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City Limits 8,008

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Seventy-Third Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Local News Bulletins

RADIO SERVICE
The Sunday morning service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be broadcast over WKMT at 11 o'clock.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$229.65, including \$154.45 from on-street meters.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
The annual Christmas Eve candlelight communion service will be held Monday, December 24, at 11 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

COLLEGE STUDENT DAY
The entire 11 a.m. service December 30 at First Presbyterian Church will be conducted by college and professional students.

NO PERMITS
No building permits were issued by city officials during the past week.

MOOSE PARTY
The annual Children of the Moose Christmas Party will be held by Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 Sunday afternoon, December 23, at the Moose home.

IN STUDENT UNION
Miss Mary Delores White, Kings Mountain student at ASTC, is among six Cleveland County students active in the Baptist Student Union at Boone's First Baptist church.

REGISTERED ANGUS BOUGHT
Archdale Farms, Kings Mountain, recently purchased an Aberdeen Angus bull from Caroland Angus Farms, Landrum, South Carolina.

LIONS MEET FRIDAY
Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will meet Friday evening at 7 p.m. at B & B Food Stores for distribution of Christmas gifts to the indigent blind.

Episcopalians Set Yule Rites

Christmas Day will be the high point of the Season's observance at Trinity Episcopal Church, Phifer Road. The celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child will take place with the Holy Communion Service at 10 a. m.

In advance of this celebration, Sunday's Service will mark the fourth and last Sunday in the Season of Advent. The preparation for the coming of the world's King and Saviour will end with the theme of St. John the Baptist's preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

Sunday evening at 5:30 the young people of the Church will sing Christmas carols in the neighborhood, this second annual neighborhood Christmas carol sing.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 there will be a special Evening Prayer Service of Scripture readings and prayers. The story of Jesus' birth in the first chapter of St. Matthew will be read. Christmas music will be sung for the first time in the Church, and this will mark the end of the preparation Season of Advent. Evening Prayer will look forward to the Communion of the next day which will be the beginning of the twelve-day Christmas observance made known again by the popular song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

At the service on Christmas Day, Scripture readings will include the section from the Prophet Isaiah: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." From the New Testament will be read the statement in the first chapter of Hebrews about (Continued On Page Eight)

Next Herald Issue To Appear Sunday

The Herald will advance its next issue to appear on Sunday evening under date of December 24.

The traditional pre-Christmas Herald will include special Christmas feature material, up-to-the-minute news happenings, Christmas greetings from business firms and regular advertising content.

Advertising deadline will be Saturday at 4 p. m., society news deadline Sunday at noon. The December 24 edition will replace the regular December edition.



EAGLE SCOUT — George H. Mauney, Jr., was awarded the badge of an Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest award, at last Thursday's Court of Honor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mauney, Sr.

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Age 14, he is an eighth grade student at Bethware school, and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mauney, Sr. His father, too, is an Eagle Scout, having been a member of the same troop when it was designated as Kings Mountain's Troop 2.

Qualifying for Star rank at the recent Court of Honor were Ned Bridges, Pat Cheshire, Eddie White, and Douglas Sessoms.

Earning First Class rank were Keith Hullender, Tom Blanton, and David Lettwich.

Earning Second Class rank were Stanley Laughter, Mike Boheler, James Dubose, Robert Hullender, and Lynn Bennett.

Qualifying for Tenderfoot rank were Harold Lingerfelt, Steve Bell, Tommy Tindall, Steve Crosby, Gary Cooke, Ronnie Miller, Billy Johnson and Floyd Sanders.

These merit badges were awarded: Animal, Husbandry — Peter Hauser and Jim Pressley. Art — Alex Moore and Paul Dunn.

Bookbinding — Philip Bunch. Camping — Kenny Plonk. Citizenship in the Nation — Jimmy Hope.

Citizenship in the Home — Wayne Mullinax, Morris Timms, John Melton, Peter Hauser.

Cooking — Clark Mauney and Larry Adams. Electricity — Jerry Patrick. Fingerprinting — Ronnie Timms.

Firemanship — Rocky Haynes and Brad Bush. First Aid — Michael Brown, Ronnie Davis and Keith Carroll.

Fishing — Gene Putnam and Oliver Grant. Home Repairs — Larry Wood and Mike Sanders.

Music — Clark Mauney. Nature — Keith Carroll. Public Health — Charles Sparks.

Public Speaking — Richard Etheridge, Scott Kelly, Eddie White, Eugene Wayne White, Ray White and Oliver Grant.

Reading — Wendell Bunch, Jimmy Eaker. Safety — Michael Brown. Scholarship — Vic Laugheridge, Douglas Sessoms, Eddie White, Terry Spencer, Keith Hullender.

Stamp Collecting — Ronnie Timms. Swimming — Doyt Phifer. Woodcarving — Danny Wilson.

Many Citizens Anticipating Long Holidays

Court Is Asked To Seat Putnam

JP Candidate Brings Action Against Board

Elzie Lee Putnam, GOP candidate for Number 4 Township Justice of the peace, filed action in Cleveland Superior court Tuesday seeking a judicial order to require his certification by the county board of elections.

The action follows notification by the State Board of Elections that the state board does not regard itself as having jurisdiction in the case and suggesting that Mr. Putnam's relief, if any, is in the courts.

Secretary Raymond Maxwell wrote County Republican chairman Pierce Cassidy that the state board had considered the seating request on December 4.

The action stems from the county board's declaration to certify Mr. Putnam following the November 6 general election, in which he and J. Lee Roberts, Democrat, were the only two candidates.

Plaintiff Putnam, in his complaint, and Chairman Cassidy, in his letter to the state elections board, base their case on General Statutes 7-113, which, they contend, provides for the election of one to 12 justices of the peace in Number 4 Township.

