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Burlington Mills To Give Recreation Plant Site To City

Local News Bulletins

TO HIGH POINT
 Dan Huffstetter, of Baird Furniture, spent Monday in High Point attending the semi-annual furniture market.

MOVING HERE
 City Clerk and Mrs. Joe Hendrick were moving to Kings Mountain Wednesday from their Shelby residence. They are occupying the Gene Mitchem residence on Cedar street.

WEIR CONDITION
 S. S. Weir, who suffered a broken hip about ten days ago, was able to sit in a wheel chair for the first time at Gaston Memorial hospital Tuesday, members of his family reported.

UNION SERVICE
 Sunday night's union service for five city congregations will be held at Central Methodist church with Dr. William P. Genberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, delivering the message at 8 o'clock.

SPECIAL MUSIC
 Mr. and Mrs. Miles Mauney will present special music at Sunday morning services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, according to announcement by Rev. W. F. Genberding, pastor. Mr. Mauney will play the organ, Mrs. Mauney the violin, he said.

KIWANIANS TO MEET
 Regular meeting of the Kiwanis club will be held Thursday at 6:45 at the Masonic dining room. A report will be given by Bill Cox of Greenville, S. C., on the recent Kiwanis National Convention.

BAPTIST SERMON
 Rev. H. Gordon Weewley, Jr., pastor of Masonboro Baptist church, Wilmington, will fill the pulpit at First Baptist church for morning services Sunday at 11 o'clock, according to announcement by Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr.

DRAFT GROUP
 No Kings Mountain area men were included in the group of eight men sent to Charlotte for induction into the armed services. Of the total, Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the selective service board, said, four were volunteers. Three of the eight were not accepted for service.

MAUNEY HOME
 S. A. Mauney returned Thursday from Charlotte Memorial hospital where he was a patient for nine weeks after suffering a broken hip. Mrs. Mauney stated he could get around satisfactorily in a "walker" or with a cane and individual assistance.

ATTEND CONFERENCE
 Nine young people from the First Presbyterian church are attending a Pioneer Conference at the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Camp at Flat Rock July 14-19. Diane Cansler, Joe Campbell, Jiles Cornwell, Michale Houser, Jerry McCarter, Flem Mauney, Nicky Smith, and Delcie Weir. Miss Cornelia Dick is attending this conference as a counselor.

LIONS PROGRAM
 Rev. J. H. Brendall, recently returned from a trip to Mexico City, where he attended the annual convention of Lions International, will make a report on the convention to members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting at Masonic Dining Hall Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. Brendall is a delegate from the local club.

Merchants Asked To Return Ballots

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association who have not yet returned ballots on the question of changing certain holiday policies are being asked to return them not later than Saturday. The association is polling members to determine 1) whether the firm will suspend the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday in weeks in which full holidays occur; and 2) whether the merchants desire to add New Year's Day to their regular holiday schedule.

Misconduct Cases On Court Calendar

Defendants Will Plead Not Guilty

City Commissioner L. E. Davis, C. P. Barry and Baxter T. Wright, Sr., will plead not guilty to a charge of misconduct in office, as will Commissioner Davis on a separate misconduct charge, in cases calendared for trial in Cleveland Superior Court at Shelby Monday.

Mr. Wright told the Herald this morning that the three commissioners will be defended by Horace Kennedy, Shelby lawyer, and added that the joint plea will be "not guilty."

John J. Mahoney, who with C. C. (Cobby) Horn, will defend Mr. Davis in the individual suit, said his client would enter a not guilty plea.

Judge J. H. Clement will preside over the combined criminal-civil term beginning Monday.

A county grand jury, several months ago, returned true bills on Resolutions, after Mayor Garland Still had brought the charges to the attention of the grand jury.

The joint charge against the three commissioners involves allegations of canceling a debt owed the city by Wright and Rhea, owners of Davidson Heights Negro residential development.

The misconduct charge against Mr. Davis alleges that he traded with himself.

Conviction on either charge probably would result in the commissioners' removal from office. In addition, fines and sentences could also be given.

Mayor Still said Peyton McSwain and A. A. Powell had been retained to aid the solicitor in prosecuting the two cases.

Calendared for trial on Tuesday are charges of forgery against Jacob E. Burris and Rainey Bess, two Kings Mountain Negroes, on allegations of forging checks. Burris, however, was wounded by his wife in a cutting scrape over the weekend.



