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Local News Bulletins

ROTARY MEETING

Kings Mountain Rotary Club will meet Thursday, December 4 at 12:15 p. m. at La Royal Restaurant for its regular session. Grady Howard, Kings Mountain Hospital administrator will speak to the group.

BUILDING PERMIT

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Tuesday to Kelly Dixon to build a 1-story brick veneer dwelling at 205 N. Sims street. Estimated cost of the 5-room structure is \$6,500.

BAZAAR

Kings Mountain Garden Club will sell food, decorations, and novelty items at a bazaar Saturday, December 13th, beginning at 9 a. m. in the building formerly occupied by Griffin Drug company. Items suitable for Christmas gifts will be available, a spokesman said.

KIWANIS CLUB

Felix E. Hamrick, business manager of Gardner Webb Junior college, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday night meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

MEETING

The Kings Mountain group of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian church. The public is invited to attend.

BENEFIT

Kings Mountain Life Saving Crew will serve barbecue from 4 until 8 p. m. Saturday at the Legion Building, with a dance to follow. Plates are \$1.50 each and delivery service may be obtained by calling the Legion Hall. Music for the benefit dance will be furnished by Gerald Wyatt and the Startime Playboys.

CHOIR PROGRAM

The Central Methodist church choir will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday afternoon, December 14th, at 5 o'clock at the church.

MUSIC PROGRAM

The Fine Arts Department of the Woman's club is sponsoring a program of traditional Christmas music Sunday afternoon, December 14th, at 3:30 p. m. at the Woman's club. The public is invited to participate.

IN LOUISVILLE

Lawson Brown, high school principal, is in Louisville, Ky., this week, where he is attending the annual convention of Southern Association of Colleges and High Schools. Mr. Brown will return here Saturday.

IN FASHION SHOW

Hallie Ward, of Kings Mountain, appeared in a fashion show at St. Michael's school, Gastonia, Tuesday night. Miss Ward modeled for the Vogue, Gastonia dress shop. The promotion was a school benefit.

LUTHERAN CLASS

Dr. W. P. Gerberding will conduct a Pastor's Doctrine Class at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Thursday night at 8 o'clock. It will be the last in a seven-course series on the theme, "The Last Things."

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Post Building Friday evening at 8 o'clock, according to announcement by Commander Ray Cline.

REHOSPITALIZED

J. E. Herndon, Kings Mountain businessman, is a patient at Charlotte's Presbyterian hospital. Decision of further surgery was being weighed Wednesday morning, his office reported.

PRACTICE TEACHING

Mrs. J. O. Van Dyke, ASTC senior, is doing her practice teaching in Miss Margaret Goforth's fifth grade at North school. Mrs. Van Dyke began her school duties this week.

DINNER-DANCE

A dinner dance will be held at the Legion building Saturday night for benefit of the Cleveland County Life-Saving Crew. Barbecue dinner will be served from 4 to 8 p. m. Dancing will follow with music by Gerald Wyatt and his Startime Boys.



MOUNTAINEERS IN LONDON — Mrs. Ersten Watterson and daughters Vickie and Linda are pictured in front of Whitehall in London on a recent visit to the English capital city. Mrs. Watterson, a native Scot, is visiting her parents in Glasgow, Scotland. Older daughter Linda is attending a Glasgow school. Married in May 1947 to a Kings Mountain citizen, this is Mrs. Watterson's first return to her native land. She and her daughters will be Kings Mountain bound in January. The erect guard is a British soldier and the plaque on the building warns: "The riding of cycles through archway is forbidden."

Appraisal Group Begins Its Work



NOMINEE — David Plonk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Plonk, is one of three Cleveland County high school seniors nominated as a candidate for a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

Plonk Nominee For Scholarship

David Plonk, Kings Mountain high school senior, is among three Cleveland county high school seniors nominated for a 1959 Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina. Also nominated are Joe M. Craver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Craver, of Shelby, and Fred W. Denton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Denton, route 1, Lawndale. Craver attends Shelby high school and Denton attends Piedmont high school.

Plonk is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Plonk.

Virgil Weathers, of Shelby, served as chairman of the county committee, which considered 14 students for the three nominations.

Mr. Weathers said the committee was especially pleased at the quality of the 14 applicants and added he wished it had been possible to make more than three nominations.

