

CITY BOARD ADJUSTS WATER RATE SCALE

Local News Bulletins

NO COURT MONDAY
The regular session of City Recorder's Court will not be held Monday but will be held Tuesday, July 31, according to announcement by Judge E. A. Harrill.

UNION SERVICE
E. L. Hopper, assistant pastor of First Presbyterian church, will preach the sermon at Sunday evening's union service at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church. The service will begin at 8 o'clock.

TO ATTEND INSTITUTE
Rev. and Mrs. Vance Daniel will leave Sunday afternoon to go to Allentown, Pa., where they will attend the 1951 Southern Home Mission Institute for this area. They expect to return on Wednesday, August 8th.

ACCEPTS POSITION
Miss Barbara Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matthews, has accepted the position of church secretary at Watts Street Baptist church, Durham. The Rev. Warren Carr is minister. Miss Matthews begins work August 27.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$156.85 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday, according to acting city clerk, O. T. Hayes, Sr.

ORMAND REUNION
Descendants of Benjamin Ormand, pioneer settler of this area, will gather Saturday at the "Old Furnace" site on the Ormand farm for the annual Ormand Reunion. Feature of the occasion will be a picnic dinner.

ALLISON REUNION
The annual Allison Reunion will be held Sunday at Cedar Hill, P. M. Neisler farm, in York County, S. C. The family is descended from Col. William Allison, York County pioneer.

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKER
Rev. W. P. Gerberding, D. D., pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Southern District Brotherhood at Holy Comforter Lutheran church in Gastonia Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Theme of the meeting will be "Boy scouting", and Boy Scouts will attend the meeting in uniform. Annual election of district officers will also be conducted.

KIWANS MEETING
Johnny Kiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Arnold Kiser and delegate to annual Boys' State, was to speak to members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at their regular meeting at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45. He was to discuss his experiences at the annual Boys' State convention.

FISH ARRIVED
Kings Mountain city water lake was restocked with 2,000 largemouth bass fingerlings Wednesday morning. The fish were given by the state after Duane Raver, Wildlife Resources commission fish investigator, recommended restocking after inspection of the lake recently.

Bloodmobile Here Again On Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain Monday with the goal of the visit 150 pints of blood. The Kings Mountain Woodmen of the World are sponsoring the visit and hope a minimum of 300 volunteer donors will visit the Bloodmobile of the Women's Club between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Experience is shown that about half the volunteer donors are rejected for a variety of reasons, ranging from too low blood pressure to other blood ailments. Part of the blood goes to the armed forces, with the remainder banked at the Charlotte Blood Center for free use of patients in the Charlotte area, which includes Kings Mountain.



CITY RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD—In the picture above, Mayor Garland Still is receiving, on behalf of the city, a plaque showing that the city went through the year 1950 without a single fatal highway accident. Presenting the award is Torvia Jones, engineer-director of the state highway commission's safety division. In the picture, left to right, are James E. Civils, supervisor of the division's field examiners, Commissioner Red Layton, the Mayor, Commissioner Olland Pearson, Mr. Jones, Commissioner Lloyd Davis, Commissioner Baxter Wright, Commissioner C. P. Barry, and City Administrator M. K. Fuller. Kings Mountain was one of 16 cities of the state to receive the award. (Photo by Carlisle.)

Architect Retained For Davidson Job

John L. Beam, Jr., Cherryville architect, has been retained by the Kings Mountain district board of school commissioners for the Davidson school building program, according to announcement by B. N. Barnes, superintendent.

Mr. Barnes also announced that no new teachers had been elected by the board this week but that the group hopes to fill the five vacancies by the middle of next week.

The athletic committee of the board has been busy this week interviewing applicants for the head coaching job and has set this week as deadline for filling the post, Mr. Barnes reported. Some 20 coaches have applied for the position.

The board has been discussing plans for improvements and additions at the Negro school for several weeks. The group plans to start a survey of the school site as soon as possible and has discussed possibility of purchase of several houses and lots near the present school for the expansion program.

Firemen Extinguish Crosbie Fire

The city fire department extinguished a fire in a rail car of crossties Thursday morning, but not without some difficulty. Summoned to Grover, the firemen found that Grover's water pressure was insufficient. The train with its "hot car", then proceeded to Kings Mountain, where the firemen accomplished their mission.

Fire Chief Grady King said the job required an hour. He declined to estimate the amount of damage.

Trade Periodical Features Harmon As Newspaper Editor-of-the-Month

Martin Harmon, editor of the Kings Mountain Herald, was featured as the editor of the week in the July 21 edition of the PUBLISHERS' AUXILIARY, newspaper trade publication published at Frankfurt, Ky.

