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BOOK DONATIONS

Donations of books or gifts of money for books to supply a book cart at Kings Mountain Hospital may be forwarded to Mrs. W. L. Mauney, book fund chairman. The cart was donated to the hospital by W. G. Grantham.

AT HIGH POINT

HIGH POINT.—Kenneth Jenkins of Baird Furniture Co., Inc., of Kings Mountain, N. C., shopped the merchandise at the Summer Southern Furniture Exposition Building, in High Point.

JOINS FORCE

William Roper, Jr., of Kings Mountain has been employed as a city policeman replacing R. G. "Babe" Ware, who resigned the police force to accept a position with the city water works. Mr. Roper is married, and resides at 212 Fairview street with his family.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday, totaled \$187.03, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitchem. Mr. Mitchem said street meters returned \$157.46, while off-street meters accounted for \$29.57.

AUTO BLAZE

Kings Mountain Fire department was called Monday afternoon to Candler street, to extinguish a small automobile blaze. City Fireman C. D. Ware reported the car was owned by Mrs. Jim Dale.

ONE PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Friday to Gantt & Crawford to erect a one story house on Belvedere Circle, at an estimated cost of \$6,500.

MOOSE MEETING

Secretary Curtis Gaffney announced this week members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular Thursday night meeting at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

KIWANIS OUTING

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold the first of its annual summer picnic meetings on Thursday evening, convening at 6:45 at Buffalo Fish Camp on Shelby highway.

TIMMS BETTER

Eugene Timms, Kings Mountain grocer, is recuperating at home after suffering a collapsed lung ten days ago at Charleston, S. C. He returned from a Charleston hospital last weekend and is recuperating satisfactorily.

LEWIS AT WORK

John Lewis, Sterch's credit manager, is back at work after receiving treatment for a stomach ailment at Kings Mountain hospital.

LIONS MEETING

Brenda Ann Sweezy, vocalist and accordionist of Shelby, will perform for members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their meeting Tuesday night. It was announced by Jonas Bridges, program chairman. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

Board To Take Budget Action

The board of city commissioners will meet in special session Thursday night to adopt finally the 1956-57 budget and to set the tax rate.

The actions are expected to be routine.

City Clerk Gene Mitchem said he anticipated the board would make only minor changes in the tentative budget adopted in late June. This budget estimate anticipated the city would receive and expend during the fiscal year approximately \$557,000.

Likewise, said Mr. Mitchem, the tax rate is sure to be set at \$1.70 per \$100 valuation, the same rate prevailing last year. It will include five cents per \$100 valuation for recreation purposes.

Otherwise, the Board has scheduled a hearing on a re-zoning petition on a lot on Walker and Candler streets.

The board will convene at City Hall courtroom at 8 o'clock.

Central To Continue As Elementary-High School

Chasteen Unhurt In Tuesday's Crash-Landing

Jim Chasteen, 21-year-old Bessemer City salesman, had a narrow escape Tuesday when he was forced to crash land his small Taylorcraft plane in an open field about two miles west of Kings Mountain.

Chasteen, who is well known in this area as a vocal soloist, brought his single engine plane, a converted two-passenger military observation ship, down in a rocky, tuff-filled field on the Jake Phifer property.

News of the crash landing brought to the scene some 100 spectators from the surrounding area. The plane was visible in its resting place from the main highway, but spectators found the going rough in trying to reach the downed ship.

Mr. Chasteen was not available for comment following the crash, but was not injured in the landing. He walked to a nearby farmhouse, occupied by Ed Reynolds, and called the Kings Mountain police department.

The young pilot had just taken off from Bridges Airport in Kings Mountain a few minutes prior to his crash landing.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, owner of the airport, speculated that the ship's gas tanks had been filled after standing empty for a period of time, this causing moisture to form in the tanks. This same moisture probably got to the carburetor and caused the engine to fail, Mayor Bridges guessed.

Mr. Chasteen approached the field over a wooded area, and reported following the landing that he first thought he would have to land in the trees but his speed carried him over the field.

The right wing of the plane suffered a broken strut and the landing gear collapsed upon hitting a terrace, but otherwise the plane was not damaged, Mayor Bridges estimated damages at \$100.

