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CITY PLANNING BOARDS AGREE ON VOTE

Station WKMT On Air Tuesday

Local News Bulletins

TUESDAY FIRE
City firemen answered a call near Lincoln Academy Tuesday night at 8 o'clock to the home of a Mr. Alexander. Cause of the fire, as reported by firemen, was explosion of an oil stove. The home was almost completely demolished.

TO CONVENTION
Mrs. Earl Leford, Mrs. Arnold Kincaid, Miss Melba Tindall and Miss Betty Lou Melton will leave Tuesday morning to attend the W. M. U. State Convention to be held at the First Baptist church in Wilmington, March 10, 11, 12.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD
Dr. R. S. Snyder, pastor of the Seigle Avenue Presbyterian church of Charlotte, will be the featured speaker at the Kings Mountain Baptist Association Brotherhood meeting to be held at the New Hope Baptist church at Earl Friday night.

STREET ASSESSMENTS
Citizens owning street assessments paid in \$2,507.46 in city coffers during the past week, City Clerk Joe Hendrick reported Wednesday. Assessments bills went out last Friday, and are payable at net through March.

EXPECTED HOME
George W. Allen may be discharged from Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat hospital Thursday, according to report yesterday. Mr. Allen is recuperating from an operation for the removal of a cataract from his eye.

NO NEW CANDIDATES
For the second consecutive week, no new candidates filed for city political office. The election will be conducted two months hence, on May 5, to fill city offices and the Ward 1 school trusteeship.

CITY TAGS
City policemen were looking for local cars not wearing 1953 city license tags yesterday, according to Joe Hendrick, city clerk. "They're tagging them," Mr. Hendrick remarked. City tag sales to date were 983.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
John C. Greene, general manager of Radio Station WKMT, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the regular meeting Thursday evening at 6:45 at Masonic Lodge Dining Hall.

METER RECEIPTS
A total of \$152.45 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

SQUARE DANCE
The American Legion is sponsoring a square dance at the Legion building on East Gold street Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Admission will be one dollar for men and fifty cents for ladies. Chairman Bill Jones has announced. The public is invited to attend.

ATTEND HEARING
Ollie Harris and Rev. P. D. Patrick, represented the Cleveland County Citizens Committee for Good Government (formerly Allied Church League) at the hearing in Raleigh Tuesday on the proposed bill to call a liquor referendum in the state. The two were among 1,500 North Carolinians present to urge support of the bill to call an election on the question of returning North Carolina to bone dry status.

Board Members Air Differences On Court Ruling

In discussion over employing a new policeman Monday afternoon, members of the city board of commissioners aired again their differences of opinion concerning delegation of board authority to department heads.

In the discussion, Mayor Garland E. Still remarked, "The restraining order just effects this board," referring to the order of Judge J. A. Clement restraining the actions of former City Administrator M. K. Fuller.

Commissioner C. P. Barry disagreed, saying the order applied "eternally." If at all, Commissioners Layton, Wright, Davis and Barry thought, they said, that hiring and firing authority could be delegated to department heads, in spite of the order. Commissioner Pearson thought not.

The discussion occurred while the board was accepting the resignation of Police Officer B. F. Sessoms and naming to succeed him Martin S. Ware, recommended by Chief H. A. Logan, Jr., as a replacement. Ware, the Chief said, was a former deputy sheriff, a veteran of law enforcement work and an able investigator.

In other actions the board authorized the street department to alleviate several drainage problems and a sewer problem at the Grady McCarter residence, involving several citizens in the East King street-Deal street area.

It also voted to change its "no parking" edict for the south side of Linwood Road to the north side, and voted to charge a \$250.75 electric power bill for last summer's Little League and softball programs to the city recreation fund.

It authorized the purchase for \$100 of an old street sweeper from the City of Shelby, for parts.

Weaver Wins District Contest
Kelly E. Weaver, Kings Mountain high school senior and winner of the Cleveland County oratorical contest sponsored annually by the American Legion, has been declared 28th District winner.

Weaver's winning oratory, "The People's Constitution, Ours To Defend," was adjudged first place in the county last week. He will now represent the district in the Fourth Division being held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. in the A. L. Brown high school in Kannapolis.

A trophy will be awarded the division winner, who will compete for the department prize of a \$500 scholarship on March 13. Weaver was sponsored by the Otis D. Green, Post 155, local American Legion group. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weaver of 604 West Gold street. Principal Rowell Lane is chairman of the local oratorical contest committee.

Red Cross Fund Donations Urged

Widow Of Sheriff Is Former Teacher
The widow of Sheriff Frank Crawford of Cherokee County, killed Tuesday while serving a warrant on an alleged arsonist, is a former Kings Mountain school teacher.

