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PLANNING BOARD ASKS MANAGER VOTE

Red Cross Seeks \$6,500 In Drive

Local News Bulletins

DIMES TOTAL
Kings Mountain area contributions to the March of Dimes fund campaign totaled \$5,480.91, according to report of J. C. McKinney, who served as treasurer for the fund.

KIWANIS MEETING
The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hear an address by William Green, managing editor of the Shelby Daily Star, at the regular meeting of the organization Thursday evening at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall.

HAS OPERATION
George W. Allen, Kings Mountain businessman is a patient in Charlotte Eye, Ear & Throat hospital. Mr. Allen underwent an operation Saturday for removal of an eye cataract and was reported improving satisfactorily yesterday.

FEDERAL TAX HELP
William K. Rowan, internal revenue agent, said this week that the internal revenue office at Shelby would be open on Saturday through March 14 to help citizens prepare federal income tax returns. The office customarily is closed on Saturdays.

ATTEND MEETING
George Morrow, J. E. Anthony, Jr., Marriott Phifer, Menzies Phifer and Martin Harmon attended a meeting of deacons of First Presbyterian church, held last Friday evening at Scott's school cafeteria, near Statesville. The New Amity ARP church was host for the meeting.

PENALTY ADVANCES
Penalty on unpaid 1952 tax bills advances to two percent on March 2. City Clerk Joe Hendrick reminded city taxpayers yesterday. He urged all who have not yet paid 1952 tax bills to avoid further penalty by paying tax bills prior to Monday.

RE-HOSPITALIZED
Otis Falls, Sr., Kings Mountain businessman, was re-hospitalized Wednesday afternoon at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been discharged Monday after receiving treatment for a stomach ailment.

Annual Senior Class Play Set March 20th

"Go West, Young Man", Kings Mountain high school senior class play, will be presented on Friday, March 20 at Central school auditorium at 8 p. m.

Casting was recently completed and rehearsals and committee work began on Monday.

I. Ben Goforth, Jr. is directing the play, and Mrs. George Moss is faculty adviser.

The play will be produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, New York.

Power Billings To Reflect Cut

Residential customers of the city power service will receive bills next week reflecting a ten percent decrease over billings of the past few months and a total of 20 percent under an original rate schedule enacted last July.

The action to cut the rate schedule was taken at the city board of commissioners' January meeting.

After considerable complaint concerning the schedule adopted by the board in July, commercial rates were cut 20 percent and residential rates 10 percent.

Two Kick-Off Meetings Set For Weekend

Kick-off meetings for Number 4 Township's 1953 Red Cross fund drive, which has a goal of \$6,500, will be held Thursday and Friday evenings, according to announcement yesterday by Hilton L. Ruth, chairman of the fund campaign.

On Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, the colored division under the chairmanship of M. L. Campbell, will meet at City Hall. Some 65 colored citizens will participate in the drive and are urged to attend the Thursday night meeting.

On Friday evening, at 7:30, committee chairmen and division solicitors are to hear Mrs. Anne Johnson, Red Cross regional official, outline details of the campaign work.

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Mr. Ruth pointed out that the many services of Red Cross make its presence mandatory.

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Rites Conducted For Mr. Patrick

Funeral rites for Oscar Van Buren Patrick, 80, resident of Kings Mountain, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. P. D. Patrick officiated and interment was in Corinth Baptist church cemetery near Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Patrick died Saturday morning at 5:30 a. m. after an illness of several years. His wife Mrs. Alice Maynor Patrick died two years ago. He was a former employee of Marjorie Mill.

Surviving are two sons, Walter G. Patrick of Blacksburg, S. C., and Oscar C. Patrick of Richmond, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Seph Wilson of Kings Mountain; one brother, Chalmers Patrick of Blacksburg, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Parrish and Mrs. Will Lorry of Gaffney, S. C.

Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were James Cloninger, Ray Barber, Bobby Rhea, Fred Hamrick, L. W. Painter, and Booth Gillespie.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$150.40 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

Radio Station WKMT Schedules March 10 As Tentative Opening

Kings Mountain Radio Station WKMT will tentatively go on the air March 10, according to announcement this week by John C. Greene, co-owner and manager of the station.

March 10 is the tentative commencement date barring further inclement weather, Mr. Greene said.

Studio and transmitter of the new radio station are located on the Kings Mountain - Bessemer City Road in a building owned by J. B. Mauney. The building, leased on a long-term basis, has been completely renovated inside and out. The interior has been divided into individual offices, studios, and a large combination transmitter-control room.

