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Local News Bulletins

TO LOUISIANA
James J. Crawford, who recently completed a course with Philco Corp. Tech. Division in Philadelphia, Penn., has been assigned as field engineer in electronics and radar at Houma, La.

TO OHIO
Mr. and Mrs. David Kincaid have moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Kincaid, a mechanical engineer, has accepted a position with Warner Swasey Company. They are residing at 16806 Ernest Avenue.

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, to deliver the 8 o'clock sermon.

SINGING
Chestnut Ridge Baptist church will sponsor a program of singing Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to announcement by church officials. The public is invited.

COURT OF HONOR
Regular Boy Scout Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night (tonight) at 7:45 p. m. Scout leader and explorer advisor roundtables will be held during the court.

ON DEAN'S LIST
Miss Cynthia Plott, daughter of Mrs. E. T. Plott of Kings Mountain, made the Dean's list for second semester at Anderson Junior college. Registrar Margaret Garrett has announced. A total of 42 students made the list this semester, Miss Garrett said.

WINS HONOR
Miss Judy Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Owens, received scholastic honors in filing at an awards program held recently at King's Business College. Miss Owens is a junior secretarial student who enrolled at King's in September. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

SUPPER
Women of the Church of Dixon Presbyterian church will sponsor an ice cream supper at the church Saturday beginning at 6 o'clock. Homemade cake will also be served, church officials have announced. Proceeds will be used for purchase of a piano.

OFFICE CLOSED
Kings Mountain offices of Dr. L. T. Anderson will be closed from June 16 to June 24 while Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are vacationing at Cherry Grove Beach. The office will re-open June 24.

FLAG DAY
Friday, June 14, is Flag Day and Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter, D.A.R., urges that the flag be displayed by all Kings Mountain business houses, an official of the D.A.R. said yesterday.

TO CONVENTION
Postmaster Charles L. Alexander and Mrs. Alexander are attending a Postmasters Convention in Asheville. The convention convened Wednesday and will adjourn during the weekend.

KIWANIS MEETING
Neil Johnson, manager of Kings Mountain's Foote Mineral Company plant, assisted by Dave Mitchell, head of Minerals Research, will discuss "Kings Mountain Lithium Mining" at the regular Thursday night meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The club convenes at the Woman's Club at 6:45 p. m.

LIBRARY GIFT
Mrs. C. E. Neisler has presented the book, "The Living Past of Cleveland County" by Lee B. Weathers to Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library for Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter, D.A.R.

ACCEPTS POSITION
John Lewis Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hughes, has accepted a position with Southern Railway and reported for work Monday. He was formerly employed by Center Service Station. Erwin Hughes, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, is also a railroad employee.

Five Area Students Receive Diplomas

Miss Jenkins, Win Master's In Social Work

Five Kings Mountain students are among area graduates who received college degrees in recent commencement exercises.

Miss Charlotte Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jenkins, received a degree of master of social work from Tulane University, New Orleans, La., in recent commencement exercises at the school. Miss Jenkins is a graduate of Catawba College of Salisbury.

Miss Ann McKelvie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McKelvie, received a bachelor of arts degree with major in sociology from Agnes Scott college, Decatur, Ga. At Agnes Scott, Miss McKelvie was active in Christian Association work, was an orchestra member and badminton doubles champion for three years as well as singles badminton champion for two years. She will teach in the Norwood Elementary schools in DeKalb county near Atlanta, Ga. in the fall.

Miss Martha Ann Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker, and George Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hord, were among graduates of Mars Hill Junior college, at Mars Hill. Miss Baker is at Ridgeway Baptist Assembly grounds this summer.

Samuel Bruce Huffstetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Huffstetler, was graduated June 2 from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mr. Huffstetler, who received the bachelor of science degree in commerce and business administration, is employed in Oak Ridge, Tenn., by the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. Huffstetler, his wife, and daughter are residing in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

County Bond Issues Approved

More than 7,300 Cleveland County citizens registered their approval of the county's building water and sewer lines to serve a proposed multi-million dollar plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in a \$415,000 bond election last Saturday.

