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David Plonk Wins Blocking Trophy

Local News Bulletins

Winner Third Guard To Get Blocking Honor

BY NEALE PATRICK

The coveted Plonk Blocking Trophy remains in the family this year.

David Plonk, senior guard and tri-captain of the Kings Mountain Mountaineer football team in 1958, has been awarded the handsome trophy given each season to the team's most outstanding blocker by his father, Fred W. Plonk.

The Mountaineer line star was announced as the sixth winner of the award by Coach John Gamble who makes the choice on his observations during the grid season and after a careful study of the game pictures. He made the announcement of the award at the Lions Club annual football banquet honoring the high school team at the Woman's Club Tuesday night.

Plonk is the third guard in the six-year history and the second player in a row at the position to win the award for showing the most unselfish devotion to duty of clearing the way for ball carriers.

Guard Bill Herndon was the trophy winner last year, and the other guard to capture the coveted cup was Charles Yelton in 1954.

Other Plonk Blocking Trophy winners have been End Ronnie Layton in 1953, Center Joe Meek Ormand in '55, and Tackle David Marlowe in '56.

The blocking trophy was the second award David Plonk received in as many nights. On Monday night, the Mountaineer star was acclaimed the most outstanding AA lineman in the Gastonia area at the Gazette's annual grid banquet.

David has been a two-way regular (offense and defense) for the Mountaineer football team for two years, the only lineman on this fall's club who also played regularly throughout the 1957 campaign. He was one of the team's tri-captains this year and called the defensive signals for the team which boasted the best defensive record in the South-Western Conference.

He received the trophy from Coach Gamble Tuesday night with the remark:

"I just want to say that I

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Jaycee Tree Lot Opens Thursday

Kings Mountain Jaycees launched their Christmas tree project last Friday night with a house-to-house canvass, 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 tree lot will be open from Thursday, December 11 to Wednesday December 24 from 4 until 9 p. m.

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

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

Bethware Progressive Club To Hold 12th Annual Ladies Night Banquet

Bethware Progressive club will hold its 12th annual Christmas banquet, a Ladies night event, Monday night at the Bethware school cafeteria.

Feature of the banquet will be an address by Dr. F. Ray Derrick, head of the biology department of Appalachian State Teachers college.

Another feature of the Christmas party will be installation of club officers for the coming year. Rev. Frank Blalock will conduct the installation.

Frank Hamrick, retiring president, will preside. Invocation will be said by Rev. Norman Brown, and William B. McDaniel will present special guests. Members of the Bethware school Future Homemakers of America will present special music and will also serve as waitresses for the banquet. Mrs. Paul McGinnis will serve dinner.

Incoming officers of the Bethware Progressive club are: Cam-

Appraisal Team Has Completed Land Value Job

The three-man appraisal team seeking to establish a value on property adjacent to West school and desired by the city board of education in order to expand the West plant has not completed its work.

The December 3 session was devoted principally to an inspection of the several properties and discussion, without action, on valuations.

A member of the secret three-man group, which includes a director of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, a director of Home Savings & Loan association and a third member named by the other two, said he anticipated the committee would reconvene within the weekend and be able to reach agreement on the appraisals.

The board of education has approved to add three classrooms to the West school plant, contingent on obtaining adjacent vacant property.

Needed by the schools are four tracts: residential garden plots of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gamble and Mrs. George Cansler, seven lots of Mrs. Cansler on W. King street, and two lots on W. King owned by the S. S. Weir Estate.

Aggregate offering price of the board of education was \$4,000, while the aggregate asking price was \$9,850.

The board of education passed a resolution stating it would accept the value assigned by an independent appraisal team, if the property owners would accept the several values. It was agreed that the appraisers would not be related to the individuals involved and that the committee would remain secret until its report is filed.

Stores To Remain Open Late Friday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail stores will be open until 8 p. m. Friday night to accommodate Christmas gift shoppers.

It will be the first of several long-day schedules for Kings Mountain stores during the Christmas shopping season.

According to action by the Kings Mountain Merchants association the stores also will be open until 8 p. m. on Friday, December 19, and on Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23. There will be no set closing hour on Christmas Eve, but it is anticipated majority of the merchants will stay open no later than on Saturdays, when department stores close at 6:30.

Already, the merchants have suspended Wednesday half-holidays and won't resume them until after New Year's Day.

The stores will be closed two days at Christmas, both Christmas Day and December 26, and New Year's Day is also a holiday.

Lions Selling Fruit Cakes

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club have an additional supply of fruit cakes for the Christmas season.

The cakes, three-pounds net weight, sell for \$3.25, a half-dollar under the regular market price.

Members plan to conduct a house-to-house sale.

Profits will go to the club's projects fund.

