

Speculation Heavy On Naming Hayes' Successor

Local News Bulletins

SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Gastonia social security office will be at Kings Mountain city hall at 9:30 a. m. on November 7 and 21, it was announced by the Gastonia office manager, James P. Walsh.

EASTERN STAR

Kings Mountain chapter 123, Order of the Eastern Star, will observe Friends Night Friday night at the regular meeting at Masonic Hall. The public is invited at 8 p. m. with a short business session to be held at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. D. E. Tate, worthy matron, said.

GRADING STARTED

C. T. Bennett Construction Company has started grading work on the site of the new North Elementary School. Work is reported to be progressing along very rapidly, and actual construction is expected to begin in the near future. Completion date for the school is August 15, 1956.

PLEDGED

Palmer Huffstetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetter, has been pledged to Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Wake Forest college where he is a member of the freshman class.

Girl Scout Drive Has Raised \$800

George H. Mauney, solicitation chairman of the Kings Mountain Girl Scout fund campaign, announced Wednesday that approximately \$800, or 75 per cent of the campaign's goal of \$1,200, has been raised.

All the reports are not in, Mauney added. However, it is hoped that by this weekend all reports will have been received and the goal met.

Mr. Mauney also said that the \$800 received thus far had set a record for donations received in Kings Mountain. He also expressed high hope that local residents will rally behind the campaign and send the total over the \$1,200 goal.

Kings Mountain's goal is a small part of the \$19,000 goal that has been set for the Pioneer Area council, of which Kings Mountain District is a part.

R. S. Lennon is chairman of the advance gifts work and the group of solicitors includes the chairman, Mrs. Fred Plonk, Dr. D. F. Hord, Dr. Nathan Reed, Mrs. George H. Mauney, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, J. C. Bridges, Mrs. Fred Wright, Jr., and Jacob Cooper.

P-TA Groups List Hallowe'en Fetes

Kings Mountain area schools are planning traditional Hallowe'en festivities Monday night.

As is customary, the Hallowe'en night programs are being sponsored by the school Parent - Teacher associations.

Entertainment at the various schools will include classroom activities in the primary departments, including comic movies, apple - bobbing, spook house, fun house, dart games, popularity contests, grab bags, and similar events.

Supper will be served in the school cafeterias and a variety of candies, homemade cakes and pies, hot dogs, and cold drinks will be available.

West Elementary school's carnival begins at 5:30 p. m. with rooms to open at 6 p. m. Mrs. Stallings reported, with a big and varied program of activities planned. The carnival at Park Grade school begins at 6 o'clock, Mrs. George Stroupe, publicity chairman, announced, and East school's annual party begins at 7 p. m. Central school is also planning an annual Hallowe'en program Monday night, officials said.

Grover school's annual fall carnival and Hallowe'en party will be held Friday night, and Bethware school, which resumes classes on Monday, has not planned a program this year, Principal J. H. Rudisill said.

ASC Balloting Nullified; New Voting Friday

Cleveland county farmers will go to the polls at township voting places again Friday in the second election to name ASC community committeemen.

Results of the first election on October 18 — when only 160 farmers out of some 4,500 eligible cast ballots — were nullified as "non-representative" by the North Carolina ASC committee. The first voting resulted in one or more ties in each community.

County Agent Howard Clapp urged all farmers to cast ballots Friday.

All the election details will be the same as in the first balloting with the exception of the date, Mr. Clapp said. Voting hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Kings Mountain area farmers will vote as follows: Number 4 Township farmers at Bethware school, Number 5 Township farmers at Waco school.

Farmers of each community (or township) will elect a community chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate, from lists of ten nominees recently made by elections boards of the particular communities.

The ten nominees from Number 4 Township are: J. N. Hughes, Stowe Wright, Willis Harmon, Clyde Randle, Otto (Toby) Williams, Eugene Patterson, Wayne Bess, Alex Owens, Leonard Gamble and David Smith.

The ten nominees from Number 5 Township are: John D. Cline, William A. Wright, A. S. Kiser, Kenneth Wright, Harvey L. Stroupe, Robert Borders, John F. Carpenter, Giles Sellers, Dewitt Randall, and Howard Huffstetter.

The elected members will serve as delegates to the October 27 county convention.

Farmers had through Tuesday to name additional nominees by petition, but J. D. Ellis, ASC secretary, said no additional nominees were put forward in any township.

Rites Saturday For Mrs. Hawkins

Funeral services were held in Lexington Saturday morning for Mrs. Sally Hawkins, 85, grandmother of Shu Carlton of Kings Mountain, who died at her home Thursday.

