

First Baptist Voting On Proffer Of New Site

Local News Bulletins

NEW BOOKS

The Magnolia Garden club has presented four books to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. These include "The Gardener's Reference Guide", "Flower Arrangement Workbook", "The Handbook On Flower Shows", and "Woman's Home Companion Garden Book."

FLOWER SHOW

In the Herald's report of winners in the floral fair last week, it was stated that an entry by Mrs. George Morrow received a red ribbon. Mrs. Morrow entered floribunda in the horticulture division and received the blue ribbon.

P-TA MEETING

Park Grace Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock in the school auditorium.

AT CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Harris will return Friday from Atlanta, Ga., where they are attending the annual convention of the National Funeral Directors association. Mr. Harris returned here briefly for a funeral Wednesday, returned to Atlanta by air Wednesday afternoon.

ARP SPEAKER

Mrs. Dale White, missionary to Pakistan, will speak at two services Sunday at Boyce Memorial A.M.E. church. Mrs. White will show pictures of her work at the evening service at 7:30 p. m., the pastor, Dr. W. L. Pressly said.

COMPLETES COURSE

Miss Carol Ann Herndon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Herndon of Kings Mountain has completed the general business course at King's Business College, Charlotte. She has been placed with Brock Barkley, attorney, Miss Herndon, a 1956 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, enrolled at King's in June, 1956.

PARK

Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, invites visiting at the park this weekend and next if citizens wish to "see the color at the park at its best." During this season Mr. Moomaw reported the park was attracting crowds of visitors.

INCORPORATED

Application of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce fostered company which aims to expand Kings Mountain industry, has been approved by the Secretary of State, Attorney George Thomason reported Tuesday.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Erkinne Watterson, Kings Mountain Drug Company employee, is in Kings Mountain hospital for treatment and observation. Mrs. Watterson was hospitalized, Saturday.

HOSPITALIZED

Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Kings Mountain physician, entered Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment.

LIONS MEETING

Directors of Kings Mountain Lions club will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the office of Dr. N. H. Reed.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$155.35, including \$132.14 from on-street meters and \$23.21 from off-street meters, City Clerk Gene Mitcham said.

PUBLIC HEARING

The city board of commissioners, in special session Monday voted to hold a public hearing on certain street improvement assessments at the regular meeting on November 14. The vote was unanimous.

Chief Logan Resigns Effective November 1



RESIGNS--Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr. resigned the office Monday. The resignation will be effective on November 1. Chief Logan has held the position since 1953.

No Unanimity Among Board On Successor

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., resigned Monday, effective November 1.

The resignation was unanimously accepted by the board of commissioners and ended the chief's tenure for Mr. Logan, former sheriff of Cleveland County, which began near the end of the Garland Still administration in 1953.

Coleman Stroupe, police commissioner, moved acceptance of the resignation and Commissioner Boyce Gault seconded. Suggestion of Mayor Glee A. Bridges to name an acting chief was not accepted, when commissioners suggested another special session be held prior to November 1.

Speculation immediately arose as to the identity of a successor to Chief Logan, but there was unanimity of opinion among the several commissioners.

Comm. Stroupe said the names of three men currently members of the police department had been mentioned to him, but he declined to name them. Another commissioner said later he'd heard the names of Officers Martin Ware and H. L. (Tom) Gladwin mentioned for the chief's post.

Comm. Ben Bridges said he was toying with the idea of combining the police, and fire departments, together with a to-be-created department of traffic control under a director of public safety, didn't know whether the idea would be feasible or acceptable.

Comm. T. Luther Bennett said he'd heard mentioned frequently the name of Deputy Sheriff George Allen, brother of Sheriff Haywood Allen, as a possible chief, and this name was most frequently heard in street speculation.

Did Chief Logan resign of his own free will, or under pressure? One commissioner acknowledged there had been several caucuses last week concerning the chief's office, which has long been a political football. He said he had the impression that Police Comm. Stroupe had decided to make a motion to discharge Mr. Logan at a forthcoming meeting, whether or not he had enough pledged votes to obtain his discharge. This commissioner guessed that at least two more votes were obtained, and that this information was known to Chief Logan, prior to his decision to resign.