Considerable work has gone into sound-proofing the building for broadcasting purposes. Resilient floor covering has been laid in all rooms to give further sound-proofing qualities and modern fluorescent lighting has been in-

J. E. Mauney New Director Of B. & L.

Kings Mountain Building & Loan association enjoyed a prosperous year during 1952, reports of officers showed at the annual meeting of shareholders held on February 12.

One new director was elected by the shareholders, J. E. Mauney being named to replace the late B. Hudson Bridges, for many years a member of the association's board of directors.

Directors re-elected were: Dr. L. P. Baker, J. R. Davis, R. L. Mauney, W. K. Mauney, W. M. Gantt, J. C. Keller, C. W. Hullen, Clyde Jolly, and J. C. Lackey.

Reports of J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer, showed an increase in association assets during the year of \$116,097.44, with the total at \$852,575.73 at December 31. The secretary's report also showed total dividend payments to shareholders during the year of \$20,142.21. The association paid out \$11,131.79 dividends on full-paid shares, \$7,046.75 on optional savings shares, \$1,596 on matured stock and \$367.67 on withdrawn shares.

Organizing for the new year on February 17, the directors re-elected all officers and members of the office staff as follows: W. K. Mauney, president; J. C. Keller, vice-president; J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer; J. P. Lackey, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Miss Bernice Harrison and Mrs. Louise Martin, office assistants.

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Jaycee Minstrels Set March 26, 27

"Jaycee Minstrels of 1953" has been scheduled for presentation at Central school auditorium on Thursday and Friday nights, March 26 and 27 according to announcement by D. D. Saunders, director.

Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the "black-face" comedy will feature an entirely local cast.

Work on the production is already underway and tickets are to go on sale in the next few days. Admission prices have been set at 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for students, Harold Phillips, ticket chairman, announced.

Tickets may be purchased from Mr. Phillips or from any Jaycee and are also to be on sale at several business locations.

The production will begin at 8 o'clock each evening.

Bethware Fish Fry Friday Evening

The public is invited to attend a fish fry at Bethware school beginning at 5:30 Friday afternoon.

Sponsored by the Bethware school athletic association, the promotion is designed to raise funds for the association activities.

John Rudisill, principal, said supper would be served until 9 p. m.

Price will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children for "all you can eat", Mr. Rudisill said.

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MRS. NICKELS HONORED — Mrs. J. C. Nickels, right, principal at Park Grace Elementary school, was honored by the school's Parent-Teachers Association Monday night for 26 years service to the institution. Mrs. James Bolin, left, president of the P. T. A., presented Mrs. Nickels the silver tray on behalf of the organization. (Herald photo by Hubert Carlisle.)

Park Grace P-TA Honors Principal

Mrs. Nickels In 26th Year At Park Grace

Mrs. J. C. Nickels was honored by the Park Grace Elementary school Parent-Teacher Association for 26 years service to the school at the regular meeting of the group, held at the school Monday night.

Mrs. James Bolin, president of the school's P. T. A. group, presented Mrs. Nickels a silver tray on behalf of the organization at the conclusion of a regular meeting of the group.

The presentation came as a surprise to Mrs. Nickels and followed a program honoring the founders of the P. T. A.

Members of Mrs. Nickels' seventh grade class presented a playlet on the Founder's Day theme, featuring a birthday cake made of soap suds and containing 56 candles.

Mrs. Rune Swanson gave the history of the P. T. A. organization, founded in 1897 by a Mrs. Birney and a Mrs. Hearst.

Mrs. Charles Mettauer gave the devotional.

Mrs. Paul Mauney, a charter member of the school's P. T. A. chapter, gave a history of the school.

Park Grace school was organized over 30 years ago, she said, and classes were first held in a house on the village, Mrs. J. C. Williams of Bessemer City (the former Miss Sara Allison) and the late Miss Pearl Fulton were the first teachers.

The present building was built in 1929, with the first classes held there that fall, two years after Mrs. Nickels began teaching there.

Mrs. Nickels, after receiving the silver tray, said that the school had grown from four teachers when she was first principal to the six presently teaching there and that much equipment had been added, mainly through the efforts of the P. T. A.

The silver tray presented Mrs. Nickels was engraved as follows: "Mrs. J. C. Nickels, from Park Grace P. T. A., 26 years service, 1927."

