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Negro School Gymnasium, West Addition Are Projected

Local News Bulletins

RECEIVES AWARD
Timothy Gladden, a student in the evening division of King's Business college, Charlotte, was presented with an achievement award in the Junior Division in a program at Hotel Charlotte on December 12. Gladden, a Junior accounting student, enrolled at King's in September, 1956.

CAROLLING
First Presbyterian church will sponsor Christmas caroling for church members of all ages Monday evening, December 23, at 8:30 p. m. It was announced, and the public is invited to participate.

TREE SALE
Robert H. Goforth, chairman of the Jaycees Christmas tree project, reports that several hundred of the trees have been sold from the 900 stock. The balsam trees from Canada are being sold by Jaycee members at the Mountain-Cherokee St. corner from 9 a. m. till 9 p. m.

ONE FIRE
C. D. Ware, City Fireman, reported Wednesday morning that City Fire Department had only one call during the past week. A grass fire was extinguished Friday, December 13 at 106 Oriental Avenue at 4:15 p. m.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday night. The organization convenes at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

Kesler Advances In Competition

Stephen Kesler, Kings Mountain student, is among three county nominees for Morehead Scholarships to the University of North Carolina.

The three were chosen from 14 nominees for the award by a county committee which included Mrs. Aubrey Mauney of Kings Mountain. The committee interviewed the 14 boys at the Hotel Charles in Shelby.

Kesler and the two other youths advance now to the district review to be held in Charlotte. Final choices will be made after this for the scholarships to the University of North Carolina.

Kesler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kesler of 511 Crescent Hill Road. His father is employed as geologist at Foote Mineral Company. Kesler is an active member of the Kings Mountain Radio Club, a Junior Red Cross Lifeguard, and a member of the Civil Defense radio net. In school, he manages the student supply store and is on the varsity basketball team. He also plays the piano. He is an employee of Radio S-tation WKMT.

James Allen Pressly, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly was the other local nominee. His application will be sent to UNC where it will be reviewed for other scholarships.

Stores Set Late Hours

Stores in Kings Mountain will be open Friday, Saturday, and Monday night, until 9 p. m. to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Elaine Queen, Merchants Association secretary, who also said that parking meters will not be operated and citizens may park free on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Mrs. Queen added that most merchants will observe the three-day 9 p. m. closing schedule on Christmas Eve.

Kings Mountain retail employees will take a two-day holiday, Christmas Day and Thursday, according to by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Education Body To Talk Plans With State Panel

City district school officials will confer with a panel of the state department of education concerning: 1) building of a gymnasium for Davidson school and 2) construction of three additional classrooms at West school.

Action was taken by the city board of education Monday night after a general discussion of the recent survey report by W. L. Lathan, on city school building needs.

J. R. Davis, made the motion to confer with the state group. Dr. P. G. Padgett seconded and the decision was unanimous. Both Mr. Davis and Dr. Padgett had stated strongly that they felt the Negro students need an improved plant.

Mr. Lathan, in his recent report, had suggested building of a gymnasium for Davidson school and addition of three rooms at West school, provided additional adjacent land can be acquired. He had also recommended addition of six rooms to the North school plant and consideration of consolidation of the Park Grace school district in the county system into the city district.

To A. W. Kincaid's question on whether any recent effort had been made to effect a Park Grace city district consolidation, Supt. B. N. Barnes said, "No." He explained that the Park Grace district extends to the South Carolina state line in the direction of York, and is bounded by the Grover district line to the south. Near-by Compact Negro school, he noted, covers an even wider area.

Mr. Barnes said previously he was "looking for more rooms by 1958", expressing doubt that the rooms could be built and ready for use by 1958.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk had asked, "Will three more rooms at West school get us by for five years?"

Mr. Barnes guessed, "Surely for two years, maybe longer." He noted that present school population figures, if maintained for the remainder of the school year, would result in a two teacher increase of faculty for the term next September.