HEADS LIONS — George H. Houser recently assumed the presidency of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1952-53. He succeeded as president Sam Stallings.

W. H. Jenkins Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for William Howard Jenkins, 76, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Presbyterian church, with burial following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Mr. Jenkins veteran employee of Pauline Mill, died at Gaston Memorial hospital at 1:15 Saturday afternoon. He had been a patient in the hospital since Monday, when he suffered a heart attack. A native of Independence, Texas, he had been a citizen of Kings Mountain for the past 50 years. As a young man, he was a noted baseball player, and his interest in the sport continued throughout his life.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Barber Jenkins, died in 1950.

Surviving are five children, William H. Jenkins, of Greensboro, B. Floyd Jenkins of Mayo, S. C.; Thomas H. Jenkins, of Leaksville, Mrs. J. L. Burrage, of Williamsburg, Va., and Mrs. Patrick Curley, of San Mateo, Calif. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Second Paper Failed To Publish

The Kings Mountain News failed to publish last week.

A staff member said the failure to appear was due to mechanical failure of the "Justo-writer," a machine designed as a substitute for typesetting machines.

The paper was expecting to publish this week by having its news copy set on typesetting machines by out-of-town newspapers.

Little Theatre Changes Opening Date For Drama To September 11

Mrs. Florette Henri's new historical drama, *Sword of Gideon*, which was scheduled to open at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre on August 21, has been delayed, with the opening presentation now set for September 11.

The action was taken at a called meeting of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre last Friday night. The number of performances was increased from nine to 12 along with the change in dates.

The drama, thus, becomes a fall presentation again, the group having successfully sponsored another story of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain, *They Conquer We Must!*, last fall for the first time.

Among other items of business taken up at the meeting was setting of ticket prices for the new drama. Reserved seats will be sold at \$2.40, general admission at \$1.20.

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City Schools Gain Four Teachers

Kings Mountain city schools will gain four teachers for the school year 1952-53. Superintendent B. N. Barnes said this week.

The increase of four, which will give the schools of the district a total faculty of 70, results from both increased enrollment during the past year, and from the state board of education action in reducing teacher loads from 32 to 30 pupils.

The gains are in the elementary department, two white elementary teachers being gained by the reduction in teacher load, one white elementary teacher being gained by increased enrollment, and one colored teacher being added by increased enrollment.

Kings Mountain Radio Company Obtains Permit

Kings Mountain Broadcasting Company has been granted a permit by the Federal Communications Commission to operate a 500-watt radio station in Kings Mountain on 1220 kilocycles.

The permit was granted last Thursday, following application by the company filed in May 1951. Listed as members of the firm were Marshall Pack and Auburn Hayes, of Fuquay Springs, and Vernon T. Fox, of Greer, S. C.

Under FCC regulations a firm or individual is allowed six months to make use of his permit, however, it usually grants an additional six months, if the time is required and evidence of good faith is furnished.

At the time of filing the application, the firm estimated that its gross revenue would be \$36,000 annually, against operating expenses of \$24,000. It estimated that it could get in operation for \$14,275.

The permit would allow the company to broadcast in daylight hours.

John Greene, assistant sales manager of Station WRHI, Rock Hill, S. C., was in Kings Mountain Tuesday in behalf of the proposed station. He said he was not associated with the station except through friendship with Mr. Pack, who is now lessee of the Fuquay Springs station. At the time of the application, Pack was manager of the Fuquay Springs station, as its advertising manager, and Fox was an employee of Station WEAB, Greer, S. C.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Davis

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Jane Anderson Davis, 75, were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Second Baptist church.

The pastor, Rev. B. F. Austin, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Phillips of First Wesleyan church and the Rev. Broadus Matthews of Westover Baptist church. Burial was in the Bessie City Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. Davis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Isenhour on the Shelby road, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock following an extended illness.

Survivors include her husband, E. B. Davis; three sons, City Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis and L. H. Davis, both of Kings Mountain, and the Rev. J. H. Davis of Middlesex; three daughters, Mrs. Isenhour and Mrs. R. E. Harmon, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Violet Smith of Charlotte.

