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Local News Bulletins

MOOSE MEETING
Members of 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 an announcement.

ONE PERMIT
J. W. Webster, building inspector, issued a building permit Wednesday to H. E. Lynch, to erect a house on Blankton st., at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

ARP SERVICE
Boyce Memorial ARP church will resume Sunday evening service schedule Sunday evening, Dr. W. L. Pressly has announced. Vesper services have been held during the past three months at 5 o'clock each Sunday afternoon. The evening service Sunday is at 7:30 p.m.

GIRL SCOUTS
A meeting of Girl Scout officers and leaders in Kings Mountain will be held at Central Methodist church fellowship hall Thursday night at 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Claude Hambricht has announced.

SALE
Intermediate MFY of Central Methodist church will sell hot-dogs, homemade cake, cold drinks, and coffee Saturday from 5 until 7 p. m. at the church.

LICENSE EXAMINERS
North Carolina driving license examiners are in Kings Mountain each Thursday and Friday to take applications for driving licenses, both new and renewal. The examiners are on duty both these days each week at City Hall courtroom.

KIWANIS MEETING
The Rev. J. A. Fitzgerald, pastor of First Methodist and Palm Tree Methodist churches in Lawndale, will be the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night at the Woman's Club. The meeting is scheduled for 6:45 o'clock.

COMMITTEE NAMED
Otis D. Green, Post 155, American Legion, officials have announced the nominating committee to bring nominees for post offices before the membership. The committee consists of John Gladden, chairman, Richard McGinnis and Odus Smith.

HORD NAMED
L. Gilbert Hord, onetime assistant cashier of First National Bank here, has been appointed cashier of the Northwestern Bank, of Hickory, it was announced recently by Wade H. Shuford, vice-president. Mr. Hord joined the Hickory branch February 1, 1956, as assistant cashier. His wife is the former Louise Patterson, of Kings Mountain.

PASSED BY HOUSE
The bill to raise the pay of city commissioners and to grant the commissioners permission to pay the city's mayor up to \$500 per month was passed by the North Carolina House of Representatives on February 23. Sent to the Senate, it was sent to the committee on salaries and fees.

Two Pianists Get Top Awards

Two area high school pianists won top ratings of "superior" in district music contests held last weekend at Salisbury.

Awarded "I" ratings were Joyce Plonk, Kings Mountain high school, and Jerry Patterson, Bethware high school. Both played in the junior high school division.

Playing in the senior high school division piano contests were Jim Plonk, awarded a rating of "II" or "excellent", and Peggy Reynolds, awarded a rating of "III" or "good".

All are pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon.

The school band, directed by Joe Hedden, played at Concord Friday night, and was awarded a rating of "II" or "excellent".

Eight More Candidates Seeking City Hall Positions



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED - John Gladden and Clyde Sanders, members of Post 155, American Legion, were presented life memberships in that organization at the regular post meeting Friday night. Pictured above at presentation ceremonies were (left to right) front row, Joe Swing, District 4 commander, W. D. "Red" Morrison, Post 155 commander, Mr. Gladden and Mr. Sanders; back row, Earl Johnson, Cliffside post commander, Millard Prince, Post 155 adjutant, and D. D. Saunders, Division 27 commander.

Recent Spotty Employment "Leveling Off"

Though claims for unemployment compensation increased slightly during February, Kings Mountain's recent spotty employment situation appears to be "leveling off", Franklin L. Ware, manager of the state employment office here said Wednesday.

At the moment, the employment office lists no "spot points", plants the employment office staff visits to take unemployment compensation claims. One was eliminated last week when Craftsman Yarns, Inc., got back into full production. Craftsman had had extensive machinery changes over the previous two months, changing the location of virtually every piece of machinery.

During the month of February, claims for unemployment compensation totaled 1,840, for an average of 460 per week. At month's end, the job-seekers file totaled 434, including 122 new applicants for employment. During February, the office had 48 job orders, and filled 42 of them.

Ten Are Named For New Board

A ten-man board of directors for Kings Mountain hospital was approved Monday by the county board of commissioners. The directors will be expected to organize a non-profit corporation for the operation of the hospital here, and, in turn to lease the plant from Cleveland County.

The proposal has been talked for several months and has the endorsement of the county board. Plan of operation is for appointment of directors for staggered terms of five years. After the original appointments, the directorship vacancies would be filled by the board itself.

Named by the commissioners (Continued On Page Eight)

Reservations Heavy For Annual Merchants' Banquet Monday Night

A crowd of 200 Kings Mountain retailers and their employees is expected to attend Monday night's annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, association officials reported Wednesday.

