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Local News Bulletins

PROMOTED

Ivan E. Weaver, on duty with the Air Force in England, has been promoted to the rating of airman, first-class, according to information received here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weaver.

LIONS MEETING

The Rhythmic quartet will give a musical program at the Tuesday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club. The club will also hear a report of the nominating committee. The club meets at Masonic Lodge Hall at 7 o'clock.

X-RAY UNIT

Mobile X-ray unit will be in front of Belk's Department store Friday, April 24, from 10 until 12 o'clock in the morning and from 1 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, according to announcement received this week.

LODGE MEETING

Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., will hold an emergency communication on Monday evening at 7:30 for work in the second degree, according to announcement by J. H. McDaniel, Jr., secretary.

CHICKEN SUPPER

A chicken supper for benefit of the Grace Methodist church parsonage building fund will be held Saturday, April 25, at 5 o'clock in the Bur-Mill club house. Plates will sell for \$1.25 each, a spokesman for the group said.

RESIDENCE SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smathers have purchased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Peeler on Rosewood Lane, in a transaction completed last Thursday. Consideration was not announced. Mr. Peeler has begun construction of a new home on Goforth street.

KIWANIS MEETING

Simmons Andrews, of Charlotte, will demonstrate wonders in the field of communication at the meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:45. Mr. Andrews is associated with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

IMPROVING

Eugene Steffy, Kings Mountain theatre operator, who has been hospitalized at Charlotte Memorial hospital as the result of a fall April 1, has been removed to Kings Mountain hospital. His condition is improved but he is not allowed visitors.

Flower Show Set May 4-9

The Kings Mountain Garden Club, in co-operation with Kings Mountain furniture stores will conduct a flower show May 4-9. Each furniture store will display a particular suite of furniture and members of Kings Mountain Garden Club will furnish flower arrangements appropriate to be used with the furniture.

Names of stores, furniture to be displayed, and club members doing the arrangements will be announced next week.

Local Exchange Rate Hikes Not Learned

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company was granted an aggregate rate increase in North Carolina totaling more than \$1,500,000 Tuesday, but what effect the rates will have on rates for Kings Mountain users could not be learned Wednesday.

E. T. Harris, of Shelby, manager of the Kings Mountain exchange, said it would be several days before the effect on local exchange rates would be known in his office. The rate increases were about 48.1 percent of the approximately \$3,400,000 asked by the company of the North Carolina Utilities commission.

Hunter Property Condemnation Will Be Sought

Members of the Kings Mountain district board of school trustees voted to execute options from several property owners and to institute condemnation proceedings against at least one other for the new Negro school site at the regular monthly meeting held Monday night.

Execution of the options and the institution of condemnation proceedings will clear the way for work to begin on the new six-room elementary building on the new site.

The new site is located several hundred feet west of Davidson school building and contains some 12 and one-half acres of land.

The board voted to institute legal proceedings to secure the property of Tom Hunter, which is located on the new site. Included in the same motion were instructions to the building committee to proceed with attempts to purchase some two or three acres from B. D. Ratterree and, if efforts failed, to institute legal action, along with the Hunter proceedings.

The motion was made by Dr. P. G. Padgett, seconded by Fred W. Plonk and carried unanimously. Mrs. Haywood Lynch, vice-chairman, presided. All members were present except Chairman Kincaid.

The board voted to execute options on the following property: Tom Meeks, \$300; Cole Jenkins, \$400; Katherine Boyd, \$300; and Odessa Shields, \$200. Motion was made by Dr. Padgett, seconded by Mr. Plonk and carried unanimously.

The board also discussed a proposed change in plans for moving the several houses which will have to be moved to clear the site. The group had agreed to move two of the houses involved onto school property next to the Davidson building. Mr. Plonk, member of the building committee, reported that two home owners involved had requested another site, which he reported J. E. Rhea, owner, had priced at \$1,500. If the Rhea property is not secured, the original plan would be followed.

The board approved execution

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Dr. Plonk Head Of Drama Group

Dr. Laura Plonk, Kings Mountain native, was elected president of the Carolina Dramatics association at the annual drama festival held at the University of North Carolina last weekend.

