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City Carrier Delivery Service For 524 Homes Is Approved

Details Given On Expansion Effective Monday

Kings Mountain postoffice will inaugurate expanded city carrier service Monday morning, serving 524 additional homes. It means addition of a new city letter carrier route.

Postmaster W. E. Blakely announced the expansion following visit this week by a postal inspector who gave final approval to the original expansion request and also approved several additions to the original list.

Lewis Falls will be the carrier for the new route. Other city carriers are Wiley Blanton and Stokes Wright.

Much of the new route has been carved out of what is now Rural Route 3.

Mr. Blakely said addition of the new route would require appointment of a new employee and said he is recommending from the civil service list the appointment of Laland L. Franks. He said Mr. Franks was second on the competitive examination and that William Harmon, who had highest rating on the civil service listing, declined the appointment. Third man on the eligible list is Howard O. Smith.

Mr. Blakely reminded residents on the new city carrier route that mail cannot be delivered until house numbers and mail boxes are up.

"I am very happy to announce the expansion of service," Postmaster Blakely said. "For we have been working on it for a long time. The service is needed and will benefit numerous people."

The new city carrier delivery service additions include:

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Local News Bulletins

SUMMERS HOME
 First Lieutenant Frank A. Summers has arrived home from Korea and has been released to inactive duty status. Lt. Summers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers, spent more than a year in Korea with the army engineers. He landed in San Francisco, Calif., last Saturday, was flown to Fort Jackson, S. C., and was released on Sunday.

ARP SPEAKER
 Dr. W. C. Halliday, missionary to Mexico, will deliver the evening sermon at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday night at 7:30. He will also show pictures of missionary work in Mexico, where he has been a missionary for 25 years.

ATTEND MEETING
 Robert M. Moser, county hospital administrator, Grady Howard, Kings Mountain hospital manager, and S. A. Blanton, Shelby hospital manager, attended the Carolina - Virginia hospital conference at Roanoke, Va., last weekend.

AT SYNOD
 Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gebberding and W. E. Mauney are attending a meeting of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, which has been in session since Tuesday in Greensboro. The meeting closes today.

PATTERSON GROVE
 Memorial Day services will be held at Patterson Grove Baptist church Sunday with dinner to be served following the morning church services. A special song service will begin at 2 p. m., and the public is invited to attend.

ATTEND MEETING
 Rev. Douglas Fritz, Doris Bennett, E. K. Whitener, Fred Plonk, and Paul McGinnis are attending the N. C. Lutheran Synod meeting in Greensboro. They are delegates from the Kings Mountain congregation.

AT MEETING
 Fred W. Plonk, Kings Mountain oil distributor, is attending the annual Shell Oil Jobbers meeting at Pinebluff.



NO OPPOSITION — J. Edwin Moore, Patterson Grove farmer, is one of five members of the county board of education. Only the five incumbents filed for re-nomination, tantamount to appointment by the 1955 General Assembly for new two-year terms.

Rites Conducted For Mr. Van Dyke

Funeral services for Robert Richard Van Dyke, 62, resident of route two who died at Kings Mountain hospital Sunday at 10 p. m. after an illness of several years duration, were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from Love Valley Baptist church.

Rev. E. M. Redding, Rev. J. Fred King, and Rev. P. D. Patrick officiated and burial was in Concord Cemetery near Bessemer City.

Mr. Van Dyke was a native of Gaston County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John L. Van Dyke. He was a member of Love Valley Baptist church and was formerly employed at Margrace Mill.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ollie Padgett-Van Dyke, two sons, J. O. and Marshall Van Dyke, two brothers, J. P. and D. S. Van Dyke, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Frances Harlow, all of Kings Mountain.

Blood Donor Ranks Increased

Persons with a history of jaundice or malaria may now join the ranks of blood donors according to a change in policy announced by the Charlotte Regional Blood Center of the American Red Cross.

A donor with a history of jaundice need not be rejected unless he has had an attack within two years. Malaria is not a cause for rejection, unless there has been an attack or treatment within six months.

The information was contained in a letter to Dr. P. G. Padgett, Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter blood program chairman.

