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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, Curtis Gaffney, secretary, announced.

CLINIC

Pre-school clinic for children who will enter the first grade at Central School in September will be held April 17 from 9 o'clock a.m. until 12 noon at First Baptist Church.

GRADUATE WORK

Rev. Bob Patterson, of Louisville, Ky., a recent graduate of Baptist Seminary in Louisville is doing graduate work and is assistant to the professor of Old Testament theology there. He is pastor of a church in Owenton, Ky., where he and his wife reside. Rev. Patterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Patterson.

TO ATTEND HEARING

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn and a delegation of Gastonia citizens are planning to attend the Thursday hearing in Raleigh concerning funds for trainable retarded children. The hearing is scheduled for 2 p. m. before the General Assembly's joint appropriations committee.

TOWER READY

A Ground Observer Corps tower, for airplane spotting, has been prepared at the top of City Hall. The cupola of City Hall has been renovated with movable windows and a door has been cut to allow observers to stand on the cupola's ledge. Access is by interior staircase. The GOC is a civil defense unit.

Nine Attended Pay Hearing

A group of nine citizens from Kings Mountain attended a public hearing before the joint appropriations committee in Raleigh Tuesday in support of presentations of the requests of United Forces for Education for higher teacher salaries.

Attending were B. N. Barnes, Lawson Brown, Miss Alice Averitt, Donald Parker, Eugene Roberts, Mrs. Gene Cole, Bright D. Ratterree, Bill Young, and James Houser.

Approximately 2,500 persons from the entire state attended this meeting, Mr. Brown reported Wednesday.

The United Forces' requests followed closely those of the State Board of Education in regard to teacher salary increases. The proposed teacher raise of 19.31 percent received enthusiastic support from the large crowd present.

John Foster, Greensboro businessman, who heads the N. C. School Boards Association, Inc., stated that the people of North Carolina would be willing to bear additional tax burdens in order to put the teacher salary increase program across.

The United Forces for Education is composed of several organizations. They include N. C. School Boards Association, Inc., N. C. Educational Association, N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers, N. C. Grange, N. C. University Women, and the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

O'Shields Resigns Personnel Post

Joe O'Shields, personnel manager of Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company has resigned, effective within the next month, to accept a similar position with another concern, which Mr. O'Shields said he was not yet at liberty to name.

Mr. O'Shields joined Massachusetts Mohair here about a year ago.

William Ford, general manager, was in New York city Wednesday. He had not yet announced a replacement for the personnel position.

Funeral Rites Are Conducted For Mrs. Bird

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rossie Kendrick Bird, 75, for 57 years a citizen of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from First Baptist church.

Mrs. Bird, who had been seriously ill for several weeks, died Monday morning at 6 o'clock at Winston-Salem's Baptist hospital. Death was attributed to a brain tumor.

Born in Waco, Mrs. Bird was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kendrick. She was the widow of William C. Bird, late Southern Railway engineer who died in 1936, and a former saleslady for Plonk Brothers and Company.

Mrs. Bird was a former member of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club and a member of First Baptist church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Harold Crawford, and three grandchildren, Billie Bird Crawford, Harold Crawford, and Margaret Jane Crawford, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Aubrey T. Quakenbush and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were George Moss, Fred W. Plonk, Dan Finger, Yates Harbison, Ed Henry Smith and Dr. D. F. Hord.

Steve Carpenter Best Speller

Steve Carpenter, sixth grade student at East school, was winner of the city schools spelling contest Wednesday afternoon and will represent Kings Mountain schools in the Charlotte Observer's annual spelling contest.

Young Carpenter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rommie Carpenter, of 406 Stone street, and competed with Brenda Ford, eighth grade North school student, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ford; Joan McClure, fifth grade West school student, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McClure; and Donald Champion, eighth grade Central student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Champion.

Miss Alice Averitt, city schools teaching consultant, directed the contest and other teachers who served on the committee included Mrs. Margaret Spratt, of Central school; Miss Ruth Biggers, of North school; Mrs. W. L. Rammeur, of West school; and Mrs. Bill Jonas, of East school.

