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City Limits 7,206

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PRICE TEN CENTS

All Township Schools Open New Session Next Week

Job Situation Here Is Still Improving

Local News Bulletins

ASSUMES NEW DUTIES
Former secretary at Central Methodist Church, Miss Faye Robbs assumed duties Monday at American Commercial Bank in Charlotte.

KIWANIS MEETING
Kenneth C. Gibbons, of Charlotte, North Carolina, district sales manager for Akers Motor Lines, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their meeting Thursday at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

REUNION
Annual Peter and Polly Lail reunion will be held Sunday at Bethlehem Community clubhouse, Mrs. Tessie L. Bridges, has announced. Picnic lunch will be served at 1 p. m.

ATTEND MEETING
Mrs. C. Q. Rhyne, Miss Essie Marie Foster, and Miss Mary Ann Foster returned Monday from Hickory where they attended the annual convention of United Lutheran Churchwomen.

IN PLAY ROLE
William H. Cochrane, of New York, husband of the former Margaret McLarty of Kings Mountain, has been cast in the role of a sailor in the Broadway play, "Life of Suzie Wong", by Joshua Logan.

ONE FIRE
City firemen were called to the home of Clyde Connor on W. Kings street to douse a blaze in his garage last Thursday. C. D. Ware reported only minor damages to the building.

METER RECEIPTS
Receipts from city parking meters totaled \$117.55 for the week ending Wednesday at noon. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported. Included were \$100.55 from on-street meters and another \$17.30 from off-street meters.

"Polio" May Be ECHO Virus

Report from State health authorities on investigation of reported Cleveland County polio cases was not available this week due to slow lab processes. The high Cleveland county total of infantile paralysis victims included six from Kings Mountain. County health officer, Dr. Z. P. Mitchell said, "We feel that some were not polio" and reports case history talks with doctor's diagnosing polio were held to determine if the virus could have been ECHO infection which produces symptoms similar to polio but leaves no paralysis. The county health board received a letter Tuesday from the state health board member investigating the cases requesting more data.

Senior Clubwomen Set Bazaar Workshop

Senior Woman's club members will conduct a second bazaar workshop Thursday night, September 4, at 8 p. m., Mrs. Haywood Lynch, president, has announced. Meeting at the Woman's club Wednesday, some 25 women discussed plans for meeting at specified times to gather material for the bazaar, a feature of this year's fall floral fair. Interested women of the community are invited to furnish samples or patterns at the next workshop for doll clothes, place mats, golf covers, bean bags, children's dresses, umbrellas, ash trays, coat hanger covers, dried arrangements, ceramics, aprons, and any other bazaar item. "We urge all women in the community to cooperate in this workshop," Mrs. Lynch said.

W. S. Fulton, Jr. Plans To Open Retail Store

O. W. Myers, veteran Kings Mountain merchant, announced Wednesday sale of his remaining inventory and fixtures to W. S. Fulton, Jr., who soon will open Fulton's Department Store in the same building. Mr. Fulton is in New York this week on a buying trip. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. O. W. Myers. Until its closing in May Mrs. Myers was manager of Myers' Dress Shop. The building in which the new firm will be located is owned by W. S. Fulton, Sr., and was formerly the home of Fulton's Department Store, a business operated for many years by the late W. P. Fulton. The transaction whereby the new firm acquires the fixtures and inventory of Myers' Department Store will be effective as of September 1. The building is currently being painted and renovated. Mr. Fulton is a native of Kings Mountain and has been associated with Ware & Sons, Kings Mountain feed manufacturers and wholesale grocers. He is a graduate of Erskine College and a veteran of overseas service during World War II. He is a Kiwanian and treasurer of Boyce Memorial ARP church. Mr. Myers opened Myers' Department Store on November 18, 1938. He announced he would liquidate this business last January.