Members of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and the N. C. Highway Patrol were at the scene shortly following the accident. Most of the officers were shaking their heads and wondering how the plane could be moved from its rocky resting place.

The downed ship belongs to Mr. Chasteen, who is a student pilot, Mayor Bridges reported Wednesday.

Peeler Reported Brighter Tuesday

The condition of B. S. Peeler, Kings Mountain lumberman, was reported slightly better late Wednesday morning.

However, he remained in what was termed a critical condition at Charlotte Memorial hospital where he has been a patient for the past several weeks.

A son, B. S. Peeler, Jr., said his father was "brighter" Tuesday evening. The physicians declined to affirm the slight change as a definite trend for the better.

Goforth West School Principal; Hambright Named To East Post

Carroll I. Hambright, 36-year-old veteran teacher and athletic coach of Greenville, S. C., will be the principal at East Elementary School for the coming school year.

Mr. Hambright was appointed to the principalship, succeeding Mrs. Irma W. Thomson, who retired at the end of the past year, at a regular meeting of the City School Trustees Monday night.

The new principal is a graduate of Clemson College, and received his MA degree from Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Mr. Hambright has held teaching and coaching positions for the past 13 years. He comes to Kings Mountain from Davidson College where he was assistant football coach last season. He was succeeded on the Davidson staff by Prude Ratterree, a Kings Mountain native.

His previous work as a principal included the principalship of a junior high school in Dalton, Ga. He has also taught and coached in the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County schools.

I. Ben Goforth, Jr., veteran of seven years in the Kings Mountain.

Farris Is Jailed On Arson Charge

Man Accused Of Burning Own Residence

Max Farris, 50-year-old textile employee, was released from city jail on bond of \$1,000 shortly after noon Wednesday, after his arrest the day previously on a charge of arson.

The bond was signed by Harold J. Phillips.

Farris is accused of starting a fire which gutted his McGinnis street residence.

Formal charges were brought against him Tuesday afternoon on a warrant signed by R. H. Dilard, state insurance investigator.

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., stated Wednesday morning Farris was first arrested Saturday morning on a charge of assaulting his wife. He made bond of \$50 Chief Logan said, around 2:25 p. m. Firemen were summoned to the Farris residence around 7 p. m. to extinguish the fire. Around 8 o'clock the same night, Chief Logan further stated, Farris was again arrested on charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Farris was tried in city recorder's court Monday on these charges, found guilty, and released on payment of fines and costs of court.

During this time, Logan further related, an investigation, which stemmed from a remark by a person concerning the origin of the blaze was under way by himself, Fire Chief Pat Tignor, and state insurance investigators. Farris was charged after kerosene soaked rags and burned matches were found in the closet of the gutted residence, Logan stated.

Chief Logan said Farris has not admitted the charge saying he was drunk and couldn't remember how it happened.

The house, which is owned by Gene Roberts, owner of Robert's Cash Grocery, was insured for \$700. Farris, Logan reported, had a \$1000 household insurance policy.

The charge against Farris is scheduled for preliminary hearing in City recorder's court Monday afternoon.

Chief Logan Hits Parking Meter Laxity

Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., says local citizens are becoming lax about putting money in the city parking meters.

Chief Logan says the number of meter violation tickets being distributed by Officer Joe Harmon, who replaced R. G. Ware, as meter officer, has been increasing almost daily.

The chief is urging that all Kings Mountain residents cooperate with the police department in the courtesy ticket system by inserting the proper coins in the parking meters.

Leonard Bennett Services Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. at Grace Methodist church for Leonard Garfield Bennett, 44, of York road, Kings Mountain, who died at the Veteran's Hospital in Columbia, S. C., Sunday following a short illness.

Mr. Bennett was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bennett; three brothers, Theodore Bennett of Kings Mountain, the Rev. J. C. Bennett of Albemarle, and Burton C. Bennett of Gastonia; and five sisters, Mrs. Dewey Allen, Mrs. W. A. Russell and Mrs. J. P. Cobb of Kings Mountain, Mrs. H. R. Godfrey of Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. Woodrow Wise of Mt. Holly.

