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Local News Bulletins

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Blanche Poplin, member of Myers' clerical force, entered Gaston Memorial hospital several days ago for treatment.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Mrs. Franklin Pethel is in Nashville, Tenn., attending a Southern Regional Child Welfare Conference.

FIRST DEGREE

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., has been called for Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p. m. at the Masonic Hall for work in the first degree.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY

Rev. W. L. Pressly, I. G. Patterson, elder, and W. S. Fulton, Jr., deacon, represented Boyce Memorial ARP church at the meeting of First Presbytery, held Tuesday at Ebenezer ARP church, near Charlotte.

FIVE JOIN CHURCH

The First Baptist church, on Sunday morning, April 5, received five new members: Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Walker and daughter, Linda, Miss Colleen Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Wright, and Brenda Bridges, daughter of Mrs. E. W. Bridges.

IMPROVED

The condition of Eugene Steffy, Kings Mountain theatre operator who was critically injured in a fall April 1, was reported as improved Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Steffy, still while bathing, his head hitting a faucet of the tub.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. D. F. Hord, Sr., is a patient at Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat hospital where she underwent an emergency operation Saturday for an eye condition diagnosed as glaucoma. Reports from her family say that she is getting along fine.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Charles D. Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton, was among 45 pharmacy school students at the University of North Carolina appearing on the dean's list and honor roll for the recent quarter, according to announcement from the university.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued on April 8 to E. T. Platt for construction of a one story frame building at an approximate cost of \$2,499 and on April 14 to Drace Peeler for construction of a one story frame house on Morris street at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

KIWANIS MEETING

Aubrey Mauney, recently returned from a visit to South America, will recount his experiences in British Guiana and Argentina at the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday evening at 6:45. The club meets at Masonic Dining Hall.

SNYDER HERE

Dr. R. S. Snyder, pastor of Segal Avenue Presbyterian church in Charlotte and widely known authority on Russia and communism, will speak to students at Kings Mountain high school Friday at 1 p. m. Patrons of the school are invited to attend.

Cancer Crusade Fund Reported

With only scattered reports in Kings Mountain Cancer Crusade officials reported \$174.61 on hand Wednesday.

Quota for the annual appeal has been set at \$750. Mrs. Herbert Davidson and Mrs. S. S. Wall, Jr., head the campaign here.

Volunteer workers in the drive are Mrs. W. L. McEakin, Mrs. Jacob Mauney, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Lloyd Houser, Mrs. J. C. McKinney, Mrs. Dean McDaniell, Mrs. C. A. Sitterworth, Mrs. Frank Cox, Mrs. E. N. Barnes, Mrs. Bill Houser and Mrs. E. R. Goter.

Mrs. Davidson reported yesterday that donations made by mail to the county unit of the American Cancer Society will be credited to the Kings Mountain quota.

City Registration Books Will Open



TO SPEAK HERE — Dr. C. K. Brown, Davidson college professor, will speak at First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock as the church observes National Christian College day.

Presbyterians To Hear Brown

Dr. C. K. Brown, of Davidson College, will be the morning speaker at First Presbyterian church services here Sunday in observance of National Christian College day.

Dr. Brown is one of 12 Davidson faculty and administration members who are speaking at churches throughout North and South Carolina to commemorate the day.

A native of Salisbury, Dr. Brown is dean of the faculty and professor of economics at Davidson. He received the B.A. degree from Davidson and M. A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Brown is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, American Economists Association, and the Historical Society of North Carolina.

Cemetery Gates Named By Board

The city board of commissioners approved a plan Monday night to name the six entrance gates to Mountain Rest cemetery.

The entrance at the residence of Mrs. C. F. Thomasson is to be named Falls Gate, honoring the man who gave the first property for the city's cemetery.

The Dilling street entrance is to be named Dwell Gate, honoring H. C. Dwell, one-time city commissioner credited with landscaping the cemetery.

The Deal street entrance is to be named Fulton Gate, for the late H. T. Fulton, Sr., first mortician in Cleveland county.

