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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206
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Kings Mountain Lad Derby Champ

Local News Bulletins

ON DEAN'S LIST

Charles Shytle, Kings Mountain student at Belmont Abbey, was listed on the dean's list for the semester just ending. Mr. Shytle, husband of the former Miss Rita Gamble of Kings Mountain, is a rising senior at the Belmont school.

ATTEND MEETING

Rev. P. D. Patrick and Dr. P. G. Padgett represented First Presbyterian church at a meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina in session Tuesday and Wednesday in Montreat.

ATTEND CAMP

Roddy Houser, Vicky Goforth, and Calvin Humphries are attending a week's Junior camp at Kings Mountain Presbytery Camp, Saluda. They were accompanied by Pete Peterson, summer supply pastor at First Presbyterian church, who is serving as a counsellor.

UNION SERVICE

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will deliver the message Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at union service at First Presbyterian church.

KIWANIS CLUB

Attorney Jack White will present a program on "Wills and Estate Planning" at the regular Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at the Woman's club at 6:45.

HAS OPERATION

Haywood E. Lynch, Kings Mountain merchant, has returned home after undergoing a throat operation at the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital in Charlotte Tuesday. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

TO NEW JERSEY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moss, Jr. and sons, Hunter Moss and John Lindsay Moss, have moved to Dixon, New Jersey, where Mr. Moss is employed by J. P. Stevens Company. They formerly occupied a residence here on Grover road.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Andrew Jenkins, Kings Mountain beautician and manager of Sudie's Beauty Shop, entered Charlotte hospital Sunday. She underwent an operation on Monday.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

Retiring and recently-installed officers of the Kings Mountain Lions Club will hold a joint meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the office of Dr. Nathan H. Reed.

FULTON AT HOME

W. Sage Fulton was discharged from Kings Mountain hospital last Saturday. He had been a patient for two weeks, after suffering a heart attack. His family reports his condition improving.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled $173.57, with $149.61 reported from on-street meters, another $23.96 from Cherokee lot meters.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Installation of new officers of the Junior Woman's club will feature the regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

M. A. Ware, Jr., Takes New Post

Moffatt A. Ware, Jr., left Monday for Atlanta, Ga., where he has accepted a position with Arkansas Oil & Fuel Company.

Mr. Ware, since his graduation from Davidson college, has been associated with Ware & Sons here.

Mrs. Ware, the former Ann Mayes, and their family will move to Atlanta as quickly as living quarters can be obtained.

Tony Hampton Top Soapboxer; To Go To Akron

(Special to the Herald.)

CHARLOTTE. — Tony Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hampton, of Kings Mountain, won the Carolinas Soapbox Derby in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon and will carry his banners to Akron, Ohio, for the national and international competition.

Young Hampton placed first in Class A competition, then compiled a winning time of 30.08 seconds for the course in the run-off between Class A and B winners.

His victory Wednesday won him $200 cash prize, a trophy, other prizes and a plaque for having the best-built soap-box.

Two other Kings Mountain entrants did well, too.

Mike Dixon, who placed third in Class A, placed fourth in the run-offs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon and was sponsored by Phifer Hardware Company.

Freddie Foster, sponsored by Piedmont Washerette, placed third in Class B (ages 11 and 12).

One accident was reported. Danny Bagwell, sponsored by Craftspun Yarns, Inc., wrecked his auto and couldn't compete. He himself was unhurt.

Grand winner Hampton was sponsored by the Liberty Life Insurance Company branch office here, of which his father is manager.

Numerous Kings Mountain citizens witnessed the derby.

Fruitland Camp To Open June 30

R. A. camps for boys will be held at Fruitland Baptist Camp at Hendersonville, N. C. from June 30-July 3, and from July 3-July 6.

Registration for each camp is to begin at 2:30 P. M. on the day that the camp starts. The program will begin at 5:00 P. M. Total camp fee is $6.50 per camper.

There is plenty of room if you hurry, reported Camp Director T. A. Lineburger.

One dollar registration fee should be sent to T. A. Lineberger, R. F. D. 2 Kings Mountain, N. C., (Phone 568-J) for every person who wishes to attend. Late comers should bring the total fee with them to the camp.

