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Sixty-Fourth Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS



W. L. Pressly



Dorothy Smith



Joe A. Neisler, Jr.



Iris Patterson



Phyllis Ware



Doris Lackey



Ramona Allen



L. A. Kiser, Jr.

Scott, Bumgardner, Allen Win; County, Township Favor 'In's'

One New Face Among Nominees For County Posts

Cleveland County Democrats favored the incumbent in last Saturday's primary on both state and county level. The county, casting 9,588 votes in the "big Senate" race, favored U. S. Senator Alton A. Lennon...



CONSTABLE RACE LEADERS - Pictured is Ervin Ellison, left, runner-up, to C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler, right, in the four-man race for Number 4 Township constable nomination last Saturday...



Township Gives Large Majorities To Office-Holders

Kings Mountain area Democrats voted briskly all day Saturday and the majority had a good day at the polls as Number 4 Township totals showed the majority had supported all the winners with one major exception...

Ellison Will Ask Constable Run-Off

Huffstetler Led Four-Man Race For Constable

Ervin Ellison, second high in the four-man race last Saturday for the Number 4 Township constable nomination, said Monday he was calling for a second race. Mr. Ellison ran second, with 559 votes...



TEMPLE PASTOR - Rev. H. G. McElroy has accepted the pastorate of Temple Baptist church. He succeeds Rev. David Morris, who resigned two months ago.

H. G. McElroy Temple Pastor

Rev. H. G. McElroy, of Shelby, accepted the pastorate of Temple Baptist church and assumed his duties Tuesday.

Official Returns

Published on page 3, this section of today's issue is the official elections returns for Saturday's primary, as certified by the county board of elections Tuesday...

against L. Arnold Kiser for the District 2 county commissioner-ship. Mr. Bumgardner polled 1,313 votes to Mr. Kiser's 750. The closest was at Grover, where the total favored Bumgardner by four votes 78-74.

The township was with the county on helping decide all other state and county offices. Sheriff Hayward Allen was by far the ticket leader, polling 1,436 votes in the township to steam roller W. H. Peeler, who received 307 votes.

Though the township gave Clerk of Court E. A. Houser an approximate 3-2 margin in his re-nomination bout with Roy Price, East Kings Mountain was close, Mr. Houser taking the box by only seven votes. The township total was: Houser, 992; Price, 689.

Other township totals were: For North Carolina treasurer—Edwin Gill, 943; Joshua James, 503.

For North Carolina insurance commissioner—Charles F. Gold, 953; John Fletcher, 454.

For judge of county recorder's court—Judge Rueben L. Elam, 1,020; C. B. Cash, Jr., 615.

For county solicitor—Solicitor Bynum Weathers, 1,086; Joe F. Mull, 562.

Rural Carrier Exam Scheduled

Notice of a forthcoming civil service examination for a rural carrier position at Kings Mountain postoffice has been posted on the postoffice bulletin board. Closing date for applications is June 22.

The opening is now being filled by Harold Glass, temporary appointee. Salary for an appointee without prior civil service experience is \$3,618 per year, plus nine cents per mile expense allowance.

Required forms are Standard Form 124, Admission Card X46-80, and Standard Form 15, obtainable, along with Form AN 1977 (which details salary and other information), either at the Kings Mountain postoffice or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

The examination will be given at Gastonia on a date subsequent to June 22.

CITY TAX REPORT City tax collections on the 1953 levy of \$126,075.93 increased to \$112,255.77 through June 1, or 89 percent of the levy. Clarence Carpenter, tax supervisor said Wednesday. Mr. Carpenter reminded that the penalty rate on unpaid 1953 tax bills increased to 3.5 percent on June 2.

Pressly Received Doctorate Monday

Erskine College, Due West, S. C., conferred on Rev. William L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church of Kings Mountain, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at annual commencement exercises Monday.

The Kings Mountain minister was among a number of area citizens and students receiving degrees from colleges, universities, and junior colleges. Others include: Miss Iris Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Patterson, graduated from Erskine College magna cum laude with the degree of Bachelor of Arts...

Miss Dorothy Smith, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Grantham, was graduated from Greensboro College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Spanish. At Greensboro, Miss Smith was president of the Inter-collegiate Spanish council and was a member of the Glee club.

Miss Doris Lackey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lackey, was graduated from Lenoir Rhyne college with an AB degree in Elementary Education. While at Lenoir-Rhyne, Miss Lackey was active in the YWCA, Association for Childhood Education, Student Cabinet, Religious Council, Women's Hall Commission, Women's Missionary Society, College Sunday School, and served as assistant in the Biology department.

Joseph Andrew Neisler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neisler, was graduated from Davidson College with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He served as secretary-treasurer of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, and received recognition this year for "contributing the most service" to the fraternity. He was also chairman of the committee.

Miss Phyllis Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ware, was graduated from Mars Hill Junior College with an AA degree. Miss Ware was an officer of Clio Literary Society, was on the Dean's list, and was a member of the band and Music Honor club.

Dr. Pressly is a graduate of Erskine College, Class of 1925. He received the degree of Master of Theology from Princeton Seminary, Princeton, N. J., in 1932, and subsequently served as pastor of Greenwood ARP church until 1946, when he assumed the Boyce Memorial ARP pastorate here. He is the son of Dr. J. H. Pressly, a retired ARP minister, and the late Mrs. Pressly, of Statesville.

Work Now Underway On Major Addition To Woman's Club Building

Ground was broken this week for a major addition to the Kings Mountain Woman's Club building on East Mountain street, the addition estimated to cost approximately \$15,000. Crescent Hill Development Company is contractor in charge of the work, which will include building of an auditorium of 180 capacity, two office rooms, storage room and closet on the top floor, and expansion of the ground floor dining room to a capacity of 250 persons and building of a ladies lounge.

