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Local News Bulletins

TO CONVENTION
Martin Harmon, editor of the Herald, and Mrs. Harmon will go to Asheville Thursday to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Press association.

BUILDING PERMITS
Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday, July 2, to Grace Methodist church for the erection of a one story brick building to be used as a fellowship hall. T. D. Yarborough was issued a permit Monday to erect a house on Hillside Drive. Both buildings were estimated at \$12,000 each.

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

DILL TRANSFERRED
Ed Dill, mining engineer at Foote Mineral Company, has been transferred to the same position at Foote's Sunbright, Va., plant. Mr. Dill is to assume his new duties on August 1.

CAKE SALE
Troop 7, Boy Scouts of America will hold a cake sale at the Western Auto Store on South Battleground avenue Saturday morning. Home made cakes will be on sale at this time, with proceeds going to the Troop funds.

SCHOOL OPENING
Compact High School will open for its summer session July 23, at 8 a. m., according to an announcement by L. L. Adams, principal. Mr. Adams is urging that all students be on hand to register during the first day of the session.

CORRECTION
In last week's story concerning the death of Abel Jefferson Huffstickler, The Herald inadvertently omitted the name of Mrs. Ray Cline of Kings Mountain from the list of survivors. Mrs. Cline is a daughter of Mr. Huffstickler and Mr. Huffstickler made his home with her. The Herald is happy to correct this oversight.

COURT OF HONOR
A regular monthly Court of Honor for Scouts and Scouters of the Kings Mountain area has been scheduled for Thursday, July 12, at City Hall. A Scouters Roundtable will also be held during the Court, which is set at 7:45 o'clock.

AT MEETING
Rev. P. D. Patrick and B. M. Ormand will represent First Presbyterian church at a meeting of Synod in session at Florida MacDonald college at Red Springs July 17-18.

Lions Make Gift For Recreation

The Kings Mountain Lions club board of directors voted recently to contribute \$100 to the Kings Mountain Recreation commission to aid payment for equipment already in use.

The Lions directors also voted a \$25 appropriation to the Harold Ross family, which recently lost home and belongings in a fire at Crowder's Mountain.

The club bulletin further reported this week that, during 1955-56, the club's blind work and sight conservation activities included obtaining of 27 eye examinations, purchase of glasses for 13 persons, repairing of radios for blind persons, and presentation of Christmas baskets to 20 blind persons.

Timms' Condition Reported Better

Eugene Timms, Kings Mountain grocer, was reported improved Tuesday night, after he suffered a collapsed lung while on a fishing trip at Charleston, S. C., last Friday. He is a patient at Charleston's Roper General hospital. His father, T. J. Timms, said he was told his son would probably be released from the hospital this weekend.



LOOK OVER OLD HISTORY - Pictured are a group of citizens who attended the Kings Mountain Herald's open house, commemorating completion of the Herald's new building. The group is examining some old newspapers displayed by the Herald which detailed events in Kings Mountain of 1926 and 1931. Left to right are Mrs. Ben Moomaw, Mr. Moomaw, J. E. Koopman, J. T. Nance, and Benjie Moomaw. (Herald photo by Pennington Studio.)

Commendations Given Herald

Newspapermen throughout the state have forwarded messages of congratulations to the Herald on the recent completion of its new building. They follow: W. E. Stauber, Harvey-Masengale Advertising Agency, Durham: "... have just finished reading your edition including the special sections. Let me say that the special sections would do credit to any paper in the state, regardless of size. Many congratulations!" John Harden, vice-president, Burlington Industries, Inc., Greensboro: "I was delighted to see in your July 5 issue that you are in a new and handsome building. My heartiest congratulations and warmest best wishes!" Mr. and Mrs. Jay Huskins, Statesville Daily Record, Statesville: "Congratulations. Now come to see us about September 1, when we hope to be in our new building!" E. L. Rankin, Jr., private secretary to Governor Hodges, Raleigh: "We are delighted to know of your continued progress and success and wish we could be there to extend our best wishes personally..." Holley Mack Bell, associate editor, Greensboro Daily News: "I know you must be very proud to get into your new quarters... Best of Luck!" C. M. Ogle, publisher The Times-News, Hendersonville: "Congratulations on being able to move into a new home, I'm certain it will be the source of much pleasure in addition to enabling you to turn out a better product..." Holt McPherson, editor, High Point Enterprise: "Congratulations on your new home for the Herald..." H. Tom Fulton, president, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association of America, Lewisburg, Tenn.: "I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on the new home of the Herald... Your paper is really outstanding for a city the size of Kings Mountain. I have shown it to several friends of mine who are also in the publishing business."

