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Local News Bulletins

AT GEORGIA TECH Frank A. Summers has returned to Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga., for graduate work in civil engineering.

STUDENT OFFICER At their monthly meeting, the KINGSMEN, a business and professional fraternity of King's Business College, Charlotte, elected Johnnie Gaston Littlejohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Littlejohn, of Kings Mountain, second vice-president.

UNION SERVICE Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at Central Methodist church with Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, to deliver the message at eight o'clock.

KIWANIS PROGRAM A color film "Land of the Maharajahs" will be shown members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday evening on a program arranged by John Chesire. The club meets at Masonic Dining Hall at 8:45.

LIONS PROGRAM Kings Mountain Lions club will hold an organizational meeting for the fiscal year beginning at their Tuesday night meeting at Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock. Committees will be announced and oriented on their duties during the coming 12 months.

OPTIMIST GIFT Two gym sets have been given the city for use at the McGinnis street city picnic area by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club. It was announced this week by E. C. Nicholson, superintendent of public works. The gym sets have already been installed.

LEGION MEETING Regular July meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall Friday at 8 p. m. James Bennett, commander, announced yesterday. All members are invited to attend.

Jaycees Appoint Three Directors

Resignations of three members of the board of directors and appointment of three new members was announced Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at Masonic Hall at 7 p. m.

Wilson Griffin, president, announced the appointments. R. G. Plunk, Jr., was appointed to the board to fill the one-year term of Harold Phillips, resigned.

Herbert Mitchem was appointed to the board to fill the two-year term of Sam Mitchem, resigned. Curtis Gaffney was appointed sergeant-at-arms, replacing Bob Cox, resigned.

Bill Jones announced that the club had apparently failed to secure the district softball tournament. Last summer the club promoted the event successfully and has been seeking authority to present the tournament again.

Gordon Goodman, of the Shelby recreation department, is district commissioner this year and the event will probably be held in Shelby the first week in August, Mr. Jones reported.

The group voted to move outdoors for the July 20th meeting, possibly to the city picnic area. Dean Payne announced that the club will begin presenting attendance pins this year and urged all members to work forward per last attendance.

Charles Dixon reported that Kings Mountain was one of the best represented cities at the Charlotte Soap Box derby race June 30. The Kings Mountain race chairman reported that nine Kings Mountain entries made the Charlotte race, with two of them being eliminated in second heats.

Inquest Monday Into Accident Fatal To Jenkins

Coroner's inquest into the death of Roy Fletcher Jenkins, 28, Margrace Mill employee killed when his motorcycle went out of control Sunday near Huffstetter's Store on Cherryville Road, has been set for 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at City Hall courtroom, Coroner J. Ollie Harris said Wednesday.

Members of the six-man coronor's jury impaneled for the hearing are George W. Mauney, L. E. Abbott, F. R. McCurdy, Yates Harbison, George W. Allen, and Harold Coggins.

Jenkins, who lived in the Pine Ridge community, died of head and internal injuries at Kings Mountain hospital at 12:45 Sunday afternoon, about a half-hour after the accident. The accident involved the 1953 Ford driven by Reid Bell, Kings Mountain barber, Highway Patrolman D. L. Owens, said Bell, traveling north on Cherryville road, made a left turn in front of the southbound motorcycle of Jenkins. It appeared, Officer Owens, added, that Jenkins moved to the left side of the road and lost control of the motorcycle, which skidded 105 feet before throwing Jenkins to the pavement.

Funeral rites for Jenkins, a World War II veteran who was observing his 28th birthday on Sunday, were held at Midview Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. Bud Williams and Rev. Carl Martin officiating, and with burial following in the Moss family cemetery, near Blacksburg, S. C.

Jenkins is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Moss Jenkins, his parents, Thomas Jenkins of Morganton and Mrs. Violet Farris Jenkins Foster of Kings Mountain, two sons, Toney and Jerry Jenkins, and a daughter, Linda Jenkins, all of the home.

Two brothers, Thomas Henry Jenkins of Gastonia, and Jerry Jenkins of Kings Mountain, two sisters, Mrs. Ann Franklin of Oxford, Calif., and Miss Audrey Jenkins of Hartsville, S. C., and three half-sisters, also survive.

Half-Year Postal Receipts Increase

Receipts at Kings Mountain postoffice increased \$5,381.10 during the first six months of 1954 over the comparable period last year, according to a report Wednesday by Assistant Postmaster George Hord.

Total receipts for the first half-year were \$29,701.64, compared to \$24,320.54 in the January-June period of 1953.

Receipts for the second quarter 1954 were under quarter receipts, but only slightly. The figures were: March quarter \$15,668.03; June quarter \$14,033.61.

Figures for 1953 were: March quarter \$12,281.21; June quarter \$12,039.33.