Gene Ware Acting Clerk Of Court



City Policeman Gene Ware was appointed acting clerk of city Recorder's Court Wednesday by Mayor Glee A. Bridges and auditors checking the accounts of former Clerk E. W. (Buck) Bridges, suspended last week, said they expected to complete their work Thursday. Mr. Bridges was suspended, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said, after admitting to the board of commissioners that he had been pocketing certain monies of the court. Representatives of A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte accounting firm, and O. T. Lingerfelt and Billy Watkins. Mr. Lingerfelt said Wednesday that the audit, thus far, indicated 39 cases may be involved in the shortage of funds involving the suspended court clerk. These date from February 24, 1958. Included are 28 cases not docketed from the monthly arrest reports. The other 11 are docketed cases on which the monies in the jackets do not conform with the docket numbers and judgments. The suspended court clerk has been a desk sergeant for the city police department since 1953. He became court clerk last September. A cripple as a result of an attack of polio suffered in 1945, he walks with the aid of braces or crutches. He is married and has two children. Mr. Lingerfelt, who superintended the annual city audit in July, said the audit showed numerous cases with balances due, resulting from credit terms given these defendants. He said it was suggested to the Mayor that these be cleared. Subsequently, at the Mayor's suggestion, Judge Jack White announced that all debts overdue to the court would have to be paid and ordered capias issued for the particular defendants. In the course of checking on these overdue balances, one defendant produced a non-regulation receipt. This event resulted in the preliminary check by city officials which resulted in the court clerk's reported admission to the city commission last week.

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Miss Logan Wins Award

Miss Mary Helen Logan, rising senior at Gaston Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, was awarded the Stroup Memorial award as the student with the highest scholastic record last week. The award is given annually by Dr. M. A. Stroup, of Gastonia, as a memorial to his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stroup, of Cherryville. Miss Logan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Logan of Kings Mountain. During her freshman year, Miss Logan was secretary-treasurer of the class and manager of the ball team. She was class secretary, business manager of the basketball team last year. The award was presented at a breakfast given by the hospital's executive faculty. Special guests were head nurses, supervisors, and house mothers together with the group of rising senior students.

Temple Pastor Assuming Duties

Rev. Jack Weaver, of Ellerbe, is assuming pastorate duties at Temple Baptist church. He succeeds Rev. Harvey McElroy, resigned. Mr. Weaver, his wife, and three children are to move to Kings Mountain next week, a church spokesman said Wednesday. The new minister was formerly pastor of Ellerbe's First Baptist church.

Little To Join Home S & L Firm

Frank Little, of Raleigh, will join Home Savings & Loan association here next week. He will replace Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., who resigned to resume the city clerkship. A native of Hickory, Mr. Little had been a Raleigh resident for more than ten years and has been associated with a Raleigh supply company. Mr. Little is a son of W. H. Little, executive vice-president and secretary-treasurer of Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan association, of Hickory.

Lloyd M. Ormand Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Lloyd Meek Ormand, 55, who died Saturday morning at 10:30, were held Sunday at Central Methodist church. Mr. Ormand had been ill for several weeks. An employee of Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Mr. Ormand was a Kings Mountain native, son of Beatie Meek and Lillian Allison Ormand. He was a member of Central Methodist church. Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Mrs. Leona Ross Ormand, two sons, Joe Meek Ormand, with the Air Force in France, and Lloyd Ormand, at home, and two daughters, Miss Jane Ormand, of Raleigh, and Miss Rebecca Ormand, at home. Also surviving are a brother, Hugh Ormand, and two sisters, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Sr., and Mrs. O. P. Lewis, all of Kings Mountain, and one grandchild. The final rites were conducted by Rev. J. E. McLarty, pastor of First Presbyterian church. Active pallbearers were Hall Goforth, Jim Trammell, Curtis Houser, Meek Carpenter, C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Ralph Ware, John Butler Plonk, and John Dilling. Honorary pallbearers were members of the men's Sunday school class of Central Methodist church.

