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Mayor To Recommend Referendum On Fluoridation

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Local News Bulletins

TO ATTEND CLINIC
 Dr. D. F. Hord and Dr. R. N. Baker, Kings Mountain dentists, will attend a clinic on Children's Dentistry at Chapel Hill Thursday.

YOUTH CENTER FILM
 A motion picture, "Flight Tomorrow", will be a feature of Saturday night's Youth Center entertainment at Central Methodist church, it was announced by W. F. Young, director. The film will begin at 8 o'clock. The center is open on Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 11 p. m.

MASONIC MEETING
 Regular meeting of Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. 339 will be held at Masonic hall Monday night at 7:30. It was announced by Denver King, secretary.

TO TEXAS
 Reginald A. Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer Murray, reports Saturday to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he reports for a first duty as a second lieutenant.

DIXON SERVICE
 Dixon Presbyterian church will resume Sunday morning church services Sunday at 9 o'clock, with the schedule to continue throughout the summer months. Services have been held for several months at 3 o'clock each Sunday afternoon.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
 West school will hold a musical festival, "The World's Children", Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. The program is under direction of Mrs. Richard McGinnis, city schools music supervisor. The public is invited.

LEGION MEETING
 Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Post building Friday night at 8 o'clock. Principal business to be conducted will be a report of the nominating committee, which includes John Gladden, chairman, Richard McGinnis and Odus Smith.

Tennis Courts May Be Ready By Weekend

The city recreation commission outlined a broad program for the coming season Monday night as Jake Early, recently named city recreation director met with the board for the first time. The director assumed his duties Monday.

Pending arrival of equipment, the first recreation facility will be opened this weekend. Tennis balls, rackets and nets have been ordered, and Mr. Early said he hoped to have the public courts near the Deal street pool open this weekend.

Meantime, the board voted to employ John Gamble, high school football coach, as pool director for the summer at \$55 per week, and announced the pools would open for the summer season on June 1.

In addition, the commissioner voted to offer for sale season tickets for swimming at the following rates: family, \$10; adult \$7; and student (including high schoolers) \$5. Chairman Dean Payne noted the season ticket would be a considerable saving for regular swimmers.

Other plans for the season include:

- 1) Organization of a men's softball league.
- 2) Organization of a women's softball league.
- 3) Organization of a Pony League for young baseball players, ages 12 to 14. The Pony League play will get underway about June 16, Mr. Early said.
- 4) Operation of playgrounds for children, ages 5 to 10, at Central, East, West, and Davidson schools, beginning about June 18, from 9 a. m. to noon. The playgrounds would be supervised by senior high and college students who will be paid for their services.
- 5) Building of shuffleboard courts at the Deal street pool.
- 6) Horseshoe pitching pits in both Davidson and Deal street pool areas.

Mr. Early commented, "If any citizen has any suggestion about expanding the recreation program, let me and the commission know."

And Chairman Payne pointed out, "Our meetings are always open to the public. We meet on first Mondays at 7:30 at City Hall, and we cordially invite any interested to attend and to offer suggestions for improving the city recreation program."

Attending Monday night's meeting were Chairman Payne, Director Early, Charles E. Dixon, Fleete McCurdy, and Secretary Gene Mitcham.



WINS AWARD — Paul Hendricks, Jr., high school freshman, entered a winning exhibit in the Science fair conducted in Salisbury Saturday. Students from 14 counties competed in the show.

Hendricks Gets Science Award

Paul Hendricks, Jr., Central school ninth grader, won a first place award for a physical science fair in Salisbury Saturday.

Students from 14 counties entered projects in the fair. The Kings Mountain student's winning project, entered in the Junior division of the fair, was an exhibition including working models on the uses of magnets. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Stowe, Grayson Save Fisherman

L. P. (Skimp) Stowe and T. W. Grayson, Kings Mountain businessmen, witnessed the death of a 21-year-old Negro and rescued his employer on March 27.

The Kings Mountain men, Mr. Stowe reports, were fishing in the backwater of the Wateree river between Liberty Hill and Camden, S. C., when they noticed a small boat capsized about a quarter mile distant.

The local fisherman cranked their motor and rushed to the scene and picked up the floundering fisherman. The Negro had disappeared in the muddy water. The Camden life-saving crew was summoned, began dragging operations, and recovered the body of the drowning victim about 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Stowe said that the other boat was equipped with life preservers but that the preservers were trapped under the capsized boat. In the excitement, the Kings Mountain men failed to learn the name of the man they fished from the water.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$177.66, including \$149.79 from on-street meters and \$27.87 from Cherokee parking lot meters, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

Anstett Blasts Herald Editor For Editorial

"Usually newspaper editors are brilliant people, but it looks as though your local paper goofed on this one," Dr. R. P. Anstett told the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night.

