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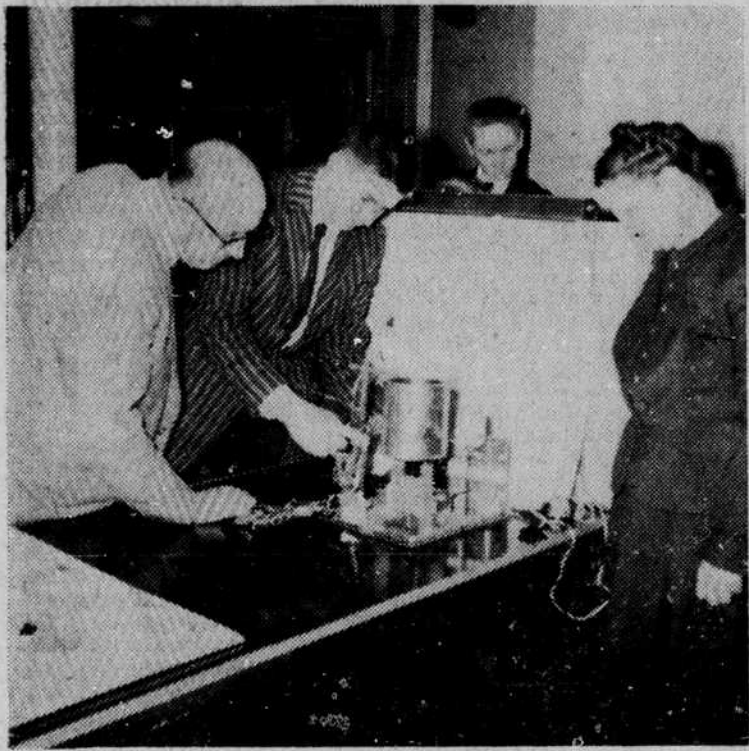
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STUDENTS SHOW SCIENCE WORK — Harold Coggins, Kiwanian, examines the scientific project of Paul Hendricks, Jr., on the "Effect of Stimuli on Living Tissue" at last week's Kiwanis club meeting, as Miss Odessa Black, high school biology teacher looks on. In background is Steve Powell, who presented a display on the "Three Primary Races of Man".

Local News Bulletins

DISCHARGED

Grady Patterson, oil distributor, has been discharged from Memorial hospital in Charlotte after undergoing surgery there and is recuperating at his home on West Gold Street.

HOSPITALIZED

Margrace Mill employee, Jimmy Dickey is in Kings Mountain hospital due to a virus which affected his nervous system. Attending physician, Dr. Paul Nolan stated Dickey's condition as serious.

IMPROVING

Mrs. C. E. Neisler, a patient at Kings Mountain hospital is improving according to announcement by Dr. Paul Nolan. A family spokesman said Mrs. Neisler had had pneumonia.

SUPPER

The chicken pie supper scheduled last Saturday at El Bethel clubhouse was postponed because of bad weather. The Methodist WSCS will begin serving this Saturday at 5 o'clock p. m. at the clubhouse, it has been announced.

SALE

Hot dogs and homemade cake will be on sale Saturday March 1 at the Grace Methodist Fellowship Hall beginning at noon and continuing until evening. Delivery service can be obtained by phoning 1324. The project is sponsored jointly by the Friendship and Philanthropy classes of the church.

GUEST AT CEREMONY

Mayor Glee A. Bridges was a platform guest at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass groundbreaking ceremonies in Shelby Tuesday. He also attended a luncheon for out-of-town guests at the Hotel Charles.

BUILDING PERMITS

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Tuesday to Thomas L. Blanton to build a one-story, five-room, frame house on Ramseur street between Bridges and Park street to be used as a residence. Hunter Ware was listed as the contractor. Estimated cost is \$4200.

COOKIE SALE

Area girl scouts will hold the annual girl scout cookie sale beginning Saturday, March 1. Cookies will be sold at 50c per box with proceeds to go to the Girl Scout fund.

