

Edwards Says Fees Charged County Were Not Excessive

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS MEETING

Rev. Marc C. Weersing, pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian church Atlanta, Ga., will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at the Woman's club at 7 o'clock.

VFW MEETS TUESDAY

Members of Johnny W. Blackwell Post No. 2268, VFW, will hold their regular semi-monthly meeting at the Woman's club Tuesday night at 7:30. It was announced this week by Commander Charles E. Westrick.

REVIVAL AT OAK VIEW

Revival services will begin at Oak View Baptist church Sunday night, Aug. 25. The Rev. E. Love Dixon will conduct these services each evening at 7:30. Special singing each evening. The public is invited.

AT KEETER'S

Mrs. W. O. Weir is now a member of the sales personnel of Keeter's Department Store. Mrs. Weir assumed her new position on Monday of this week.

EMPLOYEES' OUTING

Members of the sales staff of Belk's Department Store enjoyed their annual summer outing Wednesday afternoon at Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. Departing from the former picnic set-together, the group left early in the afternoon and had dinner at a resort hotel.

TO HEAR BULWINKLE

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, representative of the 11th district, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting at the high school cafeteria Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Announcement concerning the program was made by Howard Jackson, program chairman.

BUYS SHELBY HOME

J. W. Heim, Jr., assistant secretary of DuCourt Mills, Inc., has purchased the J. W. Dorsey home in Shelby and will take possession of the property on September 12. DuCourt recently purchased Phenix Mill No. 1 here.

FINAL UNION SERVICE

Final union service of the summer is to be held Sunday night at Central Methodist church, with the sermon scheduled to be delivered by Rev. W. H. Stender, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, according to the schedule of services announced by the ministerial association.

WOHS ON AIR

Cleveland county's first radio station, WHOS Shelby, officially went on the air waves yesterday morning, broadcasting on a frequency of 730 kilocycles from 7 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. daily. Holt McPherson, one of the stockholders in the company, said that reports from listeners over a wide area indicated that reception is clear and covering a larger area than was originally anticipated.

ENLISTS IN ARMY

Foley P. Cobb, Jr., left last Tuesday for Fort Bragg, N. C. to re-enlist in the army. With him was Buddy Walker formerly of Kings Mountain.

PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer service by members of the Church of the Nazarene will be held Saturday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. L. L. Houser.

Famous Singers Here On August 24

The Heavenly Gates quartette will make a personal appearance at the Church of God, located at the corner of Parker and Gaston streets, on Saturday night August 24, at 7:30, according to an announcement by C. F. Tetter, pastor.

Retail Merchants To Close Labor Day

W. F. Lauther, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants' association, this week reminded local merchants that Labor Day is an official holiday of the association and that the association will observe the holiday.

Attorney Lashes Out At Bar, Press, Defends His Position

County Attorney Henry B. Edwards in a lengthy statement endorsed by the board of county commissioners, yesterday defended his work for the county, denied he had been overpaid for his services, and lashed out at members of the County Bar association for their action in investigating the fees of \$10,919 paid him for his work during 1945-46.

Mr. Edwards also criticized, without naming them specifically, newspapers which had presented "only one side of the picture."

He was particularly critical of the action of the bar, which in the past week held a meeting relative to the matter, "without giving me one chance to explain to them."

In the statement Mr. Edwards took up at length both bones of contention, (1) the \$5,000 fee paid him for handling the county's 400,000 bond issue, and (2) the \$25 per case fee for each delinquent tax case handled by him.

In reference to the hospital bond issue, Mr. Edwards reported a long tenure of work covering the period from the fall of 1944 to the spring of 1946 which required four trips to Raleigh, one to New York and another to Washington and New York. In addition, Mr. Edwards said he handled the affair completely, including preparation of a state-wide enabling act to allow the bond election, preparation of a prospectus for bond-buying companies, swearing in of the hospital trustees, and preparation of options and deeds for purchase of the Kings Mountain hospital site.

