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Local News Bulletins

ONE FIRE

Firemen were called Saturday morning to the home of Avery Harmon, Alexander street to extinguish an oil stove blaze. C. D. Ware, fireman, reported.

BUILDING PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Friday to C. T. Bennett Construction Company to erect a one story brick building on Ramsey street, to be used as a school building, at an estimated cost of \$172,000.

VETERAN'S GIFTS

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are urged to leave their gifts for the Veteran's Gift Shop at Mrs. Dicky Tate's home or at Dellinger's Jewel Shop.

MOOSE MEETING

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

DRAFT BOARD

The Cleveland county selective service board is seeking the correct mailing addresses of two Kings Mountain men. Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk, said the board needs the addresses of Edward Leon Jones and Harvie Lanier.

CAKE SALE

The Magnolia Garden club will conduct a sale of homemade cakes on Saturday, November 19. Place of the sale will be announced next week, it was announced by Mrs. John C. McGill.

METER RECEIPTS

City Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon total \$201.97, according to Miss Grace Carpenter, city clerk's office. The street parking meters returned \$161.54, while the off-street meters accounted for \$40.43, she reported.

COURT OF HONOR

The regular monthly Court of Honor for Scouters in and around Kings Mountain will be held at City Hall Thursday night. A Roundtable will be held for the Scout Leaders and a training course will be conducted for Cub Scout leaders during the program, which will start at 7:30 p. m.

ARP STUDY COURSE

Boyce Memorial ARP church women will begin a five-day study course Monday night on the theme, "Consecrated Women — Vessels for the Master's Use" from the book, "Women of the New Testament" by Kuyper. The study, at 7:30 p. m., nightly, is being held as an observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and will be led by Mrs. E. W. Neal, Mrs. Martin Harmon, and Mrs. Kenneth McGill.

Kezziah Joining New York Firm

Johnny Kezziah, Margrace mill fabric stylist, has accepted the position of head stylist with Spectrum Fabrics, Inc., New York City drapery converters.

Mr. Kezziah, in New York this week, will return here Friday and complete his duties at Margrace mill next week. He and his family expect to move to New York as quickly as suitable accommodations can be obtained.

Mr. Kezziah attended Clemson college and was graduated from North Carolina State college in 1947.