Dr. Plonk, director of the Plonk School of Creative Arts, of Asheville, succeeds Bristow Hardin, of Charlotte.

The Plonk School's college group won the highest award given by the association in the annual drama competition last week with its presentation of "The Potboiler".

Two Are Named For Girls' State

Miss Susan Moss and Miss Ann Mobley Dilling have been selected to represent the American Legion Auxiliary at the fourteenth annual Tar Heel Girls' State which convenes at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro June 28-July 3.

Applicants to Girls' State are chosen by the local American Legion Auxiliary group on a basis of enthusiasm, co-operation, honesty, dependability, capability and qualities of leadership. They are chosen from the rising senior class of the High Schools of the State.

Girls' State was originated and established in 1940 by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, as an Americanism project to provide for high school girls of the state an opportunity to study and practice citizenship in a democracy.

Miss Moss is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moss, and Miss Dilling is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilling of Kings Mountain.



ELECTED — Jerry King, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver King, will be installed as master councillor of the Shelby Order of the Demolay on May 30.

Jerry King Heads Demolay

Jerry King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver King and a senior at Kings Mountain high school, has been elected master councillor of the Shelby Order of the Demolay.

Young King was named at a meeting of the organization on April 15 and will be installed on May 30. He will succeed Bill Padgett of Shelby.

The Demolay is a secret order promoted by Masons for boys ages 16 through 21.

Central Students Contest Winners

Alfred Wright, Kings Mountain high school tenth grade student, was awarded first place in the declamation division of the annual Western North Carolina High School Activities Association forensic contest held Monday at Central school.

His winning oratory was "The Shell of Self." Five other students were entered in the division.

Kelly Weaver, Kings Mountain high school senior, won second place in the original speaking division, losing the first place award to Robert J. Kepley, Newton-Conover high school student. Kepley's speech was "Safeguarding Our Constitution." Five other students were entered.

Shirley Ann Crawford, Forest City high school student, was first place winner in the poetry division. Her entry was "The White Cliffs of Dover." Bobbie Barrett, Kings Mountain school student, was one of the five other entrants in the division.

Winner of the reading medal was Peggy Barringer of Hickory for her entry, "Elizabeth, the Queen." Lyvonne Lindsay, Central student, was one of four other contestants.

Judges in the contests were: Declamation — Mrs. Floyd Noplette and Rev. H. P. Barringer of Bessemer City and Rev. W. L. McSwain of Kings Mountain.

Speaking division: J. S. Johnson and Mrs. Cecil Dellinger of Bessemer City, and Rev. Park Moore of Grover.

Poetry: Mrs. Haywood Moss, Waco; Mrs. J. Loveland and Miss Mary Frances Cothran of Shelby. Reading: Mrs. Carl Howard of York, Mrs. John O. Adams of Bessemer City, and Mrs. L. C. Ward of Bessemer City.

Students from seven schools, including Hickory, Newton-Conover, Lincoln, Cherryville, Ruthersford, Forest City, and Kings Mountain participated in the four divisional forensic meet.

METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$155.27 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city clerk's office.

Registration Pace Slow; Officials At Polling Places Again Saturday

City registration for the forthcoming May 12 election will continue at the respective polling places Saturday, second of three Saturdays for registering.

The books opened for the first time last Saturday and the five Ward registrars spent an un-busy day, though about 30 new names were added to the poll scrolls.

Final total of additions was not obtainable but, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Ward 4 showed the greatest number of additions to the voter list with 15. Registration had not been expected to be especially brisk, since no new registration has been called since 1939, and since majority

Candidate List Remains Same

No New Hats Enter Ring During Week

No new candidates added their names during the past week to the list of 18 already seeking the seven offices to be filled in the May 12 election.

One office is uncontested, J. R. Davis, the incumbent, having no opposition as yet for the position of Ward 1 school trustee.

Three candidates seek each city office except in Ward 1, where only James (Red) Layton and W. S. Fulton, Sr., have yet entered the race.

