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Community Slowly Thawing From Snow, Cold

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB

Three Science students of Miss Odessa Black will display exhibits they plan to enter in the district Science fair at Queens college March 29th at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club.

VFW MEETING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their regular meeting Thursday at City Hall at 7:30 p. m. Business on hand will be the selection of a permanent time and place to meet.

WEST SCHOOL P-TA

West School P-TA's Founder's Night program will be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The P-TA meeting was scheduled for February 19 but was postponed because of bad weather.

DIXON SPEAKER

Stewart Bridgman, student Davidson college and son of missionaries to China, will speak at Sunday afternoon services at 3 o'clock at Dixon Presbyterian church.

SUPPER

Showing of a film on missions will feature the family night meeting Wednesday at First Presbyterian church. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 p. m.

IN FLORIDA

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, president of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, is in Tampa, Fla., where she is attending the meeting of the Southeastern council, American Federation of Women's Clubs.

ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Anita McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, and Miss Donna Cheatham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding, have been listed on the semester honor roll at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Hickory.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Students of East Elementary school will present a musical program Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

SCIENCE PROGRAM

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will see a demonstration of science work in Kings Mountain high school at their Tuesday night meeting.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Brooks

Funeral rites for Mrs. Margie Nichols Brooks, 36, were conducted last Friday at Temple Baptist church, Celivier, S. C.

Mrs. Brooks, a former Kings Mountain citizen, was the wife of Aaron Brooks, now of Celivier, and mother of Mrs. Bill Myers, of Kings Mountain.

She died last Thursday morning at 3:15 at York County hospital. She had been ill for the past four months.

Young Mother, 18, Native, Smothers Babies In Newark

Two Babies Said Killed By Phyllis Jones

Mrs. Phyllis Byers Jones, 18-year-old Negro mother, allegedly has admitted to the Tuesday slaying of her young son and daughter in Newark, N. J., where the family moved from here four months ago.

Kings Mountain relatives were notified late Tuesday of the death of Jeffrey Jones, about 24 months, and Arlinda Jones, about 12 months.

The young mother is being held in Newark Parental Home pending further investigation by New Jersey authorities. Mrs. Jones allegedly signed a confession stating: "I smothered my two kids with pillows" after officers arrived at the house she shares with her father, Archie Byers, former Kings Mountain citizen.

Byers' two other daughters, Joyce Byers, 11th grade student at Davidson school, and Miss Peggy Byers, live here on Parker street with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman. The father notified his family Tuesday but supplied no details of the tragedy. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byers are also grandparents of the young mother.

Police wire services reported, here called by an employee of Byers who was alarmed when the young Negro called the Byers establishment, a variety store in East Orange, N. J., to report "something wrong with the kids."

The woman employee allegedly found the children dead and the mother "in a trance on the living room floor."

Investigators first opined the tragedy was accidental but Mrs. Jones was alleged to have asked for pen and paper to write her father "to ask forgiveness."

The woman's husband, A/3C Detroit Jones, Kings Mountain native and son of Mrs. Docia Kennedy of Ridge street, has been stationed on Okinawa since September.

Relatives here said the 18-year-old mother visited here in December and that she had appeared "despondent and nervous."

The Kings Mountain sister of the young mother said her father was to call late Wednesday to "let us know what happened."

"She must have just gone out of her mind," the young sister exclaimed.

GANTT IMPROVING

W. M. Gantt, Kings Mountain grocer is steadily improving at his home from a heart attack. He is now permitted to sit up and at last report expects to be out within a week or two.

National Guard Sets Open House For Saturday; Recruits Invited

Kings Mountain National Guardsmen will join with other Guardsmen throughout the state Saturday in observing National Guard Muster Day.

The local unit is holding open house Sunday afternoon. Citizens are being invited to visit the headquarters on Phifer road during the hours of 1 and 4 p. m.

Plans for a proposed new armory will be available and officials will display the plans in addition to plat plans on hand showing all the property which would shed occupies and the land recently purchased by the City of Kings Mountain.

Also on display will be signal equipment and small arms. Headquarters of the Third Battalion of the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division of the North Carolina National Guard is also headquarters for the Third Battalion. Units which are members of the Third Battalion are: Co. "I" of Sylva, Co. "K" of Shelby, Co. "L" of Hendersonville, and Co. "M" of Spindale. The battalion officers include Battalion Comm. Lt. Col. James M. Davis, Hazelwood, Battalion



MAP HEART FUND WORK - These Kings Mountain citizens gathered recently to plan work for the Kings Mountain heart fund campaign. Left to right are Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., Mrs. John Cheshire, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mrs. Clyde Bridges, Mrs. Jack White and Rev. S. T. Cooke. Sunday will be Heart Sunday and will feature residential solicitation for funds between 1:30 and 3 o'clock.

