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PRICE FIVE CENTS



PRINCIPALS IN CONVENTION — Pictured are Mrs. C. Gordon Maddrey, of Ahsokie, vice-president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Governor Luther H. Hodges, and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, of Kings Mountain, federation president, who were present in High Point last weekend for the annual State convention of Women's Clubs. Governor Hodges was principal

speaker for the banquet which featured his address on "Governments Do Not Preserve Themselves." The convention accepted the governor's invitation to appoint representatives to the State Travel Council on Highway Beautification and also established an annual \$1,000 scholarship to the Greater University for worthy North Carolina girls.

Bethware To Vote On "Split Term"

City To Hold Fluoridation Referendum

The city board of commissioners voted unanimously last Thursday to conduct a referendum on the question of fluoridating the city's water supply.

The board acted on the recommendation of Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

The voting will be conducted at the biennial city election on May 14.

In another action, the board voted to investigate possibility of upping the city's annual appropriation to the city-owned Mauney Memorial Library operating fund by \$300. A five-member delegation visited the board and made the request. Mrs. W.L. Mauney was spokesman for the group, which also included Mrs. Hunter Neisler, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mrs. John Cheshire, Jr., and Mrs. Tolly Shuford.

Mrs. Mauney outlined the need of the library for new books and said the library's operating funds currently do not permit sufficient purchase to satisfy reader demand. The Mayor suggested that the group request similar aid from the county commission. The city, in the current fiscal year, appropriated \$900 for the library.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Employed Ellis King as a city policeman, replacing Jack Stone. The appointment is effective April 15.
- 2) Tabled acceptance of a deed from B. D. Ratterree for extension of N. Goforth st. The deed would have conveyed a 40-foot strip. The board seeks 50 feet.
- 3) Tabled for checking a request by Fred W. Plonk for relief on paving costs of Hawthorne Road in Crescent Hill. Mr. Plonk contended his realty firm had borne cost of some of the grading work on Hawthorne.
- 4) Authorized advertisement of bids for curb and gutter construction on one block of N. Goforth street.
- 5) Named J. R. Davis trustee of the city for deposit of \$20,000 in water and power deposits in the city's two savings and loan associations.
- 6) On request of Virgil Self, voted to call a hearing on Mr. Self's petition for re-zoning of a 50-ft. lot on Gillespie street from residential zone to neighborhood trading area. The hearing is to be held May 2.

Patrolmen Are Not Assigned Arrest Quota, Says Lambert

Patrol Official "Knows Nothing" Of Such System

Major David Lambert of the North Carolina Highway Patrol and patrol publicist Bill Crowell visited the Herald Tuesday to protest a recent Herald editorial in which allegations were inferred that patrolmen are operating under an arrest quota system.

Major Lambert said such a policy is not the policy of the patrol as he knew it, nor that of Ed Scheidt, the ex-FBI investigator now North Carolina Motor Vehicles commissioner.

Major Lambert quoted Mr. Scheidt's "repeated" instructions as follows: "You shall make an arrest when the infraction is a clear-cut and substantial violation of the motor vehicle laws and shall not make an arrest when the violation is not clear-cut, is trivial or borderline."

The Herald editorial was based on statements by a former highway patrolman who said he had been "called on the carpet" twice for failure to make sufficient arrests in particular months. The editorial criticized Mr. Scheidt's policies as perhaps being suitable for the malefactors sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but not for the average motorist, who is a law-abiding citizen.

The editorial also referred to a Rowan county patrol dismissal which, the Herald thought, had arrest quota overtones. Major Lambert denied that this was true, said the case involved sideline activities of the patrolman.

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District Patrons To Vote April 17; Rules Listed

Bethware school district patrons will vote next Wednesday afternoon on the question of abandoning the so-called "split" term, which has long been in vogue at Bethware and majority of other county schools.

Also voting on the question the same day will be patrons of Lattimore and Number 3 schools in the county system. On recent petition, Boiling Springs school will vote on the question in May.

