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PRICE TEN CENTS

Amen Will Speak At Grid Banquet

Local News Bulletins

NO PERMITS
City Inspector J. W. Webster had no requests for building permits during the past week.

STORY HOUR
Story Hour at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library will be resumed on Fridays from 4 to 5 p. m. by the Community Affairs Department of the Woman's club.

FORMAL OPENING
Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, will open formally its newly renovated clubroom at a party Saturday from 5 to 9 p. m.

JOINT MEETING
St. Matthew's young people will entertain the Luther League of Resurrection Church on Sunday evening at 6 p. m.

AA MEETING
Kings Mountain chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will be host to an inter-city meeting to be held at First Presbyterian church Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

KIWANIS
Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, will present a humorous program of "Radio Bloopers" at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting.

LEGION MEETING
Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion Hall.

BARBECUE
West school P-TA will sponsor a barbecue Saturday, December 12th, in the school auditorium.

FIRES
City Fireman C. D. Ware said the department has answered several calls during the past week, one Friday to a grass fire on Childers Street in which no damage was done.

TO CHARLOTTE
Mrs. W. B. Logan is attending an Income Tax school being conducted this week in Charlotte.

BAZAAR
Kings Mountain Garden club will offer for sale Christmas decorations, candles, and other homemade foods and bazaar items at the former Griffin Drug building Saturday, December 12, beginning at 10 a. m.

Five Deacons To Be Installed

Five newly elected deacons of First Presbyterian church will be ordained and installed at services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Lions To Honor Mountaineer Co-Champions

The appearance of an offensively-minded coach and the presentation of two handsome trophies to outstanding Mountaineer football players for 1959 will highlight the Lions Club's annual grid banquet at 7 o'clock Tuesday night at the Woman's Club.

Paul Almen, skipper of the offensively-dazzling Wake Forest Deacons, will be the speaker, continuing the policy of the local Lions bringing a successful college coach to Kings Mountain as speaker for the post-season fete.

Sharing the spotlight with the Deacon coach will be the presentation of two trophies to KM stars.

A Most Valuable Player Award donated by Dr. George Plonk, will be given for the first time to the player adjudged the most valuable to the Mountaineer team which finished in a three-way tie for the title in the South-west Conference this season.

In addition, the Fred Plonk Blocking Award, will be presented again to the player named the best blocker on the team.

Coach John Gamble will announce the selection of the winner of the most outstanding blocker on the team. The trophy is given annually by Fred Plonk, School Board, and an avid sports member of the Kings Mountain fan.

This will be the seventh year. (Continued on Sports Page)

Church Sets Open House

Patterson Grove Baptist church will hold open house in the new church parsonage on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The public is invited to visit the new residence and to meet Rev. Fred Hicks, church pastor, who recently assumed the pastorate of Patterson Grove church.

The parsonage represents an investment of about \$15,000. Majority of the labor and materials were gifts.

Members of the building committee were Edwin Moore, chairman, Melvin Wright, Forrest Ford, J. W. Rayfield and Arthur Lee Patterson.

VFW Poppy Sale On December 11, 12

Annual Veterans of Foreign Wars poppy sale will be conducted Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, it was announced this week by Commander Marion Dixon.

Girl Scouts will sell the poppies in behalf of the VFW.

Yates Harbison Top Blood Donor; Six Citizens Three-Gallon Givers

Yates Harbison, super market manager, is Kings Mountain's champion blood donor.

Mr. Harbison is the lone Kings Mountain area member of the "Four-Gallon Club," meaning that he has given four gallons of blood via the Red Cross Bloodmobile. At one pint per donation, Mr. Harbison has answered "present" at 32 calls of the Bloodmobile.

He said Wednesday he expects to donate another pint Monday when the Bloodmobile returns to set up for operations at Central Methodist church.

Six Kings Mountain citizens aren't far behind Mr. Harbison, holding membership in the "Three-Gallon Club." They are Thomas A. Davidson, another super market manager, two dentists, Dr. D. F. Ford and Dr. O. P. Lewis, J. H. Patterson and Sam Stallings, textile managers, and Troy L. Wright, textile operator.

Another 19 are in the elite "Two-Gallon Club." They are Wayne H. Anderson, Ray W. Cline, Mrs. Thelma L. Dellinger, Winifred Fulton, Robert H. Gantt.

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Riley Jailed; Sessoms, Butler Freed Of Charge

Walter Jackson Riley, 28-year-old Kings Mountain man, was given a six month sentence on a petty larceny charge by Judge C. V. Wolfe in Bessemer City Recorder's Court yesterday.

Riley, along with Benjamin F. Sessoms, Jr., and Wayne Boyce Butler, also of Kings Mountain, was charged Saturday morning by L. E. Smith, Gaston county Negro, of robbing him of about \$30 in cash, his cap, and his glasses.