Services were held at Sheets Memorial Baptist Church, with the pastor officiating. Burial was in a Lexington cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and children attended the funeral services.

Funeral Rites Conducted Sunday For Commissioner O. T. Hayes, Sr.

Funeral services for Oliver T. Hayes, Sr., 67, Ward 4 city commissioner, were conducted Sunday afternoon from Central Methodist church, Masonic burial rites were conducted at Mountain Rest cemetery by members of Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. 339.

Mr. Hayes, former accountant for the state revenue department, died Friday afternoon at 1:15 at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been ill for the past five weeks. Death was attributed to a heart ailment, and he had also been suffering from kidney complications and pneumonia.

Semi-retired, Mr. Hayes supervised bookkeeping on a part-time basis for several city business firms. He was elected to the board of city commissioners last May in a run-off election. He was a member of Central Methodist church and an active Mason. He was past master of Fairview Lodge and held the position of treasurer at the time of his death. A native of Lincoln county, son of the late John and Georgia Cobb Hayes, he had lived in Kings Mountain virtually all his life.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Eaker Hayes, three sons, Ernest F. Hayes, Charleston, S. C., Major O. T. Hayes, Jr., Army Air Force, currently stationed in Germany, and Ned G. Hayes, of Burlington; four daughters, Mrs. Claude Teeter, Oakboro, Mrs. R. William Moss, Mrs. Edward G. Harrison, and Miss Dorothy Hayes, all of Charleston, S. C. Nine grandchildren also survive. The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. James B. McLarty,

Gerberding Flays Pastors After "Gambling" Action

Avoid Gambling In School Fetes, Ministers Urge

Games of chance will be generally missing at the several school Hallowe'en parties next week, B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, indicated Wednesday.

Particular attention to eliminating from the program minor forms of chance-taking, or gambling, has been called to the attention of school principals and Parent-Teacher association officials, Mr. Barnes said, as a result of a brief letter from the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association secretary he received under date of October 12 which read:

"In a meeting of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association on October 8, 1955, the following motion was passed: 'That communication be sent to Supt. Barnes urging that he call upon Parent-Teacher associations and other responsible groups to avoid the use of gambling and games of chance in school programs in accordance with state Parent-Teacher association principles and general good practice.'"

"We shall appreciate your cooperation in this matter." The letter was signed by Rev. A. J. Argo, secretary of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church.

Supt. Barnes said he was not aware that any gambling games had been conducted within the city schools and was at a loss to know whether the ministers were referring to past performances or were seeking to prevent any future practice. He also noted that the schools would have no authority over the actions of outside groups, unless the school trustees should decline to grant use of school facilities for particular functions.

Rev. Mr. Argo said the matter had been advanced at the October meeting of the ministers by Rev. T. A. Lineberger, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church.

MOOSE MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

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SCOUTING HONOR — Jimmy Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Blanton, received Scouting's highest honor at the September Court of Honor when he was awarded his Eagle Scout Badge. Jimmy is a member of Troop 2, Kings Mountain, and is an eighth grade student at Central School. He has been a Scout for three years.

Foot Engineer Passes N. C. Exam

William Eldon, Foot Engineer Company engineer, was notified Thursday that he has been certified by the North Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers as having met its requirements and has been licensed as a professional engineer in this state.

Mr. Eldon joined the staff of Foot Engineer Company in 1950 as Project Engineer and has been Plant Engineer for the Kings Mountain operation since 1952. He was previously employed by Container Corporation as Personnel Manager and by Pennsylvania Water and Power Company as Test Engineer.

After two years naval service and attendance at Villanova and Muhlenberg Colleges, Case Institute, Illinois Institute of Technology he received the Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While at Drexel he was president of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity, president of the student ASME section, president of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, earned letters in varsity swimming, was a member of Blue Key Honor Society, received the Ryder award for men, and was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Eldon is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Kings Mountain Jaycees and attends St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shelby. He and his family reside on Hawthorne Road.

T. B. Association Sets Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis Association will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the New Health Center on Grover Street in Shelby, according to an announcement by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, executive secretary of the organization.

The meeting will be a dinner meet at a charge of \$1.00 per plate.

Reservations may be made by calling 6631 in Shelby. Dr. D. F. Hord of Kings Mountain is president of the county T. B. Association.

Mrs. Jarrett also announced that through the generosity of the Kings Mountain and Shelby Jaycees, the mobile X-Ray unit operated by the organization has been completely renovated.

Members of Fairview Lodge will attend evening church services at Central Methodist church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Joe H. McDaniel, the secretary, has announced. Masons are asked to meet at the front entrance of the church at 7:15.