The voting will be conducted from 1 to 6 p. m. April 17 at both Bethware and Patterson Grove schools.

Rules of voting procedure adopted by the county board of school commissioners provide that patrons will be allowed one vote per student, grades one through 11. Seniors will not provide their parents a vote. Either parent may cast the votes for all children in the family.

The result shall be determined on basis of majority of the votes cast.

Currently, Bethware and other county schools hold a six-week summer session, then suspend sessions during the autumn harvest season.

Some three years ago Bethware patrons soundly defeated a proposal to eliminate the split term schedule.

Prospects, some Bethware patrons report, are that the split term will be voted out at next Wednesday's election. These patrons say numerous patrons have changed their position on the issue, with the cut in cotton acreage and advent of soil banking having eliminated one of the major reasons for using the split term.

Park Grace school here, a county grammar school, has always adopted a schedule coinciding with the city system. Grover school, also in the county system, has operated a straight term for several years after a vote by patrons.

Man Caught After Chase

Three charges are scheduled to be heard in City Recorder's court Monday afternoon against a Reidsville automobile driver who led police on a 100-mile-per-hour chase Monday afternoon.

Reckless driving and speeding 75-miles-per-hour were placed against Amos Turner Burton, 32, by Kings Mountain Police Department when the chase finally ended Monday afternoon on West Franklin avenue, Gastonia. A third charge, assault with a deadly weapon, was also placed against Burton by State Highway Patrolman B. R. Lyerly.

Burton was given an active sentence Wednesday morning in a Gastonia court on charges of assault with a deadly weapon (the car), hit-and-run driving, reckless driving, and speeding, which grew out of the same incident.

The 100-mile-per-hour chase began Monday afternoon when State Patrolman Lyerly spotted Burton speeding on Kings Mountain highway. Patrolman Lyerly chased the car into Kings Mountain, down East King street, and finally into Carpenter street, which was blocked by a closed gate. Lyerly stated he left his car to make the arrest and Burton threatened him with a monkey wrench. The patrolman stated he re-entered his car to ask for help. Burton re-entered his car, and headed back north on Carpenter street.

Meanwhile, City Policeman Paul Saunders said, he and Policeman Tom Gladden were cruising on East King street, noticed the commotion and realized Burton was trying to escape. The city officers blocked the Carpenter street entrance. As Burton, Officer Sanders stated, approached the roadblock, he veered his car to the right, cutting across the lawn of L. P. Stowe's residence, and back into East King street.

Officers Sanders and Gladden, and Patrolman Lyerly as well as other troopers, Gaston county, and Gastonia officers joined the chase.



NAMED PRINCIPAL — Joe C. Hedden, Kings Mountain band director, has been elected principal of Piedmont high school in Lowndale. He assumes his new duties in July.

Hedden Named To Piedmont Post

Joe C. Hedden, city schools band director, has resigned to become principal of Piedmont high school in Lowndale. The Hedden family expects to move to Lowndale in July.

A native of Sylva, Mr. Hedden came to Kings Mountain 11 years ago. He was graduated from Western Carolina college, receiving his master's degree from George Peabody college at Nashville, Tenn. He served as a lieutenant in World War II.

Mr. Hedden is a member and a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a former Kiwanian, and a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge. He is a former Sunday School superintendent of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mrs. Hedden is the former Miss Frances Crouse, of Kings Mountain. They have two sons.

Roscoe Billings, Piedmont school principal, plans to enter private business.

Mining Firm Being Formed

A new Kings Mountain corporation, to be known as Archdale Mines, Inc., is being formed, it was announced this week by C. E. Neisler.

Mr. Neisler said Tom Miller, Charlotte attorney, is currently drawing the necessary legal papers for forming the corporation which will explore for mica on the Neisler-owned Archdale Farm properties.

Mr. Neisler said the incorporators will be I. M. Allen, C. T. Bennett and J. A. Neisler.

