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Candidates Increase Activity With Primary 16 Days Away

Local News Bulletins

COURT OF HONOR

Kings Mountain District Boy Scouts of America will hold their regular Court of Honor meeting at City Courtroom Thursday night at 7:45 p. m.

OFFICE CLOSED

Offices of Dr. T. L. Anderson, chiropractor, will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday while Dr. Anderson is attending the North Carolina Chiropractors convention in session in Durham.

MASONS TO MEET

A stated communication will be held by Fairview Lodge No. 339 Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the Masonic Hall.

HOSPITALIZED

Vernon Crosby is improving at Kings Mountain hospital from left eye injuries he received in a freak accident last Thursday, members of his family reported yesterday.

BANK HOLIDAY

First National Bank will be closed Thursday in observance of Confederate Memorial Day, a legal North Carolina holiday, the bank management has announced.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meters returned \$206.46 during the week ending noon, Wednesday, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitcham. He said that street meters brought in \$166.05, while off-street meters accounted for \$40.41.

BUILDING PERMIT

Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Tuesday to Woodrow Brown to repair a one story frame house on Waterson street, at an estimated cost of \$450.

School Groups Receive Awards

Honor awards were presented to the "Mountaineer" and the "Statix 'n' Dramatix" club at the Southern Interscholastic Press Association Convention in Lexington, Va., last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The "Mountaineer" is the Kings Mountain high school newspaper and the "Statix 'n' Dramatix," the high school radio club.

Three issues of the "Mountaineer" were judged by Major Chester B. Goobrick, assistant professor of history at Virginia Military Institute. The paper received an achievement award last year.

The "Statix 'n' Dramatix" submitted a tape on their panel discussion on dating for judging. This is the first year the "Statix 'n' Dramatix" has entered S. I. P. A. competition.

Melvin Linkous, program director of State WSL, Roanoke, Va., judged the four radio entries and held a workshop and criticism clinic.

Representing the "Mountaineer" at the convention were Miss Dorothy Lachmund, advisor for the "Mountaineer," Judy Cooper, and Donna Cheatham. Miss Joanne Easley represented the "Statix 'n' Dramatix."

License Bureau Schedule Given
Driver's license examiners will operate on a two-day a week schedule in Kings Mountain beginning next week, it has been announced by C. D. Fortune, member of the state highway patrol.

Wells-Gardner Verbal Joust Top Week Event

Politics and prospects of favorites in the field of candidates claimed a larger share of the community's conversation during the past week.

Though major interest evidenced on the part of the voters centered on the three-man race for the 11th district Congressional nomination, the county races and township constable joust were also attracting more conversation.

Candidates themselves were beating the bushes, offering firm handclaps and saying to friends, "Do what you can for me."

Covering Kings Mountain in the past week were Dan Moore, registrar of deeds, who seeks to retain the Democratic nomination also sought by Wilbur (Ebb) Wright, and B. P. Jenkins, Sr. former county commissioner from District 4, who seeks to regain the position he lost two years ago to John P. White, the incumbent, also seeking re-nomination.

Major fireworks of the week was provided by Cleveland County's two candidates for the congressional nomination. Hugh Wells charged that "politicians" had been used to cause the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to refuse to grant deposit insurance to the proposed new bank in Shelby. The FDIC ruling has prevented opening of the bank.

Terminating the Wells remarks as "insinuations" Ralph Gardner, member of a Washington, D. C., law firm until he announced for the congressional post, declared the inferences were untrue (as far as he was concerned) and maliciously inspired. He denied he had touched the Shelby bank matter in any detail.

Wells subsequently bought newspaper space pointing out that he had not charged Gardner with being a part of the "politics" in the bank matter, and also charged that the Shelby Daily Star (in which the paid advertisement was published) refused to print his paid statement as "news."

Basil Whitener stayed clear of the fracas, but his supporters here were chortling with

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Little Theatre Elects Cansler

Luther Cansler was elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre at the regular meeting of the organization recently.

Other officers are Doug W. Swink vice-president, Tommy Owens, business manager, Mrs. Ed Tutor, secretary, and Bob Baker, Hilliard Black, Ben Goforth, Jr., and Bruce Thorburn, members of the board of directors. Mrs. Ed Dill, retiring president, will serve a sex-officio member of the board.

Mr. Cansler has been a member of the Little Theatre group for five years and has been in charge of sound effects for a number of Little Theatre productions including "Sword Gideon," outdoor drama presented for the past four seasons by the group, and "Utter Relaxation," award winning play of the Little Theatre.

Mr. Cansler is employed in the offices of Neisler Mills, is married, a father, and a deacon in First Presbyterian church.