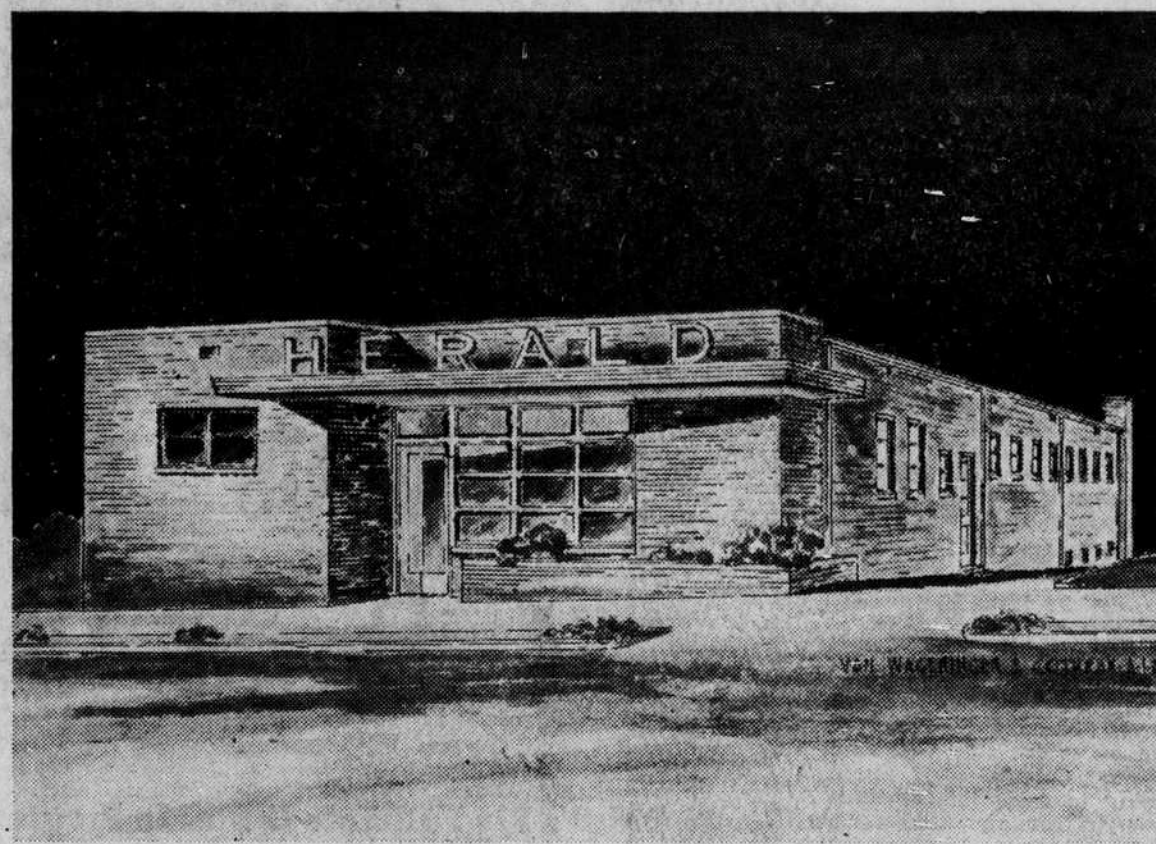
Mrs. Kezziah is the former Miss Marie Moss. They have a daughter, Candy Kezziah.

City Asks '29-A' Name For Old Route

The board of city commissioners adopted a resolution last Thursday asking the State Highway & Public Works Commission to designate the old U. S. 29 route through Kings Mountain as U. S. 29-A.

Mayor Glee Bridges told the board the highway engineer, Ed Kemper, had indicated the route would not be numbered except for the U. S. 74 designation.

The commissioners took the position the 29-A designation would be a convenience to motorists wanting to enter Kings Mountain. U. S. 29 now runs south of Kings Mountain, as a result of recent opening of a new by-pass.



DRAWING OF HERALD BUILDING — Shown above is the architect's drawing of the new Kings Mountain Herald building, for which general and plumbing contracts were let this week. Construction is scheduled to begin this weekend. The sketch was prepared by Architect T. W. Cothran, of Shelby.

Herald Building Contracts Go To Hunt, Goforth

Construction of a new building for the Kings Mountain Herald is expected to begin this weekend, following letting of general and plumbing contracts early this week.

C. D. Hunt, of Shelby, was awarded contract for the general construction, and Ben T. Goforth, of Kings Mountain, was awarded the plumbing contract. Mr. Hunt was low bidder among five. Mr. Goforth was low bidder among four.

Electrical and heating bids will be invited within the next ten days.

The Herald will construct a building on South Piedmont avenue near the present Herald building. It will be a brick-concrete block structure of fireproof design, measuring 33.4 by 110 feet and with a basement of 33.4 by 53 feet.

Exterior design will be modern-type. Plans for the building were prepared by T. W. Cothran, of Van Wagenen and Cothran, Shelby architects.

Episcopal Meeting Place Is Changed

Trinity Episcopal church mission in Kings Mountain has changed its meeting place from the Woman's Club to the garage at the home of E. E. Dill, corner of Marion and Chestnut streets.

The church, formed on September 26, now numbers 25 members, it was announced by the Rev. Floyd W. Finch, priest-in-charge.

Regular services are conducted each Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Herbert J. Plonk Dies In Raleigh

Next Wednesday Last Half-Holiday

Next Wednesday will be the final half-holiday for majority of Kings Mountain retailers until after Christmas.