Joyce Plonk, Styers Win

Carl Styers, East school sixth grader, and Joyce Plonk, Central school eighth grader, won annual grammar grade declaiming and reading contests Wednesday.

Styers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Styers, declaimed "I Speak for Democracy" by Elizabeth Evans, and thereby won the annual Neisler Declamation medal awarded by Mrs. C. E. Neisler.

Miss Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal S. Plonk, read the humorous reading, "Trimming Her Husband", to win the Baker Reading medal given annually by Dr. L. P. Baker.

Other school representatives in the declaiming contest were Kenneth Barnes, Central, Lynn Cheshire, West, and James Laughter, North.

Other school representatives in the reading contest were Sara Hendricks, West, Linda Bennett, East, and Sue Hunicutt, North. Judges were B. F. Maner, J. E. Houston and Ben H. Bridges.

Senior Class To Give Play

Kings Mountain high school seniors will present the three-act comedy, "Papa Says No," at the school auditorium Thursday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert Whitener is directing the production which includes a large cast of seniors.

Three performances of the play by Felicia Metcalfe will be given by the students, the first show to be held Thursday (this afternoon) and two night performances, Thursday and Friday.

Admission is 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults and tickets may be purchased from any senior class member or at the door.

Roles in the comedy will be portrayed by Ray Horne, who has the part of Alonzo K. Page, dictatorial business man; Ellen Baker as Janet Page; Jim Heavner as the fiance of Janet Page; Jeanne Plonk as Luella Watts; Jane Yarbrough, as Mrs. Helen Carter; John McGinnis as, Pete Carter; David Baily as Bill Sykes, desk clerk at the Florida hotel where action of the show takes place; Charles Bridges as the bellhop; Pat Brooks as the elevator operator; Joyce Early and Mary Ann Beam as the waitresses; Jane Osborne as Mrs. Hawkins; Billie Gail Welch as Genevieve Hawkins, and Hoyle Burton as the detective.

Proceeds will be used by the group to purchase the class gift for the school.

Lutherans Set Holy Week Services

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe Holy Week, with full schedule of services beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

C Of C Group Holds Session

Directors of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Inc., met at the office of President Carl H. Swan Monday night, discussed industrial expansion prospects, and named a finance committee.

The group also laid plans for continuation of a drive for charter members and voted to defer for 90 days employment of a paid manager for the organization.

Specifically discussed were indications by a garment manufacturing firm that it is interested in locating in Kings Mountain, provided an 18,000 square foot building can be erected on a lease-purchase arrangement.

The board instructed President Swan to arrange an appointment and he and several members of the board are to visit the firm and discuss further the needs of the company and what the city may be able to provide.

Mr. Swan also reported inquiries he had received from two companies manufacturing trailers.

Named to the finance committee, of which W. K. Mauney had been previously named chairman, were J. C. Smathers, Ed Goter, J. N. McClure, C. T. Bennett, B. S. Neill and Jack Cross.

Dr. L. T. Anderson agreed to continue in the capacity of acting secretary until permanent arrangements are made.

Former Resident Dies In Spartanburg

Arthur Lee Solesby, 65, former Kings Mountain resident and father of Mrs. Howard Sander, of Kings Mountain, died Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 at his home in Spartanburg, S. C.

Funeral arrangements were in complete Wednesday, pending arrival of a son from California. Other survivors include a son.

Postal Service May Be Trimmed

Alexander Gets Paring Orders Effective 13th

Unless Congress succumbs to the service-paring threats of Postmaster General Summerfield, or vice versa, Kings Mountain citizens will find themselves making do with much restricted mail service effective Saturday morning.

The Postmaster General has used the service-paring threat to pressure Congress into appropriating \$47 millions to operate the postoffice through the remainder of the fiscal year. Mr. Summerfield claims the present fiscal year appropriation is insufficient to continue the same services and has notified Charles Alexander and other postoffices throughout the nation to make these changes effective Saturday: 1) to close on Saturdays (the present postoffice schedule here is 8 a. m. to noon), and 2) to suspend all Saturday city and rural carrier deliveries with the exception of special delivery messenger service.

