

City Acts To Retain Class VI Rating On Fire Insurance Fees



WINS THE D. F. C.—The Distinguished Flying Cross is planned on Capt. Oliver T. Hayes, Jr., Kings Mountain, North Carolina, by the Air Force commander Major General Earle E. Partridge during a recent review at this air base. The 33-year-old B-26 pilot has flown 67 combat missions, many of them night attacks, with the 3rd Bomb Wing. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver T. Hayes, reside at 211 Fulton Street, Kings Mountain. Capt. Hayes' wife, Mrs. Gloria B. Hayes, and their two children live at 2911 Darwin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Capt. Hayes recently returned from duty in Japan and has been visiting his parents here. He has reported for duty at Langley Field, Va. (Engraving courtesy The Charlotte News).

Big Throng Attends Hospital Program

Local News Bulletins

ON HONOR ROLL
Shirley Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, was among 55 Peace College students listed on the second quarter honor roll which was recently announced.

RETURNS TO BELK'S
Miss Ruby Burrage has returned to Belk's Department Store as manager of the ready-to-wear department, following a leave of absence of several months.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$153.90 in revenue was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

MISSIONARY HERE
Miss Roberta Wiley, Wesleyan Methodist missionary, will speak at Temple Baptist church Sunday at 7 p. m. according to announcement by Rev. W. F. Monroe, pastor. Miss Wiley will also show slides of missionary work done in Africa.

TO BOOT CAMP
S/R H. G. Tate, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Tate, of Waco road, entered the U. S. Naval Service on March 15 and is now at San Diego in boot camp. The nineteen-year-old seaman finished high school here in 1950. His address is: Co. 51-947, U. S. N. T. C., San Diego, Calif.

NORMAN TO RETIRE
Dr. J. S. Norman, Kings Mountain citizen and Gastonia physician, announced at a meeting of the Gaston Medical society Monday evening that he was retiring from the practice of medicine. He maintained offices at 210 West Main avenue, Gastonia.

CORRECTION
The late Miss Louise Goforth, who gave impetus to the Kings Mountain hospital project, died at her home here on May 20, 1941. The Herald, in its issue of last week, reported Miss Goforth's death as January 20, 1942. The Herald regrets the error.

LEGION MEETING
Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the Legion Building on East Gold street. Adjutant James Bennett has announced. Important building plans will be discussed.

Kings Mountain's hospital was formally dedicated last Saturday morning, with Senator Clyde R. Hoey speaking to a large audience gathered at the rear parking area.

Senator Hoey commended the people of Cleveland County for their interest in developing facilities for attending the ill, and praised all those who had a part in the nine-year effort which resulted in "this fine plant."

He described institutions such as the hospital as the best answer to socialized medicine. Senator Hoey was presented by W. K. Mauney, and L. Arnold Kiser served as toastmaster.

J. D. Elliott, chairman of the hospital board of trustees, accepted the hospital license from former State Senator Lee B. Weather, substituting for Dr. John A. Ferrell, director of the North Carolina Medical Care commission.

Rev. P. D. Patrick gave the invocation and Burle Peeler, Jr., opened the program by singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Prior to the ceremonies, which enjoyed 50 minutes of radio broadcast over Station WOHK, the Kings Mountain high school band played a 30-minute concert.

Mr. Kiser announced receipt of a \$100 check, given to the hospital by an anonymous donor as a memorial to the late Mrs. Clyde Hoey. He also acknowledged other gifts, including landscaping of the hospital area by the Kings Mountain Garden Club. The club set out dogwood, redbud, pussy willow, oak and flowering trees.

Plants on the right of the drive were given by Howell Stroup, of Cherryville.

Following the program, Mr. Kiser, Mr. Mauney, and Hunter Nelsler, Kings Mountain members of the hospital board, were hosts at dinner to some 30 trustees and distinguished guests at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Kings Mountain Hospital Lists 13 Admissions Noon Thursday

At noon Thursday, 13 patients had been listed as admissions at Kings Mountain hospital, after three-plus days of operation.

First patient was Mrs. Lillian Houser, wife of L. L. Houser, who underwent an operation Monday morning. The operation, a right orchiectomy, was performed by Dr. J. W. Harrison and Dr. P. G. Padgett.

Admitted immediately after Mrs. Houser was Mrs. Doris L. Syers, of 209 E. King street, who later in the day had the honor of becoming the first mother at Kings Mountain hospital, giving birth to a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth Syers. The child was awarded a \$25 U. S. bond by Kings Mountain Drug Company as an emblem of the honor of being the first baby born at the hospital. Dr.