Herald Open House Attended By 200

Some 200 persons from Kings Mountain and surrounding communities braved continuous rain last Friday night to attend the Kings Mountain Herald's open house and to inspect the Herald's new building. Visiting newspapermen attending the event included Ernest B. Hunter, Assistant publisher of the Charlotte Observer, with Mrs. Hunter and Ernest B. Hunter, Jr., J. W. Atkins, publisher of the Gastonia Gazette, Stewart Atkins, Gazette advertising manager, E. D. Lewis, editor, Les Roark, managing editor, and Paul Arrowood, job printer, all of the Cleveland Times, Shelby, Lee B. Weathers, publisher of the Shelby Star, with Mrs. Weathers, William L. Green, managing editor of the Shelby Star, Ned Smith, assistant publisher of the Star, with Mrs. Smith and their daughter, Cathy Smith, Henry Lee Weathers, of the Star Press, and J. S. Charles, manager of the engraving department, Spartanburg, S. C., Herald-Journal. Members of the Herald staff, with their wives and husbands, served as hosts. Punch and cookies were served by Mrs. I. Ben Goforth, Joyce Owens and Annette Lawrence. Floral arrangements, compliments of Kings Mountain business firms and organizations and neighboring newspapers were placed throughout the editorial offices, composing room, and pressroom. In the editorial offices, displays of old issues of the Kings Mountain Herald and its predecessor papers were displayed, the oldest being a partial copy of The Reformer, under date of August 17, 1899, and published by H. P. Allison. Oldest Herald in the paper's possession was also exhibited, this under date of March 23, 1905. The copy is dog-eared and the editorial masthead, which ordinarily shows the name of the editor, is missing. Other issues exhibited included a July 20, 1911 copy published by J. T. Westmoreland, a 1926 edition of G. G. Page, detailing the lot-drawing at Lake Montona Club, a 1931 edition of B. J. King with an optimistic headline reading "Kings Mountain Not Feeling Depression," the October 7, 1930 sesquicentennial edition, also published by B. J. King, an August 1934 edition published by Gene Matthews, then lessee and veteran Herald mechanical superintendent, and the most recent edition published under date of July 5.

Workman Badly Injured Tuesday

Cliff Reid Wyatt, Gastonia resident, was seriously injured Tuesday while working on the paving-curb project on North Piedmont avenue here. Wyatt was reported to have been mangled in an equipment accident at the work site early Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Paul Nolan said Wednesday that the injured man is in Kings Mountain Hospital, where his condition is described as being "fair." However, he is still on the critical list, Dr. Nolan reported. Wyatt received serious injuries to his left leg, left hip, and back in the accident. Dr. Nolan and Dr. Craig Jones of Shelby are the attending physicians. Eye-witnesses said Wyatt, reportedly just discharged from army duty after 12 years of service, was operating a tractor-type payloador for Neal Hawkins Company, of Gastonia. The Hawkins firm is handling the grading work on the N. Piedmont avenue project.

