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Sixty-Seventh Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Textile Holiday Plans Underline Spotty Business

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$190.29, according to a report by Miss Grace Carpenter of City Clerk's office.

ASSUMES DUTIES

Miss Phyllis Ann Wilson has accepted a position in Charlotte with Esso Standard Oil company.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Franklin Pethel has accepted the position of organist and minister of music at First Presbyterian church, Auburn, N. Y.

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Soil Bank Terms To Be Discussed

Farmers Invited To Shelby Friday To Hear Details

Cleveland County farmers and business leaders can learn about the provisions of the new Soil Bank farm legislation—and how they may benefit from it in the near future—at a meeting beginning at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the American Legion Hall in Shelby.

Ralph Harrill, Cleveland County ASC manager, said officials of his office, the county's agent's office, and others will be on hand to explain details of the program and to answer questions pertaining to it.

It is possible sign-up for immediate payments on cotton, wheat, and tobacco will begin next week, Howard Clapp, county agent, told the Herald. However, he warned that no farmer should do anything until discussing his situation with the ASC officials.

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Stores Will Close Independence Day

Most of Kings Mountain's uptown businesses will be closed all day, Wednesday, July 4.

A few of the businesses, such as restaurants, service stations, and drug stores will remain open.

All city offices, with the exception of the police department, will be closed, as will the post office and employment office.

First National Bank, Home Building & Loan, and Kings Mountain Building & Loan will also be closed.

The Kings Mountain Herald will remain open and will publish next week's paper on its regular schedule.

Pauline Plant Being Cleared

The Pauline plant of Neisler Mills division, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, is being cleared of machinery.

W. M. Ford, general manager of the Neisler division, said the Pauline plant is being cleared to make room for "other machinery."

Of the approximately 130 Jacquard looms at the Pauline plant, 70 are being moved to the Margrace plant. Mr. Ford said the other 60 will be junked.

He estimated the clearing of the Pauline plant and replacement with other equipment will require about three months.

The Margrace plant is now being operated on a five-day per week, three-shift per day schedule, though not at full capacity.

Church To Occupy Old Herald Stand

First Baptist church is readying for occupancy the former Herald building on South Piedmont avenue.

Carpenters were busy Wednesday cutting a door on the North side of the building to join with the church's educational plant, and a member of the church said men of the church will hold a "painting party" Thursday night to redecorate the interior.

Current plans call for utilizing the back portion of the building for the church dining room. The front portion, former editorial offices of the Herald, will be used for the church staff, minister, education director and secretary.

Also being readied for use is the First Baptist Cherokee street property, which was graveled Wednesday for use as a parking lot.

Jack White Boots Home A Winner In Maiden Ride In Party Politics

Jack White, the Kings Mountain Recorder's Court judge, was in good humor this week, as he relished the final returns of last Saturday's second primary in which Basil L. Whitener captured the 11th district Democratic Congressional nomination.

Mr. White was flashing the smile of success—success in his maiden voyage into politics.

Serving as the district campaign manager for the Gaston solicitor, Mr. White spent a busy four-month political season dating from shortly after the Whitener announcement of candidacy.

What won the campaign? Mr. White agrees there were many, many factors and lists the major ones as 1) a good candidate who never stopped working, 2) the large Gaston County vote in the second primary which he ascribes due chiefly to volunteer help, and 3) the good work of the Shelby and Kings Mountain committees, again with plenty of volunteer work.

Mr. White had praise, too, for the Rutherford county results, in which the Whitener second primary margin of defeat was con-

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MANAGED WINNER — Kings Mountain Attorney Jack White, and also judge of city court scored a victory last Saturday in his first active foray into Democratic politics.

He served as district campaign manager of Basil Whitener, the successful candidate for the 11th district Congressional nomination.

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Financial Firms To Pay \$53,392 In Dividends

Kings Mountain's three financial institutions will pay dividends to savers Saturday totaling \$53,392.56, according to reports yesterday from officials of the three firms.

Home Building & Loan association dividends will total \$28,075.51, Secretary-Treasurer A. H. Patterson reported, including \$14,965.96 on full-paid savings shares and another \$13,109.55 on optional savings shares.