Mr. Logan presented his resignation by letter to the mayor and board of commissioners, addressed the mayor at Monday's special session and said, "I would like to say I've enjoyed working for you, for you are fair, honest, and an upright man."

Mayor Bridges commented, "Hugh has worked with me twice, once while I was a member of the board of county commissioners."

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Dr. George Plonk To Practice Here



SURGEON--Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain native, will return to Kings Mountain early next month for the general practice of surgery here.

Jaycees Give Contest Plans

Plans to conduct a community-wide Voice of Democracy contest were announced Wednesday by Ken Pruitt, chairman of the project being sponsored by Kings Mountain Jaycees.

The contest this year celebrates its 11th national anniversary. The local contest is an annual project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Voice of Democracy is a script writing and voicing competition which encourages high school students to think, write, and speak of the democratic principles which have made America great. Contest entries are judged on the content, delivery, and originality of five minute scripts on the subject, "I Speak for Democracy."

All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students are eligible to enter the contest which will be held here at the high school auditorium on November 14th. Following city elimination, a contest to determine the district winner will be held in Shelby and the state winner to be determined in Forest City competes with others in Washington, D. C.

Awards will be given on the local level and interested contestants should contact Mr. Pruitt, contest chairman, or Lawson Brown, Central school principal.

Center For Handicapped Asking Funds

A two-week campaign for funds for the Gaston Center for Handicapped Children will begin Sunday, it was announced by Bruce Thornburn, a director of the center.

The center recently erected in Gaston county serves a several county area, now with 40 children enrolled.

The new building site was contributed by Gaston County, which also gave about \$5,000 for construction of the building.

At the moment eight Kings Mountain children are studying at the center.

The recent General Assembly made an appropriation to the center, but, Mr. Thornburn states, the appropriation furnishes only about one-third of the \$27,000 budget. The remainder of the funds must be raised at the local level.

Children enrolled at the center have mental handicaps, but are described as trainable, to make life more interesting and enjoyable as their bodies grow and mature. Chief members of the staff are Dr. Mary Elen Nelson, psychologist, and Mrs. Violet Bagwell, both justified teachers. There are four assistants.

Donations should be mailed to the Gaston Center for the Handicapped or to Mr. Thornburn.



STUDENTS AT GASTON CENTER--Pictured is a group of students at Gaston Center for Handicapped Children, which serves a four county area including Cleveland. The center has 40 children enrolled, including eight from Kings Mountain. The state furnishes one-third of the center's operating budget. Campaign to obtain the remaining two-thirds will get underway on Sunday.

Surgeon Plans To Open Office On November 15

Dr. George W. Plonk, general surgeon and Kings Mountain native, will return to Kings Mountain early in November for the practice of surgery.

Dr. Plonk has made arrangements to open offices November 15, in the George W. Mauney building on W. King street in quarters formerly occupied by Dr. A. W. McMurry and Dr. J. W. Harbison.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Plonk, Dr. Plonk, 38, has been a practicing surgeon in Raleigh, in partnership with Dr. L. Gordon Sinclair, since August 1952.

He was graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1936 and was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from University of North Carolina in 1940. He spent his first two years in medical school at the university, then won his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in January 1944. He served a rotating internship at Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., until October 1944, when he became an army medical corps officer. He remained in the army until January 1947, serving a year on surgical service at Camp Pickett, Va., and another year as a battalion surgeon in Italy. He subsequently spent 21 months in general practice at Murphy, before returning to study for a post-graduate course in

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Flu Total Up, But Not Asiatic

There's some influenza about, but Kings Mountain doctors say they have yet to find one case of the more virulent Asiatic variety.

Three of Kings Mountain's medical men had virtually the same report. Respiratory ailments are on the increase, but not too much more than is seasonal.

Dr. Kenneth McGill, Dr. Paul V. Nolan, and Dr. P. G. Padgett all said that the Kings Mountain influenza cases they had seen were not sufficient to indicate an epidemic. None had checked out any Asiatic flu, though all had ordered laboratory tests, or said they would, on any suspicious cases.

Dr. J. E. Anthony was out of town this week, and Dr. W. L. Ramseur was ill with a heavy cold.