The text of the feature story follows: A Dozen years have gone by since his news editing days on the BLOWING ROCKER, summer resort weekly at Blowing Rock, N. C., but Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain (N. C.) Herald, "Still gets excited about writing news copy, which is as good reason as any to continue," he says. It was 1939 that he was putting the vacationing Smiths, Joneses and Browns in copy for the BLOWING ROCKER, but before that he had been writing sports in high school days, and was editor of the campus daily at the University of North Carolina, where he took his AB in Journalism. He had also attended the Plunk... Continued On Page Eight

Tuesday Is D-Day On City Matters

July 31 is an important "D-Day" day for a number of Kings Mountain citizens.

Penalties of five percent apply to delinquent purchasers of city privileges, licenses after Tuesday. This includes delinquent purchasers of dog licenses. O. T. Hayes, Sr., acting city clerk, said 137 privilege licenses have been sold, but estimated that many business firms have not yet purchased the new 1951-52 licenses.

July 31 is also the final day for pre-paying 1951 tax bills at one and one-half percent discount. The discount rate falls to one percent after that date. On August 1, penalty on unpaid 1950 tax bills advances to 4 1/2 percent.

Ellison Re-Hired As Policeman

Warren Ellison, dismissed from his position as city policeman July 16, was re-employed Wednesday by Acting Chief S. R. (Pop) Davidson.

Chief Davidson said he was operating with an insufficient staff and re-employed Mr. Ellison under authority voted at the special meeting of the board last Friday night. The board had voted to put department heads in charge of employment in their particular departments.

He also said he asked all members of the city administration their opinion concerning re-employing Mr. Ellison, stating that three members told him to proceed. Another "he said, told him he had no objection to Mr. Ellison. Olland Pearson objected, and the Mayor gave him no definite answer, Chief Davidson said.

Park Assigned First Historian

Kings Mountain National Military Park has been assigned a full-time historian for the first time.

Ben H. Davis, formerly historian at Abraham Lincoln National Park in Kentucky, is now a member of the five-man park staff.

Also on duty at the park is the new superintendent, Ben F. Moomaw, formerly assistant chief ranger of the Blue Ridge Parkway. He succeeds James B. Felton, who left the park July 15 to assume the duties of chief ranger at Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. Mr. Moomaw was assistant superintendent of Hawitt National Park from 1937 to 1949, excluding five years in the army during World War II. Mr. Moomaw is a native of Roanoke, Va., and he was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1937. He then served briefly at Colonial National Park, Williamsburg, Va.

The new historian, Mr. Davis, is residing at Grover.

Other park personnel includes Bob McDaniel, formerly of Kings Mountain, clerk; Ben Billing, Johnny Moore and John Stewart.

Presbyterian Youth To Open Building

The young people of the Presbyterian church will open their recently completed recreation building Monday night with a party and a song festival at the building. The young people of the Lincolnton Presbyterian church have been invited to attend.

The group will spend the afternoon at Lake Montona and eat a picnic supper, afterwards returning to the recreation hall for the party and song festival.

Lackey Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Grover P. Lackey, resident of Tampa, Fla., and former resident of Kings Mountain, who died at the hospital here Thursday, July 19 at 9:10 p. m. after an illness of four days, were held Saturday at 3 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Rev. W. P. Gerberding, the pastor, officiated and Masonic rites were conducted in St. Luke's Lutheran church cemetery near Kings Mountain, with P. M. John H. Floyd, officiating.

Mr. Lackey was a native of Cleveland County and had been an engineer for the Seaboard Railway for 25 years. He was the son of the late Pinkney and Sara Ann Crouse, Lackey.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Hazel Colvin, two brothers, John C. and R. L. Lackey, of Kings Mountain, and two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Wolfe, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. W. F. Stroupe, of Hamonton, Calif.

Serving as pallbearers were Rev. Jacob Lackey, James Lackey, Lloyd Turner, Marshall Wolfe, Grover Friddle and Floyd Wolfe.

He was a member of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M. of Kings Mountain, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Tampa, Fla.

August Bill To Reflect Changes; Department Heads To Hire, Fire

Hot Discussion Precedes Action On Employment

The question of employment authority at City Hall was settled, at least temporarily, last Friday night, but only after a round of heavy argument among the six members of the city administration.

After the long discussion before an audience of about 50 citizens, Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis moved that the board of commissioners employ department heads and that the department heads handle employing and discharging matters in their own departments. Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., seconded, and the vote was unanimous, with all members present.