First National Bank presents medals annually to the winners in the elementary contests.

Accreditation Inspection Set

Kings Mountain hospital will undergo an inspection Tuesday which, officials hope, will result in full accreditation for general hospital status.

Dr. Carl M. Dumbauld, of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals, will make the inspection.

The Joint Commission includes as participants the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, and the Canadian Medical Association.

The inspection will include check of hospital records, organization of the medical staff, a check of facilities, and other matters.

The hospital was granted provisional accreditation some 30 months ago.

ANSTETT TO SPEAK

Dr. R. P. Anstett, civil defense director for Cleveland County, will be the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 6:45 o'clock.

Vote 75 To 42 Against Effort Of Steelworkers

Employees of Lithium Corporation of America's nearby plant defeated bargaining representative in a National Labor Relations Board election last Friday.

The vote was 75 against the union, 42 for the union.

Of 133 eligibles, 131 cast ballots. Ten were challenged by the union representative and four were voided by Miss Mable D. Stewart, NLRB representative who conducted the election. Miss Stewart ruled the intent of the four voters was not clear.

The election was conducted quietly during two voting periods, one in the morning, the second in the afternoon ending at 4 p. m.

The ballot box was opened and the ballots unfolded and separated in the presence of both company and union representatives.

Joe Rhea, of Kings Mountain, served as company observer for the election, and Harold Farnsworth, route 3, Kings Mountain was observer for the Steelworkers.

Hamrick Heads Bethware Club

Newly elected officers of Bethware Progressive Club assumed their duties at Monday night's regular meeting.

Taking over as president was Tom Hamrick, who succeeded Lamar Herndon.

Other officers are Willard Boyles, vice - president; Marion Dixon, second vice - president; Menzell Phifer, treasurer; Hal Morris, assistant treasurer; Stokes Wright, secretary.

Directors include Cameron Ware, Boyd Harrelson, and Frank Hamrick, all with terms expiring in 1958, Jim Yarbrough, Charles Spearman, and A. L. Putnam, all with terms expiring in 1959, and Clay Poston, Mearl Scism and Ted Ledford, all with terms expiring in 1960. Lamar Herndon is an ex officio member of the board.

At a director's meeting Monday night, the board voted to double to \$300 the appropriation it has been making to the Bethware School committee to aid in employment of basketball coaches for the 1957-58 school term.

Hoffman Taking High Point Post

Robert L. Hoffman, Kings Mountain Herald sports editor, has resigned, effective April 6, to accept the position of assistant sports editor of the High Point Daily Enterprise.

Mr. Hoffman joined the Herald in September, 1955, succeeding Charles T. Carpenter, Jr.

He had previously held news writing positions with the Gaston Citizen and Gastonia Gazette.

In addition to serving as sports editor here, Mr. Hoffman has done general news writing and served several advertising accounts. He is currently a director of the Kiwanis club.

Little Theatre Comedy "Late Love" To Be Presented Friday, Saturday

Kings Mountain Little Theatre members will present Rosemary Casey's romantic comedy, "Late Love", at the Woman's Club Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Tickets are available from any member of the Little Theatre or Woman's Club or may be purchased at the door for one dollar for adults and 50 cents for students and children.

Leading roles in the show will be portrayed by Mrs. M. A. Ware, Sr., and Milton Houston as the mother and son, Mrs. Ed Tutor, as the portrait painter, Sam Stallings, Tommy Owens, Mrs. Sam

Week Of Politics Limited To Rumor



PRESIDENT — Bruce Thorburn has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for 1957-58. Mr. Thorburn succeeds Jack White.

Thorburn Named Club President

Bruce Thorburn, public relations director of Lithium Corporation of America, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club as the recently named board of directors met last Friday.

Mr. Thorburn succeeds Jack White.

Other officers elected were Grady Howard, vice - president; Sam Stallings, secretary; and George Thomason, treasurer.

Convening again Tuesday night, the directors announced appointment of the following committees:

Social: Bruce McDaniel and W. S. Fulton, Jr., co-chairmen, Mrs. Bruce McDaniel, Mrs. W. S. Fulton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Peeler, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McDaniel.

