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Citizens To Vote Tuesday In Biennial Election

City Water-Sewer Authority Bill Being Quashed By Falls

Falls Changes Mind On City Line-Building

Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., decided last weekend to withdraw a bill he introduced in the General Assembly to permit cities to build water and sewer lines up to ten miles outside their boundaries.

Mr. Falls stated his decision was made after a review of the bill in light of its basic concept.

He acknowledged agreement with some critics of the bill who contended that cities themselves should not provide water and sewer services for non-taxpayers when little or no revenue could accrue to the cities.

Majority of cities sell water at rates which do not return a profit. Sewer service also is dead weight expense, paid for usually exclusively from tax monies.

The bill Mr. Falls is withdrawing was originally introduced as a hedge against the possibility of defeat of the proposed county-wide \$415,000 bond issue which would provide water and sewer service for a multi-million dollar plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, likely to be built near Shelby.

Though local in intent, the bill was state-wide in effect. Mr. Falls had said "exception" bills have rough sledding if legally tested before the Supreme Court.

"I have decided to stop that bill," Rep. Falls told the Herald.

Rep. Falls had previously introduced the legislation to allow counties to construct water and sewer lines, a new concept of governmental function for North Carolina and described as a partial answer to the free-tax policy for new industries offered by South Carolina, Mississippi, and some other states as lures for new payrolls.

The county water-system bill is being tested for legality before the Supreme Court in a "friendly" suit by A. W. (Beck) Archer, of Shelby.

Recreation Group Needs Play Tools

Kings Mountain Recreation commission needs playground equipment for the summer season.

Jake Early, recreation director, issued an appeal to parents of children who have outgrown swings and other outdoor equipment to make the equipment available for use of the recreation commission.

"We need it," Mr. Early commented. Persons having equipment available they're willing to donate should contact Mr. Early.

C. D. Blanton Becomes President Of Pharmaceutical Association

C. D. Blanton, partner in Kings Mountain Drug Company, was installed as president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association in Charlotte Tuesday, as the association closed its 27th annual convention.

Mr. Blanton, elected to the position last year, had been serving as the association's first vice-president. He succeeded Jesse W. Tyson, of Greensboro.

Other new officers are W. D. Welch, Jr., of Washington, N. C., first vice-president; Sam W. McFalls of Greensboro, second vice-president; and Edwin R. Fuller of Salisbury, third vice-president.

W. J. Smith of Chapel Hill was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Officers for the Traveling Men's Auxiliary were also installed at the business session today.

They are R. C. Nesmith of Raleigh, president; Reuben Russell of Charlotte, vice-president; Floyd Goodrich of Durham, secretary-treasurer.

Welch, reporting for a committee that had surveyed operating hours, told the group that drug stores in North Carolina are working.

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Seamstresses Asked To Register



COMMANDER — Ray Cline has been elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion. He will succeed W. D. Morrison.

Cline Elected To Legion Post

Ray Cline was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, last Thursday night, as the full nominating committee slate was elected. He will succeed W. D. Morrison, completing a second one-year term.

Mr. Cline took a first ballot majority vote over two opponents, Dean Payne and Carl Weisener.

Other officers elected were: Ross Alexander, first vice-commander; W. D. Morrison, second vice-commander; Millard A. Prince, adjutant; James Bennett, finance officer; Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., historian; Lawrence Ramsey, sergeant-at-arms; Bryant Wells, assistant sergeant-at-arms; and F. R. McCurdy, Richard McGinnis, Wilburn Smith, Sam Collins and James Alexander, members of the executive committee.

Prior to the election reports were heard from James Bennett, finance officer, W. L. Plonk, athletic officer, and Grady Howard, who outlined a report from a congressional committee on the closing of Moore General hospital.

Patterson Gets Master's Degree

Rev. Bob Patterson, Kings Mountain native, recently received his master of arts degree from Baylor University in Baylor, Texas.

Mr. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Patterson of Kings Mountain, was graduated from Baylor University and Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he is a graduate student. He is married to the former Miss Barbara Baum, of Florida, and is pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist church in Owenton, Ky.

Lions To Convene In Zone Session

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will join other Lions of Zones 1 and 2 for a joint meeting next Tuesday night at Brackett's Cedar Park, near Polkville.

Kings Mountain Lions are to leave en masse from Kings Mountain Drug Company at 6:45. The stag event is to get underway at 7 o'clock. Lions from Grover, Shelby, Boiling Springs and other clubs in the two zones are to attend the session.

ESC To Assist In Labor Survey Friday Morning

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment Service, will register experienced seamstresses available for work in or near Kings Mountain at City Hall courtroom Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon.