The long, and sometimes cutting discussion, took many a wild turn, including charges and counter-charges of inter-board politicking and with Mayor Garland E. Still making several statements which questioned the ability of City Administrator M. K. Fuller. Mr. Fuller was present but made no comment.

Specifically, the Mayor stated flatly, "I would be against Mr. Fuller doing the hiring", adding as his reason the fact that Mr. Fuller had given valid reasons for discharging former City Electrician Floyd Thornburg, then endeavored to keep him in the city's employ. The Mayor also questioned whether Mr. Fuller had been legally employed, questioning the legality of delegating him employment authority. In a later remark, after Commissioner Lloyd Davis had stated that he felt Mr. Fuller and Mr. Hayes (O. T. Hayes, Sr., acting clerk) should run the city office, the Mayor said, "Mr. Fuller can't run the city office. He hasn't been here long enough, as the audit plainly shows."

In the course of the argument, Mayor Still said he understood the board wished to trim his salary to the \$50 per month minimum. "If you want to discuss that, o. k.", he said, "but I don't think the people would like it."

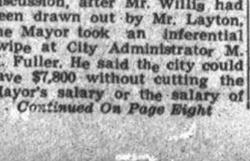
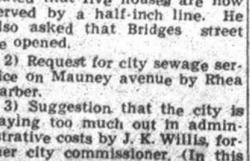
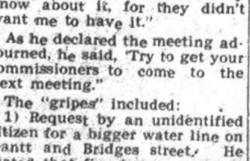
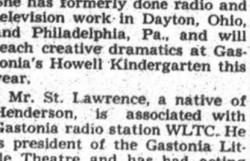
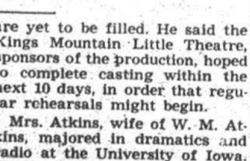
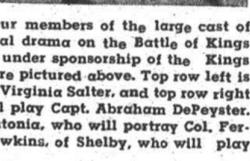
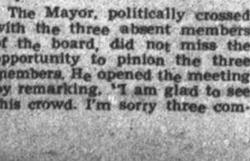
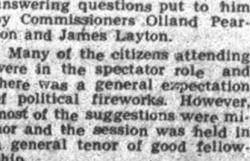
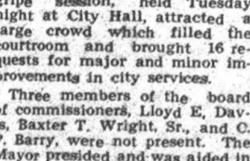
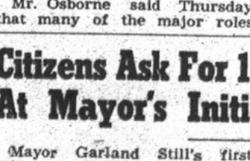
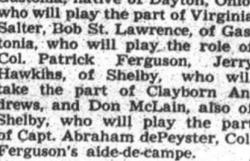
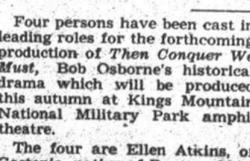
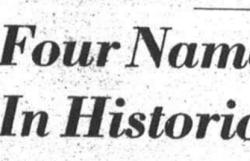
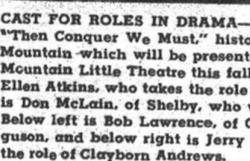
Commissioner Davis replied, "I don't care what the people think."

From the audience came the remark, "That ain't what he said during the election," and another member of the audience, Clarence Elgin, said, "Davis, you have changed your tune, you said you were for the working people, but you ain't."

"I am for the working people," Mr. Davis replied.

Commissioner James (Red) Layton, along with Commissioner Olland Pearson identified with the Mayor as one bloc, charged the other three commissioners, "Everything was running smooth until you guys started messing it up."

When asked his opinion on the matter of delegating employment authority, City Attorney J. R. Davis said, "The Board of Commissioners is the governing body. As a matter of convenience, the authority has been delegated in the past, but the board retained full authority to veto the city administrator's decisions." Mr. Davis then made a plea for harmony, urging the members work together in all matters to advance the interests of the city. In his opening remarks, Mayor Still said, "I am sorry three com-



Board Passes Law Requiring Cleaning Lots

After more than an hour of hot discussion over employment authority at City Hall last Friday night, the city board of commissioners considered several other items of business and took five actions, all by unanimous vote.

The board: 1) Adopted a new schedule of water rates which will make water cheaper for the average residential consumer, higher for larger consumers. Commissioner James Layton made the motion and Commissioner Olland Pearson seconded.

2) Passed an ordinance, effective August 1, requiring owners of vacant lots to cut weeds and grass off them regularly. Commissioner Lloyd Davis made the motion and Mr. Pearson seconded.