Effect of the nominations is to advance the three nominees to the District V competition. The three students will go to Charlotte in January for further interviews, second of three rounds in the competition for 35 to 38 scholarships, regarded as the most valuable available at the Chapel Hill branch of the university.

The scholarships are for \$1250 and are granted for one year. They are renewable, provided a scholarship winner maintains a favorable scholastic standing. Maximum for any nominee is \$5,000 during four scholastic years.

Two Cleveland county nominees have been Morehead Scholarship winners. They are Joe Hewitt, Jr., and Charles Hunt-singer.

The scholarships are provided from an endowment established by John Motley Morehead, wealthy.

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Grover Takes Fourth Honors In Area Contest

Grover community took fourth place honors in the Piedmont Area Development Association community development contest, it was announced at a Charlotte luncheon Saturday.

Grover took top honors in the Cleveland County contest and the Piedmont prize came after several weeks of judging throughout many counties in piedmont North and South Carolina.

Grover claimed fourth place in the farming division. Top honors went to Clear Creek in Mecklenburg county, second place to Burnsville of Anson county; and third place to Angelus of Chesterfield county, S. C.

John Paul Lucas, vice president of Duke Power Company, made the announcement at the Park Center luncheon and C. A. McKnight, editor of the Charlotte Observer, and Stokes King, of Southern Bell Telephone company, presented the prize checks.

Grover's accomplishments were divided into three categories: individual, group, and community. Remarkable improvements were made in all three divisions and Grover was noted as one of the outstanding communities in this entire area.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Tate

Last rites for Mrs. Lizzie Tate, 58, of 208 Grace street were held Monday at 4 p. m. from Sisk Funeral Home in Bessemer City.

The Rev. Budd Whitfield officiated. Interment followed in the Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Tate died early Saturday morning in a Gastonia hospital after an extended illness.

Surviving are her husband, Kelly Tate; one son, Jake Robinson, both of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Mrs. Flossie Po-teat and Mrs. Louise Henderson, both of Gastonia.

Charlotte Choir To Sing Benefit

The famed Charlotte Boys Choir will appear at Ashley high school in Gastonia Friday evening in a benefit performance for the Gaston Center for Handicapped Children.

All proceeds will go to the center.

The Charlotte Boys Choir has appeared on coast-to-coast radio and television shows and has made recordings for RCA-Victor.

Admission price will be \$1 for adults and a half-dollar for children. Tickets are on sale here at Griffin's Drug Store.

The Gaston Center serves Gastonia, and portions of Lincoln and Cleveland counties.

Douglas Play To Be Presented

The Robe, Lloyd Douglas' religious play, will be presented here by the Lenoir-Rhyne Play-makers on December 17, it was announced this week.

The play will be presented here under auspices of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Tickets for the play at \$1 for adults and fifty cents for students, will go on sale this weekend.

The play will be presented at Kings Mountain high school auditorium.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$130, including \$17.34 from off-street meters and \$112.66 from on-street meters.

Baptists Adopt Compromise New Church Being Organized

Compromise Report Vote 200 To 40

Meeting on Wednesday night, November 26, members of First Baptist church voted 200 to 40 to adopt a compromise report whereby minority members of the church will receive the First Baptist church building.

In effect, the vote approved the formation of a new church, as the minority group, which agreed to begin a new church on a new site within a year, retains the name of First Baptist church.

The new church was named Kings Mountain Baptist church Tuesday night.

Adoption of the compromise report ended a dispute which broke into the open in October 1957, after First Baptist church had voted 235 to 153 to accept a gift site, the gift being contingent on launching construction of a new plant within five years.

By terms of the compromise, both groups will share what is now Kings Mountain Baptist church until First Baptist church can occupy its projected new church at the corner of W. Kings and Sims streets.

First Baptist church retained the Gaston street parsonage, the former Herald building and adjacent lot on Piedmont avenue, a 200 foot lot on Cherokee street, the \$90,000 church building fund, and the W. King-Sims site.

Fred Weaver, chairman of the First Baptist board of deacons, said that First Baptist is seeking a minister. The First Baptist pulpit has been without a regular pastor since the resignation last May of Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush.

Also a result of the compromise was agreement by the minority group to non-suit pending civil litigation in Superior court whereby the minority sought to abrogate the October 1957 election.