School Survey Team Here On Wednesday

A three-man survey team from the division of school house planning of the state department of public instruction was in Kings Mountain Wednesday.

The group inspected current building projects and gathered data in preparation of a report on expansion of school facilities in the city.

One member of the group said that a report would not be ready for two or three weeks. Meantime, work was progressing rapidly on the East school four-room addition and on alterations to the present building.

Dewey Welch Bound Over On Charge Of Attempting To Rape Daughter, 12

Dewey Welch was bound over to Superior court on a charge of assault with intent to rape his 12-year-old daughter after probable cause was found against him by Judge Jack White in a preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon in City Recorder's court.

Hemorrhage Fatal To J.W. Watterson

Route 1 Deliveries To Be Late Saturday

Route 1, Kings Mountain, residents will get their mail late on Saturday, delivery to be delayed for the one day until Saturday afternoon.

Postmaster W. E. Blakely said the delay will be necessitated because of the U. S. Civil Service commission examination Saturday morning, which Temporary Carrier Harold Glass, as well as substitutes for the route, are planning to undergo.

The examination will be conducted at Wray Junior high school, Gastonia, beginning at 8:30 a. m. Postoffice officials report there were numerous inquiries concerning the tests, for which applications closed June 22.

Oak Grove Man Died Wednesday; Rites Tentative

John Wilburn (Will) Watterson, 47, died at Kings Mountain hospital this morning at 8:15, following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered at his home in the Oak Grove community at 5:30.

A prominent farmer, Mr. Watterson had been in apparent good health, though he had previously some difficulty with high blood pressure.

A native of Cleveland county, he was a son of Mrs. Ida Dixon Watterson, of Charlotte, and the late John Watterson. He was a deacon of Oak Grove Baptist church, a member of the Bethware-Patterson Grove school committee, former president of the Bethware Progressive Club, and a former chairman of the Bethware Democratic precinct committee.

Surviving are his mother, his wife, Mrs. Lovelace Watterson, four children, Billy Watterson, Mrs. Dewitt Randall, and Judy Watterson, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Willard Boyles, Clearwater, Fla. Five brothers and six sisters survive, Bun Watterson, Bessemer City, Mitchell Watterson, Shelby, Elmer Watterson, Rock Hill, S. C., Raymond Watterson, Charlotte, Gene Watterson, LaGrange, Ga., Mrs. Beatrice Rogers, Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. G. B. Borders, Shelby, Mrs. A. C. Bell, Kings Mountain, Mrs. Clyde Pressley, Charlotte, Mrs. Ed Conder, Pineville, and Mrs. P. W. Helms, High Point.

Funeral rites have been set tentatively for Friday at Oak Grove church.

DAR Broadcasts July 4th Program

An Independence Day program, sponsored by Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was broadcast over Station WKMT Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Americanism and patriotism chairman of the chapter, was master of ceremonies, and a short patriotic address was made by Martin Harmon, editor of the Kings Mountain Herald. Patriotic poems were read by Mrs. J. E. Anthony, Jr., and Miss Frances Summers, soloist, sang "America" and "God Bless America". Miss Summers was accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, pianist.

Mr. Harmon, first citing the nation's struggles since July 4, 1776, declared that the nation must maintain and increase its strength, militarily, economically, and spiritually, but suggested that an attitude of charity and magnanimity on the part of United States leaders in foreign affairs, and by individual Americans in foreign nations, would do more toward improving relations with other nations than monetary handouts.

Bowen Services Held Tuesday

Funeral services for June G. Bowen, 68, of route 1, Grover, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from New Buffalo Baptist church. Rev. N. S. Hardin officiated and was assisted by the Rev. D. W. Digh. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bowen died Sunday night at Shelby hospital.

Postal Inspector Recommending Route 1 Addition

A number of Kings Mountain citizens, with Bessemer City mailing addresses, are expected to get change addresses to "Kings Mountain" within the near future.

After a recent visit here, Inspector C. H. Heffner has recommended that 53 residents in East Kings Mountain be served by Rural Route 1, Kings Mountain Postmaster W. E. Blakely said Wednesday, rather than from Bessemer City.

The recommendation, if approved as expected, will add 3.35 miles to Rural Route 1 to serve: 37 residences on Linwood road; 8 residences on Morrow street; 8 residences on Jackson street; 10 residences on Cleveland avenue and Highway 161.

The letter of Mr. Heffner also notes that reasonable service will also be provided to residents of Rhodes, Groves, and Catherine streets.

Approval of the recommendation also will mean that the ten citizens on Cleveland avenue and Highway 161, who have been without mail delivery service since May 10, will receive their mail on Rural Route 1.