Jobless Pay Claims Off Slightly During June; Total Was 1902

Kings Mountain area claims for unemployment compensation dropped by a total of 71 during June. The figure for the four-week period was 1902, an average of approximately 475 claims per week. The figures appeared in the June 29 report of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment service, as reported by Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager. Mr. Ware noted a considerable jump (to 500) in work applications on file, due he said to addition of some recent high school graduates seeking fulltime employment, and several Neisler Mills employees who had been "permanently" laid-off. (The lay-off becomes "permanent" for employment service purposes, after a person has been off his regular job for a period of four consecutive weeks.) During the month, the employment office received 67 orders and filled 60 jobs. Commenting on the employment situation here, Mr. Ware said, "It's still a bit spotty but doesn't look too bad. I believe we will have a much truer picture by August 1." Mr. Ware said the change of plans whereby Craftsman Yarns resumed production Monday was quite encouraging, and he added that Slater Brothers, plush makers, had called several laid-off employees back to work this week. He said he was informed yarn orders are still slack at Mauney and Bonnie Mills, but that no further production curtailments have been indicated by officials of these firms. Mr. Ware said the employment office is well-settled in its new quarters on Railroad avenue and he invited the public to inspect the office "at any time."

Kings Mountain Youths Receive Prison Terms

Two teen-age Kings Mountain boys, Jerome Grant and James Edward Woods, were sentenced to two to three years in state prison on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in the current session of Cleveland County Superior Court. Grant and Woods were both on probation for prior scrapes with the law at the time of the breaking and entering offense. They were accused of entering Keeter's Department Store and of taking merchandise from that firm. Both admitted breaking into the store through a skylight, but denied taking anything. In other cases, Charles Ray Kimbrell, charged with public drunkenness, had his case sent back to Kings Mountain Recorder's Court for compliance. Leonard Bennett, who was also charged with public drunkenness, received a 30-day suspended sentence. One case of much interest to citizens of this area was continued until next term of Superior Court. This was the case against Horace G. Tate and Dewey H. Moore, charged with breaking open a safe in the home of C. S. Plunk on March 11 and of taking \$12,700 in cash and two diamond rings from the safe. Both men are currently serving long prison terms for a \$76,000 safe robbery in Smithfield earlier this year.

School Board May Determine Junior-Senior High Question

Education Bills Eliciting Brief Local Reaction

Local reaction of officials concerned with the proposed laws designed to circumvent the Supreme Court's decision ruling segregated schools illegal was brief and non-committal Wednesday. Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes said he'd merely scanned the Charlotte Observer story of Jay Jenkins (appearing in Wednesday's edition) and had not had time to digest the implications of the five bills the special Advisory Committee on Education is asking the General Assembly to approve in a special session to begin July 23. Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, was busy in court and unavailable, but his father said Rep. Falls attended the first briefing session on the five bills in Raleigh last week. B. T. Falls, Sr., further reported his son had indicated he would answer a Charlotte News questionnaire on the subject with a quotation of Dr. W. L. Poteat, to the effect that he made no comments on any matter until he got the facts. Rep. Falls, his father said, is vice-chairman of the House rules committee, as well as a member of the committee on education, and had attended the Raleigh session in connection with both assignments. State Senator Robert Morgan, also of Shelby, was out-of-town Wednesday and was also unavailable. In the past regular session, Senator Morgan customarily supported Governor Hodges' recommendations and, in a speech to the Kings Mountain Lions club several months ago, tended to predict the recommendations which came out of the Advisory Committee on Education with the statement there was a real possibility that North Carolina would go out of the public school business. According to Reporter Jenkins, five proposed bills will provide: 1) Tuition grants or "school allowances," which would vary from county to county, on the basis of previous per capita pupil expenditures. Counties would be asked to continue to contribute funds as they have in the past. 2) "Local option," whereby any of all schools in a district could be closed via vote of citizens in the district on petition to the particular school board. 3) An amendment to the state constitution (which requires a state-wide vote for approval) voiding that portion of the constitution requiring the state to maintain a "free and uniform" public school system. 4) Modification of the present compulsory attendance law in order that a child will not be required to attend an intergraded school. 5) Setting up of machinery for a general election to act on the proposed constitution change. The briefings have been held in secret and Mr. Jenkins reported that Governor Hodges had stated the texts of the bills will not be released until all members of the General Assembly have first seen them.