The new East Gold street gate is to be named Sam Suber Gate, honoring the veteran cemetery superintendent.

The South Carpenter street entrance is to be named for Johnny W. Blackwell, first Kings Mountain serviceman to lose his life in World War II.

The North Carpenter Street gate is to be named for Otis D. Green, first Kings Mountain serviceman to lose his life in World War I.

Suitable markers are to be erected at each gate.

Speculation List Getting Thin As Candidate List Grows Bigger

Many political observers were ready to write "all done" to the current season's list of candidates this week, but others countered with a strong "not so."

All would agree that the candidate list is well gleaned and, at least, near-complete.

Principal rumors continued to concern the possibility that H. Tom Fulton, former mayor, would offer again for this position. Some said Mr. Fulton would file "for sure" next week. This opinion was not shared by the three men already seeking the mayor's office.

Other principal question concerned the Ward 1 school trusteeship and the late development whereby J. R. Davis, incumbent, filed for the office. Mr. Davis had not been expected to seek re-election, and George H. Houser's name has figured most prominently in pre-election speculation.

Saturday First Day To Register For City Voting

Registration books will be open for the first time Saturday for the forthcoming May 12 city election, when qualified voters will choose a mayor, and five ward commissioners, and with voters in Ward 1 naming a school trustee.

The Voters will also determine whether they wish a city manager form of government, or whether they wish to continue the present council-mayor form of government.

Registrars will be at the respective polling places all day Saturday, from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. to place the names of new voters on the books. The registrars will be at the polling places also on Saturday, April 25, and Saturday, May 2, Saturday, May 9 will be Challenge Day.

Election officials are pointing out that persons who have moved from one ward to another should obtain transfers.

The registrars and the respective polling places are:

Ward 1 at City Hall, Clarence L. Black.

Ward 2 at City Hall, Mrs. H. R. Parton.

Ward 3 at Phenix Mill Store, Mrs. Ruth Bowers.

Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club-room, C. P. Goforth.

Ward 5 at Victory Chevrolet Company, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis.

Heart Ailment Fatal To Hord

Arthur Buren Hord, 47, resident of Concord and native and former citizen of Kings Mountain, died of a heart ailment on the way to Cabarrus Memorial hospital at 11 a. m. last Thursday.

He had been suffering from a heart ailment for sometime and had been unable to perform his salesman's duties at the Stephens' Bulk company in Concord, with which he was associated.

Mr. Hord had lived in Concord since 1927 and following his retirement from professional baseball, he entered Cannon's Mill employ and served as overseer of the finishing plant. He later became associated with the Stephens' Bulk company as salesman.

Mr. Hord was one of the North State League's all time greats in the second base position. He was a member of St. James Lutheran church of Concord, where the funeral services were conducted Saturday at 3 p. m.

He was born February 25, 1906, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hord of Kings Mountain, who survive.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Mrs. Mary Orchard Hord; a daughter, Mary Orchard Hord; two sons, Edwin Buren and John Kimmons Hord of Concord; three brothers, Rev. R. V. Hord of Vale, Jerry E. Hord of Portsmouth, Va., and Robert O. Hord of Kings Mountain; four sisters, Mrs. Roland P. Falls of Greensboro, Mrs. John W. Spencer of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ray Kirby and Mrs. Earl D. Ledford, both of Kings Mountain.

The following exceeded their quota: Gallilee Methodist church, \$37.50; Adam's Chapel A.M.E. Zion church, \$27.50; Mt. Zion Baptist, \$45; Long Branch Baptist, \$40; Ebenezer Baptist, \$45; Vestibule A.M.E. Zion, \$45; Compact High school, \$43.

The following groups in quotas: Mt. Olive Baptist church, \$46.75; Mt. Calvary Holiness, \$9; St. Peter's Baptist, \$36.50; Masonic Lodge, \$10.

Other amounts reported: Good Hope Presbyterian church, \$11.95; St. Paul Methodist, \$15; Davidson high school, \$25; Shiloh A.M.E. Zion, \$22; Synonym's Chapel A.M.E. Zion, \$41.20.

