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D. C. Mauney Making \$8,000 Gift To Woman's Club

Local News Bulletins

DIRECTORS TO MEET
 Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will meet at 3 p. m., according to announcement this week.

AT BEAUTY SHOW
 Mrs. George Morrow returned home Sunday from New York, where she represented Helen's Beauty Show at the International Beauty Show held there at the Statler Hotel last week.

OPTIMISTS MEET
 Members of the Kings Mountain Optimist club, heard an outline of Boys Work activities in District 18, Optimist International, by W. Chess Freeman, of Gastonia, district director, at its meeting last Thursday night.

TAG SALES
 A total of 915 Kings Mountain motorists had purchased 1954 city tag "stickers" at noon Wednesday, according to report by the city clerk.

Mrs. Ora Blanton Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Ora Blanton, 82, wife of the late Rev. James Crowell Blanton, founder and first pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church who died in 1921, were conducted Saturday at 3 o'clock from Oak Grove Baptist church.

Rev. C. C. Crowe, pastor of the church, officiated and was assisted by Rev. W. F. Monroe and Rev. Luther Hawkins, interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Blanton succumbed at her home at 209 Linwood road Thursday morning at 8:55 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Stanford and Mary Durham Jolley, and was a charter member of the Oak Grove church.

Surviving are four sons, Paul Blanton of Bessemer City, Grady Blanton, of Shelby, and Yates and Dewitt Blanton of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Clarence Dixon, Mrs. Bertha Bidix, and Mrs. Elbert Bridges, all of Kings Mountain; 30 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also three brothers, S. D. and Charles Jolley of Rush Springs, Okla., and Denton Jolley of Davis, Okla., and four sisters, Mrs. Duff Durham, of Arizona, Mrs. J. N. Dellinger of Shelby, Mrs. H. C. Mullan of Shawnee, Okla., and Mrs. S. S. Beam, of Homestead, Fla., also survive.

Barkley Firm In New Building

Barkley Brothers Food Store opened for business in its new building on York Road Monday morning.

Pete Barkley, general manager, said a formal opening will be held next weekend.

The new brick building was built for Barkley's by Warren Reynolds.

Further announcement on the opening will be made next week, Mr. Barkley said.

Money Order Record Set On Tax Day

Kings Mountain postoffice was a busy place Monday, with normal Monday activities swelled heavily by money order purchases and last-minute mailing of income tax forms.

Postmaster W. E. Blakely said the money order window set a new record on Monday by issuing 373 money orders, totaling more than \$7,500.

Majority of the money went to Raleigh, representing North Carolina income tax payments, the postmaster reported.

H. B. Bumgardner Running; Three Out For Constable

County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain, will seek renomination in the May Democratic primary, he announced Wednesday.

Meantime, a three-way contest developed for the now-vacant position of Number 4 Township constable, as Robert G. (Bob) Cox, paid his filing fee Wednesday. C. A. (Gus) Huffstetter, former city policeman, paid his filing fee last week.

Ervin Ellison became the third candidate, formally filing Wednesday afternoon.

Otherwise, Kings Mountain and Shelby buzzed anew with rumor that Jack White, Kings Mountain attorney and judge of city recorder's court, would oppose E. T. Falls, Jr., for the North Carolina House of Representatives. It was a revived rumor from several weeks ago which had seemingly cooled. Wednesday morning Mr. White could not be reached for a statement, but he had indicated Monday an announcement would be forthcoming shortly. Mr. Falls put his hat in the ring last Thursday, seeking renomination and re-election to a fifth term. Rep. Falls served in the General Assemblies of 1943-49-51-53.

Commissioner Bumgardner, who seeks the District 2 Democratic nomination for county commissioner, seeks his second full term. He was appointed to the board in April 1951, after the district arrangement was adopted, and was re-nominated without opposition a year later.

"It has been my intent to serve the best interests of all the people," Mr. Bumgardner said, "and I shall continue to follow that aim. I have enjoyed serving the people of Cleveland County and of District 2."

Mr. Cox, in an announcement statement accompanying his filing for the constabulary, indicated he would attend principally to non-criminal matters if he is elected township constable, leaving to the sheriff's office other phases of law enforcement work. He said:

"If nominated and elected constable of Number 4 Township I do not expect to devote much of my time, except in emergencies, to criminal law enforcement. Since the establishment of the paid deputy system in Cleveland county, it seems that the township constable can be of greatest service by handling civil duties of the constable's office, including serving of summonses and related work."