In other actions the board: 1) Formally approved admission of these out-of-district pupils: Linda Houston, Ginger Adele Lynn, Wilson Ledford, Jr., Phyllis Ann Putnam, Peter Lee Putnam, and Janet Louise Putnam.

2) Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary W. Mitcham, North school faculty member, effective January 23, and authorized Supt. Barnes to seek a replacement.

3) Approved request of the East school principal to purchase a new refrigerator for the cafeteria from cafeteria funds, and voted to pay the East cafeteria \$100 for the present refrigerator. In turn the East refrigerator will be given to the Davidson cafeteria. Mr. Barnes said the Davidson cafeteria is defective and Davidson has insufficient cafeteria funds to purchase a new refrigerator.

4) Authorized a trade with George White of a small tract near North school to straighten the school property boundary line.

Bethware Progressive Club Holds Ladies' Night, Installs Officers

Installation of new officers and an address by Dr. Joseph Godwin, professor at Gardner-Webb College, highlighted Ladies' Night of Bethware Progressive Club last Monday.

Installed as officers for the forthcoming year by Rev. Jake Thornburg were Frank Hamrick, president; Thurman Warlick, vice president; Jim Yarboro, second vice-president; Stokes Wright, secretary; Menzell Pifer, treasurer; and Buford Ware, assistant treasurer.

The new board of directors includes J. W. Rayfield, Garrison Goforth, and Frank Ware. Dr. Godwin was introduced by Thurman Warlick, principal of Bethware School. In his discourse, Godwin presented a review of the progress of the world and the so-called progress of the world. "Something is progress," he said, "if it's use brings good and happiness to the owner." Pointing out that there is now in the possession of the United States bombs, the power of only



SEMI-FINALISTS—Sherry Kelley and Stephen Kesler, Central high school seniors, are among three students from the county who were high scorers in a recent merit scholarship test being held nationwide. Some 227 North Carolinians will compete with over 7,000 top scorers for scholarships.

Two Students Are Honored

Two seniors at Kings Mountain high school are among semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship competition, according to Central Principal E. L. Brown.

The local students, Sherry Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kelley, and Stephen Kesler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kesler, are listed among the 7,500 high scorers on the scholarship qualifying test, a nationwide college aptitude examination given in 14,000 high schools on October 22. They were among three top scorers in the county and were among the 227 students from North Carolina.

The semifinalists outscored 300,000 fellow seniors, and thus moved a step closer to the \$4 million in merit scholarships to be awarded in the 1958 program. Miss Kelley's tentative future college plans involve a major in Math at S'tate College. Kesler tentatively plans to attend the University of North Carolina and major in Geology.

Merit Scholarships are sponsored by over 60 business and industrial firms, as well as by professional societies, foundations and even individuals. The Sears-

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Mailing Rush Is Indicating New Record Here

The Christmas season mail rush is on at Kings Mountain postoffice.

Postmaster Charles Alexander said Monday was the office's first big day and the volume of mail indicated this year's mailings will set a Christmas-season record. He reported cancellations on Monday were 20,725 pieces of mail, with another 20,146 passing through the postal drop slots Tuesday. He predicted the season's peak day will be Friday or Saturday and announced concurrently that the postoffice will be open all day on Saturday, with windows open until 5 p. m.

On Tuesday, the postoffice installed a temporary schedule of two mail deliveries daily. The two-delivery schedule will be followed throughout the "rush."

Extra help has been summoned to aid the regular carriers and rural route carriers.

Aiding the rural route carriers are the regular substitutes, W. N. VanDyke, J. Edwin Moore and Walter D. Vess.

Extras aiding the city carriers and clerks are Harold D. Pearson, Delvin Huffstetler, Carl Cole, George Hord, Jr., Guy Fisher and Gene Ellis.

"Patrons are proving most cooperative," Postmaster Alexander commented. "We particularly appreciate their use of facing slips on packages. These notations are speeding the mail to its destination."