Kings Mountain Building & Loan association payments will total \$22,328.05, including \$11,073.91 on full-paid shares, and \$11,254.14 on optional savings, Secretary-Treasurer Ben H. Bridges said.

Both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Bridges said dividend checks would be posted on Friday, in order to be in the hands of shareholders by June 30, the payment date.

First National Bank will credit accounts of its savers with \$2,989, President F. R. Summers reported.

The aggregate of payments for the six-month period shows another increase. Building and loan association payments for the period ending December 31 totaled \$46,403.64, almost \$4,000 less than the \$50,403.56 aggregate payments by the building and loan associations for the current period.

Two Fires Occur At Same Time

Two trucks of Kings Mountain Fire department were called into action almost simultaneously Saturday afternoon to two separate fires.

Around one o'clock, firemen answered a call to the Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries. Approximately fifteen minutes later and while the first truck was still out, a call was answered to a residence at 318 Waterson street to extinguish an oil stove blaze.

J. S. Rotan, superintendent of the Phenix plant, stated Wednesday morning the blaze at the plant, was cotton in the picker room. There was no damage to the machinery or plant, and only slight damage to the cotton as a result of the fire, he said.

Origin of the fire, Mr. Rotan further stated, was an electric spark from some electrical equipment in use by outside contractors who were working in the plant. As of Wednesday morning, no adjustment by insurers had been made, he said.

Last Thursday, firemen extinguished a grass fire on Alexander street.

Brooks Injured In Fall Monday

Aaron Brooks, Kings Mountain painter, was injured seriously Monday afternoon when he fell from a 30-foot scaffold while painting at the Spartanburg, S. C., railway depot.

Mr. Brooks suffered a broken back, a broken right arm, and two broken legs. He is a patient at Spartanburg General hospital.

The accident occurred about 6 p. m. Monday.

Mr. Brooks, who lives here at 125 McGinnis street, is employed by Consolidated Painters, Charlotte.

Employment Office To Move

The Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment Service will move into its new quarters in the Plonk building on Railroad avenue late Friday afternoon.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain office said the employment service would be open for business in its new quarters on Monday morning, July 2.

The Plonk building, owned by the W. L. Plonk Estate, has been completely renovated and redecorated. Two rest rooms have been installed, asphalt tile floor covering installed, a hearing room partitioned, and additional electrical outlets installed. In

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Whitener Defeats Gardner; Township Voters With Loser

Gardner Given 191-Vote Edge In Number 4

Kings Mountain area Democrats stayed with the home-county candidate and cast a losing vote on the aggregate Saturday in the 11th district Congressional run-off primary.

Each of the four precincts of Number 4 Township gave Ralph Webb Gardner, of Shelby, a margin over Basil L. Whitener, the winner. The township total was Gardner 955, Whitener 764. Gardner's township margin was 191.

A total of 1720 votes were cast in the township, compared to 1757 in the first primary May 26. As throughout the district, the total vote was much larger than anticipated.

The county precincts:

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, Gardner, Whitener. Rows: Bethware, E. Kings Mt., Grover, W. Kings Mt.

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Mrs. Cranford acknowledged she had registered 13 persons and had allowed them to vote. She said she and other registrars had been instructed by J. W. Osborne, county elections board chairman, to "use our own discretion." However, she said, since question arose, she would register no more persons.

Under terms of state elections laws, some persons are eligible to register and vote on the day of the second primary. These include persons who have qualified, either by age or period of residence, as citizens during the intervening period. It also applies to servicemen.

Whitener forces raised their voices in complaint when Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church, was allowed to register and vote. Mr. Quakenbush told the registrar he

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Cline Property Bids Increased

Each of the six A. E. Cline Estate properties being sold at public auction were raised at Saturday's re-sale, and of the six, three have subsequently been raised the required five percent to necessitate still another re-sale.

The figures, totaling \$14,405 were reported yesterday by J. R. Davis, trustee who is handling the auction of the Cline properties. Total at the first sale on May 26 was \$13,100.

Saturday's high bids were: For the business building on N. Piedmont avenue occupied by Weaver's Cleaners, Fred Weaver, at \$2840.