Under by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, the customary Wednesday half-holiday is suspended on the week before Thanksgiving and is resumed following the Christmas shopping season.

The change is effected to accommodate Christmas season shoppers.

Logan's Brother Killed In Crash

Funeral services for James Logan, of Chesnee, S. C., brother of Carl Logan, Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4:30 from Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, Patterson Springs.

Mr. Logan was fatally injured Tuesday afternoon about 1:20 when his car collided on U. S. 221-A near Chesnee, S. C., with a car driven by Max Cherry, of Barnesville, Ga.

South Carolina Cherokee County Sheriff Julian B. Wright said the accident occurred when Logan's 1956 model car apparently swerved and hit the front of the Cherry auto. Logan was driving into Chesnee and Cherry was leaving there, the Sheriff was quoted.

Central Methodist Pastor McLarty Naval Reservist, Model Railroader

Naval veterans in Central Methodist church may well feel like saying "Sir" to their new pastor, the Rev. James B. McLarty.

The newly arrived Rev. Mr. McLarty is a veteran of two years naval service himself. He served as a navy chaplain during the years 1944-46 as a lieutenant.

Since that time, he has remained as a member of the active naval reserve, and holds the rank of Lieutenant - Commander at the present time. McLarty is a member of the Charlotte reserve unit and attends weekly meetings there.

Mr. McLarty, who replaced Rev. P. L. Shore as pastor of Central church, also has a unique hobby, his wife relates.

Mrs. McLarty, the former Miss Margaret Glenn of Asheville, says that model railroading is the nearest thing to a hobby the minister can claim.

Music is another great interest of Mr. McLarty. While at Duke University, he was a member and manager of the Duke Glee club, and still holds a great appreciation of music.

The McLartys have been married 27 years and have three children. Margaret, who is the eldest and only daughter, is 22 and a senior at Greensboro College. Jimmy, nine years old, is a fourth grade student at Central School, where Charles, six years old, is a first grader.



MINISTER — Rev. James B. McLarty, formerly of Mooresville, is the new pastor of Central Methodist church. A former navy chaplain, he is currently a lieutenant commander in the active naval reserve.

in Mooresville, Marion, and Asheville prior to his appointment at Central Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Shore, whom he succeeded, was transferred to First Methodist church in Hendersonville at the last Methodist Convention in Charlotte.

Funeral Rites For Banker Here Friday

Herbert J. Plonk, 55, Kings Mountain native and prominent Raleigh banker, died of a heart attack Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at his Raleigh home.

Mr. Plonk had suffered from a heart ailment for several years, but his death was not expected.

Brief funeral services are scheduled at Brown-Wynn Funeral Home in Raleigh Thursday morning at 10:30. The body will then be brought to Kings Mountain and remain at Harris Funeral Home until final rites to be held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, officiating. Burial will be made in Mountain Rest cemetery here.

Semi-retired, Mr. Plonk was a vice-president and director of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company. With Wachovia since 1926, he had previously been associated with Wachovia branches in Winston-Salem and Asheville.

Mr. Plonk was a son of the late Rufus S. and Mary E. Motley Plonk. His wife, who survives, was before marriage Miss Inez Swindell, of Fairfield. A Mason, he was a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and Roanoke College, Salem, Va. He was a member of White Memorial Presbyterian church, Raleigh.

Also surviving are two brothers and seven sisters, Rufus S. Plonk, Bessemer City, T. Motley Plonk, Charlotte, Mrs. Hugh Ormand and Miss May Plonk, both of Kings Mountain, Mrs. C. A. Hager, Hickory; Miss Eva Plonk, Charlotte, Mrs. W. M. Hite, Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Robbins.

City Is Quitting Gas House-Piping

The city natural gas department will end its house-piping business for gas service effective November 15, per action of the board of commissioners last Thursday night.

Suggestion was made by Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who said the city was having difficulty explaining charges for the work, was encountering some collection problems, and felt the work should be done privately in the first place.

