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Bond Money Plans Listed By Mayor

Final Decisions Await Reports Of Engineer

Mayor Glee A. Bridges gave a round-figure report on plans of his administration for the expenditure of \$600,000 in borrowed money for public improvements in an address before the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mayor Bridges emphasized the fact that the figures are tentative and that final apportionment would be determined by engineering reports, now being prepared by W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte.

The \$250,000 water bond issue, Mr. Bridges said it would require \$125,000 to \$150,000 to increase the capacity of the Deal street filter plant, which, he said, has been operating round-the-clock for several years.

The city is seeking to increase its water source, he added, and said there seemed to be three possibilities: 1) going to Buffalo Creek which would require all the \$250,000 and was therefore not feasible; 2) impounding in a new, added reservoir water from the two streams already flowing into the city lake; 3) building a secondary 60-foot dam on the Davidson creek at an estimated cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

The remainder of the water bond funds will be used to take water to "the oldest unserved settlements first, where number of houses are sufficient," the Mayor added.

Of the \$200,000 sewer bond money, \$100,000 to \$150,000 will be used to expand the disposal facilities of the McGill septic tank, with the remainder to be used to install sewer mains and lines on the same "oldest settlement first" policy as will be followed on the water line extensions, Mayor Bridges declared.

Listing the recreation plant improvements from the \$150,000 approved by the voters as "my pet project," Mayor Bridges said it was anticipated that the city will build two swimming pools, one for white citizens at a cost of \$100,000, and one for Negro citizens at a cost of \$50,000. The Mayor said the division of funds would approximate the population division of the two races.

On the matter of sites for the white swimming pool, Mayor Bridges said, "We are not decided, but we're working in harmony." Mayor Bridges said he preferred to utilize the city-owned property at the old water works on Cherryville Road. Others, he noted, prefer the more centrally located 24-acre Burlington Mill site between Parker street and the Bessemer City Road. He said the

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NEW OFFICERS OF TEACHERS GROUP — Miss Helen Logan, center above, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Chapter, North Carolina Education Association, for the school term 1954-55 at a meeting of the group held at Central school last Thursday afternoon. L. Ben Goforth, Jr., left, who is serving as president this year, was named vice-president and Mrs. Helen Black Baker, right, was elected secretary-treasurer. The new officers and three delegates from the chapter will represent the group at the annual NCEA convention in Raleigh in March. (Photo by Hubert Carlisle.)

Kings Mountain Rabies Clinics Set For Friday

Friday is rabies vaccination clinic day in Kings Mountain. Dr. J. P. Mauney, county veterinarian, will conduct the clinic on the following schedule: City Hall, 1:30-3:00. West End School, 3 to 3:30. East End School, 3:30-4:00. Harmon's Store, Shelby road, 9:30-10:15 a. m. Lail's Store, 10:30-11:00. McGowan Service Station, 11:00-11:15. Herman Cash Store, 11:15-11:30. Garrison Goforth's, 11:30-11:45. Blalock's Park Inn, 11:45-12 noon.

"Not a single case of rabies has been reported in either Number 4 or Number 5 Townships since the new rabies law went into effect," Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, said this week. Only two cases of rabies were reported in the county last year, Dr. Mauney reported.

Regular vaccination fee for dogs is two dollars but while the clinic is in operation the fee will only be one dollar. All dogs four months or older must be vaccinated each year, Dr. Mauney pointed out, and the clinic is held three months annually.

Fee for dog vaccination after May 1 will be two dollars plus a penalty, he continued. Carver Blanton, county dog warden, reported that 1,900 dogs, majority of them not wanted and unclaimed, had been destroyed in the last two years.

Dr. Mauney has asked the cooperation of all dog owners in keeping the record set by the two townships by having their dogs vaccinated, and Hugh A. Logan, Jr., chief of police, urges all city residents to have their dogs vaccinated and avoid penalty.

Appreciation Day Drawings To End

Final drawing of the Merchants Association treasure chest promotion will be held Thursday at 3:30 p. m. in front of Cooper's, with the jackpot at \$430.

Minnie Pace won the drawing last Thursday, getting \$21 in trade certificates. The Appreciation Day promotion has been conducted by a number of Kings Mountain merchants for the past several months.

