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Finger Leads; Ellis Weighs Run-Off Decision

Monday Second Race D-Day; Incumbents Won Nomination

Huffstetler Retains No. 4 Constable Post

Incumbents fared well in Saturday's Democratic primary voting, all of those holding county-wide offices leading for re-nomination.

Four of the incumbents had easy sailing, but Knox Sarratt, county commission vice-chairman, had to come from behind through heavy support at Shelby No. 2 precinct to overtake and defeat Kester Hamrick for the District V nomination.

Balloting was light, with only about 6,000 persons going to the polls. In Number 4 Township, Constable Gus Huffstetler had easy sailing in defeating Richard E. Ware.

The official canvass on Tuesday revealed these final totals, Elections Board Chairman Joe Mull reported:

For District II Commissioner: Carl P. Finger 2428, J. Broadus Ellis 2279, Alvin A. Barrett 919. For House of Representatives Jack Palmer, Jr., 3927, George B. Thomason 1193, Ernest A. Gardner 762.

For District I Commissioner: M. A. Spangler, Sr., 4059, Tilden Queen 1652.

For District IV Commissioner: John D. White 4205, William Hastings 1273.

For District V Commissioner: Knox Sarratt 2863, Kester Hamrick 2734.

For Treasurer: Mrs. Lillian E. Newton 4331, John C. Anderson 1555.

For Number 4 Township Constable: C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler 981, Richard E. Ware. 292.

Union Services To Start Sunday

Dr. Warner Hall, pastor of Charlotte's Covenant Presbyterian church, will speak at the union service Sunday evening at 8 p. m. at First Presbyterian church.

Summer schedule of union services for five city church congregations is beginning, with other participating churches to invite visiting ministers for their denominations to speak during the series.

Dr. Hall, Presbyterian minister, as one of the outstanding men in the Christian world, has served on numerous denominational and interdenominational committees. He is a graduate of Southwestern University in Memphis, Louisville Seminary, and has completed post-graduate work at Edinburgh University, Scotland. He has served pastorates in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Alabama, and under his leadership the covenant congregation has erected one of the most beautiful and commodious church plants in America.

Special music will also be a feature of the union services. Offerings will be received at each service to defray expenses, spokesmen of the Ministerial association said.

Participating congregations in the summer schedule of services include, in addition to the Presbyterian church, St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran churches, Central Methodist, and Boyce Memorial ARP churches.

Merchants Outing Set For June 18

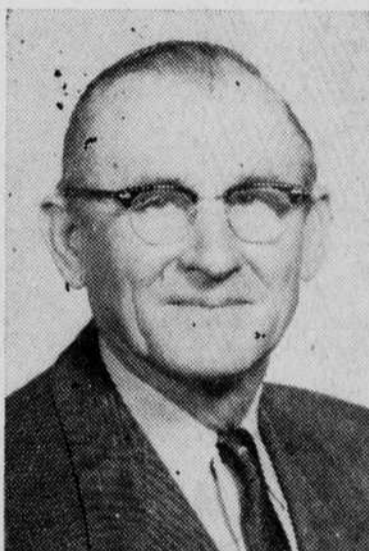
Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association will hold their annual employer-employee summer picnic at Bethany ARP church June 18, according to announcement by Richard Barrett, president.

A price of dinner tickets will be \$1.50.

Dinner will be prepared by women of the church.



CARL FINGER



BROADUS ELLIS

Finger Compiles 149-Vote Lead For Commission

J. Broadus Ellis was still incommunicado Wednesday afternoon concerning his decision on calling a run-off for the District II county commission nomination.

Mr. Ellis trailed Carl P. Finger by 149 votes in last Saturday's Democratic primary, while A. A. Barrett picked up 919. Mr. Finger, the incumbent, failed to attain a majority by 385 votes.

Mr. Ellis indicated before the polls closed he felt the second runner, in absence of a majority, shouldn't ask a second race, barring a second race in the three-man House of Representatives contest. However, Mr. Ellis was quoted by the Shelby Star on Monday as saying he hadn't yet made a decision, awaiting a close analysis of the election returns.

Mr. Ellis was not available by telephone in either his Grover office or residence Tuesday nor Wednesday morning and Mrs. Ellis said she had no idea what her husband's decision would be.

The Grover notice has until Monday to file notice he wants a second primary. It would be conducted on June 28.

One other race, for constable of Shelby township, was not settled. Incumbent Joe Moore topped a field of five candidates handily but failed to attain a majority over C. E. Fisher, his nearest competitor. There was no clear indication Wednesday whether Candidate Fisher would ask a second race.