"I must urge all citizens to get their packages and greeting cards mailed at once to assure delivery by Christmas Eve," Mr. Alexander concluded.

Dr. Pressly's Brother Dies

Funeral rites for Dr. James Lowry Pressly, 61, well-known Statesville physician and brother of Dr. W. L. Pressly of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from the home.

Dr. Pressly died suddenly Thursday of a heart attack at his home on East Barod Street Extension. A graduate of Statesville schools and Erskine college in 1916, Dr. Pressly served in World War I and following the war began his study of medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He served his internship at the Children's hospital in Philadelphia. He began his practice in Statesville in 1926.

He was a member of the Irredell-Alexander Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Pressly is survived by his wife, the former Mary Love Babington of Gastonia; one daughter, Mrs. Richard K. Mattox, of Lubbock, Tex.; six sisters and three additional brothers, Mrs. B. L. Hamilton of Sharon, S. C.; Mrs. Walter Graham, of Winnebago, S. C.; Mrs. Fred L. Baird, Shelby; Rev. Henry E. Pressly and Dr. Claude Lowry Pressly, both of Charlotte, Mrs. J. Edwards Holland, Winston-Salem; Mrs. J. W. Moses, Deland, Fla.; and Mrs. Paul Ashburn and Dr. David L. Pressly, both of Statesville.

Interment was made in the Oakwood cemetery.

Bailey-McGill Suit Remanded

The Supreme Court has found that Judge J. C. Rudisill erred when he sustained a demurrer against the complaint of William J. Bailey that a Kings Mountain physician erroneously committed him to the state hospital at Morganton.

The Supreme Court thus remanded to Cleveland Superior Court the case of Bailey against Dr. John C. McGill. It ruled that the case should have been tried by a jury.

The high court found no error in the sustaining of the demurrer on the part of two other defendants, Dr. Kenneth McGill of Kings Mountain, and Dr. Thomas Wright, of Charlotte.

Hugh Wells, attorney for Bailey, said he would ask that the case be docketed for the March term of Superior Court.

IN FORENSIC TEAM

Miss Donna Cheatham, Kings Mountain sophomore at Lenoir-Rhyne college, was among Lenoir-Rhyne forensics who received team awards in the recent Appalachian Mountain Forensic tournament at Boone. Miss Cheatham and two other students won third place honors in the men's division of the affirmative. Miss Cheatham is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding.

Textile Vacation Schedules Reflect Industry Spottiness

Mauney, Plonk Will Conduct Expansion Firm Stock Sale

Stock Selling To Get Underway After January 1

W. K. Mauney and Fred W. Plonk will head the stock sale committees of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc.

Appointments were announced by J. Wilson Crawford, acting president, at a meeting of officers, directors and interested citizens on December 11.

Other committees named were: legal and bookkeeping, Ben H. Bridges, acting secretary, Jack H. White and George B. Thomasson; publicity, Jonas Bridges and Martin Harmon.

Mr. Mauney, textile executive, will head the committee conducting the sale of stock in industry and to industrial employees. Mr. Plonk will be in charge of the sale of stock to the commercial community.

Fourteen citizens attended last week's meeting and indicated enthusiasm over prospects for sale of stock and success in the aim of the corporation in obtaining new industrial payrolls for the Kings Mountain area.

President Crawford outlined the purpose of the corporation and pointed to the need of the community in expanding its job opportunities.

The 14 present indicated they would purchase a minimum of 500 shares of stock at \$10 per share. Several said they would up their indicated purchases if it appears the community will support it properly as is anticipated.

The group voted to offer stock for sale on the basis it would be non-negotiable for a period of five years from January 1, 1958, except where the stock might be involved in settlement of an estate.

The stock sale will be launched shortly after January 1, the group agreed.

Attending the meeting were President Crawford, W. K. Mauney, Fred W. Plonk, James E. Amos, J. M. Cross, Jonas Bridges, Glee A. Bridges, George B. Thomasson, and Charles E. Dixon.

