

Cleveland County Fair Opens Next Tuesday For 32nd Year

Premiums Up, Entertainment To Be Broadened

Cleveland County's 32nd annual fair will open for its five-day run next Tuesday, again featuring new attractions designed to make it the largest and most varied fair in the world.

At the helm of the big, sprawling operation is Dr. J. S. Dorton, who is predicting that attendance for the 1955 event will break all previous records, barring unforeseen bad weather.

As is customary, school children from Cleveland and surrounding counties will get a free admission ticket for particular days of the fair. Cleveland county school day will be next Tuesday. Kings Mountain school day will

FAIR TICKETS

Grandstand tickets, both general admission and reserved seats, are available here from Kings Mountain Jaycees who are using The Appliance Center, S. Battleground avenue, as ticket sales office. Reserved seats for the grandstand performances vary from \$1.50 to \$2, depending on the admission for particular performances, while general admission seats are priced at \$1, Jaycee President Bill Jonas announced.

on Friday, September 23. Tickets will be distributed through the schools and in Kings Mountain, September 23 will be the usual fair half-holiday, school officials have announced.

Among the feature attractions of the fair will be the George A. Hamid events at the grandstand, including ice varieties of 1955, scheduled each evening at 8 p. m., a performance by Irish Horan's Lucky Hell Drivers, on Tuesday evening at 10 p. m. and Jack Kochman's Lucky Dogs, to be seen at 10 p. m. Thursday, September 22.

Back for another year will be the World's Championship Rodeo, to be given each afternoon except Saturday, September 23, when the big car races are held featuring drivers who customarily compete at the famed Indianapolis Memorial Day "500."

The James E. Strates' mile-long midway will furnish the carnival this year boasting new attractions and intricate riding devices designed to thrill and chill young and old.

Competition among fair exhibitors is expected to be keener ever, with premium money upped to \$15,000.

The Rev. John W. Suttle, affectionately known to Clevelanders as "The Little Preacher", and who has for over 65 years served as a country preacher in this county, will be honored Thursday evening, September 22. Rev. Mr. Suttle was first to direct the Fair's Poultry department and for the 32nd year has been the Fair's unofficial chaplain and "greeter," having attended more regularly than any officer or director.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts totaled \$159.39 for the week ending Wednesday, September 14, reports Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office.

Metered Off-Street Parking Lot Goes Into Operation On Thursday

Kings Mountain's first off-street metered parking area will be in operation Thursday morning.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the 55 parking meters for the paved parking area off Cherokee street arrived Wednesday morning and would be installed and ready for use Thursday morning.

The new meters are five-hour meters, the Mayor added, which will enable motorists to park up to a maximum of five hours for 25 cents. The minimum parking time, like on-street metered zones, will be 12 minutes for a penny.

The new meters, purchased from Park-O-Meter Company, will accept pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.

The Cherokee street property was recently leased from Bonnie Cotton Mills and Bridges Hardware for five years, with renewal option. Under terms of the lease, the city will supervise the parking and furnish the meters, with receipts to be shared equally be-

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WINNING DRESS — Jean Hicks is pictured above modeling the dress she made which captured for her a first-place award in a sewing contest conducted by the Singer Company last week. A student at Central high school, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Hicks.

Jean Hicks Wins Sewing Contest

Jean Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Hicks, of Kings Mountain, was adjudged winner of first place in a county-wide sewing contest conducted by Singer Sewing Machine Company.

Miss Hicks, a student at Central high school, was awarded a set of scissors.

Among the runners-up in the senior division was Jane Byers, of Kings Mountain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Byers, who was given a sewing box.

In addition, the two Kings Mountain winners received gifts of material from Belk's Department store here.

Miss Hicks, along with Brenda Hamrick, Shelby first-place winner, will represent the area in a regional contest to be held soon at Charlotte. The Charlotte winner will be awarded a trip to New York.

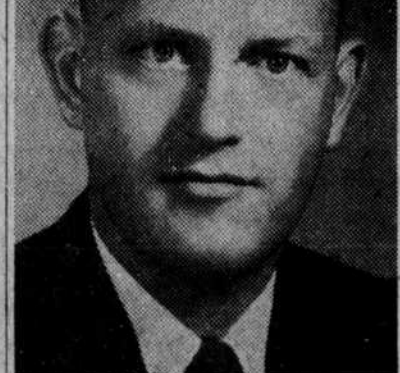
The Kings Mountain entrants were under the supervision of Mrs. John Gamble, high school homemaking teacher.

Shrine Delegations To Pay Visit Here

The uniformed Divan and Oasis Temple oriental band will appear here Saturday morning at City Hall in a general tour through this area.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, a Kings Mountain Shriner, said he had been notified of the visit and that the Shrine groups would arrive here at 9:30 Saturday. The band will play a short concert and all Kings Mountain area Shriners, as well as the public, are urged to attend, Mayor Bridges added.

He requested that each Shriner don his fez for the occasion.