"Free-For-All" Trio Are Fined

What started as an affray between Ray Alexander and Bill Beatty at Horseshoe Grill Sunday morning, ended in a "free-for-all," with painful injuries to two city policemen and suspended sentences for three Kings Mountain men.

The injured policemen were Officers P. A. Hawkins and B. P. Cooke, third defendant was Joe Lee Harrison.

On counts of participating in an affray, assault with deadly weapon, and resisting arrest, Ray Alexander was sentenced to ten months on the roads, sentence suspended on condition that he pay fines of \$85, costs of court, and be of good behavior for 18 months.

Bill Beatty, charged with affray, public drunkenness, and illegal possession of tax paid whiskey, was given a 4-months road sentence, suspended on condition that he pay costs of court, and be of good behavior for five months. After Beatty's conviction, Judge White sentenced the defendant to an active sentence of 90-days on the road, but remanded the sentence to the lighter terms after recession of court.

On counts of interfering with officers and simple assault, Judge White sentenced Joe Lee Harrison to nine months on the roads, suspended on condition that he pay fines of \$75, costs of court, and be of good behavior for one year.

According to testimony of Garland Still, owner of Horseshoe Grill, Alexander and Beatty were ordered from his establishment Sunday around 5:30 a. m. for fighting. After they were ordered out, Harrison returned stating that the defendants were still fighting and requested the police be called. Still further testified he complied with the request, not wanting trouble at his place of business. Mr. Still added that he joined in the fight after being deputized by officers.

Officer P. A. Hawkins testified that he and Officer B. P. Cooke, who answered the call, found the bloodstained Alexander behind the Grill, with Beatty coming down the street also blood-stained. On cross-examination of Lawyers James West and George Thomason, Hawkins stated the fight first started between Alexander and himself when the defendant resisted arrest. Later, Hawkins testified, after officers had placed handcuffs on Alexander, Harrison, who was seated in the patrol car, jumped out and began to scuffle with Cooke. Then, according to Hawkins, the fight began again, with Still being deputized by officers and assisting in bringing the men under control.

Officer B. P. Cooke corroborated. Continued On Page Eight

Mitchell Reports No Further Cases Of Parrot Fever

Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, said Wednesday morning there have been no further indications of parrot fever in Kings Mountain during the past week but that laboratory reports on the previous suspicious cases have not yet been received.

Dr. Mitchell again expressed hope that the suspicions of parrot fever would prove false.

Parrot fever is a disease of psittacine birds (parrots and parakeets) also found in humans. Suspicion of the existence of the disease in Kings Mountain arose when a suspected case in Tennessee was traced to a bird obtained from Kings Mountain.

Dr. Mitchell said that the North Carolina State Board of Health is pressing the federal laboratory to "hurry" its report.

"We recognize the difficulties facing both breeders and owners of family pets and we hope they'll sit tight until the reports are received. It is possible our suspicions will be proved groundless," Dr. Mitchell said.

Attention of the public and of medical men was called to the possibility of existence of the disease in order that it might not be mistaken for "flu" or other similar ailments, health authorities noted.

25-Year Masonic Pin Given Cox

Frank Cox, veteran Kings Mountain postoffice employee, was awarded the 25-year Masonic service pin at the meeting in Greenville, S. C. Saturday night of Judson Lodge 319, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Cox became affiliated with Judson lodge in September 1928. Mr. Cox was among four members of the lodge presented the 25-year pin by Carl Campbell, master of Dunean, S. C. Lodge.

A Kings Mountain citizen for the past two decades, Mr. Cox is beginning his sixteenth year as an employee of the Kings Mountain postoffice. He now serves as postal money order clerk.

Bad Check Writer Arrested Monday

Charles H. Padgett, one time auto dealer in Shelby, was arrested at the Horseshoe Grill Monday afternoon by Officers P. R. Saunders and W. G. Ellison on a fugitive warrant issued by Sheriff Haywood Allen.

According to Chief Logan, Padgett, wanted in Blacksburg, S. C. on a worthless check charge, called on the Horseshoe Grill to inquire if the police department held a warrant for his arrest. By tracing the call, Logan said, he was able to locate Padgett and to make the arrest.