Mr. Cox, an auto salesman since he was relieved from active duty with the army eight months ago, served for more than five years as a military policeman, including duty as town patrol officer, Tokyo, Japan, with the 720th MP battalion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox.

"Victory in the primary will probably mean immediate appointment as constable, a prerogative of the county board of commissioners."

METER RECEIPTS

Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$141.40, Joe Hendrick, of the city clerk's office, reported.

Kings Mountain Masons To Observe 80th Birthday At Saturday Banquet

Kings Mountain Masons will observe their 80th anniversary Saturday evening at the annual ladies night banquet of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., to be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 7:15.

Luther T. Hartsell, of Concord, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, will make the principal address. Mr. Hartsell is a prominent attorney.

Another feature of the banquet program will be presentation of 25-year membership certificates to four members of the lodge and presentation of life memberships to Joseph Allen Walker and to Clarence Tracy Cornwell, John H. Floyd, district deputy grand master, will make the awards and will also present certificates to living past masters of the lodge.

Davidson Creek Go-Ahead Given

Board To Obtain Detailed Plans, Bids On Project

The city board of commissioners has tentatively decided on utilization of the Davidson branch for an increased source of water.

Without formal decision, the board voted in special meeting last Thursday night to obtain detailed engineering reports and subsequent bids on the Davidson branch project, the bids to be obtained on a "right to reject" basis.

The property owned jointly by W. G. Grantham, Ward 5 commissioner, Haywood E. Lynch and Box Cox, required to utilize the Davidson source would be obtained by condemnation, on advice of the North Carolina attorney general.

Concerning the obtaining of the Grantham shared property, City Attorney J. R. Davis read an opinion from the attorney general in which he suggested a legal means of obtaining the property would be via condemnation proceedings, with Commissioner Grantham taking no part in any board action, or resolution concerning the water project. When the water discussion began, Mr. Grantham left the meeting.

The remaining members of the board took a dim view of raising the present dam, more than three to four feet, as embodied in one of the Dickson estimates for increasing supply, and the board ruled out two new Dickson-surveyed sources as overly-expensive utilization of Abernathy or Dairy branch and Crowder's Creek. It was estimated the Dairy branch could be utilized for \$108,000 and that Crowder's Creek use would require \$178,000.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and several board members offered the opinion Engineer W. K. Dickson's estimate of \$91,000 for the Davidson branch utilization is high.

In other actions the board: 1) Tabled for further consideration the talks with Duke Power Company on serving two outside-city customers, Bennett Brick and Tile Company and Lambert Rope Corporation. Duke is declining the city's request to assume the service job, stating it is too expensive. L. L. Brown, of Shelby, Duke representative, outlined the problems to the board.

2) Authorized cancelling of \$62,250 in bad debts in the utilities accounts. It was explained that deposits were insufficient to cover unpaid bills of persons who had moved away.

3) Named J. H. Patterson as the board's representative on the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library board.

4) Accepted the resignation of Tommy Owens, utilities billing clerk, and voted to increase the salary of Joe McDaniel, assistant clerk, from \$275 to \$290 per month.

U. S. 29 By-Pass Bids Are Asked

The State Highway & Public Works commission has called for bids on grading and structures for the U. S. 29 by-pass around Kings Mountain, in a general call for bids to be opened on March 30 considered at a meeting on April 1.

E. L. Kemper, division engineer, said the Highway Commission has allocated \$600,000 for the project; and that this amount should cover the bids and right-of-way on the 7.21 miles which by-passes Kings Mountain to the south.

The by-pass route leaves U. S. 29 at a point 3.3 miles north of the South Carolina line and runs east and northeast to a point adjacent to U. S. 29 and 74 east of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Kemper said that money has also been allocated by the commission to cover with hot mix U. S. 74 between here and Gastonia. He said the contract might be let in June.



HEADS CLUB — George H. Houser was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year at an organizational meeting of the incoming board of directors Wednesday afternoon.

George H. Houser Club President

George H. Houser was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for 1954-55 at the organizational meeting of the new board of directors Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Houser succeeds Harry E. Page.