Drop Would Cost City Residents \$7,000 Yearly

The city board of commissioners took action Wednesday in an effort to save Kings Mountain fire insurance purchasers some money.

Notified by L. D. Murphy, engineer for the Southeastern Bureau of Fire Insurance Underwriters, that, effective February 8, the city had dropped from Class VI to Class VII in fire insurance ratings, the board authorized City Administrator M. K. Fuller and Fire Chief Grady W. King to work

Kings Mountain insurance agencies are still writing fire insurance under Class VI rates, they told the Herald Thursday morning. However, in view of the February 8 examination and report by an engineer of the Southeastern Bureau of Fire Insurance Underwriters, they are expecting to receive momentarily notice to start writing this insurance under Class VII rates.

out arrangements for returning the city to Class VI status at earliest possible moment.

Difference in rates between the classes are approximately 10 cents per \$100 insurance. Mr. Fuller to the board, and he estimated the added insurance fee would cost Kings Mountain citizens about \$7,000 annually.

Of several recommendations made by Mr. Murphy, the one involving most cost was employment of sufficient full-time firemen to maintain two on duty at all times at the fire station. Other recommendations included putting two gasoline pumps in first-class condition, and similar easy-to-perform low cost improvements. Mr. Murphy explained that the city had not purchased additional fire-fighting equipment in relation to its population and physical growth.

The motion to authorize necessary steps to return the city to Class VI was made by Carl F. Mauney, seconded by T. J. Ellison and passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy also listed recommendations for addition of equipment and personnel which would place the city in Class V and result in a lowering of insurance rates, but the board tabled these recommendations for further study in connection with the forthcoming budget for the fiscal year 1951-52.

Chief King explained to the board that class ratings are made by the underwriting bureau on a point system. He said credit is

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Civic Clubs Support Crime Body's Work

Kings Mountain civic clubs this week wired North Carolina Senators Hoey and Smith their support of the crime investigation work now being conducted by the Kefauver committee.

The wire, sent in the name of the Kiwanis, Lions and Jaycee organizations, read: "We wish to commend you on extension of life of crime investigating committee. Nation shocked by recent revelations. We are eternally grateful for committee's accomplishments, but only the surface has been touched. We strongly urge the extension of committee's life beyond April 30 for further investigations."

The First National Bank paid the telegraphic fees, it was stated.



AT FIRST BAPTIST — Walter J. Field, English minister, lecturer and missionary, will speak at the First Baptist church next Wednesday evening at 7:30. It was announced this week. He will discuss Palestine and the Middle East.

Dr. R. C. Grier Heard Sunday

Dr. R. C. Grier, president of Erskine college, Due West, S. C., filled the pulpit at Boyce Memorial ARP church on Sunday, outlining the history of Erskine college and the history of Erskine college and the Erskine seminary.

The college, owned and operated by the ARP church, was named, he said, for Henry Erskine, a native of Abdeenshire, Scotland, same birthplace of Col. Patrick Ferguson who lost his life at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Dr. Grier outlined the trials of early ARP's and other sects which did not believe the creed of the Church of England.

The ARP church was organized at Winstonsboro, S. C., in 1803 as one of four Synods, which in turn came from England and Scotland. Three of those four Synods today make up the United Presbyterian church, Dr. Grier said.

He said the founding of Erskine college in 1837, was due to 1) distance to Miami (Ohio) and Jefferson (Pennsylvania) and 2) to the slavery argument of the pre Civil War period. In 1859, he added, the ARP leaders decided that women should be educated, as well as men, and established Due West Female college, thus becoming one of the first religious groups to recognize the need for educating women as well as men.

Dr. Grier said that Erskine college was founded on the principle found in Proverbs, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

"We are still following this principle," he declared.

Rites Conducted For Hill Putnam

Wade Hill Putnam, 65, long-time former citizen of Kings Mountain, died at the home of a daughter near Gastonia last Friday at 2:10 p. m.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Baptist church. Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., the pastor, and Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Sr., officiated and burial was in Patterson Grove Baptist church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Goforth Putnam; four daughters, Mrs. John Randall, of route 2, Gastonia, Mrs. W. H. Jackson, of Dearborn, Mich., Mrs. W. M. English, of Nasau, N. H., and Mrs. W. O. Greeber, of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; two sons, Wade H. Putnam, Jr., and William S. Putnam, both of Gastonia; two brothers, W. D. and A. B. Putnam, of Kings Mountain; and 10 grandchildren.