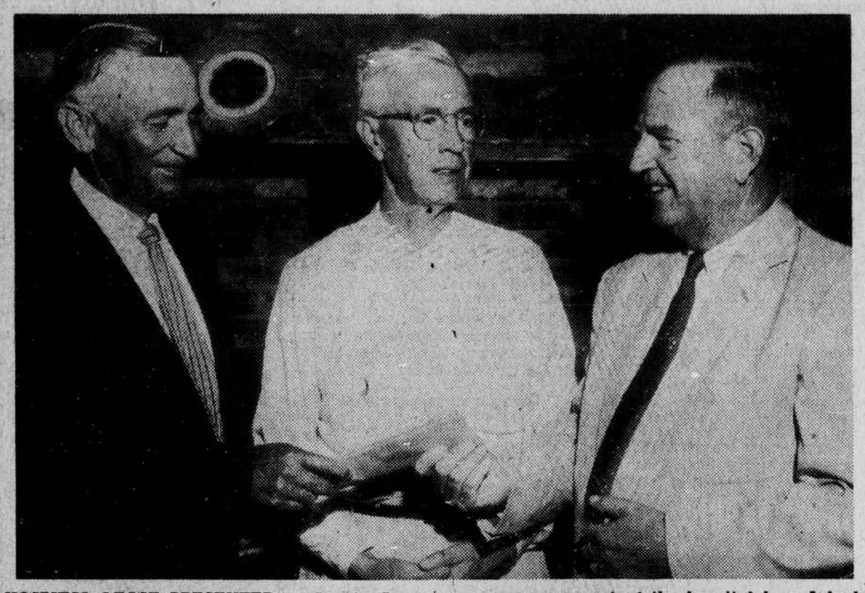
"Those who attend will enjoy the cool mountain weather, games, swimming, hiking, good food, missionaries, and mission films," said Lineberger.

Seven Faculty Members Needed

Seven teacher vacancies exist in the city's schools faculty for the coming school term.

Applications are being sought for a teacher of high school English, a band instructor, a Bible teacher, an elementary principalship post, and two elementary teaching positions.

Carroll Hambright, East school principal, J. C. Hedden, city schools band director, and Mrs. June Rogers Knox, Bible teacher are among those who have resigned.



HOSPITAL LEASE PRESENTED — County Commissioners Hazel B. Bumgardner gives George W. Mauney, first president of Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., a lease from the county board of commissioners to the newly-formed non-profit corporation as Fitzhugh Rollins, vice-chairman of the county commission, looks on. The corporation assumes management of the hospital here July 1. The lease was conveyed June 19 at a joint session of the retiring county hospital board and directors of the Kings Mountain and Shelby hospital corporations. (Photo by Paul Lemmons, Shelby Daily Star.)

Power Rate Hike Complaints Aired

Rate Increase Costs Hospital $250-$400 Month

The city's commercial power rate increases, made effective last February was attacked Monday night, and resulted in the city board of commissioners ordering a new cost study of Duke Power Company's billings to the city.

Principal spokesman was Grady Howard, manager of Kings Mountain hospital, who told the board the increase is costing the hospital from $250 to $400 per month. Also registering complaints were B. S. Peeler, Jr., of Elmer Lumber Company, and Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain Herald.

Mr. Howard said the hospital uses from 35,000 to 40,000 kilowatt hours per month, and added the hospital board feels the 85 percent increase in the base rate schedule "excessive." The rate was upped from .88 cents per KWH to 1.40 cents per KWH.

Mayor Glee A. Briggs suggested the city shouldn't charge rates any less than Duke Power Company. Mr. Harmon rejoined that Duke Power pays taxes, while the city collects taxes.

In another action the board reenacted the 1956 privilege license without change. The licenses are purchasable in July.

The board also listened, without action, to pleas of Dean Payne, chairman, and Charles Dixon, member of the recreation commission, for appropriation of parking meter profits for commission use. Both explained that the commission had set up a "restricted" $11,000 budget and that failure to appropriate would virtually kill all plans for a year-round recreation program.

Comm. Ben Bridges objected that the commission had no winter program mapped and that the only winter expenditures would be for the director's salary. Mr. Payne said the commission has plans for a winter program to be paid for by donations.

In other actions, the board:

1) Voted to charge a fee of $15

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Merchants Picnic Scheduled July 24

Annual employer-employee picnic of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will be held Wednesday, July 24, at Lake Montonia, according to announcement by Mrs. Elaine Queen, Merchants secretary.

Mrs. Queen said the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and all employees-employers and their families are being invited to attend.

Mrs. I B. Goforth, Sr. will serve the meal. The menu will include country ham, fried chicken, potato salad, slaw, deviled eggs, sandwiches, tea, lemonade, and dessert.

Committee on arrangements for the event are Yates Harbison, chairman, Ed Tutor, and Menzell Phifer.

The picnic group will be shown a free movie at Joy Theatre following the supper.

July Fourth Holidays Set

Most of Kings Mountain's uptown businesses will be closed all day Thursday, July 4th, as will major portion of city industry which will close the full week to give textile employees a week's holiday.