Retail Firms Plan Labor Day Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail and service firms will close Monday for the annual Labor Day holiday, according to announcement by the Kings Mountain Merchants association. The retail firms customarily observing the Wednesday half-holiday will also be closed next Wednesday afternoon. Other firms will operate on regular schedule. Women of the Church, of which Mrs. Wayne Wells is president, is in charge of arrangements. All members, former members, and the public are invited to participate. JACK & JILL KINDERGARTEN Jack & Jill Kindergarten across from West school will open for the fall term Tuesday, Mrs. Coman Falls, the director, has announced. Other officers include Lamar Herndon, grounds superintendent, Grady Seism, parking superintendent, Tom Hamrick, assistant

Grover, Bethware Compact Schools To Open Monday

Area county school goes, majority of which will be operating for the first time on non-split term basis, will observe fall term opening Monday. Added courses, teachers, and bigger enrollments are slated for matriculation day. Principal James C. Scruggs said Wednesday 550 students are expected to enroll at Grover School. Opening bell will ring at 8:15 a. m. and the abbreviated schedule will run through 2:15. Lunch will not be served the first day, but lunchroom facilities will be available Tuesday. Two new courses, physics and driver's education, have been added to the Grover High school curriculum. High school teachers include Mrs. Theresa Holt, ninth grade homeroom teacher and biology; Mr. Glenn Hawkins, tenth grade homeroom teacher, math, science; Preston Holt, holder of eleventh grade homeroom and teacher of physical education and social studies; Miss Lillian Quinn, English teacher and senior class homeroom advisor; Paul Hambricht, agriculture; and James C. Scruggs, principal and teacher of world history and economics and sociology. Elementary department teachers for Grover schools include Mrs. Elizabeth Cooksey McGill and Mrs. Edith Jones, first grade; Mrs. Nell Biser, second grade; Mrs. Patsy Whiteside and Mrs. Carolyn Roark, third grade; Miss Aileen Mullinax and Miss Piccola Blalock, fifth grade; Mr. William Kiser and Miss Dorothy McCraw, sixth grade; Miss Sarah Cooksey and Miss Lowell Ellis, seventh grade; and Mrs. Margaret Crocker, eighth grade. Principal Scruggs also pointed out a well rounded mathematics and science program offered for the first time this year. Chemistry lab and library remodeling are slated to start before school opens, and possibly the adding of another classroom, to be made from the old cannery. He has also announced that teachers will be in their rooms from 2:00 p. m. until 3:30 p. m. Friday, August 29, and invited parents to drop by to register their children, pay book fees, and talk with the teachers. Compact school expects some 515 students to enroll Monday, according to the school principal L. R. Adams. A new course in typing and the addition of physics to the high school curriculum are major changes made this year. School convenes at 8:30 a. m. Monday and will be dismissed at 3:00 p. m. Lunches will be served beginning Wednesday. High school faculty members include J. E. Sanders, science and math; C. T. Pass, physical education, social studies, and athletic coach; Miss M. R. Adair, home economics; Mrs. H. C. Wilson, English and French; and M. L. Campbell, agriculture. Teaching in the elementary department will be Mrs. I. V. Couser, Mrs. S. P. Adams, Miss L. W. Wellman, Miss L. C. McDaniel.



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Pharmacy Group Inducts Blanton

Charles D. Blanton, Jr., Kings Mountain druggist, has been inducted into membership in the North Carolina Academy of Pharmacy. The Kings Mountain pharmacist was inducted into the organization at a meeting of District 7, North Carolina Pharmaceutical association, held at Gastonia August 20. Membership of the academy totals about 30 North Carolina pharmacists and is awarded on basis of participation in church and civic affairs, other public service activities, and work of the county, district and state pharmaceutical groups. Mr. Blanton is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1953. He spent two years in the army before returning here to become a pharmacist at Kings Mountain Drug Company.

'58 City Taxes One-Third Paid

City Tax Collector J. W. Webster reported Wednesday prepayments on 1958 city taxes at a total of \$51,834.51, about one-third of the estimated \$150,000 levy for last year. Mr. Webster anticipated further heavy payments during the forthcoming weekend, as the end of August will end the period for the maximum allowable two percent discount. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, collections of 1957 and prior taxes have totaled \$7,784.49, Mr. Webster said. By paying their taxes early, city business firms and residents have already earned \$784.78 in discounts. BUILDING PERMIT J. W. Webster, city building inspector, issued a permit Friday August 22 to Horace Ross to build a one story frame house on Second street between Blanton and Margaret streets. Estimated cost of the 4 room residence is \$5,500.