Dr. Anstett, Cleveland County civil defense director, was referring to a recent editorial in the Herald, which inferred criticism of a portion of the city's purchase of radio equipment for combined city-civil defense duty.

The Herald's editorial of March 21 entitled "Where Our Money Goes" charged flagrant waste by the United States defense establishment in declaring surplus expensive equipment. For example, the City of Monroe, it was reported by Mayor Glee A. Bridges, had obtained a minimum of \$25,000 in equipment (from typewriters to bulldozers) for only \$675 under the civil defense program.

The editorial did not criticize all of the radio equipment purchase, merely the extra base station, which some city officials have acknowledged, will not be used to great extent.

The director pointed out that a communications system is one of the most important factors in a successful civil defense program. He said, "The local newspaper carried an editorial blasting the city for purchasing radio equipment for use in this program. I do not understand this stand at all."

"If you know what to do you'll live — if you don't know what to do, you'll die," he warned.

"Survival in case of an enemy attack will depend entirely upon you, and your civil defense volunteer workers," he added.

Dr. Anstett told Kiwanians and guests that Cleveland County is in the midst of a critical area. He said the county has seven primary, number one targets surrounding it. He named these targets as Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Oak Ridge, Aiken, S. C., and one Virginia target.

He cited the need of an active ground observer program here, and explained how radar was sometimes ineffective in picking up low-flying planes.

The county director also heaped praise upon Harold Hunnicutt, Kings Mountain's deputy civil defense director, for the role he had played in getting the city to purchase radio equipment, and for his aid in setting in a "ham" operated, emergency communications system.

Dr. Anstett was introduced by Mr. Hunnicutt, President Harold Coggins presided.

Baity To Assume Herald Sports Job

David Baity, high school senior, will take over the Herald sports editorship effective Monday.

He will succeed Robert L. Hoffman, who has resigned to become assistant sports editor of the High Point Daily Enterprise.

Baity will graduate from Kings Mountain high school in June and will handle his duties on a part-time basis until his graduation. He has been associated with the Herald in a part-time capacity for the past two years.

He is president of the high school's National Honor Society, a member of the Key Club, copy editor and reporter of the Mountaineer, high school newspaper, and was editor-in-chief of Milestones, the school annual. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Baity, Sr.

Park Obelisk To Be Renovated

Bids are being invited this week for cleaning, re-painting and waterproofing the 87-foot obelisk at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, said bids will be opened at the park on April 23 at 11 a. m., and added he hoped work on the monument would be started within 30 days. He said the specifications require completion of the work within 10 weeks of acceptance of bids.

The obelisk is hollow, except for a 200-foot copper tube which is in the center and is imbedded in the ground.

Luther Bennett Enters Race For Ward 3 Commission Post

All City Hall Positions Now Are Contested

T. Luther Bennett paid his filing fee for city commissioner from Ward 3 Wednesday morning, which has the effect of renewing the 1955 contest for this position on the city board.

Mr. Bennett, employee of Burlington Industries' Phenix plant and also an insurance salesman, will oppose T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, the incumbent, who seeks re-election to a third consecutive term and a fifth term on the board.

Mr. Bennett's candidacy also means that all of the six elective city hall positions are now contested.

In 1955, Mr. Bennett ran second to Commissioner Ellison in a three-way contest. The count was: Ellison 937; Bennett 587; and Ralph Carrigan 185.

After filing, Mr. Bennett made the following statement:

"I am filing for city commissioner for the City of Kings Mountain solely in the interest of better government. I have no political affiliations with any group or persons. If elected, I will do my very best to keep an open mind on all issues and will vote on same according to my own convictions, keeping in mind that we want honest City Government that represents all of the people and not any special segment."

Both Mr. Ellison, an East Kings Mountain grocer, and Mr. Bennett are members of Grace Methodist church.

Otherwise, politicking of the week was limited to personal work by the several candidates which now number 19.

One potential development which would have effected the city commission race failed to occur, when the county board of commissioners named Blanch Williams as a deputy sheriff replacing Buford Cline. C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler, Number 4 Township

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CANDIDATE — T. Luther Bennett filed notice of candidacy Wednesday for Ward 3 commissioner. He opposes the incumbent, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison.

Presbyterial To Meet Here

Women's Missionary Society of Boyce Memorial ARP church will be host Tuesday to the forty-ninth annual meeting of First Presbyterian, which will convene at 10 a. m. for the morning session.

Mrs. Kenneth Raymer, of Troutman, will preside, and Mrs. N. F. McGill will be organist.

Major portion of the morning session will be devoted to reports, including those of officers, and cause secretaries.

