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PRICE FIVE CENTS



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GIFT — W. B. Grantham, Victory Chevrolet company official, has presented a book cart to Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary for use as a bookmobile at Kings Mountain Hospital. Shown receiving the gift are Mrs. H. C. Mayes, chairman of the "Pink Ladies" division of the recently organized volunteer women's organization, and Grady Howard, hospital business manager.

Second Primary Ten Days Away



Ralph Gardner, Basil Whitener Run-Off June 23

Political activity was relatively minor this week, after a busy weekend which found Basil Whitener, the Gastonia second-runner in the race for the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman, formally ask for a second primary, and Ralph Webb Gardner, the Shelby front-runner making a major political address at a district rally in Forest City.

Both events occurred on Friday.

Whitener, since, has challenged Gardner, who led the first balloting by 394 votes, to a public debate in all counties of the district. Gardner replied his schedule was jammed from now until voting day on June 23 and that he would not be able to comply.

An estimated crowd of more than 6,000 persons gathered at Forest City last Friday night for the 11th district Gardner-for-Congress rally sponsored by Rutherford county supporters of the Shelby candidate. Gardner made what his supporters termed a "fighting" speech, a speech that was tape recorded and will be broadcast here, via Radio Station WKMT, Thursday night from 7 to 7:30.

The second primary race will follow the same ground rules as the first primary voting on May 26. Lone exception permissible by law, is a minor amount of voting day registering, applicable solely to those citizens who have qualified for citizenship since the May 26 voting. This would include those who have turned 21 years of age and those who have gained sufficient residence to rate the "citizen" designation for voting purposes.

It will be a short ballot for

Kiwanis To Hear Arthur H. Jones

Arthur H. Jones, vice-president in charge of public relations of American Trust Company, Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Oberlin college and from the School of Finance and Public Relations at Northwestern university.

Active in Charlotte civic affairs, he is a former president of the Charlotte United Community Service. He is also a former chairman of public relations of the North Carolina Bankers association. He is currently vice-president of the North Carolina Association of Science and Industry.

The Kiwanis organization convenes at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

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Ramsey Adds Details On Incident In Which B-25 Bomber Was Saved

Airman 1/c Robert Ramsey, of Kings Mountain, recently credited with saving a B-25 bomber from crashing at James Connally Air Force Base, Texas, is home on 30-day leave and added some explanatory details to the incident.

The big B-25 was in trouble because its hydraulic system was not properly operating the landing gear. Ramsey, on the ground figured out a way to get it working, the information was radioed to the pilot and the plane was brought in safely—with only a few minutes of gasoline supply left.

According to Ramsey, investigation revealed a pilot had engaged a "hard landing" the day before, but had failed to log it on his flight report. The impact of the landing had snapped an engine brace causing the engine to drop about a half-inch. This put a strain on the wheel housing, which prevented the big B-25 wheel to go in place.

Trouble with the hand pump

Spangler & Sons Post Low Bid On Piedmont Job

Spangler and Sons, of Kings Mountain and Shelby, was tentatively awarded contract for improvements to North Piedmont avenue by the board of city commissioners last Thursday night.

Spangler's low bid of \$27,461.50 — for curb-and-gutter, sidewalks, and widening of N. Piedmont from Linwood avenue to Stowe street — was well under the bid of Mid-State Construction Company, Statesville, which bid \$35,975. These were the only bids received.

W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, the city's engineer, told the commissioners the Spangler bid was some \$1500 under his estimates.

Actual award of contract awaits approval by the State Highway & Public Works Commission, which is paying the cost of the improvements, exclusive of sidewalks. North Piedmont is also State Highway 216.

Bids were opened at 2 p. m. last Thursday with the Mayor and city commissioners present.

Sidewalks will be installed on both sides of Piedmont, on the customary basis of 50 percent assessment to the property owners fronting the street.

Conformity and materialism are the chief dangers to the continued peace and happiness of the United States, Dr. John R. Brokhoff, Charlotte minister, told an audience of 125 Tuesday night at the eighteenth annual ladies night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Dr. Brokhoff's address was the feature of the annual Lions club gathering.

"Prosperity and security do not produce happiness," he declared, stating that "our long term survival depends on the quality of men."

In addition to the principal address, the group enjoyed vocal renditions by Miss Evelyn Cline, who sang a medley from "Showboat" and "It's Wonderful." She was accompanied by Mrs. Tommy Owens, pianist.

In a surprise presentation, Lions President Gene Timms, who served as master of ceremonies, presented club secretary George Thomasson a trophy emblematic of his being named a "100 percent secretary" by Lions International.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding gave the invocation and special guests including Lions district and zone officials and officials of the Shelby Lions club, were presented by W. L. Plonk, who presented Dr. Brokhoff. Ollie Harris welcomed

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Privilege License Schedule Adopted

The city's privilege license schedule for the coming fiscal year, adopted last week, is published in today's edition of the Herald.

Licenses are purchasable July 1 and are required by law to be bought during the month of July. Penalty of five percent per month applies subsequent to August 1 on those persons and firms who fail to buy them during the required period.