Minister Role Not Policing, Says Gerberding

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association issued Tuesday what he termed "a statement of regret and protest" at October action of the pastor's group concerning "gambling" by school groups and affiliated organizations.

He also termed the October 6 public meeting concerning Sunday picture action as a "fiasco" outside the proper function of the ministerial group.

Dr. Gerberding, former Vice-president of the Ministerial association, succeeded to the presidency on the transfer of Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., former Central Methodist pastor, to Hendersonville.

The text of Dr. Gerberding's statement follows: "As a Minister of the Church, I feel constrained to make a statement of regret and protest in regard to a letter published in this edition of the Herald; sent by the Ministerial Association to Superintendent Barnes. Said letter accused the Parent Teacher Associations of our city of 'gambling' at their meetings. One minister, at the meeting when the letter was adopted, accused them of playing Pingo for profit. This is absolutely untrue. They have played some innocent games like 'fishpond' where a child plays five cents and gets a five cent toy in return. I feel very ashamed of this false accusation against a splendid group like the P.T.A. They are the fine parents of our children, people who are willing to devote their time and energy for the welfare of our youth and our schools. In general they are good Christian people, many of them are leaders in our churches. I personally wish to apologize to them and to Mr. Barnes. I was not present when the libelous action was taken."

"I would like to say another word about the function of the Ministry and the said Ministerial Association. I was ordained a Minister of the Gospel, the glad tidings of the love of God in Christ Jesus. I believe that Gospel can and does change people and that it can change society. I am not a Minister of the Law. Nor am I an Officer of the Law. Nor am I a Legislator. Nor am I a Detective, snooping into other people's lives."

"We must practice on a local level the true spirit of democracy." Al Field, Hickory insurance man and governor of Lions district 31-B told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Field, noting that the nation's new role of leader of the world requires the same spirit of democracy, said the role of Lions International, numbering more than one million members through the world, is in rendering service and building the spirit of democracy on a world basis, as well as eliminating suspicion among peoples of the world. He inferred democracy must start at home, it is to permeate the world.

"We must understand the other man's side of the story," he stated, "and working together in organizations like the Lions club will help forward understanding."

He commended the Kings Mountain Lions on their activities for service, and urged attendance at a January 28th convention at Hickory, as well as at the international convention next summer in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Field was presented by George Thomasson. Guests included Zone Chairman Gail Bridges and Deputy District Governor Carver Wood, both of Shelby.

Pete McDaniel gave a report on the progress of the Lions club fruit cake sale and Dr. Blake McWhirter reported successful completion of the annual White Cane sale for benefit of the blind.

Herald Building General Contract Bids Are Asked

General contract plans and specifications for the new Kings Mountain Herald building were mailed area contractors last weekend, with requests that bids be submitted on November 4. It was jointly announced by T. W. Cothran, architect and Martin Harmon, Herald publisher.

Plans for the building, to be constructed on South Piedmont avenue, just south of the present Herald building, call for construction of a brick and concrete block structure 33.4 feet wide by 110 feet deep. In addition, the plans provide a partial basement, intended for a newspaper pressroom, measuring 33.4 feet by 35 feet.

In all the new Herald building, featuring modern-type exterior, will contain about 5,000 square feet off floor space.

Mr. Cothran said plans for the electrical, plumbing and heating contracts are virtually complete and will be tendered to contractors soon.

The present Herald building has been sold to First Baptist church.

Retailers To Bring Circus Here Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Merchants association will bring a free open air circus to the city Tuesday. Performances will be conducted at 11 a. m., 4 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. it was announced, featuring a performing elephant, trained dogs, palomino horses, a pony drill, a trained seal, a trapeze act, a trained chimpanzee and other attractions.

Each show will last an hour. In addition, an exhibit called the Palace of Wonders will be available for a small admission charge. It is called the "Merchants Free Circus," and will set up in downtown Kings Mountain, probably on the lot adjacent to Dean Buick Company.

Haircut Prices To Increase Here

Six Kings Mountain barber shops have announced that they will increase the price of all haircuts from 75 cents to \$1 effective October 31.

One of the barbers said that this increase was due to the rising costs of materials used in barber work, and to the fact that a barber's take-home pay is small.

This same barber reported that the national trend, as pointed out in a national barber's magazine, has set the average price of a haircut at \$1.50, and that many places have increased prices to \$2.

In Charlotte, a haircut, be it a "butch" or just a trim, will cost you \$1.25. Other neighboring cities have been charging \$1 for over a year.

Prices of other services, such as shaves and shampoos, will remain unchanged.

The six shops announcing the rate increases are Central, Phoenix, Wright's, Gaffney's City, and Stroupe's.