Annual Bethware Community Fair Two Weeks Away; Officers Listed

Bethware Community Fair distributed premium catalogs and served barbecue to fair supporters Wednesday, as the annual preliminary to the 11th annual fair. This year's fair, a Number 4 Township event, will open for a four-day run on September 10. The annual Bethware Fair Barbecue was scheduled for 6 o'clock at Bethware school. The event annually attracts some 200 or more persons. The premium catalog lists complete rules and regulations for the 11th annual fair, and prizes for the winners of the many entry lists. Children's Day will be observed this year on Thursday, September 11. Frank Hamrick is president of the fair this year, and other officers are Thurman Warlick and Jim Yarbro, vice-presidents, Myers Hambricht, manager, Stokes Wright, secretary, Edwin Moore, assistant secretary, Menzell Pifer, treasurer, and Buford Ware, assistant treasurer. Other officers include Lamar Herndon, grounds superintendent, Grady Seism, parking superintendent, Tom Hamrick, assistant

City, Park Grace Units To Begin Work On Tuesday

Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school in the county system will open the 1958-59 term Tuesday morning at 8:30. Both B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, and Mrs. J. C. Nickels, principal of Park Grace school, said the first-day schedule will be limited to a half-day, ending at noon, and that full-day classwork will get underway on Wednesday. First graders will be at school for only a half-day until September 15. School cafeterias will open on Wednesday. Faculty meetings will be held on Monday. A general teacher's meeting for all teachers in the white schools will convene at 10:30 a. m. at Central auditorium, to be followed by a covered dish dinner.

NEW RESIDENTS

Parents of school age children entering school here for the first time and are not assigned to a particular school due to this fact should make inquiry at the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes or to the several school principals, Mr. Barnes said Wednesday. with the Kings Mountain NEA unit as host at 12:30 p. m. at the Central cafeteria. At 2 p. m. unit teacher meetings will be held at the respective schools. Park Grace teachers will convene for a teacher's meeting at the school at 10 a. m. Davidson teachers will meet at Davidson school at 1:30 p. m. Supt. Barnes reported city schools facilities near complete. The board was still awaiting school board was still awaiting a recommendation for a Bible teacher from the committee on teaching of Bible in the public schools. However, Dr. W. L. Pressly, a member of the sub-group on recommending a teacher, said that his three-man committee will recommend Mrs. David W. Smith, Route 3, Kings Mountain. Other members of the sub-group are Rev. P. D. Patrick and Rev. J. W. Phillips. It was anticipated action will be taken prior to school opening. Otherwise, it appeared school was ready to open with a minimum of difficulties. Pupil transfers, a major problem of the past, both to school officials and to parents, appeared at a minimum. Mr. Barnes said that only eight formal transfer applications had been received through Wednesday, following last week's board of education pupil assignment resolution. Mr. Barnes noted that transfer applications must be made on official forms available at his office. The forms meet requirements of the North Carolina attorney-general's office. He also noted that the state pupil assignment law provides that transfer applications must be filed within ten days from August 28, final publication date of the assignment resolution, to be considered by the board of education. Mrs. Nickels said the six-member Park Grace faculty is unchanged and includes, in addition to herself, Mrs. M. C. Poston, Miss Fannie Carpenter, Mrs. Pauline Weaver, Mrs. Nevette Hughes, and Mrs. J. H. Page.

Plonk Retiring From Revenue Post

T. Motley Plonk, Kings Mountain native and manager of the Charlotte office, United States Bureau of Internal Revenue will retire September 1. Mr. Plonk was honored for his 23 years of service to the bureau at a banquet in Charlotte last Friday night. Home accidents via the lawnmower can be dangerous, William Curtis Carroll, 29, will quickly agree. Mr. Carroll, hospitalized since Thursday when a piece of steel picked up by the lawnmower his brother was operating struck him in the back, underwent two operations at Kings Mountain hospital this week. His wife reported his condition improving Wednesday. Mr. Carroll, according to Mrs. Carroll, was sitting in the yard outside their home on Benfield road with his back to the lawnmower being used by his brother, Harold. The three inch piece of steel injured his lung, muscle, and heart.

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