House: J. E. Rhea and Ollie Harris, co-chairmen, George H. Houser, J. C. McKinney, Charles A. Neisler, and J. C. Smathers.

Greens: Joe A. Neisler and John Koopman, co-chairmen, Jacob Cooper, G. C. Kelly, Fred Wright, Jr., and Amos Dean.

Membership: George W. Mauney and T. M. Shuford, co-chairmen, and Joe N. McClure, Hunter Neisler, Carl Finger and Martin Harmon.

Ways and Means: George W. Mauney, chairman, George Thomason, Joe A. Neisler, Grady Howard and T. M. Shuford.

Horvath Sells Lowell Plant

NEW YORK — Ernest Horvath, president of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Inc., and Harold Ansin, president of Joan Plush Mills and Joan Fabrics Corp., jointly announced that Joan had purchased the Lowell, Mass., weaving and finishing mill of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co., Inc.

Mr. Horvath announced that Mass. Mohair Plush Co. has transferred 100 looms from Lowell and Salmon Falls to its Southern division at Kings Mountain, North Carolina, where its furniture, drapery, upholstery, etc. operation is now concentrated and in production.

Mass. Mohair will continue to operate its 12,000 - spindle Bradford yarn division at Lowell.

Mr. Ansin stated that Joan will operate its new Lowell Division for the production of industrial fabrics and coating, and that its Lowell operation will be expanded by adding additional equipment which he has recently purchased from Tinguet Mills, Seymour, Conn. In addition to operating its new industrial fabric and coating division, Joan will continue its plants in Woonsocket, R. I., Nasonville, R. I., and Hickory, N. C., as heretofore.

Preservation of jobs for some 600 New England textile workers, and consolidation of its multi-mill spinning and weaving operations were cited by Ernest V. Horvath as among the major considerations in the sale of the company's weaving and finishing mill.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending at noon Wednesday totaled \$179.79. The city clerk reported \$147.97 taken from on-street meters, another \$31.88 from the Cherokee parking lot meters.

No New Filings During Week For City Posts

City politics simmered last week, without any new ingredients in the form of candidates being added to the political pot.

Though the candidate total remained the same, there were still rumors that all the filings are not complete and that others will add their names to the ballot before the April 29 filing deadline and perhaps sooner.

J. Lee Roberts had no comments on the rumor he will enter the mayor's race against Glee A. Bridges, the incumbent, and former mayor Garland E. Still.

Fleeter R. McCurdy, dry cleaner, was still withstanding strong urgings that he oppose veteran Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison for the Ward 3 position on the board. Mr. Ellison is completing his eighth year on the commission and is seeking reelection to a third consecutive term.

A Wednesday rumor that Otis Falls, Jr., might make the race against Mr. Ellison, but Mr. Falls said, "I doubt it".

Also mentioned was David L. Saunders, who served briefly on the board several years ago by appointment, filling a vacancy created when a commissioner moved away from the city.

Principal other rumors concerned Ward 5, where T. W. Grayson, jeweler, was reported considering making it a four - man race. Already in this contest are W. Gurney Grantham, seeking reelection to a third term, Rev. S. T. Cooke and R. Coleman Stroupe.

Numerous political observers were offering the opinion that a "dark horse" would yet enter the race for mayor, but none seemed able to identify him.

School board politics remained quiet, with only two incumbents, Fred Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett, having filed for re-election to six-year terms. For the first time in 20 years, school trustees will be elected at large. The ward system no longer applies to school trustee elections, result of a 1955 act of the General Assembly.

The candidates to date:

For Mayor — Glee A. Bridges and Garland E. Still.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — Sam D. Collins and Ross Alexander.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — J. C. Clary, A. Dewitte Cornwell, Bryant Wells, Boyce Gault, and Tilman Pearson.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — T. J. (Tommy) Ellison.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Paul D. Ledford, Ben H. Bridges, and Charles W. Ford.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — W. Gurney Grantham, R. Coleman Stroupe and Rev. S. T. Cooke.

For School Trustee (two positions open) — Dr. P. G. Padgett and Fred W. Plonk.

