

Local News Bulletins

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FAIRVIEW LODGE Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary.

KIWANIS J. H. Grigg, superintendent of the county schools, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

COURT OF HONOR Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:15 p. m. Cub leader, Scout leader, and Explorer scout leaders will be held during the court.

TO LAUREL HILL Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Webb moved last weekend to Laurel Hill where Mr. Webb is connected with Morgan Mills. The Webb home on Mountain street is being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stroup and family.

SERVICE SUNDAY Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of Grace Methodist church, will deliver the message Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service at Central Methodist church.

NO LEADS City police reported Wednesday they'd hit a dead end in their investigation of a New Year's Eve feast held at Central school cafeteria, interrogation of suspects at Marion was to no avail, Officer P. A. Hawkins said.

CITY TAG SALES A total of 190 motor vehicle owners had purchased city auto license tags through Tuesday, City Clerk Joe H. Daniel, Jr., reported. The tags are on sale at the City office for \$1 each. Deadline for purchase is February 15.

TRUCKS BRING \$300 Three old city trucks were auctioned last Saturday morning for \$300. Sale was confirmed to Randall's Used Auto Parts, of Shelby.

BANK MEETING The annual meeting of stockholders of First National Bank will be held in the bank lobby on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SPO Officers To Be Elected

Campaigning has reached a furious pitch at Kings Mountain High School as nominees for Student Participation Organization officers attack the task of obtaining a majority of the ballots.

A convention Friday patterned along the lines of a national political convention, with delegates the prospects for the political position of president currently held by James Pressly, vice-president, now held by David Plonk, and secretary, now held by Jane Byars.

David Plonk, Freddy Hambricht, and Robert Osborne, all eleventh graders, are competitors for the presidency. In the race for vice-president, two tenth grade nominees, Jimmy Blanton and Jimmy Plonk, were named by the convention. Three was the maximum allotted for each office. The secretarial position has three junior class entrants, Gertie Pearson, Mickie Lynn and Don Gladden.

Cardboard placards with slogans, pictures and captions are the chief means of campaigning. Other methods include paper badges, proclaiming the wearer's choice of officers, and name cards.

Rules require a voter to register before he can cast a ballot. George Thomasson, attorney, acted as convention parliamentarian, with president James Pressly presiding.

On Friday is scheduled campaign speeches and demonstrations for Tuesday's secret balloting.

Miss Helen Logan is faculty advisor for the SPO.

Foote Labor Vote Due In 30 Days

Union Seeking To Represent Foote Workers

Foote Mineral Company has been notified that a National Labor Relations board union representation election will be held at its Kings Mountain plant within 30 days from January 6.

Neil O. Johnson, general manager, said the NLRB notification was received Tuesday.

Holding of the election will culminate the third attempt of organized labor to become employee representation at Foote.

Currently making the organization attempt is the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers of America, AFL-CIO. Previous attempts, both unsuccessful, were made by the Operating Engineers union, AFL, and the United Steelworkers of America, CIO.

The Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers first claimed they represented a majority of the employees last October, a claim denied by the management. Subsequently, the NLRB conducted a hearing on the question in Charlotte, standard procedure when union claims are denied by management.

Mr. Johnson said he anticipated notification of the election date within the week.

The Cement, Lime and Gypsum workers represent employees at Foote's Sunbright, Va., plant.

In a previous statement, Manager Johnson said he felt they had nothing to gain by union representation. He says pay scales are "in line" and pointed to numerous fringe benefits, including insurance coverages and bonus pay arrangements, which are company-paid benefits for the employees.

Bush Joins Warlick Firm

Wesley Bush, of Norfolk, Va., has joined the staff of C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency, it was announced this week by Mrs. Madge P. Warlick, senior partner.

Mr. Bush joins the firm after long experience in the insurance field.

A native of Danville, Va., and a University of Virginia graduate, Mr. Bush was formerly special agent for Maryland Casualty Company, subsequently spent ten years with Corporate Insurers Service, Inc., of Charlotte, and comes to Kings Mountain from Henry T. Keeling Company, general insurance agents, of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Bush is a veteran of World War II, having served in the European Theatre of Operations.

