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Immediate Trading Area 15,000
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City Will Offer Voters \$350,000 Issue May 10th

Brandon Accepts City Managership At Asheboro

Water, Stadium, Sewer Issues To Be Offered

Local News Bulletins

City Engineer To Leave Post Here March 1



TO ASHEBORO—E. C. Brandon, Jr., for the past year city engineer and supervisor of the City of Kings Mountain, has accepted the position of city manager of Asheboro. Mr. Brandon is to assume his new duties on March 1.

E. C. Brandon, Jr., city engineer and supervisor for the past year, has tendered his resignation to the city board of commissioners, to accept the position of city manager of Asheboro.

Mr. Brandon has resigned effective February 28th and is to assume his new duties on March 1. Mr. Brandon goes to his new work at a substantial increase in salary. It is understood he will receive aggregate pay of \$6,000 annually. Mr. Brandon's total income here was \$5,100 annually, including salary of \$4,200 and travel allowance of \$900.

The Kings Mountain official was notified by telephone Tuesday night of his appointment, following an interview with the Asheboro board of commissioners last weekend. A number of other persons from all over the state had sought the position, following resignation of Asheboro's present city manager to accept a similar post at Martinsville, Va.

Mr. Brandon came to Kings Mountain from Thomasville, where he had been in private construction work. He is a veteran of World War II, having held the rank of major on discharge from the army, and is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

"It is with more than a little regret that I leave Kings Mountain," Mr. Brandon said, "for my work here has been most pleasant and the people of Kings Mountain have been most generous."

Mayor H. Tom Fulton expressed regret at the city engineer's decision to accept the Asheboro post, saying, "I am sure I express the feeling of the board of commissioners in saying that the city regrets to see Mr. Brandon leave. In the year he has been in Kings Mountain, he has demonstrated excellent organizational and managerial ability and has given the city good service."

The city board was to meet Thursday afternoon to formally accept Mr. Brandon's recommendation.

Stag Night Event At Club Monday

A Stag Night supper will be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club on Monday night, it was announced this week by the club social committee.

The event will be open to club members, golfing members, and out-of-town guests, and the price of the dinner will be \$1.50. Dinner will be served at 7:45.

Tolly Shuford and Hilton Ruth are in charge of arrangements for the event. Dinner reservations are requested by noon Monday.

Scoggins Completes Recruit Training

Parris Island. — Marine Private First Class Ernest Scoggins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scoggins, Sr. of Route Two, Kings Mountain, N. C., was promoted to his present rank upon completion of recruit training here at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

A former graduate of Park Grace school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps on November 15, 1948, for a period of three years.

Morrison To Be Featured Speaker At Merchants Association Banquet

J. Graham Morrison, Lincoln County farm demonstration agent, will be the featured speaker at the annual employer-employee banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association to be held Monday night, February 28, at the high school cafeteria.

Mr. Morrison, who has spoken here before civic organizations several times during the past few years, is in wide demand as a speaker. He combines a humorous series of stories into a down-to-earth, common sense inspirational address.

Members of the committee on arrangements are W. G. Grantham, chairman, Glee A. Bridges, Charles E. Blalock and S. S. Peele.

Special Services To Begin Monday

Rev. J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological seminary, Decatur, Ga., will preach a series of sermons at First Presbyterian church beginning Monday evening and continuing through Sunday, February 27.

Dr. Richards, a graduate of Davidson college, and a former Rhodes scholar at Oxford university in London, became president of the seminary in 1932, after serving in home mission work in Georgia and as pastor at Thomasville, Ga. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Davidson college, is a former vice-president of the Federal Council of Churches, and is currently a member of the council's executive committee.

"We are indeed happy and fortunate to have Dr. Richards in Kings Mountain," Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, said this week, "and I wish to welcome to our church for these special services all citizens of the community."

Dr. Richards will preach twice daily, at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening.

His sermons for the week follow: Monday—P. M. Listening to God. Tuesday—A. M. Beautiful Garments. P. M. The Responsibility of the Christian.

Wednesday—A. M. The Significance of Jesus Christ. P. M. The Measures of Life.

Thursday—A. M. The Nature and the Need of Man. P. M. The Importance of Today.

Friday—A. M. The Offense and the Glory of the Gospel. P. M. The Domes—A Tragic Symbol.

Sunday—A. M. The Transforming Power of Christ. P. M. The Gospel of Repentance.