Specifically, Mr. Putnam seeks a writ of mandamus against the county elections board to require his certification.

In the election, Mr. Roberts, who was certified, won 1073 votes while Mr. Putnam was accorded 851 votes.

Secretary Maxwell had previously offered the opinion that the candidates were opposing each other as a "ticket" and that only the winner should be certified.

As early as June 14, James F. Bullock, assistant attorney general, had offered a contrary opinion, stating in a letter to Cleveland Elections Board Chairman Ralph Gilbert, "... if GS 7-113 is applicable each nominee runs on his own party ticket and both can be elected."

Mr. Putnam said Wednesday hearing on the petition has been set for January 12 before Judge P. C. Fortenberger in Gastonia.

Mr. Putnam is represented by William Puett, Gastonia attorney and Republican leader.

Kiwansians To Have Christmas Program

A special Christmas program will be featured at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club.

Rev. George T. Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will give a brief meditation on "What's for Christmas" and the junior choir of the church, directed by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. Moore, will sing a program of Christmas music.

The program was arranged by club committee on Support of Churches in their Spiritual Aims, of which Mrs. Aubrey Mauney is chairman.

The club meets at the Woman's club at 6:45.

Allen Thinks, "White Way" May Be Whiter, In Part, By Mid-February

Hunter Allen, city electrical superintendent, thinks the first phase replacement of the city's business district "white way" may be completed by mid-February.

Mr. Allen said the city electrical crew will begin preliminary work on the project—authorized by the board of commissioners last week—as quickly as the Christmas lights are dismantled after December 31.

First step will be installing temporary lights, already in hand, and cutting of circuits on the present white way, which has been in service more than three decades.

Next step will be dismantling of the present standards and laying of a new underground cable to serve the new system.

With shipment of the new fixtures anticipated in approximately six weeks, Mr. Allen guesses—

Floyd Thornburg Recommended For Fire Chief

Durham Elected Chief Of Staff

The city board of commissioners may name a new fire chief, to succeed Chief J. Pat Tignor, who is retiring December 31, on Thursday.

Mayor Kelly Dixon said the board would convene if the meeting can be arranged.

Floyd Thornburg, veteran volunteer fireman, is expected to be named chief, in accord with recommendations of the fire department, which also made these organizational recommendations at a meeting Friday night.

For assistant chief, Eugene Tignor. For captain, Winifred Russell. For lieutenant, John White. For engineer, C. D. Ware. For secretary-treasurer, Earl Stroupe, Jr.

In addition, at the Friday night meeting, the firemen elected Jim Leigh, Sr., and John Hardin as volunteer firemen. The two will replace vacancies created by the retirement of Charles Dilling several months ago, and by Chief Tignor.

The regular complement of the department includes four regular-duty firemen, T. C. (Red) McKee, N. M. Farr, C. D. Ware, and Palmer Fulton, plus 17 volunteer members.

Assistant Chief Hunter Allen has asked to be relieved of these duties.

At the Thursday meeting, the commission is also expected to name the city's 1963 tax listing official, an action deferred at last week's special meeting.

Low Switchgear Bid Accepted

The city voted to execute contract with Mill Power Supply Company, of Charlotte, for electrical switchgear equipment at last Thursday's meeting.

By its action, the commission accepted low bid on the equipment of \$24,495. The firm was bidding on General Electric equipment.

Informed the planned electrical system re-building will require considerable tree-trimming, the board asked its engineer Don Lampke, of Southeastern Construction Engineers, and Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen to give a report and recommendation at the January session.

The board voted to pay all employees a week's pay as a Christmas bonus and declared December 24 and 25 holidays for majority of city employees.

No action was taken on a re-zoning request of Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Sr., who sought change of a lot at Candler and Walker streets to business zone. The Mayor reported a petition received in opposition, with 32 signatures appended, and Rev. R. L. McGaha, pastor of Temple Baptist church, and several members of the church also expressed opposition.

The Mayor and electrical superintendent were instructed to make street light installations where they deem lights are needed.

The board called a public hearing for its January meeting on a request to re-zone the N. Battleground avenue lot adjacent to the Puroil Service station from residential to business designation.

Petition for installing curb and gutter on Jackson street, from Cleveland avenue to Rhodes avenue.

Thornburg Takes Winston Charge

Rev. J. J. Thornburg, pastor of the Albertson Road Baptist church in High Point, has accepted a call to the City View Baptist church in Winston-Salem.

Rev. and Mrs. Thornburg and their two children David and Francene are now residing at 411 Mt. Vernon Ave., in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Thornburg said he feels that the work of City View Baptist church is a great challenge, with its plans to build a contemporary building which will be adequate to accommodate its potential growth to 1,000 church members. The church now has 565 members.

The cost of the new building will about \$230,000. The church now has \$77,000 in the building fund. Plans will be made to start this construction in the near future.

Home S & L Ups Dividend Rate

Directors Act To Raise Rate For Coming Year

Directors of Home Savings & Loan association adopted unanimously Tuesday afternoon a resolution of intention to increase the regular association dividend by one-quarter percent per year.

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Slater Manufacturing Company will suspend operations for a week and is making a bonus payment.

Park Yarn Mills will be closed Monday through Wednesday, Lambeth Rope Corporation, which gave employees blankets at a company party December 15, has scheduled two week-long holidays, Lambeth won't operate Monday and Tuesday, nor Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1.

Burlington Industries Phenix plant will suspend operations Friday night and resume with the third shift operating on December 26. Employees will receive holiday pay on basis of longevity with the firm. Burlington held its Christmas party Sunday.

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Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday the city is being plagued with a rash of broken street lights, proved on examination to have been ruined by air rifle and other shot. He said the Linwood section in East Kings Mountain is providing the most trouble, though other areas show shooting damage.