Mr. Finger said Wednesday he was highly pleased at the support he received in Kings Mountain and, with exception of Grover, throughout the county. He said he was "still running" on assumption Mr. Ellis would exercise his right to call for a second primary.

Both Mr. Finger and Mr. Ellis were accorded heavy support from their home precincts. Grover racked 393 votes for Ellis and groose-galled Finger. Candidate Barrett tallied three votes. Kings Mountain precincts weren't as unanimous for Finger, but more than made up the Grover margin for Ellis. The combined totals for East and West Kings Mountain precincts were: Finger 626; Ellis 163; Barrett 29. It was a clean majority for Finger of 434 votes.

Mr. Ellis is a longtime Grover citizen and long active in Democratic party councils. He has managed the Grover precinct for 35 years. A Grover businessman, he is a veteran of World War I.

Mr. Finger is a Kings Mountain native and laundryman. He is a veteran of World War II. He succeeded the late Hazel B. Bumgardner as a member of the county commission.

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Primary Election SIDELIGHTS

Kings Mountain citizens voted lightly, if orderly, in last Saturday's election. About the only persons steamed over the election were the candidates themselves. Only 800-plus persons went to the polls, which means Kings Mountain will have to doff its hat to Grover, where 396 citizens cast ballots in the District II commissioner race.

Carl Finger, the Kings Mountain laundryman, was being teased about his whitewashing at Grover. The teaser, "Broad Ellis had three political enemies at Grover, it appears, and Mr. Barrett found out who they were while you didn't." It turned out, so the reports go, that Mr. Ellis did not necessarily have three political enemies but that three Grover residents had been employed as drivers for Barrett.

The counting job ran a little slowly for a short time. Finger, who had trained in early...

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Conference Group Named By Baptists

Members Ask Six-Man Group To Make Report

A conference committee is being named to iron out differences between warring factions of First Baptist church.

The church members voted last week (May 28) to name the conference committee, to include three members from the majority group, which wants to build a new church on a new site, and three members from the dissident group, which wants to maintain the present church structure.

The joint committee is instructed to confer with attorneys for both groups and to return to the church a report. The church would then vote to accept or reject the report.

This action is the first joint one indicative of a possibility of compromise. The strife came into the open immediately preceding the following last October's 235-163 church vote to accept a new site for building of a new church within five years.

Subsequently, the dissident group filed suit in Cleveland Superior Court to abrogate the vote. After a hearing in which the majority group failed to have granted a motion for dismissal, the suit remains docketed for trial but has not been calendared.

The dissident group met Tuesday night and named Harold Crawford, Glee A. Bridges, and W. T. Weir as representatives.

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Accident At Well Hospitalizes Two

Two men were hospitalized Wednesday afternoon after an accident while digging a well in the Oak Grove community. The injured were David Gibbons and Louis Philbeck.

Reports indicated Gibbons, while being pulled up, fell about 40 feet into the well. Philbeck went in to rescue them, on coming up himself, Philbeck fell. Keever Hamrick rescued Philbeck.

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Local News Bulletins

DEMOLITION MEETING

Kings Mountain chapter of DeMolay will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Lodge. Election of officers will be held. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Church School will open at First Presbyterian church Monday at 8:30 a. m. with classes to be held through June 20th. Theme of the school is "Jesus Christ" and songs, games, and projects will relate to the theme. Commencement has been set for Sunday morning, June 22.

ASSUMING DUTIES

Rev. Harry Petersen, recent graduate of Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Ga., is assuming duties Sunday as summer assistant pastor to Rev. P. D. Patrick at First Presbyterian church. Mr. Petersen was the assistant minister here last summer at the Presbyterian church.

BAPTIST SCHEDULE

Schedule for summer services at First Baptist church begins on Sunday, with Sunday School to be held at 9 a. m. and the morning worship to follow at 10:15 a. m. The schedule will be in effect throughout the summer.

CHURCH WOMEN

United Churchwomen will hear Mrs. E. Frank Hall, State president of United Churchwomen, at St. Matthew's Lutheran church next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. The public is being invited to the program.

KIWANIS CLUB

Winners in the recent city-wide talent show sponsored by the Kiwanis club will perform for the Kiwanians at the Thursday night meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. The winners and their parents will be special guests.

AT LITTLE CREEK

Grady Howard, manager of Kings Mountain hospital, is at Little Creek, Va., for two weeks of active duty. Mr. Howard is a Marine Corps Reserve officer.

TO CONVENTION

Postmaster and Mrs. Charles Alexander went to Winston-Salem Wednesday where they are attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Postmasters association. They will return on Friday.

