

Bennett Bid Of \$104,000 Appears Low On Two Recreation Projects

C. T. Bennett Construction Company, of Kings Mountain, appeared to be low bidder on the construction of two city swimming pools and two bath houses, following the bid opening Wednesday.

Bennett's combination bid of \$104,000, was low in preliminary totaling. He estimated completion of the work within six months of contract award.

Ingold Company, Hickory plumbing firm, was low bidder among three firms for the plumbing contract at \$6,815, and the electrical bid opening was held over, with only two firms filling bids.

Action on awarding the contracts may be taken by the city board of commissioners at a special meeting Monday night, Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the city parks and recreation commission, told the assembled contractors. Mayor Glee Bridges was present, but other city administration members were absent.

Bennett Construction Company bid \$27,500 on the building of two bath houses, \$79,240 for the building of two swimming pools. Gilbert Engineering Company, of Statesville, entered a net bid of \$73,770 (including an alternate plan deduction) for the pools, but preliminary totaling indicated the low bid of Bennett for the bath houses, coupled with the Gilbert bid, would total \$106,017, higher than the Bennett combination bid of \$104,000.

Plans and specifications for the pools, one to be built on the site of the old Burlington Mill recreation plant site being purchased from Burlington Mills Company, and another to be built on the site being obtained from Wray A. Williams, were prepared by Charles M. Graves, Atlanta, Ga., parks and recreation engineer.

School Groups Will Collaborate In "Music Festival" On Thursday

A Musical Festival including performances by the Kings Mountain Central School Senior and Junior bands, Mixed Chorus, and The Pantomimers quartet will be presented at the high school auditorium Thursday night at 8:15. Selections by the Senior band will feature classical, semi-classical, and popular music, marches, novelties, and Latin American numbers. Among the numbers to be played will be "When the Saints Go Marchin' In", "The Fantasy", "El Capitan", "The World's Greatest", "His Honor", "Working on the Railroad", "Mexican Overtures", "If Thou Be Near", by Bach, and "Huedigungs-marsch", by Grieg.

The Junior band, including all grammar grade students, will play two marches and two overtures. The Mixed Chorus will present selections composed of spiritual, popular, and novelty numbers. Among the numbers will be "In To Be Free", "Good News", "Climbin' Up the Mountain", "I'll See You in My Dreams", "Blue Moon", "You'll Never Walk Alone", "Country Style", and "Oklahoma", from the show hit "Oklahoma".

Palmer Huffstetler, Bud Mayes, Ronnie Layton, and Ranny Arnette, comprising the Sunshine Boys Quartet, will present as their selections "This Little Light of Mine", and "Every Day Will Be Sunday".

Police Report Minor Accident

Only one minor accident was reported by the Kings Mountain Police Department this week. On Thursday, police reported, a car driven by Zachariah Phillips Hughes of Nelly's Ford, Va., ran off the road and slid into side ditch. The accident occurred on U. S. 29 South.

Building Permit Issued For School

Building permit for a new four-room structure at East Elementary school and to alterations to the present building was approved Wednesday by Building Inspector J. W. Webster. Cost was given as \$45,000. Contract for the construction of the building and remodeling was let April 23, to Frank D. McCall, of Drexell. Three building permits were approved by Inspector Webster Monday. A permit was issued to Dr. John McGill for remodeling of his residence on Crescent Hill at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Inspector Webster approved a permit for Zeb Grigg to erect a 5-room house on First street, at an estimated cost of \$3,500. R. Lee Blanton's application for the erection of a one-story house located on Margaret street

Area Pre-inductees Left Shelby May 1

James Smith, Jr., 20, and Johnny Wray Conner, 21, were among the 14 Cleveland County pre-inductees who left for Charlotte Wednesday, May 12 for Physical examinations. Mrs. Clara Newman, of the Cleveland County Selective Service office, said. Haywood Johnson, 28, Negro, of Kings Mountain, William Meeks, 29, and Willie Roscoe Moore, 28, Negroes of Shelby, Mrs. Newman also said, failed to report for pre-induction examinations, and are now listed as delinquent.

School Board In Busy Session

The Kings Mountain school board, in regular monthly meeting at Central school Monday night, voted to get immediate action on a plan for relieving Central school building from Engineer M. M. Packard of Shelby or to contract another engineer for the job.

The board has authorized the engineering survey late in 1953 and Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported that Mr. Packard, who had accepted the job, said that he was working on the plans but did not have them ready.

The board instructed Mr. Barnes to contact Mr. Packard immediately and secure his plans or to contract another engineer to do the work. The board wants the job completed prior to opening of school in September.

The board discussed a flag pole for Central school and Trustee P. G. Padgett and Mr. Barnes were named to a committee to decide on type and location. A previous graduating class left some \$85 for the pole and the board several months ago voted to pay the additional cost to complete the project.

