



**WHERE FLYER LOST LIFE SUNDAY** — Pictured above is the wreckage of the Cessna 140 plane that took the life of Paul Roland Whatley, 34, of Charlotte, late Sunday afternoon. Whatley reportedly made four attempts to land at Bridges Airport, hitting a power line on the fourth try and crashing to his death. The falling plane barely missed the home of Glenn Smith in the Mauney Mill village. (Photo by Bundy)

## Local News Bulletins

### HERNDON CONDITION

F. D. Herndon, well-known Kings Mountain realty agent who has been seriously ill at Gaston General hospital for the past two weeks, was reported improved Thursday morning. Members of his family said he has been "resting better" for the past few days, but that he is still not able to receive visitors.

### SINGERS AT 2ND WESLEYAN

The Carolina Melody Boys will be singing at the Second Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday night, May 23, and the public has been invited to attend.

### ANDERSON HERE

Eade Anderson, ministerial student at Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Ga., arrived here Tuesday to take up his duties as assistant to Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Anderson is a North Carolinian, having been reared near Brevard. He is a graduate of Davidson College. He will assist Mr. Patrick throughout the summer and return to the Seminary in the Fall.

### ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Grantham and Ned A. McGill attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants association held in Asheville Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Grantham is a director and Mr. McGill secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

## Bessemer Taxi Driver Beaten

Esper O. Tate, Bessemer City taxi driver, was described by a Shelby hospital nurse as in "lots better" condition early Thursday afternoon after suffering a blow on the head early Monday morning at the Silver Dollar Grill, on U. S. Route 29, south of Kings Mountain. Deputy Sheriff Haywood Allen said yesterday that no robbery was involved in the case, just the assault count.

Two brothers — Harvey Bowman and Kent W. Bowman, of Welch, West, Va. — were arrested in connection with the assault and are being held in the county jail pending outcome of Tate's injuries.

Deputy Allen said that a roll of money, at first thought missing after the assault, was found on Tate's person when he was admitted to the hospital, discounting a robbery motive in connection with the assault.

No trial has been set for the Bowman brothers according to Mr. Allen, who said that Tate was still in "pretty bad shape" after the beating.

A rock was reported used in the assault.

## Airman Killed In Plane Crash Here On Sunday

Paul Roland Whatley, 34, was almost instantly killed Sunday afternoon about 5:30 when the Cessna plane he was flying struck a high-tension wire near Mauney Mill and crashed into the back yard of the Glenn Smith home.

The plane barely averted crashing into the house.

According to eye-witnesses, the flyer, who held a CAA private license issued last August, had flown over Bridges Airport three times before he banked his plane east of the field at too low an altitude and hit the wire.

Glee A. Bridges, proprietor of the airport said CAA inspectors examined the wrecked plane Sunday night and could find no evidence of mechanical failure which might have caused the crash.

Mr. Bridges said he was under the impression the flyer was "buzzing" the field and estimated the speed at which he had crossed the field at at least 100 miles per hour. He said another plane had been sent up either to guide the flyer in for a landing, or to instruct him to cease flying over the field.

Other eye-witnesses, however, were under the impression Whatley was endeavoring to land and was being hampered by crosswinds.

Howard Pursley, another eye-witness, said Whatley's approach to the field was "away off," that he was coming in too fast and that he had banked at a 45-degree angle before hitting the wire.

Among the onlookers of the tragedy at the airport were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McSwain, friends of Mr. Whatley, who said they were expecting him for a visit.

The plane, a virtually new Cessna with only about 50 hours flying time on it, had been rented by Whatley from Cannon Airport at Charlotte.

The 34-year-old flyer was a neophyte. (Cont'd on page eight)

## WOW Sponsors Square Dance

Last square dance of the season by the Woodmen of the World is scheduled for Central gymnasium Friday night after the Kings Mountain school band concert, probably around 8:30 p. m.

Music will be by the Hamrick String band of Shelby according to the announcement.

A large crowd is expected to attend the dance, one of several given in the past few months by the WOW. As a result of the dances many young people have "taken to" the old-time dance and it has been given quite a "revival" here, an official of the organization said.

Admission is 60 cents and everyone is invited to attend.

### LEGION JUNIOR GAME

The American Legion Juniors will take the field for their first practice game of the season at City Stadium next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 against Bessemer City, it was announced yesterday.

## Lions Ladies Night Set For Tuesday

Ned McGill, chairman of the arrangements committee for the Tenth Annual Lions Club Ladies night, said Thursday morning his committee is completing final details for the event.

It will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Woman's Club, where a capacity crowd of Lions, their wives and guests are expected to gather.

Mr. McGill still refused to divulge details on the banquet, which is under direction of bachelor members of the club.

Mr. McGill said he believed the program would prove "interesting." He also stated appreciation to Mrs. Thomas Templeton and to Mrs. James Page who changed scheduled music recitals to avoid conflict with the event.

