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City Limits 7,206

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Knitting Firm Equipment En Route Kings Mountain

Local News Bulletins

FROM CONFERENCE

Mrs. W. L. Pressly has returned from a 10-day stay at Bon Clarken where she was a counselor and teacher for a group of 10-year-olds in the Intermediate conferences attended by some 450 young people.

ASSUMES POSITION

George Hord, of Kings Mountain, has assumed summer duties at the Iredell Morning News in Statesville. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hord, he will be a senior in journalism at the University of North Carolina in the fall.

HOMECOMING

Annual Homecoming at Bethany ARP church will be held Sunday, with Sunday School to be held at 10 a. m. and the morning worship service at 11 a. m. Picnic dinner will be spread at 1 o'clock. All members and former members are invited to attend.

PARK STATISTICS

Kings Mountain National Military Park recorded a total of 5219 visitors for the Fourth of July week-end. Independence Day topped the statistic, contributing 2475 celebrant visitors. Saturday rainfall reduced the number to 525 while Sunday guests totaled 2219.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM for work in the second degree will be held Monday night at 7 p. m. at Masonic Hall, T. D. Tindall, secretary, has announced.

JOINS STAFF

Miss Derice Weir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir, has joined the staff of First Presbyterian church, replacing Miss Julia Ribet, who has resigned. Miss Shirley Falls will replace Miss Ribet as church organist and director of the choirs.

KIWANIS PICNIC

Thursday night's Kiwanis meeting will be a family picnic at Oakdale Presbyterian church, in the Bethany, S. C., community. Dinner will be served by women of the church and will be served at 6:45.

TO CONVENTION

J. W. Webster, recently retired president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club and currently chairman of Lions Zone 1, District 31-C, is in Chicago this week where he is attending the annual convention of Lions International.

LICENSE SALES

Mrs. Grace Wolfe, assistant city clerk, said Wednesday sale of privilege licenses through Tuesday totaled \$2557. The city expects this income item to bring in \$6,000. The licenses expired June 30 and are purchasable without a penalty during the month of July.

Hayes Opening New Tire Firm

Ernest Hayes, Kings Mountain native, announced this week the forthcoming opening of Hayes Tire & Recapping, a B. F. Goodrich agency, in the Reynolds Building, 507 East King street.

Mr. Hayes said his recapping equipment should be installed and ready for operation by the end of the week.

Mr. Hayes said his firm will be able to recap all sizes of passenger tires and expects to add equipment for handling truck tires in the near future.

Son of Mrs. O. T. Hayes, St., Mr. Hayes returns to Kings Mountain after spending 16 years at Charleston, S. C., where he was employed as an electrical contractor handling heavy industrial installations. He was graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1932. His wife is the former Agnes Cornwell, also a Kings Mountain native. They have two children, Miss Patricia Hayes, of Wilmington, and Rebecca Hayes, at home.

Area Unemployment Soared During June; 823 Seek Jobs

Jobless Pay Claims 3554; Some Rainbows

BY MARTIN HARMON
In June, Kings Mountain wrote what was probably its worst unemployment month on record. A total of 3554 weeks of unemployment compensation was claimed by out-of-work citizens, and, at month's end, 832 citizens were actively seeking work.

There were these threats of rainbows Wednesday. 1) Alex Maino, general manager of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, said business was "up a hair". He said production is up about ten percent over the previous month, but is still some 40 percent below the March-April production of this novelty fabric manufacturer. A management conference is scheduled for Thursday to explore means of increasing the firm's flat goods sales, which have been described throughout the trade as very soft for several months.

2) Ralph Johnson, manager of Slater Mill, which has been operating at a 25 percent of capacity rate on alternate weeks, said the alternate basis has been suspended. It amounts to a doubling of production, but still leaves much production idle. Mr. Johnson said indications in the trade are for somewhat improved conditions during the remaining months of the year. The firm lists about 50 employees, would employ up to 175 on a full production schedule.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain employment service office offered footnotes on the job-wanted and unemployment claim figures. He said the unemployment claim figures were inflated slightly because the ESC reporting figure covered 23 days, rather than the usual 20. He said the job-wanted figure had been swelled by the inclusion of recent high school graduates.

Another minor key bright spot was reported by Mr. Ware. Last July was a rather heavy lay-off month in Kings Mountain. Some of these citizens have not worked since and weeks ago exhausted their 26-week-year unemployment benefits. As of the beginning of July, numerous citizens are again eligible for 26 weeks of unemployment pay.