Plans for the survey — designed to obtain factual information for a garment industry which may locate here — were announced this week by Dan Weiss, vice-president, and Fleete McCurdy, director, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Information desired will be: name, address, previous experience in sewing.

The Chamber of Commerce has been informed by officials of the industry which may come to Kings Mountain that it will require a minimum of 40 experienced seamstresses and that determining this number is available and willing to accept employment is a key factor in bringing the new industry to Kings Mountain.

The survey will be conducted by Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the Employment Service, with Messrs. Weiss and McCurdy assisting.

"Anyone who has had experience as a seamstress and who is available for work should register Friday morning," Mr. Weiss said. "The Chamber of Commerce wants to bring this industry to Kings Mountain. Officials have indicated they would employ here from 80 to 100 persons on opening of the Kings Mountain plant, perhaps more later."

Mr. Weiss said he had received numerous telephone calls concerning last week's announcement about the survey of seamstresses, added the opinion Kings Mountain will have no difficulty supplying qualified seamstresses for the proposed new company.

"But it's very important all register," Mr. Weiss added.

The cutting and sewing firm has told Chamber of Commerce officials it wants an 18,000 square foot building, completely air-conditioned, has examined possible sites here. It would take a lease or purchase option on the building.

Board Likely To Reimburse Mass. Mohair

Cleveland County board of commissioners indicated Monday they would reimburse Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company for expenses incurred in installing a water line.

The commissioners received statements on the installation totaling \$15,187.48 as presented by J. E. Amos, controller, and W. K. Lee, plant engineer.

The eight-inch line connects with the city line at the city plant and serves the Margrace plant.

The commissioners indicated they would pay the bill, if revenue permitted (as they anticipate) and when the funds are received. Comm. Hazel Bumgardner said he thought the funds might be available in August.

The Kings Mountain firm's representatives were told the city would expect to assume ownership of the water line, to allow tap-ons by other outside city citizens, when the reimbursement is made.

The commissioners also heard Lowery Austell, president of Shelby Hospital, Inc., and George W. Mauney, president of Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., ask that funds to the extent of 65 to 7 cents per \$100 valuation be appropriated to the county poor fund to provide payment for county hospital charity patients. The board deferred action for further statistical information.

Lithium Sales Set New Record

Special to the Herald

MINNEAPOLIS, May 8 — Stockholders of Lithium Corporation of America in annual session here today were told by President Herbert W. Rogers that the company's first quarter unaudited sales totaled \$3,830,000, a new quarterly record, and that estimated earnings of \$239,644 after provision for taxes is the second largest quarterly earnings in the company's history.

Lithium Corporation showed net earnings of \$865,920 in 1956. Total capital assets at the end of 1956 were \$11,010,082.

Stockholders had increased to approximately 7,000 at the end of the year, as compared to about 4,200 at the end of the previous year.

Mr. Rogers stated that in the opinion of the Board of Directors, annual stock dividends were preferable to semi-annual stock dividends and hence that action on the annual stock dividend would be deferred until later in the year.

The following were re-elected as directors of the company for the coming year: DeWalt H. Anthony, Joseph Bloom, Fremont F. Clarke, George C. Crosby, Lester M. Dean, Willis W. Osborne, George Rieveschl, Jr., Herbert W. Rogers, and Samuel H. Rogers.

At the directors' meeting following, all officers of the company were re-elected.

Citizens Also To Determine Water Fluoridation Question

Fluoride Issue To Be Settled At Ballot Box

Kings Mountain voters will determine next Tuesday whether they want sodium fluoride as an additive to the city water supply.

In addition to electing people to fill offices, the voters will check an "X" on a special ballot by one of two statements:

- 1 I am in favor of fluoridating the water supply.
- 2 I am not in favor of fluoridating the water supply.

Initially a project of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, the fluoridation of the city water supply has the endorsement of the Kings Mountain hospital medical staff, the Junior Woman's club and other groups.

No group here has actively opposed the fluoridation proposal. Proponents of fluoridation contend that fluoridating the city water supply to the extent of one part per million gallons will have a beneficial effect on children, preventing cavities in "baby teeth," and thereby assuring better permanent teeth for the community's future population.

Fluoridation opponents contend that the long-term effects of fluoridation is bad, that over-doses of fluoridation will cause malformation of bone structure and that continued use of fluoridated water will be damaging to arthritis and rheumatics.

In addition, fluoridation has been opposed on grounds it is mass medication and for various and sundry other reasons.

While the Tuesday referendum would not necessarily prove binding, it is anticipated that the administration elected Tuesday will abide by the decision of the electorate.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Hughes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Betty Childers Hughes, 25, who died at Kings Mountain hospital at 6:45 Monday morning, were held at Gamble Hill Baptist church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hughes, wife of Erwin Hughes, had been seriously ill the previous week and in ill health for the past three months. A Kings Mountain native, she was a daughter of John Emmett and Ethel Farris Childers.