Scheduled to make reports are Mrs. W. L. Pressly, Kings Mountain vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Hood, Troutman, recording secretary; Mrs. Banks Brown, Huntersville, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Lemmond, Charlotte, statistician; Mrs. Fred Harris, Charlotte, treasurer; Mrs. Mac Sample, Mooresville, historian; and Mrs. Kenneth Raymer, president.

Other reports will be given by Mrs. Forrest Sherrill, Stone Point, on junior-intermediate work; Mrs. Bill Burgess, Huntersville, on home missions; Mrs. W. T. Spencer, Gastonia, on literature and Christian Education; Mrs. J. E. Smith, Jr., Salisbury, on temperance; Mrs. W. L. Mundhenke, Statesville, on Dunlap orphanage; Mrs. C. R. Morrison, Scotts, on foreign missions; Mrs. Fleet Yandle, Charlotte, on the Lord's Prayer; Standing committee reports will be received and Mrs. Joe Moss, York, S. C., will speak concerning Bon Clarken, the church's summer assembly grounds. Dr. J. M. Lesesne, president of Erskine college, will discuss the work of the college, and nominations will be received for officers in the organization. Newly elected officers will be installed by Dr. P. G. Padgett, Kings Mountain physician.

Committee on arranging the program included Mrs. W. L. Pressly, Mrs. Forrest Sherrill and Mrs. George Lemmond.

C. P. Goforth Funeral Rites Are Conducted

Funeral services for Clarence Price Goforth, 83, retired rural mail carrier, were conducted Monday afternoon from First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Goforth, who died at his home at 7:05 Sunday morning, had been in declining health for the past several years. His death however, was not expected.

Mr. Goforth was for 31 years a rural mail carrier of the Kings Mountain postoffice. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and was a past president of the North Carolina Rural Mail Carriers association. He was a former member of the Lions club, and was for many years financial secretary of the local Woodmen of the World camp. He was several elections registrar in Ward 4. A member of First Presbyterian church, he was a former superintendent of the church Sunday school.

A son of Beattie and Adeline Ormand Goforth, Mr. Goforth was twice married, first to Laura Whitesides Goforth, who died in 1916.

In 1919, he was married to the former Mrs. Lizzie Hambricht Pruett, who survives. Also surviving are a son, P. C. Goforth, Kings Mountain, a daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Jenkins, Sr., of Shelby, and a step-daughter, Mrs. W. L. Coley, of Red Springs. Six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

The rites were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, assisted by Rev. E. M. Smith, pastor of Dover Mill Baptist church, of Shelby. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bryan Hord, Hall Goforth, Harry Page, Halbert Webb, C. D. Blanton, and J. W. Webster.

Members of the Men's Bible class of First Presbyterian church were honorary pallbearers.

Lonzo & Oscar Here Next Week

Lonzo and Oscar, stars of the Grand Ole Opry originating over WSM Nashville, Tenn., will be in Kings Mountain in person at the Dixie Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday nights in a Hillbilly Jamboree sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The Lonzo and Oscar show is an all-star act featuring three other entertainers, all of whom are individual performers, as well as members of the hillbilly band.

The show has been a Grand Ole Opry feature for the past eight years and has been presented on television shows of both Kate Smith and Ed Sullivan.

Tickets for the show are now on sale by members of the Lions club. Adult tickets cost \$1, and students under 12 will be admitted for 50 cents.

Jonas Bridges, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said doors will open at 7 o'clock both evenings. The entertainment will begin at 8 p. m. each evening.

Voters Would Register Choice At May Election

Mayor Glee A. Bridges would recommend to the board of commissioners Thursday that the city conduct a referendum on the May 14 election on the question of fluoridating the city's water supply.

The board will convene at 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon at City Hall courtroom, the meeting having been advanced from 8 o'clock to allow the city commissioners to attend the NEA centennial birthday party at North school.

Mayor Bridges listed the fluoridation recommendation on his advance agenda for the regular April session.

Fluoridation of the city's water supply was advanced originally this year by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and has the endorsement of the city's medical and dental staffs, the Junior Woman's club and other groups.

Some individuals are opposing the proposal. Proponents say fluoridating the water supply would be beneficial to children's teeth, preventing cavities. Opponents say fluoridation is harmful to older persons, a contention denied by the proponents.

Mayor Bridges added he anticipated his recommendation would be accepted by the board.

The Mayor said the agenda for Thursday afternoon's session is otherwise light. He said he expects Hunter Neisler to appear before the commission in behalf of Jacob S. Mauney Public Library.

He will also ask the board for action on the request of J. D. Lynn for a license as plumbing repairman. The matter was tabled at last month's session.

The mayor said the projected joint session of the school board of trustees, the recreation commission and the city commission to discuss operation of City Stadium had been cancelled, also due to the NEA banquet which is scheduled to begin at 7 p. m.

