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Mayor's Statement Gives Details On Bond Election

Local News Bulletins

LEGION MEETS TUESDAY
Otis D. Green Post, 155, the American Legion, will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at the city hall July 16 at 7:30 o'clock. Commander Fulkerson asks that all members be present and stated that cards would not be mailed as the adjutant expects to get a new method of notifying members of meeting nights. The meeting will end promptly at 8:30.

VFW SUPPER
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3268, of Kings Mountain will hold a fish supper Saturday night July 13, with the public invited. All persons going are asked to be at the city hall promptly at 6 o'clock. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold at the Vets base ball game Friday afternoon. Members of the team are invited guests of the organization at the supper.

COURT OF HONOR
Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8:15 o'clock at the city hall, according to an announcement from Piedmont Boy Scout headquarters, Gastonia.

Baptist To Meet At Fallston On Sunday

The Kings Mountain Baptist Sunday School association will hold its quarterly meeting at the New Bethel Baptist church, two miles west of Fallston, on Sunday July 14, 3 p. m. J. N. Barnett, of Nashville, Tenn., head of the Baptist Sunday school board, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Barnett is a native of Cleveland County and has been active in Sunday school work for a number of years.

Rev. Lewis E. Ludlum, association missionary of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, will be in charge of the program. Rev. L. C. Plank will lead the singing. Representatives from 52 Baptist Sunday schools will make brief reports on Bible schools held in each church.

Mrs. J. E. Webb Succumbs Sunday

Mrs. Lulu Belle Webb, widow of the late J. E. Webb, died Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at Carolina Beach. Born Aug. 22, 1902, she was a native of Cherokee county, S. C. She is survived by three brothers, Edgar Cash of Mount Holly, Charles E. Cash and David Cash of Kings Mountain; and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Brown of Columbia, S. C. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Carothers Funeral Home in Gastonia.

Saturday Last Day For Registration

With Ward 4, Miss Gussie Huffstetter, registrar, not reporting the totals of registrants on the books for the special bond election to be held here on July 27, new numbers 265, Miss Huffstetter could not be reached Wednesday for a report. Last day for registration is July 12, the day the books close, and challenge day to the following Saturday, July 20, with the citizens going to the polls on election day. Whether the city council has no books for the proposed improvements on the following Saturday, July 27.

Without any vote separately on the four issues, which favoring or against any one bond on the complete ballot. A new registration was called for and citizens not registered by the deadline Saturday will not be eligible to vote. Books will be open daily until noon and previously when they register privately before opening on the following day on Saturday.

Registration by wards of the city will be held at the following places: Ward 1, at the city hall; Ward 2, at the city hall; Ward 3, at the city hall; Ward 4, at the city hall.

Mayor Joe H. Thomson, speaking for the city board, issued a categorical statement yesterday giving detailed information concerning planned expenditures from the proposed \$200,000 public improvements bond issue, if its is approved at the special election July 27.

Mr. Thomson said the city anticipated no increase in tax rate due to the sale of the bonds with the possible exception of a 10-cent increase over a two-year period.

"The board has no personal desires in the matter of issuing the bonds," Mr. Thomson said, "but it ordered the bond election in response to many requests from citizens for municipal services to which they are entitled and for which money must be voted if these services are provided."

"The board doubts that any gross proportion of the work, provided the bonds are voted, will be done within the next year, due to the scarcity of materials, labor, and other exigencies, but the board wants the city to be in a position to provide these services when conditions are suitable. The bonds can now be issued at a very low interest rate, possibly at a maximum of two and one-quarter percent, and this represents a great saving over former bond issues which required five to six percent interest rates.

"Our anticipated bond sales schedule indicate that no tax increase will be necessary to finance these bonds, with the possible exception of the years 1949-51, and at a maximum increase in these years of 10 cents per \$100 valuation."

The mayor's statement dealt with each of the four issues.

STADIUM
"There has been wide demand for completion of the city stadium, and the board has received petitions from the Lions and Kiwanis clubs, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the VFW, and American Legion and many citizens requesting that this project be completed.

"It was started under a WPA appropriation, but the war began and WPA expired. The stadium at present represents an investment of about \$24,000 from the federal government, for excavation and drainage tile. The city has expended the cost of the land, plus supervision and engineering.

"Some are under the impression that the city received the total appropriation outlined by WPA of \$61,329. This is a misimpression, as WPA never turned over funds for projects to other agencies. WPA wrote its own checks.

"Another urgent need for the completion of the stadium is the fact that nearby residents are complaining about use of the stadium without sewer facilities, consisting at the present time of one privy. Health officials say it would be possible to obtain an injunction to halt use of the stadium in its present condition.