Laycock Is Named Administrator Of Cleveland County Hospitals

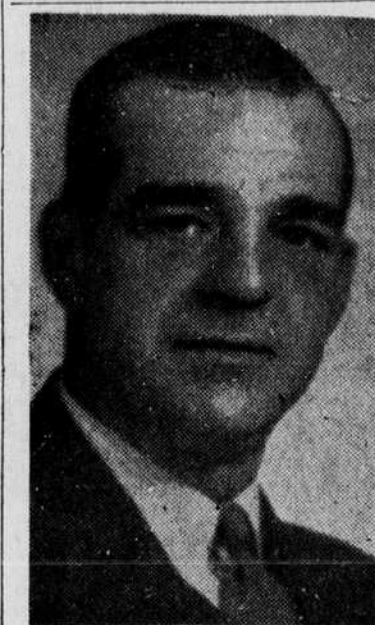
George Wallace Laycock, administrator of Conway Hospital, Inc., Conway, S. C., has been appointed administrator of Cleveland County hospitals by the county board of hospital trustees.

Mr. Laycock will assume his duties on November 28, succeeding Robert L. Moser, who has resigned effective November 15. Interviewed by the board of trustees last week, Mr. Laycock confirmed his acceptance to Chairman Jack Dover, of Shelby, on Monday. He will be paid \$12,000 per annum.

A bachelor, Mr. Laycock had his first experience in hospital management in Shanghai, China, as treasurer of two Episcopal hospitals from 1940-45. From December 8, 1941, to August 18, 1945, he was interned as a civilian prisoner of the Japanese army.

Returning to the United States after his release, he subsequently served as administrator of Good Samaritan hospital, Charlotte, Randolph hospital, Asheville, and the Conway

Paul T. Ledford, Barry "Probables"



Charter Gives Commission Appointive Power

Who will succeed the late Oliver T. Hayes, Sr., as Ward 4 city commissioner, nor when the successor will be appointed were two undetermined questions late Wednesday morning.

Under a city charter provision of 1913, the incumbent board of city commissioners is authorized to fill board vacancies by appointment, and Mayor Glee A. Bridges, just returned to the city from a League of Municipalities convention at Durham, said he had not conversed with members of his administration concerning the matter.

Mayor Bridges said the successor might be appointed at a called special session of the commissioners, or that decision may be made to defer action until the regular November meeting on November 3.

Street speculation on part of many citizens listed several names of possible successors, including Paul T. (Blinky) Ledford, Jr., defeated by Mr. Hayes in a run-off election last May, and C. P. Barry, Ward 4 commissioner in the Still administration (1951-53). One citizen close to the administration, who asked not to be identified, said, "It'll definitely be Ledford."

Other names mentioned as possible appointees for the remainder of Mr. Hayes' term, which ends in May 1957, were Ross Roberts, onetime commissioner, Ben H. Bridges, Jr., (no kin to Mayor Bridges) building and loan association manager, Eugene Roberts, grocer, George H. Mauney, textile official, and Clyde Jolly, another textile man. It was generally doubted that, should the commissioners fail to appoint Mr. Ledford, they would name either of the other two losers in last May's voting. These were George W. White and Charles (Rocky) Ford.

There was considerable speculation on whether the commissioners would be able to agree and thereby to tender the appointment by unanimous vote. Though not as pronounced as sometimes, the present administration has been considered to be "split," with Mayor Bridges, Commissioners Patterson and Grantham in one wing, and Commissioners Collins, Ellison and the late Mr. Hayes in another. Mayor Bridges said he hoped it would be possible for the board to agree and to tender the appointment by unanimous vote.

Though city administrations used the appointive power to fill board vacancies in 1947 and 1943, the most recent use of the appointive power in the instance of a death of a commissioner in office was in 1932, when Commissioner G. D. Hambright was killed in a grade crossing crash in Charlotte. In that instance, the board of commissioners appointed as his successor the present mayor, Glee A. Bridges. Mr. Bridges said he had been a losing candidate in the 1931 election. He had placed sixth in the sweepstakes type of election conducted at that time. Provisions then provided that the five candidates with the most

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Park Telephones On Grover Circuit

Kings Mountain Military Park now has direct telephone service with Kings Mountain.

Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, notified the Herald Wednesday morning that the change-over of the park telephones from the Clover, S. C., exchange to the Grover exchange had just been completed. He said the change would be beneficial in several ways, particularly from the standpoint of line maintenance. The park was responsible for upkeep of eight miles of line. Now it will have to maintain only about one mile of line.

The telephone numbers at the park are: museum, Grover 3391; superintendent's residence, 3392.

Of benefit to Kings Mountain citizens will be the fact that the park will be obtainable by telephone without toll charges.