## McGinnis K-F Dealer Here

Tyner Motor Company, of Shelby, dealer for Kaiser, Frazer and Packard automobiles, announced this week appointment of J. Tracy McGinnis & Son as associate dealer for Kaiser and Frazer automobiles in Kings Mountain.

J. Tracy McGinnis & Son, one of the oldest auto repair firms in Kings Mountain and recently moved to the large building off York Road, is completely equipped with parts, facilities and technical information on Kaiser-Frazer automobiles and will offer a complete repair service on these cars, it was announced.

J. Tracy McGinnis said that Hunter Caldwell, well-known Kings Mountain man, will be in charge of sales. A new 1948 Kaiser is now on display at the firm.

"We are happy to announce appointment of the firm of J. Tracy McGinnis and Son as associate dealer for Kaiser-Frazer automobiles in Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain area," Mr. Tyner said. "The people of this vicinity know this firm and know they can expect the best in both sales representation and service. We look forward to a continuing and expanding relationship."

## Legion Fish Fry Saturday Night

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a fish fry at the Trout Club Saturday night at 7:15 it was announced by post officials.

According to notices to post members sent out by Adjutant Hubert Aderholdt, the Legionnaires will leave the City Hall at 6:30. Price of the dinner is \$1.60. It was announced that chicken dinners will be available at slight extra charge.

Mr. Aderholdt reported a large number of reservations. Charlie English is in charge of making arrangements for the feed.

## Plonk School Is To Present Bible Program Sunday

The Plonk School of Creative Arts, of Asheville, will present a Bible program at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

The program will include a series of Bible readings by students of the school, special music by the school group and soloists, and remarks by Miss Laura Plonk, director of the school.

Among the students reading will be Nancy Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plonk, and Eleanor Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Myers, of Kings Mountain, and Lillian LeGrande, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. LeGrande, of Shelby.

The program follows: Call to worship — "Be Still and Know I am God."

Introduction — Pastor W. H. Stender.

Bible Verses — Miss Laura Plonk. Solo — "The Lord's Prayer" — Malotte — Bobby Davis.

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Anthem — "Build The More Stately Mansions" — Andrews — School Group.

The story of the Resurrection and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the Disciples — Lillian LeGrande.

On the road to Emmaus Jesus talks to two disciples — Eleanor Myers.

Christ appears to His disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He Charges Peter. — Betty Edwards.

Anthem — "In the Night Christ Came Walking" — Cain — School Group.

The Ascension of Christ. The Day of Pentecost and Peter's Sermon — Nancy Plonk.

Ananias and Sapphira. Disciples Imprisoned and Delivered by an angel — Shirley Grant.

The Story of Paul and the Ethiopian — Buck Blount.

Solo — "The Holy City" — Adams — Alice Davis.

Stephen condemned before the council and stoned to death — Ned Austin.

The conversion of Saul and his bold preaching after conversion — Edward Sablin.

The Glory of the Christ. The Song of Christ's Victors and the reign of Christ on Earth — Bobby Davis.

Anthem — "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" — Harged — School Group.

Closing remarks — Miss Laura Plonk.

Prayer and Benediction — Mr. Stender.

The Lord's Prayer — Malotte — School Group.

The public is invited to attend the program.

## Body Of Propst Arrives In U. S.

Body of Pvt. Elmer M. Propst, 32, who was killed in action with infantry troops of the 475th regiment under General Joe Stillwell at Myitkyina, Burma, June 28, 1944, arrived in San Francisco, Calif., last week. Graveside rites will be held in Mountain Rest cemetery when the body reaches Kings Mountain.

Propst is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Propst, of Parker street, and entered the service in 1943 from his home in Shelby. His wife was the former Miss Helen Sue Kendrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kendrick, of Shelby.

A very prominent young man of Shelby before entering service, he was a member of the First Baptist church there.

No word has been received as to when the body will arrive in Kings Mountain. Harris Funeral Home will direct the final interment rites.

## John Cheshire General Chairman Of Jaycee Beauty Pageant June 25

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will present its Third Annual "Miss Kings Mountain" Beauty Pageant on June 25 with John Cheshire as general chairman of the event, according to an announcement this week by W. S. Fulton, Jr., president of the organization.

Mr. Cheshire said Thursday plans are underway for the biggest and best beauty pageant yet staged by the organization, and he announced one important change in the contest rules for this year.

According to Mr. Cheshire, contestants 16 years old will be eligible to compete in the local contest. While national contest rules still re-

## Registrations Heavy For May 29 Primary

### Meters Get \$162.12 In First Full Week

The first full week of parking meter operations in Kings Mountain resulted in total collections from all meters of \$162.12, not including the \$1 fines paid by several motorists who let the red "expired" tag catch them.

In a guessing game at City Hall as to how much the meters would receive in the first full week, Sam Suber, cemetery superintendent was closest with a guess of \$161.50.

Meter gyping efforts were also lessened this week. Other than legal tender pennies and nickles, the meters gave up only the following: one slug, one washer, one button, and one bus token (from Shelby).