Two new members welcomed by the group at Tuesday's meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Heferman who recently arrived in this country from Dublin, Ireland.

Fire Damages Dan's Furniture; Loss Estimated At Over \$5,000

Fire resulted in damages of \$5,000 to \$6,000 early Tuesday afternoon to Dan's Furniture House and the George W. Allen residence. The furniture concern occupies...



TO GIVE RECITAL — Miss Evelyn Cline, senior at Guilford College, will present a voice recital at the college on Friday evening. She is the daughter of Mrs. Rufus Oates, of Kings Mountain.

Evelyn Cline To Give Recital

Miss Evelyn Cline, soprano, senior at Guilford college, will be presented in senior recital at 8 p. m. Friday in Memorial Hall at the college.

She will be assisted by Miss Anne Cox, accompanist, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Cline has been a soloist with the Guilford college A cappella choir, traveling throughout the northern and Southern states and has also done solo work for many college functions.

Her program will include selections by Gluck, Schubert, Brahms, Rachmanivoff, Hageman and others.

Miss Cline is the daughter of Mrs. Rufus Oates, of 100 East King street.

Local Democrats Hold Sessions

S. A. Crouse was re-elected chairman of the East Kings Mountain Democratic precinct committee in a meeting held Saturday at City Hall.

Other committeemen named for the coming year were Mrs. J. E. Lipford, vice-chairman; J. Ollie Harris, Leonard A. Smith, and John B. Mauney.

Chairman Crouse said Wednesday that no official delegate was named to attend the Cleveland County convention in Shelby, but that several of the committee members expected to attend, including himself.

Only a few Democrats gathered for the West Kings Mountain meeting at Victory Chevrolet Company and no formal actions were taken. Precinct officers are Hugh D. Ormand, chairman, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, vice-chairman, and H. B. Jackson, Mrs. J. N. Gamble and Martin Harmon.

Reports were not available from Grover, where J. B. Ellis, is chairman, nor Bethware, where Wayne L. Ware, Jr., is chairman.

The county convention will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the courthouse. C. C. Horn, Shelby attorney, is county chairman, Mrs. J. E. Lipford, of Kings Mountain, is vice-chairman, and David Royster, of Shelby, is secretary-treasurer.

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the Moose Lodge, Bessemer City road, according to an announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

lamps and tables were "cleaned out" by the fire. The loss to the furniture inventory was estimated by Mr. Huffstetler at \$2,000 to \$3,000. It was covered by insurance.

The residence was also covered by insurance against fire. The Arthur Hay Agency reported. An adjuster indicated Wednesday damage to the building would run \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Board In Split On Employee Vacation Policy

City employees qualified for vacations will receive no extra pay for declining them, by virtue of a board of commissioner split decision at the May meeting.

The board voted 3-2 against establishing a vacation policy which provided extra pay to those who declined their vacations. Commissioner T. J. Ellison had offered the pay-in-lieu-of-vacation motion and Sam Collins had seconded, but the other commissioners, J. H. Patterson, W. G. Grantham and Paul Ledford, voted "nay." Mayor Glee A. Bridges ruled that earned vacations must be taken, with no exceptions in the pay provisions. City employees get two weeks annual paid vacation time after a year's employment.

The board also awarded contract to A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte accounting firm, to conduct the city audit for 1955-56. The same firm conducted the 1954-55 audit. The Pullen firm had offered to make the audit at the rate of \$5 per hour, plus out-of-pocket expenses for travel and food. Mayor Bridges had told the board the Pullen Company had assured him it could make out once an interim audit of the tax office and recorder's court books.

The commissioners also authorized advertisement for bids for curb-and-gutter and sidewalk installations for North Piedmont avenue, from Linwood Road to Stowe's Store, per plans prepared by W. K. Dickson, Charlotte engineer. The bids are to be received until 2 p. m. June 7. Action on the bids is scheduled for the regular June meeting that evening. Cost of the N. Piedmont project is to be borne by the State State Highway department, on reimbursement arrangement.

On other decisions, the board: 1) Took no action on a request by J. E. Mauney for relief from a paving assessment. Mr. Mauney had complained to the Mayor that the paving was originally scheduled as a WPA project, which would have been free to property owners.

2) Authorized the mayor to oil the city's unpaved streets as a dust preventive "when needed." The action provided only one oiling during the current summer.

3) Approved a petition for the paving of Juniper street, from Mountain to King, when and if funds are available.

4) Approved an appropriation of \$35, if it proves a legal expense, for operation of the auto safety-check lane. The committee in charge had asked \$140.