CHAIRMAN — Dr. Paul V. Nolan, Kings Mountain physician, has been appointed blood program chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter. He succeeds Dr. P. G. Padgett.

Man Is Charged With Molesting Eight-Year-Old

Clyde Gentle, 43-year-old Statesville fair worker, will face charges of molesting a minor in Cleveland County Recorder's court Friday.

Sheriff Hawood Allen reported that Gentle was arrested Monday night at his house trailer at Bethware Fair.

According to Sheriff Allen, Gentle enticed an eight-year-old girl into his trailer and made improper advances to her. The girl was allowed to leave about 15 minutes later after she had resisted his advances.

Sheriff Allen said Gentle showed the girl a series of lewd pictures which he had in his possession. The girl reported that he offered her money while she was in the trailer.

The defendant, who is married, admitted making improper advances to the child, Sheriff Allen continued.

The sheriff said Gentle told him "something snapped and I don't know what made me do it."

He will be charged with a misdemeanor, since the last Legislature changed the law. Up until that time, molesting a child was a felony, but the legislature decided if the child had not been assaulted the crime would be a misdemeanor, Sheriff Allen explained.

No bond has been set, but Sheriff Allen indicated that it would approximate \$1,000.

Off-To-School List Totals 149

Addition of 12 students to the area's off-to-school list brings to 149 the number of Kings Mountain students leaving to enter colleges, universities, preparatory, and specialized schools.

Lawrence Carroll and Play Payne are attending Limestone college, Gaffney, S. C.; Alfred Wright and W. L. Thornburg have enrolled at Gardner-Webb Junior college, Boiling Springs; Bob Huskey is a student at North Carolina State college, Raleigh; Gene Welch is a senior at Western Carolina college, Cullowhee; Jack Floyd is attending the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Bob Patterson is a student at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Miss Charlotte Jenkins is studying for a master's degree at Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

Vernon Tate has enrolled at High Point college, Alfred Tate is a student at King's Business college, Charlotte, and Grady Tate, Jr., has enrolled at Western Carolina college.

The Herald annually seeks to list all area off-to-school students and should any student's name be omitted from this list, he is invited to notify the newspaper of vice.

Tax Collection Drive Planned

Tax Supervisor Clarence E. Carpenter said he would begin special efforts, effective October 1, to collect all delinquent personal property taxes for the years 1945 through 1954.

Mr. Carpenter said the collection efforts will include 1) garnishment of wages, 2) attachment of personal property, and 3) other legal means to obtain payment of the delinquent accounts.

He added he may seek permission of the board of commissioners to advertise the names of delinquent taxpayers as other cities have done.

Mr. Carpenter estimated the delinquent personal property taxes total in excess of \$15,000.

Urging payment prior to October 1, Mr. Carpenter noted, "At least 95 percent of the city's taxpayers pay their accounts each year and they cannot understand why the remaining five percent are not required to pay their tax bills."

Webster Issued Three Permits

Three building permits were issued Monday by Building Inspector J. W. Webster.

A permit was issued to Bonnie Mill, Inc., to erect a one story frame house on Lake street, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Mauney Mills, Inc. was issued a permit to erect a building to be used as a warehouse, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

A permit was issued to Norman Davis to build an addition to his house on Wingo road, at an estimated cost of \$400.

Morgan Thinks Abandonment Of Public Schools Is Possible

Senator Assessed Assembly Opinion In Address Here

State Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, thinks abandonment of the public school system in North Carolina a distinct possibility if de-segregation is forced "all at once."

Senator Morgan made the statement during a question-answer period following his Tuesday night address to the Kings Mountain Lions club. He noted that the statement was his opinion on what the General Assembly might do and not necessarily an indication of how he, himself, might vote on the question. After the meeting, he remarked he would have to think "a mighty long time" before voting to abandon the public school system, but noted that the temper of Eastern North Carolina opposing de-segregation could swing the issue.

Previously, Senator Morgan had voiced wholehearted support of Governor Luther Hodges' appeal for continued segregation in the public schools, voluntarily, if not otherwise. The Senator also said he left the one possible means of continuing North Carolina's historic segregation in the schools is by further equalizing school facilities for Negroes.

Senator Morgan, who was presented by Ollie Harris, as the "Governor's right-hand man", in the 1955 General Assembly, said the Assembly had been castigated as a "cap-pistol" legislature and praised as "one in high accomplishment."

"You be the judge," he invited, then reviewed major legislation passed by the Assembly. He noted that the sales tax changes were indeed "scatter shots" in an effort to obtain required revenue and suggested that the whole revenue act needs to be re-considered to remove inequities. He referred to his support of additional taxes on luxuries (tobacco, beer, whiskey) rather than on necessities and said his feelings are the same in spite of the fact "we were beaten and outvoted."

He explained the changes in the school laws which returned much authority to local boards and pointed out that 70 cents of the general fund tax dollar is expended for education, aggregating about \$140 millions per year. Of that total, 60 percent goes for public schools and the remainder for state-supported colleges and universities. He offered the opinion that the recently appointed commission on higher education would be beneficial in eliminating duplication of courses and thereby result in more education for less money.

