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Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS
City officials issued two building permits Monday. J. Wilson Crawford was issued a permit to build a \$21,400, seven-room house at 914 Sherwood and Frank Sisk received a permit to build a carport at his King Street residence.

COURT CHANGE
Weekly sessions of City Recorder's Court will be held on Thursday for the next two weeks. Dates for the sessions are Thursdays, December 20 and 27.

IN RALEIGH
Mrs. W. B. Logan left Tuesday for Raleigh where she will attend a course of instruction in federal, state, and social security tax law changes underway this week and next at N. C. State college. In Raleigh Mrs. Logan will be house-guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eskridge. Mrs. Eskridge is the former Louise Gladden.

CHICKEN SUPPER
VFW Post 9811 will hold a chicken supper in the post hall for all members Saturday, December 15, from 7 to 9 p.m.

KIWANIS CLUB
The Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus will present a Christmas program for members of the Kiwanis club at their regular Thursday night meeting at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

DEACONS
Paul Mauney, Charles Neisler, Herman Campbell and W. C. Ballew were installed as deacons of First Presbyterian church in special services Sunday morning.

MEETING TUESDAY
The Christian Family Movement will hold a regular meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Davison on Henry street.

4-H MEETING
There will be an organizational meeting for a Grover area community 4-H club at Grover school Monday night at 7:30.

CHURCH SERVICE
The candlelight service, "Coming of the Great Light" will be presented Sunday night at 7 o'clock at Penley's Chapel Methodist church. Rev. W. L. Huffstetler, pastor, said the interested public is invited.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
The Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, will present a Christmas program at Bethware school Monday night at 7:30 as a feature of the Bethware P-TA meeting.

ARP PROGRAM
The Children's Christmas program and Christmas tree at Boyce Memorial ARP church will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. Treats will be distributed by Santa Claus.

YOUTH SUPPER
Following the Vesper service Sunday at 5 p.m. at Boyce Memorial ARP church, members of the Macie Stevenson circle will serve a light supper to the children and young people of the church.

WHITE GIFTS SUNDAY
Traditional white gifts Sunday will be observed by Resurrection Lutheran Sunday school at a service Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Members will be bringing gifts for residents of the church's homes for the elderly, chairman.

CAKE SALE
Ladies of Christ the King Catholic church will sell homemade cakes Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. in Phifer Hardware company.

Yule Music Program At First Baptist
The graded choirs and kindergarten of First Baptist Church will present an evening of Christmas music Sunday night at 7:30.

Selections from the choirs of the church including Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Men's Chorus and Adult choir will be featured. A section of the program will be devoted to the children of the kindergarten.

The cantata "Lo! A Star" will be given by the Junior choir.

The service will be climaxed by the combined choirs singing the Ringwald arrangement of "O Holy Night".



AWARDED MEDALS — First Sergeant Charles E. Wilson, left, and Staff Sergeant Bobby G. Carrigan, right, receive armed forces reserve medals from First Lieutenant David Kincaid, Kings Mountain Guard company commander, for honorable and satisfactory service as members of the reserve component of the armed forces of the United States. Sgt. Wilson has 17 years of service and Sgt. Carrigan ten years. Also awarded the medal, with 13 years service, was Master Sergeant William M. Clack, who was not present when the picture was taken. (Photo by Truett Moore)

S & L Dividend Hike Considered

Quarter Percent Increase Set By Gaston Firm

Kings Mountain's two savings and loan association boards of directors will consider within the next few days increasing the current four percent dividend rate.

A Gastonia savings and loan association announced this week it is increasing, effective January 1, its regular dividend payment to 4 1/2 percent.

Local savings and loan officials said they understood another Gastonia association is planning to follow suit.

Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association, said his firm will consider action at a board meeting on Tuesday. He didn't predict what action will be taken, though he acknowledged the fact his firm has a branch office at Bessemer City in Gaston county would be a factor in the deliberations. Increase of one quarter of one percent would mean an increase of about \$20,000 annually to shareholders, Mr. Tate estimated.

He also said officials of several Shelby associations are opposed to increasing the dividend rate.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, said his firm would consider action within the ensuing ten days.

He noted tax law changes effective January 1 will mean savings and loan associations will become federal income taxpayers in 1963. While savings and loan association earnings over (Continued On Page Eight)

High School Building Major Item On Monday's School Board Agenda
The new high school plant will be the chief item on the agenda of Monday night's regular board of education meeting, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday. Supt. Barnes said he anticipates the board likely will designate location of the building on the Phifer Road site selected last summer and for which deeds were received recently. Architects have said they can't proceed with plans and specifications until this decision is made. The most recent sketch of physical plant layout, under date of Oct 20, envisions the high school plant at a central location on the site with extension of Fulton road across Phifer leading to the virtual center of the proposed building. Should the building not be located in this area, the next most likely location is to the north. A proposed road run-