5) Authorized depositing of certain natural gas department monies in the city's two building & loan associations, with the amounts to be determined by the city's gas engineer. City Clerk Gene Mitcham indicated about \$70,000 would be available for deposit as not immediately needed funds.

6) Voted a "start-over arrangement" with B. T. Wright, Sr., in

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North Piedmont Plans Received

Specifications for improvements to North Piedmont avenue — to include installation of sidewalk, curb-and-guttering, grading and widening of hard-surfacing — were received at City Hall Wednesday from W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, the city's consulting engineer.

Concurrently, advertisements inviting bids are being published.

Under terms of the advertisement, bidders have until 2 p. m. June 7 to post their bids, each of which must be accompanied by five percent bond in cash or cashier's check.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The improvements will be made from Linwood Road to Stowe street, with sidewalk on both sides of the street.

While the city is receiving the bids and awarding contracts, the cost of the improvements actually will be paid by the State Highway & Public Works commission as improvements to a state highway (No. 216). The city will be reimbursed for its expenditures.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges also reported receipt of plans for installation of a main power line from Duke Power sub-station on N. Gaston street to the Consolidated Textiles community. The city has agreed to provide power service to the residences in this community. The main line will follow Railroad avenue to Phoenix street and Church street, according to the specifications received from R. H. Bouligny & Company, Charlotte electrical engineers.

Citizens Invited To Inspect Hospital Sunday Afternoon



CO-VALEDICTORIANS — Sara Mae Hamrick, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hamrick, and Nancy Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell, share honors as co-valedictorians of the Bethware high school graduating class. Principal John Rudisill said the students made identical averages. Commencement exercises at Bethware will be held May 20-22.

New Addition Now In Use; Open House Set

The county hospital board of trustees, and Kings Mountain Hospital staff will be hosts Sunday at open house to show citizens of the county the recently completed addition to Kings Mountain Hospital.

Citizens are invited to visit the hospital from 2 to 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon for a guided tour of the plant, which now has a rated capacity of 50 beds, slightly more than twice the capacity of the 24-bed hospital which opened here in 1951.

After the plant tour, guests will be served refreshments at the nurse's home, which is adjacent to the main plant.

The county board of commissioners has been invited to attend the open house, along with members of the medical staff.

"We extend a cordial invitation to all citizens of the Kings Mountain area and Cleveland County to visit the hospital Sunday afternoon to inspect the major addition, which has just been completed and put into service," Grady Howard, hospital business manager, said.

The open house coincides with the end of American Hospital week, an annual observance, and the open house follows by one day the birthday anniversary of Florence Nightingale, famed nurse, considered the "mother of hospitals."

The new addition represents an outlay of \$230,000, a joint county-state-federal project.

The entrance lobby is housed in the new addition. A new parking area has been constructed off Edgemont Drive to provide more parking accommodations.

ARP Carol Choir To Give Program
The Carol choir of Boyce Memorial ARP church will present a musical program Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth McGill, assisted by Mrs. Ben Goforth, and accompanied by Peggy Joyce Reynolds.

Members of the choir are Norma Farr, Frances Owens, Jane Hambrick, Dianne Flowers, Kenny Steffy, Betty Ann Styers, Frances Styers, Danny Whitaker, Wendell Phifer, and Lynn Goforth. New members of the choir are Neil McCarter, Rita Phifer, Lynn Cheshire, Buzzy Shuford, Becky Burton, and Gloria Hull.

Choir mothers are Mrs. Claude Hambrick and Mrs. Lawrence Flowers.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE
Central Methodist church will conclude its observance of National Family week with a special Mother's Day service at the 11 o'clock worship hour Sunday morning, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. James B. McLarty.

Registration Books To Close Saturday



RE-ELECTER — W. D. (Red) Morrison was re-elected last Friday night to serve as commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, for a second year.

Registration Required To Vote In May Primary

Is your name on the registration books? If not, Saturday will be your last day to get it there prior to the Democratic primary on May 26.

Registration books have been open for the past two weeks, but registration activity has been negligible.

Mrs. Nell Cranford, East King Mountain registrar, reported Wednesday that 20 persons registered at her City Hall post last Saturday. Fifteen of these were new registrations, while five were transfers from other parts of the city. Mrs. Cranford said this made a total of 40 registrations in the two weeks the books have been open.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain registrar, reported that 30 persons registered in her precinct of the city. She reported that six were transfers and 24 were new registrations. This gave the Western area of the city a total of 38 registrations for the two-week period. Mrs. Arthur's books are open at Victory Chevrolet Company.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis, wife of Grover registrar J. B. Ellis, reported that registration there was very light, but added that not many persons need to register, since Grover has very few new residents since the last registration.