NEW PASTOR - Rev. Carl Greene, Shelby native, has assumed duties of pastor of East Side Baptist church and he and his family have occupied a residence on York road.

School Trustees In July Session Monday Evening

Kings Mountain's City School Trustees likely will decide Monday night whether Central School will become solely a Junior-Senior high school. At their last meeting, board members were asked to think about taking the elementary grades out of Central and using the plant entirely for grades through 12. Other city school units would be used for grades one through six only. Mr. Barnes added that a number of reports on other items are scheduled to be heard Monday night, and that the board will consider business pertaining to the 1956-57 budget. Other items will include a report on the employment of principals for three vacancies in the city schools. Board Member Fred Plunk and Mr. Barnes traveled to Chapel Hill Tuesday to talk to several prospects for these positions, and it is thought that Mr. Barnes will have recommendations Monday night for filling these positions. Mr. Barnes also announced that Mrs. Margie W. Hall, Central School elementary teacher, has submitted her resignation. This vacancy will be added to a list of others to be filled before the coming school term opens. Reports will also be heard on construction progress of the new North School building, which is scheduled to be completed by August 15. Mr. Barnes said work on the new building is progressing very well, and that the completion deadline should be met without trouble. At the previous meeting, Trustee Fred Plunk made the suggestion that Central School be made a junior-senior high school. However, Supt. Barnes and Trustee J. W. Webster doubted the advisability of making this change for the coming year. Mr. Barnes pointed out that the only way the change could be made would be continued employment of the make-shift classrooms in the auditoriums at East and West Schools. Mr. Webster also indicated that he would like to wait until a South School could be erected to make the change. He pointed out that this would give additional needed classrooms and cut the distance younger students would be required to travel. Chairman A. W. Kincaid supported the Plunk proposal. He said the high school is in great need of offering its students vocational education courses. All of the trustees were in favor of making the change, but some want to hold back due to the lack of classroom space in the other three elementary schools in the city.

Carl Greene Eastside Pastor

Rev. Carl Greene, Shelby native, has assumed duties of pastor of East Side Baptist church, and he and his family have moved to the York road residence formerly occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Don Wilson and family. Mr. Wilson, former pastor of the church, has accepted pastorate of a Baptist church in Lyman, S. C. Before coming to Kings Mountain, Greene served as recreation director of Mill Brook Baptist church near Raleigh. He attended Gardner Webb and Wake Forest colleges and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Mrs. Greene is the former Miss Selma Moore, of Shelby. They have three children, James, age 14; Jean, age 13, and Billy, age 9.

Reaves Conducting Dixon Services

Rev. Henry L. Reaves, of Florence, S. C., is conducting a week's revival series at Dixon Presbyterian church with services nightly at 8:15 p. m. Sunday evening's closing service will be at 8 p. m. Bible School classes for all ages are being conducted each night at 7 p. m. George Nickels, assistant pastor, is serving as interim of the school which had an attendance Monday night of 46. Mr. Reaves, a former pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover and one of the first organizers of the Dixon Sunday School, is pastor of Hopeville and Bethesda Presbyterian churches in Florence. Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor, issued an invitation to the public to attend the services.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday, totaled \$161.11 according to a report by Miss Grace Carpenter of City Clerk's office. Miss Carpenter said street meters returned \$161.63, while off-street meters accounted for \$29.48.

City Has Surplus; Gas Makes Profit

The city will show a surplus of approximately \$10,000 on the basis of 1955-56 operations, City Clerk Gene Mitcham said Wednesday, and will show an operating profit on its natural gas system of about \$26,000. Mr. Mitcham said the figures await official confirmation with receipt of the formal audit report of A. M. Pullen & Company, but said the round figures would be close to correct. The gas system figures include net after all operating expenses and debt service costs for the year. Mr. Mitcham said the city showed surpluses in the cemetery fund, general fund, debt service fund and recreation fund, and a deficit in the capital outlay fund. Income, including receivables, during the year totaled \$545,000, an excess of \$46000 over the initial budget estimate, it was reported.