Police Chief N. M. Farr gave the following word to motorists using the meters: "If a meter appears defective, do not come to City Hall, but summon Officer J. F. Petty who will be in the vicinity. He will report the meter defective and see that it is put in good operating order."

Mr. Farr also reminded motorists that the parking meter law is effective from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on Saturdays. On all other weekdays it is operative from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., with the exception of Wednesday afternoons.

## Kiwanis Ladies Night Is Set

Dr. Paul M. Wheeler, head of the English department at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., will address the annual Ladies Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club next Thursday night.

The banquet will be at the Woman's Club at 7:30.

Announcement of the feature of the program was made by Dr. P. G. Padgett, chairman of the committee on arrangements. Dr. Padgett said Dr. Wheeler will make a humorous address on the subject "Women — Pro and Con."

Dr. Padgett will serve as master of ceremonies at the banquet at which some 200 Kiwanians, their wives and guests will be present. Other members of the committee on arrangements are Glee A. Bridges, Joe A. Neisler, Hugh Y. Ballard and B. S. Peeler.

Special guests will include presidents of civic clubs and their wives, in addition to out-of-town Kiwanis leaders.

## Free Band Concert Here Friday Night

Kings Mountain school band will give a free concert at Central auditorium Friday night at 7:30 according to an announcement Wednesday by Joe C. Hedden, director.

The WOW square dance will begin immediately after the band concert instead of at 8 p. m. as previously announced in order not to conflict with the school program.

Annual meeting of the band association will be held at intermission and all parents of band students are urged to attend.

Members of the Band-Aid club and all persons interested in the school band are invited to attend Mr. Hedden said.

Program will consist of marches, overtures, and popular selections and a large crowd is anticipated.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Permit was issued to Glee A. Bridges at City Hall on Tuesday for construction of a new four-room dwelling on Lot 24, Landing street, valuation \$3,000.

## Candidates Busy With Voting Day Looming Nearer

The average citizen — meaning the majority of the citizens who don't get excited about elections until near voting day — were more conscious of the forthcoming May 29 Democratic primary this week, with only eight days remaining for candidates to get in their final efforts for votes.

More street talk was being devoted to the campaign, indicative of the increased efforts from gubernatorial candidates down.

The quickening pace was evident last Saturday.

Registrars, who had already spent two boring Saturdays with little to do, found the rush on and were kept busy most of the day adding names to the registration books, before they closed. Challenge day is Saturday.

Except for county office-seekers, the pace quietened at mid-week, as most candidates for state and district offices, along with their campaign managers, migrated to Raleigh for the North Carolina Democratic convention.

Visitors of the past week in Kings Mountain included U. S. Senator William B. Umstead, of Durham, who is opposed for re-nomination by J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, and Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, seeking to withstand the vote-getting abilities of Clarence O. Ridings of Forest City. Both toured the streets getting friends and prospective voters, and Mr. Bulwinkle had lunch with a number of his supporters. Mr. Ridings made a non-political address before the Lions club May 13.

All candidates were working, but gaining momentum on a local basis was the contest between Warren C. Ellison and incumbent W. L. Blackburn for the No. 4 Township constabulary post. East Kings Mountain residents in the vicinity of DuCourt, Burlington and Craftsputn Mills were reported beating the bushes for their neighbor, Ellison, though other observers interested primarily in local contests listed Blackburn "still ahead."

D. W. Royster, county manager for Gubernatorial Candidate Johnson, made another visit here furthering arrangements with the Johnson-for-Governor Kings Mountain committee, and expressed optimism for "a good majority for Johnson in Cleveland."

Major Bulwinkle, Congressional veteran since 1921 with the exception of one term, also expressed optimism over the progress of his campaign.

The two Kings Mountain candidates for county offices were hard to find, indicating considerable activity on their part in visiting all parts of the county. W. K. Mauney, Jr., is seeking one of three Democratic nominations for county commissioner in a four-man race against Henry McKinney, of Lawndale, A. C. Brackett, of Casar, and Dr. S. S. Royster, of Shelby, and Glee A. Bridges, present county commissioner, is opposing B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, for the Democratic nomination to the North Carolina House of Representatives. Observers place the Bridges-Royster race in the "warm" category.

## Beth-Ware Sets Commencement

Commencement program for Beth-Ware high school seniors was announced yesterday by F. L. Byrd, principal of the school.

Rev. Lawrence Roberts, of Shelby, will deliver the commencement sermon Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and Rev. Holland Harris, of Shelby, will deliver the commencement address at graduation exercises Friday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock.

The valedictory address will be delivered by J. L. Summitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Summitt, class salutatorian is Coleman Wright, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright.

Other members of the graduating class who will receive diplomas are Nancy Allen, Martha Sue Ledford, Betty Lee Putnam, Lillie Mae Wright, Marguerite Wright, Jack Eaker, Craven Putnam, Manuel Ross, and Rueben Stroupe.

Commencement marshals, chosen from members of the 11th grade, are Ruth McNeely, Troy Bridges, Helen Morris, and Helen Thornburg. Mascots are Kenneth Rayfield and Alice Maude Drake.