Miss Youngue Succumbs At 73

Miss Selina Youngue, 73, a retired nurse died Sunday at her home on Ridge street.

Funeral services for Miss Youngue were conducted Monday at Sisk Funeral Home with Rev. S. L. Lamb supply pastor of Second Baptist church and Rev. W. H. Redmon officiating. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Surviving is one brother, Samuel Youngue of College Park, Ga.

Students Give Demonstration Of Science Work

Members of two Kings Mountain civic clubs had a looksee in the past week on what high school youngsters are learning in science courses.

A group of students demonstrated "projects" on scientific subjects to the Kiwanis club and Lions club at their recent meetings. After brief outlines of their subjects, the high school students stood by for explanations of their projects to club members.

On Tuesday night at the Lions club, Billy Simpson lectured on his scale-model display of "Prehistoric Animals". Steve Powell explained the results of two months of work to show in pottery clay the "Three Primary Races of Man". Mac Lennon answered enough questions to give himself a husky voice on his exhibit of "Vanguard", which diagrammed the components of the Navy's Sputnik-type missile. Paul Hendricks' display was entitled "Effect of Stimuli on Living Tissue". The display employs a not-long-dead turtle, and battery-charged stimuli produce reactions which one onlooker labeled "the salted frog legs effect".

Also at the meeting were high school students of the month, Georgiana Moss and Sherry Kelly. High School Principal Lawson Brown presented the student scientists.

City Will Invite Insurance Bids

The city will invite bids on five insurance policies to be opened at the March 12 meeting, City Clerk Joe McDaniel said Wednesday.

Bids will be invited on the basis that all policies will expire March 2, 1959.

The five policies and their most recent annual premiums are: Fleet liability, \$1316.83; monies and securities protection, \$69.80; a \$400 fire insurance policy on the house at City Lake, \$8.68; the volunteer firemen's blanket accident policy, \$88.50; \$5,000 fidelity bond for Tax Collector J. W. Webster, \$50.

County ASC Needs Million To Meet "Overdrafts" On Cotton Soil Bank

Plans of many Cleveland County farmers to soil bank cotton acreage for the 1958 crop depend on action of the Congress on a current bill before the House of Representatives to appropriate an additional \$175 million dollars for soil bank payments, Ralph Harrill, county ASC secretary, said Wednesday.

Of the proposed \$175 millions, Cleveland county will require about 1 million to assure all farmers equal treatment under the soil bank set-up.

Mr. Harrill said the House appropriations committee has approved the bill.

He also reported that Cleveland farmers sought to bank 23,100 acres of cotton acreage, or about two-thirds of the 35,335-acre 1958 cotton allotment.

As the situation now stands, 9,500 acres, banked on a first-come-first-served basis, qualify for Cleveland's allocation of \$725,249. Currently left high and dry, with no payments in prospect barring further appropriations, are 13,600 acres.

North Carolina's 11th district Congressman, Basil L. Whitener, has been pressing the Department

Compromise Offered By Baptist Minority

Expansion Firm's Stock Sale Good

Plonk Pleased With Response By Businessmen

Sale of stock in Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., the newly-formed corporation designed to spur Kings Mountain area industrial expansion, was proceeding satisfactorily Wednesday, Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the business group solicitation committee reported.

Chairman Plonk and President J. Wilson Crawford were at work Tuesday and Wednesday, visiting business firms and individuals, to collect cash for stock pledges. By Wednesday, the cash-in-hand figure had topped the five-figure mark and, Mr. Plonk commented, "We're just getting started."

Mr. Crawford said, "We are very well-pleased with the reception we are receiving. Kings Mountain and the surrounding area needs the economic help of additional job opportunities and the businessmen we have seen agree that, together, we can help ourselves. We have many more business people to see. I share Mr. Plonk's confidence that we shall be fully successful."

