUGHT Know a needy family in the Kings Mountain area you'd like to see have a merrier Christmas? Citizens are asked to mail names and addresses of needy families to PO Box 162, Kings Mountain. The letters need not be signed.

Jaycees Receive Christmas Trees Over 800 balsam trees have arrived here from Canada in connection with the Jaycee Christmas tree project. Tree sales will be made at the vacant lot on the Cherokee-Mountain St. corner. The trees, ranging in size from 2 to 8 feet are priced from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Persons with advance deposit coupons may pick up their trees now, it was announced by John Warlick.



LODGE MASTER—Fred Weaver was elected Monday night to serve as master of Fairview Lodge AF & AM for the coming year. He will succeed Thomas D. Tindall.

Weaver Elected Masonic Master

Fred Weaver, Kings Mountain dry cleaner, has been elected master of Fairview Lodge 339, AF & AM, for the coming year. Mr. Weaver will succeed Thomas D. Tindall.

Other officers elected at Monday night's meeting were: Frank Ballard, senior warden; I. C. Davis, junior warden, L. A. Harmon, treasurer; and Thomas D. Tindall, secretary.

Appointive officers by Mr. Weaver to serve next year are: Bruce Thorburn, senior deacon; Ralph Harrison, junior deacon; Paul Cole, chaplain, Ben H. Bridges, senior steward, and Denver E. King, three-year trustee. Still to be named is the junior deacon.

Installation night is tentatively scheduled for December 30, with Past Masters Arnold W. Kincaid and Paul Owens conducting the installation rites.

W. King Street Is Re-Opened

West King street, closed for street improvements for several weeks, was to be re-opened to U. S. Highway 74 traffic Wednesday night.

Spokemen for Spangler & Sons, contractors for the improvement job, made the announcement Wednesday afternoon, after obtaining approval of the city engineer, W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte.

The change will mean a surcrease from traffic noise for residents of W. Mountain and Tracy streets, which have been detour routes during the construction.

Pat Spangler, of the contracting firm, said last week he was very regretful the widening of West King couldn't have been completed on a normal schedule, but that heavy rains had slowed the work.

Spangler & Sons completed another city job last Friday, when they poured a portion of sidewalk on South Piedmont avenue to Gold street.

Church Honors Octogenarians

St. Matthew's Lutheran church honored two of its elder members Sunday, both of whom have attained the age of 88.

They were Henry W. McGinnis, recently retired cobbler, and Mrs. J. H. Garrett.

Sunday was Mr. McGinnis 88th birthday. Mrs. Garrett had attained her 88th year in November.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding congratulated Mr. McGinnis and Mrs. Garrett in a brief talk during Sunday school, and their respective Sunday school classes conveyed them gifts.

Beware, Beware, Police No Santa; Chief Ware Says 'Whammy' On Deck

Beware of the heavy foot, auto drivers, for you might run afoul of the city's "whammy". Christmas spirit notwithstanding, Acting Chief of Police Martin Ware says he's been instructed by the board of commissioners to operate the speed-limiting device and to hail heavy-footed drivers to city court. And Acting Chief Ware says he'll follow the orders. "The idea is to slow traffic, not to talk folk to court," Officer Ware commented, "but it seems to be the board's thinking that some drivers won't slow unless forced."

Blocking Award Goes To Herndon

Little Guard Is Awarded Plonk Trophy

BY NEALE PATRICK Herald Sports Editor

A 145-pound former band member is the 1957 recipient of the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy which goes annually to the best blocker on the Kings Mountain High School football team.

He is Bill Herndon, small, but tough senior right guard for the Mountaineers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Herndon of Route No. 2, Kings Mountain. He has been a regular guard for two years after making his choice of playing football over playing in the high school band his sophomore year.

The handsome engraved trophy was presented at the Lions Club's annual football banquet honoring the Mountaineer football team and coaches at the Woman's Club Monday night.

Football coach John Gamble who made the presentation, said the selection was made following a study of the movies of Mountaineer games during the past season. The mentor said that Herndon's blocking best exemplified the type of blocking the banquet's chief speaker, Warren Giese of South Carolina, described in coaching clinics last summer.

The award of the blocking trophy shared the spotlight at the annual grid banquet sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions Club with an inspirational and informative talk by the young head mentor at the University of South Carolina, Warren Giese.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., and an assistant coach at the University of Maryland for several years, Giese gave three reasons why he is happy he moved south to coach and live.

"I am not a native of the south," he pointed out, "but I am rapidly becoming a Southerner, and glad of it."