Mrs. Hughes was an employee of Reserve Life Insurance Company in Charlotte and was a member of the Gamble Hill Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband, her parents, and four sisters, Mrs. William Bumgardner, Mrs. John Caldwell, Mrs. Glenn Spearman, and Miss Joyce Childers, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Earl Oxford, Rev. P. D. Patrick, and Rev. A. C. Martin. Interment was in Oakview Baptist church cemetery.

Jaycees Hear Newcombe At Fete, Officers Installed For New Year

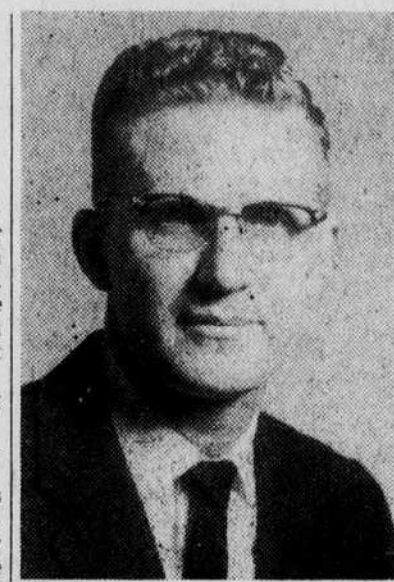
Installation of officers and an address by Allan Newcombe, WBTV Charlotte announcer and entertainer, highlighted the annual ladies' night banquet Tuesday of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Delbert Dixon was installed as president of the civic club, succeeding J. T. McGinnis, Jr., by Jack Sharpe, of Kannapolis, Jaycee national director and candidate for the office of State Jaycee president.

Other officers include Charles Dixon, first vice-president; Bob Maner, second vice-president; Rudy Frazier, secretary; William Herndon, treasurer, and Raymond Goforth, joybird. Directors are Robert H. Goforth, Eugene Mitchell, Charles Blanton, Bill Eldon, Fred Weaver, and Jim Lybrand. The outgoing president will serve as state director.

Mr. Newcombe kept his audience laughing with wit and humor in an address full of philosophy on a program he titled

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WITHDRAWING — Bryant Wells announced this week he was withdrawing as a candidate for Ward 2 commissioner.

Wells Withdraws In Ward 2 Race

Bryant Wells announced Tuesday he was withdrawing from the five-man contest for Ward 2 commissioner.

Mr. Wells purchased advertising space to report his withdrawal, for which he gave no reason. Officially, Mr. Wells was still a candidate late Wednesday afternoon, as he had not presented a note to the city clerk to leave his name off next Tuesday's city election ballot. Should Mr. Wells fail to make his withdrawal official, his name will appear on the Tuesday ballot.

Mr. Wells' withdrawal announcement would leave the Ward 2 contest, most crowded of the six for City Hall elective positions, with four candidates.

J. C. Clary, A. Dewitte Cornwell, Boyce Gault and Tilman Pearson want the commissionship. J. H. Patterson, two-term veteran, is vacating.

Mr. Wells a Charlotte News circulation representative, did not endorse any of the remaining candidates.

Falls Laboratory Is Dedicated

Dedication services for the Oliver Green Falls Memorial Laboratory of Kings Mountain hospital were held Saturday.

Present for the ceremonies was Mrs. Katherine Falls Frazier, of Statesville, widow of Dr. Falls. Mrs. Frazier memorialized her late husband by making a donation to the hospital, which was used to purchase major laboratory equipment.

Dr. Falls, Kings Mountain industrialist, physician and civic leader, founded Cora Mills company. He had previously practiced medicine in South Carolina, and though he never practiced formally here, was for 30 years retained as local physician by Southern Railway Company.

A large crowd attended Saturday's brief ceremonies. Dr. Padgett, chief of the hospital staff, spoke on the subject, "Memorials Which Live." Lowery Austell, chairman of the hospital board of trustees, stated appreciation to Mrs. Frazier for her gift, and Rev. P. D. Patrick gave the invocation.

Following the ceremonies, guests were conducted on a tour of the 50-bed hospital.

Commencement Speakers Listed

Speakers for 1957 commencement exercises at Bethware school were announced Wednesday by Principal John Rudisill.

Rev. J. J. Thornburg, pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on May 19.

Rev. Ernest A. Mehaffey, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist church, will deliver the address to graduates on May 22. Bethware school expects to graduate a class of 19 seniors. Mr. Rudisill said other details concerning the commencement program would be announced soon

Vote Campaign Will Conclude At Polls Tuesday

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls next Tuesday to elect a city administration and to endorse the candidacies of two school board trustees.