Stock in Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., sells for \$10 per common share. Common stock is the only issue and the corporation is authorized to issue up to 10,000 shares. The stock certificates are in hand and are ready for issuance.

Currently, the corporation is negotiating with a garment manufacturer, who has told the directors to seek a lease on a building which would be constructed by the Development firm.

President Crawford said he hoped to arrange a director's meeting this weekend to further plans toward contracting the industry prospect.

Mrs. Smith's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Louise Smith, 39, wife of Walter Smith, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Smith succumbed Wednesday night in Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of two months. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Onslow Bennett who survive. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents, are two sons, Jerry Keith Smith and James Ronald Smith, and two brothers, James Bennett and Doris Bennett, both of Kings Mountain.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of the church, conducted the rites.



EDITOR — Cecil Prince, editor of the Charlotte News, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting.

Prince To Speak To Kiwanians

Cecil Prince, editor of the Charlotte News, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Mr. Prince will discuss "Freedom of Information," emphasizing a newspaper's obligation to tell the whole story about today's "tormented old world."

John C. Smathers arranged the program.

Mr. Prince became editor of the Charlotte News about four years ago. He had previously been on the staff of the Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Greensboro Record. A native of High Point, he was graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in journalism in 1948.

The club meets at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

Jones Infants' Burial Here

Bodies of Jeffrey and Arlinda Jones, allegedly smothered to death February 18 by their Mother, Phyllis Byers Jones, Negro, formerly of Kings Mountain, are scheduled to arrive in Kings Mountain Friday for burial.

Mrs. Jones, wife of a serviceman now stationed at Okinawa, is still being detained in Newark, (N. J.) Parental home in conjunction with the death of her two infants.

The young mother allegedly signed a confession stating: "I smothered my two kids with pillows" after officers arrived at the house she shares with her father, Archie Byers, also a former Kings Mountain citizen.

Investigators first opined the tragedy was accidental but Mrs. Jones was alleged to have asked for pen and paper to write her father "to ask forgiveness."

Mrs. Robert Byers of 303 N. Watterson street and grandmother of Mrs. Jones returned Tuesday from a visit to Newark. She said she was not allowed to see her granddaughter, did not know when a hearing will be held.

Kings Mountain relatives of the Jones children were notified late Wednesday of their scheduled arrival. Funeral arrangements haven't been made, Gill and Brown Funeral Home reported.

City To Push Auto Tag Sale

The City Police Department will begin citing motorists for failure to buy city auto license tags subsequent to March 1, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday.

Registration lists are being examined to determine which car owners haven't yet bought 1958 tags and clean-up work will begin as quickly as the delinquent list is completed, the Mayor added.

Through Wednesday, a total of 964 city auto tags had been sold, some 450 less than were sold last year.

The tags cost one dollar and are on sale at the city hall office. "Buy now and avoid penalty," the Mayor advised.

Employment Service Lists 626 Jobless

February unemployment figures continued at about the same total as January's. Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment service said Wednesday.

However, he noted an insufficiency of plush weavers and plush loom fixers here, saying the office has been unable to fill job orders for those skilled workers.

A. G. Maino, general manager of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division, confirmed the shortage, saying newspaper advertisements are being placed seeking plush weavers and loom fixers. He reported some improvement in business, with plush materials orders heavy, but with flat goods still quite soft.

The textile production picture otherwise was not greatly changed, with production schedules generally firm on a four to five-day week basis, several firms reported. Majority of the industry expressed optimism that larger and more frequent orders will appear in the near future.

Mr. Ware's report showed that 626 persons were seeking work via the Kings Mountain office and that an additional 144 persons (average number for the month) did not enjoy full-time work during the past four weeks.

A total of 2456 weeks of unemployment compensation claims was filed during the past month. The total included 108 claims labeled "interstate," made by citizens who have been working in other states.

Final totals on job orders and placements for the past month hadn't been compiled, but Mr. Ware estimated the picture was about the same, with a paucity of openings and a comparable paucity of placements.

