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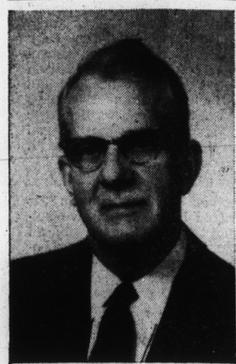
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, March 10, 1966

Seventy-Seventh Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Citizens To Decide Sewage Bond Issue Tuesday

Dr. Laura Plonk's Rites Conducted



SPEAKER—Dr. Harold J. Dudley, general secretary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, will speak at mid-week prayer services Wednesday at 7:30 at First Presbyterian church.

Dr. Dudley To Speak Here

Dr. Harold J. Dudley, general secretary of Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina since 1951, will speak on "The National Council of Churches", Wednesday night at 7:30 at First Presbyterian church.

Announcement was made by Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, who said that the interested community is invited to attend and worship with the local congregation.

Dr. Dudley, a member of the board of trustees of Union Seminary, is also a member of the permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Stated Clerk and treasurer of the Synod, Dr. Dudley is also editor of the Synod's paper, "The Presbyterian News." He serves as secretary of most of the Synod's committees.

Born in Richmond, Va. in 1902, he was educated at John Marshall high school, Richmond, and at Hampden-sydney college in Virginia. At the latter school he was awarded the Edgar Gammon Cup for scholarship, athletics, and character.

After graduation from Hampden-Sydney, Dr. Dudley taught and coached at Woodberry Forest School, Virginia, and later graduated from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond (1929)

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Noted Educator Was Co-Founder Of Plonk School

Funeral rites for Dr. Laura Plonk, Kings Mountain native, co-founder and director of the Plonk School of Creative Arts in Asheville, were held here Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

She was 76. She succumbed at 2:15 p.m. March 3 at her residence, 44 Sunset Parkway, Asheville. She had been critically ill since mid-October.

Daughter of the late William Lafayette and Martha Regina Ware Plonk, she, with her sister Dr. Lillian Plonk, opened the Southern Workshop, initial name of the school, in 1924 shortly after her father's death. The school was dedicated to their father, who served 32 years on the county board of education and was a member of the Kings Mountain board at his death.

A 1910 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college, and did graduate work in expression and oral English at the Boston School of Public Speaking, Boston's Curry School of Expression, and at Staley college, Brookline, Mass. Before opening her own school, she taught at Kings Mountain high school, Linwood college, the Curry school, and at Wheaton college, Norton, Mass.

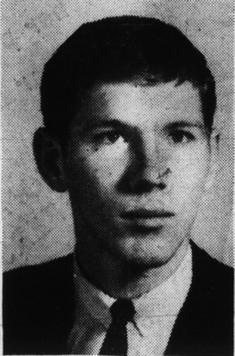
In 1934, the private secondary Grove Park school merged with the Plonk school, with instruction offered for first grade through college level.

Dr. Plonk was noted throughout the South and East, not only as an educator, but as a Bible expert, and she filled many engagements in both roles. She was a member of the National Association of Deans of Women, and in 1963 was named Pioneer Woman Educator of the Year by Gamma chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, of which she was a member. She was an honorary member of the Quota club, a service organization of women executives and in 1964 was an Asheville Citizens-Times Woman of the Week.

In 1930, she wrote and directed the Kings Mountain Historical Pageant commemorating the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Dr. Plonk was an honor guest at the 185th commemoration last October.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church, Asheville

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ELECTED—Rick Goforth has been elected vice-president of his fraternity at Western Carolina college.

Rick Goforth In Student Post

Rick Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goforth of Kings Mountain, has recently been elected vice president of Zeta Omicron chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity. Goforth, a junior at Western Carolina college, also serves as treasurer of Men's House Government and is active in many other campus activities.

Mrs. Barnes' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Juanita Barnes, 24, wife of James Edward Barnes, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Macedonia Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Barnes died Monday at 1 a.m. in Kings Mountain hospital following four weeks serious illness. She was the daughter of Robert Bell of Wallingford, Conn. and the late Minnie Louise Bell.

Rev. Wayne Ashe officiated at the final rites. Surviving, in addition to her father and husband, are two sons, Carl and Charles Barnes, both of the home; two daughters, Theresa and Lisa Barnes, both of the home; three brothers, Bobby, Robert Lee and Thomas J. Bell, all of Wallingford; five sisters, Mrs. Charles Wilder and Miss Barbara Ann Bell, both of Wallingford, Mrs. David Sipes of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Carl Heavner of Charlotte and Mrs. Larry Miller of Shelby.