For the business building on N. Piedmont avenue occupied by Dilling Heating Company, Mrs. Edith Cline (widow of the late Mr. Cline), at \$2640.

For the five-room house on Carpenter street (Tract 3) A. H. Patterson at \$1790.

For the five-room house on Carpenter street (Tract 4) Grady Yelton at \$1925.

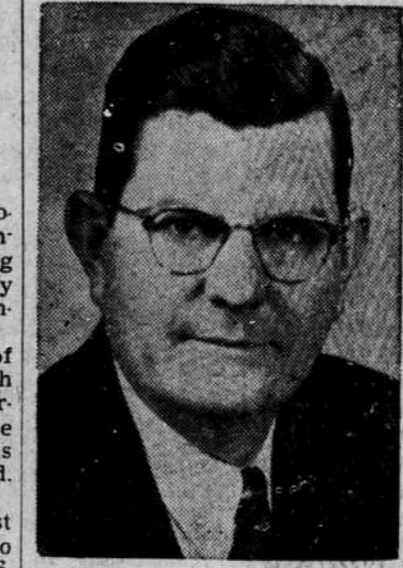
For the duplex at the corner of Carpenter and Parker, F. M. Rippy, who bid \$3700.

For the six-room house on Parker, B. D. Batteree, who bid \$1510.

Warren Reynolds, Mr. Davis said, has already posted five percent increases on the bids of Mr. Patterson and Mr. Yelton for the two Carpenter street houses, while J. E. (Doc) Mauney has upped the bid on the Carpenter street residence by the required five percent.

Deadline for raising the other bids is July 3 (ten days after the sale).

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WINNER — Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia lawyer, won the Democratic nomination for Congress in last Saturday's run-off primary, defeating Ralph Webb Gardner, of Shelby, by 1106 votes.

B. S. Peeler Reported Better

B. S. Peeler, Sr., prominent Kings Mountain lumberman who has been seriously ill in Charlotte Memorial hospital for the past Wednesday afternoon.

His son, Dr. B. S. Peeler, said attending physicians had told him Wednesday morning they had tentatively diagnosed Mr. Peeler's illness as "a light stroke" and, following exhaustive exploratory tests, had virtually ruled out possibilities of a brain tumor or blood clot in the brain area.

Surgery is not anticipated, he added.

His father showed a decided change for the better on Tuesday, Mr. Peeler said.

Also in the Charlotte hospital for major surgery on Tuesday was Mrs. C. W. Drace, of Greer, S. C., Mrs. B. S. Peeler's mother.

Dr. Peeler said his grandmother underwent the operation and was recuperating satisfactorily.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., flew home Saturday from the West Coast where he was attending the convention of Kiwanis International at San Francisco, Calif.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Gastonia Social Security office will be in Kings Mountain at City Hall on Monday and again on July 16 to handle social security business with Kings Mountain area citizens.

It was announced by Joseph Walsh, manager of the Gastonia office. The representative will be at City Hall at 9:30 a. m.

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Big Lithium Finds Employee Roll Lists 70 Percent Mountaineers

A sizeable boost to local business income results from Lithium Corporation of America's operation near Bessemer City, according to Manager Joe McClure.

The company is spending nearly two million dollars a year with local interests to operate its chemical plant and mines, Mr. McClure said.

Largest single cash outlay is for wages to residents of the area who are employed by the company. More than \$750,000 is distributed annually as take home pay to the 200 employees now actively engaged in processing lithium ore.

Mr. McClure pointed out that Kings Mountain is receiving a large portion of the money being paid to workers. He says that 70 percent of the 200 workers have Kings Mountain addresses.

Another half-million dollars a year is being spent with local suppliers and businesses. The rest of the total expenditure is paid out in county and state taxes, haulage costs, special services, and employee benefits.

Other funds spent for imported materials swell the volume of business done by domestic truck and rail lines, he added.

The company has made a policy of employing, wherever possible,

Second Primary Voting Heavy, Campaigning Hot

Basil L. Whitener made up his first primary deficit to Ralph Gardner with plenty of room to spare last Saturday as he won the 11th district Democratic Congressional nomination by 1106 votes, according to the unofficial tabulations.

The totals were: Whitener 22,247; Gardner 21,141.

