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School Board Adopts Pupil Assignment Plan

Local News Bulletins

UNION SERVICE Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will speak at Sunday night's union service at 8 o'clock at Central Methodist church.

TO NEW YORK George E. Nickels, who has been serving as summer assistant pastor at First Presbyterian church, left Sunday to attend church conferences in New York subsequent to returning to Columbia Seminary at Decatur, Ga., where he is a rising senior.

MATTHEWS BETTER Eugene Matthews, Herald mechanical superintendent, has returned to work on part-time schedule following ten days recuperation from a slight stroke of paralysis.

THREE FIRES Kings Mountain Fire department answered three calls this week according to Ted Gamble, city fireman. Two grass fires were extinguished, one on W. Gold street Thursday, and the other on Wells street, Saturday. Friday, a call was answered to Casler street, to extinguish a car blaze.

ELECTED Bud Ware, Harris Funeral Home employee, was elected Tuesday night to serve as a volunteer fireman. The number of volunteer firemen now totals 25. Fire Chief Pat Tignor reported.

TWO PERMITS Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday to Gaunt & Crawford to erect a house on Belvedere circle, at an estimated cost of \$7,000. A permit was also issued last Thursday, August 16, to Johnny McGill to build a carport at an estimated cost of \$700.

Hartsell Rites Held Saturday Funeral rites for Mrs. Bessie Wooten Hartsell, widow of Rev. Wallace H. Hartsell, pastor of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church from 1928-31, were held Saturday morning from First Baptist church, Hickory, with interment following in Biglick Baptist church cemetery, Oakboro.

Mrs. Hartsell died last Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. K. Benfield, in Hickory. Born August 31, 1882, she was the daughter of the late Silas E. and Emma Crowell Wooten. She was a native of Mooreville.

Surviving, in addition to her daughter, are a son, Rev. Bruce Hartsell, of Shepherdsville, Ky., one sister, Mrs. C. E. Coggin, of Hamlet, two brothers, W. M. Wooten, of Hamlet, G. L. Wooten, of Kershaw, S. C., and three grandchildren.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. E. F. Sullivan and Rev. Paul Hartsell.

Cooper Pacific Faculty Member Dr. E. C. Cooper will serve as a member of the faculty at Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., during the fall semester.

Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, and a son, Rev. Edgar Cooper, left last weekend for Berkeley, Rev. Edgar Cooper, who has been visiting here with his parents and relatives, will return from California to Pottstown, Pa., where he is a Lutheran minister.

Dr. E. C. Cooper, former president of the Lutheran Seminary at Columbia, S. C., is a veteran Lutheran minister. He was onetime chaplain at state prison and pastor of Lutheran churches in Shelby and Chapel Hill.

School Board Adopts Budget, Names Teachers

The City School Board of Trustees adopted a current expense budget of \$105,183, and a capital outlay budget of \$189,199.35 for the coming school term in its regular meeting Monday night.

Current expenses will include \$39,177.75 for instruction service, which included local teacher supplements and supplies. Another \$18,710.25 is set up for repairs to school buildings, and \$2,500 is set aside for insurance on building and equipment.

Also coming under the current expense budget was \$2,525 for operations of plants and equipment. This includes utilities, janitorial salary supplements and operational supplies. Some \$2,400 of this budget is set aside for social security and retirement fund payments.

The capital outlay budget is primarily broken up into two parts, with \$149,449.35 going for purchase of building sites and new buildings, while \$37,000 is set aside for additional sites for existing plants, alterations, purchase of furniture, heating plants and fees. In addition, \$2,500 of this money is for purchase of new books for school libraries.

In other actions, the board did the following: 1) adopted forms for assignment and reassignment of pupils, which were recommended by the N. C. Attorney General's office.

2) elected Mrs. R. S. Lennon and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Webb to fill vacancies in the city elementary schools.

3) authorized Supt. Barnes to fill other vacancies as soon as qualified applicants can be obtained. (The vacancies include one fourth grade teacher, one Negro teacher, and possibly one teacher who would teach one subject in North West and East schools, giving the principals time off to take care of administrative work.)

4) voted to install gravel walkways and a gravel driveway at the new North School.

5) voted to raise Coach John Gamble's pre-school coaching supplement to \$150 from \$100, and also to raise Gamble's regular supplement to \$50 per month.

6) voted a \$5 per week increase in salary for Miss Gaynell Scruggs, who is a secretary in the high school principal's office.