Advance reservations for the event - to be held at the Woman's Club Monday night at 7 o'clock - indicate a record crowd. Mrs. Elaine Queen, association secretary said Wednesday.

Deadline for reservations is Saturday. The banquet will feature an entertainment program, with Joe Franklin and his Mimosa Boys furnishing a fare of musical skits. The group performed several weeks ago before the Kings Mountain Lions club. Jonas Bridges will present the Bristol, Tenn. entertainers, who broadcast regularly via radio and television.

Retiring President Paul Walker will preside over the meeting.

Blood Collection Quota Is Topped

Postoffice Plans Drive-Up Box

Drive-up mail service soon will be inaugurated by Kings Mountain postoffice, it was announced yesterday by C. L. Alexander, postmaster.

A motorist courtesy box, the postoffice calls it, will be erected on the curbing in front of the postoffice. Equipment, which had been ordered for several months, arrived this week.

Mr. Alexander said the mail dropped in the courtesy box would be collected prior to each dispatch of out-going mail.

College Day Service Planned

Boyce Memorial ARP church will observe Erskine College Day at Sunday morning worship services, according to an announcement by Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor.

Speaker for the service will be Dr. J. M. Lesesne, president of Erskine college, at Due West, S. C., and an octet from the school who will furnish a program in song.

Musical selections will include "O Sing Unto the Lord", Hassler; "Hear My Prayer, O God", Arcadelt; "Brother James", air, Jacob; "Lamb of God", Christiansen; "Psalm 33", Mueller; "Psalm 148", Lockwood; "Psalm 148", Holsh; "Sanctus", Gounod; "Sanctus", Faure; "Light Divine", Mascagni, and several solos.

The service will be broadcast over Radio Station WKMT.

NO FIRES

C. D. Ware, city fireman, reported that there have been no fire alarms answered by the department this week.

Local Airman Safe After Korean Crash

S. Sgt. Robert J. Forrest, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Forrest of 835 East King street, was a passenger on a C124 Globemaster transport plane that crashed in Korea on February 22.

Sgt. Forrest was not seriously injured in the crash. He was examined in an Army hospital and released. According to his father, Sgt. Forrest is a flying crew member, and was assigned as a crewman to the plane.

The sergeant and his wife and three children live in Japan. He has been in service over six years.

Citizens Donate 166 Pints, 23 Over Request

Kings Mountain area citizens contributed 166 pints of blood to the Red Cross bloodbank at the visit here Monday of the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Goal of the collection was 143 pints, the quota upped by 18 pints to secure blood for stockpiling of serum albumin. The chapter had accepted a 15 percent increase in its quota from Civil Defense which is seeking a quota nationally of 400,000 pints of blood for stockpiling serum albumin.

B. F. Maner, blood program chairman for the local chapter, noted that donors included 38 employees of Foote Minera' company, 24 Lithium Corporation employees, and 31 employees of Mauney Mills. These companies are among plants included in the Red Cross group participation plan and have exceeded their quotas in furnishing blood donors, Mr. Maner added.

List of donors at Monday's bloodmobile visit follow:

Marion W. Johnson, Gene C. Whitworth, Bernice H. Shehan, Oliver B. Armstrong, O. D. Stiles, John O. Vandyske, C. O. Lavender, W. H. Anderson, Pinkney G. Poston, Herbert Stevenson, Margaret S. Moore, Irene H. Hicks, Evelyn Greene, Miss Eva P. Moore, Ray W. Cline, George H. Mauney, Ina Mae Blanton, Bruce W. Thorburn, Alton P. Melton, Paul D. Bell, Donald L. Payne, Laylon L. Rowland, Austell Bettis, Jr., Clyde O. Taylor, Amos B. Roberts, Marvin B. McDaniel, Edward L. Green, Jessie E. Washburn, and John M. Blanton.

Fred T. Green, George L. Recor, Joe S. Wyle, Mrs. Lucille Randall, Mrs. Helen Rose Owens, Robert L. Wilson, Charlie Anderson, Martin L. Wilson, Jr., Jerry I. Savage, Gordon D. Varner, James E. Cox, Stonewall J. Hanon, George E. Franklin, Hood Watterson, Azri J. Jamerson, Wilbur C. Smith, John H. Howell, Sam A. Absher, Russell E. Smith, Herman T. Cash, Haskel L. Boheler, Robert P. Ware, Odus E. Webb, Fred S. Prichard, Sam H. (Continued on Page Eight)

Warren Ellison Is Not Guilty Of Drunk Driving

Warren G. Ellison, member of the city fire department and former city policeman, was cleared of a drunk driving charge in City Recorder's Court Monday afternoon.

Ellison finally entered a guilty plea to a charge of reckless driving and was given four months on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and the costs of court.