Normally tantamount to election, the Democratic nomination this year assures election, since the Republican party failed to file a nominee for the November general election.

The close and lately heated contest to succeed Congressman Woodrow W. Jones, retiring at the end of this term, formally ended at 11 a. m. Monday morning, when Gardner wired Whitener his congratulations and a concurrent pledge that he would join the nominee in advancing the interests of the party in November.

The message of congratulations and concession came following a 24-hour period of some doubt as to the final outcome and inferences from Gardner headquarters of possible election irregularities. It wasn't long, of course, until Whitener forces countered with some inferences that any voting irregularities would hardly be limited to their side.

On Sunday, Mr. Gardner had indicated he might ask a recount of ballots cast in several precincts, including three in Gaston and one in Rutherford county. There was also question about what Gardner folk termed an "election lottery" at Cherryville.

Whitener forces had questioned certain voting day registrations in the East Kings Mountain precinct.

Democrats through the district went to bed Saturday night with the vote close and five precincts from Madison county still unreported. But Whitener had a lead which appeared insurmountable on basis of first primary totals from Madison county.

Nominee Whitener continued his record of having never lost a political race. He first ran for the House of Representatives of North Carolina at the age of 25 and won. He won re-election, but then resigned to enter the navy during World War II. After the war he ran for solicitor of the Gaston-Mecklenburg district and is completing his third four-year term in that position.

He is a former state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs.

Whitener replied to Gardner.

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Seven Firms Plan Vacation Pay, Reports Show

Textile plant vacation schedules in and around Kings Mountain indicate that the textile business is still "spotty." But it could be much worse.

Margrace and Pauline plants of Neisler Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will not close at all during the week of July 4. The Margrace plant just completed a one-week work stoppage, during which time a quantity of machinery was moved.

Mauney Mills will close Friday and will remain out of operation the entire week of July 4, a spokesman said Wednesday. He added that a bonus of four percent, equivalent to two weeks' pay, would be paid to all employees having more than five years service, while a two percent bonus will go to employees with less than five years service.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., will close June 30, and will stand until July 16, G. C. Kelly reported. One week of this time, the first week, employees will draw a bonus. They will be eligible to receive unemployment compensation during the second week.

"Lack of orders" was the reason given for the second week's lay-off. A bonus schedule of four and two percent will also be given at Craftspun, depending upon length of service.

Sadie Mills will be closed the entire week of July 4, but a spokesman for this plant declined comment on bonus or unemployment compensation arrangements.

Bonnie Mill will also be closed for one week, with work stopping after Thursday night. This plant will resume July 9. No bonuses will be paid to Bonnie employees, according to a report by a mill official.

Lambeth Rope Corporation employees will be off all of next week, and those employed before January 1 will receive a bonus of a week's pay.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing company will cease operations for two weeks, with their workers receiving bonuses the first week.

Mauney Hosier Mill employees will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, a report from the mill indicated.

This plant has been closed during this week, the report added. No bonuses will be paid.

Carolina Throwing Company employees have also been idle this week, and plans for next week were not available Wednesday. However, no bonuses will be paid, Carl F. Mauney said.

Slater Manufacturing Company will also give its employees the entire week off. But plans do not call for employee bonuses.

Carlton Division of Carlton Mills will also be closed for the week, stopping production after Friday's work shifts. Employees will receive a bonus, according to reports from the mill.

Park Yarn Mills will give its workers full week's vacation, and a two percent bonus will be paid again this year.

Burlington Mills' Phenix plant workers will also be given the week of July 4th off, according to a news release last week by Burlington officials. Bonuses amounting to four percent will be paid to employees with one to five years service with this organization.

Herald Open House Set For July 6

The Kings Mountain Herald will hold open house at its new building on South Piedmont avenue on the evening of July 6.

The public will be invited to inspect the new building and the machinery employed in producing the Herald between the hours of 7 to 9 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

In connection with the open house, the Herald will publish a special section of the July 5 edition devoted to history of the Herald—successor to Kings Mountain newspapers first established in 1889—and including other feature material on publication of the newspaper, the staff, and services of the Herald.

Further information on the event will be announced in next week's edition.