Other officers of the P. T. A. group are Mrs. Ruth Lynn, vice president, Mrs. Cito Guyton, secretary, and Mrs. Henderson Herndon, treasurer. Mrs. Lynn was a student when the school first opened for classes.

Some 75 persons attended the meeting.

TAG NOTICE

City Clerk Joe Hendrick said Wednesday that the police department will begin a check-up this weekend on auto owners who have not yet purchased city auto license tags.

A list of tag purchasers from this area has been received by the police department and will be used checking on delinquents, he said.

Assessment Bills To Go Out Friday

Bills for city street-paving assessments will be mailed Friday, City Clerk Joe Hendrick said Wednesday.

Under payment terms provided by North Carolina, Mr. Hendrick said, the assessments are payable within 30 days at net, and bear interest thereafter at the rate of one-half of one percent per month until paid. In the instance of these assessments, interest will be charged after April 1, Mr. Hendrick added.

The assessment notices will cover all assessments confirmed by the city board of commissioners on January 12, Mr. Hendrick added.

Board Holds Brief Session

In a brief special session Tuesday afternoon, the city board of commissioners took several actions affecting the police department.

1) It authorized a committee, including Commissioners Lloyd Davis and Olland Pearson to plan a separate entrance for women prisoners to the city jail.

Inspector T. A. Early, of the North Carolina Welfare department, had informed the board he would condemn use of the jail if the change were not made.

2) The board voted to place members of the police department under the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement fund.

3) Voted to employee Everett Bridges, Jr., as a second shift desk sergeant at \$125 per month, and also voted to pay fees and request appointment of Bridges and Officer W. E. Stroup as magistrates to facilitate the issuing of warrants.

All members of the board were present with the exception of Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr.

Men's Group To Fete Ladies

The Men's organization of Boyce Memorial ARP church will observe its Ladies Night on Monday evening at 7 o'clock with a dinner at the church educational building.

Ladies will be special guests. Program feature will be a 30-minute program of songs by the Lincoln Academy choir.

President Lewis Hovis will preside.

FIRE ALARM

City firemen answered a call to 711 Landing street Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and quickly extinguished a blaze caused from grease ignition in the kitchen, at the home of Rolly Shehan. No damage was reported.

Advisory Body Would Have Special Vote In Near Future

Lions Heard Shelby Editor Tuesday Night

"On our side is truth, and therein lies our hope," William Green, managing editor of the Shelby Daily Star told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Listing statistical evidence to show that Cleveland county is a strong county in a strong state, and that North Carolina is a strong state in a strong nation, Mr. Green declared, "It is well that we are strong and that we realize we're strong for we bear the brunt of the battle against the Communist hordes."

Mr. Green said that Russia is not this nation's only sore-spot. He pointed out that England is swinging more toward neutrality, that France, through fear of Germany and a strong Communist party minority, is woefully weak, and that Africa is divided due to its religious - racial differences, India, once the friend of the United States, is also swinging left, he added.

"We must be strong and remain strong," he continued. "For if we let up, we may lose."

Mr. Green described Cleveland county as "the tenth county in the tenth state in wealth."

He said that Cleveland is second in North Carolina in cotton production, fourth in gifts to the Christian Overseas Relief program, first in completing a civil defense organization, and quite likely to be first in percentage of quota raised in the recent March of Dimes campaign.

Mr. Green spoke on a program arranged by Martin Harmon, Vice-President Ollie Harris presided.

Mrs. Scott Dies Of Heart Attack

Mrs. Lelvia Ramsey Scott, 88, resident of route two Kings Mountain, died at the home of A. E. Yarbrough Wednesday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock of a heart attack suffered Tuesday afternoon.

She was the widow of the late Robert A. Scott, who died in 1934. A son, John Andrew Scott, died in youth.

A native of Cherokee County, S. C., she had been a resident of Kings Mountain for many years. She was a member of First Baptist church.

Mrs. Scott is survived by two brothers, Pierce Ramsey of Alabama and Albert Ramsey of Spartanburg, S. C.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from First Baptist church. Rev. Gordon Weekley, the pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until taken to the church, where it will lie-in-state for one hour prior to the service.

Past Week's Political Activity Limited; New Candidates Scarce

City political activity, of the outward variety, was lacking during the past week, though the subject remained a favorite conversation piece.

The number of formally-filed candidates for office remained at nine, and there were no additional statements, either of announcement or of withdrawal from consideration.