Mrs. Crawford is the former Miss Jane Hill, of Murphy, who taught eighth grade at Central school during the school year 1947-48. Confirmation that Miss Hill's husband was the slain sheriff was obtained early Wednesday afternoon from Superintendent Bulck of Murphy schools.

Funeral rites for Sheriff Crawford are to be held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Authorities were seeking Henry Dockery, the alleged arsonist on suspicion of murder.

Staff Named For "The Robe"
Little Theatre committees for the forthcoming production of "The Robe" were announced yesterday by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, who is director of the show scheduled for two performances on March 24 and 25.

Mrs. Mauney said that one of the features of the performances would be renditions by the reorganized Kings Mountain Choral society, under the direction of Franklin Pethel.

They include: Publicity, Bruce Thorburn. Stage, sets and properties, Delbert Dixon, B. S. Peeler, Jr., and Ed Smith. Lights and sound, Luther Cansler and Phillip Baker.

Costumes, Miss Cornelia Dick. Tableaux between acts, Mrs. M. A. Ware, Sam Stallings, Mrs. H. C. Campbell. Tickets, Mrs. P. G. Padgett. Program, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr.

Make-up, Mrs. Sam Stallings. Prompter, Mrs. Charles Mettner. Ushers, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeeth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack White.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Hayes
Funeral rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Pardin Hayes, 89, resident of route 3, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Zoar Baptist church, near Shelby.

Rev. W. F. Monroe, Rev. J. R. Rowe, and Rev. T. W. Lovelace officiated and interment was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Hayes died last Friday morning at 8:25 a. m. after an illness of one month. She was a native of Burke County and a member of Zoar Baptist church.

She was the widow of the late Thomas Hayes. Surviving are four sons, Rives Hayes of Kings Mountain, Otis Hayes of Shelby, Yates Hayes of Greenville, S. C. and Thede Hayes of Grover; five daughters, Mrs. Lona Lowrance, Mrs. Hattie Glover and Mrs. Odessa Barrett all of Shelby, and Mrs. Leone Huffman of Boiling Springs and Mrs. Viola Hord of Forest City. Also surviving are 56 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Merchants Name Elaine Queen As Secretary

Mrs. Elaine Queen will assume the duties of secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association on Monday, according to announcement this week by J. C. Bridges, president.

Mrs. Queen will succeed Mrs. John Lewis, who tendered her resignation several weeks ago. Mrs. Lewis will terminate her duties with the association on March 14, spending a week with Mrs. Green to acquaint her with office details, Mr. Bridges said.

Mrs. Queen, wife of Dan Queen, holds a secretarial position with Bell Bakeries in Charlotte. She has formerly been employed at Rawlings-Todd Company, Cramerton, and at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

"We are very happy to obtain the services of Mrs. Queen for this position," Mr. Bridges said. "At the same time, I would like to state the appreciation of the board of directors and membership to the retiring secretary, Mrs. Lewis, who has filled the position quite capably."

Rites Conducted For Victor Phifer
Funeral services for Victor Phifer, 76, native of Kings Mountain who died Monday at 5 p. m. at Camilla, Ga., were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from El Bethel Methodist church.

Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, the pastor, and Rev. W. L. Pressly officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Phifer, who had been living at Camilla, Ga., for more than 40 years, suffered a broken hip in a fall on February 17. He operated a grist mill for Frank Harmon, also a Kings Mountain native.

He was the son of the late Butler and Amanda Dixon Phifer. Surviving are seven brothers, Arthur, Campbell, Martin, Lloyd, Rufus and Jake Phifer of Kings Mountain, and Demsey Phifer of California, and two sisters, Miss Minnie Phifer and Miss Maggie Phifer also of Kings Mountain.

Serving as active pallbearers were Robert Ware, Hall Goforth, Ormand Goforth, Shipp Falls, Butler Dixon and T. B. Ware.

Mrs. Mauney Contest Winner
Mrs. Aubrey Mauney has been named the winner of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs musical composition contest.

Her Woman's Club "Collect," used by the Kings Mountain Woman's Club to open its meetings, was the winning composition and will be sung at the state convention of the Federation at Wilmington in May.

It will be entered in the contest of the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

City Schools Bond Share \$7,892.60

The city school's share of \$67,000 in bonds to be issued by the county for the public schools is expected to be \$7,892.60, less proportional cost of the bond issuance.

Estimate of the amount the city schools will receive was based by Superintendent B. N. Barnes on the city schools' share of the county-wide enrollment, listed by Mr. Barnes at 11.78 percent of the total school population in the county.

Mr. Barnes said his estimate total would be the amount if the bonds are issued immediately. The funds have been earmarked for obtaining a site for a negro school.