City Has Few Paving Petitions

Metermen Couldn't Get Water Readings

How much water did you use during the period January 16-February 7? The city, which sells the water, doesn't know either, and will send out its March 1 bills—covering the aforementioned period—by guess.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the meter readers couldn't remove the lids off the water meter housings. Either the lids were well covered with icy snow, or, if exposed, were frozen.

"The guesses won't be far off," Mayor Bridges commented, "and next month's readings will balance the accounts. Those who were over-billed will pay less and those who were under-billed will pay a little more. That's the advantage of meters. The meters always balance out reading errors."

EXPECTED HOME

Mrs. Fred Finger is expected to arrive home Friday after recuperating from a recent operation at the home of a cousin, Julia Hall in Cherryville.

Curb-and-Gutter Installations May Be Spurred

Anybody want a street paved during the 12 months beginning July 1?

This subject got attention at last week's city board meeting, as Commissioner Ben H. Bridges noted that there are only two petitions for street-paving in the city's files. One of these is a hold-over, delayed due to installation of city utilities.

If no petitions appear, or only a few, Comm. Bridges opined, the city should consider in its budget figuring for the next fiscal year: 1) Re-surfacing of some paved streets, now pock-marked with holes, and 2) Shifting of emphasis to curb-and-gutter construction to the limit of available funds.

Comm. Bridges pointed out that now is the time for citizens to present their street-paving petitions, as budget work will get underway in March.

Amplifying, he suggested that the city might encourage curb-and-gutter requests by changing its policy to pay greater share of the cost of these installations. Under present city policy the city pays half the curb-and-gutter cost and the property owner pays

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Franklin Dies In Auto-Train Wreck Sunday

Orville Frank Franklin, 48-year-old Kings Mountain textile worker, was killed instantly Sunday at 6 p. m. when he was struck by southbound Southern Railway Train No. 83 at the Piedmont Avenue crossing.

It is the city's second traffic fatality in 1958. The first accident, a pedestrian fatality, took the life of a Kings Mountain insurance man on January 13.

Mr. Franklin's wife, his son, Scotty, and his mother, Mrs. T. R. Franklin, had reportedly gotten out of the car and the driver was reportedly attempting to move the 1953 Chevrolet from the track when the train plowed through the crossing, knocking the man under the vehicle and heavily damaging the automobile.

Investigating officers guessed Sunday's snow and ice were major factors in the fatal train-car collision which took the life of the Margrace Mill worker. Franklin was a native of Spartanburg County, S. C. and a son of the late T. R. Franklin.

D. T. Cox, of Greenville, S. C. was engineer and R. L. Miller, of Charlotte, was the conductor on the locomotive due here Sunday at 1:35 p. m.

Other survivors include a son, Bobby Franklin, of Winter Park, Fla., and a daughter, Miss Frances Franklin, of the home. Also surviving are two brothers, Wallace Franklin, Cherryville, James Franklin, Hendersonville, and seven sisters, Mrs. Mae Black and Mrs. Rachel Neal, both of Cherryville, Mrs. Sara Key, Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. Jessie Davis, Greer, S. C., Mrs. Blanche Thompson, Mount Holly, Mrs. Elsie Baxter, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Miss Kittie Franklin, Charlotte.

Final rites were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Cherryville's First Presbyterian church by Rev. George Riddle, the pastor. Burial was in Riddleville's City cemetery.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Falls

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ethel Eunice Falls, 52, wife of Herman Falls, were held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. from Central Methodist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Falls died Monday morning in Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of five weeks. She was a daughter of the late Lince and Annie Huffstetter Patterson Falls and a member of Central Methodist church.