Sessoms and Butler were acquitted of the crime.

All three men were defended by Bob Gaines, Gastonia attorney. They were arrested by Kings Mountain police Saturday and taken to Gastonia for questioning.

Rural Police Det. Lt. J. R. Harris said Smith told him he went to the home of Guy Butler, near Crowders Mountain, Friday night to buy some liquor.

He said he left and discovered that he had been short changed. He returned, according to the story told to police. There, he said, he was forced into a car by the men, taken away, and robbed of his money, his cap, and his glasses.

Smith was then put out of the car, he said, and left to find a house where he could telephone for transportation.

In testimony during the trial, Riley admitted fault for the incident.

The elder Butler, father of Wayne, was later charged with violation of the prohibition law.

Jaycees Ask Service Award Nominations

Nominations for the Jaycees Young Man of the Year to receive the club's Distinguished Service Award for 1959 are now being taken, according to an announcement Wednesday morning by Robert H. Goforth, chairman of the project.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding young man of the community for leadership and service to the community during the calendar year. The winner need not be a member of the Jaycees to win.

Any young man, 21 through 35 years of age, is eligible for nomination. If the nominee reaches his 36th birthday before December 31 of the year for which the award is given, he becomes eligible if the activities for which he is judged were performed when he was 35.

The judging committee will be composed of distinguished citizens of the community who are now over age 35. Their decision will be based on (1) contributions to the general community welfare during the year; (2) Evidence of leadership ability; (3) Evidence of personal or business progress; (4) 25 points.

All nominations for the award must be in by December 31. Nominations should be mailed to Route 3, Box 416, Kings Mountain.

Sessoms Hearing Set For Friday



HEADS PROJECT - Rev. Thomas Droppers is chairman of the annual Christmas for the needy project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Cheer Project Begins

Rev. Thomas Droppers, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, is serving as chairman of the annual Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas for the needy project.

The annual drive begins this week, as the Jaycees ask citizens to donate foodstuffs and toys for the needy.

Familiarly known as the "Buy A Can, Leave a Can" project, the project includes as participants, in addition to the Jaycees, grocery and toy merchants and the city schools.

Lee Beam's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Henry Lee Beam, 68, Grover farmer and retired merchant, were held Monday at 3 p. m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, interment following in the Grover cemetery.

Mr. Beam died at his home Saturday of a heart attack. A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Michael Luther and Ida Carpenter Beam. He served with the Army in France during World War I, was treasurer of the Grover Masonic Lodge for 18 years, and was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mr. Beam is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lela Westmoreland Beam; three sons, Robert and Harry Beam, both of Grover, Tom Beam of Grover; two daughters, Mrs. Gilmore Richardson of Lenoir and Mrs. Gene Ledford of Lincoln and two sisters, Mrs. James Bell of Kings Mountain and Mrs. A. R. Bookout of Shelby. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, assisted by Rev. Donald Cabanis of Grover, officiated at the final rites.

Mrs. Robertson Rotary Speaker

Mrs. J. K. Robertson of Spartanburg, S. C., will be the guest speaker for the regular meeting Thursday of the Kings Mountain Rotary club. The club convenes at 12 noon at the Country Club.

Mrs. Robertson is in great demand as a luncheon speaker as she does excellent monologues of a humorous nature. She will give two sketches entitled "The Fight Before Christmas" and "Why Consider the Postman" and talk of her other hobbies.

A graduate of Converse college, Mrs. Robertson has been active in Little Theater plays given in Spartanburg. Until his death, Mr. Robertson was a leading druggist in Spartanburg.

GROVER BARBECUE
The Grover Lions club is sponsoring a barbecue all day Saturday in the Grover school cafeteria. Adult plates are \$1 and children plates are 50 cents. Free delivery service in and around Grover is offered.

Girl Killed, Boy Injured In Accident

Ben F. Sessoms, city employee and former city policeman, will face charges of murder and reckless driving lodged against him following the death of nine-year-old Rosa Olivia Black.

Preliminary hearing has been set for Friday morning in Cleveland Recorder's court, Shelby. Mr. Sessoms posted bond of \$1500 following the Thursday morning accident which also injured another Negro child, Edgar Moore, Jr., age 11.

The two children, playing under a cardboard box on an access road to the city dump, were struck by a city garbage truck Sessoms was driving. Mr. Sessoms and two other city employees were enroute with a load of trash to the city dump when the large carton fell from the truck. They told investigating officers they stopped their vehicle, put the box back on the truck and didn't notice it had blown off the truck again until their return trip when they saw it on the left side of the road. Sessoms said he decided to flatten the container by running over it so that it wouldn't blow off again when re-loaded.

The Negro girl and boy were inside the cardboard carton and hidden from view, the three men told Highway Patrolman R. E. Shaney.