Mrs. Bush is the former Mary Bradner, also of Danville. They have two boys, Brad, seven, and Mike, four. They currently reside on Patterson Grove Road. The family is Episcopalian.

The Warlick agency offers general insurance coverage and is a partnership, including Mrs. Warlick and her son, John Warlick.

METER RECEIPTS OFF City parking meter receipts fell to \$120.59 for the week ending Wednesday at noon. On-street meters returned \$98.04, while Cherokee lot meters returned \$22.05. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

Shooting Accident Victim, Age 14, Is Having "Ball" As Convalescent

BY DAVID BAITY Steve Putnam, son of Mrs. Pauline Putnam of 183 Union Road, got an extended Christmas vacation due to a shooting accident which occurred December 30.

Pastor Association Will Meet Monday

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross executive secretary, and J. Ollie Harris, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association Monday morning.

The speakers will discuss methods by which the Red Cross chapter and churches can cooperate in a program in assisting welfare needs here, it was announced by Rev. P. D. Patrick, who arranged the program.

The ministers will convene at 10 o'clock at Central Methodist church.

Bumgardner Critically Ill

County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner, York Road farmer, remains critically ill, following a heart attack suffered Saturday.

Dr. John C. McGill, attending physician, said Mr. Bumgardner was "holding his own" on Wednesday. He noted there is a two-week danger period following a major coronary occlusion and said Mr. Bumgardner, previously an angina pectoris patient, is suffering much pain.

Mr. Bumgardner is being treated at his home. He is under oxygen and is seeing no visitors.

Bosses Night Banquet Set

Frank Errigo, noted Charlotte lecturer and coastmaster, will make the principal address at the Bosses' Night banquet January 21st of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Plans for the annual event are being completed by the Kings Mountain civic club, according to announcement by Wilson Griffin, program chairman.

Another feature of the banquet will be presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Kings Mountain's Young Man of 1957 by the Jaycees and nominations are being received from any interested citizen. Previous "Man of the Year" honors have gone to B. S. Peeler, Jr., Grady Howard and Everette (Shu) Carlton.

Reservations for the dinner may be made with George Thomasson or Mr. Griffin and interested citizens are invited to attend. Mr. Griffin added.

The banquet speaker, Mr. Errigo, currently field supervisor in North and South Carolina for Park Davis & Company, drug manufacturer and distributor, will assume duties February 1, as assistant to the company's branch manager in Atlanta, Ga. Well-known for extemporaneous speaking, Mr. Errigo joined the Charlotte Toastmasters club in 1956, subsequently became a member of Toastmasters International in 1957. He has won the Charlotte club contests, Western North Carolina and state contests, and has competed in Southeastern and regional eliminations. He was one of three winners in international contest competition.

The Jaycee event is being held as part of the Kings Mountain club's commemoration of National Jaycee Week. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m. by Mrs. I. B. Goforth at the Woman's club.

However, he designated the activity "temporary," due to designation by five firms of a Christmas season surcease from operations as a "layoff" to enable employees to obtain unemployment compensation benefits. The five firms were Craftsman Yarns, Inc., which took a two-week lay-off, and Superior Stone Company, Kerns Brothers, Slater Manufacturing Company and Elmer Lumber Company, each of which shutdown operations for a week. Craftsman resumed operations Monday on a five-day-week basis.

Total unemployment compensation claims filed last week was 839.

December activity was about steady, as compared to prior months.

Job openings were negligible, totaling only 33, and resulting in 26 job placements. Meantime, 52 persons registered for employment, and left the total job seekers at month's end at 520.

During the month, a total of 1453 weeks of unemployment compensation benefits were paid.

Gastonia Man, Booked Here, Robbery Suspect

Lloyd Eugene Turner, 27, spent Tuesday night in City Jail on an assortment of charges and was being interrogated Wednesday in connection with Tuesday night's armed robbery of a South Carolina night spot.