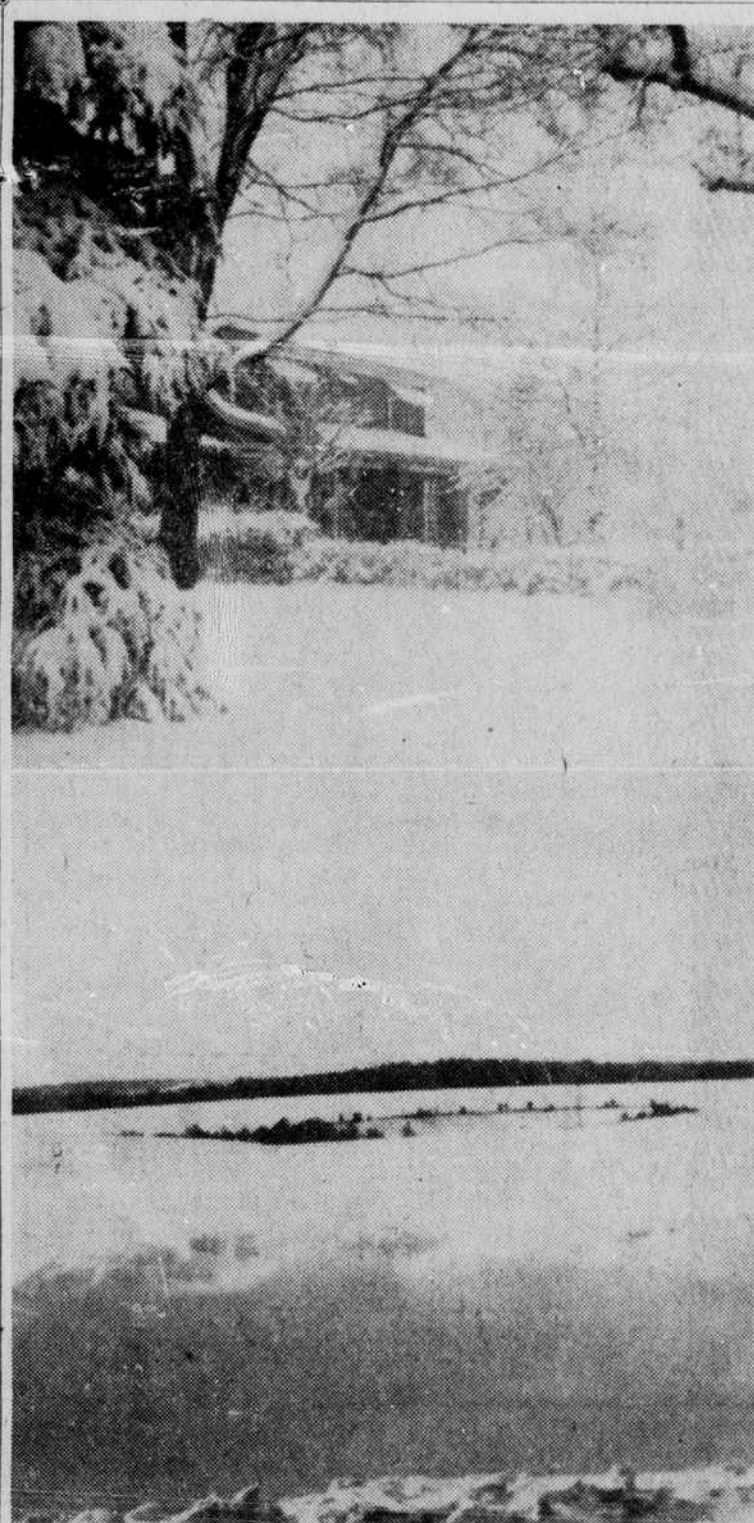
Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Don Falls, of Kings Mountain, two daughters, Mrs. Arvey McCall, Kings Mountain, Mrs. Basil Welch, Gaffney, S. C., a brother, Boyce Patterson, Kings Mountain, and a sister, Mrs. Kelly Dixon, of Kings Mountain. Three grandchildren also survive. Rev. James B. McLarty, assisted by Rev. Floyd Hollar, conducted the final rites.

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. J. N. Gamble and Mrs. E. W. Gillespie represented the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter at a joint meeting sponsored by the Department of Public Welfare and American Red Cross in Morganton Thursday. Representatives of chapters in 20 counties attended.



GIFT TO POLIO FUND - In spite of the fact no fund drive was made for the March of Dimes in Cleveland County this year, employees of Phenix plant of Burlington Mills presented a check to Co-Chairman Ollie Harris for \$155. Mrs. Eula Mae Cobb, of the winding department, is handing the check to Mr. Harris, as Zeb V. Waters, of the carding department looks on.



IT SNOWED - While there is none who would question the fact of Saturday's heavy snowfall, first heavy one here in several years, the photographic evidence above provides portraits of how the snow turned Kings Mountain white. Photo top is the snow-enveloped home of Mr. Fred Finger on S. Battleground. The white-laden landscape below was snapped from York Road and is a portion of the Richard Owens farm.

Day Of Prayer Rites Friday At First Baptist

Kings Mountain citizens will join with others throughout the nation Friday in the observance of World Day of Prayer.