Senator Morgan offered the opinion that Cleveland County's total state tax bill will not be greater during the next two years, with rate cuts on agricultural machinery balancing some of the new taxes.

He invited support of the forthcoming vote to allow the legislature to convene 30 days later (in February rather than January) and praised Governor Hodges as "one of the best Governors in our history."

In the question-answer session, he praised the action of the legislature in tightening rules governing health-and-accident insurance and defended the new laws covering procedures for dispensing certain drugs and barbiturates.

George Thomason reported the Jaycee-Lions softball benefit a financial success and Jacob Cooper presented a membership certificate to F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr.

Gas Line "Overage" Bills Being Mailed

The city natural gas department was busy mailing statements Wednesday to citizens for installation fees on natural gas lines.

Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said majority of the bills are for "overage" extensions on original gas taps bought by citizens at \$10 each. He noted that the original contract specified that the \$10 covered the tap fee plus line extension on the citizen's property of 75 feet, with additional footage to be paid for at 50 cents per foot.

Currently, the tap fee is \$30 and provides a 60-foot gas line, with additional footage at 50 cents per foot.



GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW BUILDING—Mrs. A. P. Falls, 81, oldest member of Patterson Grove Baptist church is shown with the shovel as ground is broken for the church's new \$50,000 educational building. Other persons participating in the ceremonies are from left to right, Frank Hamrick,

Brotherhood president; Mrs. Falls, Grady Seism, chairman of the board of deacons and of the building fund; Edwin Moore, Sunday school superintendent; Max Putnam, church clerk; and the Rev. J. J. Thornburg, pastor.

Bethware Fair Is Underway, Continues Through Saturday

Record Crowds Are Expected At Bethware

Bethware Community opened the gates of its eighth annual fair Wednesday at 1 p. m.

Opening day was designated as children's day and a host of youngsters were on hand to take part in games and contests that were arranged for them.

Myers Hambrick, manager of the fair, has said that the largest crowd in the history of the fair is expected to attend this year.

A full schedule of events has been lined up for the four day event. Many exhibits have been set up to take care of the large numbers of persons entering in the competition for prizes.

Thursday the fair will open at 1 p. m. for the judging of all exhibits and in all other departments. The midway, with its shows and rides, will be in full swing, and drawings for prizes will be held at 9:30 p. m. Immediately following the drawings, fireworks will be displayed.

Friday's schedule includes special events and the regular drawings for prizes with fireworks to follow.

Saturday, the fair will open at 1 p. m. and remain open until midnight. Drawings and fireworks will be displayed at 9:30, and the shows and rides will be offered as other entertainment.

Premium lists telling of the various departments open for competition are available from Mr. Hambrick.

This annual event is sponsored each year by the Bethware Progressive club.



RECEIVES DEGREE—Miss Faylene Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Falls, received a bachelor of science degree in physical education and social studies from ASTC, Boone, last month. She is a member of the Cove Creek high school faculty, at Boone.

Supper Set Saturday For Legionnaires

American Legion Post 155 will have a free supper for members in good standing at the Legion Hall Saturday.

Supper will be served one hour only, from 7 p. m. until 8 p. m.

Cards have been sent to members reminding them of this supper. These cards must be filled out and mailed back by Thursday.

Woman's Club To Hold Book Fair Here Next Wednesday, Thursday

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club will hold its first Book Fair next Wednesday and Thursday, September 21 and 22, with a showing of 3,500 volumes from Straghan's Book Store, of Greensboro.

Mrs. W. L. Mauney, chairman of the project, issued an invitation to all Kings Mountain citizens to attend the book fair and to purchase whatever books they find desirable.

Mrs. Mauney said all types of books will be displayed, including best-selling fiction, children's books, biography, historical works and other types.

No admission will be charged. The event will be conducted from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. on both



NEW PASTOR—The Rev. W. E. Lankford has assumed the duties as pastor of Church of God. He succeeds the Rev. E. E. Salter who has been appointed pastor of a church in St. Pauls.

Church Of God Has New Pastor

Rev. W. E. Lankford assumed the duties as pastor of Church of God August 24. He was appointed by the General Superintendent of the Church of God of North Carolina at the Camp meeting held recently in Charlotte.

Prior to his coming to Kings Mountain, Mr. Lankford was an itinerant evangelist for five years serving throughout the southern states. He is a native of Canton.

Rev. Mr. Lankford attended Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn., and Wake Forest college. His wife is a native of Mooresville and the couple have two children, Jonathan, 4, and David, six months.

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Firemen Answered Two Fire Alarms

Firemen answered two calls this week, according to a report of Ted Gamble, fireman.

Monday, firemen extinguished a blaze which had ignited curtains and window shades at the Camp residence on Casler st. Wednesday, September 7, firemen were called to the residence of W. E. Herd, of Cleveland ave., to extinguish a car blaze. Damage to the car was reported to have been extensive.