City policeman Jackie Barrett said Turner is being questioned in connection with the reported armed robbery of Zeb Grigg's establishment, located just across the state line on the Grover-Blacksburg, S. C. road. Barrett could supply no details on the robbery.

Barrett said, however, that Turner was booked by Patrolman R. E. Shaney Tuesday night at 11:30, after his arrest on U. S. 74-West, on five counts, including driving without an operator's license, driving with improper license plates, drunken driving, illegal possession of whiskey, and for carrying a concealed weapon.

Officer Barrett said bond was set at \$500 but had not been made. He had been released to Gaston county and Cherokee county officers for interrogation on the robbery.

Police department records showed that Turner listed himself as a resident of Washington street, Gastonia, and as a textile employee.

Lake Montonia Meeting Tuesday

Annual meeting of stockholders of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 at City Hall courtroom, according to club notice mailed stockholders under date of December 31.

Also included was financial report for the calendar year just ended, which showed gross receipts of \$8744.94 and expenditures of \$708.43. Included in gross receipts was a loan from First National Bank of \$1,000, which is payable March 10.

Of the total expenditures, \$71,78.92 went for capital expenditures. Improvements and enlargement of the swimming pool cost \$2550, drilling of a six-inch well cost \$1030.99, and enlarging the pavilion, piers and bridge cost \$3597.93.

December 31 bank balance was \$42.90.

Membership income for the year totaled \$5388.

Four transfers of lots and stock were recorded. Purchasers were R. Lee Spender, Gastonia, and Mrs. Willie P. Patterson, S. R. Suber, Jr., and W. S. Fulton, Jr., all of Kings Mountain.

Officers of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., are R. Lee Spender, president; Harry E. Page, Kings Mountain, vice-president; George H. Houser, Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer; and Bob Crockett, Gastonia, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Terms of two of the six directors are expiring. They are Mart Reid, Gastonia, and George W. Mauney, Kings Mountain. Other directors are: Carl F. Mauney, Kings Mountain, and D. Todd, Gastonia (terms expiring 1959), and J. Pat Tignor, Kings Mountain, and Walter Carroll, Gastonia (terms expiring 1960).

ESC Claims Are Heavy

Activity at the Kings Mountain branch of the Employment Security commission has been quite brisk during early 1958, Manager Franklin L. Ware, Jr., reported this week.

However, he designated the activity "temporary," due to designation by five firms of a Christmas season surcease from operations as a "layoff" to enable employees to obtain unemployment compensation benefits. The five firms were Craftsman Yarns, Inc., which took a two-week lay-off, and Superior Stone Company, Kerns Brothers, Slater Manufacturing Company and Elmer Lumber Company, each of which shutdown operations for a week. Craftsman resumed operations Monday on a five-day-week basis.

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Litigation Looms In Dispute Among First Baptist Members

Schenck Free On \$1500 Bond; Hearing Monday

Preliminary hearing for Oakley J. Schenck, 46-year-old Negro charged with second degree murder in the rifle-shot death of Vernon Odell McCleary, 19, has been continued until Monday's session of Recorder's Court.

Schenck has made bond of \$1500 set by Judge Jack White. Schenck, employee of Ware & Sons, was lodged in jail early Saturday morning after the mid-night death of McCleary, also a Negro, as a result of an altercation at Mrs. Schenck's Golden Crown Casino Club, a private club.

Schenck told Coroner J. Ollie Harris and Acting Police Chief Martin Ware that McCleary was threatening to brawl with another club patron, Hazel Washington, when Schenck sought to prevent it and told the two to do their fighting outside. According to Schenck, McCleary, turned on him, knocking him down. The scuffling continued, with McCleary choking Schenck, until Schenck grabbed a saved-off .22-caliber rifle and fired once. The bullet hit McCleary on the left side of the chest and he was pronounced dead upon arrival at Kings Mountain hospital.