HOSPITALIZED

Glee A. Bridges, hardware man and former mayor, was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for tests and observation.

Arledge Running For Seat In House

Cline Rumored Commission Candidate

By MARTIN HARMON
State Representative J. Thurston Arledge, of Tryon, announced Wednesday he will seek reelection in the new three-member 43rd legislative district which includes his home county of Polk, Cleveland and Rutherford.

Rep. Arledge, a Democrat, joins Cleveland's Rep. Robert Z. Falls as House candidates in the district.

His announcement was the chief political development in the area during the past week. Another was the election of Bill Cobb, onetime state chairman, as chairman of 10th district Republicans.

There were two major rumors during the week:

1) Ray W. Cline, Ward 1 city commissioner, was reported considering offering for Democratic nomination to the county commission.

2) A. B. Cline (no kin to Ray Cline) was rumored considering seriously challenging Sheriff Haywood Allen, who is seeking reelection.

City Commissioner Cline evidenced some interest in seeking a county commission seat two years ago, subsequently decided to complete his term as city commissioner to which he was re-elected last May.

A. B. Cline, Story Point community dairyman, is a son of the late Zeb V. Cline, onetime chairman of the county commission, a nephew of ex-Sheriff Raymond Cline, and an uncle of Mrs. Tom Tate, of Kings Mountain.

Until the county commission, via permissive legislation of the General Assembly, scrapped the district system of choosing nominees recently, Comm. Cline would not have been eligible to seek election to the county commission until 1968, as Coleman Goforth has two years remaining of a four-year term. Under the newly resumed sweepstakes arrangement, any citizen of the county may offer for the county commission. Terms of Comms. David Beam and B. E. (Pop) Simmons are expiring.

Rep. Arledge is an ex-Marine sergeant, having served four years during World War II and again in the Korean War. He is a hardware man and long active in Democratic politics and other public affairs, serving as state vice-commander of the American Legion, and on the citizens committee for better schools. He is seeking reelection to his fifth term.

He is a Baptist and his wife is the former Margaret Cline of Cleveland County. They have two sons.

\$34,000 Improvement Loan Okayed For Mid-Pines Water System, Inc.

The Farmers Home Administration has approved a \$34,000 insured loan for the Mid-Pines community water system serving 90 families. U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener announced Tuesday.

The loan will enable the Mid-Pines Community Water System, Inc., to renovate an existing water system, drill new wells, install new pumps and tank and replace and extend pipelines.

Construction of the project will provide 700 man-days of labor for well drillers, operators of ditch digging equipment, and day laborers.

Ten people will be employed in the construction of the water system. The system will be capable of delivering 100,000 gallons a day when completed.

Funds for the insured loan were provided by the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement system. Under the insured loan program the Farmers Home Administration makes and services the loan and guarantees repayment of the money borrowed along with interest.

The water system will replace the present system which is entirely inadequate and in poor condition. The new system will replace 1" and 1 1/2" pipes with 2" and 3" increase the water pressure, and deliver adequate quantities of water. An additional well will be drilled. It will also serve as a source of water for the local volunteer fire department.

More than 400 people, two general stores, a filling station and a church will be served by the new water system.



J. THURSTON ARLEDGE



PAUL WILSON

Students Win History Medals

Suzanne Amos, Central school eighth grader, and Tom Kennedy, West school fifth grader, are winners of the American History Month essay contests sponsored by Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR.

The contest was held in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the city system.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Amos, Miss Amos won in the seventh and eighth grade category with her essay, "The Character of An Honest Man."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, young Kennedy won in the fifth and sixth grade category for his essay, "Justice To All."

Medals will be presented to the winners at school finals programs in June.

Total Of 15 Organizations Favor Bonds

Fifteen civic and service organizations have endorsed the city bond election for improving and expanding the sewage treatment system.

Mayor John Henry Moss said that he anticipates that more will lend their endorsement to the proposal to be decided by voters Tuesday, March 15th.

Eight business firms also endorsed the upcoming bond election and sponsored a full-page advertisement in this edition of The Herald.

The civic and service groups include: Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Lions club, Kings Mountain Jaycees, Kings Mountain Optimist club, Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, American Legion Post 155, Kings Mountain VFW Post 9811, Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club, Kings Mountain Improvement Association, Kings Mountain Fyettes club, Kings Mountain Secret Sisters club, American Legion Auxiliary, East school Parent-Teacher Association and Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The other firms are Phenix Plant 1 of Burlington Industries, Carolina Throwing Company, Craftsman Yarns, Inc., Spangler's Ready-Mix Concrete Company, Superior Stone Company, Mauney Hosiery Company, Radio Station WKMT and Herald Publishing House.