State To Widen West King Street

Widening of a portion of West King street, including building of curbing, guttering and sidewalk, will be done by the State Highway Department subsequent to July 1.

June F. Scarborough, 12th division highway commissioner, has notified Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

The construction will be from the present end of sidewalk at the entrance to Kings Mountain Hospital, to the city limits. Both sides of the street will be widened.

The highway department already has sufficient right-of-way for the project.

Jack Stone Resigns As Police Officer

Jack Stone, veteran city policeman, has resigned from the force, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said this week.

Mayor Bridges said Mr. Stone had been suffering from ill health, and that his termination pay included accumulated sick leave and vacation pay.

Mr. Bridges said he understands Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan will recommend appointment of Ellis King as replacement for Officer Stone at the April meeting of the city commissioners.

Mr. Stone is a patient at Kings Mountain hospital.

Suit Against McGill Brothers Set For Monday

A civil suit against two Kings Mountain physicians and a Charlotte physician is scheduled to be heard before Judge J. C. Rudisill Monday in the March - April term of Cleveland County Superior Civil court.

William J. Bailey, 24, is seeking \$150,000 from Dr. John C. McGill, Dr. Kenneth McGill, both of Kings Mountain, and Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Jr., of Charlotte.

He charges in the complaint that he was "wrongfully" committed to the state asylum at Morganton.

Bailey said that he was committed to the hospital on October 18, 1954, and alleges that prior to this time he had been a patient at Kings Mountain Hospital under the care of Dr. John C. McGill.

He said the physician "administered or instructed others to administer large doses of 'pain-killing drugs' which kept him unconscious for long periods of time."

The plaintiff alleges Dr. McGill asked his brother and Dr. Wright to make examination "of the mental condition of the patient." Bailey terms the examinations "hasty and superficial."

Dr. Kenneth McGill, the complaint charges, "wholly neglected and failed to make any mental examination . . . but simply signed and executed the affidavit."

The complaint continues to say that Bailey was taken to Charlotte Memorial Hospital on Oct. 15, 1954, for an examination by Dr. Wright pursuant to an order by the Cleveland County court clerk.

Bailey said he was taken to the hospital in a "drugged and semi-conscious condition." Dr. Wright's examination, the suit alleges, was "so superficial as to be totally inadequate."

Bailey is represented by Parker Wheeler, Charlotte lawyer, and Hugh Wells, Shelby attorney. Defense attorneys include Otis Falls & Falls, John Mahoney and Horace Kennedy, all of Shelby, Carpenter and Webb and Hunter Jones, all of Charlotte.

Rudisill Resigns Bethware Post

John Rudisill, for the past nine years principal of Bethware school in the county system, has resigned that position effective at the end of the current school term.

Mr. Rudisill did not announce his future plans but said he expected to remain in the teaching profession.

A graduate of Lenoir - Rhyne college, Mr. Rudisill attained a Master of Arts degree at Appalachian State Teachers college last summer. He was high school football coach here for one year prior to accepting the Bethware principalship and had previously taught in the Tarboro schools.

Mrs. Rudisill is the former Martha Padgett, of Gastonia, and is clerk - bookkeeper for Sadie Cotton Mills. They have three children, John, Robert, and Martha Rudisill.

Band Members Turn Candy Salesmen

Got a sweet tooth? If so, you can do the Senior Band of Kings Mountain a favor by purchasing a box of candy from a band member.

The band members started their 1957 money - raising campaign in the city Wednesday. This year's project is selling candy. Each band member will be required to sell 15 boxes of candy at 50 cents per box to residents of this area.

The candy comes in a variety of types, including chocolate coconut, and almond, according to an announcement from a band spokesman.

The candy sale will continue through April 3.

Lions Launch Annual Broom Sale, Also Offer Other Household Items

The Kings Mountain Lions club has opened its annual broom sale for the benefit of the blind.

In addition the Lions are also offering for sale two additional items, an ironing board cover (\$2) and a set of dish cloths (\$1).

The brooms, as usual, sell for \$1.50, and are obtainable from all members of the Lions club.