3) Appointed Fred Daughtery, G. C. Kelly and P. A. Hudson to the city recreation commission as additional members. Mr. Layton made the motion and Mr. Davis seconded.

4) Authorized the mayor to purchase a motorcycle for the police department at \$890 delivered. Mr. Layton made the motion, and Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., seconded.

5) Appointed Frank Rippey and Curtis (Cat) Houser to the city zoning board to fill vacancies. Mr. Pearson made the motion and Mr. Davis seconded.

The water rate change means that small consumers will get an extra 1,000 gallons for nothing, the new minimum being 3,000 gallons for one dollar. But larger users will pay more. Customers outside the city limits will now pay a 20 percent differential, rather than 10 percent, and the lowest rate which any customer will receive will be 15 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Water Rates

The new schedule, effective August 1 billings, follows: Up to 3M gals. (minimum) \$1.00. 3M to 7M gals. at 40c per M. 7M to 10M gals. at 45c per M. 10M to 20M gals. at 40c per M. Next 25M gals. at 35c per M. Next 50M gals. at 30c per M. Next 100M gals. at 25c per M. Next 250M gals. at 20c per M. Next 500M gals. at 20c per M. Next million gals. at 17c per M. Next two million gals. and over at 15c per M. Old Rates The former water rate schedule was: 2M gallons (minimum) \$1.00. Next 8M gals. at 40c per M. Next 10M gals. at 30c per M. Next 15M gals. at 20c per M. Next 50M gals. at 15c per M. Next 115M gals. at 14c per M. Next 200M gals. at 13c per M. Next 300M gals. at 12c per M. Next 1,000,000 gals. at 11c per M. All over 2,000,000 gals. at 9c per M. Under the new rates a customer using 10,000 gallons per month would pay the city \$3.95. Under former rates, he would pay \$4.50. Continued On Page Eight

Citizens Ask For 16 Improvements At Mayor's Initial Gripe Session

Mayor Garland Still's first gripe session, held Tuesday night at City Hall, attracted a large crowd which filled the courtroom and brought 16 requests for major and minor improvements in city services.

Three members of the board of commissioners, Lloyd E. Davis, Baxter T. Wright, Sr., and C. P. Barry, were not present. The Mayor presided and was aided in answering questions put to him by Commissioners Olland Pearson and James Layton.

Many of the citizens attending were in the spectator role and there was a general expectation of political fireworks. However, most of the suggestions were minor and the session was held in a general tenor of good fellowship.

The Mayor, politically crossed with the three absent members of the board, did not miss the opportunity to pinion the three members. He opened the meeting by remarking, "I am glad to see this crowd. I'm sorry three com-

missioners are not here. They know about it, for they didn't want me to have it." As he declared the meeting adjourned, he said, "Try to get your commissioners to come to the next meeting." The "gripes" included: 1) Request by an unidentified citizen for a bigger water line on Gantt and Bridges street. He stated that five houses are now served by a half-inch line. He also asked that Bridges street be opened. 2) Request for city sewage service on Mauney avenue by Rhea Barber. 3) Suggestion that the city is paying too much out in administrative costs by J. K. Willis, former city commissioner. (In this discussion, after Mr. Willis had been drawn out by Mr. Layton, the Mayor took an inferential swipe at City Administrator M. K. Fuller. He said the city could save \$7,800 without cutting the Mayor's salary or the salary of... Continued On Page Eight

Four Named To Roles In Historical Drama

Four persons have been cast in leading roles for the forthcoming production of "Then Conquer We Must," historical drama on the Battle of Kings Mountain which will be presented under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre this fall, are pictured above. Top row left is Ellen Atkins, who takes the role of Virginia Salter, and top row right is Don McLain, of Shelby, who will play Capt. Abraham DePeyster. Below left is Bob Lawrence, of Gastonia, who will portray Col. Ferguson, and below right is Jerry Hawkins, of Shelby, who will play the role of Clayborn Andrews.

The four are Ellen Atkins, of Gastonia, native of Dayton, Ohio, who will play the part of Virginia Salter, Bob St. Lawrence, of Gastonia, who will play the role of Col. Patrick Ferguson, Jerry Hawkins, of Shelby, who will take the part of Clayborn Andrews, and Don McLain, also of Shelby, who will play the part of Capt. Abraham DePeyster, Col. Ferguson's aide-de-camp.

Mr. Osborne said Thursday that many of the major roles are yet to be filled. He said the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, sponsors of the production, hoped to complete casting within the next 10 days, in order that regular rehearsals might begin.

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