No candidates had yet filed in Ward 1 for the city commissioner's position now held by Commissioner James G. Layton, nor for the Ward 1 school trusteeship held by J. R. Davis. In Ward 5, Sam Stallings was the only candidate for city commissioner.

T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, former



ALUMNI SPEAKER — Football Coach Bill Dole, above, of Davidson College, will speak to Davidson alumni here at the Country Club on Saturday.

Dole To Speak Here Saturday

Davidson College's Kings Mountain area alumni Chapter will hold its annual meeting at the Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

The dinner meeting will feature talks by Football Coach William E. (Bill) Dole and Hilton L. (Jack) Ruth, of Kings Mountain, president of the Davidson student body and varsity football letterman.

Coach Dole will give a Wildcat Club report and a run-down on the prospects for next year's football team, while Ruth will deliver a report on campus activities.

Also highlighting the program will be the showing of the Davidson-Furman football game color movies of last season in which Furman edged the Wildcats in a thrilling 14-13 battle.

Alumni Secretary John L. Payne will also attend the meeting. The Rev. Paul D. Patrick of Kings Mountain will serve as toastmaster.

Charles A. Neisler, chairman of the committee, announced that alumni in the Kings Mountain area wishing to attend should make immediate reservation with him for the "stag" dinner meeting.

Phyllis Flowers Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Phyllis Ann Flowers, three and one-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Harold Flowers of Kings Mountain, were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. from Macedonia Baptist church.

Rev. R. L. Hardin, pastor of the church officiated, assisted by Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of Grace Methodist church. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The young child died last Friday night. Surviving in addition to the parents is one brother, Jimmy Flowers.

Bloodmobile Here Again On March 12

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain for a one-day collection on March 12, according to announcement yesterday by Dr. W. H. Reed.

Quota for the one-day visit is expected to approximate previous goals.

Dr. Reed said all persons between the ages of 18 and 60 who are in good health should make plans to donate a pint of blood on the next visit of the bloodmobile.

Other developments were speculative and limited. The candidate list to date:

For Mayor — Garland E. Still, incumbent, and Glee A. Bridges. For Ward 2 commissioner — Lloyd E. Davis, incumbent, and Warren E. Reynolds.

For Ward 3 commissioner — Olland R. Pearson, incumbent, and C. L. (Curly) Elgin.

For Ward 4 commissioner — O. T. Hayes, Sr., and Harold Phillips.

For Ward 5 commissioner — Sam Stallings.

Falls Asked To Present Bill To Legislature

The city planning board has unanimously asked Cleveland county Representative B. T. Falls, Jr., to introduce legislation to provide for a special municipal election on the question of adoption of a city manager form of government.

By its action, the five-member planning board, an advisory group to the city board of commissioners, by-passes a portion of the city board of commissioners, which in January, voted 3 to 2 against endorsing the planning board's recommendation for the special election.

The planning board includes J. Byron Keeter, chairman, L. E. Abbott, secretary, Carl F. Mauney, C. E. Neisler, and Hal S. Plonk. It seeks to have the election conducted prior to the biennial city election in May.

With four members of the city board of commissioners present at the January meeting, Mayor Garland E. Still cast the deciding vote in defeating the planning board recommendation. Commissioners James Layton and Olland R. Pearson supported the majority, while Commissioners B. T. Wright and C. P. Barry opposed. Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis was absent.

The planning board has requested passage of a special act by the North Carolina General Assembly to direct the county board of elections to call the special election.

Chairman Keeter wrote to Representative Falls:

"In reference to our telephone conversation, the City Planning Board of Kings Mountain has by motion duly made and accepted, decided to contact you with reference to passing a local act calling for an election for or against a modified city manager form of government."

"We would like to have an act presented to the legislature exactly like the City of Laurinburg has passed, with one exception. This act can be found in the 1951 Session Laws, Chapter 5, Page 4."

"The one thing we would like to have omitted from our act is found in Section 5 of Chapter 5 of the 1951 Session Laws. The thing we would like to have omitted pertains to the City Council appointing members of the School Board. We would like for our School Board to continue to be elected as they are now elected by the ward system."

A copy of the salient sections of the statute referred to, as passed by the 1951 General Assembly and effecting the Town of Laurinburg, follows:

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF LAURINBURG UPON THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT."

"The North Carolina General Assembly do enact:

"Section 1. That within five days after the ratification of this Act, the County Board of Elections of Scotland County shall call an election as provided by Chapter 160, Section 160-298, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, in the same manner as if a petition signed by twenty-five percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Laurinburg had been filed calling for such

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