The city gas department will continue to make gas taps and run the lines 50 feet back of the property lines, according to the unanimous action.

A check at the city clerk's office reveals four firms, two in Kings Mountain and two out-of-town, have furnished bonds and purchased city licenses for gas installation work here. The four firms are P&N Appliance Company and The Appliance Center, both of Kings Mountain, Farris Heating Service, of Shelby, and Holland-Cash Company, of Gastonia.

City Will Take Consolidated Utilities Quickly As Possible

Lack Of Funds, Needs Of System Delay Take-Over

The city will accept, at no cost, the power and water facilities of the Consolidated Textile village "if and when we can and as quickly as we can."

Consolidated Textiles, Inc., had advised the city it wanted to relinquish its utilities to the city, but had inferred it expected some payment.

The decision of the board of commissioners was made last Thursday night, after Mayor Glee A. Bridges had told the board the power lines and water lines would not be adequate to handle demands for service and that the city would be required to construct a costly line from the Duke sub-station to the village.

If it acquires the utilities, the city would serve about 75 houses.

The "if and when" action was taken on motion of T. J. Ellison and was unanimous.

Mayor Bridges had doubted that the city had funds to handle the project within this year's budget, which brought the statement from City Attorney J. B. Davis that the city could issue bonds up to two-thirds its net debt requirement of the previous fiscal year. This would amount to approximately \$20,000.

Previously, Mayor Bridges had administered the oath of office to Paul W. Ledford, appointed to the commission from Ward 4 as a successor to the late O. T. Hayes, Sr.

Otherwise, the regular November session was largely routine, with complaints on various accounts by citizens requiring the major portion of the session.

On the complaints, the board: 1) Declined to alter an account for \$174.41 for which it had billed D. C. Mauney for dirt moving work done in June. Mr. Mauney had contended the charge was excessive and that some of the work done had benefited the city.

2) The city agreed to pay \$17 to Dewitt Patterson, as partial reimbursement for the cost of building steps to his residence, necessitated by the widening of West King street.

3) Declined to reduce an old account for \$5 charged Jesse Yarboro, a charge made by the city when garbage being hauled by Yarboro fell into a city street. The bill was for cleaning the street.

4) Voted to accept \$11 in full settlement of a \$46 account against Ray Alexander. Alexander said the city had damaged some drainage pipe he had installed in certain work done on Cherryville Road.

Katie Garrett Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Miss Katie Garrett, onetime Kings Mountain school teacher, were held last Friday.

The funeral service was held at the Methodist church in Weldon, with interment at Tarboro.

Miss Garrett died on November 2, following a long period of ill health.

Her father was the late John Garrett.