The week's activity as far as new candidates were concerned, was limited to rumors. The major one was a report circulated Tuesday that Former Mayor H. Tom Fulton, prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for that office again, had paid the filing fee. The rumor was false, and the city office reported a busy time answering inquiries about it.

Generally speaking, there were few rumors left that could be considered seriously. Almost all of the past several candidates or publicly-announced non-candidates. Many observers felt all the filing business was completed, with the deadline for getting names on the ballot only 13 days away.

Clavon Kelly was mentioned as a possible seeker after Mr. Davis' school board seat, but George H. Houser, prominently mentioned as a candidate, indicated he did not expect to offer.

Political activity on the part of the candidates had increased markedly. All were active in visiting throughout the city in an effort to mobilize friends and to immobilize foes.

The candidates to date: For Mayor — Garland E. Still, incumbent, George W. Allen, Glee A. Bridges.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — James G. (Red) Layton, incumbent, and W. S. Fulton, Sr.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Lloyd E. Davis, incumbent, Warren E. Reynolds, and J. H. Patterson.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Olland R. Pearson, incumbent, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, and Clarence Elgin.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — O. T. Hayes, Sr., Harold Phillips and Floyd Williams.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — Sam Stallings, W. G. Grantham and D. L. White.

For Ward 1 school trustee — J. R. Davis, incumbent.

Cancer Fund Reaches \$555

Kings Mountain contributions to the annual Cancer Fund campaign totaled \$555.11, exclusive of donations mailed directly to county fund drive headquarters in Shelby, Mrs. Hubert Davidson, chairman of the Kings Mountain division campaign, said Wednesday.

Mrs. Davidson said several citizens had reported mailing donations to Shelby after receiving the appeal letter mailed by Dr. Craig Jones, county chairman.

Report on the amount Kings Mountain had contributed via this means was not immediately available she added.

Kings Mountain quota is \$750.



SEEKS RE-ELECTION — J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain lawyer, is a candidate to succeed himself as Ward 1 school trustee. Mr. Davis seeks re-election to a six-year term.

National Guard Seeks Recruits

An intensive recruiting drive to bring new Guardsmen into the Kings Mountain unit of the National Guard was launched this week, Captain Humes Houston, commanding officer, announced yesterday.

Aim of the drive will be to bring the unit, Headquarters and Headquarters company, 3rd battalion, 120th Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, up to its full authorized strength.

"Our unit, a vital member of America's defense team, has an important mission in time of emergency," Capt. Houston said in making the announcement of the recruiting drive.

"We are especially appealing to 17-year-olds and their parents. This age group can join the Guard, train at home and be paid at the same time and also be learning a job which will be good training for a civilian occupation," he said.

"Seventeen-year-olds who join the guard and continue training are exempt from the draft because they are already receiving training," he pointed out.

The annual unit encampment has been scheduled for June 14-28 at Fort McClellan, Ala.

The local unit, primarily a communications group, offers valuable training in both radio and telephonic jobs.

All members of the local guard unit will play active parts in the recruiting campaign, Capt. Houston pointed out, with a prize of a sport coat being offered the enlisted man who secures the highest number of new recruits. New recruits are also eligible, he said.

Men interested in complete details about Guard service and the benefits it offers are invited to visit the National Guard headquarters in the Motor Shed on Phifer road, on the army site.

An official of the unit is on duty at the Motor Shed every day, except Saturdays and Sundays, until 5 p. m.

The company drills every Monday at 7 p. m. at the Motor Shed and men interested in joining are invited to attend any of the sessions.

Fellowship Day Set For May 1

May Fellowship Day, sponsored annually by the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women, will be held May 1 at Resurrection Lutheran church.

May Fellowship Day is one of the three national observances of church women of all denominations. World Community day and World Day of Prayer, annual church observances, deal with world needs, while May Fellowship Day, more recently organized, deals with the local needs of a community.

Following a covered dish supper held in the church at 6 o'clock p. m., a short program will be given and new officers for the forthcoming year will be elected. Mrs. O. W. Myers is president of the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women.