City "White Way" Action Expected

Funeral Is Held For Sam O. Davis

Kings Mountain Businessman Dies Suddenly
Funeral rites for Sam O. Davis, 58, Kings Mountain businessman, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Central Methodist church. Mr. Davis succumbed at 4:30 Monday afternoon at Cleveland Memorial hospital, Shelby, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage that morning while walking on a Shelby street. He aroused only once, to say, "Please call Dr. Hendricks." (Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, the Kings Mountain physician, was his physician, close friend and next-door neighbor.) Friends report Mr. Davis, though in apparent good health, had not been feeling well for several days prior to his death. Owner of Davis Sheet Metal & Furnace Company, Mr. Davis had been a Kings Mountain business since the end of World War II. A Gaston county native, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Neal Davis. He was a member of Central Methodist church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Josephine Moore Davis, a daughter, Susan Davis, student of Appalachian State Teachers college, a brother, William Neal Davis, of Gastonia, and three sisters, Mrs. G. N. Henson, and Mrs. Evans Glenn, both of Gastonia, and Mrs. Ed McCurry, of Shelby. His stepmother, Mrs. W. N. Davis, of Charlotte, also survives. The final rites were conducted by Rev. H. D. Garmon, the pastor, and Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., of Charlotte, a former pastor. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Nephews of Mr. Davis were active pallbearers.



FOREMAN — C. V. Birmingham, Jr. of Gastonia has been promoted by Southern Bell to plant manager of the Kings Mountain operation.

Mayor Favors New Registration

Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday he favors a new registration of Kings Mountain citizens prior to the biennial May elections.

Mayor Dixon said he could not predict whether the board of commissioners, which statutorily also serves as the city elections board, would order a new registration, but added, "I favor it." He said he understood that one reason a new registration was not ordered in 1961 was proximity of an area school election, which the prior administration felt might confuse the citizens.

The city's pollbooks have been used since 1939 when the ward system was created. The pollbooks are in bad physical condition and registrars acknowledge many names are listed who are no longer Kings Mountain citizens.

Lewis McGinnis' Rites Thursday

Lewis E. McGinnis, 36, of route 2, died at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby following an illness of several weeks. Funeral rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Allen Memorial Baptist church. Rev. Wray Barrett and Rev. George Leigh will officiate and interment will be in the church cemetery.

A Kings Mountain native, Mr. McGinnis was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McGinnis. He was an employee of the N. C. State Highway Commission. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Sue Leonhardt McGinnis; one son, Kenneth McGinnis; two step-sons, Terry and Jerry Marlowe; one step-daughter, Mrs. Wanda Kay Blanton, all of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are six brothers, Clyde, Boyce and Willie McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain, J. C. McGinnis of Dallas, Leroy McGinnis of Taylorsville and Charles McGinnis of Statesville; and three sisters, Miss Mandy McGinnis of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Robert Bell of Taylorsville and Mrs. Frank Hedgepath of Lincolnton.

Superior Wins Safety Award

RALEIGH, N. C. — Nineteen Superior Stone Company quarries have been cited for their perfect safety records in 1961 by the U. S. Bureau of Mines and the National Crushed Stone Association, the association has announced. The Superior quarries are among 101 mines and quarries throughout the nation that operated in 1961 without a disabling work injury. In 1960, 16 Superior quarries achieved perfect safety records. Quarries and mines were grouped in the safety contest according to the total number of man-hours worked during 1961. One Superior Stone Co. quarry won a group title and two were runner-ups to top awards. Superior's winner was Dan Quarry at Martinez, Ga., which completed in the 50,000 to 100,000 man-hours worked class. The quarry worked 97,040 man-hours without an injury.

McGinnis Observes His 93rd Birthday

Henry W. McGinnis, retired Kings Mountain shoe repairman observed his 93rd birthday December 8. Mr. McGinnis celebrated the day quietly, attended St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday morning, as is his long-standing custom.

Commission May Launch Replacement

Indications are the city board of commissioners may take the first step in modernizing the business district "white way" at its Thursday night meeting.

Specifically, the board is expected to invite bids on ten outdoor lighting units to replace the present lights on S. Railroad avenue, from Gold to Mountain, and on S. Battleground from Gold to Mountain.

Mayo Kelly Dixon said he considers action Thursday night as "likely" and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said inquiries of commissioners also indicated likely affirmative action.

Cost is expected to be in the range of \$4,000, and Mr. McDaniel has informed board members that this amount is available in unbudgeted funds.

Merchants association and Chamber of Commerce officials have asked the commission to make a start on "white way" re-vamping in what these groups envision as a gradual program of outdoor lighting improvement.

The present "white way" has been in use more than 30 years. Another major item on Thursday is also expected to authorize contract for manufacture of switchgear equipment, first step in rebuilding the city's electrical distribution system. Bids were received in November.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing on a request of Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Sr., for rezoning of property at Alexander and Walker streets from residential to business designation.

The board is expected to name Mayor Dixon as city tax collector, and will consider several requests for street lights.