The board voted Miss Gussie Huffstetler an extension of leave, authorized a payment of \$6,000 for land at Davidson school and gave Mr. Barnes authority to hire teachers prior to board action. The board granted the recreation commission authority to use Central gymnasium during the summer.

Mr. Barnes reported that Miss Mary Ann Stamey of Lattimore did not accept a teaching contract voted her, that work had begun on the new Davidson building, that the new Davidson building was almost complete and that \$10,000 each had been invested in Kings Mountain and Home Building & Loan associations, leaving \$20,100 on interest at First National Bank.

The board also heard a letter from a Charlotte dealer concerning a piano W. K. Mauney had for sale. The group instructed Mr. Barnes to get further information on the matter. Chairman A. W. Kincaid presided and Trustees Padgett, J. R. Davis, and Fred W. Plonk were present.

Politics Still Quiet Subject

Political activity quickened noticeably for the May 29 Democratic primary last week, but public interest still remained at unusually low levels in comparison with former campaigns. Still devoid of fireworks that excite the constituency was the statewide headline between Senator Alton Lennon and Former Governor W. Kerr Scott, a race involving a total of seven candidates.

At the local level, candidates seemed still intent to do "personal politicking". Both Hazel B. Bumgardner, the incumbent, and L. Arnold Kiser, the challenger, in the race for this area's county commissioner nomination, were reported covering the two-township district well in their vote-getting efforts. This race will be decided by voters of five precincts, the two in Kings Mountain, Waco, Bethware, and Grover.

At the county level, most of the races remained a tame affair, as did the township constable's contest between Ervin Ellison, Bob Herndon, Box Cox, and Gus Huffstetler. The county races are between E. A. Houser, the incumbent, and Roy Price for clerk of Superior Court; between Haywood Allen, the incumbent, and Walter H. Peeler, for sheriff; between Reuben Elam, the incumbent, and C. B. Cash, for judge of recorder's court; and between Bynum Weathers, the incumbent, and Joe Mull for solicitor of recorder's court.

Registrars finally reported some name-adding activity last weekend. Of an estimated 40 new registrants at Bethware, Mrs. H. A. Goforth reported, 31 were added to the books on last Saturday, final registration day. The registrars will be at the polling places again Saturday for a double "do-it" challenge day for the May 29 primary, and second of three registration days for the June 12 bond issue election. However, names added on May 29 and 29 will not be eligible to vote in the May 29 primary.

Reaction Quiet On Segregation Rule By Court

Kings Mountain reacted quietly to Monday's decision of the United States Supreme Court declaring segregation in the schools illegal. While the topic was discussed in almost every home and on the streets, majority of comments indicated a "wait-and-see" attitude. The Supreme Court announced it would begin hearings on how to implement the Monday decision next autumn.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges told the Herald he did not anticipate that great difficulties would result from the decision in Kings Mountain, and B. N. Barnes, city school superintendent, said city school officials would "cross the bridge when we come to it".

What problems might be created for theater operators and restaurateurs also remained in the conjecture stage.

The decision of the Supreme Court was generally condemned by political leaders and heads of government of the South. Governor W. B. Umstead termed the decision "a terrible disappointment", and both of the major U. S. Senate Candidates, incumbent Alton Lennon, and W. Kerr Scott, issued statements of "regret".

The press of North Carolina, almost uniformly, called for reasonableness and sanity from both white and Negro races.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., Kings Mountain industrialist, predicted a considerable boom for private schools and privately supported colleges as the court decision is implemented.

Rites Conducted For Dr. Kerr

Funeral rites for Dr. Gilbert Kerr, 76, former pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, were held on May 6 at Tabernacle ARP church, Charlotte, with burial at Newberry, S. C.

Dr. Kerr held the pastorate of the Kings Mountain church during the period 1913-21. He was a graduate of Erskine College, Class of 1900, and from the Erskine Theological seminary in 1904. He later studied at Princeton seminary and the doctorate was conferred on him by Erskine College in 1939.

Dr. Kerr was twice married, first to Miss Margaret Eugenia McElroy, who died in 1913, then to Miss Eleanor Martin. Surviving are Miss Rebecca Kerr, a daughter by his first marriage, and two children by his second marriage, Rev. Russell Kerr, now pastor of Mint Hill Presbyterian church at Matthews, and Mrs. W. P. Grier, Jr., of Rock Hill, wife of an ARP minister.

