

Biennial City Election Will Be Held Tuesday

Local News Bulletins

THRONEBURG SOLOIST
James Throneburg will be soloist with the Duke University glee club when it presents a program at the Gastonia high school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock.

KIWANIS MEETING
Members of the Kiwanis club were to hear a lecture on "Java," by Joseph Ellis at the regular meeting of the organization at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Hugh Ormand arranged the program.

LODGE COMMUNICATION
A stated communication of Fairview Lodge 339, AF & AM, will be held Monday night at 7:30, according to announcement by Paul Walker.

JUNIOR DRILL FRIDAY
Candidates for the 1949 American Legion junior baseball team are urged to attend a practice session at City Stadium Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Regular weekly drill will be held at the park Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m.

JOINT MEETING
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be hosts to members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at the annual joint meeting of the organizations to be held on Thursday night, May 12, at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. It was announced this week. E. A. Harrill is arranging the program for the meeting.

ON HOSPITAL BOARD
W. L. Plonk, well-known Kings Mountain business man, was named to the Cleveland County board of hospital trustees from Number 4 township by the county commissioners on Monday. Mr. Plonk was appointed to succeed George W. Mauney, whose term had expired. Other Number 4 township members of the board are C. E. Neisler, and W. K. Mauney.

BANK HOLIDAY
The First National Bank will be closed on Tuesday, May 10th, in observance of Confederate Memorial day, a legal banking holiday in North Carolina. It was announced this week. The bank will not observe holidays on May 29, Mecklenburg Independence day, nor on May 30, Memorial day, according to President Frank E. Summers.

LEGION MEETING
Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, will be held at City Hall Monday night at 7:30 p. m.

Books To Open On State Election

County registration books will open Saturday for the state bond issue election to be held on June 4. The citizens of North Carolina will decide whether (1) the state shall issue \$200,000,000 in bonds for rural road building and increase the state gas tax by one cent per gallon, and (2) whether the state shall issue \$25,000,000 in bonds to aid in construction of schools.

Mrs. Nell Cranford will again be the registrar for East Kings Mountain precinct (at City Hall) and Charles B. Campbell for West Kings Mountain precinct (at Victory Chevrolet Company).

Florist Firm Opens Here

Mrs. Charlie Blalock and Mrs. Donald Crawford are announcing this week the opening of a new business, Kings Mountain Florists. The new firm will specialize in flowers for all occasions, funerals, weddings, other decorative occasions corsages and a general complete floral service. The business is located at 711 West Mountain street.



MAYORAL CANDIDATES — Leading contenders for the job of Mayor of Kings Mountain for the next two years beginning May 12 are J. E. Herndon, left, mayor from 1933-39, and H. Tom Fulton, right, who has served as mayor for the past two years. Other candidate in the mayor's race is Clarence G. Myers. The election will be held Tuesday.

Miss Simonton Wins Kiwanis Club Award

Miss Bessie Simonton, retired Kings Mountain school teacher who spent more than 40 years as a teacher in the local school system, was given the 1949 award for unselfish service by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club last Thursday night. Announcement of first recipient of the unselfish service award was one of the features of the annual Ladies' night banquet of the organization held at the Woman's club and attended by some 200 Kiwanians, their wives, and other guests.

In presenting Miss Simonton an orchid, Rev. W. L. Pressly, master of ceremonies, said, "Honors come high. It took you over 40 years to get it, and the committee could think of none who deserved it as much as you. Miss Simonton characterized the award as "the biggest and best surprise I ever had."

Principal speaker for the banquet was David G. (Dode) Phillips, South Carolina education department official. Mr. Phillips regaled the group with a continuing series of witty stories which built up to his principal theme that material things change, but human nature does not. "The past, present and future are eternally linked together," Mr. Phillips declared, as he denied the frequent and popular contention that "the world is worse today." "As long as people live," he contended, "they look back wistfully at the good old days."

He urged full support of the "three pillars which keep our country great." These he said, are (1) a Christian home, (2) the church, and (3) the schools. "People make the difference," he concluded, "and you can't have good people unless you start with youth."

Musical entertainment included two solos by Miss Frances Summers, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers, who sang "Let My Song Fill Your Heart" and "Pre-lude," and two numbers by a girls' quartet including Betty Falls, Patty Ann Neisler, Shirley Arthur and Jeanene Hallman. Miss Summers was accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, and the quartet by Miss Bond. (Cont'd on page five)

\$500 Needed For Legion Baseball

A minimum of \$500 is needed to carry on the 1949 American Legion junior baseball program of Otis D. Green Post American Legion. This was the announcement yesterday by W. L. Plonk, post athletic officer, who issued a call for financial aid from any and all persons or groups interested in aiding the program.

The team is already practicing under the direction of Coach Shu Carlton, and prospects for this year's team are considered brighter than in several years. Donations for the support of the team should be mailed to Mr. Plonk or taken to him in person.

