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PRICE TEN CENTS

Mohair Leading Talks On Incorporating New Town

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB
Kings Mountain Kiwanians will see the film, 'Bwana Bowman'...

HOSPITALIZED
J. W. Webster, city tax collector, who has been hospitalized at Charlotte Memorial hospital...

ON DEAN'S LIST
Richard S. Lennon, Jr. of Kings Mountain has been named to the Dean's List at Oak Ridge Military Institute...

HAS OPERATION
Mrs. Robert M. Kennedy, Jr., wife of the East school principal, underwent a major eye operation at Charlotte Eye, Ear, and Throat hospital last week...

Mr. Herndon's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Walter Theodore Herndon, 64, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church...

Mr. Herndon, a retired farmer of route two, died in Broughton Memorial hospital at Morganton Sunday night following an illness of several years...

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Randall Herndon; two sons, Charles and David Herndon, both of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Rufus Eiters, Mrs. W. T. Ledford, Mrs. Percy Lynn, and Mrs. Henry Blackwood, all of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Floyd and Frank Herndon of Kings Mountain and George Herndon of Rock Hill, S. C., and five sisters, Mrs. Ralph Dover of Cherryville, Mrs. Horace Dover of Grover, Mrs. Clyde Randall, Mrs. John Yarbro, and Mrs. William Yarbro, all of Kings Mountain. Nine grandchildren also survive.

Rev. Norman Brown, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Camp, officiated at the funeral rites.

Choral Groups To Sing Cantata

First Baptist church choir will sing the Christmas cantata, 'Love Transcending' by John W. Peterson Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The Youth choir will introduce the program with 'There's A Song in the Air' followed by Christmas selections by both choral groups.

Mrs. F. R. McCurdy is directing the cantata and James E. Amos is narrator. Soloists for the musical program will include Mrs. W. B. Logan, Miss Paula Cole, Joe Hord, and Charles Wilson.

Rev. Bomar Raines, pastor, said the community is invited to participate in the service.

Yule Programs Are Planned

The annual Joy Gift musical program at First Presbyterian church will be held on Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

Various choirs of the church will participate in the Christmas program which deals with need of support of retired ministers, their widows and orphans. The Joy Gift offering will be received.

On Friday night at 7 o'clock children of the Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas party. Christmas treats will be distributed and Santa Claus will pay a visit to distribute gifts. A special program has been planned.

Gas Customers Get Reprieve On Rate Hike

City Cost Less Via Compromise With Transco

Kings Mountain natural gas customers got a month's reprieve on a gas rate increase Tuesday night, as the city board of commissioners voted to accept a compromise offer of its supplier which provides for a smaller rate increase.

Engineer Joe Register, of Greenwood, S. C., said the compromise would mean that the city's gas bill from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation would cost about \$5,000 per year versus the \$7,800 anticipated from the new rates made effective November 18.

Transco increased the rates without the approval of the Federal Power Commission, meantime putting funds in escrow to provide for refund of the added charge should the rate schedule not be approved, in whole or part.

The FPC is noted for acting slowly on contested rate cases and the compromise will enable Transco to get its rate increase and to eliminate its escrow deposits more quickly.

Last Thursday the city had ordered a six percent across-the-board increase in all gas rate schedules, effective with December billings. By that action, the city declined to accept Engineer Register's recommended new schedule.

Tuesday night, Engineer Register was authorized to formulate a rate schedule which would increase the city's gas revenue about \$5,000. He said he would base his new recommendation on an "average" year. A cold winter would return more than \$5,000, while a mild winter would return something less.

The Tuesday night session lasted two hours as the commissioners discussed percentage increase by Transco, increase by cents per thousand cubic feet, plus the three factors determining the city's cost of gas which are: demand charge, commodity charge, and "ratchet" charge.

Comm. Ben H. Bridges, who last week had led the movement for an across-the-board increase in rates on the contention such a rate increase was fairest to all customers, again supported this contention.

However, Engineer Register defended his original recommendation as correct from all standpoints.

Finally, to Ben Bridges' question, he acknowledged that the original rate schedule might have been a little out of kilter. He noted particularly that the residential rate schedules did not encourage the use of gas for

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Water Rates Raised Quarter; Outside Boost Is 50 Percent

NEW CITY WATER RATES Effective January 1, 1960, Billings

Table with 3 columns: Gals., New Rate, Old Rate. Rows include Up to 3M (min.), Next 37M @, Next 25M @, Next 50M @, Next 100M @, Next 285M @, Next 500M @, Next 1000M @, Over 2000M @.

New rate schedule adds 50 percent to inside-city rate for outside-city customer. Old rate added ten percent.

Kiwanis Club Sets Turkey Shoot

Kings Mountain Kiwanians have scheduled a turkey shoot for Saturday, December 19th, and the interested public is invited to participate.