Prior to May 10, the ten had received their mail on Rural Route 3, but this piece of route was eliminated with the changes which added city carrier service in East Kings Mountain. Since May 10, the residents of Cleveland avenue and Highway 161 have had no home delivery service.

Hospital Plans Being Considered

Representatives of Ormand & Vaughan, Shelby architects, and of the county hospital administration were in Kings Mountain Wednesday to present plans for the forthcoming addition to Kings Mountain hospital.

The plans, Business Manager Grady Howard said, call for a new wing on the south side of the hospital for a pediatric ward and for a number of private rooms, for expansion of the present north wing to provide increased kitchen facilities and space, and for erection of a separate storage room. Transfer of the present pediatric ward will permit utilization of that space for rooms, and will enable increase of beds for Negro patients to nine in the proposed 50-bed plant. Plans call for two delivery rooms.

The new pediatric arrangement proposal replaces original plans calling for a morgue, which hospital officials here have termed unnecessary for the Kings Mountain plant.

The plans are subject to approval of the State Medical Care commission, which, along with the federal government, supplies a major portion of the funds for the addition.

Wrecks, Fires Mar Hot Holiday

Two major accidents, one fatal to Roy F. Jenkins, several minor wrecks, and two weekend fires, one of which damaged slightly the Margrace mill finishing plant, marred the Independence Day holiday weekend for some Kings Mountain citizens.

Otherwise, the holiday weekend was observed quietly in Kings Mountain, where stay-at-homes were subjected to another heat wave that continued through Wednesday.

Kings Mountain was wet down slightly by thunderstorms on Friday and Saturday, but the slight quantity of rainfall was not general, insufficient to brighten suffering lawns and withering gardens, and passing over some dry farm sections completely.

Some early holidayers are back at work this week at several industrial plants, but others are taking post-fourth vacations this week.

City Contracts For Delivery Of Natural Gas By January 15

Mauney Is Said To Want \$20,000 For Sewer Tract

The city board of commissioners, meeting last Thursday night, authorized the mayor to sign a contract with Transcontinental Pipeline Company to accept delivery of natural gas by January 15, 1955.

The Board also heard Commissioner W. G. Grantham report Paul Mauney told him he would accept \$20,000 for 2.56 acres of the city seeks by condemnation proceedings for utilization in its McGill sewage disposal tank modernization.

City Attorney J. R. Davis, questioned on the legality of proceeding with condemnation with Mrs. Mauney in Great Britain, said the North Carolina attorney general had written that the action could be continued in Mrs. Mauney's absence, since her interest would be only a "dower right". However, Mr. Davis suggested that the city, with much construction work underway, might do well to delay pressing the action until Mrs. Mauney's return, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, however, indicated he wanted the project to go forward without delay and the board members indicated concurrence, though without formal action.

The city has previously filed condemnation action in Gaston Superior Court and asked that R. L. Lewis, of Bessemer City, be named the city's representative on the three-person appraisal team provided by state-city statute.

W. K. Dickson, Charlotte engineer, had previously told the board he had plans for the McGill sewage unit ready and was seeking approval of them by the State Board of Health and the State Stream Sanitation board.

In another action, the board, on objections to the previous action of the board in raising the peddling license to \$200 per year by Commissioners Harold Phillips and T. J. Ellison, amended the privilege license ordinance to provide that peddlers of produce may obtain a license at \$15 per year. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ellison were absent at the June 28 session when the privilege license ordinance was adopted.

In other actions, the board: 1) Voted to advertise for bids on the temporary re-routing of the city's raw water line during the highway construction work on York Road. The motion provided that the State Highway commission, which will reimburse the city for cost of the work, is to approve the contract award.

2) Authorized transfer of two taxi franchises held by Coley Freeman to Hubert Clemmons and Joe Fisher.

3) Appropriated to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library \$300 from the 1954-55 parking meter receipts.

Mayor Bridges told the board that Carl F. Mauney, owner of the Gold Mine property, had changed his mind about giving the city a long-term lease on the property, but had no objection to the city's use of it for stand-by water supply. The Mayor also reported he had received several commendations from East Kings Mountain residents on the street work now underway, and told Commissioner Phillips First Street had not been included on the oiling program because of projected installation of a sewer.

Tentative County-Wide Tax Rate 95 Cents; Area Rate At \$1.15

The tentative county-wide tax rate for 1954 is 95 cents per \$100 valuation, following action Tuesday by the county board of commissioners, which also adopted a budget estimate of \$1,754,185.71, including \$800,000 in bond money for school construction.

The commissioners are scheduled to meet again on July 19 and will probably adopt the budget and tax rate finally on that date.

In addition to the county-wide levy, the board levied the customary .30-cent Kings Mountain district school tax, which means that county residents of the Kings Mountain school district will receive 1954 tax bills based on a total tax of \$1.15 per \$100 valuation.