Petition Signers

rett, V. Grace Barrett, Angie Navy, Laura Payne, Paul Putnam, Edna Putnam, John O. Hutto, Mrs. W. M. Mullinax, Mrs. F. C. Barrett, F. C. Barrett, Mrs. Treasie Gladden, Mrs. Everette Medlin, Mrs. Luther Barrett, Luther Barrett, Drew Jackson, Mrs. Leona Fite, C. B. Fite, Bill Downey, Glenda Downey, Hattie Downey, Mack Conner, Charles Peterson, Julie Peterson, Mrs. Mack Conner, H. G. Tate, Mrs. Grady Tate, Bertie Thompson.

Altha May Beamer, Lucille Barber, Cora Barnett, Ozelle Brooks, Geneva Roper, Kate Smith, A. H. Arey, W. T. Dagenhart, Biddix, M. A. Carpenter, W. E. Kuykendall, C. C. Smith, C. H. Hope, George J. Hope, Andy Huffstetler, J. P. Harris, J. C. Nance, J. F. Cunningham, Cecil C. Smith, James G. Howard, Jim Ballard, George Smith, John Foster, Jr., Lorena G. Foster, James J. Falls, Harvey Smith, Doytt Falls, Nell Falls, Frank Roper, John G. Ferris, Jr., Ernest Couser, Carroll Morehead, James Cole, Furman Gladden, Edna Gladden, Lander Short, Minnie Short, F. F. Moss, Laura Moss, Charles Kennedy, Marie Ramsey, Jack Kennedy, Marie Kennedy, C. H. Cole, Mrs. C. H. Cole, E. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. Fay Jackson, T. R. Barrett, Odell Lovelace, Mrs. T. R. Barrett, Mrs. Bill Thrasher, Mrs. Jeanette R. Beal, Nathan H. Kelly, W. L. McMackin, Ruth Brady, Charlie E. Barrett, Biddie Barrett, Jimmy Hardin, Roy Alexander, Helen Alexander, Eugene Tignor, Dot Tignor, Betty Smith, Ray Hardin, Rufus Hall, Sallie Costner, Lorena Falls, Bessie Hamm, Jethro Hamm, Charles Hutchins, Edna Hutchins, Virgel Hamrick, Ophelia Hamrick, Floyd Reynolds, Kathleen Reynolds, Richard Wood, Colean Wood, Floyd Williams, Luco Falls, Nell Parker, Jack Smith, W. E. Kuykendall, Mrs. Margaret Kuykendall, Clara Ross, Fred Kiser, Colean Kiser, Bill Bolin, Sara Bolin, Rosa Wright, W. H. Anderson, Mrs. Bertie L. Lockridge, David L. Lockridge, John Ledford, Mrs. Bessie Ledford, Troy Lee Wright, Mrs. Troy Lee Wright, Fred Jones, Minnie Mae Jones, J. P. Miller, Mrs. J. P. Miller, Harold G. Barkley, Louise W. Barkley, White, Nellie Mae Williams, Jackie Falls, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Clarence Smith, Mrs. Bill King, Bill King, Bruce McDaniel, Mrs. W. T. Dagenhart.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log VISITING HOURS Daily, 10 to 11 a. m. 3 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 8 p. m. PATIENT LIST AT NOON WEDNESDAY: Nancy Cross. Coleen Crawford, 600 Walnut street, Charlotte, admitted Thursday. Martin Howell, route 1, Gastonia, admitted Thursday. Karen Loy, 402 Houser street, Cherryville, admitted Friday. Mary Lee Murray, route 1, admitted Saturday. C. D. Gladden, Box 14, admitted Sunday. Genelle Pitman, Linwood road, admitted Sunday. Maggie Dotson, 804 Third street, admitted Monday. Marshall McLure, route 1, admitted Monday. Tom Pollock, 310 E. King street, admitted Monday. Mrs. Herman Sparks, Box 653, admitted Monday. Mrs. Clyde Bumgardner, route 2, admitted Tuesday. Mrs. Jack Collins, route 1, Grover, admitted Tuesday. Mrs. John Fisher, 309 Railroad ave., admitted Tuesday. Paul Luckadoo, Box 833, El-lenboro, admitted Tuesday. Billy Purvis, Park Grace Community, admitted Tuesday. James Purvis, Park Grace Community, admitted Tuesday. Edgar Sisk, Box 214, Cherryville, admitted Tuesday. Mrs. Ray Tomlin, route 1, Grover, admitted Tuesday. Hazel Roberts, route 2, admitted Wednesday. Virginia Perry, 108 N. Watterston street, admitted Wednesday. Estelle Tyler, route 1, admitted Wednesday.

Truancy Count Before Court

Prayer for judgment was continued for 30 days by Judge Jack White for Ivey Smith, of Second street, charged with non-compliance with the North Carolina School law in City Recorder's court Monday afternoon.

The defendant, pleading guilty to the charge, stated that she worked on the first shift and was unaware when her son, Johnny Smith, 15, was absent from school.