SCHOOL BOARD

Regular monthly meeting of the city board of education will be held at the office of Supt. E. N. Barnes Monday evening at 7:30.

HERNDON BETTER

J. E. Herndon, a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital, was reported improved Wednesday. Mr. Herndon underwent a minor operation on December 3. He had been suffering from uremic poisoning.



PRESENT PROGRAM - West school first grade students of Mrs. J. C. Bridges presented a program on the nativity at the Golden Age party held at the Woman's club last Wednesday. Members of the American Home Department were hostesses for the annual event. Front row, left to right, are Judith Tallon, Princess Pressley, Darnell Anderson, Paulette Phifer, Philip Baker, Ginger Finger, Lynn Harmon, Kathy Rhea, Louise Moore, Ceresa Blanton, and Libby Trot. Second row, left to right, are Louis Sabette, Jimmy Ware, Laurin Whisnart, Blanchard Mayberry, Judy Johnson, Jeffrey Yarbrow, Ronnie Staley, Tony Camp, Kenneth Fite, Larry Goforth, Joey Hedden, Mike Blanton, Kenny McGill, and Bill Herndon. Two fifth graders, Teresa Jolly standing at left on back row, and Elaine Dixon were soloists for the pageant. (Photo by David Baity)

Rotary To Receive Charter Monday

Senator Morgan To Give Address At Charter Fete

State Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, will make the principal address at the charter night banquet of the Kings Mountain Rotary club Monday night.

The banquet, with wives of Rotarians as guests, will be held at the Woman's Club, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The banquet will also be featured by presentation of the newly-organized Kings Mountain club's charter by Rotary District Governor Gordon Butler, of Andrews.

Haywood E. Lynch, president of the Kings Mountain club, will accept the new club's charter.

Address of welcome will be given by Edwin C. Ford, president of the Shelby Rotary club, which has sponsored the organization of Kings Mountain Rotary.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. J. N. McClure, pianist, will sing a baritone solo.

Band Uniform Order Placed

Order was placed Tuesday for 38 band uniforms, Director Charles Ballance said yesterday.

Mr. Ballance said a minimum number was ordered and that majorette uniforms will be bought in the spring.

The uniforms were purchased at \$75 each from George E. Evans Company, Philadelphia. Total cost of the 38 will be \$2850.

Colors will be orange and black, same as the colors of the 20-year-old uniforms the new ones will replace. The coat style will be changed slightly. The new coats will have tails. In addition, a shoulder patch will identify the Kings Mountain bandmen. It will have a monument in the center, with the words Kings Mountain, North Carolina around circle.

New hats have not yet been chosen, pending examination of samples.

The new uniforms will be made of 16-ounce water repellent and wrinkle resistant whipcord.

Fund for purchase of the new uniforms were donated by Kings Mountain citizens, business and industrial firms. Though a total of \$34000 has been raised, the fund campaign is short of its \$4,000 goal and purchases of hats, and additionally needed uniforms will require more than the money in hand, Mr. Ballance said.

Members of the uniform committee of the sponsoring Band association were Mrs. R. S. Lennon, chairman, Mrs. C. W. Jones, and Mrs. Fred Wright, Jr.

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Funeral Rites Are Conducted For Royce Kiser

Funeral rites for Royce Randall Kiser, 25, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Second Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Kiser died Thursday morning at 2:45 a. m. about three hours after his 1940 Ford coupe smashed into a tractor-trailer at the intersection of N. C. 180 on the new dual-lane U. S. 74 between Shelby and Kings Mountain.

Jacob Woodrow Lutz, 44, of Hickory, charged with manslaughter, was freed under \$5000 bond following the accident, first traffic fatality on the new highway. A hearing will be held in Shelby next Friday.

The truck driver, who was headed north on N. C. 180, told Highway Patrolman O. R. McKinney that he stopped at the U. S. 74 intersection, then proceeded across. Lutz told the officer he did not see the car in the westbound lane. He was driving a truck for the Catawba Cotton Batting Company of Claremont.

The Kings Mountain man's car was demolished by the impact on its left side.

Mr. Kiser, operator of the Silver Villa in Shelby, was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Second Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Rucker Kiser; two daughters, Becky and Lisa; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Kiser, a brother, Horace Kiser; and a sister, Miss Amelia Kiser, all of Kings Mountain.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Albert Hastings, pastor of the church.

Band-Chorus Concert Friday

The Kings Mountain high school band and mixed chorus will present a joint Christmas concert Friday evening at the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:45.

It will be the first concert of the current school year. No admission will be charged.

The band will play "Noel", a Christmas Potpourri, by R. K. Prescott; "Yuletide Festival", by George Warrington; "Adeste Fideles", arranged by Morton Gould; "Silent Night", arranged by Gould also; "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", by Leo Jessel; "The Hallelujah Chorus" by G. F. Handel, and others.