After the arrest was made, Padgett was turned over to the sheriff's office.

According to Jim Osborne of the sheriff's department their office has been contacted by Michigan authorities, and asked that Padgett be held for them on violation of parole.

Red Cross Campaign Begins On Monday; Goal Is \$5,420

384 Petitioners Urge City Use Of BurMil Site

Another petition—carrying the names of 384 persons—was filed at City Hall this week supporting the Burlington Mills Corporation tract between Parker street and Bessemer City Road for a city recreation plant.

Tillman Pearson, who circulated a previous supporting petition among adjacent and nearby property owners, also circulated this petition which reads:

"We, the undersigned taxpayers and voters, would appreciate very much if the Recreation Board, Mayor, and City Councilmen would approve the Burlington Mill property for a recreation center and playground. We feel this would be an ideal site."

Previously 14 nearby and adjacent property owners had filed a petition with the city asking that the BurMil site not be used for a city recreation plant.

Burlington Mills Corporation, which originally offered to give the tract on agreement to certain restrictions and covenants, had indicated recently it will offer the city the site at a reasonable price.

Signing the petition were Clayton R. Hope, Eulala C. Manning, Rev. R. L. Chaney, Mrs. R. L. Chaney, James Huffstickler, W. E. Goins, Olin Goins, John Chancy, W. G. Rippey, Jr., W. G. Rippey, Sr., Pauline Rippey, J. P. Harris, Charlie Wood, Pearl Harris, Mrs. E. Bridges, Willard Martin, Jane Martin, Beulah Hudson, Ray Hudson, Eunice Robbs, Buford Robbs, J. F. Cunningham, Jettie Cunningham, Harold R. Falls, R. Mae Sanders, Martha Sanders, R. P. Pruitt, Maudie M. Roberts, Edna Phillips, Ozelle Brooks, Viola Stone, Robert Earney, Mrs. Robert Earney, Tom Ross, Estelle Ross, Carroll Cranford, Rev. H. S. Scroggins, Loretta Wells, Wyona Pearson, Katherine Stewart, Janice Martin, Elbert Martin, Jack Weeks, Burdon Bryant, Eveline Bryant, Stella Foster, Cora Barnett, Kate Smith, Georgia Foster, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hoyle, G. C. Kelly.

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Mrs. Morrow's Aunt Dies In Columbia

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lella Summey Dennis, 68, an aunt of Mrs. George Morrow, of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at St. Luke's Lutheran church, Columbia, S. C., with burial following in Columbia's Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Dennis died Monday following a coronary thrombosis suffered three days earlier. She was a native of Gaston county, the daughter of the late Harriett Metcalf and Jacob A. Summey.

Surviving are her husband, E. T. Dennis, and several nephews and nieces.

Safe-Driving Demonstration Set For High School Tuesday Morning

Students of Kings Mountain high school will participate in a series of driving tests as part of a safety demonstration Tuesday morning at 10:30 in front of the high school on Ridge street, according to joint announcement this week by Rowell Lane, high school principal, and Hugh A. Logan, Jr., chief of police.

The exhibition, which is open to the public, will be the first demonstration of its kind here in 15 years and is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Wenzel Morris, safety engineer of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, will conduct the safety program, and Chief Logan, two high school students, and a faculty member will act as drivers for the four tests.

Prior to the demonstration, a movie on "Safety" will be shown to the public in the auditorium.

A 1954 Pontiac will be used for the demonstration, Chief Logan said, with the automobile equipped with three 38-caliber revolvers mounted on the front bumper. The revolvers, he explained, are fire yellow paint bullets, and a red light mounted on the radiator will signal the driver to stop. At that instant, he continued, the first of the revolvers will automatically fire into the pavement.

When the driver's foot hits the brake, the second round is discharged and the third goes when the car comes to a complete stop, he explained.

"The distance between the first two paint spots will show the driver's 'reaction distance', the distance traveled between the time an 'emergency' arises and the brakes are applied. The second and third paint spots measure the distance required to stop the car after the brakes have been hit," Mr. Logan concluded.