Bids have been invited on a boiler to replace the one at City Hall.

Randall Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral rites for Charlie Marshall Randall, 56, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Randall died Sunday morning of a heart attack. A native of Gaston county, he was the son of Mrs. Betty Mitcham Randall and the late Dock Franklin Randall of Kings Mountain. He was a section foreman for Mauney Mills over 30 years and a member of St. Matthew's church.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding officiated at the final rites. Besides his mother, Mr. Randall is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cleo Condy Randall.

Central Methodist Clearing House For Christmas Giving To Indigent

Santa Claus' helpers again this Christmas will include many individuals, churches and civic organizations who will collaborate in spreading Christmas cheer to the underprivileged.

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is heading the effort and has designated Central Methodist churches clearing house, Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor and outgoing president of the minister's group, said his office will: 1) receive any calls and lists of needy persons from churches, circles, civic groups; and individuals; 2) will in turn furnish names of needy to the different groups who want to help.

"If you've already decided who you're going to help, let our office know," Mr. Garmon said. Miss Joyce Biser, church secretary, will be in the office to receive calls from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The Ministerial Association has already placed food containers in 16 area grocery stores with the belief, Rev. C. R. Goodson, chairman, said, that "citizens will want to share with others and buy a can and leave a can." Boxes have been placed in the A&P, Harris-Teeter Super Market, Glass Grocery, Gault's, Pauline Store, Community Grocery, Roberts Grocery, Parkdale Mill Store, Ellison's Grocery, Sanders Grocery, Muray's East Side Grocery, E&B Food Store, Winn-Dixie Store, Batchler Grocery, and Linwood Road Grocery. Telephone Mr. Goodson, 739-3215, if you have canned goods or other items to donate.

Christmas festivities at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will begin Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 5 p. m. with the White Christmas Service. There will be a program given by the children and a colored film about Christmas. Gifts will be received for Homes For Aged and Children's Homes and for local charity.

After this service, there will be a Christmas party for all adults and children of St. Matthew's. Following the party, youth of the church will go caroling. All morning services from St. Matthew's this month are being broadcast Sundays at 11 a. m. by Station WKMT.

Gridders Honored At Lions Banquet



PRESIDENT — Rev. Marion DuBose has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association at Monday's meeting. He will succeed Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church.

Goodson, Hope And Cheshire Trophy Winners

Three linemen, two tackles and an end, are the 1962 additions to the growing Mountaineers' football honor roll.

Tackles James Hope and Lynn Cheshire and End Charles Goodson joined the roll of winners of the coveted trophies at the annual Lions Club football banquet held Tuesday night at the Woman's Club.

Hope was selected by his coaches as the winner of the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy, awarded for the tenth consecutive year.

Goodson was named the team's most valuable player and became the fourth recipient of the George Plonk Most Valuable Player Trophy.

Cheshire was tapped as the first honoree of the John Gamble Scholastic Trophy.

The Gamble award, made for the first time this year, is presented by friends of former Mountaineer coach John Gamble and is to be awarded each year to the football player maintaining the highest scholastic average during the grid season.

The three trophy winners shared honor billing for the annual grid affair with Duke coach and football hall of fame Clarence "Ace" Parker who delivered the address to the Mountaineer gridders, coaches, Lions and guests.

Mountaineer football coach Bill Bates made the presentation of the Plonk and Gamble trophies in behalf of the donors.

Dr. George Plonk presented the MVP trophy to Goodson.

The awards to Goodson and Hope climaxed a post-season list of honors for both players.

Hope was named a member of the All-Southwest Conference team and was one of the outstanding linemen in the Lions Bowl game at Forest City Thanksgiving Day.

Goodson, also an All-Southwest pick, was named a lineman of the week in the area by the Gastonia and last week at the annual Gazette grid banquet was designated AAA Lineman-of-the-Year for this area.

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Kings Mountain's Army National Guard unit, Company D, 105th Engineer Battalion headed the list of 16 North Carolina units in notification of results of annual general inspections, as published by the state Adjutant-General's Department.

All North Carolina's 16 units made a rating of "superior." Eighty-eight other units made grades under "superior."

The annual general inspections are conducted by regular army personnel from Third Army headquarters, Fort Monmouth, N. J. A drive is underway for the enlistment of new members of the National Guard. High School students facing active duty in the near future are requested to contact First Sergeant Charles E. Wilson for information pertaining to fulfilling military obligations facing them in the near future. Prior service personnel may also get information pertaining to the enlistment in the National Guard at the rank which they held on active duty.

Home-For-Aged Talks Deferred

Ministerial association discussion of a home for the aged was deferred until the January meeting due to a crowded agenda, President H. D. Garmon said this week. Rev. George T. Moore, who with Mayor Kelly Dixon, has expressed particular interest in the project, said efforts would be made during the ensuing month to obtain all possible details concerning the erection and operation of an area home. Mayor Dixon said Wednesday that he had received considerable interested comment from numerous citizens.