The Rev. W. C. Slides, Jr., pastor of Grace Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Greene, officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

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Retailer Picnic To Be Wednesday

The annual Employer-Employee picnic, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, will be held at Lake Montonia Wednesday, July 25, according to a Merchants Association report Wednesday.

"Red" Bridges, Shelby barbecue specialist, will supply barbecue for this event. Feeding time will be at 6:30 p. m. however, there will be plenty of other activities prior to the barbecue. Horseshoe pitching, swimming and softball are among the earlier afternoon activities that have been scheduled.

Paul Walker, president of the Merchants Association, says all are invited to take part in the activities.

Bethware School Opening Monday

Bethware school will open for the summer split term, along with several other schools in the county system, on Monday.

Classroom work will open daily at 8 a. m. and suspend at 1 p. m.

The split term system is used in order that children of farmers may be out of school for autumn harvesting.

Principal John Rudisill announced this week the Bethware faculty, which includes only one new member, Mrs. Irene B. Camp, who will teach social studies in the high school.

Members of the elementary school faculty are Mrs. Hal Morris, Mrs. Hugh Ormaad, Mrs. Bryan Hord, and Mrs. J. K. Willis, of Kings Mountain, Miss Kathleen Wray, Mrs. Wray Greene, Mrs. Roy Tiddy, Mrs. Randolph Lowery and Frank Sherrill, all of Shelby and Mrs. Harry Moss, of Earl.

High school faculty members are William A. Powell, Belwood, who will teach science and physical education, Mrs. Irene B. Camp, of Shelby, social studies, Mrs. E. E. Hamrick, Earl, who will teach French and English, Mrs. Norman McGill, Kings Mountain, who will teach home economics and typing, Myers Hambright, Kings Mountain, agriculture teacher, and Principal Rudisill, who will also teach mathematics.

The Patterson Grove school faculty will include Mrs. W. K. Crook, Mrs. W. W. Souther and Mrs. J. L. Hallman.

Mr. Rudisill said the question of transfer of one Patterson Grove teacher to Bethware would be determined by enrollment at Patterson Grove next week. He had previously reported a decision of the school district committee to make the change barring heavier enrollment than Patterson Grove showed last year. He said the minimum would have to be 85 to retain three teachers. Last year Patterson Grove showed average daily attendance of 65. It has been a three-teacher seven-grade school.

H. B. Jackson Will Join Stevens Firm

Howard B. Jackson, former executive of Neisler Mills and its successor, has accepted an executive position with J. P. Stevens Company.

Mr. Jackson will assume his new duties on his return from a trip to Canada.

He said his duties with the Stevens firm, one of the nation's large textile manufacturers, would be identical to the work he did here, both for Neisler and Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

He said the Stevens firms is expanding into the decorative fabrics field, and that his duties would require considerable traveling to Stevens plants. He does not anticipate, he said removing his residence from Kings Mountain in the immediate future.

Mr. Jackson became an employee of Neisler Mills in 1928 and served that firm in various capacities until last December, when it was sold to Massachusetts Plush Company. For several months, Mr. Jackson, as a merchandising manager, was a member of the new owner's management committee. He resumed the merchandising function solely with the employment of General Manager William Ford. He was discharged three weeks ago.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Jackson attended officer candidate school and was separated from the service as a captain after duty in Texas, the Philippines and Japan. He was a charter member and first president of the Kings Mountain Lions club and has been active in civic affairs. He is a member of First Presbyterian church. Recently appointed to the County board of trustees, he said Wednesday he was resigning this position due to his new work.

Mr. Jackson is the son of Mrs. W. T. Jackson. His wife is the former Hazel Ashcraft.

Accident Victims' Rites Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Black, residents of Lakeland, Fla., and former residents of Kings Mountain, were killed last Thursday in a head-on automobile-tractor trailer accident in Folkston, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Black and children, 12 left Kings Mountain some 12 hours before the accident after visiting Mrs. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Black was the son of the late Roland Black and Mrs. Rose Black Correll of Crouse, who survives. Other survivors include two sons, Harold E. and Michael M. Black, both of the home; and four brothers, Charles and Verlin Black, both of Crouse, and Clyde Black of Cherryville.