Gas Cut-Off Policy Outlined

V. L. Beachum, superintendent of the city natural gas department, issued a statement yesterday calling attention to department policy on "off-season" service suspensions, which he added, apply principally to customers using gas for home heating only. Mr. Beachum said the department will suspend service on notification at no charge to the customer. However, the department's "reconnect" charge is two dollars, payable with the next billing for gas. A customer using gas only for heating avoids the monthly minimum charge for residential service of \$1.25 per month when he orders a summer cut-off. Mr. Beachum continued: "All cut-off calls will be handled as they come in during regular working hours of 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a. m. to noon Saturdays. We will handle emergency calls anytime."

County Budget Estimate Listed

Budget estimate for Cleveland County shows the county expects to spend \$2,229,292.67 during fiscal 1956-57, with nearly half this amount for school construction and already in hand from the 1954 school construction bond issue. The budget estimate as adopted by the county board of commissioners is published in today's Herald. It contemplates a tax rate of \$1.28 per \$100 valuation. Citizens of the Kings Mountain school district will pay a \$1.48 rate, including the 20-cents per \$100 special school district tax. Of the \$1,056,000 to be more than half, or \$544,000, will be devoted to schools with \$214,500 to go for current school operation. Continued on Page Eight

Patterson Grove To Lose Teacher Unless Enrollment Gains This Year

Patterson Grove school may become a two-teacher school in the current session. John Rudisill, principal of Bethware and Patterson Grove schools, reported this week action of the Bethware district committee in which the committee has decided that minimum enrollment at Patterson Grove must be 85 by July 25 or one of Patterson Grove school's three teachers will be transferred to Bethware. Mr. Rudisill explained the situation this way: 1) A drop in average daily attendance in the Bethware district last year caused the loss of one teacher. 2) Patterson Grove school had average daily attendance for the 1955-56 school term of only 65. 3) A faculty resignation means that no further changes in faculty will be necessary. Members of the Bethware district school committee are Claude Harmon, chairman, H. A. Goforth, Gene Patterson, Hill Lowery and Stokes Wright. term to avoid transfer of one teacher to Bethware. Mr. Rudisill said it would likely mean also transfer of the Patterson Grove sixth and seventh grades to Bethware. Patterson Grove has been operated as a seven-grade, three-teacher school. The faculty includes Mrs. J. L. Hallman, Mrs. W. W. Souther and Mrs. W. K. Crook. "The feeling of the school committee," Mr. Rudisill said, "is to leave the matter to the patrons of Patterson Grove school. If they want the seven-grade, three-teacher arrangement continued they should enroll their children at Patterson Grove on July 23. The committee itself has no particular feeling in the matter, nor does it intend to attempt to exert influence on the Patterson Grove patrons. It merely wishes to set forth the situation."

Peeler Condition Quite Serious

The condition of B. S. Peeler, Kings Mountain lumberman, continued quite serious, his son, Drace M. Peeler, said early Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Peeler is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital where he is receiving treatment for what was originally diagnosed as a cerebral thrombosis. After he rallied perceptibly early last week, Mr. Peeler's condition worsened Thursday and continued to worsen until Monday of this week, when doctors resumed their explorations to determine further possible cause of his illness. His son said a medical test conducted Wednesday morning again confirmed the original diagnosis that no tumor existed.

Bouligny Finishes Line Installation

R. H. Bouligny & Company, Charlotte electrical construction firm, has completed construction of a three wire 480 primary line from the Duke Power substation to Church street. This line will serve the Loomtex community. Hunter Allen, city electrical superintendent, said his department is busy installing primary and secondary lines in the village and said he anticipated the lines would be ready for cut-over to city service between August 15 and September 1.