In general, Mr. Ware says, the amount of benefit is halved, but, he notes, half-a-loaf is better than no loaf at all.

COURT OF HONOR

The Boy Scout Court of Honor for Piedmont district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night, July 10, at 7:45 p. m. at City Hall.

Postmaster Gets Yule Card Early; Mail Rates To Advance On August 1

Postmaster Charles Alexander received a letter from friends in Richmond, Va., this week and ignored the notation "Do not open until December 25".

It was a Christmas card. Postmaster Alexander guesses there might be more, as some citizens choose to outdo the postman's annual "post Christmas mail early" dictum and also outdo the upcoming increase in postal rates.

Some rates go up on August 1, and some others advance effective January 1.

Postmaster Alexander says a some folk have been trying to over-pay on mailings already, mistakenly thinking the postal rates were to escalate on July 1, start of the United States fiscal year. But it's August 1.

Another little wrinkle is going to cost recipients money if their correspondents are careless in weighing their letters. Currently, a letter mailed with insufficient postage costs the recipient merely the amount of the postage. After August 1, a five-cent penalty charge will be added to the amount of postage due.

Here are the rates as they will be the morning of August 1:

Beauty Nominee Off To Contest

Phyllis Dean, Kings Mountain's contribution to the Miss North Carolina contest, left Wednesday afternoon for Charlotte and registration at the three-day beauty pageant.

Accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Amos F. Dean, the Kings Mountain entrant will reside at the Coliseum Court, quartered with some 62 other North Carolina lovelies vying for top honors in the contest. Miss Dean, a five-foot-seven brunette beauty whose vital statistics are 34-22-35, will be winned and dined in regal style, but relayed a rigorous schedule to be followed by all the entrants. Registration was from 1-6 p. m. Wednesday afternoon, followed by a buffet supper at Carmel Country club.

Thursday's itinerary calls for breakfast at the Stork Restaurant, a news conference, rehearsals, then lunch at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company cafeteria downtown. Rehearsals follow Thursday afternoon with dinner at the Elks Club with the judges.

The beauties will report for their first performance before the judges at 8:15 p. m. Thursday. Friday's schedule is much the same with breakfast at the Stork restaurant, interviews with reporters, rehearsals, and lunch at the S & W cafeteria at Park Road shopping center.

A parade featuring all the entrants will be staged through the streets of Charlotte at 2:30 p. m., followed by a session with photographers at Owens auditorium. Dinner Friday will be at the Dorwood Room of Airport 77 Restaurant, and the second performance will follow at 8:15 at Owens auditorium.

The Saturday schedule calls for breakfast at the Stork Restaurant, interviews by reporters, rehearsals, and a box lunch at the auditorium courtesy of the A & P stores of Charlotte. The third performance before the judges will be staged at 2:15. Entrants will be dined at the Ming Tree Restaurant at 5:30 p. m. and the final performance is scheduled for 8:15 p. m.

Miss North Carolina will be named and crowned later Saturday night.

Miss Dean will don a white satin Charleston dress with lace overskirt and red satin sash for her talent division. She will participate in two major expansions of the Kings Mountain plant facilities.

A graduate of Drexel Institute of Technology, he is a registered Professional Engineer, a member of the National and North Carolina Professional Engineers Society, and of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Mr. Eldon is active in many social, church and civic organizations in Kings Mountain and the area. He, his wife, Rosemary, and their five children reside in the Crest Hill area.

Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Eldon will assume his new duties within the next few months, after plans for his replacement at the Kings Mountain operation have been completed.

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Home Savings & Loan association will take note of its 35th anniversary and its recent attainment of \$3,000,000 in assets Friday night.

Officers, directors, their wives and friends of the association have been invited to dinner at the Woman's club at 7 o'clock.

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Footo Promotes W. A. Eldon

W. A. Eldon, plant engineer of Footo's Kings Mountain operation and six years resident of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to the position of project engineer in Footo's Central Engineering Department, according to announcement by Neil O. Johnson, Operations Manager. The position of Project Engineer was recently created by Footo Management as part of present and future expansion plans, including a multi-million dollar Research Center soon to be built by the company.

Mr. Eldon has been with Footo Mineral company for eight years, having joined the company in 1950 as Project Engineer and Construction Foreman at Footo's Extension, Pennsylvania Operation. In 1952, he was assigned to the Kings Mountain Operation as Plant Engineer responsible for engineering, maintenance and construction. Since that time, he has participated in two major expansions of the Kings Mountain plant facilities.