The Mixed Chorus will sing "The Coventry Carol" from a 16th century Pageant; "Silver Bells", by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans; "Carol of the Bells", (Ukrainian Christmas Carol), by M. Leontovich-Wilhouisky; "Christmas Roundelay", by Lois H. Young and Ruth E. Young; "Ding-dong, Merrily on High", Old French Tune; "The Birthday of a King", by William H. Keidinger; "The Holly and the Ivy"; Old English Christmas Carol; "A Virgin Unspotted" William Billings; "Jingle Bells", arranged by Ray Charles; and several familiar Christmas Carols.

IN PARADE
Miss Maude Owens, high school student, participated in the Gastonia Christmas parade Saturday morning and rode on the Matthew-Belk float. Miss Owens won third place in the beauty contest sponsored by the Gastonia firm.

Three Killed In Sunday Morning Head-On Crash Of Car And Taxi
A church date turned into disaster for two teenagers involved in a highway accident which took their lives and the life of a cab driver Sunday. The deaths brought Cleveland County's traffic fatalities toll to 15 for the year, four of which occurred in this area from Wednesday night until Sunday morning.

All four victims had Kings Mountain connections. Royce Randall Kiser, 25, of Second street, was killed last Wednesday night on the new dual-lane U. S. 74 between Shelby and Kings Mountain when his car smashed into a truck at the intersection of N. C. 180. He lived about three hours after the crash.

Dorothy Elaine Robinson, 16, of route 1, Grover, had a date Sunday with Shannon Anthony, 17, of No. 3 Township who is a member of Kings Mountain's National Guard. They were killed instantly when a taxi, operated by Colon

Baptist Minority Organized Church

Christmas Herald To Appear Early

The Christmas week edition of the Kings Mountain Herald will be published on Monday, December 22, under date line of December 23.

The edition will be available on newsstands on the evening of the 22nd.

The edition will include Christmas greetings from business firms, special Christmas season feature stories, and regular coverage of local news, sports, and social events. Advertising deadline for the edition will be Saturday, December 21.

Bethware Chorus To Sing Sunday

Christmas music by the Girls Chorus at Bethware high school will feature a community service Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Sponsored by the Fine Arts Department, of which Mrs. E. W. Griffin is chairman, the program is designed to "bring a warm spirit of the coming season to the community," a spokesman said.

The community is invited to attend the program which will be completed in about one hour, Mrs. N. F. McGill, program chairman, said.

Mrs. Norman McGill, member of the faculty at Bethware, is directing the chorus. Ruth Blalock is pianist, and other chorus members are Tamara Cornwell, Mary Lou Wright, Sheila Gantt, Jane Hayes, Judy Putnam, Norma Jane Hamrick, Kim Cashion, Barbara Gamble, Carolyn Lovelace, and Betty Jean Eaker.

The deacons have named Harold Crawford, chairman; J. B. Keeter, vice-chairman; and J. C. Bridges, secretary.

BurMil Plans Week Holiday

Christmas operating schedules for the Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries were announced today by W. B. Grimes, Jr., Superintendent, who also revealed plans for the annual Children's Christmas Party.

Mr. Grimes said Christmas holidays at the plant would be observed from the end of the second shift on December 19 until the beginning of the third shift on December 28.

Employees eligible by length of service for vacation pay will receive checks during the week of December 15, it was announced.

The annual Christmas party for employees' children will be held at 2:00 o'clock December 14 in the Joy Theater. Santa Claus will be on hand and gift bags containing toys, candy, fruits and a variety of other gifts will be distributed to all employees' children 10 years of age and younger.

There will be a brief Christmas program consisting of entertainment for the children.

Approximately 500 persons, including children and parents, are expected to attend.

AT SOUTHERN PINES

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, is in Southern Pines, where he is attending the winter conference of state school superintendents. He will return Thursday afternoon.

ARP Program Set Wednesday

The annual Christmas program at Boyce Memorial ARP church will be given Wednesday evening, December 17, at 7 p. m.

Included in the program will be music by the choirs, treats for the children, and a visit from Santa Claus. The Cherub choir, under direction of Mrs. Franklin Ware, Jr., will sing "Glory to God in the Highest" and "Away In A Manger" and the Carol choir, under direction of Mrs. Kenneth McGill, will sing "Let Us Go To Bethlehem" and "The Friendly Beasts."

Members of the Neil Baird Bible class will distribute the treats. Heading the committee on arrangements for the program are Mrs. N. F. McGill and Mrs. Kenneth McGill.

NO MEETING
Central school P-TA will not hold a regular meeting on Monday but will meet January 19th at 7:30 in the school auditorium. The executive board will meet on January 19th at 3 p. m. at the school.