Of the \$5,000, Mr. Edwards said he paid \$402.88 to Massilich and Mitchell, New York bond attorneys, for their services, with the remaining amount representing a payment of less than one and one-fourth percent of the \$400,000 involved. By comparison with some other lawyer's fees, Mr. Edwards inferred that the fee was quite reasonable.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the handling of tax collections required checking of title on each piece of property involved — a large amount of work — and he said that the agreement as to fee was reached with the county commissioners on this basis alone, after the commissioners had adopted the policy of clearing all delinquent taxes, large and small, from the tax books. He said that Cleveland county's tax books were in better shape than any county's in the state.

Mr. Edwards said he handled no money belonging to the county at any time.

Chief Farr Issues Warning To Citizens

Police Chief N. M. Farr issued a warning to citizens here this week against the practice of shooting small arms, specifically .22 calibre rifles, within the city limits.

A city ordinance prohibits shooting of weapons within the city limits and Chief Farr stated that his department would enforce it strictly.

He cited one accident that happened recently in which a Mrs. White was hit in the leg by a stray .22-calibre bullet that came from "out of the blue" and struck the lady while she was sitting on her porch, near Phenix No. 2. The bullet entered one side of her leg, glanced around the bone, and was taken out on the other side by a doctor.

Other incidents have occurred he said, as the one mentioned above, they were none the less dangerous.

Chief Farr requested the co-operation of everyone in stopping this practice by unthinking citizens, especially urging parents to be sure children understand the danger involved in careless use of firearms.

ence to public health, and therefore it was necessary to draw up a bill state wide in scope but with particular reference to our needs so that when passed by the Legislature and enacted into law it would allow us to follow the same in having our election, provide for the appointment of trustees as desired, their terms of office as wished here, and provide for a new hospital at Kings Mountain and for the enlargement of the Shelby Hospital. It was thought by some that a statute already upon the books could be used by us and I was asked by the Commissioners to look into this law and advise them. This I did and became of the opinion that the law already in the law books could not be used by us, that it did not allow the things we wanted and would not at all be satisfactory. I, therefore, advised the Commissioners that such was my legal opinion but, to get the opinion of others, I suggested that the opinion of the Attorney General of North Carolina be secured and also that I write the bond attorneys in New York and get theirs, because if the bond attorneys did not approve the law used they would not approve the bonds to be offered for sale and, if they failed to so approve, the bonds could not be sold. The Commissioners thought this sensible and accordingly, at their request, I did write the Bond Attorneys in New York and the opinion of the Attorney General was secured. Both gave their opinions that the law already on the lak books could not be used by us, that it would be necessary to have a new law. Being instructed by the Commissioners I then began the preparation of a bill to be enacted into law by the Legislature. I began this work in 1944, in the late Fall, in order to get this bill ready to be introduced in the Legislature as early as possible upon its meeting in January of 1945. Upon this bill I worked exceedingly hard, during the days and at nights in 1944, to get it ready as quickly as possible. It was not an easy job but was a complicated one. After getting it completed I met with the Cleveland County Medical Society and went over it with them, they being naturally very much interested in the hospital set up. They suggested certain changes they desired made with reference to appointment and terms of office of the trustees and I made such changes. After that it was decided that it would be wise to take the bill to New York and go over the same with the bond attorneys there. These bond attorneys are exceedingly busy, doing bond approval work for the various states and counties country wide. To send it there would have meant delay as they would have talked with attorneys coming into their office and would have had to delay work not represented by anyone there. This they explained to me and thought it wiser that it be brought to them. Mr. J. R. Davis, City Attorney of Kings Mountain, and I went to New York early in January 1945 and spent several days with the bond attorneys going over and checking the bill to be sure that it did contain just exactly what we wanted, because it would have been entirely too late to make any change after the bill was once enacted into law. After being approved by the bond attorneys I brought the bill back here and sent it to one-to-Raleigh to Senator Lee B. Weathers and Representative C. C. Hays to be enacted into law. It is sometimes a complicated matter to get a state-wide bill passed by the Legislature, an easy thing to get a

Countywide School Bond Vote Starting

Registration for the forthcoming \$1,500,000 bond election will be open from 8 o'clock on Saturday, and time on Sunday for registered persons who wish to vote should accomplish registration.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain registrar, reported that only one person put his name on the books last Saturday on the first day of registration. A large registration is not anticipated, since persons currently registered will be eligible to vote.