Mrs. Ellis also reported that Grover's voting place will be

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Legion Re-elects W. D. Morrison

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, re-elected W. D. (Red) Morrison as commander and named other officers at the post's regular meeting Friday night.

Other officers to be installed June 1st include John H. Lewis, first vice-commander who succeeds W. G. Smith; F. R. McCurdy, second vice-commander, re-elected; Millard Prince, adjutant, who succeeds C. T. Carpenter, Jr.; James Bennett, re-elected financial officer; Hubert Aderholdt, historian, who succeeds Eugene Gibson; Dean Payne, sergeant-at-arms who succeeds Floyd Dover; and James Alexander, associate sergeant-at-arms who succeeds I. C. Davis.

Elected to the executive committee were C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Sam Collins, Clyde Sanders, Wray Cline, and Gene Gibson who succeeded Bruce McDaniell, Nelson Ledbetter, Hubert Aderholdt, James Alexander, and John Lewis.

Membership in the post was reported at 285 by the membership committee. Forty members attended.

Bus Line Fares Will Increase

Interstate bus fares will advance ten percent next week on all but minimum (25-cent) fares. It was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Edith Carrigan, manager of Kings Mountain Bus Terminal.

The rate increases will be effective May 15.

Rates for interstate trips will advance six percent on May 25, Mrs. Carrigan added.



IN RECITAL — Miss Nan Jean Gantt read "Romeo and Juliet" in graduating recital at Plunk School of Creative Arts Tuesday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gantt.

Nan Jean Gantt Gives Recital

Miss Nan Jean Gantt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gantt, was presented in graduating recital by the Plunk School of Creative Arts at Asheville Tuesday night.

Miss Gantt presented the original arrangement and dramatic interpretation of "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet" from the Platform Reading Classes under the direction of Miss Laura Plunk and Miss Lillian Plunk. She was assisted by Miss Patricia James, pianist.

Persons represented in the tragedy were Sampson, Gregory, Abraham, Balthasar, Benvolio, Tybalt, Capulet, Lady Capulet, Montague, Lady Montague, Prince Escalus, Romeo, Paris, Servant, Nurse, Juliet, Friar Laurence, Mercutio, An Apothecary, Friar John, Page, First Watch, Second Watch and Third Watch.

Hostesses for the recital were Miss Laura Plunk, Mrs. W. M. Gantt, Miss Lillian Plunk, Mrs. Charles Hart, and Mrs. John Neamond.

Ushers were Charles Hart, Carl Holt, Kenneth Brown, Jennie Lou Pangle, Susie Williams, and Rosemary Clark.

Gaither Propst Not Guilty

Gaither Propst, of Kings Mountain, was found not guilty of either breaking and entering or larceny in Cleveland County Superior Court last week.

The Herald inadvertently reported Propst as having been found guilty on these charges. The error was typographical—the original copy showing that the news account read "not guilty."

The Herald sincerely regrets this error.

Chilly May? Area Froze 60 Years Ago

May 10, 1896, 60 years ago Thursday, is a day that Horace A. Harris of Kings Mountain says he will never forget.

Mr. Harris said Wednesday that on the morning of May 10, 1896, residents through North and South Carolina awakened to find ice in their water buckets and watering troughs.

He recalled that the previous day, May 9, the temperatures had hovered around the 95 mark, but that when the sun set, the cool air began to rush into the area.

Mr. Harris, who will be 75 next month, also remembered that the corn, which was about knee-high at that time, was frozen solid, as was cotton and other crops. He added that the leaves on the trees were killed by the freeze.

Mr. Harris also recalled that the cold spell lasted two days, and that on the morning of the second day, the streams were frozen along the edges. The next day, however, the temperatures again soared back into the 90's, he repeated. People who think May days are chilly now, should have been around that May morning 60 years ago, he remarked.

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Smith, Crackerjacks Here Friday; Ten Acts To Vie For Talent Honors

Ten Kings Mountain amateur groups and individuals will compete Friday night for a chance at television entertainment, as Arthur Smith brings his Crackerjacks here for a show and talent hunt.

The program will get underway at 8 o'clock at City Stadium, and is under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The ten local acts, which won at auditions held Monday night at Radio Station WKMT under direction of Jonas Bridges, Lions club entry chairman, are:

The Carolina Quartet, Sparkling Starts (a vocal trio of Kings Mountain high school girls), the Smith Twins, Skyland Playboys, Harmony Ranch Boys, King's Quartet of First Baptist church, the Gregg Quartet, Dick Goins, and Roger Ross.

Two winners will be chosen Friday night, one a "popularity" winner, who will be chosen from the reading of an audience applause meter. The other winner will be chosen for talent by an experienced judge of television talent. He will select the contest...