Plans for commencement exercises at Bethware high school were announced yesterday by Principal John Rudisill.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. E. Robbins, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, on Sunday, May 17 at Bethware school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Boyce Huffstetter, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, will speak at graduating exercises to be held at the school on May 20.

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County Auditor Max Hamrick has previously estimated that an 85-cent county wide tax rate would return the same amount of revenue which the county now receives from its current valuation on a county-wide rate of \$1.09 per \$100 valuation.

The new rate has not yet been set by the county board, and will not be until the new appraisals have been adopted, and next year's budget adopted.

As was expected the valuations reported by individuals vary considerably. Some report themselves pleasantly surprised that the valuations are not increased more than they have been, while others do not like the looks of the new figures.

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City Board Handles Many Routine Matters

The city board of commissioners conducted a mass of routine business Monday night at the regular May meeting, the major action being the calling of a public hearing on some \$4,000 in street-paving assessments for May 13.

Notice of the assessment roll is published in today's edition of the Herald on page 2, section one. Otherwise, the board transferred \$10,000 from its budgeted expenditures for the light and power department to the sewer and water departments.

In other actions the board:

1) Approved the drawing of a local bill to authorize transfer of certain school properties to the board of school trustees by board action.

2) Authorized employment of an additional worker for Sam Suber, grounds custodian and cemetery superintendent, the salary to be charged to stadium operation.

3) Approved request of the Merchants association, presented by John Lewis, to grant free parking in the business section during an approaching Dollar Days event.

4) Authorized Tom Henry, public works superintendent, to arrange a garbage disposal agreement with the Park Yarn Mills Company with the board to set the fee to be charged.

5) Adopted a resolution setting up the Billie Gene Saunders school fund, a police department promotion.

6) Voted a \$50 per month pay raise, to \$175, for Everette Bridges, second shift desk sergeant in the police department.

7) Authorized the chief of police to ask for a prisoner trusty to handle clean-up detail at City Hall.

8) Ordered removal of caution light from corner of Dilling and E. King streets to corner of Phenix and Chestnut streets.

9) Authorized grading of Three-and-One-Half street and Dust Bank near Gantt's Store, and also authorized grading of the alley between Dilling street and Hill street.

10) Authorized installation of a street light at Smith residence on Goff street.

11) Accepted suggestion of Ole Harris to name several gates entrance gates to Mountain Rest cemetery.

Red Cross Fund Drive Is Short

Kings Mountain area contributions to the Red Cross totaled \$3,893.91, according to report Wednesday by B. S. Neill, treasurer.

The total was \$1,700 short of the minimum desired amount, and Mr. Neill urged citizens who have not given to forward checks to him.

Coming in for particular praise was the Negro division, headed by M. L. Campbell, which exceeded its assigned quota and raised a total of \$500 for the fund.

Division Chairman Campbell said, "In listing amounts contributed by the various organizations to the 1953 Red Cross drive, I also express my very deep appreciation to those who worked and contributed to this cause. I believe it will greatly assist with this worthy work."

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Ellison Enters Ward 3 Race; Davis Asks Re-Election As School Trustee

Recreation Body Declines Club Bid For Stadium

Members of the city Recreation Commission in a special meeting Wednesday afternoon unanimously voted to decline permission to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club to use City Stadium for a horse show.

The action was taken after members present at the meeting, visited the stadium to observe improvements made in the past few months. Present were Dr. P. C. Padgett, chairman, Jack White, Hunter Neisler, Fred W. Plonk, James G. (Red) Layton, Mrs. Harry Page and Mrs. J. H. Patterson.

The city board of commissioners, at their Monday night meeting, had received a delegation of Kiwanis officers who made the request to use the stadium for the annual club horse show in June.

The board informed the delegation, which included President D. F. Hord, Jr., Treasurer John L. McGill and Secretary Harold Coggins, that the recreation commission had administrative jurisdiction over the stadium, but a majority of the board members said they hoped that permission would be declined due to the improvements made. Sam Suber, who had superintended the improvements, made a plea to "keep the horses off."