The Golden Crown Casino Club was once known as Daisy's Cafe. City police said Mrs. Schenck twice had been indicted for selling beer illegally but had not been convicted.

McCleary, who lived in the Crowder's Mountain community, was an employee of Textiles, Inc., Gastonia.

Funeral rites for McCleary were held Tuesday afternoon at Adams Chapel A.M.E. Zion church on York Road, burial following in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton McCleary, Kings Mountain, a grandmother, Mrs. Alice Shipp, Providence, R. I., five brothers, William, Roosevelt, and Norris McCleary, all of Kings Mountain, Clifton McCleary, Jr., Washington, D. C., and Howard McCleary, Inkster, Mich., and one sister, Mrs. Blanche Talley, Washington, D. C.

King Winter On Throne

Kings Mountain area citizens shivered and shook this week as another and extended cold wave sent temperatures plummeting.

Kings Mountain almost enjoyed a snow, but not quite.

A few flakes fell Tuesday morning, atop a coating of ice, but the snow stopped quickly, and the rising sun put the temperature above the freezing mark, melting the ice coat.

City public works department workers were out early, Tuesday, lading a coating of sand on icy inclines, and Sup. Grady Yelton said he hadn't heard of any in-city smash-ups due to the ice.

Temperatures continued low Wednesday. Meantime, stoves and furnaces were being called on for more-than-ordinary heat, and fuel dealers were keeping trucks running swiftly to supply hurry-up calls for coal and fuel oil.

Olin Mathieson Lithium Buyer

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 8.—Lithium Corporation of America announced today it had more than 90 percent of Olin-Mathieson Chemical Corporation's requirement for lithium used to date in high energy fuel production.

Herbert W. Rogers, president, said orders in hand indicate that Lithium Corporation would supply a similar proportion of Olin-Mathieson's through 1958.

Ownership Change At Plonk Brothers

J. O. Plonk Heirs Operating Firm Founded 1899

Plonk Brothers & Company is now being operated solely by the J. O. Plonk Estate, in an ownership change effective January 1.

J. O. Plonk, Jr., is general manager of the new operating partnership, which will retain the same firm name, and W. L. Plonk, general manager of the former partnership, will serve as manager for the new partnership.

While the transaction has not been formerly concluded, it amounts to a division of assets of the 58-year-old retail firm, with eight partners, representing 53 percent of the former ownership withdrawing from the business.

J. O. Plonk Estate, which owned 47 percent of the former partnership, will accept in the division inventory and fixtures and certain other assets, exclusive of accounts receivable and real property.

The J. O. Plonk Estate includes Mrs. J. O. Plonk, widow of the original partner, J. O. Plonk, Jr., Mrs. W. R. Weaver, of Greensboro, Mrs. W. H. McElwee and Mrs. Robert Lewis, both of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Thomas Harper, Drieux, France. J. O. Plonk, Jr., who now resides in Asheville, expects to move to Kings Mountain within the next few weeks. He will continue to serve in this area for Ely & Walker Company, St. Louis, Mo.

Withdrawing members of the former partnership are Miss Laura Plonk, Miss Lillian Plonk, and Carl A. Plonk, all of Asheville, Dr. John S. Rhodes, of Raleigh, and C. S. Plonk, R. L. Plonk, W. L. Plonk, Mrs. M. L. Harmon and Mrs. Mary P. Lovell, all of Kings Mountain.

J. O. Plonk, Jr., said he contemplates no change in general policies or personnel.

"We anticipate offering a broadening inventory in both breadth and depth to offer expanding service typical of a modern department store," he commented.

He said the firm would continue both cash and credit sales. Present full-time personnel includes Manager W. L. Plonk, James Harris, Mrs. Mary P. Lovell, Mrs. Earl Harmon, Miss Mary McGill, and Mrs. Elma Stewart.

Plonk Brothers & Company has been operated under the same name since 1905.