7) voted to buy a tract of land approximately 70 feet x 161 feet adjoining Central School property from Mrs. Henry Jones for a price of \$4750, providing Mrs. Jones will sell additional property in this same tract desired by the board to straighten the school boundary lines.

8) voted to pay William George a flat fee of \$100 for seven days work performed before his regular salary began.

9) appointed a committee of Supt. Barnes, J. W. Webster, and Fred W. Plonk to supervise the hiring of janitors, the setting of janitor's salaries, and the taking of bids for work in the Central gym and plumbing work at both Central and Davidson Schools.

Retailers Holding Dollar Days Event

Many Firms Are Offering Special Values

Kings Mountain business firms will observe Dollar Days Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Majority of Kings Mountain firms are participating in the trade event and many dollar specials dot their counters and shelves.

A feature of the event will be a prize drawing from trade certificates in denomination of \$5 to \$15. The drawing will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 5 p. m. in the Railroad Avenue parking area across the street from Cooper's, Inc.

Charles Blanton, chairman of the trade promotion committee of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, said he was highly pleased at the advance efforts of Kings Mountain merchants to make the Dollar Days event a successful one for both customer and merchant.

"Much effort has gone into the plans for Kings Mountain Dollar Days," Mr. Blanton said. "The degree of participation is good, both in number of firms participating, and depth of purchases for the three-day Dollar Days sale. Many firms are offering double bargains, both special purchases and back-to-school bargains. It's a good time to shop in Kings Mountain."

Whitener, Nolan Praise Ticket

"It's an easy ticket to campaign for," comments Basil L. Whitener, 11th district Democratic nominee for Congress.

"I think we came out pretty good," interposes Clyde Nolan, of Shelby, one of North Carolina's 72 delegates to the Democratic national convention.

Mr. Whitener was in Kings Mountain Monday afternoon after returning from Chicago, where he combined business and politics, handling a problem for a client and being a spectator at the convention. And Mr. Nolan was commenting on the results of the convention.

Mr. Nolan was "right" with Estes Kefauver for vice-president, voting for the Tennesseean though majority of North Carolina's delegates were for Senator John Kennedy.

Mr. Whitener says he knows Senator Kefauver personally and regards him at a "fine fellow." As to the unpopularity of Mr. Kefauver among his Senate colleagues and the Tennessee Democratic organization leaders, Mr. Whitener guesses "it's because of his liberal views."

"The Southern delegation to Congress is pretty clannish, and when a Southerner adopts views and cast votes opposed to the traditional southern viewpoint, he is in disfavor," Mr. Whitener opines.

Mr. Nolan thought the convention quite successful from the

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Coroner's Jury Clears Gardner In Franks Death

Willie Junior Gardner, 30-year-old Negro, has been cleared of blame in the highway death of William Lloyd Franks on the Lake Montonia road July 28.

Coroner Ollie Harris held an inquest into the death of Franks at city courtroom Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, and a coroner's jury relieved Gardner of all blame for the accident.

Foreman B. T. Wright read the verdict of the jury as follows: "We find that the deceased came to his death as the result of a complete fracture of the skull, and we find no evidence that the driver of the truck, Willie Gardner, was at fault."

Members of the jury were Mr. Wright, Richard Barnett, J. C. Bridges, T. W. Grayson, William (Bill) McGinnis, and Henderson Herndon.

Willie Gardner was the first witness to appear before the jury. The truck driver said he had left Kings Mountain enroute to his home, which is near the scene of the accident, when he saw the car coming straight at him at a high rate of speed as his truck rounded a curve. Gardner said he was traveling about 40 miles-per-hour when the car struck his truck aft of the cab.

Eddie Lee Gardner, 17-year-old brother of the driver, was a passenger in the truck. He substantiated his brother's testimony and added the truck's right wheels were off the pavement when the car hit their vehicle.

Mrs. Ruby Scates, a passenger in the Franks' car, testified that she remembered nothing about the accident or the events leading up to the accident.

She said that she met Franks at a Gastonia mill, where he worked, by a previous appointment about 5:15 a. m. on the day of the accident. They came to the Silver Villa in Kings Mountain, she said, and remained there until around 6:30 a. m.

The couple left the all-night diner to pick up Mrs. Scates' bags, which were at the train station in Gastonia, she added. Mrs. Scates said she remembered nothing following the time they left for the train station.