Kings Mountain area citizens also voted in support of the two bond issues, one for \$310,000 to supply a mammoth water line to the proposed plant site, and the other for \$105,000 to supply sewer service.

In District 2 the vote totals were:

East Kings Mountain — For water bonds 140, against 43. For sewer bonds 140, against 44.

West Kings Mountain — For water bonds 258, against 52; for sewer bonds 232, against 56.

Bethlehem — for water bonds 61, against 22; for sewer bonds 59, against 22.

"You people in Kings Mountain need help, I'll do everything I can for you."

Mal Spangler, Sr., president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, made the statement at the commented Saturday night on the results of the county-wide bond issue election to furnish utilities to a proposed plant near Shelby.

Mr. Spangler expressed himself as quite pleased at the more than 4-to-1 margin Kings Mountain citizens had recorded for the bond issues.

Grover — for water bonds 88, against 14; for sewer bonds 88, against 14.

Waco — for water bonds 93, against 10; for sewer bonds 93, against 10.

The county-wide total was: For water bonds 7,335, against 210. For sewer bonds 7,306, against 225.

The 35-to-1 margin by which the county's citizens approved the issue was hailed by Shelby Chamber of Commerce officials as proof of the county's desire to have Pittsburgh locate a fibre glass plant near Shelby.

It was the first time a North Carolina county had voted bonds to furnish water and sewer utility lines, customarily a municipal or private function. The bond election was conducted under authority of an act recently passed by the North Carolina General Assembly, as introduced by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr. of Shelby.

Still awaited is a state Supreme Court Act on legality of the act.

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City To Quit Retirement Contributions

The city board of commissioners voted last Thursday night to discontinue its contributions to the policeman's retirement fund on July 1, after approving a resolution placing the officers under federal social security, retroactive to April 1.

The policemen had voted May 15 to go under the social security program.

Action followed report of a straw vote taken among other city employees which indicated other employees did not wish to be covered under several municipal retirement systems and after the city clerk had reported coverage of all employees, comparable to the policemen, would cost the city an additional \$7,400 yearly.

Motion to discontinue the two-percent-of-pay contribution to the officer's retirement fund was made by Ben H. Bridges and passed unanimously.

In another action, the board voted unanimously to close the section of Carpenter street which passes through City Stadium. Dean Payne, recreation commission chairman, had told the board that air rifle "experts" were using the stadium lights for targets and that the stadium should be locked at all times.

Mr. Payne also renewed the recreation group's request for a share of parking meter receipts and the board voted consideration of the request in formulating the 1957-58 budget. Mr. Payne told the board the recreation commission is not in position to manage City Stadium, unless specific appropriations are made for it.

In other actions, the board: 1) Voted, on motion of Luther Bennett, to invite a minister to open regular board meetings with prayer.

2) At suggestion of Mayor Glee A. Bridges, authorized Building Inspector J. W. Webster to condemn two houses owned by the Maud E. Hord Estate on S. Piedmont avenue, unless the houses are either repaired or razed and the lots cleaned.

3) Voted to retain all department heads until July 1.

4) Tabbed for investigation by the board request of B. D. Ratterree to convey the city a 40-foot deed to an extension of North Goforth street. Mr. Ratterree said Goforth is 50-feet wide for only one block, said he wanted the city to quit dumping water on his property.

5) Declined to rezone a 50-foot section of Second street to neighborhood trading area. Harold Phillips, Craftsman Yarns superintendent, said his company objected to the building of a fruit stand across from the Craftsman office. Mr. Phillips also quoted W. M. Gantt as objecting to the rezoning.

6) Heard a complaint from G. L. McDaniel concerning a street line. He said the street was paved on his property. Mayor Bridges said he owned adjacent property, would be glad to have the street "moved over."

7) Tabbed until budget sessions request of George Moss, water plant superintendent, for salary increases for his staff.