All city offices, with the exception of the police department, will take a holiday Thursday. Also closed will be offices of the Employment Security Commission, the two savings and loan associations, the city postoffice, First National Bank, the city barber shops, and the Kings Mountain Herald.

RETAIL SCHEDULE

Retail business firms in the city will close all day Thursday for the Independence Day holiday but will remain open all day Wednesday, July 3, according to report of the Merchants association. A few of the businesses such as service stations and restaurants remain open.

The city's dry cleaning industry will be closed from July 1-6, re-opening on July 8. Finger Laundry will close Saturday at 12:30 for the full week. Piedmont Washerette will close for the holiday July 4.

An exception in the industrial holiday schedule is Burlington Industries which has scheduled its annual week's vacation for Phenix Plant employees the last week in August. Bonuses of four percent based on annual earnings are paid to employees having five years service, and bonuses of two percent, based on annual earnings, are paid to employees having less than five years service.

Craftspun Yarns will close Friday to give employees a week off. Craftspun's vacation policy also corresponds with Burlington.

Park Yarn Mills will close Sunday night, reopening on July 8. Employees of Park Yarn having one year or more service with the firm receive two percent bonuses based on annual earnings, a mill official said.

Neisler Mills division of Mas-

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S & L Dividends Set New Record At $69,988

Kings Mountain savings and loan associations are preparing to pay record semi-annual dividends as of June 29, directors of the associations having already declared the payments at the annual rate of 3½ percent.

It is the first payment under the indicated rate increase ordered by the associations in late December.

The aggregate payments to savings account shareholders will be $69,988.24.

Home Savings & Loan association will pay shareholders $37,761.04, while Kings Mountain Savings and Loan association will pay shareholders $32,227.20.

Both A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the Home association, and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of the Kings Mountain firm, say the semi-annual payments set new dividend records.

Home Savings and Loan association will mail checks to holders of full paid shares a total of $20,071.72, and will add to the accounts of optional savings shareholders $17,689.32.

The Home firm's payment is up nearly $10,000 over June 1956, up about $7,000 over December 1956 payments. This association paid dividends of $28,078.85 last June, and $30,857.08 last December.

Kings Mountain Savings and Loan will pay $15,490.70 to 265 holders of full-paid shares and add $16,736.50 to its 690 optional savings accounts.

The Kings Mountain firm's payment is up nearly $10,000 over the $22,308.40 paid last June up more than $7,000 over the $24,913.20 paid last December.

While the rate raise accounts for some of the increase, both association officials say savings total have increased during the past six months.

Lions Officers Are Installed

J. W. Webster took over the president's gavel of Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, as officers were installed for the club year beginning July 1.

The installation was conducted by Gail Bridges, of Boiling Springs, deputy district governor.

Prior to the installation, the club had received reports from retiring President Nathan Reed and Treasurer F. A. McDaniel, Jr.

Two new members, Jim Jonas and R. G. Whisnant, were welcomed by Sam Stallings, a past president, the district governor awarded a "100 percent secretary" pin to George Thomasson.

New officers and directors, in addition to Mr. Webster, are: James Houser, Paul Walker and Richard Barnette, vice-presidents; C. P. Barry, secretary; F. A. McDaniel, Jr., treasurer (re-elected); Grady Yelton, Lion tamer, Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, tail twister; Lawson Brown, Jonas Bridges and Odus Smith, two-year directors. Directors with a one-year term remaining are Hal S. Plonk, J. C. McKinney, and Edwin Moore.

Kings Mountain National Guard Lost Kitchen Tent In Bragg Blow

The 72 officers and men of Kings Mountain's National Guard company returned from a two-week encampment at Fort Bragg Sunday none the worse for wear, in spite of a battle with the elements that cost the lives of two Kannapolis Guardsmen and injured 47 others of the same company.

Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of the Kings Mountain headquarters labels as plain "scuttlebutt" the tale of some local guardsmen that a last-minute change of orders moved the Kings Mountain company away from the area where the Kannapolis company was located and where lightening produced by a summer storm struck.

Capt. Houston's comment: "Orders for the two-week operation by the Old Hickory division had been cut for three months."

He said the Kings Mountain company was about a mile away from the Kannapolis company, which got the brunt of the electrical storm. He reported the company's kitchen tent-fly as the local unit's only casualty. It was blown down twice, the poles snapping like toothpicks. He described the tent as a total loss.

Capt. Houston said he wasn't informed of the storm tragedy until about an hour after it occurred.