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Gregory Gifts Reach \$226

Kings Mountain friends of Rev. John Gregory reported additional gifts of \$78 received this week by the minister who has been ill for sometime and who faces a very delicate heart operation.

Mr. Gregory was at onetime pastor of Park Grace Church of the Nazarene here and of First Nazarene church, Gastonia. His illness is described as a heart leakage complicated by weakening of the heart, arteries, and veins which has caused a hole in the heart to re-open. He is receiving treatment to build his strength for undergoing the operation.

Friends also report him under emotional tension due to his financial condition, his assets depleted to the vanishing point and more due to his long illness. Contributions reported include: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carpenter \$10

Frank Rippy \$4
A Friend \$5
Myers' Department Store . . \$10
R. S. Lynn \$10
Doc Wright \$10
Mrs. Ardie Meacham . . . \$ 6
Mr. & Mrs. Junior Hipps . . \$ 1
John W. Ham \$ 1
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin . \$ 5
Broad River Bap. Church . . \$ 6
Rev. W. B. Horne \$10
T. W. Smith \$ 1
E. Gold Wesleyan Church . . \$ 6
Gifts previously made . . \$141.35

Persons or firms wishing to aid Mr. Gregory should forward cash or check to Frank Rippy, of Rippy's Jewelry. Gift will be acknowledged through this newspaper.

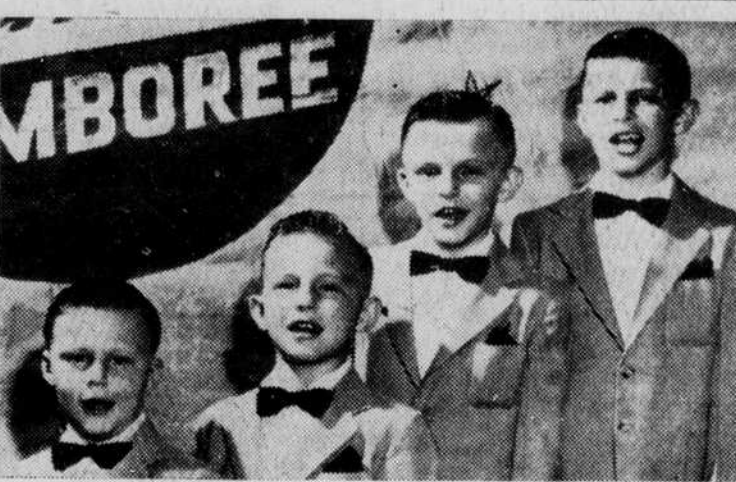
Paper Drive Set For Sunday

Kings Mountain Jaycees will collect scrap paper on Sunday afternoon, Wilson Griffin, a member of the projects committee, said yesterday.

Citizens should deposit paper for collection outside their residences for the pick-up scheduled from 2 o'clock to 6:30 p. m., Mr. Griffin said.

Others who may have larger quantities of stored paper should contact Bob Goforth (phone 368) Tracy McGinnis (phone 138) or George Thomasson (phone 571) and Jaycees will make prompt collection.

Funds derived from the Sunday collection will aid the numerous projects supported by the civic organization in the community.



SING HERE SUNDAY - The Barnett Brothers, youthful radio and television singers from Spartanburg, S. C., will sing here Sunday morning at 9:45 at First Wesleyan Methodist church. The brothers, left to right, are Roger, age 10, Jerry, 12, Wayne, 13, and Larry, 14.

Life-Saving Crew Will Seek Funds

A fund campaign for the Cleveland County Life-Saving Crew, of Kings Mountain, will be launched this weekend.

The Life-Saving group is already in action, though, technically, it will not be in business officially until its potential members complete successfully Red Cross First Aid courses now being conducted by Don Crawford.

The life-saving group seeks a minimum of \$2500.

Already it has obtained equipment and is answering calls. On Sunday, the crew made a trip to Charlotte to obtain blood for a patient at Kings Mountain hospital. It participated with other groups in the abortive search for a drowning victim at Lake James, and it helped rescue two men several weeks ago after they had fallen into a well. Last weekend, the group helped the Jaycees and State Highway Patrol in the West city limits safety promotion.

Corbett Nicholson, city gas department superintendent, has been elected captain of the crew.

The intention of the group is to answer summons for help principally in Cleveland County. However, it will be available when not busy locally to answer outside calls.

The organization is completely volunteer, with no paid employees.

"We believe this group can be of much help to Cleveland County citizens in preventing both personal and public disaster," Capt. Nicholson commented.