"Estimates call for \$35,000, to complete the stadium, \$5,000 to build a field house."

WATER BONDS
Mr. Thomson said the water bonds of \$40,000 would be used to install mains as follows and perhaps others: Linwood road, 1,000 feet, Canaler street, 2,700 feet and 400 feet. Mountain street, 750 feet, Oriental avenue, 600 feet, Broad street, 300 feet, West side of Cleveland avenue, 3,600 feet, cross connection, 150 feet, and Wilson street, 600 feet.

STREET BONDS
Mr. Thomson said that the \$45,000 from street bonds will be used on the basis of petitions received from property owners. The city, he said, will pay half the costs, plus the costs of paving intersections, and so on. (Cont'd on page eight)

Revaluation Of Property Is Assured

City officials and citizens generally praised this week the action of the county commissioners and representatives to the state legislature in assuring a property revaluation for the county during the year 1947.

The revaluation appeared assured when Henry B. Edwards, county attorney, announced last Saturday that Senator Lee B. Weathers and Representative - Nominee Odus M. Mull had agreed to enter a bill providing in the 1947 general assembly for the revaluation. Request for such a bill had been made by the county commissioners.

Last property valuation in Cleveland county was made in 1927 and the commissioners took the position that many inequities had come up during that long period.

City of Shelby officials have been urging a general revaluation. In Kings Mountain, where taxable properties are listed at slightly more than \$4,000,000, city officials estimate that a revaluation will result in doubling the city's total tax valuation, with a consequent lowering of tax rate.

City and county valuations are the same. There was a blanket reduction in valuations in the county in 1933 of 25 percent, no change in the valuation of real property has been made since that time except where improvements or alterations were discovered.

The commissioners in asking for revaluation admit that property is now selling at an inflated figure and have said that there is no intention of putting the property on the books at a high market. The principal aim, they say, is equalization of values.

Penland Here Visiting Parents

Commander Joe Penland, USN, and his wife and four-year-old child are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Penland, of route 1, Kings Creek, S. C., while the Naval Flying Officer is on a forty-day leave, the longest he has had while in the service.

Commander Penland, remarking a bout his leave, stated "It's the longest one I've had since I've been in the Navy and I intend to gain ten pounds while in Kings Mountain, eating good home cooking."

He last visited his parents in 1943.

Commander Penland graduated from Annapolis in 1935 in the class with Commander Wriston Carpenter, the first two graduates of the Academy from Cleveland county.

He served as flying officer, executive officer, and captain on air-craft carriers during the war, being shot down on one flying operation, floating for 24 hours in the Pacific before being rescued.

Commander Penland wears the Navy Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with nine battle stars.

He will return to duty at Bar Harbor, Calif., as a representative of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy Department with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

KIWANIS PICNIC
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold a picnic at Lake Montonia Thursday night at 7 o'clock. No formal program has been arranged, with attending to the picnic supper the principal item of business.

City Will Have New Industry Employing Over 200 Persons

Kings Mountain is to have another industrial establishment, Kings Mountain Narrow Fabrics, Inc., manufacturer of binding and electrical tape, according to an announcement Wednesday by James B. Riley, president and treasurer of the recently chartered corporation.

The new firm is planning to start construction in the near future of a building with 40,000 square feet of floor space on property purchased by the corporation just outside the city limits at the Beaman Creek road. The property was recently purchased from the late J. B. Miller.

Mr. Riley expects to have the new plant under way by August 1. He was

of tape per year. The plant is to be equipped with completely new machinery throughout and it will be air-conditioned. Binding tape is used in garment manufacture and the electrical tape used in electrical equipment.

All operations in the manufacture of the tape, including bleaching, dyeing, and finishing, is to be done in the plant here with the firm to market a completed product.

Incorporated, in addition to Mr. Riley, are his brother, Gordon B. Riley, who will be superintendent of the firm, and Frank C. Blows, Washington, D. C.

City Board Approve 1946-47 Budget; Total Is \$208,435; Tax Rate \$1.60

Legion-VFW To Hold Joint Meeting Friday

A call joint-meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion and Johnnie W. Blackwell Post 2282, Veterans of Foreign Wars has been called by Commanders W. J. Fulkerson and Charlie Warlick for Friday night July 12 at the city hall at 7:30 o'clock.

All members are asked to be present as important business affecting the two organizations will be discussed. These members living in the city of Kings Mountain are especially urged to attend.

Lions Committee Members Named

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club set up their organization for the year 1946-47 at a regular meeting held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night.