"KING OF KINGS"

The motion picture "King of Kings" will be shown at Park Grace school auditorium Saturday night, February 26, at 7:30. No Admission will be charged. It was announced, but a free will offering will be taken, with proceeds to go to the Macedonia church building fund.

Tickets for the banquet will go on sale over the weekend, according to announcement by James B. Simpson, association secretary, at \$2.00 each.

The meeting will also feature the reports of President Joe Lee Woodward and Secretary Simpson, and will feature installation of officers for the coming year.

Members of the committee on arrangements are W. G. Grantham, chairman, Glee A. Bridges, Charles E. Blalock and S. S. Peele.

Kings Mountain Building & Loan In Annual Meeting

All officers and directors of the Kings Mountain Building & Loan association were re-elected at the 47th annual meeting held in the association offices February 10th.

The shareholders heard reports on the past year's operation which showed the association closed out 1948 with total assets of \$749,313.15.

The 1948 operations were profitable, resulting in dividend payments to shareholders of \$17,637.63, with an additional \$4,000 added to the association's reserves for contingencies. The reserve fund at the end of the year totaled \$24,020. Total loans during the year amounted to \$240,250.

A total of 1230 shareholders were listed on the books of the association, including 500 borrowers. Of the 1,230 shareholders 130 are colored citizens.

Secretary J. C. Lackey told the group that the association had adopted the direct reduction loan plan as of January 1. This plan has the effect of reducing interest charges to borrowers, since interest is charged only on the borrower's unpaid balance.

Officers re-elected are: W. K. Mauney, president; J. C. Keller, vice president; J. R. Davis, attorney, and J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer.

Directors include the officers, and C. W. Hüllender, Dr. L. P. Baker, W. M. Gantt, B. H. Bridges, P. L. Mauney, and C. F. Thomasson.

New Garbage Unit Is Now In Use

It will not be necessary hereafter for citizens to place their garbage on the curb on collection days, Mayor H. Tom Fulton announced yesterday.

City sanitation department employees will pick up the garbage from the back of residences, he said.

Mayor Fulton said the change in policy had been made possible because of the time saving of the new city garbage collection unit, put into operation over the weekend.

The new garbage collection unit, which is fully enclosed, has a hydraulic packing system with more capacity than the two trucks formerly in use, the Mayor stated. Thus far, he continued, the city has been able to follow the same collection schedule which formerly required two trucks. At the same time, two less men are required on the job. Additional capacity has cut the number of trips to the dump off the York Road to an average of one and one-half per day versus a former total of eight and one-half trips.

"The city will endeavor to maintain at least the same frequency of collection as formerly," the Mayor stated, though the old collection schedule will probably be changed.

The Mayor asked the cooperation of the public in keeping the city as clean as possible.

Presbyterians To Hear Davidson Professor

Dr. William G. McGavock, Davidson college professor, will speak at 11 o'clock services at First Presbyterian church Sunday morning, as the local church participates jointly in a "Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges" and the appeal for the Davidson College endowment.

Dr. McGavock is one of 40 Davidson faculty members and students, who will speak in the 40 pulpits of Kings Mountain Presbytery Sunday morning.

SPRINKLE ON TOUR

Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., former pastor here and recently editor of the Christian Advocate in Greensboro, is set to sail Saturday on a month's cruise aboard the U. S. S. Roosevelt. He will return to New York to take up new duties with the World Outlook. He will be accompanied on the cruise by Mrs. Sprinkle.

Trees In Business Area Fall To Axe

Passers-by in the downtown business section Sunday might have thought some new George Washington had come to town.

All the trees on Battleground avenue between Mountain and Gold streets were felled and lying across the street.

Mayor H. Tom Fulton said the trees had been ordered cut down by the city after frequent requests over a long period of years by owners of property along the streets had complained about damaged roofs, and after investigation revealed a number of the trees were rotten and a danger to life and property.

Mayor Fulton said he had received protests from several citizens who felt the trees added to the beauty of the city, but he added, "We have received several letters praising the action."

Lane Discusses School Report

Rowell Lane, principal of Kings Mountain high school, outlined the report of the special education commission report to members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Using picture slides, Mr. Lane brought out salient points in the report, which showed North Carolina in a poor position education-wise, not only with other states of the nation, but with its neighboring states of Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Lane emphasized the divisions of the report which shows that North Carolina is in a poor position in respect to amount of money spent per child, teacher pay, and physical equipment (buildings).