Effective next Monday, the Postmaster General has ordered, the postoffice here will operate on an eight and one-half-hour day, opening at 8:30 a. m. and closing the windows at 5 p. m. Currently the daily schedule is 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Two changes are to become effective April 29: 1) suspension of money order service; and 2) suspension of third class mail service, with the exception of medical items.

Postmaster Alexander said Saturday activities at Kings Mountain postoffice, if the order sticks, will be limited to collection of mail posted in the outgoing mail deposit boxes and the dispatch of one outgoing mail shipment.

List Of Candidates Is Unchanged; Barrett Two-Day Mayor Candidate

City politics showed evidence of the influences of spring weather this week, as candidates moved about more briskly in efforts to corral votes for the May 14 election.

There were no new candidates at presstime Wednesday though there had been one briefly.

On Saturday, Charlie Barrett paid his \$5 filing fee and entered the race for mayor. On Monday, Mr. Barrett returned to City Hall and officially withdrew from the hustings. City Clerk Gene Mitcham said Mr. Barrett remarked, "I filed just for one." Mr. Mitcham also noted it is against city policy to refund filing fees. The two-day candidacy cost Mr. Barrett \$5.

Another rumor getting credence in some circles was that Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, already filed for a fifth



ELECTED — K. E. (Red) Morrison was elected governor of Kings Mountain Lodge 1748, Loyal Order of the Moose, at annual election of officers last week.

Moose Elect K. E. Morrison

Kenneth E. (Red) Morrison was elected governor of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 at the annual election of officers held last Thursday at the Lodge on Bessemer City road.

The voting was conducted from noon to 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Morrison succeeds Horace Brown. Both are residents of Kings Mountain.

Other officers elected were junior governor, George Newton, of Bessemer City, re-elected for a second term; prelate, J. M. Queen, of Bessemer City, succeeding Clyde Gardner, Bessemer City; trustee (one year) Warren Harmon, of Bessemer City, succeed.

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Local News Bulletins

WEST P-TA
West school P-TA will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock p. m. in the school auditorium. Pupils of Miss Marjorie Hord's first grade will present the program.

P-TA MEETING
East school P-TA will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, April 16, at 3:30 p. m. in the school auditorium, according to announcement by P-TA officials.

BARBECUE
There will be a barbecue and bazaar at El Bethel clubhouse Saturday from 11 o'clock a. m. until 9 p. m. sponsored by El Bethel Methodist church. Delivery service may be obtained by telephoning 4443.

ON DEAN'S LIST
William H. Koufi and Alvin J. Secret, both of Shelby, were among 179 UNC students on the dean's list for the fall semester, according to the registrar. Secret is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Simmons of Kings Mountain.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Members of the city board of school trustees are scheduled to meet in regular monthly session Monday night at 7 o'clock at the office of the superintendent at Central school.

NO JAYCEE MEETING
Regular Tuesday night meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will not be held. President J. T. McGinnis said the meeting has been cancelled due to the fact the Jaycees will attend en masse the April 18 district meeting at Mt. Holly.

OFFICERS ELECTED
Congregational officers of Boyce Memorial ARP church were elected last Sunday. They include: Bryant Wells, chairman of the congregation, Mrs. Norman McGill, secretary, and W. S. Fulton, Jr., treasurer.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$191.95, including \$159 from on-street meters and \$32.95 from Cherokee parking lot meters, according to report of Gene Mitcham, city clerk.

COURT OF HONOR
Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:45. A Cub Leader's training course will be convened at the same hour at Central Methodist church.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY
Rev. W. L. Pressly, Oscar McCarter and Don Crawford represented Boyce Memorial ARP church at Tuesday's meeting of the First ARP Presbytery at Plaza Hills church, Charlotte.