Proceeds from the event will go into a fund to provide a new school bus for the city school system, President John Smathers said in making the announcement.

The turkey shoot will be held at 2 p. m. at the Davidson Boy Scout Camp on York road.

Park Yarn Wins Safety Award

A certificate of merit for safety was awarded Park Yarn Mills Company recently in honor of the company's completion of 500,000 man hours of work without last time accident.

The certificate was made by the company's insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

Otis Wise, of the Liberty Mutual, made the presentation at the monthly meeting of the Park Yarn safety committee at a dinner session at La Royale Restaurant.

The record was established in the period July 25, 1958, to October 10, 1959.

Members of the safety committee are J. C. Smathers, manager, Otis H. Hankins, superintendent, and the firm's overseers and supervisors.

Shorter Yule Holiday For Textiles; Several Firms Are Paying Bonuses

Textile Christmas vacation schedules will be shorter this year, reflecting good business in the industry.

A survey of Kings Mountain firms on Wednesday also revealed that several firms will pay gift bonuses.

Meantime, school children were looking forward to Friday and the beginning of Christmas vacations. City and Park Gace pupils were looking forward to a two-week surcease from books. Pupils in county schools other than Park Gace were looking forward to a ten-day respite from books. County schools, like city schools, will close Friday and will resume operations on Thursday, December 31.

Following are industry holiday schedules: Mauney Mills, Inc. will close Saturday morning at 6 a. m., resuming operations December 28. The firm will pay bonuses on a percentage of annual earnings basis, with four percent to employees of five years or more, two percent to all other employees.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries will close at the end of the second shift December 23 and will resume work at the beginning of the third shift on December 28. Employees eligible by length of service for vacation pay will receive checks this week, Supt. W. B. Grimes announced.

Sadie Cotton Mills, Inc. will

operate through Tuesday, resuming on December 28. Bonuses will be paid on a percentage of annual basis.

Foot Mineral Company will suspend operations on Christmas Eve at 3 p. m., resuming at 3 p. m. on December 26. A bonus will be paid, Manager Neil Johnson said.

Mauney Hosiery Company will suspend operations Friday at noon and will hold a Christmas party for employees at the American Legion building Friday afternoon. Decision on a Christmas bonus had not been reached Wednesday. Turkeys and hams are to be given employees. The firm will resume work December 28.

Mrs. Patrick's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Nell Brown Patrick, 82, were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church, of which Mrs. Patrick was a member.

Mrs. Patrick died Sunday night in Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of three months. A native of Mecklenburg county, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James William Brown. She was the widow of Dr. John C. Patrick.

Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews including Mrs. Hayne Blackmer and James O'Farrell, both of Kings Mountain, and Miss Kathleen O'Farrell of Washington, D. C.

Students Plan Yule Pageant

The annual Christmas program by the high school Bible club, Girls Chorus, and Band will be held Thursday night at 7:45 in Central school auditorium.

Numbers by the high school band will include: Jingle Bells arranged by Hal Leonard; Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach; Ades Fideles by Morton Gould; Parade of the Wooden Soldiers by Leon Jessel and Christmas Carols.

The Girls Chorus will sing: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, setting by Ken Darby; The Birthday of a King by Neidinger; Angel Voices Ever Singing; Old French Tune; In Bethlehem's Lowly Manger by Frances Williams; and Beth'lem Lay a Sleeping, Polly Carol.

Participating in 'The Story of Christmas,' a pageant to be presented by the Bible club, are: Ronnie Tignor as the reader; Aundria Small as the prophet; Jewell Cooper as Mary; Carol Bridges as the angel; Delores White as Elizabeth; Bill Foster as Joseph; Don McCabe, Clyde Carpenter, Jimmy White, Gene Yates, and Eddie Sipes as the shepherds; and Don Champion, Charles Herndon and Ray Hastings as the wise men.

The pageant is under the direction of Miss Easterling, the Bible teacher. Charles A. Ballance is band and choral director.

Jaycees To Sell Christmas Trees

Kings Mountain Jaycees are again sponsoring the sale of Christmas trees and they are available at all sizes and price levels.

The sale of trees is an annual project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The shipment of trees arrived from Canada this week and are on display at the vacant lot adjacent to McGinnis' Department Store.

Jaycees will be on hand to help buyers with their selections until 9 p. m. each evening.

New Rates Made Retroactive Mid-November

The city board of commissioners upped its water rate schedules to in-city customers 25 percent across the board at a meeting last week. Outside-city water rates were increased 50 percent over the new in-city rate.

The increased rates are effective with billings customers will receive January 1. In effect, the rates were increased retroactively to mid-November.