The compromise report had been recommended for adoption by a joint committee of six, including James E. White, Dr. Paul Nolan and W. A. Williams, representing the majority, and W. T. Weir, H. D. Crawford, and O. O. Walker, representing the minority.

Local Singers In "Messiah"

Fifteen Kings Mountain singers, representing two churches, will join in the performance of Handel's "Messiah" at First Methodist church, Gastonia, this weekend.

The 150-voice chorus, representing 43 church choirs from area towns, will give performances Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m. and again on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Gastonia Music club is sponsoring the community presentation. Earl Berg, of Charlotte, is guest conductor, assisted at the pipe organ by Mrs. Berg.

The group includes Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, B. S. Peeler, Jr., I. B. Goforth, Jr., Arthur Walker, Jacob Dixon, Misses Winifred Fulton, and Ann McCluney, all of Central Methodist church, and Mrs. E. R. Goforth and Misses Essie Marie and Mary Ann Foster, all of Resurrection Lutheran church.

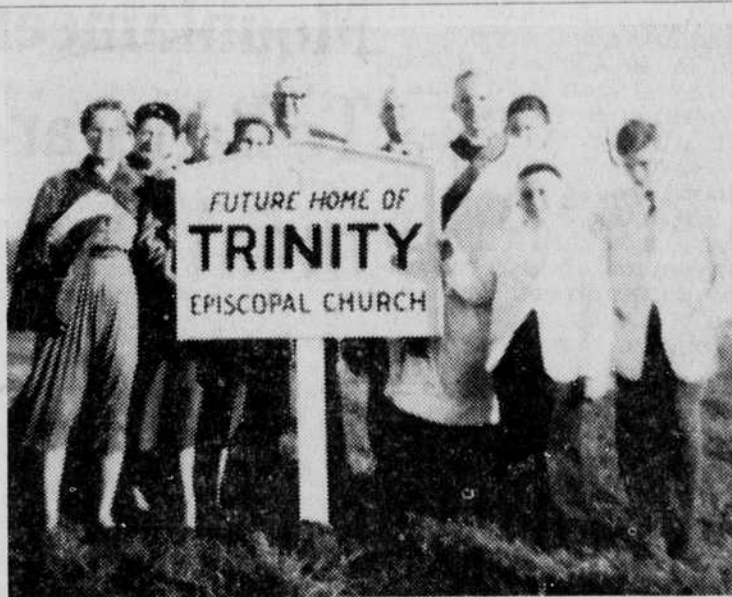
Hardin Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites for Charles M. Hardin, 86, retired contractor and farmer of Grover, were held Monday afternoon at Shiloh Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hardin died Sunday morning at 5:30 after a three-month illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lula Hambricht Hardin, a son, Avery Hardin, of Hickory, a daughter, Mrs. Donald Hyde, Grover, and four grandchildren.

Rev. Trent Howell, Rev. Don Cabiness, Rev. Wray Barrett and Rev. Arnold Bell conducted the funeral services. Burial was in Grover cemetery.



NEW CHURCH PROPERTY — Members of Trinity Episcopal church recently placed a sign upon property they recently acquired from Neisler Brothers on Phifer road. Appropriate services were conducted by Rev. Claude A. Collins, of Bessemer City, Vicar. Pictured at the church grounds where a combination church and parish house are to be erected are Miss Maude Gardner, Mrs. Edward Smith, Mrs. Arno Haas, Mrs. Luther Canler, and Graham and David Collins. Groundbreaking services are to be held after the first of the year with the Rt. Rev. Matthew George Henry, D. D., Bishop of Western North Carolina, to appoint a fulltime Vicar for the Kings Mountain mission.

Employment Constant Here In November

Kings Mountain area employment remained steady during November.

Employment service figures for the month showed a slight drop in unemployment compensation claims to 1324, a drop of 53. The weekly average of claims was 331.

During the month the office handled 104 new job applications, same figure recorded in October.

The office placed in employment 59 persons, up six from the prior month. Job orders from employers totaled 77, up one from October.

Mrs. Jim Gibson, a member of the staff, the job orders are predominantly from textile employers.

Unemployment claims at the high point this year averaged about 900 per week.

Yule Buying Is Underway

Kings Mountain took on a Christmas season appearance this week as retailers put interior and window decorations at the top of the work list.