In turn, Commissioners Pearson, Davis, Layton, and Mayor Garland Still, who stated opposition to use of the stadium for a horse show, indicated that the city would cooperate with the Kiwanis club in readying a new horse show site, by furnishing free-of-charge scraping machinery, bleachers, and other available facilities.

President Hord pointed out that the Kiwanis profits from previous horse shows had bought needed equipment for Kings Mountain hospital, had bulwarmed the Kiwanis club loan fund and done other needed work. He also pointed out that the Kiwanis club had donated the stadium lighting system.

During the past few months, the stadium turf has been sodded and re-planted in grass. The baseball diamond has also been converted to a grass infield.

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Included are a house and lot at the corner of Falls street and Battleground avenue, another house with two adjoining tracts on Waco Road, and a half-interest in a tract of approximately ten acres adjoining Crescent Hill.

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Pauline Mauney To Give Recital

The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina School of Music will present Miss Pauline Mauney, pianist, in a recital Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Music Building Recital hall in Greensboro.

A reception will follow in the Music Building parlor.

Miss Mauney is a senior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauney of Kings Mountain.

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Citizens Get Property Appraisals; News Brings Some Smiles, Frowns

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"Meanest Man" Tied Can On Dog's Tail

A candidate, or candidates, for the title of "Meanest Man in Kings Mountain" was doing dirty work last Friday.

Witnesses reported seeing a part-Collie dog near the corner of East King street and Cleveland avenue about 11 a. m. Friday running wildly with a tin can tied on its tail.

Efforts by some witnesses to remove the can from the dog went to naught as the animal raced off, yelping wildly, down the York highway.

City and state ordinances prohibit any act of cruelty to animals and carry a penalty of \$50 with a maximum sentence of 30 days upon conviction of any person on such charge.

No warrant was issued in the case because the guilty party or parties were not identified.

Lay Preachers To Lead Revival

Lay preachers of Macedonia Baptist church will fill the pulpit at the weeks' revival series beginning Sunday and continuing throughout the following week with the final service Sunday, April 26.

Obrean White is in charge of singing. Lay Preachers Bud Falls, Ray Wright, Wayne Haynes, Dick Ware, and John Cloninger will conduct the preaching services.

Time of the meetings has been set for 7:30 each evening and the public is invited to attend. Rev. R. L. Hardin, pastor of the church said in making the announcement.

Philosophizing, the former governor declared that "all wealth comes from the soil or the mine" and he added, "when you raise the income of the average citizen, you help everybody the most."

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Ware Chairman ARP Congregation

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Mrs. Garrison Goforth was elected secretary, succeeding Miss Leone Patterson.

The congregation received information on the financial report for the past year, as presented by W. S. Fulton, Jr., treasurer.

Following the congregational meeting, the board of deacons organized for the coming year, naming Wendell Phifer as chairman, to succeed Martin Harmon, and John Cheshire as secretary, to succeed Menzell Phifer.

RECEIVES PART
Miss Evelyn Cline, freshman student at Guilford College, has been given a part in the school play, "Goodbye My Fancy," to be presented on April 25. She is the daughter of Mrs. R. S. Oates.



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Scott Predicts Big Changes In Agriculture

Demonstrating anew a flare for the witty phrase and pungent point, Former Governor W. Kerr Scott delighted a crowd of 150 area farmers and their hosts, the Kings Mountain Lions club, Tuesday night, as the civic club held its annual Farmer's Night banquet.

Mr. Scott predicted a great future for North Carolina agriculture and declared that "North Carolina has plenty more room for beef and sheep." He added that sheep pays more, in proportion to the investment, than any other North Carolina product.

Mr. Scott said he was told by the experts that changes in agriculture in the next 15 years would be greater than in the past 15 years.

In a half-serious manner, Mr. Scott said he would not have been governor had he had a telephone at his home near Haw River. He also referred to his prior strained relations with civic clubs of the state, and said he regarded the Lions club as the most constructive of them all. "Still," he said, "the civic clubs didn't push for electric lines, phones and roads for the rural areas."

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