Lutheran Women Attend Meeting

Attending the meeting in Cherryville Saturday of the Southern Conference of the Women's Missionary society, North Carolina Lutheran synod, were Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. J. E. Aderholdt, Mrs. Dorus Whitesides, Mrs. J. W. Layton, Mrs. Rosa Medlin, Mrs. W. H. Stender, Mrs. E. L. Plonk, Mrs. Minnie Ware, Mrs. S. A. Mauney and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

The feature of the meeting was an address by Mrs. Carlton Moore, of Liberia, Africa, on missionary work.

Elected president of the conference group was Mrs. H. B. Wolf, of Charlotte, the former Miss Juanita Mauney of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Stender, mission secretary, gave her annual report.

LEADERSHIP CLASS
Training classes for Girl Scout Troop leaders, assistant leaders, and Troop Committee members, will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 10 and 12 at 7:30 in the Berean class room of the First Baptist church.

Local Citizens Donate 83 Pints Of Blood For Area Blood Bank

Kings Mountain area citizens donated 83 pints of blood Tuesday to the Red Cross regional blood bank at Charlotte when the mobile "Bloodmobile" unit made its second trip to the city.

The unit first visited Kings Mountain on November 5, 1948, when 76 pints of blood were donated by local area citizens.

Blood is collected through the program, which is nation-wide, and "banked" for use when needed, with no charge and without obligation to replace.

Among the Tuesday donors was a couple who voluntarily gave blood to replace a quantity used from the Charlotte bank by the woman's father only last week. A Kings Mountain citizen hospitalized in Winston-

Salem secured blood recently from the Charlotte center and a Shelby patient received some blood Monday.

Officials of the local chapter urged local citizens who might have trouble securing blood when needed, regardless of where they are at the time, to contact Harold R. Hunnicutt, Kings Mountain blood program chairman, or the local Red Cross office, and the vital fluid will be supplied free of charge.

Chairman Hunnicutt Wednesday issued a statement thanking everyone who took part in the Tuesday program, especially the donors and the many volunteers and workers, the Woman's club, Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company and others who helped with the blood drive here.

\$350,000 Bond Issue Questions To Be Decided; 16 Seek Offices

Three Separate Bond Questions In Voters' Hands

Kings Mountain voters will decide Tuesday whether the city will embark on a public improvements program, as represented by three bond issues totaling \$350,000.

The issues, which are to be voted upon separately, are: (1) \$250,000 for sewer system improvements; (2) \$50,000 for water line extensions; (3) \$50,000 for municipal stadium construction.

According to announced intention of the city administration which called the bond issue election, major portion of the sewer improvement bonds is earmarked for rebuilding the McGill sewer disposal plant, which is now over-loaded to the point that new outlets are not being added to the system. Of the total, estimates call for \$175,000 for this purpose, with the remainder to be used in installing sewer lines.

The water system bonds would be used for extension of water lines, and for installation of fire hydrants in areas which don't have for protection.

The stadium bonds would be used for building of grandstands and expansion of the present stadium, or for the building of a stadium in a new location, whichever proved most feasible.

The three bond issues are, in part, similar to the bond issues which failed to pass in the election of three years ago. At that time the voters failed to approve a total of \$200,000 which included items for sewer, water system, street, and stadium improvements.

The three issues being offered has strong support of the city administration, the Kings Mountain Herald and a large number of citizens. At the same time, it has strong opposition from other groups, numbering many who supported the 1946 offering, and close votes on all three of the issues are being predicted.

Most likely to be approved are the stadium bonds, which has the support of the Mountaineer Club and the American Legion post.

Majority vote on each of the three issues will determine the result of each. City officials estimate that passage of all three issues would affect the tax rate at a maximum of 25 cents per \$100 valuation in the "peak" year of 1951-52.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the city's bonded indebtedness will total \$325,000. If all the issues passed, the total would then reach \$675,000.

Girl Scout Church Groups Appointed

Appointments to Girl Scout church committees were announced this week.

The several church committees will have over-all responsibility for supervising, organizing, advising and otherwise supporting Scouting for girls in the particular churches. The committees:

First Baptist — Mrs. Byron Keeter, chairman, Ollie Harris, L. L. Benson, Mrs. W. M. Moorhead and Mrs. A. W. Kincaid.

Lutheran — Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman, George Houser, James Cox, Mrs. Clyde Kerns, and Mrs. J. P. Mauney.

Presbyterian — Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman, R. H. Webb, Hubert Davidson, Mrs. W. T. Weir, and Mrs. W. B. Thomson.

Central Methodist — W. W. Tolleason, chairman, Boyer Murray, J. C. McKinney, Mrs. Ben Ballard and Mrs. W. R. Craig.

Grace Methodist — Mrs. Leonard Huffstetler, chairman, J. E. Mauney, D. C. Paysour, Mrs. Carrie Gant, and Mrs. Louise Heavener.

First Wesleyan Methodist — L. E. Davis, chairman, R. C. Stroupe, Mrs. Lula Hulleader, Gertie Connor and Mrs. J. B. Phillips.