School Groups Named By Board

The Cleveland County School Board re-elected J. H. Grigg to a two-year term as county school superintendent, and appointed district committeemen at a regular meeting Monday afternoon.

The following committeemen were named for school committees in this area:

Grover — Frank Royster, G. R. Rountree, M. H. Camp, Stough Wright, and Broadus Matthews. All these committeemen were reappointed.

Bethware — Charles Spearman, Harold Herndon Stokes Wright, Hill Lowery, and Eugene Patterson. Mr. Spearman and Mr. Herndon were named to the board for first terms. They succeeded H. A. Goforth and C. D. Harmon, both of whom were rotated off the committee after six years' service. Under the present system, no committeeman can serve more than six years in consecutive terms.

Park Grace — Harold Cloninger, R. B. Wright, and James W. Cloninger. Harold Cloninger is a new committeeman, succeeding J. H. Medlin.

Compact — Roy Bell, Luther Jamison, Lonnie Whisenant, Is.rael Goode, and Andrew H. Brown. Mr. Bell and Mr. Jamison are new members succeeding J. M. McCree and Wesley Williams. The committeemen were appointed for two-year terms.

Something "Fishy" About This Crash

Bees, bugs, sneezes, and eye trouble have caused many an automobile accident, but Saturday afternoon a goldfish was said to have been responsible for an auto accident at the intersection of Battleground avenue and Gold street.

The report follows: Miss Billie Gail Welch, of 208 Sims street, attempted to make a right turn into Battleground avenue. A bowl of goldfish, which had been placed on the seat beside Miss Welch, overturned. A goldfish landed under her skirt. Miss Welch released the steering wheel, causing her 1955 Chevrolet to strike a parked 1953 Ford. The Ford was owned by Roscoe Green. The accident occurred about 5:30, police reported.

Property damages were estimated at \$200.

Moose Election To Be Thursday

Annual election of officers of Moose Lodge 1748 will be held Thursday, it was announced by Horace Brown, governor.

The voting will be conducted from noon to 8:30 p. m., and the regular Thursday night meeting of the lodge will not be held.

Following are the nominees:

For governor — Kenneth E. (Red) Morrison and Clyde Gardner.

For junior governor — T. W. Grayson, Louis B. Omand, Willie Grace and George Newton.

For prelate — Thomas Meacham, J. M. Queen, Dennis Goforth, and J. D. Huss.

For trustee (one year) — Warren Harmon, Neill Hullecker, James G. Parrish, Wilbur Tucker and I. H. Falls.

For trustee (three-year term) — Thomas Bearden, Manley Forrester, Earl Sarvis and Arthur Cornwell.

For treasurer — Ross Alexander, Gaither Ledbetter and John Lackey.

Judge Rudisill Non-Suits Charge Against Kings Mountain Doctors

A \$150,000 civil suit against Drs. John C. and Kenneth McGill of Kings Mountain, and Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Jr., of Charlotte came to a sudden conclusion Monday afternoon in Cleveland County Superior Court's March-April session.

The suit was dismissed upon motion of defense attorneys by the presiding jurist, Judge J. C. Rudisill.

Defense attorneys made the motion that the suit be dismissed on grounds of a demurrer to the complaint of the plaintiff. This means that the attorneys were saying that the complaint upon which the action was based did not contain legal cause for action.

Judge Rudisill sustained the motion, and thereby agreed with the attorneys for the defense.

The action had been brought against the three physicians by William J. Bailey of Kings Mountain. Mr. Bailey charged that the three doctors had "wrongfully" committed him to the state asylum in October, 1955.

Bailey, through his attorneys, Hugh Wells of Shelby, and Parker Wheedon of Charlotte, entered notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Defense attorneys were Falls & Falls, John Mahoney, and Horace Kennedy, all of Shelby, Carpenter and Webb and Hunter Jones, all of Charlotte.

NCEA Birthday Party Thursday To Celebrate Education Advances

Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education association will hold a Centennial Birthday party Thursday night at North school the party celebrating 100 years of progress in North Carolina education and the 100th anniversary of the organization of North Carolina Teachers association.

The 1857 organization is the predecessor to today's North Carolina Education association.

Theme of the Thursday night dinner meeting, which will be attended by school board members, teachers, and laymen interested in the schools, will be "A Century of Progress Through Education."

An historical drama will depict the history of Kings Mountain education during the past three-quarters of a century.

The first teacher association was organized at Warrenton in July 1857 and regular meetings were held until the Civil War forced abandonment of the organization in 1862. It was 1878 before reorganization was accomplished and membership was limited to student body members of the University of North Carolina summer school. In 1884, Teachers Chautauqua was organized on a statewide basis. The teachers group became the North Carolina Education association in 1916.

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