Don Blanton, recently installed president, announced standing committees for the current year, and Hilton Ruth welcomed John Henry Moss as a new member of the club.

L. I. Sherman and Rev. D. M. McGeachy, of the Bestmer City club, were guests at the meeting.

Club committees for the forthcoming year follow:

Attendance: C. D. Ware, chairman, Hubert Aderholdt, Karl Sawyer, Floyd Thornburg.

Membership: Holland Dixon, chairman, George Thomason, George Houser, Jacob Cooper, George Mauney.

Program: Howard Jackson, chairman, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Tolly Shuford, Allen Herndon.

Finance: Charlie Blalock, chairman, Charles Moss, J. W. Gamble, Dan Huffstetter, Charles A. Goforth, J. W. Webster, Willie Grice.

Constitution and By-Laws: Tom A. Pollock, chairman, Lee Roberts, E. L. Lovell, Albert Allan.

Sight Conservation: J. G. Darracott, chairman, Jake Keller, Richard Barnett, C. P. Barry, W. M. Hill.

Lions Extension: H. T. Fulton, chairman, Henderson Herndon, C. C. Edens, Fred Wright, Jr.

Lions Education: Paul McGinnis, chairman, Ray Smith, Jimmy Harris, Baxter Wright.

Boys and Girls Work: Charles Thomason, chairman, Otis Falls, Broadus Moss, Bill Osborne, Carl Finger.

Citizenship: W. J. Fulkerson, chairman, M. H. Biser, Clarence Flowers, T. C. McKee.

Publicity: W. L. Plonk, chairman, Paul Walker, Don McCurdy, Luther Morrison, Robert Miller.

Community Betterment: Carl Mauney, chairman, Hilliard Black, John Caveny, Craig Falls, Dave Saunders, Hunter Allen, Eugene Patterson.

Education: W. B. Thomson, chairman, Hilton Ruth, Glenn Grigg, H. C. Wilson.

Health and Welfare: Sam Weir, chairman, Charles Randall, Harold Earp, Thomas Crawford.

Safety: Billy Houser, chairman, Bruce McDaniel, Billy White, Hayward Allen, Hal Ward, Ray Foster.

Food: Oscar McCarter, chairman, James Logan, O. O. Walker, Wallace Loftin, Edwin Moore, Boyd Putnam.

Military: Boyer Murray, chairman, Carl Ramsey, Charles F. Stone, Charlie Warlick, Brooks Tate.

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night, July 14, union service will be held at First Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock with Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor.

Kings Mountain's city board of aldermen, in regular meeting at the City Hall Tuesday night, approved a 1946-47 budget totaling \$208,435.55 and officially set the tax rate at \$1.60 per \$100 valuation, as tentatively announced several weeks ago.

Of the total amount, almost one-fourth, or \$51,670 will go for debt service, \$31,000 to reduce the city's bonded indebtedness, \$20,540 in interest payments on bonds outstanding and with \$130 listed as bank commission.

The budget provides \$6,000 for capital outlay, with \$5,000 of this amount allocated to the street department and the balance of \$1,000 to the police department.

General Fund expense estimate is \$145,168.59, divided as follows:

Administrative Department: Salary, Mayor and Commissioners, \$540.00; Salary City Manager, \$3,795.00; Salary, City Attorney, \$50.00; Salary City Clerk and Treasurer, \$2,070.00; Salary Assistant City Clerk and Treasurer, \$1,725.00; Salary, extra help, \$1,495.00; Stationery and Printing, \$400.00; Fuel, City Hall

Postage and Box Rent \$400.00; Telephone and Telegraph, \$400.00; Auditing, \$300.00; Traveling, \$150.00; Miscellaneous, \$100.00; Janitorial expenses, \$1,500.00; Office Supplies, \$200.00; Total, \$13,125.00.

Street Department: Labor, \$16,000.00; Cement, pipe and lumber, \$500.00; Tools and Equipment, \$600.00; Machinery repairs and rentals \$1,000.00; Truck expense, \$850.00; Gas and oil, \$900.00; Supplies, \$4,500.00; Miscellaneous, \$500.00; Total \$24,850.00.

Cemetery Department: Salary Superintendent, \$1,725.00; Labor, \$2,130.00; Supplies, \$300.00; Machinery repairs, \$200.00; Tools and equipment, \$300.00; Gas and oil, \$50.00; Miscel-

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Clyde Canipe To Coach Here

Clyde A. Canipe, of Chapel Hill, has accepted a position with the Kings Mountain high school, it was announced this week by B. N. Barnes, superintendent of public schools here.