The business section Christmas lights were turned on for the first time last Friday, day after Thanksgiving, and their appearance adds a festive note in the evenings.

Merchants this year spent a large sum to improve the business section lights and expect to add to the system next year.

Meantime, the buying pace quickened as early Christmas shopping began. Merchants reported sales at a brisker pace, a pace expected to quicken from now until Christmas Eve.

Inventories are good and retailers think they're in good shape to handle demand of all customers.

Merchants have suspended the mid-week half-holiday and will be open six days each week to accommodate Yule shoppers.

LeRicheux Observes 95th Birthday

W. L. LeRicheux, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, observed his 95th birthday anniversary on November 23.

Mr. LeRicheux, a retired teamster, has lived in Kings Mountain for the past 65 years, and in Cleveland County since he was 11.

He was born in upstate New York. Mr. LeRicheux lives with Mrs. Frank Price, a granddaughter.

Band Boosters To Meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Band association, school band booster organization, will meet Monday evening at 7:30 in the band room, Director Charles Ballance announced this week.

Mr. Ballance wrote members that two principal items of business will be on the agenda:

- 1) Proceeding to purchase band uniforms, and
- 2) Decision on an invitation to attend a week's band camp at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Ballance said sufficient monies are in hand from the recent band uniform fund campaign to purchase new uniforms, though the \$4,000 goal has not been met.

Cash in hand totals \$3,221.70, exclusive of proceeds from recent band fund benefits, one by the Kiwanis club and the other by the Lions club. It is estimated that the cash total will be about \$3,400.

Mr. Ballance urged all band association members to be present for the Monday meeting.

Luke Hoyle Buys K. M. Motor Court

Kings Mountain Motor Court, formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetler, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hoyle of Cherryville.

The motor court will begin operation Friday, December 5, according to Kings Mountain realtor, Warren Reynolds, who handled the transaction.

Name Chosen; Organization Set For Sunday

Kings Mountain Baptist church, largely made up of members of the First Baptist church minority group, held an organizational meeting Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The name — Kings Mountain Baptist church — was adopted at a meeting Tuesday night following a session Tuesday afternoon between a committee of eight, representing the new church, and a five-member committee of the Kings Mountain Baptist association.

Temporary officers of the church at Sunday's meeting will be Rev. Oscar Funderburke, moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, who will preside, and Rev. Lawrence Roberts, association clerk, who will act as clerk.

W. T. Weir, a spokesman for the group, said Wednesday that 139 persons have signed membership cards in the new Baptist church and that First Baptist church was to act Wednesday night to give members leaving that church letters of transfer.

Other Baptist ministers to participate in Sunday's organizational meeting will be Rev. W. B. Tarleton, chairman of the association's organization committee, who will read recommended by-laws, Rev. T. W. Bray, who will read the Scripture and lead in prayer, and Rev. John Lawrence, who will deliver the sermon. Mr. Lawrence is chairman of the association's activities committee.

Election of church officers will follow Mr. Lawrence's sermon. Meeting Tuesday afternoon with the associational committee were Mr. Weir, Glee A. Bridges, H. D. Crawford, O. O. Walker, Mrs. Charlie Cash, Mrs. J. E. Lipford, Gene Austin and Bryan Hord.

AA Schedules Open Meeting

Kings Mountain chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting at First Presbyterian church fellowship hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

It is the first open meeting for the local chapter in several years, though closed meetings (open only to alcoholics) have been held regularly.

The public is invited to Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings. A spokesman for the group said a special program has been planned, with an out-of-town married couple, both arrested alcoholics, to speak.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Tree Project Now Underway

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a house-to-house canvass Friday night in connection with their Christmas tree project.

Jaycees will be offering advance sale of tickets for one dollar each toward the purchase of any Canadian Balsam tree from their lot across from Fulton's Department Store.

The trees will be arriving soon and may be picked up at the lot which will be manned daily, December 11-24, from 4 until 9 p. m.

Trees vary in price, according to height, and George Thomasson, president, noted that purchasers not pleased with the trees may have their advance ticket refunded.

Proceeds from the tree sales will support charity projects of the Jaycees in the community.

Jaycees Conclude Year's Paper Drive

Kings Mountain Jaycees will finish up their paper drive with the last collection of the year, December 7.

Collection will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. Jaycees request bundles be left in front of the house where they are easily accessible.