The county health office reported from a check made last Friday that the county's medical men had reported 144 flu cases for last week. Of the ten suspected as Asiatic flu, none were proved out in the laboratory.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Ware

Funeral rites for Mrs. Minnie Lee Ware, 80, were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Mark Lutheran church, Cherryville, in earnest following in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Ware succumbed last Wednesday night at the home here of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Cornwell, with whom she made her home. She had been in declining health for several years.

A native of Lincoln county, Mrs. Ware was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Weaver. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church here.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Cornwell, are three step-daughters, Mrs. Robert McGill, Mrs. John Oates, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Laura Dixon, of Gastonia. Also surviving are a brother, Philip Weaver, of Dallas, and a sister Mrs. George Cody, of Cherryville.

Final rites were conducted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, St. Matthew's pastor.

School Board Adopts Budget; Pay Scales Set

The city board of education adopted a local funds budget Monday night providing for expenditure of \$101,797.67 in current expenses and \$131,507.22 in capital outlay.

In other actions, the board voted slight salary increases to its corps of seven janitors, to Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, secretary to the superintendent, and to Miss Gaynelle Scruggs, secretary to the central school principal.

The raises bring the monthly pay scales (both state pay and local supplements included) to:

Mrs. Davis, \$280; Miss Scruggs, \$200; L. A. Grier, \$185.80; Eugene Williams, \$165; Janie Adams, \$96.80; John Gist, \$165; Nathaniel Thomas, \$165; John Jackson, \$147.85; and I. J. D. Jamerson, \$147.95.

In another action, the board voted to enroll the first grade child of a Mr. Jones, who lives on Floyd street, at Central school. Mr. Barnes explained the child was seven years of age, should have been in school last year, would ordinarily attend East. He pointed out that the East first grade already numbered 36 pupils, compared to 34 at Central, and that a fourth grade child of Mr. Jones was attending Central through volunteer transfer.

In other actions the board:

1) Accepted admission applications for several pupils outside the city district, who are already attending city schools on release from the county but who had not been admitted formally.

2) Authorized Chairman Fred Plonk to sign a paving petition for Rameur street, on which North school fronts.

3) Authorized a 20-day extension for substitute employment by Mrs. George Moss, who has been ill. Mr. Barnes said Mrs. Moss expects to resume her duties on October 28.

4) To comply with new state legislation requiring schools to purchase extended coverage insurance, voted to purchase the coverage when required. There was question whether the effective date is November 1 or January 1. Cost, if the coverage is not required until January 1, will be \$1,717 on existing fire insurance policies.

5) Authorized the superintendent to make classroom space available for the teaching of certain college extension courses.

6) Authorized payment of expenses of Mrs. Wanza Davis to attend the S. Piedmont district secretary's meeting October 26 at Hickory.

7) Voted reimbursement of incidental expenses incurred by school officials when attending meetings at the order of the state board of education.

8) Voted to pay cost of employing substitutes for principals who attend the November 5-6 principal's meeting at Asheville.

9) Voted to include in the budget a \$100 appropriation to defray expenses of Principal Lawson Brown, should he attend a forthcoming meeting of the Southern Association of Schools at Richmond, Va.

ONE CALL

City Fireman C. D. Ware reported Kings Mountain Fire Department answered a call Sunday morning around 7:15 to Radio Station WKMKT. No damages were reported.

Miss North Carolina Will Appear In Kings Mountain Yule Parade

Pretty Elaine Herndon, of Durham, Miss North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to appear in the Kings Mountain Christmas parade on December 4. Charles Blanton, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said this week.

Mr. Herndon has notified the Merchants Association committee she will come to Charlotte by plane, where she will be met by a committee of welcome and will be brought to Kings Mountain for the annual Christmas



DRIVE OFFICIAL--William G. (Bill) Jonas has been named Kings Mountain chairman in the county-wide seal sale campaign which gets underway on November 15.

Jonas Named Seal Chairman

William G. (Bill) Jonas has been named chairman of the 1957 seal sale campaign in Kings Mountain.

Chairman of the Shelby and county division of the drive is Julian Hamrick.

Announcement of drive officials was made Wednesday by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, official of the county tuberculosis association.

Mrs. Jarrett said the drive will begin on November 15th.

Kiwanis Club Names Cheshire

John Cheshire has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the calendar year 1958, according to report of the club bulletin this week.