Mauneys Leave For Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and their daughter, Peggy, and son, Gene, left Tuesday to attend the Lutheran World Federation Convention to be held in Hanzover, Germany, from July 24th to August 3rd. To this Convention Mr. Mauney is Alternate Delegate for the United Lutheran Church in America and official representative of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America of which he is Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee.

The younger Mauneys are registered to attend the Lutheran Youth Convention being held in Germany at the same time. Thousands will attend both of these assemblies.

Fifty-one million Lutherans in 51 church bodies around the world are sending delegates. Their church, St. Matthews of Kings Mountain, is one of more than 10,000 affiliated with the eight Lutheran bodies participating in the National Lutheran World Relief and Action.

Lutheran World Action is supplying spiritual services to Lutheran men and women in the Armed Forces in the United States, Alaska, Panama Canal Zone, Formosa, and Hawaii. It supports orphaned missions in many foreign countries, aids in resettlement of Displaced Persons in the United States and elsewhere and in rebuilding churches destroyed in the war.

Board Unanimously Votes To Retain Ernst & Ernst

Monday Session Of City Board Long And Busy

In a long, four-hour-plus session Monday night, the city board of commissioners heard a number of complaints from citizens, argued over employment policy, received bids on several items of equipment and attended to other business.

Among the actions, the board:

- 1) Authorized expenditure of about \$150 by the recreation commission for the purchase of Little League trophies and plaques.
- 2) Discussed with members of the county health department staff ways and means of sanitary improvements, including an anti-stock law for the city.
- 3) Referred to City Attorney J. R. Davis for investigation as to legality the closing of Carpenter street, after hearing a complaint from H. R. Parton, who said the closing damaged his property and inconvenienced his tenants.
- 4) Voted to lend bleachers at City Stadium to the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., for the



FIFTY YEAR MASON — C. T. Cornwell was honored Monday night for the recent completion of 50 years of membership in Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M.

Masons Honor C. T. Cornwell

Clarence T. Cornwell, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, was presented a 50-year membership pin in honor of his half-century of membership in Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., at the regular communication of the lodge Monday evening.

The presentation was made by Herbert M. Foy, of Mt. Airy, past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Other Masonic dignitaries present included Dr. Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. W. Kincaid, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, John H. Floyd, 37th district deputy Grand Master, and David P. Dellinger of Cherryville.

Mr. Cornwell is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and member of the Red Fez club. He is the third member of Fairview Lodge to obtain the 50-year award, and the first who has held a full half-century of membership in Fairview Lodge.

Others to receive the honor are Capt. B. M. Ormand, who entered Masonry in Gastonia; the late D. M. Baker, and the late J. M. Patterson.

Numerous guests from lodges of the area were present for the communication.

Revival Services To Begin Sunday

Rev. C. C. Crow, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist church, in Shelby, and Oak Grove Baptist church, near Kings Mountain, will conduct revival services at Patterson Grove Baptist church beginning Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Morning services will also be conducted every morning at 10:30 a. m.

The church extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services. Rev. John J. Thornburg, Patterson Grove pastor, said.

SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

J. C. Lackey, secretary of Kings Mountain Building and Loan association, was reported slightly improved Wednesday. Mr. Lackey has been confined to his home since July 6.

Loom-Tex, Closed For 11 Weeks, Now Accepting Work Applications

Loom-Tex Corporation, shutdown for the past 11 weeks, began accepting work applications Tuesday afternoon and hopes to resume production the first week in August.

A. P. Hudson said plans for resuming operations are still tentative, but that the firm hopes to run a three-shift operation.

Mr. Hudson said the firm still has a very large inventory of finished goods, but that it hopes to be able to produce at lowered cost when operations are resumed.

Firm To Donate 31-Acre Tract For City Plant

Burlington Mills Corporation will give the City of Kings Mountain a 31-acre tract for development as a community recreation center, according to terms of a proposal accepted by the city board of commissioners Monday night.

Burlington had previously offered to convey the site, which lies in the Bennett Drive-Cleveland Avenue area, provided the city could furnish a suitable site to Burlington outside the city limits.

The proposal was presented by Bruce Thorburn, of Burlington's Phenix plant, who said his company would convey the site free, provided the city board adopted the development proposal of the city's park and recreation commission.

The latter plan calls for a ten-year development program of a \$350,000 plant, but specifies that all financing of the construction shall come from two sources: 1) city non-tax revenues and 2) contributions.