United Churchwomen of Kings Mountain, an interdenominational organization representing all churches in the community, is sponsoring a community-wide service Friday at 3:30 p. m. at First Baptist church.

Mrs. William Herndon will serve as narrator for the program, and presidents and representatives of the various church

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Macedonia Sets Hymn Festival

Macedonia Baptist church is sponsoring an inter-denominational hymn festival Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.

The one-hour service will feature group singing of favorite hymns and special numbers by various quartets from the community churches.

Announcement was made by Dan Huffstetter, Macedonia choir director, who invited the community's church congregations to participate in the program of singing.

Mayor Has Troubles; Air Rifles Garbage Pails, Utility Cut-Offs

The Mayor, the city official charged with responsibility for operating the city efficiently, has his problems. Part of them accrue because some of his stockholder-customers don't conform to regularly prescribed practices.

Thus, Mayor Glee A. Bridges has addressed a letter to all citizens and utility customers in which he asks for cooperation in several different phases of city operation, among them:

- 1) The Mayor wants a few citizens to cease and desist from the practice of cutting into meter boxes after service has been discontinued for non-payment of bills. The Mayor says anyone caught breaking this rule will be subject to a \$25 fine, if convicted in city court.
2) Some citizens have been cutting off water during the cold weather at the city tap, rather than at their own. The Mayor says no citizen has a right to tamper with the city tap without permission and adds that all should have their own cut-offs on their own property.
3) Utility accounts are actually due on the first of the month. The ten-day period following is a

Six-Inch Snow, Sub-Freezing Temperatures Are Recorded

The weather, that topic which can be discussed but not changed thereby, was the big news in Kings Mountain this week, as citizens variously enjoyed a six-inch snow, decried the record low cold temperatures, and laughed or cried through any number of inconveniences.

Saturday's snow started in the wee hours and kept falling for the better part of the day. It put the Kings Mountain Merchants association's Dollar Days promotion into virtual deepfreeze several hours prior to schedule, except for shoe dealers who had rubber footwear. By Monday, these stocks, which had enjoyed little play for years, were reduced to odd lots of broken sizes.

Busy men of the season have been the garage men, service station operators, fuel dealers, and plumbers.

Car radiators not only steamed with the unusual low temperatures, but the batteries froze, too. One service station operator reported several cars still on his list which "hadn't started in three days". Brief stocks of chains got a quick play, even at \$13.25 and \$16.50 prices, up considerably from the prevailing prices of the last cold wave several seasons ago. On Sunday night, there was a minimum of available anti-freeze.

Fuel dealers worked overtime, as coal and fuel oil S. O. S. calls were put in.

And the plumbers' work was just starting. Plumber Ben T. Goforth said Tuesday morning he had 70 calls on frozen pipes—but the pipes hadn't yet thawed. Many homes had been without water since Monday morning, and others reported shorter term difficulty with frozen water pipes.

City schools operated on regular schedule, though absenteeism was heavy Monday when only about 55 percent of the city's school children answered roll calls. Attendance improved considerably Tuesday was up to 85.05 percent Wednesday. It was noted that the absences weren't solely due to cold weather. Measles, mumps, and chicken pox are prevalent, along with the common cold and influenza.

Utility men said their jobs hadn't been too difficult. Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company's service department had some toll line breakage, but regarded it as normal. Hunter Allen, city electrical superintendent, said city power difficulties were limited to traffic signal freeze-ups.

How cold was it? Kings Mountain is without an official weather observer, and many amateurs took a crack at

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Snow Scenes

BY LINDA BISER

A monstrous snowman guarding the corner of Fred Thornburg's home on King St.

A sled run on the number four fairway of the Country Club golf course, with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Will Herndon, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsey, Miss Letitia Lankford, and Mr. and Mrs. James Herndon among the sledding participants.

Houses tracked with snow. Youths with snowballs in hand, practically frozen feet and fingertips.

Dick Hunnicutt on skis. A nonchalant snowman with legs crossed sitting calmly surveying snow-covered W. Gold St., from the Robert Rosberg residence.

More sleds at the battleground. Rabbit tracks.

School children complaining of the resumption of school. Snow cream-filled people. Fires warming and drying an odd assortment of boots, gloves and kerchiefs in preparation for another venture into the cold.

Amateur weather predictors with superstition-based warnings of more snow to come. Inexpert thermometer readers. People digging for the morning paper. Chains jingling as cars made their laborious way along the road.

Upcoming — slush — slush — slush — and more slush.