LEGION MEETING

Regular June meeting of the Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion Building. Officers will be installed for the coming year by Department Commander Dud Robbins.

Steppe, Machine In Hell Driver Act

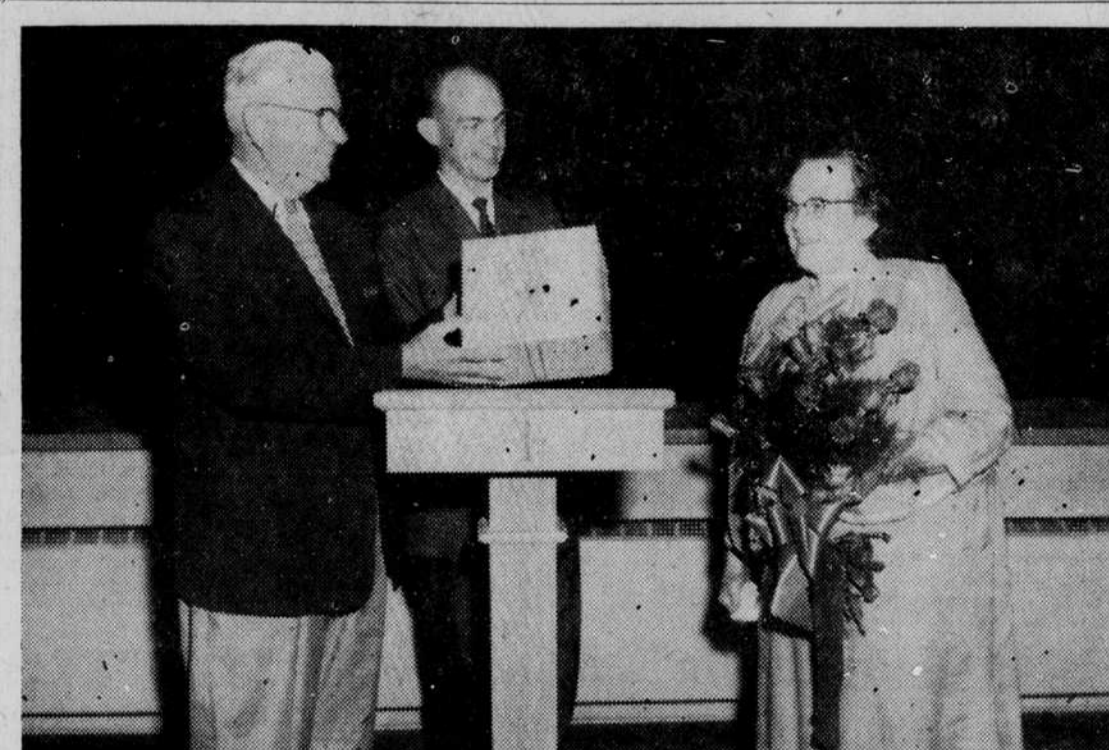
Kon Steppe, city employee, did a hair-raising driving job Tuesday afternoon with little damage to himself or vehicle. Steppe was chauffering the city's six-ton paving-packer toward the city garage, approaching from the north on City street.

Ken's version of events are that the gear shift accidentally jumped out into neutral at the crest of the city street hill and the heavy paving-packer started "Cadillacing". Driver Steppe stood on the brakes but they were defective and insufficient to hold the heavy machine on the down grade. An accident appeared imminent, but Ken maneuvered the machine around the several parked autos, swirled into the gate, then abandoned ship.

The machine hit the garage gate, slowing its speed, then crashed into the wall of the garage.

Damage to property: a bent gate and a crashed window. Damage to Driver Steppe: a sore back.

Did he land on his feet? No. Ken acknowledged, he landed flat.



PRESENTED GIFT - Pictured above, B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent, presents an inscribed silver bowl to Miss Marjorie Hord on behalf of West Elementary P-TA as I. Ben Goforth, Jr., West school principal looks on. Miss Hord is retiring after 32 years' service as first grade teacher at the school. Originally from a farm near Shelby, she is the oldest of the 11 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Hord. She started her teaching career in 1911, her first school being in Waco. She taught at Cliffs and Mt. Holly, then came to Kings Mountain where she has spent the past 32 years teaching at West school. She is holding a bouquet of a dozen roses, presented by her class. Mr. Goforth, her last principal, started school with "Miss Margie" as his first grade teacher. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

Record 104 Seniors Receive Diplomas; Awards Listed

Sue Jean Wright Is Top Scholar For Past Year

Twenty-one high school students were presented awards at the Awards Day ceremonies at Central school Monday, June 2, rounding out a year of scholastic achievement.