Changes in the schedule are minor. Some fees have been reduced by the board of commissioners to conform to North Carolina statutes.



WILLIAM EUGENE AMOS



MISS JEANENE HALLMAN



HERBERT DALE DIXON



JAMES B. COLE, JR.



JOHN CURTIS

Five Students Get Degrees

Five additional Kings Mountain students are among graduates of area colleges and universities.

Among the 47 graduates of Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem with the degree of Doctor of Medicine was William Eugene Amos, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Amos, of Kings Mountain. Mr. Amos previously won his undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in chemistry, from Wake Forest college. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic

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Board Considers Policemen Pay, Insurance Split

A motion to pare the pay of two city policemen by \$5 monthly was defeated 3-2 in the June city board session last Thursday night, but the matter is scheduled to be aired again at the board's next get-together.

Several months ago, Policeman Tom Gladden and Martin Ware were voted the extra pay due to their status as justices of the peace, which enables them to issue warrants.

Commissioner Tommy Ellison pointed out at Thursday's meeting that Officers Buck Bridges and Babe Ware, also magistrates, weren't receiving any extra money and that the policy should be consistent. He subsequently moved that the reductions be made, and Sam Collins seconded. Commissioners Jay Patterson, Paul Ledford and W. G. Grantham opposed but stated they would like to reconsider when the full facts are presented. Mayor Glee Bridges said he would have the information at the next board session.

The board also deferred for further investigation a plea by B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain general insurance agent, for a split-up of insurance premiums. Mr. Maner had suggested one or two agents write the city's insurance, get a fee for the "paper work," then be directed by the city to split commissions.

Mayor Glee Bridges told the board that he had conferred with the Arthur Hay and Warlick agencies (who handle much of the city's business) and that these representatives had told him they were not interested in the suggested arrangement. He was told, he said, they suggested he cancel any business the city wished if he felt the services were not adequate.

Mr. Maner had directed his plea to the board several weeks ago. He had stated at the time, and repeated Thursday night, that he was a citizen and taxpayer and felt he should share in the city's insurance business. His suggestion on the sharing of premiums followed. The board agreed to write other cities of comparable size to determine what policy these followed on the purchase of insurance coverage.

The commissioners passed, with minor changes, the city privilege license schedule for 1956-57. Majority of the changes were made to conform with state statutes.

The board conditionally approved petition of Isaac Ray for ingress and egress from his residence to Deal street. The condition is that Mr. Ray permit closing of the Dilling street entrance, by which he had been served. Bill Bennett, a neighbor, appeared before the board in support of the Ray petition.

Mr. Bennett also commented on the city recreational program. He suggested to the commissioners that progress would be furthered by appointment to the recreation commission of representatives of all civic clubs. Mayor Bridges replied that the commission had had difficulty obtaining a quorum when it was a 15-member body. Present membership is four, vacancy created by the departure of Leland Kindred leaving only Fred Plonk.

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City And County Officials Work On 1956-57 Budgets

The Cleveland County tax rate likely will be up for the coming year. Just how much of an increase will be tacked on to the \$1.24 per \$100 valuation is not definite.

Auditor Max Hamrick said Wednesday that the tax increase is expected to be at least 10 cents, bringing the total to \$1.24 per \$100, but that it might go higher.

The county commissioners are scheduled to meet again June 20, but a special meeting to set the tax rate may be called before that time, Mr. Hamrick added.

Several county departments, including welfare, health and agriculture, have asked for budget increases. However, these increases have not been approved by the commissioners. If all budget increases are approved, which is not likely according to Mr. Hamrick, the countywide tax rate could jump as high as \$1.32 per \$100 valuation.

In addition to the county rate, residents of Kings Mountain pay a school district tax of 20 cents per \$100.

Department heads will be called before the commissioners to explain their budget outlines before a fixed tax rate for the year is set.

The indicated minimum 10 cents per \$100 increase results from debt service requirements, largely from county-wide bond issues for hospital and school construction voted by citizens in 1954.

Painter Wins AF Commission

WACO Texas—In recent graduation ceremonies at Harlingen AFB, Texas, A/C Charles E. Painter, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Painter of 107 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, was awarded his silver observer's wings and Second Lieutenant's commission in the United States Air Force.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Lieutenant Painter later attended Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, where he majored in math and physical education.

Lieutenant Painter's 12 month course has trained him for a place in the new all-jet combat force of the USAF. His mastering of the techniques of electronics and navigation qualifies him for an assignment as an observer in the operational aircraft of the USAF. He will receive further advanced specialty training in radar bombardment and electronics after his operational tour. Lieutenant Painter is now assigned to Math, er AFB, Calif.

Mrs. Clark Named City Court Clerk

Mrs. Jeanette Smith Clark, has been employed by the City of Kings Mountain as clerk of recorder's court and for general secretarial duties, including work in the tax office.

The board of commissioners authorized employment of a recorder's court clerk at the June 7 meeting.

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., had been serving as acting clerk of court.

Mrs. Clark will assume her duties on Monday.