Coroner Harris reported to the jury that he found Mrs. Scates' bags and six cans of beer in the right front portion of the car, but that he could not determine whether either Mrs. Scates or Mr. Franks had been drinking. He added that he did smell alcohol when Mrs. Scates was removed from the wrecked vehicle.

Patrolman D. W. Spratt, who investigated the accident, was called and told of the location of the two vehicles following the mishap. He had been unable to find any eye-witnesses to the mishap.

The inquest was held before some 50-60 persons in the city courtroom.

Bloodmobile Trip Set September 10

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a visit to Kings Mountain Monday, September 10, according to an announcement by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the local Red Cross chapter.

Mrs. Gamble reported that the mobile unit will be stationed at Kings Mountain Woman's club from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m. Quota for this visit is 125 pints of blood.

Gerberding Quits Recreation Body

Resignation Is "Reluctant," Pastor States



SPEAKER—North Carolina Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, will address the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. Mr. Falls is expected to discuss the Pearsall Plan concerning the public schools which is to be considered by the electorate on September 8. The Lions club convenes at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club.

Jury Awarded Mauney \$3,500

The City of Kings Mountain came out \$3000 ahead in the litigation involving a condemnation action against Paul Mauney, which was heard in Gaston County Superior Court last week.

A board of appraisers appointed by Clerk of Superior Court Paul Monroe, had set a price of \$6,500 for 2.56 acres of land taken from Mr. Mauney by the city via condemnation for construction of a new sewage disposal plant.

However, the city was not ready to accept this figure saying it was "excessive," and filed an exception to the board's figures.

After three days of testimony, including a trip to the site of the sewage plant, the jury awarded Mr. Mauney \$3,500.

Mr. Mauney had contended that the construction of the plant had decreased the value of the other 98 acres in the tract of land.

Attorneys for the City of Kings Mountain were J. R. Davis and Jack White, of Davis and White legal firm of Kings Mountain, and E. R. Warren of Gastonia.

Mr. Mauney was represented by Attorney George Thomason of Kings Mountain and James Mullen of Gastonia.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell of Charlotte was the presiding jurist.

Members of the appraisal board, which returned a figure of \$6,500 for the property, were Hoke Coon, Wray Plonk, and F. J. Noblett.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday that Mr. Mauney had 10 days in which to appeal the court's decision, but that he not been notified of any appeal.

Plan Tentative, Pending Actual Enrollments

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These assignments are tentative, and the board may change them at the opening of school, September 4, in order to equalize school and classroom enrollments.

The plan, as adopted, says, "All children are assigned to the same schools they attended last year or would have attended provided, however, those children having satisfactorily completed the course of instruction of any school are assigned to the next succeeding grade in the school to which they would have been assigned with the following exceptions:

1) All children in grades 1-6 living east of the railroad on Gold street and to the south of Gold street who have been attending Central school are assigned to West school.

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3) All children in grades 1-8 living on the opposite side of the railroad from Central School and north of Childers street who have attended Central School are assigned to North school.

4) All children living on the opposite side of the railroad from East School, grades 1-8, who have been attending East school are assigned to the North School except children living on First and Second streets. These children are to return to East school.

5) All children, grades 1-8, living on Cleveland Avenue and east of this avenue and all children living on York Road and east of York road, who have been attending Central or West Schools, are assigned to East school.

6) All children, grades 1-8, living on Clinton Drive, Hill street, Gillespie street, and Baker street, who have been attending Central school, are assigned to East School.

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This law says "The parent or guardian of any child, or the person standing in loco parentis to any child, who is dissatisfied with the assignment made by a board of education may, within ten (10) days after notification of the assignment, or the last publication thereof, apply in writing to the board of education for the reassignment of the child to a different public school. Application for re-assignment shall be made on forms prescribed by the board of education pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board of education. If the application for reassignment is disapproved, the board of education shall give written notice to the applicant by registered mail, and the applicant may within five (5) days after receipt of such notice apply to the board for a hearing, and shall be entitled to a prompt and fair hearing on the question of re-assignment of such child to a different school. A majority of the board shall be a quorum for the purpose of holding such hearing and passing upon application for reassignment, and the decision of a majority of the members present at the hearing shall be the decision of the board. If, at the hearing, the board shall find that the child is entitled to be reassigned to such school, or if the board shall find that the reassignment of the child to such school will be for the best interests of the child, and will not interfere

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Mr. Alexander and Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir said they had been informed by Postal Inspector Hayes that he would be here Friday afternoon to close Mr. Weir's accounts and to turn the office over to Mr. Alexander.