Sue Jean Wright was presented the coveted Plunk Scholarship medal, while Pauline Page was the recipient of the D. A. R. Citizenship award and the Kiwanis Citizenship award.

The Danforth award was presented to Pauline Page, Stephen Kesler and James Pressly while National Merit Scholarship Corporation finalists were noted to be Sherry Kelly and Stephen Kesler. Certificates of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation were presented Linda Biser and James Pressly.

Foot Mineral Scholarships were awarded to Buddy Connor, Jerry Wilson, and Dale Gilliland. The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science award was received by Stephen Kesler and the First National Bank Spelling medal by Donald Champion.

Recipient of the Jaycee Reading Medal was Jean Hicks while Richard McDaniel was awarded the National Math Exam medal. Donald Gladden was presented the Davis Declamation Medal.

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ELECTED - Hunter Warlick, Kings Mountain student at Duke Law School, has been elected secretary of the Duke Bar Association, student governing body of Duke Law School, and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. Mr. Warlick, also a first year law student, was also elected to the board of governors of the bar association at the university. He is the son of Mrs. C. E. Warlick.

Overflow Crowd Attends 1958 Graduation Event

Kings Mountain high school presented diplomas to 104 seniors Monday night. It was a record-sized graduation class and first time in history Kings Mountain high school has ever graduated a class of at least 100 members.

The high school auditorium was filled to more than capacity with many standees.

Members of the senior class were in charge of the exercises, with students speaking on the general theme "Faith in Tomorrow". The senior speakers and their subjects were Norma Hamrick "Through Education"; Stephen Kesler "Through Science"; Pauline Page "Through Social Ideals"; Linda Biser "Through Religion"; and Jean Hicks "Faith in the People".

Kay McCarter gave an invocation and Janc Gilbert gave an address of welcome.

Kenneth Baitly, president, presented the senior class gift to the school, a check for \$226 to be applied to the purchase of an activity bus.

Principal Lawson Brown presented diplomas and James Pressly said the benediction.

The senior class octet sang Morgan's "Ours Is The World". Other class officers were Anthony Goins, vice-president, and Bill Herndon, secretary. Treasurer (Continued on Page Eight)

Methodists To Conference

Majority of Methodist churches in this area will not have morning worship services Sunday as pastors attend the annual Western North Carolina conference at Lake Junaluska.

Rev. James B. McLarty, completing his third year at Central Methodist church, and John C. Smathers, lay delegate, will represent this church at the conference.

Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor, and Mrs. J. E. Mauney, delegate, will represent Grace Methodist church. J. E. Mauney is alternate delegate. Rev. Mr. Sides is completing his fourth year in the Grace charge, but said he anticipated returning there for a fifth year.

Rev. Frank Blalock, pastor, and Pete Heavner, lay delegate, will represent El Bethel Methodist church. Mr. Blalock is completing his second year at El Bethel.

The conference will continue through Sunday.

Seventh Graders Get It Straight On Definition of "Well-Dressed"

By ANNE HARMON

"The most important thing you wear is the expression on your face."

This was the advice of Mrs. O. W. Myers, given to a group of 12 and 13 year-old girls from Mrs. R. S. Lennon's seventh grade class at West School Monday.

Mrs. Myers, herself the epitome of charm in an immaculately tailored yellow dress, talked on clothes and manners to the girls who, she said, looked too appropriately attired to need her advice.

"To be well-dressed, be well-groomed, well-poised and avoid extremes in make-up and clothes."

Worse fault Mrs. Myers has observed in the too-tight skirt and sheath. Also wrong for school is the too-bouffant skirt. "Save all those petticoats for your parties," she advised.

"And don't try to grow up overnight. Enjoy your pre-teens and don't imitate older girls. What looks good on the so-called glamour girl wears may look ridiculous on you."

Manufacturers now put on the market a variety of pre-teen lines, and girls in the in-between ages have more variety of choice than in the past.

"When I was a girl, all I remember wearing was skirts and middie bouses." (A very up-to-date style, at that.)

Mother knows best. In her shop, Mrs. Myers said she has seen violent arguments between mother and daughter on the subject of taste. "And usually, Mrs. Myers said, "Mother is right. No one loves you more or cares more for you look well than your Mother. Listen to her."

Another family problem often occurs when daughter insists on buying clothes she can't afford. "Any dress—even a \$3.95 one, can look like a million if properly worn. If you can't have a new dress, have the one you own cleaned, wear a new flower, wash your hair, hold up your shoulders. It's the way you wear your clothes that counts."

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