Funds are needed to defray costs of equipment. The group will stage a benefit dance at the American Legion on July 25.

HONORED

RALEIGH—Miss Susan Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moss, 100 South Gaston Street, Kings Mountain, was honored at the recent Meredith college Awards night program for the high excellence of her work in the department of English during the spring term.

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Complete Rainbow Radiates Over Area

Two rainbows straddled the eastern Kings Mountain area skies Monday at sunset. Caused by sun shining through raindrops, the vivid display of colors followed a local storm.

A distinct primary bow at the outside of the arch had a hazy background rainbow called the secondary bow. The two compose what is scientifically known as the complete rainbow.

The belief that a rainbow means no immediate rain was drowned that night and the following day by torrential rainstorms in the area.

Mrs. Howard Dies In Wreck

Funeral rites for Mrs. Betty Mitchell Howard, sister-in-law of Grady Howard, of Kings Mountain, were held Monday in El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Howard, about 37, was killed almost instantly when the car her husband was driving wrecked. According to her husband's report, he was passing a car, his wheels touched the left shoulder of the road, and wrecked. He, Mrs. Howard, and their three children were all thrown clear of the car. None of the other occupants were seriously hurt.

The accident occurred near Orregrunde, N. M., as the Howard family was en route for a vacation in their mountain cabin in the New Mexico mountains.

Grady Howard attended the funeral rites in El Paso, where his brother is a building contractor, on Monday.

The accident victim was a native of Baton Rouge, La. Surviving, in addition to her husband, Herbert A. Howard and three children, Jimmy, Neva, and Johnny, are her father, a sister and three brothers.

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Crawford Says New Industrial Building Ready

Kings Mountain's newest industry—a knitting firm which will occupy the recently completed Waco Road building erected by Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc.—is in transit en route to Kings Mountain.

J. Wilson Crawford, acting president of the development firm, said Jack Hauser, an official of the firm, telephoned from New York on Tuesday to say that the firm's knitting machines were loaded and ready to be transported to Kings Mountain. He also said he and his family were prepared to leave for Kings Mountain and should arrive by Thursday.

Name of the firm has not been announced by the owners, who said originally they would form a new corporation incorporated under the laws of North Carolina.

The development firm has erected a building with 11,200 square feet of floor space. Mr. Crawford pronounced the building ready, even to the polishing of the asphalt tile floor covering.

The building is equipped with five rest rooms, a ladies lounge, and an office room and boiler room. Mr. Crawford said landscaping work has been delayed due to bad weather.

Under terms of the lease-purchase arrangement under which the knitting firm will occupy the building, the firm will pay the development corporation a \$600 monthly rental, with option to purchase during a five-year period, the rental fees to apply to the purchase price. As evidence of good faith, the knitting firm has placed in escrow \$2400, covering the rental cost for the first six months of occupancy.

The firm decided to locate here through efforts of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, working in cooperation with the Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc.

Stock sales to Kings Mountain citizens and business firms provided equity capital for purchase of the site and construction of the building.

The knitting firm has indicated it will employ about 100 persons when it gets into operation.

Rites Thursday For Mr. Maoney

Augustus Maoney, 63, of 821 Church Street died Monday night at 11:35 in Veteran's Hospital, Salisbury, following a long illness.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. from Missionary Methodist church, with military burial rites following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. Floyd Hollar, assisted by Rev. Spurgeon Scruggs, will officiate. Legionnaires of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will conduct the military rites and serve as pallbearers.

Mr. Maoney was a veteran of World War I and a native of Burke county. He is survived by his wife, Hesta Cooke Maoney; seven sons, Augustus Maoney, A-laska; William Maoney, Scott AFB, Ill.; Willard Maoney, Val-desee; Ernest, Horace, David, and Lester Maoney, all of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. George Barrett, Grover, and Mrs. Betty Leech, Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are two brothers, George Maoney, Gastonia, Ralph Maoney, Concord, one sister, Mrs. Etta Dellinger, Cherryville, and nine grandchildren.

The body will lie in-state at the church 30 minutes before the funeral.

Ex-Horn Tooters Invited To Play

Calling all ex-band members and horn tooters!

The caller is Charles Ballance, high school band director, who wants all former band members to bring their horns to a trio of practices and help his beginners group play a concert on July 11th. Practices will be conducted Thursday night, Monday night and July 10th in front of Central school.

Mr. Ballance guarantees the music will be of the simplest variety, thinks the three practices will get elderly lips in sufficient shape.

NO FIRES
City firemen reported having no calls during the past week.