8) Approved a petition for construction of sidewalk from the hospital entrance to Edgemont Avenue and for curb and gutter on West Mountain from Juniper street to Country Club road.

Mayor Bridges explained that the curb-and-gutter job would be done by the city but that the state highway department would reimburse the city for the cost.

9) Took no action on a request by Leroy Matthews for a plumbing repairman's license (which the city does not now grant).

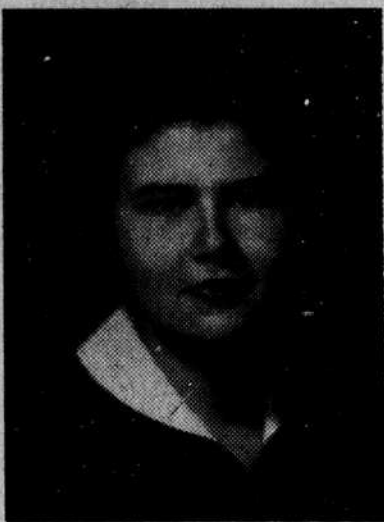
10) Accepted resignations from the zoning adjustment board by Ben H. Bridges and R. Coleman Stroupe, both now serving on the city commission.

11) Voted to ask Southern Railway Company to install bell signal lights at four in-city rail crossings, those at N. Piedmont avenue, Baker street, Mauney Mill, and at Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company.

Comm. Ben Bridges asked the chief of police if it wouldn't be possible to allow right turns on red at the Linwood - N. Piedmont intersection. Chief Logan replied that such privileges would endanger pedestrians southbound on Piedmont.

Comm. Boyce Gault expressed a belief the city needs to construct sidewalk on E. Gold St., from Oriental avenue to York Rd., and also said he's had complaints from neighbors on smoke from the Finger Laundry boiler.

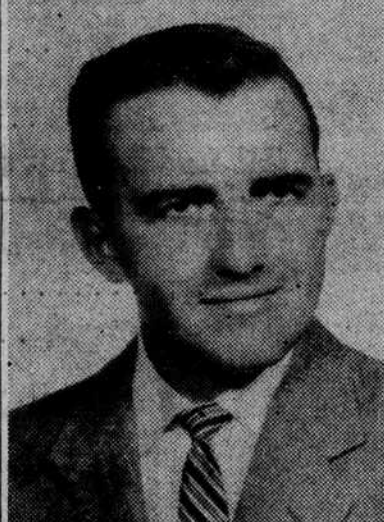
LODGE MEETING
Fairview Lodge 339 A.F.&A.M. will meet Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall for work in the third degree, according to announcement by Denver King, secretary.



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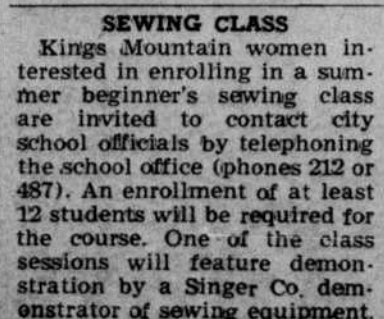
BRUCE HUFFSTETLER



GEORGE HORD, JR.



MARTHA ANN BAKER



SEWING CLASS

Kings Mountain women interested in enrolling in a summer beginner's sewing class are invited to contact city school officials by telephoning the school office (phones 212 or 487). An enrollment of at least 12 students will be required for the course. One of the class sessions will feature demonstration by a Singer Co. demonstrator of sewing equipment.



ON CHURCH STAFF — Miss Joyce Simpson, of Gray Court, S. C., will assume duties of educational assistant at Central Methodist church this weekend.

Joyce Simpson On Church Staff

Miss Joyce Simpson will assume the duties of educational assistant at Central Methodist church on Saturday.

A recent graduate of Winthrop college at Rock Hill, S. C., Miss Simpson's home is Gray Court, S. C.