Huffstetter Takes Oath As Constable

C. A. (Gus) Huffstetter took the oath of office as Number 4 Township constable before Clerk of Court Everett A. Houser Tugday, shortly after he was appointed to the position by the board of county commissioners.

The office had been vacant since the resignation of Paul Byers, now a county deputy sheriff. Huffstetter won the Democratic nomination in the June 26 second primary. The present term expires December 1, but Huffstetter is unopposed for the office in the November general election.

City Tax Levy One-Third Paid

The city's 1954 tax levy was one-third paid at the close of business last Thursday, final day for obtaining the full two percent discount.

Tax Supervisor Clarence E. Carpenter listed net payments of \$46,945.14 through Thursday against the combined levy of ad valorem and poll taxes at \$166,404.

The pre-payment record for 1954 is thus considerably ahead—both in percentage and dollars—of the 1953 figures, which, on July 1, 1953, showed only 27.5 percent of the levy pre-paid.

The dollar receipts are heavily ahead by approximately \$12,000, reflecting both the increase in percentage of payments and the 50-percent increase in city tax rate for the new tax year.

Rites Conducted For Crash Victim

Funeral services for Robert Earl Burton, 21, of route three, Kings Mountain area's first traffic fatality for 1954, were held from Patterson Grove Baptist church Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. J. J. Thornburg, the pastor, officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Burton was killed in an auto accident Thursday about 7:30 p. m., on the Patterson Grove church road 1.5 miles north of Highway 74, when he lost control of his car as he attempted to pass a jeep driven by his mother, Mrs. Rosa B. Alford. The vehicle traveled 571 feet off the left shoulder of the road before coming to rest.

Burton died of a broken neck and internal injuries 8:45 p. m. at Kings Mountain hospital, less than an hour after the accident.

The accident was investigated by State Highway Patrolmen J. H. Page and C. D. Fortune and Deputy Sheriff L. L. Hamrick.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a brother, Jesse Oscar Burton, and a sister, Rosa Etta Burton.

1955 Inventories Will Be Taxed On 32.5% Basis

The county board of commissioners set policy Tuesday on property listings of inventories, for tax purposes, for the year 1955, at 32.5 percent of actual certified value.

Under the action, industrial and commercial firms will be required to furnish certified copies of inventories at January 1, 1955.

Industrial and commercial firms, through the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, had brought the matter to the attention of the commissioners several months ago, with the plea that the 70 percent of value policy was unfair and resulted in over-taxation of the mercantile and industrial firms. It was not fair, the Chamber of Commerce committee pled to tax real property on the basis of 70 percent of 1945 value and to tax inventories at 70 percent of current value.

County Commissioner Hazel B. Bungardner said the 32.5 percent basis would virtually equalize the tax method on inventories, as compared to real property, though he said he made a motion which failed to carry, to make the figure 30 percent. The Chamber of Commerce committee had suggested a 25 percent basis.

In the past, business and industry have listed their inventories as varying percentage of actual year-end figures, some few at 100 percent, others at 55 to 60 percent and others at much lower figures.

Certified copies of inventories have not been previously required.

Mrs. Kings Flays City On Two Counts

Mrs. Estelle W. King, widow of the late fire chief, Grady King, criticized the board of city commissioners at their meeting last Thursday night on city enforcement of parking regulations and for method of obtaining custody of the fire chief's car prior to her husband's death.

Stating that she sought information on legal matters in town, Mrs. King first thanked the board for its courtesies to her late husband in declining his resignation as fire chief, tendered during his illness.

Charging that the city sent a person unknown to the King family to obtain the fire chief's car in their absence, Mrs. King questioned the legality of removing the car which her late husband had in his custody without prior release or official notice from the city. Mrs. King said a mechanic from Frank Lowe's, Inc., first asked Frank Hamrick and her sister, Mrs. Eloise Nickels, to locate the key, then, on refusal, hauled the vehicle away with a wrecker. Mrs. King said both the mechanic and city officials were informed they would return shortly.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he accepted full responsibility for the action, that the car was city property, was needed, and he had ordered it taken. He said he did not know Mr. and Mrs. King were returning "in an hour".

On the parking matter, Mrs. King charged that the city police department is extra diligent in writing overtime parking tickets for meter infractions but ignores chronic violations of other parking restrictions, including over-parking at the postoffice ten-minute zone, parking in yellow-line prohibited areas, parking too long in hour zones, and parking in areas marked "no parking".

Mayor Bridges, indicating he had discussed the parking matter with Mrs. King, said he had checked the complaint with S. R. (Pop) Davidson, and that all areas were reported checked best possible.

Mrs. King noted that she had received a parking ticket after "one or two minutes delay" in a grocery store from Officer Bill Bell, while non-metered parking zone infractions were ignored.