C. E. Carpenter To Give Time To Tax Duties

The city board of commissioners met in special session Monday afternoon and relieved Clarence E. Carpenter of his duties as desk sergeant in the police department, in order that Mr. Carpenter may devote more time to his work as the city's tax supervisor.

Mayor Garland Still, who suggested the change, said the considerable bookkeeping work involved in copying and checking the new appraisals, now being set by the county board of commissioners, required more time than Mr. Carpenter could give to the tax work under the double duties. Mr. Carpenter is to continue his duties as clerk of recorder's court and will also assist with the regular work of the city clerk's office.

Commissioners James (Red) Layton, Olland R. Pearson and Lloyd E. Davis were present. Commissioners C. P. Barry and B. T. Wright, Sr., were absent.

The board also voted to ask the county to enforce an act prohibiting carnivals from operating in Cleveland County. City Attorney J. R. Davis said such an act, excepting only the Cleveland County Fair, was passed in 1923 by the General Assembly but had never been enforced. Action was taken after Mr. Layton had offered a motion to prevent the city from selling power to carnivals setting up just outside the city limits.

In other actions the board:

1) Voted to add to the tax scrolls tax bill totaling \$69.72 against Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Sr., representing tax bills for 1951 and 1952 erroneously not charged.

2) Authorized purchase of a carload of MCO, to spread on dirt streets as a dust preventive.

3) Gave the American Legion permission to use two parking spaces, rent-free, for an exhibit on Friday.

Commissioner Layton was named to investigate further possibility of laying curbing from Watterston Street to Kings Mountain hospital.

The board discussed with Tom Henry, superintendent of public works, a work schedule on a number of projects and told him to give first priority to laying of a sewerline on Mauney avenue, authorized several weeks ago.

The board discussed without action employment of a policeman, and instructed Chief H. A. Logan, Jr., to bring in a recommendation, provided Jim Lybrand, fireman, did not wish to transfer to the desk sergeant's job.

Rabies Clinic Set Saturday

Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, announced Wednesday, rabies clinics in Kings Mountain areas for Saturday, April 25. Clinics have been set at the following places: Grover high school from 10:30 until 11:00 a. m.

White's Service Station on Grover road from 11:00 to 11:30 a. m.

Grigg Town on Grover road near Archdale Dairy, from 11:30 until 12:00.

Glass Grocery on Grover road from 12:00 until 12:30.

Dog owners are urged to have their dogs vaccinated. Dr. Mauney said in making the announcement.

County Tax Supervisor Says Clamor On New Appraisals Now Subsiding

"Business" at the county auditor and tax supervisor's office concerning the new property appraisals had "slowed off some" Wednesday afternoon, Tax Supervisor Max Hamrick told the Herald.

"Business" has been quite brisk since the new appraisal mailing got underway, though Mr. Hamrick said that the number of complaints is not staggering. More people have been in to inquire, compare and to investigate than to complain, he said. Wednesday morning, Mr. Hamrick said, he had helped a citizen check appraisals on 30 pieces of realty with no complaint resulting, he added.

However, between those inquiring and those filing complaints, it meant a busy time for county officials. Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, went to Shelby early in the week to begin the laborious task of copying the tax appraisals onto the city books, but returned home empty-handed. "They were too busy," he reported. While the city will use the tax

School Band Gets Highest Rating



ON WELFARE BOARD — Dr. Nathan H. Reed, of Kings Mountain, has been appointed a member of the county welfare board. Appointment was made Monday by the county board of commissioners.

Crowds Attend Art Exhibit

A large number of citizens were visiting Central school gymnasium Wednesday to see the city schools art and crafts exhibit, which will continue through Thursday and Friday.

West school was acting as host school Wednesday. East school will serve as host school on Thursday, and Central will be host school on Friday.

The exhibit is non-competitive, with no prizes offered. The exhibit marks an effort on the part of teachers of Kings Mountain city schools to show to the public work being done in the field of art and crafts in the city schools system, Miss Alice Averitt, of the city faculty, said.