Miss Simpson was a member of the Winthrop choir, was active in the Winthrop Christian association, and was president of the Wesley Foundation. She was a member of the Winthrop Theatre. During summers she has served as counselor of the South Carolina Conference camps and last year was a member of the Methodist Youth Caravan team which served the Mississippi conference.

Miss Simpson will live at the teacherage.

Red Cross Goal Still \$750 Shy

The Red Cross still needs \$750 to meet its 1957 fund drive quota and to assure full continuance of present Red Cross services.

J. Ollie Harris, chairman of the chapter here, said Wednesday a total of \$500 has been obtained during the past three weeks, upping collections to \$4950.

The Kings Mountain chapter was told by area officials the full quota was necessary to assure continuance of Kings Mountain participation in the Red Cross blood program, or continuance of employment of a part-time paid executive secretary.

Chapter officials decided that continuance of both was necessary, if the Red Cross was to perform its needed services.

"Persons who have not given to the Red Cross this year should forward checks to the Red Cross office at City Hall," Mr. Harris said. "We are gratified at the progress made thus far but we still need \$750, and badly."

Mrs. Lybrand Bank Officer

Mrs. Louise Carpenter Lybrand, wife of James A. Lybrand, has been elected an assistant cashier of First National Bank.

Action was taken by the board of directors Monday on recommendation of the officers.

Mrs. Lybrand thereby becomes the second woman to be named an assistant cashier by First National. Mrs. Helen R. Blanton has held a similar position for several years.

Mrs. Lybrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. James Carpenter, has been a bank employee for the past five years. Her husband is a member of the county tax appraisal staff.

Layton Residence Question Hits City Hall; Red Makes Complaint

The continuing complaint over the question of where Keith Layton will play Legion baseball was brought to the attention of the city board of commissioners last Thursday night.

Layton is now on the Gastonia Legion squad and the question concerns the official residence of Mr. and Mrs. James (Red) Layton.

Mr. Layton told the commission he was being "tailed" by the police department and that he wanted to get people "off my neck." He said Bryant Wells, a member of the Otis Green Post 155 American Legion committee, had shown him a log detailing his movements in Kings Mountain over several days.

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., also a member of the Legion baseball committee here, denied that his officers were "tailing" Mr. Layton, asked who was accused. Mr. Layton said, "Hawkins and Cooke."

Officers P. A. Hawkins and B. P. Cooke were summoned and told Mr. Layton he was mistaken. They were in the vicinity of the Layton home on Wilson street, they said, to check a drunkenness report on a resident further down the block.

But Chief Logan did tell Mr. Layton, "I called the City of Gastonia to ask Red's address, and was told he lived at 404 Wilson street in Kings Mountain."

City Board Holding Sessions On 1957-58 Budget Estimate

Board Discusses Electric System Requirements

City Clerk Gene Mitcham has presented a budget estimate to the city board of commissioners of \$572,375 for the forthcoming fiscal year.

The clerk's budget estimate anticipates an approximate \$6,000 increase over the current year's budget. However, the figure is less by \$14,000 than Mr. Mitcham's estimate of total receipts for the year just ending.

The board of commissioners has already held two informal sessions for work on the budget exclusively. The board met both Monday and Tuesday nights.

On Monday, the board considered estimated capital outlay items, totaling \$53,161, item by item. Some of the items had been previously approved by Bridges Administration II.

Departmental budget items were forwarded by the clerk after receipt from the particular department heads.

Capital items included in the estimate show over \$13,000 for street paving and sidewalks, \$12,000 for the purchase of two trucks for the garbage department, \$4,500 for the purchase of equipment to fluoridate the city's water supply, and \$3,000 for street and traffic signal lights.

The board devoted considerable time Monday night in querying Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen on the power distribution system. The board suggested insertion of a \$5,000 capital item for re-building the main power line in the North Piedmont avenue section, which was described as heavily over-loaded.