Mrs. Evelyn Pearson Black, 25, attended Kings Mountain High School and is a former employee of Griffin Drug Company. Survivors, in addition to her parents and sons, include a brother, Larry Dean Pearson; and a sister, Mrs. Jack Moss of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 p. m. from Kings Mountain Church of God. Rev. W. E. Lankford, assisted by the Rev. Yancey Carter and the Rev. Bud Williams, officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Central Methodist Change Service Hour

Central Methodist church will make some time changes in its Sunday Worship schedules beginning Sunday, July 22, the Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor reports.

The morning worship service will be held at 9 a. m. with church school following at 10 a. m. Night schedules show Youth Fellowship Groups at 6:30 p. m. and Union Worship Service at 8 p. m.

This new schedule is expected to be maintained through August or until further notice, Rev. McLarty said.

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. Arnold W. Kincaid, Miss Melba Tindall, and Miss Helen Logan attended the 20th District School of Instruction OES, in Asheville Saturday.

Pharmacy Group Elects Blanton



ELECTED — C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist, has been elected president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association for 1957-58.

Alexander Gets P. O. Credentials

Charles L. Alexander has received credentials showing his appointment as Kings Mountain's postmaster.

Mr. Alexander has received a certificate signed by President Eisenhower and Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield signifying his appointment.

Mr. Alexander was also notified he would be informed the date he would assume his duties by the area postal inspector.

W. T. Weir, acting postmaster, received a similar communication from N. R. Abrams, assistant postmaster general.

Mr. Weir, who said the post-office now operates on a 13-month year of four weeks each, guessed the change-over would occur on July 27th.

Mr. Alexander was confirmed as postmaster by the United States Senate recently, after appointment by President Eisenhower several months ago. He previously had placed third in a civil service examination and later, had received the endorsement of the Number 4 Township Republican executive committee, which includes Wray A. Williams, Grady Howard, and C. P. Goforth.

Mr. Weir became acting postmaster on January 15, 1955. He succeeded the late W. E. Blakeley, who took a disability retirement. Mr. Blakeley was killed in an auto crash, Mr. Weir is a Kings Mountain merchant and coal dealer.

Mr. Alexander is a navy veteran of World War II and is an employee of Elmer Lumber Company.

W. M. Moorhead Said Improving

W. M. Moorhead, veteran Kings Mountain Southern Railway clerk, suffered a mild stroke of paralysis Saturday afternoon as he was returning from a wedding he and his wife attended in Easley, S. C.

His condition Wednesday was described as satisfactory by his physician, Dr. J. E. Anthony. Dr. Anthony said Mr. Moorhead would be confined to his home for several weeks.

Mr. Moorhead's illness did not become apparent until he found himself unable to get out of the rear seat of his car when it reached Greenville, S. C., on the return trip from the wedding.

Mauney Hosiery Hikes Production; Firm Resumes Five-Plus-Day Week

Another phase of Kings Mountain's textile industry blossomed into heavier production schedules this week, as Mauney Hosiery Company resumed a full work week.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., general manager, said his firm is producing this week at "90 percent of capacity" and will continue this schedule. The operating schedule shows half the firm's men's hosiery machines on a five-day week, with the remaining half on a six-day week, Mr. Mauney explained.

Kings Mountain Man Elected NCPA President

C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist and co-owner of Kings Mountain Drug Company, has been elected president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association for 1957-58.

Currently serving as the association's first vice-president, Mr. Blanton will assume the presidency next spring at the association's annual convention.

Other officers-elect are: W. D. Welch, Jr., of Washington, first vice-president; Sam W. McFalls of Greensboro, second vice-president; E. R. Fuller of Salisbury, third vice-president; and J. W. Tyson of Greensboro, currently serving as president of the association, member of the executive committee for a three-year term.

W. J. Smith of Chapel Hill continues as executive secretary of the NCPA and managing-editor of The Carolina Journal of Pharmacy.

Frank W. Dayvault of Lenoir will be recommended by the association for re-commissioning as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy for a five-year term, and Paul B. Bissette, Jr., Windsor; E. C. Daniel, Zebulon; W. B. Gurley, Windsor; and John C. Hood, Sr., Kinston, were elected directors of the N. C. Pharmaceutical Research Foundation.