He listed three things about the south which stands out in his mind as:

(1)—The tremendous friendliness of people in the South. He elaborated:

"I remember when I first visited Columbia for an interview in connection with the South Carolina job. When I walked the few blocks from the hotel to the campus, almost everyone I met nodded or spoke to me, a complete stranger. I called my wife that night and told her of the friendly people down south. She warned me not to trust those folks. 'You haven't played a football game yet,' she said. But I can say that 50 percent of the people in Columbia still speak to me. . . and haven't beaten Clemson in two years."

(2)—The great interest in sports in the south. He explained: "Interest in school sports is declining in the north. In Maryland, for instance, the state Board of Education has limited schools to a total of 20 games in football and basketball combined. . . Contrast that to the tremendous interest in school sports in this area, and to games like the Shrine Game in Charlotte last Saturday, which raised some \$127,000 for the Hospital for Crippled Children."

(3)—The high moral values and the religious attitude of persons in the South.

"I want to raise my children in the South," said Giese, "where people have high sense of values, and the youths have an interest in something besides standing on the corner with a switchblade."

Speaking directly to the members of the Mountaineer football team, Coach Giese reminded the

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SUPERINTENDENT — W. B. Grimes, Jr., a Georgia native, assumed the duties of superintendent of Burlington Industries' Phenix plant on Monday. Mr. Grimes succeeds Charles Sanford, who has joined the Ranlo plant.

Grimes Phenix Superintendent

Walter B. Grimes, Jr., assumed the duties of superintendent of Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries Monday.

He succeeds Charles Sanford, who has been transferred to the company's Ranlo Plant.

Mr. Grimes, a native of Georgia, comes to Kings Mountain from the Goodall-Southern division where he served as superintendent of the Hot Springs plant in Western North Carolina.

Born in Gainesville, Ga., Mr. Grimes is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology. Mrs. Grimes is the former Katherine Anderson Wood, of Washington, D. C. They have two boys, ages ten and four. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

Gift-Buying Pace Quickens

Kings Mountain retail salespeople were stepping lively this week as the buying pace quickened in preparation for Christmas.

Merchan's said "business could have been better" last weekend, but later amended their reports when totaling the weekend sales. Monday and Tuesday were busier than usual, and retailers guessed that Christmas gift-buying would produce rush business beginning Thursday.

With Christmas less than two weeks away, retailers noted, it's time to complete gift lists.

Inventories of Christmas-type merchandise remain good in all lines, with good selections in toys, jewelry, apparel, novelties, and hard goods—including both large and small appliances. Drug stores report ample stocks of candies, cosmetics and the other specialties they offer.

Crocers are taking advance orders for Christmas turkeys, hams and other items for Christmas dinner. The grocery rush will be concentrated, as always, at the last minute, with peak purchasing anticipated during the final three selling days prior to Christmas.

Retail stores are now open six full days weekly to accommodate Christmas shoppers, the merchants having suspended until after Christmas the mid-week half holiday. Majority of stores are gaily decorated in the Christmas-season motif, and those firms selling big items, like furniture, appliances and automobiles are inviting their customers to buy on easy credit terms. Some say, "Buy now, pay next year."

West Students To Give Festival

Students of West Elementary school will present the annual music festival, "The Spirit of Christmas" on Friday, with two performances scheduled at the school auditorium.

Mrs. Richard McGinnis, city schools music director, is directing the festival which will be presented at 7:30 p. m. Friday. A performance will also be held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon for those persons who may not be able to attend the night performance.

Fritz Reports Blood Program Organization

Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross blood collection program, announced Wednesday he was completing organization of a community-wide committee to increase blood donations here.

He also announced that the group would gather for a luncheon meeting Friday at noon at La Royale Restaurant to discuss plans, both long-range and for the forthcoming visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile on December 30.

Mr. Fritz said he anticipates the committee will install the "group credit program", whereby any industry which finds 20 percent of its employees donating blood during a six-month period will qualify for group blood credit. In this event, all employees of the particular industry will receive blood donor cards, covering a six-month period, and specifying that blood will be available to the employees and their families without replacement requirement.

Currently, persons receiving blood without the donor card (given to individual donors) must agree to replace the blood by obtaining other donors.

The following will represent the particular firms.

Sadie Cotton Mills, George Houser; Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, R. B. Payne; Craftsman Yarns, Jack Cross; Bonnie Cotton Mills, Dewey Randall; Mauney Hosiery Company, Sam Stallings; Neisler Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Joe Austin; Foote Mineral Company, Ben H. Goforth, Jr.; Lithium Corporation of America, Bruce Thorburn; Mauney Mills, Rufus Mitcham; Lambeth Rope Corporation, J. T. Malecom.