REVIVALISTS — Rev. and Mrs. Earl Gardner, above, of Muncie, Indiana, will conduct a revival series at First Church of the Nazarenes beginning Wednesday, March 14. Services are at 7 o'clock each evening, and the public is invited to attend.

Jobless Claims Again Show Drop

Unemployment claims "business" was off at the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina employment service last week and will be lower this week, Franklin Ware, manager, said Wednesday.

Jobless pay claims dropped to 481 for the week ending Friday, February 19, and should be near the 400 figure for the week ending February 26, Mr. Ware told the Herald.

"The situation is definitely better," Mr. Ware stated, adding that several managers of textile firms had reported improved orders for their goods.

Jobless pay claims for the previous week (ending on February 12) totaled 510. Initial claims for last week, this figure was 56.

Mr. Ware said "business" was better in the job order field, the function of the employment service in filling employer's job openings.

Mr. Ware said the employment service now lists no spot points, plants where there are more than 20 layoffs and where the employment service makes regular visits to accept claims for unemployment compensation.

World Prayer Day To Be Observed

Kings Mountain's annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 5, at Central Methodist church at 12 o'clock noon, according to announcement this week by the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen which sponsors the service.

Mrs. Robert Neill is in charge of a program. Mrs. P. E. Hendricks, publicity chairman, made the announcement.

Merchant Board Met On Monday

Bobby Bridges, of Bridges Auto Parts, was named a director of the Kings Mountain Merchants association Monday night. He will fill the one-year unexpired term of John O. Plonk.

Other actions of the board of directors at a supper meeting Monday, included approval of the appointment of two standing committees of the association by President John H. Lewis.

They include: Trade promotion—Paul Walker, chairman, Martin Harmon, J. C. Bridges, Hubert McGinnis, and Bobby Bridges.

Christmas opening committee—Sam Collins, chairman, Fred Monk, Ross Alexander, Yates Harbison.

The group also discussed without action expansion of its credit reporting files and service and possible reconsideration of the association's holiday schedule. Action on holiday schedules was postponed until the March meeting.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., Heads Appeal For Red Cross

Annual appeal for funds for the Red Cross is scheduled to begin in Kings Mountain on Monday with a goal of \$5,420 and with W. K. Mauney, Jr., as chairman of the fund-raising organization.

H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel, publicity chairman, made the announcement and said that the Kings Mountain chapter will retain \$3,110 of the quota, with \$500 of the balance to go to the Charlotte blood center.

The drive failed of reaching the goal last year and seriously hampered operations of the Kings Mountain chapter, Mr. McDaniel said.

"We must double our efforts to reach the quota this year. The quota is set up as a minimum for operations and anything short of it eliminates some of the good work that the Red Cross does in Kings Mountain. Everyone is urged to remember to make his gift this year," he continued.

A 25-member organization will set out at the task of collecting gifts from firms and individuals.

The Kings Mountain Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will conduct a house-to-house drive, details to be given later, Mr. McDaniel also announced.

Footo May Hike Capitalization

PHILADELPHIA—Footo Mineral Co. shareholders will be asked to increase the authorized shares of \$2.50 par common stock to one million from 500,000 at the annual meeting April 22.

Of the authorized shares, 276,088 are outstanding and an additional 43,217 shares are reserved for conversion of debentures at a current conversion price of \$45.84 a share, according to H. C. Meyer, chairman. That leaves 180,695 shares unissued and unreserved.

"As the shareholders know, these unissued shares are available for the employees' stock bonus plan. An adequate number of authorized shares would also be available to finance the continued growth of the company; or if it seems advisable for stock dividends or a stock split," Mr. Meyer stated in a letter recommending the directors' plan to stockholders.

Shareholders of record February 15 will be entitled to vote on the proposal.

Footo Mineral produces lithium ores and chemicals and a variety of other rare metallic items used in the electronics and atomic power field.

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Local News Bulletins

MASONIC NOTICE
Members of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., will confer the second degree at a school of instruction to be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Cleveland Lodge 202, in Shelby. All members are invited to attend.

KIWANIS MEETING
Two Shelby citizens, Mal Spangler, Sr., and Virgil Weathers, will present a musical program at the Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, to be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 6:45.