Charges of drunk driving were brought against Ellison by Pfc. D. W. Spratt of the State Highway Patrol. He said he observed Ellison driving a car with two wheels on the shoulder of the highway on York road on the night of February 11.

Ellison's attorney, John Mahoney, put a long parade of witnesses on the stand testifying to the defendant's character and reputation. Included among these were Mayor Glee A. Bridges, A. Dewitt Cornwell, and Police Officer Paul Sanders.

Also taking the stand in Ellison's behalf were C. D. "Red" Ware, Ken Davis, Paul Hord, and Police Officer J. D. Barrett.

Ware and Davis were present in the police office when Ellison was brought in. Both testified that he was not drunk and acted "normal".

Officer Barrett booked the defendant, but said on the stand that he did not smell any alcohol, and did not have an opinion as to whether Ellison was drunk or sober.

Ellison had testified earlier that he had drunk three cans of beer from 1:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on the day he was arrested. He said the reason the car wheels were off the pavement, was due to "play in the steering".

Patrolman Spratt testified that he followed Ellison's vehicle to the American Legion hall and talked to the driver for some time there. He added that Ellison told him he had imbibed too much to drive.

Judge Jack White said he did not think evidence had been produced by the state for a drunk driving case, but allowed Solicitor (Continued On Page Eight)

Day Of Prayer Services Friday

Kings Mountain churchwomen will observe World Day of Prayer at a service Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Central Methodist church.

Mrs. W. L. Pressly is program chairman and the public is being invited to attend. Purpose of the observance, Mrs. Pressly noted, is to unite Christians in a bond of prayer and to make an offering for Christian missions at home and abroad. In the United States, the World Day of Prayer service is sponsored by the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen annually sponsor World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and May Fellowship Day.

Rev. J. B. McLarty, Central Methodist pastor, will give the invocation following the singing of the hymn, "Publish Glad Tidings". Miss Ellen Daniel, Mrs. Aubrey Quakenbush, a n.d. Mrs. Fred Ault will render the selection, "Sweet Hour of Prayer", followed by the scripture reading by Mrs. William Herndon and prayer for world peace by Mrs. R. H. Webb.

In the program, a pantomime are Mrs. P. G. Padgett, narrator; Priscilla Padgett, Charles Padgett, Mrs. George Thomasson, Mrs. J. C. McGill, Mrs. Charles Ballard, Mrs. G. W. Hampton, Mrs. Carl Mayes, Mrs. J. A. Houser, Mrs. James Rollins, Tina Houser, Mary Jo Hord, and Paul Rollins.

Mrs. Earl Ledford will offer prayer for World Missions before Mrs. Andy Huffstetler and Boy Scouts from various churches receive the offering. Boy Scouts who will serve as ushers include Jim Rollins, Noel Webster, Mike McKee, Belly Shuford, and Phil Mauney.

The Children's choir of Resurrection Lutheran church, under direction of Rev. Douglas Fritz, and the Carol choir of Boyce Memorial ARP church, under direction of Mrs. Kenneth McGill, will sing the anthems.

Mrs. I. N. McClure will be organist. The benediction will be offered by Rev. W. C. Sides, Grace Methodist pastor.

Three Wards Have Contests; Four Seek Ward 2 Position



ROSS ALEXANDER
Candidates for Ward 1 Commissioner



SAM D. COLLINS
Candidates for Ward 1 Commissioner



A. DEWITTE CORNWELL
Candidates for Ward 2 Commissioner



BOYCE GAULT
Candidates for Ward 2 Commissioner



R. COLEMAN STROUPE
Candidates for Ward 5 Commissioner



REV. S. T. COOKE
Candidates for Ward 5 Commissioner

Eleven Candidates Now In Field; Speculators List Many Prospects

The wave of candidates for city office during the past week put the total of city office - seekers officially filed at 11, produced contests for three of the six city elective positions, and brought further speculation as to what other candidates will offer and what races will result, if any.

No candidates had entered their names for Ward 3 commissioner, or for city school trustee (where two six-year terms are to be filled), and Mayor Glee A. Bridges was still without opposition, as was Ward 4 commissioner, Paul W. Ledford.

One question being asked was: Will Mayor Bridges have opposition?

Though election day is slightly more than two months away, there appeared to be few citizens who might joust with the Mayor. Haj D. Ward was still undecided whether he would make the race, but sounded less like a mayoral candidate than he did a week ago.

In Ward 3, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, veteran incumbent, is expected to seek re-election, but had not yet filed. Names of several possible opponents were being mentioned, but few were evidencing great interest in offering for the position. These included Wilbur (Mutt) Smith and Luther T. Bennett. Other names mentioned in speculation were Otis Falls, Jr., Yates Harbison, and James Gibson.