Compact Asks Split-Term Vote

Compact school patrons will petition the county board of education Monday asking for an election on whether to abolish the so-called "split term" schedule.

Principal L. L. Adams said Wednesday that more than 30 parents signed a petition at a recent P-TA meeting when "the parents voted 100 percent to petition the county board to change the split term session of school to a straight term."

The petition was being circulated in the community this week and was being signed by parents who were not present for the P-TA meeting, he said.

Principal Adams noted that the petition will be filed with the county board of education Monday. A regular meeting of the board is set for Monday.

In Cleveland county schools retaining the split term are Bethware, Compact, Polkville, Moriah, Casar, Belwood, Fallston, Waco, Mooresboro, Green Bethel Camp, Vance, Philadelphia and Washington.

Bethware, which failed to abolish the split term in a vote last spring, will vote again this spring. Petitions bearing signatures of 62 Bethware school patrons has already been filed and the county board of education has indicated an election will be called, though the board expects there may be more schools desiring to vote on the same question and inferred it would like to hold all the voting at the same time.

Bloodmobile Visit March 11

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain March 11 for a one-day visit, with blood collection officials seeking to exceed the 150-pint quota.

Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, Kings Mountain Red Cross blood program chairman, said this week that Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will sponsor the visit.

Again Mr. Fritz said, the industrial group arrangement will also be employed.

"Those who have used blood since the December 30 visit should arrange to fulfill their replacement commitments on Mar. 11," Mr. Fritz said.

He noted that the December 30 visit resulted in collection of 137 pints of blood, 13 pints under the quota. "We hope to make up this deficiency," he added.

\$5625 Red Cross Drive To Start

Solicitation Organization Is Announced

Annual fund campaign for the American Red Cross will get underway this week end, Chairman Walker said Tuesday.

Chairman Walker said that the campaign will get underway in rural areas Sunday. Rural Chairman Stokes Wright has informed him. The campaign in Kings Mountain and Grover will begin formally on Monday.

Already at work has been the advance gifts committee, headed by George H. Houser.

Campaign headquarters will be opened Monday at the building on S. Piedmont avenue formerly occupied by Helen's Beauty Shop and adjacent to Haywood E. Lynn and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, which will be in charge of the office, which will be open from 1 to 5 p. m. daily, Monday through Saturday.

Other group chairmen are: Business area, F. R. McCurdy; business employees, W. G. (Bill) Jones; industrial employees, Charles E. Dixon; outlying business areas, J. T. McGinnis; residential areas, Mrs. Haywood Lynne; professional men, Dr. Nathan H. Reed; clubs and organizations, Wilson Griffin; schools, Mrs. Wanza Davis; city employees, J. W. Webster; Negro division, Otis Tomes; and Grover, Bob Ham-bright.

"The Red Cross does a great amount of work in aiding the needy, the suffering and displaced, not to mention its considerable services to men in the armed forces and its blood program," Mr. Walker commented. "The campaign goal is not a great one and it should be met."

City Board Meets Thursday Night

A called meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Marvin Williams, assistant state electrical inspector for North Carolina, would discuss with the board complaints concerning alleged irregularities in electrical installations in the city.

The inspector is attached to the office of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Mayor said.

GRASS FIRE

City firemen reported one call at 3:30 p. m. Monday to douse a grass fire blazing in a vacant field between Dilling and Deal streets. No damage was listed.

L. L. Benson To Retire Friday After 52 Years With Southern

BY ELIZABETH STEWART

L. L. Benson, veteran railroad employee and Southern Railway agent here for 20 years, is retiring Friday.

"I'm just going to enjoy staying at home and visiting my children and grandchildren", the 69-year-old railroad man remarked. Mr. Benson, who observed February 23rd his 52nd year with the railroad, notes he has "worked all over this line between Salisbury and Greenville" and has witnessed many changes "especially in the official family of the railroad."