Mr. Canipe will head the physical education department of the high school and will coach athletics. He will also serve as director of the City recreation program, replacing Earl Ruth who has resigned, effective September 1, to accept a coaching position with Catawba college.

Mr. Barnes stated, "Mr. Canipe comes to us with the highest of recommendations and we feel that he is the man we need for the job."

Mr. Canipe is presently at the University of North Carolina working on his masters degree in physical education. He was head coach for Albemarle high school for six years, leaving to accept a position with Appalachian State Teachers college, where he was head coach of basketball and baseball and assistant coach of football, and was an instructor in the physical education department.

He left Appalachian to enter the Air Corps, serving two years before being discharged June 1.

Mr. Canipe will assume his duties with the school on August 15 and will begin his recreation duties on September 1. He is to continue the Youth Center during the winter with a Saturday program and an industrial basket ball program during basketball season, and is to have a full summer recreation program.

Mr. Barnes also stated that coach Don Parker will continue his coaching and physical education duties with the school.

Plans For Beauty Pageant Are Nearly Complete; 28 Entered

With the deadline on entries past, with a total of 28 Kings Mountain young ladies ready to compete for the honor of becoming "Miss Kings Mountain of 1946" and with interest in the event growing daily, members of the sponsoring Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce expressed confidence this week that the Beauty Pageant and Ball, to be held Thursday night, July 18, at the high school gymnasium, would be a success.

Latest and final entry in the beauty contest is Miss Virginia Moss, who is being sponsored by the Dixie Theatre.

Bill Davis, chairman of the entries committee, announced this week that a short rehearsal for the contest will be held at the gymnasium on Wednesday night, July 17, at 7:30. All contestants are requested to be present, and contestants who do not have transportation should notify Mr. Davis.

He also announced that contestants must wear bathing suits in the contest, but that dress for the dance will be optional, either street dress or evening dress.

The contest is to begin at 8:15 p. m., with the dance to follow, in order to allow persons who do not wish to remain for the full evening's entertainment to leave when they wish.

Seats have been installed in the gymnasium during the past week, with a seating capacity of 523. Of the telescopic variety, the seats can (Cont'd on page eight)

Rural Schools To Open Monday

Rural schools of Kings Mountain will open for the next term on Monday morning, July 15, with the exception of Park-Grace school, it was announced this week by Superintendent J. H. Grigg.

Park-Grace school operates under the city school system.

Official date for the rural students to return to the classroom was set July 8 at a pre-school opening principals meeting held at the offices of the superintendent of education in Shelby.

"Kings Mountain schools that are to open are Bethware, Patterson Grove, Dixon, and Compact school.

Colored Legion Post Is Formed

Negro veterans of World Wars I and II set up an organization of an American Legion post here Tuesday night at a meeting at Davidson school and elected D. A. Costner, World War I veteran, post commander.

Application for charter is being made to national headquarters.

Other officers named were: John F. Setzer, vice commander; Thomas Edison Sanders, adjutant; Mason Casbels, finance officer; Selmer Kibler, sergeant-at-arms; Coleman Rippey, historian; and William Orr, chaplain.

Some 35 prospective members were on hand for the organizational meeting, also attended by John W. Gladden, Gilbert Hord, Pridle Ratterree, and W. L. Plonk, members of a committee from Otis D. Greene Post 155 who were appointed to aid the organization of the colored post.

The new post will meet with the Otis D. Greene post at its regular meeting Tuesday night, it was announced.

Officer Wins Dramatic Chase

William Eugene Denton, charged with reckless driving and driving drunk, was given a four months sentence, suspended on payment of \$75 and costs and loss of his driver's license, in action taken at city recorder's court here last Monday.

Denton, of Shelby, was arrested Sunday night by Patrolman Gladden after a dramatic chase, during which he made a quick turn in the middle of highway 74 going toward Gastonia, with Gladden on the chase, and ran his car into a yard on King street, when the city patrolman caught him.

Lester Diehl was given sixty days for carrying a concealed weapon, with the sentence suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

John Leach, on a charge of driving drunk, requested a jury trial.

Boyd Dayberry, charged with public drunkenness and assault on a female with his fists, was found guilty by the judge, and sentenced to thirty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Dayberry also received punishment from some unknown citizen-judge, according to Police Chief Farr, receiving a broken and smashed nose for his breach of etiquette in striking a lady.

Melvin Causley, Robert Holland, and William Carroll were found guilty of speeding and each received a sixty day sentence from the court, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Dan Miles was given a thirty day sentence, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs, for being drunk and (Cont'd on page eight)