The special election will be held on September 14. It voted the total issue will be divided as follows: county school system, \$1,000,000, Kings Mountain school system, \$165,000, and Shelby school system, \$335,000. (The division is based on per capita school enrollment.)

According to official notice of the election, the following funds for the local school system will be expended for the following purposes: to erect a new school building in the Central school district, and remodel and enlarge Central school building, Davidson school building (negro), East elementary school building and West elementary school building.

A long nearly schools of the county system listed for enlargement are: Bethware, Park Grace, Compact, (negro), Waco and Grover.

If the bonds are issued, they will be liquidated by a general property tax on all county properties.

Precinct officials named for nearly boxes follow:

East Kings Mountain: Mrs. P. D. Herndon, W. B. Gillespie, L. M. Pearson.
West Kings Mountain: Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Bright Ratterree, W. A. Williams.
Grover: J. B. Kline, Genevieve Tate Mrs. Tyree Keeter.
Col. Peyton McSwain, Shelby lawyer, was sworn in last week as the new chairman of the county elections board, replacing Virgil Weathers, now undergoing a special course of instruction at Purdue university.

Baker Is First In Plane Event

Tommy Baker, 18-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, captured the grand prize at the Southeastern Model Airplane championships held at Greensboro last Saturday and Sunday.

The Kings Mountain lad's entries placed in each event and his prize included seven model airplane motors, two trophies, two model-plane kits, and a pair of sun glasses. The prize total equivalent to approximately \$230.

According to the Greensboro Daily News, some 78 contestants took part in the championship events — ranging in age from nine to 55 years.

Baker's entry in the Class 5 speed model event (engine with .60-65 cubic inch displacement) attained a speed of 91.8 miles per hour, and he won second in the Class 4 speed model event (engine with .40-50 cubic inch displacement) as his plane attained a speed of 52.9 miles per hour.

Among his other victories, Baker took second in stunt flying.

The small, but powerful, planes are manipulated by steel wires attached to the wing in what is called "line control." In the speed trials, the News stated, the engines created a pulling power up to 50 pounds.

Handling of the planes is regarded as a difficult task, as evidenced by the fact that 20 planes were demolished in the final day of the event.

Records Expected To Be Broken At Lions Labor Day Horse Show

With the Third Annual Lions Club Labor Day horse show only 10 days away, indications this week were that the event will break all previous records in attracting both fine horses and spectators.

County T-B Survey Begins Here Week Of September 3

Accommodations For Six Teachers Needed

B. N. Barnes announced here yesterday that accommodations are still needed for six teachers and urged anyone who can keep teachers to contact him at once.

He also announced that Mrs. Prunell Postor, Kings Mountain native, has been secured to teach the third grade at East school, leaving only one vacancy.

Accommodations for four teachers were secured last week and Mr. Barnes stated he felt certain that someone would be able to place the remaining six.

Fat Salvage Drive Begins

J. T. Shipman, special representative for Lever Brothers soap manufacturers, said Wednesday that arrangements have been completed for the majority of local grocers to handle used fats and, with the grocers, urge local housewives to cooperate in the nation-wide campaign for used fats in order that supplies of soaps may be increased.

Used fats are essential to soap manufacture, and the soap shortage has been attributed to the shortage of this surplus commodity.

Cooperating grocers will pay four cents per pound for use fats.

Listed as cooperating in the drive by Mr. Shipman were the following firms: Blalock's Grocery, Plunk Brothers and Company, Margrace Store, Weir's Grocery, S and T Grocery, R. and W. Grocery, Dixie Home Store, C. J. Gault and Son, Pauline Store, L. L. Alexander, Roberts' Cash Grocery, J. F. Gantt Grocery, and Craeford's Market.