A native of Elizabethtown, Mr. Benson worked as a telegraph operator from 1906-1918 after graduating from high school in Cary. He came to Kings Mountain as a telegraph operator in 1908, subsequently married a Kings Mountain girl, Alice Herndon, was transferred to Taylors, S. C., then to Charlotte, Gaffney, S. C., Paris, S. C., and back to Taylors where he remained as an agent there for 15 years. He was transferred to the Kings Mountain post from Kannapolis where he was agent for Southern Railway for seven years.

"The railroad's been good to me", Mr. Benson said, and "I've always tried to give them an honest day's work."

As an agent, Mr. Benson has been responsible for the whole operation of the station. In addition to preparing passenger schedules, he also handles freight, is responsible for all accounting for both Southern Railway and Railway Express Agency and is the agent in charge of all tracks within the switching limits of his station.

Mr. Benson reminisced that during

Possible Playoff Set For Cherryville

Kings Mountain will play Belmont at 7:30 Saturday night in the new Cherryville Gym, if such a game is needed to determine the fourth-place finisher in the Southwest Conference basketball race.

Originally scheduled in event the two teams deadlock for the fourth-place position in the Western Conference tournament at Lincolnton next week. A tie for fourth would arise if Kings Mountain beats Cliffside here Friday night and provided Belmont loses to Shelby.

Any other outcome in those two games would give fourth place to Belmont, for instance, a Kings Mountain loss or a Red Raider win would clinch the tournament berth for Belmont, and, thus, would not require a playoff.

Lt. Oliver Dies In Auto Crash

Military funeral rites for Second Lt. Ernest Raymond Oliver, 25-year-old Kings Mountain serviceman killed early Sunday morning will be held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. from Westover Baptist church.

Relatives here were notified Sunday that Oliver died in an automobile accident Sunday about 12:33 a. m. enroute to Fort Ord, army base near Monterey, Calif., where he was to report for duty at midnight. The accident reportedly occurred on the base when the vehicle operated by Oliver overturned.

Robert C. Woodworth, of the army base, will escort the body to Kings Mountain Saturday night. An army chaplain will assist Rev. N. S. Hardin, pastor of Westover Baptist church, in conducting the military rites. Pallbearers will be men of the Kings Mountain National Guard Unit and the graveside service will be conducted by men from Fort Bragg, army post.

The body will lie-in-state at the church 30 minutes before the funeral. Sisk Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Davis Oliver; two sons, Ernest Ray Oliver, Jr. and Lawrence H. Oliver, both of the home, his father, Vernon O. Oliver, of Washington, D. C., and two brothers, Andrew Oliver, of Baltimore, Md., and Frederick Oliver, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The big jump billings were up, but not too greatly over the January - February period, which saw this category at \$28,341.

Gas was another story. February 1 bills totaled \$15,157. The increase is approximately \$4,800.

December billings furnish a warmer - month comparison, with water and power totals \$26,446, and gas system billings \$14,629.

City officials look forward to relief for their customers at the April 1 billing. Temperatures have soared since the deepfreeze, with high points for the recent days in the high 60 range. Daylight is lengthening, and the April 1 billing, covering the February-March period, will have two less days, thanks to February's abbreviated 28-day month.

Water billings for the previous month are estimates, since the meter housings were frozen and couldn't be removed by the meter readers. They'll balance out next month. Water, however, is a negligible portion of the utility total.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, fretting over a \$6.61 increase in his upcoming utility bill, looks forward to the decline, both personally and work-wise. "Most folk don't bother to compare consumption totals," he notes. "They just see the dollar figures and think we're charging them too much."

WALKER ILL

O. O. Walker, general contractor, suffered a mild heart attack and is reported by Dr. P. G. Padgett to be in good condition. Mr. Walker is recuperating in Kings Mountain hospital.

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RETIRING—L. L. Benson, Southern Railway agent here for 20 years, is retiring Friday. The veteran railroad man observed this month his 52nd year as an employee of the railroad.