Still to be named are representatives from Park Yarn Mills, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, Slater Mills, and Superior S-One Company.

B. F. Maner will handle business firm solicitations for blood donors.

Attending Friday's noon meeting will be Miss Antoinette Beasley, of the Red Cross area staff, and other Red Cross area officials.

Pressly, Kesler To Be Interviewed

Nominees for Morehead Scholarships to the University of North Carolina will be interviewed by a county committee Thursday (tonight) at Hotel Charles, Shelby.

Among the applicants are Steven Kesler and James Pressly, of Kings Mountain.

Three of the 14 local applicants will be chosen for a district level interview to be held in Charlotte. The committee includes in addition to Chmn. Virgil Weathers, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney of Kings Mountain, Clint Newton, Jr., and Mrs. Rush Hamrick, Jr., both of Shelby.

Scholarship awards will be made after the Shelby and Charlotte screenings.

Since the program was begun five years ago, approximately 30 scholarships have been awarded annually.

The John Motley Morehead Foundation scholarships are restricted to boys, and are awarded on the basis of leadership, potential and ability, without regard to financial need.

Christmas Play Set For Sunday

The church school of Central Methodist church will present its Christmas play, "Jewels For The King," Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The entire church school will be represented by choirs from each department. Members of the Senior Class will be in the cast.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Fred Withers, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Miss Joyce Simpson.

Presbyterians Set Yule Activities

The First Presbyterian church will feature several special services during the Christmas season; The Joy Gift service, December 22nd, the Christmas tree service and carolling, December 23rd, and the Christmas Day service at 10:30 a. m.

The public is especially invited to the Joy Gift service to be held at 7:30 p. m. Sun., December 22. This service will strive to tell the Christmas Story through scripture and song. The narrator is E. G. Plonk, Jr. and the music will be presented by the Chancel, Youth, and Junior Choirs, under the direction of Miss Julia Lee Ribet. Mrs. James Page will serve as pianist for the service. This service is one of the highlights of the church year.

Baptist Dissidents Postpone Naming Go-Between Group



MISS KINGS MOUNTAIN IN LOCAL PARADE — Miss Jane Byars, "Miss Kings Mountain" in the recent Carolina Carrousel, performed for the homefolk last week when she appeared in the Kings Mountain Christmas opening parade. A high school senior, Miss Byars was elected to the honor by the high school student body. (Photo by Wilson Griffin)

Weir States Compromise To Be Sought

Members of First Baptist church dissenting on the proposal to build a new church building at the corner of Sims and W. King streets met Sunday afternoon, but did not name a go-between committee to represent the group in its efforts to retain the church in its present site.

W. T. Weir, a deacon, presided at the meeting and asked for nominations for a go-between committee.

Glee A. Bridges, a former deacon, suggested that appointment be delayed until a future meeting, a suggestion accepted by the group.

Mr. Weir said he understood Mr. Bridges will appear before the board of deacons at a meeting soon to seek if some compromise can be effected whereby a church will be maintained in its present site and whereby the church's assets will be divided on an equitable basis.

The church property is variously valued. However, in the past seven years the church has expended approximately \$100,000 for the building of an educational building, purchase of the former Herald building, and other adjacent real estate. The church also has about \$80,000 earmarked for a building fund.

A total of 102 members of the 724-member church, Kings Mountain's largest, had previously signed a statement of intent to seek to retain the present church site. Spokesmen for this group have also indicated legal action may be forthcoming, in event some compromise is not effected.

Mr. Weir said no meeting is scheduled by the dissenting group for the forthcoming Sunday and that it is unlikely the group will gather again before Christmas.

Several deacons favorable to moving the church site and Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, the pastor, also a supporter of the new site decision, attended but did not comment during the meeting.

Mrs. W. B. Logan transcribed verbatim the proceedings of the session.

Brief talks in favor of retaining the present site were made by Mrs. J. K. Willis, J. B. Keeter and Mrs. F. A. McDaniel.

Rumors have been current that church income, since October 23 vote by 253-163 to accept the proposed site, has been halved. Dr. D. F. Hord, treasurer, said that church income since October 1 has averaged about \$100 per Sunday, which, he said, is \$419 shy of the \$1519 weekly budget. Last Sunday's collection was \$1051.96. Collection on September 22 was \$1029.26, on September 29, \$1280.58.