All the products being offered for sale are manufactured at Greensboro Industry for the Blind, an industry manned com-

Assembly Ratifies Local Legislation



PRESIDENT — George W. Mauney, cotton dealer and warehouseman, has been elected president of the newly named Kings Mountain hospital board which will form a non - profit corporation for operation of the hospital under lease from Cleveland County.

Mauney Heads Hospital Board

George W. Mauney, Kings Mountain cotton dealer and warehouseman, has been named president of the recently appointed Kings Mountain hospital board.

Other officers named were W. L. Plonk, vice - president, and Hugh Davis, of Waco, secretary. Mr. Mauney and Mr. Plonk are former county hospital trustees, while Mr. Davis is a present member of the county board.

The officers, plus Holmes Hartry, of Grover, and George Thomason will serve as the board's executive committee, according to the action taken at Monday night's organizational meeting.

The group also passed a motion to make the hospital chief of staff and a member of the county board of commissioners ex officio members of the hospital board.

Present chief of staff is Dr. P. G. Padgett.

Other members of the board, which is to form a non - profit corporation to operate the hospital under lease from Cleveland County, are R. B. Keeter, Grover, George H. Mauney, Charles A. Neisler, Luther T. Bennett, and Lamar Herndon.

Grady Howard, hospital business manager, said the board hoped to obtain its charter and be in position to assume operation of the hospital by July 1.

Sherry Kelly Is Spelling Winner

Sherry Kelly, 11th grade student at Central High School, will receive the First National Bank medal as winner of the 1957 high school spelling contest.

Miss Kelly won the coveted award over contestants from each of the other three high school grades.

Finalists from each of the grades were: Freida McGinnis, 9th grade, Tillie Arrowood, 10th grade, Miss Kelly, 11th grade, and Peggy Joyce Reynolds, 12th grade.

In a spell-off to determine a winner, Miss Kelly won over the other contestants.

ATTENDS MEETING

D. B. Blalock, county ASC committee chairman, attended the state - wide ASC convention in Asheville, the meeting held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at George Vanderbilt Hotel.

The dinner will be climaxed by the cutting of the birthday cake. Members of all civic groups and other citizens have been invited to attend.

"Flat-Top" Haircuts, Shaves To Cost More

Some barber prices will increase in the city effective April 1, according to an announcement by a spokesman for the Associated Master Barbers of Kings Mountain.

This announcement reported that a "flat-top" haircut will cost \$1.25, and shaves will increase to 75 cents.

All other prices will remain the same.

Filing Deadline Advanced; Mayor Can Make \$6,000

Changes in state laws increasing the pay of Kings Mountain's mayor and city commissioners and advancing the filing date for city and school board elective offices were ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly last week.

The bill to up the salary of the city commissioners to \$25 per regular monthly meeting attended and to make it permissible to pay the mayor in the \$50 to \$500 per month range was passed March 19. City commissioners currently receive \$10 per regular monthly meeting attended. The commissioners previously have been permitted to pay the mayor from \$50 to \$300 per month. (Mayor Glee A. Bridges, serving as full - time mayor, is paid \$300 per month.)

The bill to advance the filing deadline compares to the former law that allowed candidates to file for city and school board offices up to five days prior to the election. The new law means that the final day to file for elective office this year will be April 29. The city election will be conducted on May 14.

It is unlikely the mayor's pay will be changed by the board, city officials say, prior to the next fiscal year, due to the fact the funds are unbudgeted. What action will be taken on commissioner's pay (where the new law stipulates \$25 per regular monthly meeting attended) is not known.

The two bills were introduced by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., at the request of the city board of commissioners.

Retailer Groups Named By Dixon

Appointment of standing committees of the Kings Mountain Merchants association has been announced by Charles E. Dixon, president.

Included are:

Trade promotion — Jonas Bridges, chairman, Richard McGinnis and Odus Smith.

Christmas promotion committee — Charles Blanton, chairman, John Warlick and Ross Alexander.

Annual picnic committee — Yates Harbison, chairman, Ed Tutor, Menzell Phifer.

Membership — Gene Timms, chairman, and Paul Walker.

In a bulletin to members