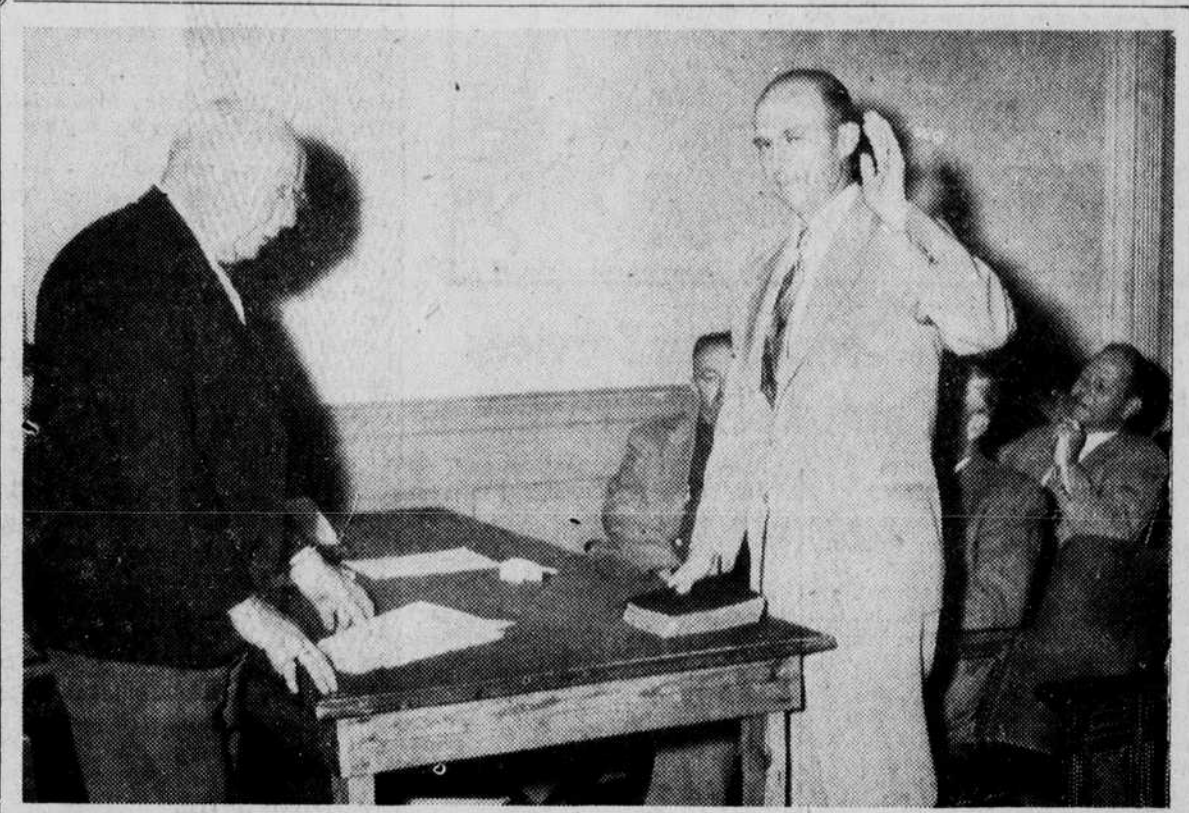
In Kings Mountain, Miss Garrett taught music and other subjects in the Kings Mountain schools for many years.

Cooper Bucknell Program Leader

Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, Lutheran minister and Kings Mountain native, was among the group of resident leaders participating recently in a three-day "Religion in Life Program" at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Rev. Cooper, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper, of Kings Mountain, served as leader of three group seminars during the three-day meeting at the Bucknell campus.

He has played a bang-up game of quarterback for the Mountaineers, and the records prove it. He has gained 386 yards in 71 tries for a 5.4 yards rushing average, has completed 18 of 47 passes for 395 yards and seven touchdowns, and has picked up another 337 yards on punt and kick-off returns and intercepted passes.



LEDFORD TAKES OATH OF OFFICE — Paul W. Ledford is pictured above as he took the oath of office as Ward 4 commissioner from Mayor Glee A. Bridges last Thursday night. Mr. Ledford was appointed commissioner to fill the vacancy created by the death of Oliver T. Hayes, Sr. Seated at left is Commissioner W. G. Grantham, Commissioner Sam Collins is seated at right. Commissioner J. H. Patterson is hid by Mr. Ledford. (Pennington Studio photo.)

Bridges Says 'No Comment' On Park Ruling

Monday's Supreme Court ruling holding illegal segregation in tax-supported recreational facilities, brought a "no comment" here from Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

Kings Mountain has only recently embarked in public recreation, last year opening two swimming pools, one for Negroes, one for whites. Previously the city had opened a small picnic area on property it owned off Cherryville Road.

Kings Mountain citizens, however, are also regular visitors to the South Carolina State park at Lake Cherokee, only a few miles distant, and joining Kings Mountain National Military park.

Governor George Bell Timmerman's comments on the ruling were succinct. He said there would be no de-segregating of South Carolina's public parks.