Mr. Allen told the commission the system needs re-building with a 4160-volt primary line which, he estimated, would cost at least \$50,000. He said the city is furnishing about 10 percent more power to customers each year and through the 160-line would have to be installed within five years. He said 1952 recommendations of an electrical engineer have otherwise been carried out.

One fixed expense of the city is bonded indebtedness. Mr. Mitcham reported the cost of principal and interest payments in the coming year will be \$53,960. However, he reported an anticipated surplus in this account, due to better-than-expected tax collections, of \$25,000 at July 1.

Departmental budget requests were:

Light and power — \$157,010.
Police — \$49,760.
Administrative — \$25,080.
Fire — \$18,855.
Recorder's Court — \$2,475.
General — \$50,290.
Cemetery — \$6,350.
Water and sewer — \$56,857.
Street — \$46,000.
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Methodist Building Is Now Debt-Free

Central Methodist church has completed payments on its \$80,000 educational building construction in 1953.

B. S. Neill, a church official and financial chairman of the project, said the church had paid off the final \$10,000 obligation on the two-story addition in the past eight months.

The pastor, Rev. James B. McLarty, said dedication rites are being planned.



RECEIVE AUXILIARY AWARDS — Pictured are four Kings Mountain women who received pins and chevrons in recognition of 200 hours service to Kings Mountain hospital at ceremonies Sunday at the hospital. Twenty-seven other members of Kings Mountain hospital auxiliary were awarded pins signifying 100 hours service as hospital volunteer workers. Front row, left to right, are Miss Margaret Harmon and Mrs. Genelle Pittman. Standing are Miss Frances Edens, left, and Mrs. Ben Long. Auxiliary officers are Mrs. Carl Mayes, president; Mrs. W. G. Grantham, vice president; Miss Naomi Edens, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. L. Arnold Kiser, secretary-treasurer. (Photo by Pennington Studio).

Osborne To Name Cline Successor

County Board Chairman Quits Effective July 1

When a successor to County Commissioner Zeb V. Cline will be appointed is indefinite, Clerk of Superior Court J. W. Osborne said Wednesday.

Nor did Mr. Osborne indicate who would be appointed.

Mr. Cline, veteran commissioner who has served as county board chairman since 1948, submitted his resignation Monday due to ill health. The resignation will take effect July 1.

Under the law, the clerk of superior court is empowered to appoint the successor when a county commission post is vacated by resignation or death.

Mr. Cline himself first became a commissioner by the same route. He was appointed in 1948 by Clerk of Court E. A. Houser, Jr., to succeed the late Dr. S. S. Royster. Mr. Houser acted following recommendation of the county's Democratic executive committee.

Mr. Osborne indicated he would be happy to discuss his forthcoming appointment with all citizens, said he expected to confer with Democratic precinct chairmen in Number 6 (Shelby) township particularly, but would not necessarily follow recommendations.

"The responsibility for filling the office falls on me," he commented.

Mr. Osborne had just returned to his office Wednesday morning after attending the North Carolina Lions club convention at Asheville.

He said he had not learned of any particular candidate to succeed Mr. Cline.

Mr. Cline is the Democratic nominee from District 1, in the five-district county set-up.

Other county commissioners expressed both surprise and regret.

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RESIGNS — Zeb V. Cline, chairman of the Cleveland County board of commissioners, has tendered his resignation effective July 1. Mr. Cline said he was resigning due to poor health. His successor has not yet been named.

Hearing Set On 29 By-Pass

Public hearing on the proposed new construction on U. S. Highway 29 for residents of Gaston and Cleveland counties will be held in Gastonia in the circuit courtroom on Wednesday, June 26, it has been announced by E. L. Kemper, 12th division engineer.

The hearing will begin at 11 a. m.

Mr. Kemper announced the hearing in a legal notice published today in the Herald and in other newspapers along the potential route of U. S. 29.

The highway office had previously published a notice asking requests for the hearing. Some requests were received, Mr. Kemper said.

Mr. Kemper was out of his office Wednesday, but office personnel will be available.

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