Comm. Ross Alexander was the lone dissenter on the in-city rate increase, which was approved by 4 to 1 vote.

He made the motion for the outside-city rate increase, in an action passed unanimously.

The commission also increased by unanimous vote the fee for water taps. Water taps inside the city limits will henceforth cost \$60, against the previous charge of \$40, while outside city tap fees will be \$75, against the former charge of \$60.

Superintendent of Public Works Grady Yelton had told the commission cost of materials for a water tap is \$63.04, exclusive of labor.

In the discussion on water rates, Comm. Ben H. Bridges noted that estimate by City Clerk Joe McDaniel that the water and sewer operations of the city showed a loss of about \$27,000 annually did not include expenditures for capital improvements (laying of lines, etc.) paid out of current receipts. Mr. McDaniel's figures had included operational costs and capital improvements via bond issues. (Both agreed the figure would vary annually. Mr. McDaniel later said \$5,000 had been spent for this purpose out of current funds from July through September.)

In other action the board:

1) Voted to retain Washington National Insurance Company as its carrier of hospitalization insurance, in spite of a rate boost.

2) Named City Clerk Joe McDaniel assistant tax collector due to the illness of Tax Collector J. W. Webster.

3) Declined a request of Ray D. Lane to use the city garbage dump for refuse dumping.

4) Agreed to sell pulpwood at the city reservoir areas to Charles E. Campbell at \$5 per cord on the stump. The Mayor was instructed to assign Freeland Tidwell as checker.

ONE FIRE

City firemen answered a call Wednesday morning to douse an automobile blaze. The call came at 12:40 a. m. The car, a 1955 Ford, belonged to Barbara Goins and sprang from a short circuit in the ignition system. Fireman C. D. Ware said no damage, other than to the wiring was reported.

Hospital Officials Hope To Ask Bids By March; Bonds Favored

Kings Mountain hospital hopes to be able to invite bids on a 25-foot addition about March 1, as a result of the county's approval of a \$100,000 bond issue in Saturday's election.

Business Manager Grady Howard said architects' plans for the addition are already completed in part.

He also said that he and George W. Mauney, hospital president, will go to Raleigh Thursday to confer with State Medical Care commission officials on the project. The state body has already indicated approval of the project if the county's share of funds—about 32 percent—was assured. Remainder of the cost of the estimated \$275,000 project will be borne by the state and federal agencies.

Bethware Club Annual Banquet Monday Night

L. M. Bauknight, Professor of Agriculture (economics and rural sociology) at Clemson College will be featured as speaker at the annual Bethware Progressive Club Christmas banquet Monday at 7:00 p. m. in the Bethware School cafeteria.

The program will be the installation of new officers and directors of the club. To be installed are Dale Volbracht, president; Harold Hord, vice-president; Stokes Wright, secretary; Bill McDaniel, treasurer; and Buford Ware, assistant treasurer.

New directors to take office are Tom Hamrick, Eugene Hoyle, and Frank Hamrick.

Cameron Ware is past-president of the organization.

Members, their wives, and guests will attend the banquet which is being prepared by Mrs. Paul McGinnis.

Baptist Choirs To Sing Cantata

Choirs of Kings Mountain Baptist church will sing the Christmas cantata, 'Chimes of the Holy Night,' Sunday in a candlelight program at 5:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. C. Bridges is organizer and director of the program which is open to the community.

Choral numbers will include: 'Christmas Bells Are Ringing,' 'How Beautiful Upon the Mountains,' 'But, Thou Bethlehem,' 'Earth's Weary Waiting Done,' 'In the Watches of the Night,' 'Good Tidings,' 'Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem,' 'Jesus Our Lord,' 'Break Forth Into Joy,' 'The Star In The Eastern Sky,' 'The Lord Is Born Today.' Solo parts will be sung by Mrs. Marion Dixon, Mrs. R. G. Franklin, Mrs. Harold Crawford, Mrs. Harold Coggins, Mrs. Eugene McCarter and Gene Austin.

Other members of the choir are: Miss Fannie Carpenter, Miss Frances Edens, Miss Naomi Edens, Miss Bonnie McIntosh, Miss Annie Roberts, Mrs. Jack White, soprano; Mrs. Odell Benton, Mrs. D. F. Hord, Miss Sara Houser, Mrs. Jimmy Willis, and Mrs. George Womack, altos; J. C. Bridges, Marion Dixon, Marion DuBose, Louise Falls, D. F. Hard and Clavon Kelly, men's voices; Rhonda Deese, Elaine Dixon, Mary Jo Hord, Jo Bridges, Larry Logan, Jimmy Louis, Susan Littlejohn Sherry McDaniel, Linda Roberts, Linda Stowe and Beverly Willis, junior choir.