Another visit of the bloodmobile to Kings Mountain is scheduled on May 19, when the mobile unit will be at the Woman's club house from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Kings Mountain Lions Will Hold Sixteenth Annual Ladies Night

The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its sixteenth annual ladies night banquet on Tuesday with Sam D. Bundy, superintendent of Farmville public schools, to make the principal address.

W. L. Plonk, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced this week the program plans, which will also include special entertainment features, including music by Jimmy Chastain, Bessemer City soloist, favors for the ladies, the customary ladies night features.

Mr. Plonk asked that reservations for guests, other than wives of members, be made not later than noon on Saturday.

Mr. Bundy, a humorous speaker, has addressed business, professional and civic groups throughout the nation. He was longtime secretary of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Tobacco Board of Trade, before assuming the school position at Farmville in 1947.

He is a graduate of Duke University and holds the Master of Education degree.

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Unemployment Leveled At 500 Until Last Week

Unemployment in Kings Mountain leveled off during the month ending April 25 at about 500 persons per week, but took a jump for the week ending April 30 to 788.

Franklin Ware, employment service manager, said total claims for the four-week month ending April 25 were 2,213, including 969 "new claims," the latter category also including intermittent claims. When a worker is employed on an alternate week basis, he becomes a new claimant with each application for unemployment benefits.

On the plus side during April, Mr. Ware reported his office placed 56 workers.

Major spot at the moment is the combed yarn textile group, which finds four plants, Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mills, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company and Park Yarn Mills operating on alternate week schedules.

Only a few of the Kings Mountain office compensation claimants are near the end of their benefit schedule, Mr. Ware said. The cut-off has already effected some of the former employees of Frieda Manufacturing Company at Crowder's Mountain, which suspended operations last October, and which was subsequently sold to Cherryville interests. Now operated as Carlon Mills, the plant is in partial operation, with about half the former Kings Mountain Frieda area claimants back at work, Mr. Ware said.

Fisher Re-Opens Corner Cafe

John Fisher has assumed operation of the Corner Cafe and will operate it as John Fisher's Corner Cafe, according to announcement this week.

Mr. Fisher, a veteran cafe operator, took over the business Monday.

He said the firm would be open from 5:30 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily, except Sundays, when the cafe will be closed from 10 a. m. to noon. The cafe will offer regular meals, sandwiches, ice cream, and other items at popular prices, Mr. Fisher said.

Mr. Fisher first entered the restaurant business in 1933 and has operated food-dispensing businesses ever since.

Hambright's Infant Rites Held Monday

Graveside rites for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Hambright were conducted Monday at 4 o'clock at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Rev. Eade Anderson and Rev. P. D. Patrick officiated. The child was born at Shelby hospital Sunday morning and died two hours later.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Quay Hambright and Mrs. H. L. Cunningham is the maternal grandmother.



MANAGER — Charlie Ballard, businessman and baseball veteran, has been named manager of the Scott-for-Senate campaign in Kings Mountain.

Ballard Named Kings Mountain Scott Manager

Charlie Ballard, Kings Mountain businessman and veteran baseball star, will manage the Scott-for-Senate campaign in Kings Mountain, according to announcement Tuesday by Hugh Wells, Cleveland County manager.

"Scott forces in Cleveland County are mighty happy to have Charlie Ballard on our team in a managerial capacity," Mr. Wells said. "He is well known throughout the county and elsewhere as a stellar gentleman as well as a great competitor. He will run a clean, hard-fought campaign."

Mr. Ballard said he had been considering returning to baseball, from which he had voluntarily retired, but had decided against it.

He predicted that "Scott will carry Kings Mountain."

"Mr. Scott made an excellent governor and proved he is representative of all the people. He will make a great United States Senator," Mr. Ballard declared.

Mr. Ballard, who operates Piedmont Washerette on N. Piedmont avenue, is a Kings Mountain native, who started in Legion college and semi-pro baseball, before entering the professional ranks where he was a consistent contender for the batting championship of the Western Carolina league. He is an army veteran of World War II with a long year of duty in the South Pacific theater. He attended Lenoir-Rhyne college.