The complete proposal follows:

- A. To obtain necessary property and construct a Civic Center and Recreation Park in general accordance with the modified preliminary plans submitted by Charles M. Graves, Recreation Engineer. Subject to final revision and adoption.
- B. The approximate cost estimated at \$350,000.00.
- C. Under present condition and restrictions the construction to be conducted stage wise as indicated below:
 1. First Year —
 - (a) Surveying and grading.
 - (b) Construction layout and engineering.
 - (c) Construct softball and Little League fields.
 - (d) Begin construction of swimming pool.
 2. First Five Years —
 - (a) Complete swimming pool. (Second year)
 - (b) Construct stadium. (Second year)
 - (c) Construct Civic Buildings as funds are available.
 3. Second Five Years —
 - (a) Finish all major constructions.
- D. To be financed as follows:
 1. From City non tax revenues.
 2. Contributions.
- E. Operating budget to be obtained as follows:
 1. Parking Meter Monies.
 2. City non tax revenue.
 3. Contributions.

Winston Firm \$1,100 Audit Offer Accepted

Ernst & Ernst, Winston-Salem certified public accountants, will audit the city's books for 1951-52 for a fee not to exceed \$1,100.

The city board of commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to employ the Winston-Salem firm and contract was executed immediately.

The board had previously discussed the withdrawal of the Ernst & Ernst bid (originally a maximum of \$675), with Dave Robinson, Ernst & Ernst representative.

He confirmed that his initial work here on June 30. July 1 had resulted in the discovery that at least two accounts, taxes and utilities, were out-of-balance, but added there was no intention to charge anyone with more than physical errors. He added that the city clerk did not get the proper instruction on bookkeeping procedures when he assumed the position.

"You can't have a turnover in personnel without difficulty. These boys are young but they will learn," he stated.

He said the bid withdrawal was due to two factors, one the argument between the board over whether the contract authorizing vote, taken by Mayor Still and two commissioners, was legal, and because of his discoveries that two accounts were out-of-balance. He said the firm did not want to do the work unless the board desired its services, and estimated that the additional work required would be about one week for three men.

He said the firm would provide a complete audit, according to regular legal and accounting procedures, and that it would do the necessary educational work for the \$1,100 fee.

City Officials At Gas Hearing

City Attorney J. R. Davis, Mayor Garland Still, and A. S. Hall, of Atlanta, went to Raleigh Tuesday to represent the city before the North Carolina Utilities commission in a hearing on the city's application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to sell natural gas.

The city seeks to sell natural gas both to customers inside the city limits and to customers immediately adjacent to the city.

The group had not returned late Wednesday morning.

Attorney Davis said that the application of the city is opposed by Public-Service of North Carolina, a private corporation, which claims it already has the franchise to sell outside the city limits.

Should the city not be allowed to sell to customers outside the city, it would materially alter the engineering estimates of potential revenue from the distribution of natural gas. Mr. Davis said the certificate of necessity is required in order that the city may sell revenue bonds to finance the construction of the distribution system. He added that the city automatically has the right to distribute gas within the city limits.

Foster To Graduate From Newberry

NEWBERRY, S. C. — Richard P. Foster, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster of Kings Mountain, N. C. is a candidate for the Bachelor of Science degree at the Summer Commencement Exercises at Newberry College, August 1, 1952. The exercises will be held in Holland Hall at 8:30 p. m. with President James C. Kinard, Litt.D., LL.D., delivering the address to the graduates.

Goforth Portrait Fund Now \$238

Contributions to the Lottie Goforth Portrait Fund lagged this week, with only one contribution being received. The total at Wednesday morning was \$238.

Hospital trustees have asked the people of the area to help honor the late Miss Goforth, who willed her entire estate for the building of a hospital here. The sum was more than \$33,000 and was credited with furnishing Kings Mountain Hospital. Miss Goforth's bequest was utilized in the recent addition of the Lottie Goforth Wing.

Sufficient funds are sought to paint a portrait of Miss Goforth for hanging at the hospital.

Checks should be mailed to Dr. O. P. Lewis, treasurer of the fund.

Wednesday's statement from Dr. Lewis follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$228
J Pat Tignor	10
Total to date	\$238