Results of the mail balloting were tabulated and announced by a board of tellers consisting of David D. Claytor, E. R. Kinard, John A. Ranzenhof and Robert L. Lane, all of Greensboro.

A native of Forest City, Mr. Blanton has been a Kings Mountain citizen for the past 21 years. He was graduated by the University of North Carolina in 1926 and held positions in Lowell and Forest City before coming to Kings Mountain. He is a past president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, an elder of First Presbyterian church, and is a former member of the county hospital board of trustees. Mrs. Blanton is the former Helen Covington, of Wadesboro.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a. m. at First Baptist church for Mrs. Lula Jane Wright, 78, who died at her home, 321 Waco road, Tuesday following an illness of several years.

Mrs. Wright, a native of Georgia, was the widow of the late Julius A. Wright, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawson M. Humphries.

Survivors include five sons, Kervis of Miami, Fla., Beck of Grover, W. W. of Shelby, Robert and Gene Wright, both of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Hill Kiser of Charlotte, Mrs. J. B. Simmons, of Williston, Fla., Mrs. Jack Secrest, Shelby, and Mrs. Paul Linder of Bessemer City; 20 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

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School Opening Date Is Set For September 4

Central School will remain an elementary-high school plant, at least for the coming school year.

The city school trustees decided in a regular meeting Monday night that the time for changing the Central plant entirely to a junior-senior high school was not "ripe."

Trustee J. W. Webster said, "It's a beautiful dream—but it is not ready to materialize." Webster made the motion that the Central plant be operated on the same basis as last term, Trustee J. R. Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion prior to the motion and vote revealed that all of the board members favored making the change, but on the other hand, each felt that due to space problems at the elementary schools the proposed change would have to wait until a later date.

If Central became a junior-senior high school, it would mean that East and West schools would have to use auditorium-classroom space again this term.

Central is scheduled to have one class for grades 1-6, with the exception of the fourth grade, which will probably require two classes. During the last school term, almost all of the first six grades required two classes each. However, the new North Elementary School will alleviate Central's crowded condition.

In other actions, the board:

1) Set September 4 as the opening date for the coming school year.

2) Accepted resignations of Mrs. Margie Whitesides Hall, Mrs. Catherine B. Forrester, Mrs. Inez Steele, and Robert Byers, janitor.

3) Elected Carl McWhirter as high school English teacher, and Mrs. Eugene Mitchem as an elementary teacher.

4) Accepted a bid of \$350 by Hal Plonk for the house located on the West School site, and rejected a bid of \$15 for the house located at East School. The East School building will be used as a field house for the play ground.

5) Authorized Rowell Lane to sign the summer school diplomas as acting principal in the absence of a Central School principal.

6) Authorized the purchase of \$1910 in cafeteria equipment for North School, on bid basis, Dilling & Company, of Goldsboro, received the contract. The board declined to purchase a dish-washing machine for the new building, after hearing Mr. Barnes' report that the machine would cost some \$1200 more than the systems now in use in other city schools.

7) Discussed the re-modeling work now under way at Davidson School, and instructed Mr. Barnes to continue this re-modeling as fast as possible. The renovations include a new concrete floor and repainting of the cafeteria.

8) Authorized Mr. Barnes to hire as much temporary janitorial help as is necessary to prepare schools for opening.

9) Heard a report from Mr. Barnes that Miss June Rogers, Bible teacher, will not be able to begin her duties before September 9. Miss Rogers plans to be married September 1.

10) Authorized Mr. Barnes to make needed repairs to the house located on Thomson property, which was recently purchased by city schools. This action was taken upon request of Tom Gilbert, who is renting this house from the school board.

11) Heard a report from Mr. Barnes that the house on Thomson property is now covered by \$10,000 insurance through The Arthur Hay Agency.

12) Heard report by Mr. Barnes that money invested in local building and loan associations had drawn \$200 in interest payments, and that these payments had been deposited in the school bond account.

Privilege License Sales Are Lagging

Sales of city privilege licenses dragged during the past week. Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said sales totaled only \$177.50 in the week ending Tuesday.

Total sales through Tuesday were \$1755.75, a far cry from the \$6,500 the city thinks it will sell during the fiscal year now beginning.

Business firms are required to buy licenses during July. Penalty of five percent per month applies after July 31.