Founded as a partnership, Plonk and Kiser, between the late William Lafayette Plonk, John P. Kiser, W. O. Ware and W. A. Ware, opened July 1, 1899, the

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Bridges Says Compromise Appeal Fails

First Baptist Church's minority group — which opposes the building of a new church at the corner of King and Sims street — plan to seek a court order for an "equitable" distribution of the current assets.

In fact, Glee A. Bridges, member of the minority group, said, the litigation was being prepared in final form on Wednesday by D. Z. Newton and C. C. Horn, Shelby attorneys, and Jack H. White, Kings Mountain attorney and member of the First Baptist minority group.

Mr. Bridges, who previously had sought to get agreement by the majority group for a compromise of the issue, said he again sought a compromise before the church's board of deacons on January 5. Subsequently, he said, he represented the minority group in a request to Yates Harbison, board of deacons chairman, for a time delay on the filing of the planned court action. The minority group would agree not to file litigation for three weeks, if the board chairman would agree in writing not to seek to dispose of any First Baptist property, personal or real, during the three-week period. Mr. Bridges said Mr. Harbison told him he would agree to the proposal but wouldn't sign such agreement. Mr. Harbison could not be reached for comment.

At stake is the First Baptist church real estate, expanded by about \$100,000 in the past eight years, and some \$80,000 in cash in the church building fund.

Mr. Bridges declined to say on what basis the minority group would seek a distribution of funds.

The question of building a new church, a continuing one over a two-year period, was culminated several weeks ago when the congregation voted 235 to 163 to accept the King-Sims gift site from 54 church members. The gift was made with the stipulation a church be erected on the site within five years.

The minority group first favored rebuilding the church auditorium in its present location. Since the voting, it has indicated it will not join the majority group in moving to a new site and wants to retain a church in the present location.

Tax Listing Business Brisk

City and county tax listing officials expressed elation Wednesday over the initial response to their appeal to "list your properties for taxes early."

Both Conrad Hughes, county list taker, and J. W. Webster, city tax listing official, said their business has been brisk.

Both acknowledged it's hard to estimate progress exactly when some 3,000 accounts and individuals are involved. But Mr. Hughes noted he didn't get to lunch until 12:30 Tuesday, found the lobby of the City Hall courtroom clogged when he returned at 1 o'clock.

The tax listing officials are at the courtroom Monday through Friday from 8:30 to noon and from 1 to 5 p. m. They try to close for lunch from noon to 1 p. m. There is no city property listing on Saturday, as Mr. Hughes goes to Grover where he accepts county citizens' tax listings at Hambricht's Store.

The law requires all citizens to list their properties for ad valorem taxes during the month of January and provides penalties for those who fail to list or who are late in listing.

For businessmen, inventory figures are required to be filed with Max Hamrick, county tax supervisor. The city officials subsequently transcribe the figures to city books.

"Keep 'em coming," both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Webster chortled as they moved the heavy books around for a citizen to sign. Charlie Ware, veteran farm census taker, is hospitalized and Mr. Hughes has been taking farm production figures from rural residents.



SPEAKER — Mrs. John Wacaster, of Cherryville, former field representative for the Women's Missionary Society of North Carolina, will address the First Baptist church WMS Wednesday night at 7:45 p. m.

Board To Meet Thursday Night

The board of city commissioners will hold its regular January meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock at City Hall courtroom.

Included on the agenda will be the city's six-month financial report, compiled by Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr.

Also marked for consideration will be a report on water and sewer line needs by Grady Yelton, superintendent of public works. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben H. Bridges said the report will show needed installations to serve virtually all in-city residents.

The report was previously ordered by the commissioners in an effort to budget the installations during the fiscal 1958-59.

Police Study Course Begins

A series of courses for city police officers is now underway. Launched December 31, a first aid course, with Bill McDaniel as instructor, will continue each Tuesday night through January 28.

In February, a course in automobile theft and arson will be taught by representatives of the State Auto Theft Bureau and the National Auto Theft Bureau.

In March, a course in collecting, preserving and presenting evidence, courtroom demeanor, and search and seizure procedures will be taught by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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