Phenix Party Attracts 600

The annual children's Christmas party for Phenix Mill employees and their families was held Sunday at Joy Theatre.

Presentation of treats to the children from Santa Claus and the showing of movies featured the event, which attracted some 600 employees and their families.

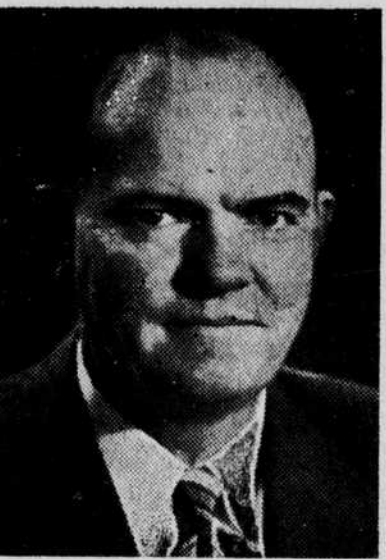
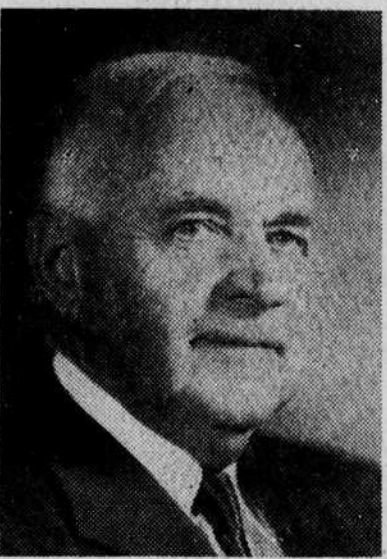
Hams and fruit cakes were awarded via drawings conducted in each department and the winners included: Winding division, Manuel Sprouse and Andy Dover; Shop and Outside, Raleigh Brown and Everett Medlin; Carding, Lewis Osment and William Wilson; Spinning, Clarence Grigg and Jonas Wright.

Baptist Deacons Decline Action On Dissidents' Compromise Bid

Deacons of First Baptist church discussed without action Tuesday night a request by Glee A. Bridges, representing the church's dissenting minority on building a new plant on a new site, for a compromise settlement.

Yates Harbinston, chairman of the board of deacons, declined comment except to give the "discussed without action" report and to note that the board of deacons could not act for the church, could merely make a recommendation to the church for congregational vote.

Mr. Bridges, a former deacon, did not remain for the discussion. He said he asked the deacons board to recommend a compromise on this basis: percentage di-



HEAD STOCK SALE EFFORT—W. K. Mauney, left, textile official, and Fred W. Plonk, oil and auto dealer, have been named chairmen of key committees for the sale of stock in Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., a firm incorporated with the principal aim to expand the Kings Mountain area's industry. The corporation was formed under sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

Choir To Sing Handel Cantata

Methodist Choir Will Present 'Messiah' Sunday

The Senior Choir of Central Methodist church will present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the church auditorium.

Soloists will be Mrs. Margaret Cochrane, soprano; Mrs. Sue Dixon, soprano; Miss Martha Kendrick, contralto, of Gastonia; Albert Hewitte, tenor, of Marion; B. S. Peeler, baritone; and Earl Marlowe, baritone.

Other members of the 31-voice choir are:

Sopranos—Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. John Cross, Mrs. Betty Dillingham, Shirley Falls, Winifred Fulton, Dorothy Goforth, Ann McCluney, Mary Alice McDaniel, Louzelle Smith, Sherry Kelly and Jean Hicks.

Altos—Linda Biser, Mrs. Meek Carpenter, Norma Kay Hamrick, Mrs. Charles McCarter, Joyce Simpson, Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg and Mildred McDaniel.

Tenors—Jacob Dixon and Arthur Walker.

Basses—Meek Carpenter, Charles Ballance, I. Ben Goforth, Jr., James Throneburg and Buddy Mayes.