Also elected for 1958 was George H. Mauney, who will serve as first vice-president.

These results were reported from last Thursday's primary balloting by club members.

On Thursday night the membership will hold its second voting to determine identity of 1958's second vice-president and seven directors.

Nominees for vice-president are Ben H. Bridges, Jr., I. B. Gofforth, Jr., and John Smathers.

The members will vote for seven directors from this group of 12 nominees: James E. Amos, B. N. Barnes, John M. Cross, W. Gurney Grantham, J. E. Herndon, Sr., R. M. Kennedy, J. T. Nance, Charles Neisler, Hugh Ormand, D. M. Peeler, J. H. Thomson and W. F. Young.

Bethware School Opening Monday

School bells will ring again Monday at Bethware school, the 8:30 bell will herald the October 28 opening for the regular, full-day winter schedule.

Classes will begin at 8:30 a. m. and will run through 3:00 p. m.

The Bethware cafeteria will not be in operation Monday, but operation will be in full force thereafter.

October 28 also has been set as the date for the opening of Compact and all Cleveland County Rural Negro schools.

Debate Bitter In Arguments On Proposal

Members of the First Baptist church were voting Wednesday night on whether to accept a proffered gift from 54 members of a 2.6 acre tract bounded by W. King, Sims and Mountain streets, with the stipulation that a church building be started on the site within five years.

The voting was being conducted against a background of acrimonious church political activity and produced predictions from some members on both "aye" and "nay" sides of the question that, regardless of the outcome, a new Baptist church would be a result.

Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, the pastor, did not agree with this opinion. He felt the group which seeks a new church site, if outvoted, would remain members of First Baptist church as now constituted. Rev. Mr. Quakenbush favors accepting the proffered gift.

Both groups were predicting victory.

One factor in the election decision, both factions acknowledged, is the \$80,000 in cash which the church has designated for a building fund. What will happen to this money, regardless of the outcome? One member of the stay-where-we-are faction said court litigation is anticipated in event the new site group loses the election and tries to get control of this fund.

Wednesday night's vote was to be the third on questions related to a new First Baptist church site.

Some months ago, deacons of the church executed an option on the King-Sims-Mountain site of Dr. P. G. Padgett at the time an Episcopal group allowed its option to lapse. Subsequently, the church membership voted to execute the option, but the majority favoring purchase was not great, and participation in the voting was small in comparison to the membership. Two weeks later a second vote was taken and the first decision to execute the option was rescinded.

After this action, ten members of First Baptist church obtained another option on the same site, an option which was to expire Wednesday, day of the voting. However, the option was not allowed to expire, as 54 members of the church subscribed the \$12,000 purchase price and executed the option this week.

The proffer of the tract, with building requirement stipulation, has the endorsement of a majority of the 15-member board of deacons, both factions agree. There is insufficient agreement on the majority of endorsement. One stay-as-is proponent says the deacons are split 11 to 4 in favor of accepting the site, while a new-site proponent says there is doubt as to the position of one deacon and the split could be 12 to 3 in favor.

Members of the board of deacons are Yates Harbison, chairman, Fred Ruth, W. F. McGill, W. T. Weir, I. A. McGill, Harold Crawford, John Beam, James White, W. B. Logan, Dr. D. F. Hord, John H. Gamble, Jr., Joe L. Hord, Fred Weaver, L. L. Benson, and Dr. Paul Nolan.

The votes were to be taken by secret ballot, with the board of deacons serving as a committee-on-the-whole to canvass the results, Rev. Mr. Quakenbush said. He said that approximately 730 members of First Baptist church were eligible to vote.

The upcoming vote had attracted mailing pieces, both pro and con, to the church membership.

Community Day Service Planned

Kings Mountain will observe World Community Day on November 1, with a religious service at First Presbyterian church, it was announced this week by Mrs. B. N. Barnes, publicity chairman of the sponsor, Kings Mountain Council of Churches-women.

Mrs. Barnes said seven churches are participating in the service, which will be featured by an address by Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church. Theme of the observance is "The Emerging Peoples."

Another feature will be music by a 100-voice youth choir, representing youth chorals groups among the participating churches.

Mrs. Claude Hambricht is program chairman for the service.