Rosa Black was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Black who were visiting from Gaston County with the Moore family on route 1, York road. Young Moore is still a patient at Kings Mountain hospital. Rosa Black's mother, who was hospitalized when she heard of the death of her child, has been discharged from the hospital.

Open House Set In Valley Park

Carolina Building & Development Company, Inc., will hold open house at one of its new homes in Valley Park, Kings Mountain's new residential subdivision, beginning Friday.

The ten-day home-showing will begin Friday morning at 10 o'clock. It will continue through Sunday, December 13. Daily showing hours will be from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. Sunday hours will be from 2 to 6 p. m.

Officers of the building firm are Charles Pope, Jr., president, Donald R. Carpenter, vice-president, and Samuel S. Sherman, secretary-treasurer.

The company expects to build 28 homes on the sub-division property, which was formerly Bridges Airport. Two have been built. The homes already constructed are FHA approved and contain 912 square feet of floor space. They contain 5 1/2 rooms, including three bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and utility room. Other features include ample closet space, built-in kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors, gas heat, built-in ovens and surface units. The grounds have been landscaped. Street on which the homes are located is to be paved at no expense to the purchasers.

Refreshments will be served individuals attending the home-showing and children will receive favors. A prize drawing will be conducted with the winner to receive a high fidelity set.

Bond Election Books Closed

Registration books for the forthcoming county-wide bond election, which will determine whether funds will be provided for an addition to Kings Mountain hospital, closed Saturday.

Registration activity continued night. Mrs. Nell Cranford, East Kings Mountain registrar said she added the names of two citizens to the pollbooks. Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain, registrar, was out-of-town Wednesday.

It was not anticipated that registrations would be great, the poll books having been open in October.

Saturday will be Challenge Day, with the balloting to be conducted on December 12. The \$100,000 bond issue, if approved, would provide the county's share of funds for the 25-bed addition. Remainder would be provided by state and federal government agencies.

Page Men's Shop Formal Opening To Be Thursday

Page's Men's Store will hold its formal opening Thursday.

The new Kings Mountain haberdashery will feature quality merchandise for men, offering many nationally-advertised lines.

The grand opening promotion will feature drawings for 30 prizes at a gross value in excess of \$300, Harry Page, general manager and partner in the new firm announced. Visitors to the store are invited to register for the prizes. No purchases are required and the registrants don't have to be present to win. The drawings will be conducted Saturday, with registrations throughout the weekend.

Page's Men's Store is located in the building at 133 West Mountain street, owned by Dr. D. M. Morrison and recently vacated by McGinnis Department Store.

The building has been extensively renovated. Near-round weather conditioning has been installed, show windows have been modernized, the interior has been repainted and asphalt tile floor installed. Modern fixtures display the merchandise.

Associated with the firm is Joe Lee Woodward, Kings Mountain citizen and recently a salesman for Warren Gardner's, Gastonia.

Mr. Page, Lincolnton native and longtime Kings Mountain citizen, has been employed by Neilsen Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair First Company. A member of First Presbyterian church, Mr. Page is also a Kiwanian.

"We expect to offer top quality apparel for men," Mr. Page commented, "featuring large selections of nationally-advertised merchandise."

Among major items the firm will offer are Mayfield 4-Star and Blue Park suits, Crosby Square and Florsheim shoes, the Van Heusen line of shirts, pajamas and other accessories, Knox and Dunlap hats, Rainfair outerwear, Swank Jewelry, Hickok leather goods and jewelry, and numerous other brand-name lines.

Life-Saving Crew Is Busy

Cleveland County Life Saving and First Aid Crew is a virtually new organization in Kings Mountain which has given countless man hours of volunteer service during its 17 months of operation.

United Fund giving this year will benefit the Life Saving Crew, in addition to eight other participating organizations which will be beneficiaries of the campaign, the first in this community. These include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, Davidson school band, Kings Mountain school band, the Red Cross, special education fund, and the city recreation commission.

In addition to its aid to law enforcement officers in handling traffic during a funeral or wreck, the crew is on call 24 hours daily, seven days a week, for emergency duty, in Kings Mountain and throughout the county. During November, Cleveland County Life Saving Crew answered 24 calls, gave a total of 66 man hours of work and traveled 702 miles. The crew owns a 1960 Chevrolet ambulance, fully equipped, gift from Victory Chevrolet Company.

Corbet H. Nicholson is captain of the life saving and first aid crew which maintains offices at City Hall. Citizens who need the services of this organization may call 254 or 1865, Mr. Nicholson said.

Christmas Shopping Is Underway; Some Firms Open Later Fridays

December 1 traditionally opens the Christmas shopping season here and this year is no exception.

Several merchants report gift-buying already underway and think the Christmas shopping surge will increase in tempo this weekend.