Judge Sentences Two For Drunken Driving

Two men were sentenced for driving drunk in action taken in city records court held here last Monday.

Ernest Lee Smith, for driving drunk and without a license, was sentenced to ninety days, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, with his learner's permit taken from him.

Isaac Campbell, for driving drunk, was given a six months sentence, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and loss of license.

Ferguson Benton, charged with disorderly conduct by his wife, was sentenced sixty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and to stay away from Mrs. Benton and child except when it is permissible with her. Police stated that Mrs. Benton has a divorce action filed against her husband.

Harrison Eskridge and J. L. Laughlin were each given sixty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs, for speeding.

Herbert Crumpton, on a charge of public drunkenness and disorderliness, was sentenced sixty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

George W. Wilks was sent to jail for thirty days on a public drunkenness count after failing to pay the costs.

Burgin Falls forfeited bond on a public drunkenness charge.

J. L. Buck was given thirty days, suspended on payment of \$5 and costs for public drunkenness.

The following were taxed with the costs for public drunkenness: Julius Davis, Elex Adams, James E. Files, Sam Williams, and James Boyce.

Cooperating with the U. S. Public Health Service, the Cleveland county Health Department and the Cleveland county Tuberculosis Association will sponsor a four-week TB survey in Cleveland county beginning September 3, with the units to be in Kings Mountain during the first week, it was announced.

Dr. Herbert A. Hudgins, county health officer, and Mrs. Mary G. Stallings, head of the county Tuberculosis Association, will guide the project which is expected to number 36,000 examinations.

Dr. R. E. Morrison will head the U. S. Health Service unit which includes two mobile X-ray units mounted in large trailers and three portable X-ray units which will be set up in buildings, and some two hundred personnel.

Headquarters for the unit will be in Shelby and it is understood that the personnel will live there.

The unit just completed a survey in Gaston county during which over 60,000 examinations were made. Gaston county was the first county in the nation to benefit from the survey, and the citizens of Cleveland county are fortunate to have secured the service, according to Dr. Hudgins.

X-ray examinations will be taken free of every person in the county who wish them and a report will be sent them as soon as it is prepared. Children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by their parents.

Location of the units here and the schedule will be announced next week.

Mrs. Mauney Rites Conducted

Funeral services were held at First Baptist church in Kings Mountain last Friday afternoon for Mrs. Alice Mauney, mother of Paul Mauney, Kings Mountain textile executive, who died August 15 at Gastonia hospital.

Mrs. Mauney, suffering from a long illness, fell on August 6 and broke a hip, and did not recover from the fall.

She was born in McDowell county and was the wife of the late W. S. Mauney, who preceded her in death.

Services were conducted by Rev. L. C. Pinnix, assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick. Mrs. Mauney was a member of First Baptist church.

She is survived by two sons, Mr. Mauney of Kings Mountain, and W. S. Mauney of Battleboro, N. C.

Pallbearers were Dr. O. P. Lewis, Glee Bridges, Joe Lee Woodard, Kenneth Cr ook, Charlie Blalock, and Arnold Kiser, all of Kings Mountain.

Keeter Horses Win In Charlotte Show

Kings Mountain's Jaycee Horae show last week end, Byron Keeter's horses, Fashion Lady and Ramblin Jess, winning two thirds and one second place.

With Mr. Keeter riding in all three events the tally is as follows: Friday night: Walking mares—third, Fashion Lady. Saturday afternoon — Junior Walking horses—Second, Ramblin Jess. Local walking horses — third, Fashion Lady.

Lt. Barnes Now With Brooklyn Army Port

Carroll Barnes, husband of Mrs. Barbara Barnes of Kings Mountain, has accepted a commission in the Regular Army and is now stationed with the Quartermaster Transportation Corps in the Port Transportation Division, Freight section, of Brooklyn Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lt. Barnes was among the 216 North Carolina officers selected to serve in the Regular Army by presidential act last June 28th.