Clubwomen Say Beautify Homes

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Pastors Elect J. W. Phillips

Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, was elected this week president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for the coming year.

Mr. Phillips succeeds Rev. W. C. Sides, pastor of Grace Methodist church.

Other officers elected were Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, vice-president, and Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, secretary.

Rev. Herbert Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church, was named chairman of the Ministerial association radio committee.

ARP Choirs To Sing Sunday

A Christmas service in scripture and song, 'Jesus the Light of the World,' will be given at Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church Sunday at 5 p. m. by the Chancel and Youth choirs.

Part I, 'The Promise of the Light' will feature a hymn by the congregation, anthem by the youth choir and a solo by Mrs. W. L. Pressly. Part II, 'The Coming of the Light' will include two special numbers. 'The Shepherds' Vision' will be sung by Mrs. E. W. Neal and the two choirs will join in singing 'Good Will to Men.' Part III, 'The Spreading of the Light' will feature a woman's chorus, 'Holy Night, Peaceful Night' and several selections by the chorus.

Appropriate scriptural selections will precede each part of the program and the congregation will unite with the choirs in the singing of several Christmas carols. Dr. Pressly will lead the congregational responsive reading and have the prayer of dedication. Miss Elizabeth Anthony will act as reader and special organ and piano numbers will be played by Mrs. N. F. McGill, organist, and Mrs. Garrison Goforth, pianist.

Members of the Chancel choir are: Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Mrs. J. L. McGill, Mrs. E. W. Neal, Mrs. W. L. Pressly—solos; Paul Fulton, Ben H. Goforth, Jr., Menzell Phifer, Wendell Phifer, Jr., James Allen Pressly, basses, and Mrs. I. G. Patterson, Mrs. Gene Steffy and Mrs. Franklin Ware, altos. Mrs. N. F. McGill is the director and organist.

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Industry Fears Kings Mountain Annexation

Discussions have taken place among outside-city industries adjacent to Kings Mountain on possibility of forming a municipal corporation—an effort to block possible annexation moves by the city of Kings Mountain.

Al Maino, general manager of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division, confirmed the fact of the discussions Wednesday and commented, 'The Margrace plant, at the moment, is the primary party interested and none other has expressed any definite opinion.'

He added, 'We're considering it whether the Margrace community is the only party or not.'

The Mohair firm, jolted last week by a city water rate increase which, Mr. Maino said, would cost his firm \$10,000 per year on basis of present consumption, does not anticipate with pleasure the possibility of having its properties within the city limits nor the concurrent additional ad valorem tax bill which would accrue.

Several weeks ago, the city heard a report from Mayor Glee A. Bridges concerning new legislation empowering a community to annex outside areas without a vote of the people concerned. According to the legislation, a city is required to furnish the outside areas all city services within a period of 24 months after annexation. Money or borrowing authority to provide these services would have to be in hand before the annexation could take place.

No firm estimates on cost of these services have been made, though an engineering firm guessed its fee for the required preliminary engineering survey would be about \$15,000.

Mr. Maino guessed that provision of these services would require about \$3,000,000 in capital outlay and he said a 20-year bond issue for this amount would require an average of about \$300,000 annually in interest.

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Two-Day Respite For Retailers

Majority of retail firms will take a two-day holiday for Christmas.

It means that retail employees will get a three-day respite after the Christmas rush before returning to work on December 28.

Kings Mountain Merchants association directors re-discussed the question of closing Saturday, December 26, at a Tuesday afternoon meeting and re-iterated their previous decision in favor of a two-day closing on both Christmas Day and the day following.

Some retailers had indicated they would like to be open for business on the day following Christmas, but a Herald check Wednesday indicated that almost all will abide by the association policy.

Meantime, the merchants are gearing for the final busy week prior to Christmas. Though business, generally has been brisk, the merchants expect it to reach top pitch beginning this weekend.

Most retail firms will be open Friday night until 8 p. m. to accommodate holiday shoppers. They will close at regular hours on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, but will be open until 8 p. m. again on December 23. No set closing hour was set for Christmas Eve.

Next Week's Herald Early By One Day

The Herald will publish its Christmas week edition one day early.

The edition will go to press on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, will be on newsstands that evening, and will reach mail subscribers Wednesday morning.

Deadlines will advance by one day. Those for next week will be: Advertising, 2 p. m. Monday; social news, 10 a. m. Tuesday; other news, 2 p. m. Tuesday.

Merchants customarily use this edition to convey Christmas greetings to their friends and patrons. Next week's edition will also include advertising of last-minute shopping bargains and suggestions, along with the Herald's customary full coverage of local news, social and sports events.

TO RALEIGH

Mrs. W. B. Logan is in Raleigh this week attending courses in federal and state taxation at North Carolina State College. She also attended similar courses of instruction held in Charlotte.