Facts Concerning Tuesday's Election

Polls Open: 6:30 a. m.
Polls Close: 6:30 p. m.
Voting places: Wards 1 and 2, City Hall; Ward 3, Payne Grocery; Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5, Victory Chevrolet company.
Total Registration: 3,257.
Predicted Vote: 1,600-1,700.
Offices to be filled: All wards—Mayor and five city commissioners.

Bond issue election: All wards—voters may vote "yes" or "no" on three separate questions. (1) Shall the city issue \$250,000 in bonds for sewer improvements? (2) Shall the city issue \$50,000 in bonds for water line extensions? (3) Shall the city issue \$50,000 in bonds for improvements to a municipal stadium?
Basis of decisions: Majority of the votes cast.

Grammar School Contests Held

Joel Smith, seventh grade student of East school, won the annual Baker reading contest for grammar school girls, and William Hovis, seventh grade student of Central school won the annual Neisler declamation contest held at Central school auditorium Wednesday afternoon.

Joel Smith read "Home Talent Rehearsal," and William Hovis declaimed "The Unknown Mother." The Baker winner is the daughter of Mrs. Corrie Mace, and the Neisler winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hovis.

Other contestants were: Sandra Evans, sixth grade student of West school, who also gave "Home Talent Rehearsal," Peggy Rippey, sixth grade student of Central school, who gave "The Little Dead Bird," David Hulleader, seventh grade student of East school who gave "We Too Were There" and George Harris, fifth grade student of West school, who gave "What is America?"

Judges for the contest were Mrs. F. R. Summers, Mrs. James B. Simpson and Faison Barnes. Allen's Flower Shop presented flowers for the stage, and music was presented by Mrs. Harold Coggins Central school seventh grade. Arrangements for the contests were handled by Miss Gussie Huffstetler, Mrs. Robert Suber and Mrs. Raymond Mann, of the Central school faculty.

REWARD OFFERED

Dewey Styers, Charlotte Observer carrier, announced this week that his company will pay a \$500 reward for information leading to conviction of anyone stealing papers from homes on his route. Mr. Styers reported several recent cases of papers missing from doorsteps after they had been delivered.

Eight Candidates Make Statements Regarding Tuesday Bond Election

Eight of the 13 candidates for city elective offices replied to the Herald's poll on the \$350,000 bond issue election.

Of the eight replying, five—Mayor H. Tom Fulton and Incumbent Commissioners Hunter R. Neisler, Cary F. Mauney, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, and Marriott D. Phifer—said they supported each of the three issues.

Mayor Candidate Clarence Myers is opposing all of the issues, and Lloyd E. Davis, Ward 2 commissioner candidate, and Paul W. (Blinky) Ledford, Ward 4 commissioner candidate, declined to state specifically their positions on the bond matters, though issuing statements.

Failing to reply to the bond questionnaires were: J. E. Herndon, can-

Mrs. H. E. Lynch Opposes Patterson For School Board

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls for the biennial city election on Tuesday to fill eight elective offices from a field of 16 candidates.

The deadline for filing was passed on Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. with only one additional candidate having filed. Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch filed on Monday for the Ward 2 school trustee post, opposing J. H. Patterson.

Only candidate unopposed is Arnold W. Kincaid, who is the lone candidate for Ward 3 school trustee, a position he now holds.

In spite of continued rumors up until the last minute that the mayor's race would become a four-man affair, it didn't. George W. Allen had indicated strongly that he would enter the race but let the deadline pass without filing.

Following are the candidates:
For Mayor: H. Tom Fulton, incumbent, J. E. Herndon, and Clarence G. Myers.

For Ward 1 commissioner: Hunter R. Neisler, incumbent, and A. H. Patterson.

For Ward 2 commissioner: Carl F. Mauney, incumbent, and Lloyd E. Davis.

For Ward 3 commissioner: T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, incumbent, and Otto Guyton.

For Ward 4 commissioner: B. Hudson Bridges and Paul W. (Blinky) Ledford.

For Ward 5 commissioner: Marriott D. Phifer, incumbent, and Hal D. Ward.

For Ward 2 school trustee: Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and J. H. Patterson.

For Ward 3 school trustee: Arnold W. Kincaid.

All voters will have the privilege of casting ballots for mayor and five commissioners. The school board elections are strictly a ward affair which means that only voters in Ward 2 will be able to decide the school trustee election.

During the week, the political pot began to boil with almost all candidates busy at the business of getting votes. Almost uniformly observers were predicting a very close election for all posts.

Holding top interest was the mayoral race between Former Mayor Herndon, who served three terms (1933-39) and Mayor Fulton. Both are well experienced at the science of vote-getting and a close under-the-wire election is being predicted.

Considerable interest is also reported in the Ward 2 school trustee election between Mrs. Lynch, a former P-TA president, and Mr. Patterson, who has been active in the Band-Parent association.

FISH FRY

The Men's Bible class of First Presbyterian church will hold a fish fry at Lake Montonia at six o'clock Friday afternoon, it was announced by Harold Hunnicutt. Men of the church are urged to attend and bring guests.