Duke ROTC Men Receive Orders

DURHAM — Two Kings Mountain men are among 79 Duke university graduates who received Armed Forces commissions at recent commencement exercises and who have been assigned to duty.

Air Force Second Lieutenant Reginald A. Murray has been assigned to duty for indoctrination training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Navy Ensign J. A. Schwarz has been assigned to duty at Yokosuka, Japan.

Safety Honor Won By City

Kings Mountain won a special citation for pedestrian safety in the 17th Annual Pedestrian Protection Contest of the American Automobile Association and the Carolina Motor Club, it was reported yesterday.

Top Pedestrian safety awards went to the State of Kansas and the cities of Seattle, Wash., and Newton, Mass., for the all-round excellence of their accident records and pedestrian safety programs during 1955.

A total of 1,611 cities and 47 states sent reports to the AAA for analysis and scoring. Kings Mountain was one of 725 cities under 10,000 population. Total points earned was 88. Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., was contest representative.

No pedestrians were killed in Kings Mountain in 1955, 1954, and 1953, but three pedestrians were injured in 1955, four in 1954, and eight in 1953. Pedestrian death rate for cities in this population group was 3.4 per 100,000 population.

Kings Mountain ranked seventh among the 725 cities with 88 per cent. of the available points. In the engineering section, Kings Mountain received 100 per cent.

Past awards include honorable mention in 1954 and a special citation in 1952.

City Tax Rate To Stay Same; Budget To Rise

10-Cent Rise In County Rate Is Anticipated

City officials are busy making preparations for adoption of the 1956-57 budget.

Indications are that the city's \$1.70 per \$100 valuation tax will not vary during the next fiscal year, though the budget finally adopted is expected to increase about 10 percent to \$550,000.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday the increased budget would be possible — without upping the tax rate — due to higher-than-expected receipts during the fiscal year now ending and due to a likely increase in property valuations.

Though figures are not final, Acting Tax Supervisor J. W. Webster said, there is now an indicated increase of some \$225,000 in property valuations, which he attributed largely to the heavy constructions of homes and other buildings in 1955.

Mayor Bridges said it was likely he will call a special session of the city commissioners next week to work on the budget. Department heads will be called in to explain and support their budget estimates and the city board will consider the requests in the light of anticipated receipts.

During the past year the tax rate of \$1.70 included five-cent tax for recreational purposes.



WINS WINGS — The Air Force has announced that Charles E. Painter, of Kings Mountain, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded the silver wings of an air observer, on completion of his training at Harlingen, AFB, Waco, Texas.

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Margrace Sets Week Stop-Off

Employees at Margrace Plant of Neisler Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will begin a vacation stop-off next week, William Ford, general manager said Wednesday.

Mr. Ford said the work stoppage would apply only to the Margrace plant. He added that plans have been made to move a quantity of machinery during the week's cessation of operations.

Mr. Ford also reported that this stop-off would be the summer vacation as far as he knew. He said no other vacation plans for the summer have been formulated.

PENLEY'S CHAPEL

Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, former pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, will deliver a special "Father's Day" message at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning at Penley's Chapel Methodist church.

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Miss Joyce Kiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kiser, has accepted a position with Southern Bell Telephone company in Charlotte. She is residing at 1822 Parsons street.

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Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, will return Sunday after serving a two-week tour of duty with the navy reserve at Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla. Mr. McLarty holds the rank of lieutenant commander.

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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
City Parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$190.97, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitchem. He reported that street meters returned \$159.50, while off-street meters brought in \$31.47.

ONE PERMIT
Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit last Thursday to T. F. Bridges to erect a one story house on Church street, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

MOOSE MEETING
Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock at the lodge on Bessemer City road, according to Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

ASSUMES DUTIES
Miss Carolyn Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Robinson of Gastonia, has assumed duties of director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian church. Miss Robinson, a recent graduate of Flora McDonald college, is a member of Gastonia's Olney Presbyterian church.

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School Board To Meet On Monday; Pupil Assignment Job Deferred

The Kings Mountain City School Board will hold its regular meeting for June Monday night at 7 o'clock in the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes.

Supt. Barnes reported Wednesday that a discussion of the budget for the coming school year, as well as a report on vacancies and replacements of vacancies in the city schools will be on the agenda. Other than these two items, Mr. Barnes reported the meeting would be primarily the clearing up of routine business matters.

He said that no concrete plans for pupil assignments had been made, and this would probably be taken up at a later meeting.

Supt. Barnes reported that approximately six vacancies have been announced in the city school system, with two of these having been filled. Among these vacancies will be the principals of East Elementary and Central schools.

Principal Rowell Lane announced his resignation some two weeks ago to enter a Baptist Seminary this fall. Mrs. Irma W. Thompson who served for many years as principal of East School, is retiring.

Two high school teachers, Douglas Swink and Miss Dorothy Lachmund have also announced they would not accept their teaching posts in Kings Mountain next school term. Miss Lachmund plans to do graduate work, while Mr. Swink has accepted a position with New Hanover High School in Wilmington.