Already, Kings Mountain merchants have trimmed "Christmas" windows and have suspended the mid-week Wednesday half-holiday until after Christmas.

In addition, several firms announced this week they would be open each Friday evening between now and Christmas until 8 p. m. to better accommodate holiday shoppers. Planning to follow this later Friday closing schedule are department stores and variety stores.

All firms said they have good inventories of gift-type goods.

Out-Of-City Water Rates May Hike



IN WHO'S WHO - Bud Mayes, Kings Mountain senior at Appalachian State Teacher's college, was recently elected to membership in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Mr. Mayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayes of Kings Mountain.

Lithium Lays Off 25 Employees

Lay-off of 25 employees was announced by Lithium Corporation of America at its Bessemer City plant this week.

Bruce Thorburn, personnel manager, said the lay-off marks coincides with the completion of the firm's five-year contract with the Atomic Energy commission.

"It's a temporary situation while adjustments are made to meet the demands of the industrial lithium market," Mr. Thorburn commented. He said the reduction approximates 20 percent of the firm's production personnel.

Transfer of all promotion and research facilities of the parent plant in St. Louis Park, Minnesota to Bessemer City, recently announced by the corporation's president, Herbert W. Rogers, is proceeding on schedule, company officials report, and some of the added facilities are expected to be in operation by the end of the year with the balance ready for use early in 1960. The Company expects to resume mining operations before the end of 1960 when present stockpiles are exhausted.

"The expanding industrial use of lithium products plus reactivation of our own mining operations indicates that employment at the Bessemer City plant should be on the increase during the coming year," Mr. Thorburn stated.

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Citation Plan Is Held Legal

It is the opinion of the state attorney-general's office that magistrate's have the power to set bonds for minor infractions where statutory bond requirements are not set specifically by law.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the attorney-general's office had thus informed the city on a query.

The query followed a city commission action in which city police desk sergeants (also magistrates) were instructed to require no bonds in cases where local citizens had been arrested for minor misdemeanors. In such event, the persons arrested merely would receive citations to recorder's court.

Board Studying Other Cities' Outside Rates

The city commission is mulling an idea to increase water rates to customers outside the city limits.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who was asked by the commission to gather information on charges of other North Carolina cities, said Wednesday he would present the information at a forthcoming session of the board.

The report, covering a sampling of North Carolina cities and gathered, in most part by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, shows that a large number of North Carolina cities charge outside city water customers much higher rates than their inside city customers.

The most popular rate differential is 100 percent over inside city rates. Cities which double in-city rates for outside customers include: Asheboro, Kinston, Lexington, Raleigh, Reidsville, Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem and Gastonia.

Burlington increases the in-city rate by 200 percent.

Smaller differentials are charged by Statesville (30 percent), Shelby (about 35 percent) and Goldsboro (50 percent). High Point's differential is 110 percent.

Kings Mountain charges a ten percent differential to outside city water customers. City officials say water service is among its major money-losing services, though close figuring as to how much the loss is hasn't been done.

City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., said, "It's a good guess that income does little more, if that, than pay for operational costs, exclusive of capital investment costs and interest charges."

Yule Club Total Near 400 Mark

Memberships in First National Bank's tenth annual Christmas club, now being organized, neared the 400-mark this week, Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier, said Wednesday.

Mrs. Blanton said numerous joiners were not members of the 1959 club.

The bank hopes to enroll 1,000 persons in the 1960 club and wants to up the aggregate payment of late next November to \$100,000.

The bank paid \$25 members of the 1959 club approximately \$90.000.

Minimum membership is 50 cents per week. Several firms which make available a payroll deduction plan for Christmas club members are expected to join the new club this weekend, Mrs. Blanton said.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain Monday for a one-day visit.

The Bloodmobile will set up at Central Methodist church from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Quota for the call is 125 pints of blood.

Mrs. O. W. Myers, Kings Mountain blood chairman, has pointed out that Kings Mountain is in arrears on its blood donations. Under the Red Cross blood bank "bookkeeping" arrangement, blood used by Kings Mountain area citizens is charged to the Kings Mountain account, just as donations of blood at the quarterly Bloodmobile visits are credited to the account. For the year ending last June 30, Kings Mountain area citizens used more blood than they gave by 102 pints.

Blood is being used increasingly, not only to replace loss of blood during operations or accidents, but for therapeutic treatment in many illnesses.

"Increased use of blood and blood derivatives such as serum albumen," make increased blood giving more imperative, Mrs. Myers commented.

The blood given throughout the area is stored in the Charlotte regional blood bank, where it is available on call to participating chapters. Shipments are made by bus and by special motor convey. In Kings Mountain, the Cleveland County Life-Saving and First Aid crew has made the delivery of emergency blood shipments one of its major services.