Mrs. George Houser, Woman's Club president, said the club has also voted to moderate the kitchen. She added that the club hopes to provide parking space, both on the east and south sides of the building. Completion of the project is scheduled for September 1.

The addition outside measurements, according to plans of Van Wageningen and Cothran, Shelby architectural firm, are 48 feet by 25 feet. The construction is under the direction of the club's house and finance committees. Mrs. Jacob Cooper is chairman of the house committee, and Mrs. Carl Mayes is chairman of the finance committee.

FPC Approves City Petition For Natural Gas

Kings Mountain was notified by registered letter Saturday that the Federal Power Commission had approved its request for permission to sell natural gas and that the commission had allotted the city 1,325,000 cubic feet of gas per day, the amount asked.

City Attorney J. R. Davis, notified of the approval, said the decision is final and that opponents of the grant have no recourse. Action of the FPC completes the long action, covering more than two years, in which the city has sought permission to add the natural gas utility.

Under the plan advanced in support of its application, the city will issue revenue bonds to cover the outlay required to install lines from the large pipeline which crosses York road near the home of Richard Owens.

The city board of commissioners may discuss the project at the Thursday night meeting. Revenue bonds do not pledge the full faith and credit of the city, and may be issued without a vote of the citizens.

The distribution system installation cost has been estimated in excess of \$400,000. Receipts from sale of the gas would be used to pay financing costs.

The city's engineers for the project are Barnard & Burk, of Baton Rouge, La.

City Condemns Mauney Tract

In a brief special session last Thursday morning, the city board of commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to condemn 2.56 acres of land belonging to Paul Mauney.

The land is to be utilized in the city's rebuilding and expansion of the McGill sewage disposal plant. The board also voted to pay B. D. Ratterree, Clyde Nolan, and I. B. Goforth, \$5, \$10 each for their work in appraising the value of the Grantham-Lynch property condemned by the city for use in the Davidson Creek reservoir.

J. R. Davis, city attorney, said he had filed the condemnation action in Gaston Superior Court, since the property lies in Gaston county. Summons notice had not been served on Wednesday, pending determination of whether it is necessary to summons also Mrs. Mauney who sailed last Saturday for Europe.

Mr. Davis said Mr. Mauney had declined to sell the property to the city. Legal procedure for the condemnation is the same, Mr. Davis said, as was followed in the Grantham-Lynch property condemnation, with the city and Mr. Mauney to appoint an appraiser, and the two to choose a third appraiser. Should the decision of the appraisers not be accepted by either party, appeal action would be in order in Gaston Superior Court.

Williams Buys Gantt Grocery

W. M. Gantt, a Kings Mountain grocer since 1925, has sold his business, located on Linwood Road near Craftsman Yarns, Inc., to Hugh Williams.

The transaction was effective at the close of business on Saturday. Mr. Williams has been employed by Mr. Gantt for a number of years. Sale of the business involved inventory and fixtures, Mr. Gantt retaining the building.

Rev. Mr. Austin Resigning Soon After 12 Years At Second Baptist

After 12 years as pastor of Second Baptist church, Rev. B. F. Austin announced this week his resignation, to become effective June 27.

Rev. Mr. Austin came to Kings Mountain, August 1, 1942, from the Flint Groves Baptist church, Gastonia.

At the time Rev. Mr. Austin assumed his duties as pastor of the church, the membership was 400. The present membership of the church is approximately 600.

Among some of the accomplishments during his pastorate were the organization of the young people's work and a graded Sunday school. The congregation has also recently moved into a new \$100,000 building, erected under Mr. Austin's leadership. New Baptist churches were also organized and sponsored which drew on the membership of the Second Baptist church. Second Baptist church is now operating full time the Burlington Mission. "Personally," Rev. Mr. Austin said, "I have been happy with Continued On Page Eight

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS Net receipts from the city's parking meters ending Wednesday at noon were \$201.45, as reported by Joe Hendrick, city clerk.

KIWANIS PROGRAM Mrs. Lou Lovelace, representative of Fletcher School of Dancing, and nine students at the school, will present an entertainment program for members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting at 6:45, at Masonic Dining Hall.

TO SYNOD Dr. W. L. Pressly, the pastor and Lewis Howls, elder, left Tuesday for Bon Clarken, where they are representing Boyce Memorial ARP church at the annual meeting of the ARP Synod.

LIONS PROGRAM B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent, will outline details of the forthcoming school construction bond issue election at the Tuesday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club. The club meets at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall.

CORRECTION Harry Page succeeds R. B. Osborne as president of the men's organization of First Presbyterian church. A news story in last week's Herald listed J. W. Webster as the president of the organization last year. The Herald is glad to make this correction.

ATTEND CONVENTION Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Gene Mauney attended a convention of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America which was held in Washington, D. C., last weekend, May 28-29.

SCHOLARSHIP Miss Evelyn Cline, student at Guilford College, was awarded the Reese Music Scholarship at commencement exercises at the college Monday. A junior, Miss Cline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Oates.

BIBLE SCHOOL Daily Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian church begins Monday morning at 8:45 with classes to be held each day for two weeks until 11:15. Children ages 4-14 may enroll in the school.

AWARDED MEDAL Barbara Jean McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McClain, of route 1, and student at Lincoln Academy, was awarded the First National Bank Spelling Medal by Principal E. D. Wilson at the commencement exercises held Monday morning at the school.