The choir will sing these choruses: "And the Glory of the Lord," "And He Shall Purify," "O, Thou That Tellest Good Tidings," "For Unto Us a Child is Born," "Glory to God," and "Hallelujah Chor-us."

The choir is directed by Miss (Continued on Page Eight)



YMCA OFFICIAL—William Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs, was recently named physical director of the new Salisbury Rowan YMCA.

Briggs Named To YMCA Post

William (Bill) Briggs, Kings Mountain senior at Pfeiffer college, has been named physical director of the Salisbury-Rowan YMCA.

Mr. Briggs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs, of Kings Mountain. He will receive his college degree in January.

Dedication of the new Salisbury club has been scheduled for January 5, and will feature an address by Dr. Donald Barnhouse and special music by Salisbury Boys choir.

Mr. Briggs was named to the YMCA post at a meeting recently of the 'Y' board of directors.

The Kings Mountain man is married to the former Joyce Jenkins, of Gastonia.

Mauney Hosiery Dinner Friday

Employees of Mauney Hosiery Company will be guests of the company at noon Friday for a barbecue dinner.

The dinner will be held at the American Legion building, according to announcement by Sam Stallings.

Several Firms Making Holiday Gift Payments

Spottiness in textiles is reflected in plans for industrial holidays during the Christmas season.

The announced work cessation schedules range from the three-day holiday of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, to the two-week shutdown of Craftsman Yarns, Inc. Majority of textile firms are suspending for one week.

Concurrently, several firms are making vacation payments to their employees.

Craftspun is labeling the cessation of shutdown to permit their employees to receive unemployment compensation for the period, Secretary J. M. Cross said. He also said the firm would give all employees a day's pay as a Christmas gift.

Firms planning to pay Christmas vacation pay include Sadie Cotton Mills, Mauney Mills Company, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, and Mauney Hosiery Company. Mauney Hosiery Company will pay bonuses of two per cent of wages to employees of less than five years' tenure, and four per cent to those with the firm for five years or more, as will Bonnie Cotton Mills.

Carolina Throwing Company will operate on regular schedule and will pay a Christmas bonus. Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries gave gift checks December 12 to each employee who had been with the company since September 29.

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, resuming operations December 26.

Planning to close the week of December 23 are Mauney Hosiery Company, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, Lambeth Rope Corporation, Park Yarn Mills Company, Sadie Cotton Mills, Mauney Mills Company, and Bonnie Cotton Mills.

More Mountain Parking Sought

The city is investigating possibility of increasing the number of parking spaces on W. Mountain street.

The city board, in session last Thursday night, instructed Chief of Police Martin Ware to see what he could do about eliminating some un-needed loading zones. From a map of the area, it was indicated three additional parking spaces might be obtained.

In other actions the board:

1) Authorized auction of three used trucks.

2) Rectified assessment errors, due to mis-measurement, of \$3.36 to J. Baxter Payseur, and \$3.00 to G. L. Wright.

3) Took no action on a request of water filter plant operators for holiday pay.

4) Advertised a public hearing for January 9 on S. Piedmont avenue and Ramseur street sidewalk installations.

5) Instructed Grady Yelton, public works superintendent, to check a complaint by Clarence E. Carpenter on a defective drainage ditch which Mr. Carpenter said was causing certain Ramseur street property to "wash away."

6) Retained present city sanitary department policy of refusing to remove old roofing, except for a fee.

7) Authorized investigation of feasibility of serving Kings Mountain Mica Company's Moss plant (Continued on Page Eight)

Christmas Herald To Appear Monday

The regular December 26th edition of the Herald will be published Monday afternoon.

Labeled the Christmas edition, the issue will include, in addition to regular features and last-minute gift suggestions, special Christmas-season feature material and Christmas greetings from business firms.

Deadlines for the edition are: advertising, 5 p. m. Monday, society news, 10 a. m. Monday, and other news, 3 p. m. Monday. The Herald will be on newsstand sale Monday night and mail subscribers will receive the edition Tuesday morning.