"National Guard training paid off for the Kannapolis company," he commented. "Had it not been for the discipline there would have been more casualties."

Star Favorable On Local Area Representative

Prospects for the Kings Mountain area's producing a successor to Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., were brightened Tuesday, when the Shelby Daily Star editorialized in favor of the proposal advanced by numerous Kings Mountain citizens.

Rep. Falls becomes District Solicitor Falls July 1 and it is in the power of Governor Luther H. Hodges to name a successor. However, Cleveland Democratic political leaders don't anticipate a gubernatorial appointment barring a special session of the General Assembly between now and next spring's primary.

Governor Hodges, away from Raleigh attending the Governor's conference, could not be reached for a statement Wednesday morning. His personal secretary, Mrs. Margaret Birrell, told the Herald by telephone, "I doubt the Governor has given much thought to the appointment, since there are numerous other appointments the Governor is now considering and must make at once."

Chief speculation on a Kings Mountain successor to Rep. Falls has centered on County Coronor J. Ollie Harris, the mortician. Other names mentioned have included W. L. Plonk, merchant and onetime secretary to the late U. S. Congressman (later Judge) E. Yates Webb, C. D. Blanton, drug gist and current president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association, Jack White, attorney, Wilson Crawford, realtor, Charles E. Dixon, auto sales manager, and A. W. Kincaid, machine shop owner and Eastern Star leader.

Last Kings Mountain member of the General Assembly was the late Senator H. Tom Fulton, Sr. 1925-27. Attorney J. R. Davis served in the House of Representatives 1923-25.

The Star's editorial, entitled "An Opportunity for Kings Mountain," follows:

"Speculation has already started as to who will replace B. T. Falls, Jr., as representative to the General Assembly from Cleveland County since he has been appointed district solicitor.

"Word comes that it may be

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Harmon Elected NCPA Director

Martin Harmon, editor of the Kings Mountain Herald, was elected a director of the North Carolina Press association at the closing session of the Press association's 85th convention at Nags Head last weekend.

Mr. Harmon was elected for a term of three years.

Officers elected were Henry A. Dennis, publisher of the Henderson Daily Dispatch, president; James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport, editor of the State Port Pilot, vice-president; Miss Beatrice Cobb, publihser of the Morganton News-Herald, secretary-treasurer; and Clarence Griffin, Forest City Courier, historian.

Also elected a director for three years was Carl O. Jefferies, Greensboro Daily News.

Holdover directors are Ashly B. Futrell, Washington Daily News, H. Clifton Blue, the Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen, Don Chipman, Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, and J. A. Gray, Sylva Herald.

Board Discharges Newest Policemen

Special Mail Fees To Advance July 1

Kings Mountain postoffice will initiate new fees on its special mail services effective July 1, according to announcement by Postmaster Charles Alexander.

Minor rate increases will be reflected on registered and insured mail.

Certified mail will carry a fee of 20 cents instead of the previous 15 cent fee. Money orders in small amounts will show an increase of approximately five cents over previous like amounts. Special delivery fees will be increased from 20 cents to 30 cents. Special handling fees will be 25 cents, 35 cents, and 50 cents. Previous fees were 15 cents, 20 cents and 25 cents. Correction of mailing lists will be increased from one cent per name (minimum 25 cents) to five cents per name (minimum one dollar) Form 3579 notices to sender for undeliverable publications will be increased from three cents to five cents each.

Schools Support Tax Rate Hike

The city board of education will join the county schools in asking levy of 1957 taxes on the basis of 28 cents per $100 valuation for current expense, 10 cents per $100 valuation for capital outlay, and 20 cents for city supplement.

Action on a tentative budget based on the tax rate was taken at the board's regular Monday night session.

Board members also heard reports and appointed a committee of three to formulate recommendations for a school improvements program.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk, J. W. Webster, and Supt. B. N. Barnes were authorized to receive bids for installment of an adequate hot water heating system at the Central plant and on recovering of the West school roof.

Supt. Barnes reported that John Cameron and W. L. Latham, of the division of school planning of the State board of education, had surveyed on May 21 to advise the board on the next step in the school's building program. Spot maps and other materials are being prepared, Mr. Barnes added.

Improvements to Central auditorium and other school properties were also suggested in the board's discussion of needed improvements and responsibility delegated to that committee.

Mr. Barnes reported that summer school classes were well underway and added that a large number had enrolled in the adult education typing courses.

In other actions, the board:

1) Awarded contract to the low bidder for erection of a wall at Central school. Spangler and Sons bid of $450 was unanimously accepted for the job.