Commenting on the local situation, Mr. Lane declared that Kings Mountain was fortunate in being able to obtain its present faculty which, he said, is high above the state average in ability and training. He told the group that two more classrooms will be an absolute need at Central elementary school next year "in spite of the fact that the building, when constructed in 1932" had many vacant classrooms.

He said the big need in the teacher field at the moment is for elementary teachers. "This field is worse hit," Mr. Lane said, "with an annual estimated replacement need of 2,000 teachers in North Carolina, and a 1949 graduating class of a few more than 100."

The three big needs of schools in North Carolina are (1) higher teacher salaries to attract more into the field, (2) less teaching load for better instruction, and (3) more and better buildings for school population increasing annually, he summarized.

Prior to Mr. Lane's address, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., sports editor of the Herald outlined plans and progress to date for the Mountaineer club, athletic boosters organization now being formed, and Faison Barnes gave a report on the Jaycee quarterly board meeting held in Durham last weekend.

LIONS MEETING

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night at the Woman's Club will feature an address by D. J. Whitener, of Boone, Lions district governor. The hour of the meeting is 7 o'clock. Charlie Moss was in charge of arrangements for the program.

Magician Here Friday Evening

Is the hand quicker than the eye? The Kings Mountain Lions club is offering local citizens a chance to find out — or check again — at the high school auditorium Friday night at 7:30 when it sponsors a show by Fayssoux, the Magician, billed as one of the best in the new-you-see-it-now-you-on't business.

In addition to his stunts of magic, Fayssoux specializes in hypnotism and mental telepathy. Admission to the show is 25 cents for children, 50 cents for adults.

Harold Coggins Elected President Of Merchants Group For 1949-50

J. Harold Coggins has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for the year 1949-50, according to announcement in the association bulletin this week.

Mr. Coggins will succeed Joe Lee Woodward.

Other officers elected include L. E. Abbott, vice-president, and J. C. Bridges, Ollie Harris, O. W. Myers,

The city board of commissioners voted at its February 10th meeting to call a total \$350,000 in bond issues on May 10, regular day for the biennial city election.

While the bond issue will not be officially "called" until the March meeting, the board agreed to offer the voters for action a \$250,000 issue for sewer plant improvements and line extensions, a \$50,000 issue for water line extensions, and a \$50,000 issue for improvements to the city stadium.

City Attorney E. A. Harritt was authorized to contact Mitchell and Pershing, New York bond attorneys to arrange for the bond election.

At the same time, Mayor H. Tom Fulton appointed a five-man committee headed by Commissioner Carl F. Mauney and including P. M. Neisler, Sr., C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Fred W. Plonk and C. C. Edens to make a study of the stadium situation and make suggestions to the board for its improvement.

The action of the board in agreeing to call a bond election was not surprising, as the board has devoted much time at recent meetings in discussion of capital improvements.

According to schedule, the bonds will be sold as follows: water bonds, with a 29-year maturity; sewer bonds, with a 31-year maturity; stadium bonds, with a 19-year maturity.

The schedules were made on a basis of estimated interest at 3.25 percent, but the commissioners expressed confidence that the bonds would be sold for as low as 2.7 percent.

Under the contemplated program, the heaviest debt service year would be the fiscal year 1949-50.

Current city bonds outstanding will total \$325,000 at the end of the current fiscal year.

Mayor Fulton pointed out that setting the bond election on the date of the regular election would result in a saving to the city of about \$250. No special registration will be necessary for the election, due to a state constitutional amendment adopted in the November general election.

Under the terms of the amendment results of bond elections will be determined by a majority of the votes cast, rather than against the books.

Other principal action of the board was purchase of a Leach Packmaster garbage collection truck, a hydraulic pressure unit mounted on a Ford truck chassis, for \$6,600 from the North Carolina Equipment Company.

The North Carolina Equipment Company bid was low among the five submitted. Lewis Motors, of Gastonia, was second low at \$6,757. Other companies placing bids were Plonk Motor Company, of Kings Mountain, Hoyt Keeter Motors, of Shelby, and Johnson Municipal Supply, of Charlotte.

The board voted to bill outlying industrial plants annually for fire protection service, rather than monthly, and heard a report from City Clerk S. A. Crouse showing that 78 percent of 1948 taxes had been paid.