The ruling follows last year's Supreme Court order holding segregation illegal in public schools. In North Carolina, the public schools are still segregated, through the issue has been expounded heavily by various groups, including those who want to fight the ruling, those who ask "voluntary segregation" along with Governor Hodges, and those who want immediate de-segregation.

Major public school de-segregating has been accomplished at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where two Negro students from Durham won admission to the undergraduate school by court ruling. The ruling is being appealed but the students were admitted. Several years ago Negroes were admitted, again following a court ruling, to the University graduate schools.

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Officer Davidson May Be Dismissed

Lybrand To Take County Position; Board To Meet

A special session of the city board of commissioners has been called for Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday to act on the resignation of James A. Lybrand, Jr., city fireman, and to consider relieving City Policeman S. R. (Pop) Davidson from duty.

Mayor Bridges said recommendation for firing Officer Davidson, onetime city police chief during the Still Administration, came from Chief of Police Hugh Logan Jr. The Mayor said, "Davidson and Logan have never been able to get along."

Officer Davidson said Tuesday that Chief Logan had asked him to resign but that he had declined.

Fireman Lybrand resigned in a letter to the mayor and board of commissioners, dated November 7, to accept a position with the Cleveland County tax department.

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SPEAKER — Ed Wimmer, Cincinnati, Ohio, trade association executive, will speak here Thursday night before a joint session of three Kings Mountain civic clubs.

Civic Clubs To Hear Wimmer

Ed Wimmer, vice-president of the National Federation of Independent Business, will address a joint session of three Kings Mountain civic organizations Thursday night at Masonic Dining hall.

The program has been arranged by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, who will have as their guests members of the Kings Mountain Lions club and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Lions cancelled their Tuesday night meeting to convene with the Kiwanians.

Mr. Wimmer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is an official of a non-profit organization of about 100,000 businessmen, including several in Kings Mountain. In addition to his work with the federation, he writes a newspaper column for the Cincinnati Enquirer.

In Kings Mountain, Mr. Wimmer will speak on the topic "Free Enterprise KILLS Free Enterprise."

A trade association, the Federation seeks to keep its members informed on the "pro's" and "con's" of federal legislation.

Harold Coggins, Wiwanis program chairman, said he felt Mr. Wimmer would supply much interesting information. "We're very glad the other civic clubs could meet with us," he added.

The meeting will be held at Masonic Dining hall at 6:45.

HOSPITALIZED — Attorney George Thomason was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for treatment and observation.

Did Shrine Coaches Tap Harris? Fans Think They Should Have

Will George Harris be the first Kings Mountain football player to play in the annual Shrine Bowl in Charlotte?

Football fans in and around Kings Mountain are holding their collective breaths awaiting the announcement of the North Carolina squad to see if Harris is named to the gridiron classic.

Most of the fans awaiting the final word are saying that Harris will make it. Some are of the opinion that Harris' talents are not well enough known.

Harris' performance this year has put his name on the lips of fans, coaches, sports writers, and college scouts throughout the state.

He has played a bang-up game of quarterback for the Mountaineers, and the records prove it. He has gained 386 yards in 71 tries for a 5.4 yards rushing average, has completed 18 of 47 passes for 395 yards and seven touchdowns, and has picked up another 337 yards on punt and kick-off returns and intercepted passes.

In addition to this excellent performance, he has scored six touchdowns himself.

Coach Shu Carlton said Wednesday, "I believe that George's all-around ability, including his outstanding defensive play, gives him a good chance to be selected on the North Carolina squad."

Coach Carlton served as an assistant coach in the 1949 Shrine Bowl and he appreciates the tough job of picking 33 men from an entire state to play in the Shrine classic, for North Carolina.

Coaching staffs of both squads have already said that they had a surplus of backs, and not enough linemen. Therefore, it seems a good lineman stands a better chance than a backfield star.

The rosters of both squads will be released later this week in Charlotte. Until that time, the public must wait to learn whether their favorites were tagged or passed by.