The voters will choose between 17 candidates for six city hall elective offices.

The voting will be conducted against a backdrop of outwardly quiet campaigning, with little bombastic fanfare.

For Mayor, three candidates are vying, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, running for a third term "on the record" is opposed by Former Mayor Garland Still and J. Lee Roberts.

Mayor Still, longtime practitioner of the daily circular, has confined his campaigning to newspaper advertising and house-to-house requests for votes, though he did issue a circular last week in defiance of a city ordinance lampooning Mayor Bridges for his contention that the city had enjoyed "smooth sailing" under the Bridges administration.

Mr. Roberts has issued a platform, also has been busy at personal contact.

Among the unusual in the campaign has been the appearance of a Negro in a contest for public office. Rev. S. T. Cooke is the first Negro to seek city office in modern political history, if ever. His candidacy has resulted in a heavy jump in registrations of Negro citizens. Of 195 new registrants in Ward 5, a total of 122 have been Negroes. In addition, seven Negroes have registered in Ward 1, two in Ward 4, and an estimated 40-45 in Ward 2. While totals are incomplete, it is estimated at least 180 Negroes have qualified as voters in the city for the first time.

Rev. Cooke seeks to unseat incumbent W. C. Grantham, asking a third two-year term, as does R. Coleman Stroupe.

Other candidates are: Sam Collins, incumbent, and Ross Alexander.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — J. C. Clary, A. Dewitte Cornwell, J. Boyce Gault and Tilman Pearson. (Bryant Wells has announced his withdrawal, but hadn't made it official at City Hall late Wednesday.)

For Ward 3 Commissioner — T. J. Ellison, incumbent, and Luther T. Bennett.

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

The two candidates for the two school trustee positions are incumbents Fred W. Plonk and Dr.

Facts Are Listed On City Election

Following are facts on Tuesday's city election:
Polls open at 6:30 a. m.
Polls close at 6:30 p. m.
Voting places are: Ward 1 at City Hall; Ward 2 at City Hall; Ward 3 at Frank Ballard's Store; Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5 at Victory Chevrolet Company.

Offices to be filled by all voters: Mayor, five ward commissionerships, and two school trusteeships.

Number of ballots: three, city ballot, school trustee ballot, and referendum ballot on question of fluoridating city water supply.

Run-off provisions: In event a candidate fails to attain a majority, the candidate placing second has the right to demand a run-off election within five days following the voting. The run-off election would be conducted on May 28.

The board of commissioners serves, ex officio, as the city elections board. The present board will meet on Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. to officially canvass the Tuesday results. Candidates elected on Tuesday will take their oaths of office on Thursday.

Local News Bulletins

SUNDAY DINNER

The Senior MWF of Central Methodist church will serve dinner at the church after Sunday morning services May 12. It was announced by Jean Hicks, secretary. The group will serve a baked ham dinner. Prices are adults \$1, children 50 cents.

AT MEETING

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, Dr. R. N. Baker, and Dr. D. F. Hord have attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Dental association in session Wednesday through Sunday at Pinehurst.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Denver King, secretary.

NEW SCHEDULE

Temple Baptist church will observe a new schedule of services during the month of May, according to Rev. H. G. McElroy, pastor. Morning worship service is being held at 8:30 a. m., Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., the pastor said. Evening services, as customary, is at 7:30 p. m.

CLOSED FRIDAY

First National Bank and offices of the driver's license bureau here will not be open Friday, Memorial Day, according to announcement by officials of the bank and license bureau.

BAKE SALE

Young People of Boyce Memorial AARP church will sell cakes, pies, and cookies Saturday morning from 8:30 until 11 a. m. in front of Phifer Hardware store on Battleground ave.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 p. m. at City Hall. Scout leader and explorer round tables will be held during the court.

SALE

Members of the Friendship and Philathia classes of Grace Methodist church will serve hotdogs and homemade cakes at the church fellowship center Saturday for both the noon and evening meals. Serving will begin Saturday at 11 o'clock and delivery service may be obtained by telephoning the church (1325).

ON TOUR

Miss Shirley Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Falls, is among Greensboro college students on tour in New York with the Greensboro college choir. The choir was to have given a concert at Town Hall in New York Wednesday. Miss Falls is a senior at the school.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Annual meeting of Kings Mountain Woman's club will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. Officers will be installed and reports from officers will feature the meeting.

SCOUT MEETING

Girl Scout leaders and committee chairmen will hold a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at Boyce Memorial AARP church, according to report of Mrs. Claude Hambricht.

ONE PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit this week to James Earl Allman to erect a house on N. Piedmont avenue, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.