Work Underway On 29 By-Pass

Work began Tuesday on the Highway 29 by-pass around Kings Mountain.

Crowder Construction Company, of Charlotte, began work on one of the culvert-type structures near the residence of Dr. J. P. Mauney on Canterbury Road.

W. A. McNeil, of the division highway office at Shelby, said he was expecting a representative of Gilbert Engineering Company, holder of the grading contract, on Wednesday afternoon to discuss that phase of the work.

Gilbert had indicated, Mr. McNeil said, that their firm would begin work next week.

The U. S. Highway 29 by-pass will be connected with U. S. 29 near Archdale Farms and will join with U. S. 74 and 29 near the old Pine Knot Grill location. Plans call for the new by-pass to go under the York Road.

TAG SALES
 A total of 1,031 city auto licenses for 1954 had been sold through Wednesday morning, according to Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office. Four of the total was sold this past week.

Candidate Kerr Scott In Town, Shakes Hands, Offers "A Chaw"

"It looks mighty good," Kerr Scott, the former governor and candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate said Tuesday morning as he began a day-long tour of Cleveland County at Kings Mountain's City Hall.

Mr. Scott's sentiments were echoed by Roy Wilder, of the Scott publicity staff. Mr. Scott added the political train that a candidate probably knows the least about how he really feels.

A delegation of about 20 citizens welcomed Mr. Scott, who arrived exactly on schedule at 9:30.

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Petition Being Circulated Asks City Board To Repeal 2-1 Vote

Reconsideration On Condemnation To Be Requested

A petition is being circulated this week asking that the board of commissioners rescind its April 26 resolution condemning the Grantham - Lynch - Cox property for the Davidson Creek dam and reservoir.

The petition further requests that the commissioners, if they do not repeal the resolution, submit the proposal to popular vote.

At the April 26 board meeting, the resolution was passed by 2 to 1 vote, with Commissioner W. G. Grantham absent due to partial ownership of the property. Commissioner Harold Phillips was also absent, and Commissioner T. J. Ellison voted "no." Commissioners W. S. Fulton and J. H. Patterson favored the resolution. Commissioner Phillips said he had signed the protesting petition.

A spokesman for the citizens group, who asked to remain unidentified, said seven copies of the petition are being circulated and that 375 citizens have already appended their names.

The petition was drawn by Gene Thomason, Kings Mountain attorney, who also declined to divulge the identity of his clients. However, he said the group seeks either repeal of the resolution or a referendum, the latter provided by North Carolina's General Statutes on petition by 25 percent of the voters.

The board of commissioners proceeded with the project after approval of the State Board of Planning and Zoning.

The engineer, indicated his approval was "reluctant." He said the project would improve the city's water supply in very small amount and that in four to five years the city would again be facing a water shortage. The state engineer strongly recommended investigating a larger source of supply than is available at Davidson creek. He suggested Buffalo creek as a source.

Whether the petitions would be presented at Thursday night's regular monthly commissioners meeting or later, was an undecided question, the spokesman said.

As the Davidson dam-reservoir project now stands, it is set to go through, unless the board should rescind its action. Contract has been let to O. O. Walker for building the dam and clearing the area. Arrangements have been completed, City Attorney J. R. Davis reported, to purchase lands from John Owens and Ed Evans, and a three-man appraisal committee has been appointed to establish the value of the Grantham - Lynch - Cox property, via condemnation procedure. I. B. Goforth, Sr., one of the appointed appraisers, said Tuesday the committee had not met and that he had heard nothing about the matter since being notified of his selection.

Alternate proposal suggested by the city's engineer, W. K. Dickson, to raise the level of the present city lake dam and thereby impound more water during peak seasons, was not accepted. Another proposal was to place a pump on the Gold Mine shaft to extract the unknown quantity of water in the mine tunnel, which was used briefly last fall.