FAMILY NIGHT
Family Night will be observed at First Presbyterian church Wednesday evening with supper to be served at 7 o'clock. After the meal, a film, "America For Me" will be shown. Rev. F. D. Patrick, the church pastor, made the announcement.

LENTEN SERVICES
Lenten services begin at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Wednesday, March 3, with Communion service. There will be special services every Wednesday at 7:30 for 7 weeks in observance of the Lenten Season, the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding has announced.

D. C. MAUNEY
D. C. Mauney, Kings Mountain citizen receiving treatment at Charlotte Memorial hospital, was reported improving Tuesday. However, members of his family said he would remain a patient at the Charlotte hospital for another fortnight.

TAG SALES
A total of 869 Kings Mountain motorists had purchased 1954 city auto license stickers through Wednesday at noon, according to report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk. Twenty-five of the total were purchased this week, he said.

RAINWATER CLOSES
Rainwater Furniture company vacated its Mountain street building and closed its doors at the close of business Saturday. The building is owned by Dr. D. M. Morrison. A Rainwater employee said notification of the plan to close the Kings Mountain store was not received until Saturday.

SPRING DANCE
Lewis Cathey and His Orchestra will furnish music for a Spring Frolic at Kings Mountain Country Club on the evening of March 6, it was announced this week by Mrs. Ertle Powers, chairman of the club night event.

OPTIMIST MEETING
The Kings Mountain Optimist club will meet at Corner Cafe Thursday night at 6:30, according to announcement by Tommy Owens, secretary. The Shelby Optimist club will conduct the program.

TAX PENALTY JUMPS
Penalty on unpaid 1953 city and county tax bills increases to two percent on March 2, up one percent on the penalty attaching to unpaid 1953 tax accounts paid through Monday, March 1.

METER RECEIPTS
Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$143.84. Joe Hendrick, of the city clerk's office, reported.

"House-of-Month" Featured By Firm

Home Building & Loan Association is announcing this week a new service for prospective home builders, the "House-of-the-Month" feature.

The national service provides illustrations of house plans for which blueprints may be secured through the local firm. "We invite all prospective home builders to visit us and inspect the many plans available through our new service," A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the firm, said.

Win Over Shelby Friday Will Assure Mountaineer Quint Tournney Spot

Kings Mountain high school's boys basketball team, in a down-to-the-wire battle for a spot in the WNCHEAA tournament which gets underway in Statesville Monday, meets Shelby here at Central gym Friday night in the finale of the regular season schedule.

The Mountaineers took over the loop lead and clinched a tie for second place at Belmont Tuesday night with a 44-31 victory over the Red Raiders. Rutherfordton Spindale routed Lincolnton 76-50 to take over second and send the Wolves into third place.

Only two teams from the loop, the South Group, Western AA Conference, are to advance to the WNCHEAA event—and they are scheduled to face each other in the first round of the tournament, at 4:45 or 8:45 on Monday, in an unusual tournament pairing.

Rutherfordton Spindale is at Belmont Friday and Lincolnton scraps Cherryville at Cherryville.

A victory over arch-rival Shelby will clinch first place for Kings Mountain. A loss combined with a win by the other pair will send the Mountaineers into a tie with Lincolnton for second place, with

the playoff set for Saturday night in that event.

Coach Don Parker's quint trailed Shelby for most of the game in the first meeting of the two schools at Shelby Community Center but recovered to win by 38-32. The other two teams in the battle also own wins over their Friday opponents—Lincolnton defeated Cherryville 90-36 in January and R-S took Belmont 65-49 last December.

Kings Mountain now has a record of 13 wins and two losses. The Parker-men handed Lincolnton (12-3) two of its three losses and split with R-S (12-2), while dropping a contest to Cliffside (50-47) in a big upset.

Monday night's winner at Statesville will meet the winner of the North Group first round game for the Western Conference championship on Wednesday night, with the champ to represent the loop in the tournament finals Saturday night.

Hickory is on top in the North group with Newton, Conover and Taylorsville involved in another close finish.

The Mountaineers looked ragged at Belmont Tuesday as the Belmont girls won an exciting 60-50. Continued On Page Eight