Firemen To Drill On Demonstrator

City firemen have a new unit of equipment for the current weekend.

They will conduct drills on a special demonstrator unit of the John Bean High-Pressure Fog fire-fighting apparatus, which the company has been demonstrating in the county for several weeks, Chief Grady King said Thursday.

The unit is especially designed for fighting rural fires, and was demonstrated Monday by Shelby firemen for the county commissioners, who have expressed some interest in possibility of establishing rural fire-fighter service.

HEAR ABBOTT
L. E. Abbott, cashier of the First National Bank, spoke to the Class of 1951 at the high school Wednesday on the subject, "Christian Character." The plans of great men and women are based on "trust," stated Mr. Abbott. "Today it is up to every American individual to be content with his relationship to God, his fellowmen and his country."

Board Asks Amending Legislation To Provide For Run-off Election

Robert McDaniel Funeral Rites Held On Tuesday

Funeral services were held at First Baptist church Tuesday at 3 p. m. for Robert G. McDaniel, 43, of 107 Fulton street, Kings Mountain, who died Sunday night around 11:40 p. m. at his home of a heart attack.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., the pastor, and Rev. W. T. Fogleman, officiated. Burial followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

He had worked on his job at the Duke Power Co. sub-station until 10 o'clock and had retired for the night when the attack came and he died almost instantly. He had suffered a bad heart condition for several years.

A graduate and former football star of Kings Mountain high school, Mr. McDaniel had been an employee of Duke Power Co. for over 20 years. He attended Wingate College for one year.

He was a native of Kings Mountain, son of Mrs. W. D. McDaniel, of Charlotte, and the late Mr. McDaniel. He was a member of First Baptist church and of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Bolter McDaniel; three brothers, Hoyle McDaniel, of Charleston, S. C., Sam McDaniel, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Bruce McDaniel, of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Miss Delores McDaniel and Mrs. John Napili-fano, both of Charlotte.

Band Concert At 3 Sunday

The Kings Mountain high school band will present a free public concert Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Director Joe Hedden announced this week.

The band will play a one-hour concert, Mr. Hedden said. The concert will immediately precede the band's Monday trip to Greensboro for the annual North Carolina Music Festival at Woman's College, the band having qualified for entrance into the state-wide competition by winning a "T" rating in the recent district contests.

At a Band-Parent supper at the school Friday evening, an "on to Greensboro" movement was launched, with a large number of band parents and patrons indicating they will attend the festival on Monday.

At the dinner, short talks were made by Arnold Kincaid, school trustee, by Supp. E. N. Barnes and Mrs. Paul Mauney. Mr. Hedden gave a report on judges' criticism from the district contest, and Dale F. Gratie, Cherryville band director, also spoke. Mrs. W. G. Grantham presided over the dinner, which was attended by 150.

Registration Books To Open

Candidates for elective city offices could settle down this week temporarily at least, and confine their efforts to the opening of the registration books on Saturday.

No new candidates entered the field, leaving a total of 29 seeking six city offices and two school board offices.

Registrars at the five precincts will be at the polling places all day Saturday in order to register potential voters and to handle transfers from other wards.

City Clerk S. A. Crouse announced that Mrs. J. H. Arthur is replacing Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., as Ward 5 registrar. Mrs. McGinnis was unable to serve.

Books will be open for four consecutive Saturdays, with the ward arrangement as follows:
Ward 1, C. L. Black, at City Hall, at City Hall.
Ward 2, Mrs. Humes Houston, at Phenix Store.
Ward 3, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, at Phenix Store.
Ward 4, C. F. Goforth, at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club room.
Ward 5, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, at Victory Chevrolet Company.

FROM KOREA
Ernest Seaman landed in California on March 29 for a visit home to Kings Mountain after three years service in Korea. It was learned here.



WIN NATIONAL FORENSIC HONORS — Harold England, left, and Demouth Blanton, right, two Kings Mountain students at Mars Hill college, recently captured high honors in the Grand National Forensic tournament held at Mary Washington college, Fredericksburg, Va. England, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. England, won first place in the declamation division and first place in dramatic reading and poetry division. Blanton also won top honors in the dramatics reading division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton, Mars Hill was one of two junior colleges represented at the tournament, competing with colleges all over the nation.