Mr. Dickson also recommended attention to Buffalo Creek, but no estimates have been made on the cost of this project. Funds for the water project are

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VETERAN TEACHERS ARE HONORED — Pictured above are Mrs. Claude Rhyne, center, and Miss Carlyle Ware, right, with Lewis Hovis, of West School Parent-Teacher association, after Mr. Hovis had presented the retired teachers silver bon-dish as a tribute for their service to the school. Both Mrs. Rhyne, former principal, and Miss Ware, primary department teacher, retired after the 1953 school term. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

May Fellowship Service On Friday

Kings Mountain churchwomen will observe May Fellowship Day at services at Boyce Memorial ARP church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Theme of this year's observance is "The Christian Woman's Trusteeship," and Mrs. J. A. Cheshire is program chairman.

Other speakers on the program are Mrs. D. F. Hord, Jr., who will discuss the topic, "The Christian Woman As A Consumer," Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch who will speak on the subject, "The Christian Woman As An Economic Citizen," Mrs. E. A. Murray who will discuss the topic, "The Christian Woman As A Neighbor," and Mrs. E. T. Platt who will discuss, "The Christian Woman in the Home."

Introductory remarks before the program and a devotional will be given by Mrs. Cheshire, Mrs. Marriott Philter, and Mrs. J. C. McGill.

May Fellowship Day is one of the three nation-wide observances of church women of all denominations. World Community Day and World Day of Prayer emphasize world needs, May Fellowship Day emphasizes local needs and is sponsored here annually by the Kings Mountain Council of churchwomen.

Candidates Busy Beating Bushes; Primary Now Only 23 Days Away

There were increased evidences of political activity this week as May 29 primary day neared.

Many candidates are out beating the bushes and paying quick hand - shaking calls to business and industrial establishments, rural stores and other spots.

Chief among the visitors of the pastweek was W. Kerr Scott, the Senate candidate, who began his Tuesday tour of the county at City Hall.

Others who paid calls during the week included Everett A. Houser, the incumbent clerk of court, and his opponent, Roy Price. Both Judge Reuben Elam and his opponent, C. B. Cash, toured Kings Mountain, as did Sheriff Haywood Allen, as did his opponent, Walter Feeler. Also seen shaking hands with potential voters was Bynum Wathers, the incumbent solicitor, who is opposed by Joe Mill, former chairman of the county elections board.

Honorable, involved in two strictly at-home contests, are also beginning to move around with more obvious effort for votes. These involve the District 2 council.

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P-TA Honors Retired Teachers Of West School

Miss Carlyle Ware and Mrs. C. Q. Rhyne, who retired in 1953 as members of West school faculty, were presented gifts of silver from the West school Parent-Teacher Association at the annual Father's Night meeting of the PTA at the school cafeteria Friday night.

The awards were made as a gift of recognition of service and were presented on behalf of the PTA by Lewis Hovis.

Mrs. Rhyne retired last year after serving as principal of West school for 33 years and Miss Ware taught, until last year, in the Kings Mountain city school system for 40 years. She is a former treasurer of West school.

1954-55 officers of the school PTA were elected and installed after the awards were presented. Mrs. W. L. Mauney will serve as president and other officers include Mrs. Fred Plonk, vice-president, Mrs. Hillard Black, secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Arrowood, treasurer.

Mrs. Rowell Lane, PTA president, conducted the business election. W. R. George, West school principal, welcomed the visitors.

Sahdy Campbell and Peggy Craig, students at West school who won the annual school reading contest this year, gave readings of "The Greatest Battle Ever Won" and "Ma Takes A Chance."

Refreshments were served following the program and parents were invited to visit classrooms. Mrs. Jack White's second grade won the attendance banner.

About 140 parents and teachers attended the Father's night meeting.

Baby Strangles On Morning Milk

Mary Jane Bolick, three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bolick, died of accidental strangulation at the home of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Cinda Taylor of Bennett drive about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, according to Ollie Harris, Cleveland County coroner.

Mr. Harris said the child had been given a bottle of milk and strangulation was due to milk entering the lungs and windpipe.

According to the report of city police the child and her mother had been making their home with the baby's maternal grandmother.

Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and Officers Jack Stone and B. P. Cook investigated.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 o'clock from the North Brook Baptist church, near Cherryville. Rev. Coy Dellinger will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Survivors include her parents and one sister, Vanessa Dale Bolick.