In Ward 4, Ben H. Bridges, Jr., was still listed as a "sure" candidate and friends said he would likely file within the forthcoming

week. Also expected to offer is Charles (Rocky) Ford, who ran a close third in the four-man first race two years ago.

In Ward 2, where four candidates are already vying for the post being vacated by J. H. Patterson, there was strong likelihood of more candidates to come. Tilman Pearson who ran second to incumbent Patterson two years ago indicated he would file within a few days, and Lloyd E. Davis, onetime commissioner, was also being mentioned as a possible candidate.

In Ward 5, already a three-man race between incumbent W. Gurney Grantham, Rev. S. T. Cooke and R. Coleman Stroupe, there was also a likelihood of more candidates. Former Commissioner Baxter T. Wright was considered a possible candidate, as is Dan Weiss, merchant. It was also possible another Negro candidate would enter the field. Raleigh Brown, Burlington Mill Phenix plant employee, was reported considering filing for the Ward 5 post.

School board politics remained quiet. Mrs. O. P. Lewis, rumored as a possible candidate, told the Herald she would not seek one of the two positions to be filled at the May 14 election. Fred W. Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett, the incumbents with terms expiring, have not made known their intentions. Eugene Roberts, W. J. Fulkerson and W. S. Fulton, Jr., have been mentioned as possible candidates. Mr. Fulton has indicated he won't seek the office.

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Negro Minister Files Candidacy For Ward 5 Spot

Kings Mountain's previously luke-warm spring political campaign waxed warmer during the past week as eight additional candidates posted filing fees for city elective offices.

Included in the eight was the first Negro candidate for a city office in known history in the person of Rev. S. T. Cooke, minister and barber, who seeks the Ward 5 commissioner post. He seeks to oust incumbent W. Gurney Grantham, who had previously filed. Still a third candidate filed for the Ward 5 post, R. Coleman Stroupe, N. Piedmont avenue barber, entered the race Monday. Mr. Stroupe ran for the office in 1955, losing to Mr. Grantham.

Contests also developed for the Ward 1 and Ward 2 commissioner positions.

In Ward 1, Ross Alexander, owner of Alexander's Jewelry, filed for commissioner Monday morning, and Sam D. Collins, the incumbent, filed for re-election on Tuesday morning. Mr. Collins was elected in 1955, owns and operates City Home and Auto Supply.

In Ward 2, four candidates put their hats in the ring for the position being vacated by J. H. Patterson. Filing for Ward 2 commissioner this week were Bryant Wells, Charlotte News circulation representative here and former motion picture projectionist, A. Dewitt Cornwell, owner of Cornwell Grocery, J. C. Clary, owner of C. C. Scrap Iron & Metal Co., and Boyce Gault, partner in Gault Brothers Grocery. Mr. Wells and Mr. Cornwell filed for the commissioner's position on Monday, Mr. Clary on Tuesday and Mr. Gault Wednesday.

There were still no contests for mayor, where Glee A. Bridges seeks re-election, for Ward 4 commissioner, where Paul W. Ledford seeks election to the position he now fills by appointment, and for Ward 3 commissioner, where incumbent T. J. (Tommy) Ellison is expected to seek re-election.

Nor has there been any activity for school district trustee. Terms of Dr. P. G. Padgett and Fred W. Plonk expire this year.

Scout Troop 2 Is Reorganized

Troop 2 Boy Scouts, Kings Mountain, founded in 1924 under sponsorship of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, but inactive for the past few years, has been reorganized. Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, institutional leader of the troop reported this week.

Dr. Mauney said the troop has a full quota of Scouts with 32 members and three full troops.

J. E. Herndon, Jr., is serving as scoutmaster, Charles Ramsey as assistant scoutmaster, T. C. McKee, Otis Falls, Jr., and Carl Swan, Jr., as explore leaders.

Eagle Scouts Mike McKee, Jim Blanton and Phil Mauney are the three patrol leaders.

The church also sponsors a Cub Pack. Mrs. George H. Mauney and Mrs. Ben H. Bridges, Jr., are den mothers and George H. Mauney is den master.

Rabies Clinics Are Continuing

Rabies clinics, begun last week, will be continued this Saturday. Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, Kings Mountain veterinarian, has announced.

This Saturday's schedule follows: 9-9:30 a.m. at Grover school. 9:30 to 10 a.m. at White Service Station on U. S. 29. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Herndon Service Station on U. S. 29. 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Glass Grocery. 11 to 11:30 a.m. at Park Grace school. Being used for the first time this year, for dogs over six months of age, is a new vaccine which gives immunity against (Continued On Page Eight)