Progress was evident in several directions in the Kings Mountain area this week, including:
1) Leveling of Gamble Hill as the initial step on the highway project which will make the Gastonia-Kings Mountain road a four-lane boulevard;
2) Beginning of work on the Lake Montonia Road, scheduled for paving;
3) Leveling of the old Hord home on W. King street, preliminary step to the building of a bus station by Queen City Coach Co.

Progress Is Shown On Roads, Terminal

These evidences, along with the opening of the Kings Mountain hospital, made it a week earmarked with improvements in public facilities.

The old Hord residence is one of the city's older residences, having first occupied the site where the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library now stands. It was built in the late 1800's, and was prior to 1916. It was moved to its present site by the late Dr. J. G. Hord and occupied as a residence by him until 1927.

Scraping and grading crews were at work on the Lake Montonia road, and surveyor's stakes indicate two major curves will be eliminated prior to the paving work.

Official census returns have not yet been announced. When they are, Mr. Hoyle's \$15 check, if he is still found to be the winner, will be made payable to the A. C. Hoyle Estate.

Lions To Honor Farmers Tuesday

An estimated 125 farmers of the Kings Mountain area will be guests of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night when the club observes its annual Farmer's Night banquet.

W. L. Plonk, program chairman, announced this week that A. L. Ward, district extension agent in the Aiken, S. C., district, would be the featured speaker of the evening.

Mr. Ward has recently filed engagements in nearby South Carolina cities and comes highly recommended as a humorist, Mr. Plonk said.

Invitations to farmers of the area were being mailed Thursday evening.

The banquet will be held at Masonic Dining Hall. Members of the Farmer's Night committee, in addition to Mr. Plonk, are Ollie Harris, Sam Stallings, H. P. Dixon, Edwin Moore, Gene Patterson, Charles A. Goforth, Jr., and Hazel Bumgardner.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permit was issued O. D. Martin this week for construction of a church building on Second street, cost \$300.

Next Week Busy One For County Draft Body; 140 To Be Examined

The Cleveland County selective service board has ordered 140 men to report to Charlotte Monday for pre-induction physical examinations, and will send 37 men to Charlotte on Friday, April 13, for final induction.

The board also announced receipt of a May induction order, which calls for the county to furnish 30 inductees on May 7.

Hoyle Was Potential Winner in Contest

A. C. Hoyle, Kings Mountain citizen who died March 23, was the potential winner of the Herald's 1950 population-guessing contest, conducted in connection with the decennial census.

Mr. Hoyle, who guessed Kings Mountain's population would be 7,183, was ten short of the unofficial total of 7,193.

Nearest guesser was A. B. Prince at 7,212.

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He had first explained that the best and quickest means of solving the potential problem would be by amending the city election law by substituting the word "plurality" for "majority," but the commissioners present said they felt a large number of citizens preferred that the majority requirement be maintained. It was pointed out at the meeting that, in other recent elections on other levels, Kerr Scott would not have been governor, Willis Smith would not have been U. S. Senator, nor Haywood Allen, Sheriff of Cleveland County, had the plurality method been in effect.

T. J. Ellison made the motion to instruct the city attorney to make the effort to amend the voting rules, and Carl F. Mauney seconded. B. Hudson Bridges joined to make the motion unanimous. Hal Ward, mayor pro tempore, was presiding in the absence of Mayor J. E. Herndon. A. H. Patterson was also absent.

The possibility that Kings Mountain might duplicate with mayors or commissioners Madison county, which had two sheriffs, or Georgia, which had two governors, has been the leading topic of conversation among candidates and their supporters this week.

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Jaycee Paper Pick-Up 15th

A general city-wide waste paper pick-up has been scheduled by the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce for Sunday week (April 15). The drive date was set at the meeting of the organization Tuesday night at the Masonic dining hall.

The pick-up will start at 2 p. m. and all citizens are urged to make plans to have their old newspapers and magazines bundled and on the curbs by that time.

Proceeds of the Jaycee paper drives go into the club's Kings Mountain Recreation Park fund, which now totals \$1,124.95.

Waste paper is used in making new paper and is now in scarce quantity and bringing a good price on the market. Waste "white" paper is converted to "greenbacks," a spokesman said, and, through public cooperation, the organization hopes in turn to benefit the citizens of Kings Mountain.

Prompt placement of bundles on curbs on the drive day aids the club in thoroughly covering the city, the spokesman continued. Persons with too large a— (Cont'd on page eight)