2) Voted to increase the 1956-57 salary of Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, secretary to the superintendent

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King, Roper To Leave Force As Of June 30

The city board of commissioners ordered discharge June 30 of Policemen Ellis King and Bill Roper — most recently employed on the city force — to implement the board's agreed-to slashes in Chief Hugh A. Logan's budget request.

The action came on recommendation of Police Commissioner R. Coleman Stroupe, who said discussion with other board members indicated that the last-in-first-out paring method seemed most fair.

Chief Logan declined to recommend, remarking he would have to abide by the board's decision. Comm. Luther Bennett said he agreed to the "lifo" method, provided abilities were equal.

The unanimous board action provided that Officers King and Roper would receive whatever vacation pay they might be due.

Dean Payne, attending the session in behalf of the recreation commission, asked if he could comment and was told to proceed. Mr. Payne suggested, "The colored officer idea is not too popular. He doesn't win his cases and he has a car by himself which is expensive."

Comm. Stroupe also presented Chief Logan a proposed work schedule for the men in his abbreviated department which would retain the eight-hour day. It provided that the chief work one shift during vacations and that a "swing" officer fill in to provide each officer a day off weekly. The Chief complained that there are 11 officers and only seven days in a week. He said the schedule wouldn't work.

Mr. Logan also pointed out that the budget figure for salaries did not allow pay of $5 per month extra for the three department sergeants. The board took no action, but some indicated the pay item could be squeezed from other expense items.

Negro Burned In 1 A.M. Fire

Fire, about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, razed the top floor of the Cansler street residence of Mrs. Emma Lathers Spencer, aged Kings Mountain Negress.

Fire Chief Pat Tignor said the fire started in the bedroom of Dillard McCoy, Negro boarder, who escaped the burning building by climbing through a window onto the front porch roof. McCoy was treated Wednesday morning by Dr. John McGill for second degree burns of the face, neck and hands.

Chief Tignor stated investigation indicated the fire originated in a mattress from a lighted cigarette dropped by McCoy.

The downstairs of the residence, Mr. Tignor said, was not burned, but did sustain considerable smoke and water damage.

City firemen were out on the call approximately one and a half hours.

A call was also answered last Thursday by firemen to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Margrace plant, to extinguish a flash-fire originating in a dryer. No damage was reported.

Once-In-Demand Teacher's Home Accommodations Going Begging

By ELIZABETH STEWART

The city teacherage needs more customers!

Reporting Monday night to the city board of education on operation of the teacherage, Mrs. Hill Carpenter opined that continued service depends upon getting more occupants, a hard task she is quick to admit.

An even harder task has been Mrs. Carpenter's management of the teacherage and her "cutting of corners" on the small income the teacherage has produced, she said.

Six teachers lived at the teacherage during the school term just ended. Four of these will return in September and two other church workers will occupy rooms bringing to a total of six the number of occupants.

The large dwelling will accommodate 15.

Lack of tenants was credited to two factors: 1) Some teachers commute 2) Few single teachers apply for teaching posts here.

"We're sympathetic with the situation and will cooperate in any way," Supt. B. N. Barnes remarked. Of seven vacancies on the school faculty, Mrs. Carpenter hopes several can be filled by unmarried teachers who may desire to live in town.

Price of room and board at the teacherage varies from $39 to $44.50 per month. Meals are served twice daily and all meals are served on the weekend. Should the teacher prefer to go home for the weekend, a deduction is made in the amount she pays.

Board members were quick to agree that the rate was "too cheap" and suggested a raise was in order. However, Mrs. Carpenter said it was not her intention to up the price if another solution could be made. The teacherage is available, not only to women in the teaching profession, but to other area women workers who may prefer to live in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter assumed management of the teacherage here in 1950. This has been the first year the number of roomers has dropped below seven.

Should no other teacher move in the teacherage in the fall, an income of $172 monthly, barring an increase to charges, will be

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Goring Victim Is Improving

William A. Scism, 79, sustained nine broken ribs and bruises Saturday at 6 p.m. when a bull owned by the Kings Mountain farmer attacked him.

Mr. Scism is a patient in Gaston Memorial hospital, Gastonia, where his condition was reported satisfactory by the attending physician. He was to have undergone more X-rays yesterday morning, his wife said.

Mr. Scism was in the pasture when attacked by the animal and was apparently unaware that the bull was nearby. The animal, bought by Scism about a year ago, had never been known to attack anyone before.

JAYCEE MEETING

John M. Balmer will deliver a talk, "Lighting In The Home and Around The Home," illustrated with slides at the Tuesday meeting of the Jaycees. Balmer is with the General Electric Lamp department. The Jaycees convene at 7:30 at Woman's Club.