The exhibit will be open from 9:00 until 12:00 o'clock in the mornings and from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoons; from 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock on Thursday evening, April 23.

Acting as hosts and hostesses for this exhibit are representatives of local P. T. A.'s, students, and members of Student Council of Central High School.

Captured War Goods On Display Friday

An exhibit of captured war equipment from Okinawa and the South Pacific, including a Jap P. T. boat, will be on display in front of Kings Mountain Drug Company on Friday.

The unit is being sponsored by the American Legion and there will be no admission but donations will be accepted.

The unit, consisting of a large trailer, will be at the location all day Friday and local Legion officials have urged all citizens to see the exhibit.

In addition to the P. T. boat, other articles on display will include a thousand-stitched belt, a 32-pound pair of Japanese suicide shoes, guns and bombs.

Annual Festival Honors Captured At Greensboro

Kings Mountain High School's 55-piece band was awarded a number one rating of superior at the annual State High School Music Contest - Festival held in Greensboro Tuesday.

The band was one of a group of sixteen competing in Class III for senior bands, and had received a rating high enough at the last state contest to qualify for appearance at the Greensboro contest without preliminary elimination.

Kings Mountain's band has achieved a superior rating for the past three years.

For the contest festival the band played "New Colonial March" by R. B. Hall, "Deep River Rhapsody" by Walters, and "Sleepers' Wake" written by Bach and arranged by Chaffarrelli.

Two other numbers had been prepared for presentation by the group.

Judges were Colonel Harold Bachman, University of Miami, George C. Wilson, University of Missouri, and Ernest E. Harris of Columbia University.

Members of the Kings Mountain high school band are:

Clarinet — Bob Cashion, Peggy Joyce Reynolds, Patsy Goforth, Billie Mabry, Fleming Mauney, Derice Weir, Marilyn Tesseney, Becky Harris, Mary Freeman, Glenda Spake, Edward Blanton, and Jean Arthur.

Alto Clarinets — Susan Moss and Fern Barrett.

Bass Clarinets — Jay Patterson and Shirley Greene.

Cornets — Gene Ellis, Bill Sanders, Larry Carpenter, Richard Bollinger, Jim Pressly, Roger Blackwell, Charles Jolly, Louis Crawford, and Bobby Myers.

French Horns — Charles Yawn, Bud Ware, Poochie Mitchem and Kenneth Roberts.

Flutes — Shirley Falls, Louise Gladden, Donna Cheatham, and Jane Crocker.

Saxophone — Ann McKelvie, Georgianna Moss, Mary Owens, Clyde Morrow and Harold Ellis.

Baritone — Luther Barnes, Harold Hord and Frank Hinson.

Trombones — Bill Briggs, Hoyte Burton, Reggie Painter, and Darrell Spierling.

Coos — Butchie Houser and Bobbie Barrett.

Boisen — Boyce Gault, Jr., and Robert Hardin.

Percussion — Timothy Gladden, Charles Blanton, Nick Smith and Pat Owens.

Bassoon — Kelly Weaver.

The band is under the direction of J. C. Hedden and T. H. Hatley, student band director of Appalachian State Teachers college. Kelly Weaver is band president.

"Kings Mountain's band gave a splendid performance, Mr. Hedden, band director said, and one that we feel proud of."

Belk's Installing Air Conditioning

Belk's Department Store is installing an air-conditioning system, which will be ready for use during the coming summer, Hill-Ruth, manager of the firm said this week.

Mechanical Contractors, of Charlotte, is installing a Westinghouse to serve both the Belk buildings. Previously, the buildings have been recently insulated with Johns Manville insulation, handled by Charles B. Campbell, agent.

Filing Deadline May 6 at 5 p. m.

Deadline for filing for city political office will be at 5 p. m., on Wednesday, May 6. City Clerk J. R. Hendrick said yesterday.

Mr. Hendrick has interpreted the phrase "five days before the election" to mean the close of business on May 6, which is 5 p. m.

Citizens wishing to seek city office must file notice of candidacy in writing and pay a filing fee of five dollars.

The election will be conducted on May 12.