Barry Conditions Reported Better

C. P. Barry, Kings Mountain insurance man and former city commissioner, and Mrs. Barry, who with her husband owns and operates Piedmont Drug Store, were seriously injured Sunday afternoon in an auto accident near Cherryville on Highway 216.

Their conditions had improved Wednesday, Dr. John C. McGill, their attending physician reported.

Mr. Barry suffered a complete fracture of the right leg just below the knee and several broken bones.

Mrs. Barry suffered several broken ribs and heavy chest and abdominal bruises.

A sister, Mrs. Otto Ware, reported Mrs. Barry suffering from a head wound and other injuries, and that Mr. Barry had a broken kneecap. He also had some chest injuries.

Full details of the accident were not obtainable here, as the Cherryville Eagle had not learned of the accident and the investigating patrolman could not be reached.

Mrs. Ware said the Barry's were struck by another car which failed to stop from a sideroad into Highway 216. She said both Barrys were thrown from the car by the impact and that Mrs. Barry was picked up by a friend, who, when she stopped to aid the wreck victims, did not realize the Barrys were the victims.

The Barrys live in the Bethany community of South Carolina.

Tedder Rites To Be Thursday

Funeral services for Rear Admiral F. L. Tedder, 62, brother of R. A. Tedder of Grover, will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. from the Officers' Quarters of Arlington Cemetery with burial following in Arlington.

A retired Naval officer, Mr. Tedder had been associated with Pan American Airways in Merritt Island, Fla. He succumbed after a short illness.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tedder of Shelby, he was a native of Texas and a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy.

He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Olivia Tedder; a daughter, Mrs. Jay Carrington of Norfolk, Va.; and another brother, B. M. Tedder of Shelby.

MEDICARE CLINIC

A representative of the U. S. Social Security office will be at City Hall courtroom Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. to offer information on extended medical care benefits and to aid persons 65 and older in filing applications for the extended coverage.

Potts Creek Smell Encourages Sign-Ups

Lawyer William White, assistant to City Attorney J. R. Davis, is already hard at work on the considerable task of obtaining easements from many property owners for sewer lines to the proposed Pilot Branch plant.

Mr. White reported to the city commission Tuesday an estimated one-third of property owners effected have granted easements and that these property owners have approximately half of the 2486-1 rods of easements required.

All have accepted the standard city offer of one dollar per rod.

Mr. White, commenting after the meeting, said a few property owners have indicated reluctance to grant easements then added, "I have one promise which has proved much more important than plea to civic pride or the dollar-per-rod payment. When I mention the fact that Potts Creek will smell no more, citizens in this area are anxious to sign."

Potts Creek is contaminated by the city's over-loaded Ware plant, which is northwest of the country club.

Jack Still Is STAR Teacher

John L. (Jack) Still, former Kings Mountain citizen and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland E. Still, was honored by the Clearwater, Fla., high school STAR student as the teacher who had made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

A scholastic contest of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, Clearwater's STAR student is Don Garretson who scored 747 on the verbal portion and 716 on the mathematics portion of the College Board Scholastic Aptitude test. It was a combined score of 1463 of a possible 1600.

Mr. Still, a teacher of American and Contemporary history, took a leave of absence from the high school in December, shortly after the scholastic contest, to become an assistant professor at Tampa's University of Southern Florida. His new work includes teaching a class of intern teachers new methods of instruction.

The Clearlight, high school paper, quoted Mr. Still concerning his new work, "I enjoy it. What I'm doing is teaching the practical application of teaching to these student teachers.

"I like this job because I feel I'm helping students even more. Actually, I've learned a whole lot in two weeks."

Mr. Still expects to resume his Clearwater assignment in September, where he was sponsor of the Key Club. A recent project was initiating a Vietnam Letters campaign, which resulted in hundreds of cards and letters being posted to servicemen fighting there.

Firemen Planning Benefit Saturday

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a home-made chicken pie supper Saturday at the Fire Department in the Bethlehem Community.

Plates are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children. Serving will be from 5 until 7:30 p.m. Fred A. Tate, member of the fire department, said.

Proceeds will benefit the fund drive now underway.

Barnes Hasn't Yet Fully Digested New '66 Desegregation Guidelines

Superintendent B. N. Barnes, of Kings Mountain school district, said he had not yet studied in full detail the new 1966 guidelines of the federal commissioner of education concerning school desegregation and the concurrent implication of withholding of federal supplementary funds if the office of education's guidelines are not deemed to be met.

Supt. Barnes received the new guidelines from Comm. Harold Howe II Monday.