Schools List Yule Holidays

Christmas-season holidays for Kings Mountain and Park Grace students will begin Wednesday with these schools to resume regular schedules on January 2.

In the county system, schools will close on Friday, December 20, and resume operation on Monday, December 30th.

At Grover, Principal James Scruggs said he is to be informed Friday of the definite holiday schedule of Grover pupils though it was anticipated schools in the county would follow the same schedule allowing students a 10-day holiday.

This Ill Wind Blew Five-Spot

"Tis an ill wind that blows no good. Some proof of this statement can be found in Ralph (Babe) Ware's Monday experience.

The city filter plant operator noticed a green fleck of paper fluttering from his auto's front grille. A believer in neatness, Mr. Ware plucked it out to throw it in a waste can.

Then he stopped short. The green piece of paper was a five-dollar bill, a little muddy, but none the worse for spending purposes.

Mr. Ware guesses someone lost the five-spot on the street and the wind blew it to its lodging place in the grille. Mr. Ware said he wished he knew who lost the bill, but in the absence of this knowledge would do some Santa Claus work with it.

Woman's Group Gives Charity Appeal Plans

Some youngsters may have empty stockings Christmas morning if appeals being made via numerous charitable media are not heard.

In Kings Mountain several civic groups and churches have launched projects designed to provide funds, food, and toys for the needy this Christmas season, and one women's club group has included one family of the community as year-round project in the Help-a-Home category.

Women in the International Affairs department of Kings Mountain Woman's club are inviting any contribution of food, clothing, and/or household furnishings for a needy 10-member family. Gifts should be directed to the Red Cross office for distribution.

Members of the department were acquainted with the particular family's need by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross worker here, who invited Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, also a member of the International Affairs department, to visit in the family's home recently.

Some gifts have been received, including a collection of \$14 made at the woman's club department's recent meeting, gifts of diapers by the Pink Ladies auxiliary of Kings Mountain hospital, a \$10 donation by the Jennie Maner church of First Presbyterian church, a bedspreading and mattress donated by a Kings Mountain furniture store, and donations from Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

In the especially "needed" class (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. Crosland Dies Wednesday

Mrs. J. W. Crosland, mother of Mrs. Paul Hendricks of Kings Mountain, died early Wednesday morning at her home in Bennettsville, S. C.

Mrs. Crosland, well-known here, had visited the Hendricks family frequently and had just recently returned home after spending a visit here. She had not been ill.

Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks left Wednesday for Bennettsville. Funeral plans are incomplete.

Leaders Of Business Development Firm Mapping Plans To Sell Stock

Acting officers and directors of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., and other citizens were meeting Wednesday night to formulate plans for a sale of stock in the corporation.

J. Wilson Crawford, acting president, said prior to the meeting, he had discussed the forthcoming stock sale both with local citizens and with representatives of similar firms in other communities.

He hopes, he said, for full participation by every citizen of the community. The corporation was organized under the direction of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. Aim of the corporation, as its name implies, is to attract new industries to the Kings Mountain area. The corporations will sell stock

Merchants Set Holiday Schedule

Majority of Kings Mountain retail establishments will take a two-day Christmas holiday and will also be closed on New Year's day, according to announcement yesterday by Mrs. Elaine Queen, secretary of the Merchants' Association.

Mrs. Queen said directors voted the holidays at a Tuesday meeting. The holiday schedule is provided in association by laws.

The merchants will also observe Saturday hours on Monday and Tuesday prior to Christmas. This means that majority of department stores will be open until 6:30, with grocers remaining open slightly later.

Charity Food, Toys Asked

Kings Mountain Jaycees annually distribute food and toys to brighten the Christmas season for needy families, and, as customary, they are sponsoring this year's Buy-A-Can, Leave-A-Can project.

The drive is a charitable campaign designed to provide food for the needy in the Kings Mountain area.

Citizens are asked to deposit food in baskets located at all grocery stores, or, if they prefer, to give cash in coin boxes located in many business firms in the city.

The drive is being advertised via placards placed throughout the city and via a page newspaper advertisement supported by 15 business firms.

Robert H. Goforth is chairman of the Jaycee project committee which includes John Warlick, Ken Jenkins, Luco Falls, Clinton Jolly, Bob Rhea, Manley Hayes, Jackie Barrett, and Raymond Goforth.

Baptist Choir To Give Cantata

Annual Christmas cantata, "The Music of Christmas" will be presented by the adult choir of First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The 22-voice choir is directed by Mrs. F. R. McCurdy. Soloists for the musical program will be Mrs. Fred Ruth and Mrs. Blake McWhirter.