Other officers elected are: Drace M. Peeler, vice-president; John C. Smathers, secretary-treasurer; and Henry P. Neisler, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The organizational meeting of the board of directors followed the annual meeting of stockholders held Tuesday night.

Stockholders had elected 12 directors, W. G. Grantham, Dr. Craig Jones, W. R. Craig, Jr., Henry Neisler, George H. Mauney, D. M. Peeler, J. H. Patterson, Joe A. Neisler, W. J. Fulker, and George H. Houser, in an unanimous adoption of the report of a nominating committee which included F. R. Summers, chairman; E. L. Neisler and B. S. Peeler.

Reports by Mr. Page, the retiring president, Drace Peeler, retiring secretary-treasurer, W. L. Mauney, and from stand committees showed the club enjoyed an active year which featured improvement to clubhouse, golf course, and plant. President Page reported plans to air-condition the club dining room and said concrete shuffleboard courts have just been installed. He said the club had reduced its indebtedness by \$3,000 in the past year.

Reports of standing committees were made by Dr. W. L. Mauney, house committee, J. C. Bridger, membership, Tolly Shuford, social and G. C. Kelly, greens.

Parks, School Boards Buying Williams Tract

Kings Mountain's board of school trustees and parks and recreation commission have entered an agreement to purchase some 16 acres of property from Wray A. Williams at a cost of \$12,000.

The property adjoins, on the north, the new Negro elementary school site. The recreation commission will use its portion as the site of the Negro swimming pool approved by the voters last fall.

The school board needed additional property to meet state school board acreage requirements for the new plant, construction of which is well underway. An athletic field will be built on the school's portion of the new property.

Completion of the agreement was reached Tuesday after the school board, in regular monthly session Monday night, voted to purchase its portion of the tract at a cost of \$6,000. The city will pay the other \$6,000 from bond money voted for the recreation projects.

Kiwanis President To Speak Friday

The president of Kiwanis International will address the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Friday night, at a meeting expected to attract representatives of all clubs in Carolinas Division 1, as well as representatives from most clubs of Divisions 2 and 9.

Donald T. Forsythe, of Carthage, Ill., publisher of a weekly newspaper, will address the stag assemblage at Masonic dining hall at 6:45.

Dr. D. F. Hord, past president of the local club, said 21 clubs have been invited to send representatives to the Friday night meeting.

The visit here will be one of only four the International president will make in the Carolinas. The other clubs on the Forsythe itinerary are Charleston, S. C., Columbia, S. C., and Charlotte.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, president of the Kings Mountain club, and President Forsythe attended a Thiel College — though at separate times — and are personal friends. Mr. Forsythe is a prominent Lutheran layman.

Erskine Singers At ARP Sunday

The Erskine College Choralists, under the direction of Miss Helen Ligon, will present a worship program in songs at the Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock services.

Preceding the program, Dr. J. M. Lesesne, Professor of History at Erskine, will deliver a short talk on the college.

The Choralists will present as their selections: "The Heavens Are Telling," by Haydn; "Oh Praise Jehovah," by Mozart; "Oh Lord Thou Hast Formed My Every Part," by Bach; "Hallelujah," by Mozart; "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," by Liddle; "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is," by Shelley; "Oh God My Heart Is Fixed On Thee," by Roberts; and "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Bischoff.

Two selections rendered by the quartet will be "Out Of The Deep," by Gluck, and "How Long Will Thou Forget Me," by Pfleger.

A selection by Costa, "I Will Extol Thee," will be sung by Miss Frances Gettys.

The Choralists include: Sopranos: Frances Gettys, Helen Ligon, Dorothy Willis, Bettie Robinson, and Phyllis Estes, alto; Judy Sherrill, Julia Smith, Ann Macfie, and Carol Aull; tenors: Frank Sellers, Frank White, Jon Brawley, and Del Rucker; basses: Melvin McWhirter, Bill Bowie, Bill Terry, Bob Elliott, and Marshall Parker.

Griffin Named Jaycee President

Wilson Griffin, Kings Mountain druggist, was named president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the club's annual election held at Masonic dining hall Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were: Bill Jonas, first vice president; W. C. Kelley, second vice president.