Quoting from the summary, Supt. Barnes said the new guidelines

1) Require a report on progress of desegregation during the current term by April 15.
2) State safeguards against discrimination of faculty on account of race, creed, color, na-

Favorable Vote Rated Imperative To Federal Grant

Kings Mountain citizens will determine Tuesday whether the city is authorized to issue bonds up to \$1,300,000 for renovation and expansion of its sewage disposal and treatment systems.

A favorable vote will also be a key factor or "point-getter", in whether the city qualifies for a federal government grant of up to \$360,000.

If advance registration activity is an indication, the total vote will not be large. Only 20 new voters had been added to the

WARD 1 JUDGE

By authority of the city commission, Mayor John Henry Moss Wednesday appointed Miss Margaret Kendrick a judge for Tuesday's city election. She replaces Mrs. R. C. Etheridge, who now resides in Ward 5.

pollbooks in four of five wards, 13 of them in Ward 5, where Mrs. Paul Patterson is registrar, and seven in Ward 3, where Mrs. Ruth Bowers is registrar.

Saturday will be Challenge Day. On Tuesday, the polls will open at the five city voting precincts at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 6:30 p.m.

Plans call for doubling capacity of the McGill treatment plant to one million gallons capacity per day, building of a new plant on Pilot Branch (tributary of Potts Creek) with capacity of two million gallons per day, installation of necessary pump stations, and laying of 7.96 miles of sewer lines, including 27,388 feet of 24-inch pipe.

Mayor John Henry Moss, reporting to the city commission Tuesday night on progress of the project, termed Tuesday's bond election among most important in the city's history, including the successful \$600,000 issues of 1954, and the successful one of the late twenties which resulted in building of the York Road Water reservoir and the Deal Street filter plant.

He noted after the meeting that the 1928 water bonds will be finally retired in May and that the city will have no problem in amortizing the new bond issue. Long-term debt will be \$460,000 at June 30.

Meantime, he told the commissioners, the city's financial picture through February 28, in the current year, is "excellent."

Anticipated revenues for the year are \$997,338 in the general budget, and \$337,000 from natural gas sales.

He noted that federal grants Continued On Page 6

Here Are Facts On Tuesday Voting

Following are facts concerning Tuesday special bond election:

• Polls open at 6:30 a.m.
• Polls close at 6:30 p.m.
• Eligible voters: registered citizens of the City of Kings Mountain.

• Question: Will the city be authorized to issue bonds up to \$1,300,000 to defray cost of expanding and renovating its sewage disposal and treatment system.

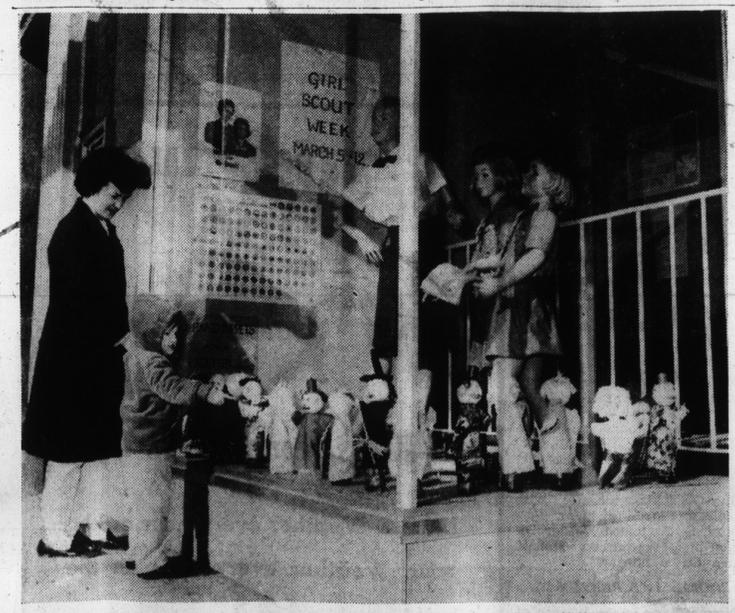
• Polling places: Ward 1, City Hall courtroom; Ward 2, American Legion building; Ward 3, East school; Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5, National Guard Armory.

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GIRL SCOUT WEEK ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY—This week is Girl Scout Week and Kings Mountain troops are joining in the observance, Central Methodist church Cadette Troop 4 made handpuppets and displayed them, along with proficiency badges and other information on Scouting, in the downtown window of Bell's Department Store. This troop will entertain Juniors and Brownies of First Presbyterian church at a 3:30 p.m. program today. Mrs. Helen Hinson and her grandson, Terry Odum, were photographed above as they looked through the window of the puppets. (Herald Photo by Paul Lemmons).