Rowell Lane, principal of Central school and Truant Officer M. C. Poolson testified as to the youth's absentee record.

Arresting officers were W. G. Ellison and P. R. Sanders.

Hilton Grady Greene, of 1521 W. Rhyne street, Gastonia, entered a plea of nolo-contendere to charges of driving while drunk, and was sentenced to six months on the roads. Sentence was suspended on condition that Greene be of good behavior for one year, pay a fine of \$100, costs of court, and drivers license be revoked for a period of one year.

J. D. Seigle, route 2, Cherryville, pled guilty to charges of illegal possession of non-tax paid whiskey, and was given a 90-day sentence on the roads, judgment suspended on condition that the defendant pay a fine of \$5, and costs of court.

Four defendants were found guilty of public drunkenness. A trial by jury was requested by Amos P. Stacy, charged with abandonment and non-support.

Three cases against Fred T. Daves of N. Elm street, Cherryville, charged with speeding; Jacob Burris, and Polly Nalley charged with operating a vehicle without license, were continued. Bond of \$25 was forfeited for Thomas Mitchem.

MORE ABOUT Moss Funeral

Mrs. R. W. Northcutt, Mrs. Paul M. Neisler, Sr., and Mrs. E. A. Smith, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Frank L. Hoyle, Jr., of Hendersonville. A sister, Mrs. B. M. Ormand, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. Active pallbearers were Hugh Ormand, Lloyd Ormand, C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Meek Carpenter, all of Kings Mountain, J. C. Williams of Bessemer City, and Floyd Allison of York, S. C. Deacons and elders of the church served as honorary pallbearers. Members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club and of Mrs. Moss' circle served as flower bearers.

MORE ABOUT Kiwanis Banquet

nold W. Kincaid will say the invocation. President W. P. Gerberding will welcome guests and Rev. Gordon Weekley will welcome the ladies. Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will respond and H. Lawrence Patrick will present Mr. Smith. The ladies night committee includes J. C. Bridges, chairman, William Herndon, Drace M. Peeler, Charles A. Neisler, and John C. Smathers. The event will be held at Masonic Dining Hall.

MORE ABOUT "Sword Of Gideon"

with dramatic art was as a student of R. J. Reynolds high school at Winston-Salem when he played the part of a "brown potato" in a school play. In his senior year at high school he wrote a full-length play "Blackbeard", a symphonic drama. He also composed the music and played the lead. Next year, as a freshman at Davidson college, he entered "Blackbeard" in the competition for the Vereen Bell Memorial award for creative writing and won first honors. Archibald Rutledge, South Carolina's poet laureate, judged the contest and commented, "Mr. Trotman's play deserves to rank with Paul Green's 'Lost Colony'. While at Davidson, 1950-52, he played roles with the Red and Black Masquers and with the Charlotte Little Theatre, taking parts in "Strange Bedfellows" and "Two Blind Mice".

At Chapel Hill, where he had transferred in the spring of 1952, Mr. Trotman played roles in numerous Playmaker productions, designed lighting for "Inspector General" and was stage manager for "Kiss Me Kate". Since his graduation in 1953, he has remained at UNC, where he is studying for a master's degree in dramatic art.

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The nation's farmers will have to feed about 200 million United States citizens by 1975.

Mr. Blakely pointed-out that boxes be maintained in a condition that will assure proper protection to mail placed therein, that the names of box owners be inscribed on the side of the boxes visible to the carrier, as he approaches them, and that the boxes and their supports be kept painted.

The postmaster said he inspected boxes on Rural Route 1 on Tuesday and reports that a few need replacing and others need improvements.

"It should be a matter of personal pride that a family's mail box meets postal requirements and is neat and attractive. On rural routes it is the family's 'front door', the first place about the home the passerby sees. If anyone has a question about requirements or improvements, I would be happy to assist them," Mr. Blakely said.

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CORRECTIONS

The following errors and omissions appear in the Sterchi's advertisement of this issue, Page 3, Section Two.

In Used Furniture, a \$69.95 lawn mower should be listed as a power-mower.

\$18.95 Tables, unpriced, are offered at \$9.66. Mattress & Springs listings should read: "Mattress and Box Springs."

Don't let it get you down, Dad!

"DO-IT-YOURSELF" isn't always as easy as it looks, is it, Dad? We know—because the railroads have been getting things done the "do-it-yourself" way ever since we were knee-high to a handcar.

Tax dollars don't build the "roads" we use or keep them in repair. We do it ourself!

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It hasn't been easy—especially in recent years when we've been faced with ever-increasing competition from "grown-up" air, water and highway carriers still subsidized as "infant industries" by your tax dollars—and ours. But take it from us, Dad—there is a special satisfaction when you do it yourself that the let-George-do-it folks will never know!

Henry A. D. Smith
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