Bill Eldon, secretary; Bill Page, treasurer; Bob Cox, sergeant-at-arms; Harold Cloninger, Sam Mitchem and George Thomason were elected to two-year directorships.

The new slate of officers will be sworn in on May 4. K. E. Morrison, Harold Phillips and D. D. Saunders are hold-over directors.

Mr. Griffin defeated J. T. McGinnis, currently first vice president, for the presidency.

Mr. Kelley, who was nominated from the floor Tuesday night, was elected on a third ballot in a close contest with Mr. Morrison. Mr. Jonas, Mr. Eldon and Mr. Page were named by acclamation.

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Shore To Preach Sunrise Sermon

Plans for the annual city-wide Easter Sunrise service were announced at a breakfast meeting of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association Monday at the Recreation Building of the First Presbyterian church.

Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, was named to preach the sermon. It was announced that the high school band will play for the service, as has been customary in the past. The Choral Group, under the direction of Franklin Pethel has been invited to provide special music for the occasion.

Other ministers taking part in the program will be: Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, invocation; Rev. Boyce Huffstetter, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, leading the Lord's Prayer; Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of the Boyce Memorial ARP church and president of the Ministerial association, greetings to the people; P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, reading of the Scriptures; Rev. A. J. Argo, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, benediction.

The hour of the service is to be announced later. It is determined by the exact hour of sunrise. The service will be held in the central portion of Mountain Rest Cemetery where the large white cross stands.

Plans for this year's sunrise service were in the hands of a committee including Rev. E. F. Austin, Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, Rev. W. L. Pressly and Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Broyles Series To End Sunday

Large congregations have been attending the services at First Presbyterian church conducted this week by Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, D. D. At the morning service, 10:00 a. m., a study of the Book of Ephesians is being conducted.

The subjects for the evening and Sunday services are: Thursday, 7:30 p. m. — "Getting Along Together"; Friday, 7:30 p. m. — "The Kingdom Is Here"; Sunday, 11:00 a. m. — "The Sheer Daring of the Gospel"; and Sunday, 7:30 p. m. — "The Church Will Win".

Kings Mountain Lions To Entertain Farmers at Annual Banquet Tuesday

Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its annual Farmer's Night banquet Tuesday, with Frank Jeter, chief of the N. C. State college school of agriculture information service, as featured speaker.

As is customary, the Lions club is extending an invitation to attend to all farmers of the area.

The meeting will be held at Masonic Lodge Hall at 7 o'clock. Members of the committee on arrangements are W. L. Plonk, Edwin Moore and Eugene Patterson.

Mr. Plonk, in announcing the program, said, "We are particularly happy to have Frank Jeter speak to us on Farmer's Night. He is among the best of humorous speakers. We hope all Kings Mountain area farmers will make plans to attend the Farmer's Night banquet, which the Lions Club will entertain Tuesday night."

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Funds Earmarked For Auditorium Memorialize Wife

D. C. Mauney is giving the Kings Mountain Woman's Club \$8,000 to be used in completing the original design for the Woman's Club building calling for an auditorium.

The gift was tendered in honor of Mr. Mauney's wife, the late Sadie Fisher Mauney, charter member, active worker, and several times president of the Kings Mountain Civic League and its successor organization, the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Mr. Mauney's gift was accepted by the Woman's Club executive board at a meeting Monday afternoon and was tendered in a letter dated March 9, as follows: "As it was the desire of my wife, Sadie F. Mauney, to see the original plans of the Woman's Club completed and because of her love and interest in the Woman's Club of Kings Mountain, I would like to give the sum of \$8,000.00 to be used to build and equip a stage in the club auditorium, also redecorate and furnish the auditorium with necessary seating facilities."

"After the completion of the above, any remaining funds may be used for improvements."

The Woman's Club board has been considering a possible addition to the present plant of 25 feet and will soon present the proposals to the membership for action. Meantime, carrying out of the stage improvements, which Mr. Mauney's gift provides, will be delayed until the membership decision.

The addition project is to be investigated by a joint group, including members of the finance and house committees, of which Mrs. Carl Mayes and Mrs. Jacob Cooper respectively are chairmen.

Mrs. Paul Hendricks, publicity chairman, said the board accepted the gift of Mr. Mauney "with grateful appreciation."

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