JC's Nominate For New Officers
Four new members were welcomed into the club, nominations for next year's officers and directors were made and work on "Jaycee Minstrel of 1953" was furthered at the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, held Tuesday night at the Masonic dining hall.

President Joe Hedden presided at the meeting and some 35 members attended. W. S. Fulton, Jr., membership chairman, welcomed Neil Haulender, Arnold Falls, Robert Whitesides and Ed Smith as new members.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman of the nominating committee, read his group's report which listed nominees as follows: for president, Paul Walker; for first vice president, J. T. McGinnis; for second vice president, N. H. Reed; for secretary, Clavas Kelly; for treasurer, Bill Jones; for sergeant-at-arms, Harley Dixon; and for two-year directors, K. E. Morrison, Harold Phillips and C. T. Carpenter, Jr.

Holdover directors are Luco Falls, Yates Harbison and Jack White. Nominations from the floor included: for president, Luco Falls and Wilson Griffin; for vice president, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Walker; for second vice president, D. D. Saunders; for directors, Mr. Saunders, Meek Carpenter and Charles Dixon.

Mr. McGinnis announced results of a poll taken at the meeting on a proposal to build a Jaycee clubhouse. He reported 19 votes for the proposal, four against and four members voicing opinions but not voting "yes" or "no."

Mr. Saunders, chairman of the minstrel show, announced practice dates as follows: Fridays, March 6, 13 and 20 at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic dining hall; Sunday, March 22 from 1:30 until 4:30 p. m. at Central school auditorium; and Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic dining hall.

The show, featuring an all local cast, is scheduled for presentation at Central school auditorium on Thursday and Friday nights, March 26 and 27. Tickets are now on sale by Jaycees, priced at 60 and 30 cents.

LODGE MEETING
Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening at 7:30 at Masonic Lodge Hall, according to announcement by Joe McDaniel, secretary.

Citizens To Get Manager System Choice In May

The city board of commissioners and the city planning board met jointly Tuesday night and agreed to the calling of a city manager system election.

Under the agreement, the voters will vote for or against the adoption of the Plan "D" city manager system, modified according to the Laurinburg act of 1951, at the regular city election in May. The two boards will meet again to examine the text of the enabling act which the General Assembly, and will also endeavor to agree on an "everyday language" explanation of the changes under the proposed city manager form.

Though the meeting was completely harmonious, with all members of the city administration and four of the five members of the planning board present, Mayor Garland Still opposed the calling of the vote and tried to delay final agreement on calling the election. Mayor Still charged that the planning board was trying to step up a dictatorship in the form of a city manager system, was trying to relieve elected officials of their rightful authority, and had several other objections in similar vein. Planning Board Chairman J. B. Keeter, as well as other members, denied the allegations and countered with the statement that the planning body merely wanted the voters to choose their system.

All members of the board of commissioners stated their willingness to have the citizens vote on the matter, though Commissioner Orlan Pearson said he strongly opposed the city manager system. Commissioner James Layton indicated he opposed the city manager system, too, but pointed out that neither did he like the present system of government. He said he liked the Shelby system, where department heads operate the city and make monthly reports to the Shelby aldermen.

Commissioners Davis, Wright and Barry all strongly favored the election, but did not definitely place themselves regarding the city manager question.

Carl F. Mauney, planning board member, said he felt any business needed a man of experience to run it and that the city manager system set up that arrangement.

The arrangement agreed to by the two boards was a compromise and had been suggested over the weekend by Rep. Falls. The planning board had first sought a special election prior to the May election and had sought to bypass the city board of commissioners by having the county board of elections call and superintend the voting.

Members of the planning board present were Chairman Keeter, L. E. Abbott, Hal S. Plonk and Carl F. Mauney.

After disposing of the special election matter, the board named Commissioners Layton and Wright to investigate a request for gravel at the National Guard motor pool by Charles Wilson.

The board also ordered a further check into a sewage problem at the Grady McCarter home, by Tom Henry, sanitary superintendent.

Clyde Randall Awarded Trophy
J. Clyde Randall, Guernsey dairyman of the Bethlehem community was awarded the Charlie Rackley Guernsey Cup at a meeting of the North Carolina Guernsey Association held in Winston Salem on Friday.

Mr. Randall was also elected a director at the meeting of the Guernsey Breeders Association. He is currently president of the Cleveland County chapter of the association.

Mr. Randall won the award in state-wide competition on the basis of sanitation, milk production, and promotion of the sale of Golden Guernsey milk in this area.

MUSICAL PROGRAM
The primary grades of Central school will be presented in a musical program, "Community Life" Thursday evening, March 5, at 7:30. No admission will be charged. All children from the primary grades will participate.