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City Limits 7,206

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Local News Bulletins

ONE FIRE

City Firemen were called to Second Street about 1:30 Wednesday afternoon to douse a grass and lumber fire. No appreciable damage was reported.

STORY HOUR

The Community Affairs department of the Woman's club will conduct a Story Hour at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Norman McGill will be in charge.

KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. Russell C. Henry, Shelby pathologist, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. The club convenes at the Woman's club.

P-TA WORKSHOP

Sgt. J. B. Kuykendall of the State Highway Patrol will lead a program on highway safety at the city-wide P-TA workshop to be held Thursday night from 7 until 9 p. m. at North school auditorium. Student driving teachers will also participate, and high school students are particularly invited.

BUILDING PERMIT

J. W. Webster, city inspector, issued a permit to Ray Owens and Minnie Heavner to make a one story addition to a house at 809 N. Rameur street between Bridges and Lackey street last Monday. Estimated cost of the alterations is estimated at \$500.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

A full Lenten communion service will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Matthews Lutheran church, with Dr. W. P. Gerberding to speak on "You Need Prayer." Subject for the Wednesday night Lenten service will be "The Betrayal."

CLUBWOMEN

Kings Mountain clubwomen who desire to join a Woman's club group are invited to attend the first practice session Thursday night at 8 p. m. in the basement of the Woman's club building. Mrs. J. N. McClure is directing the group.

HOSPITALIZED

Miss Sara (Butch) Houser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Houser, has been hospitalized since last Tuesday following major surgery at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Miss Houser is a junior at Wake Forest college.

ELECTED

Miss Ruth McCurdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McCurdy, has been elected a freshman representative of the House Council governing body at Birmingham Southern in Alabama.

HEADS ALUMNI

Bill Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs, of Kings Mountain, has been named president of the Salisbury-Rowan chapter of the Pfeiffer college alumni association. Mr. Briggs is program secretary of the Salisbury YMCA.

JUNIOR CLUB

Miss Ann Parrish, fashion editor of the Charlotte Observer, will present a program on spring fashions at the Monday night meeting of the Junior Woman's club. The club convenes at 7:30 p. m.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$117.21, including \$100.25 from on-street meters and \$16.96 from off-street meters, the city clerk reported.

CITY TAGS

A total of 1620 Kings Mountain auto owners had purchased 1959 city auto tags through Tuesday. Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

Religious Census To Be Conducted Sunday

Neisler Family To Take Over Mill On Monday

Joe A. Neisler and members of his family are major stockholders of a new South Carolina corporation which is purchasing Palmetto Yarn Mills, Inc., of Pageland, S. C.

Via the purchase from Textile Banking Corporation, of New York, which acquired Palmetto from Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company last August, Palmetto returns to a portion of its former ownership. Mr. Neisler was one of the owners of Neisler Mills, Inc., which sold its holdings to Massachusetts Mohair in 1955.

The Pageland mill has 7,000 spindles and produces rayon yarn.

Mr. Neisler said here Wednesday that the new corporation, Chesterfield Yarn Mills, Inc., will assume ownership on Monday. No management changes are contemplated. His son, Hugh M. Neisler, until a month ago an employee of Massachusetts Mohair, will go to Pageland immediately to join the Chesterfield firm. Jack Turner will continue to manage the firm.

Other children of Mr. Neisler listed as stockholders are J. A. Neisler, Jr., Robert P. Neisler, and Mrs. Betty N. Timberlake.

The J. A. Neisler family is the second of the former Neisler Mills, Inc., stockholders to resume textile ownership. The P. M. Neisler family built and is operating Dicey Fabrics, Inc., in Shelby.

Term Of Office Bill Is Hopper

State Senator Robert Morgan introduced a bill Monday night to effectuate last week's decision by the city board of commissioners to call a referendum on question of whether the mayor and/or board of commissioners will serve two or four-year terms.

If enacted as anticipated, the vote at the May 12 election will determine whether city officials elected the same day will serve for two years or for four years.

Text of the bill entitled "An act to amend the charter of the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina," follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina, do enact:

"Section 1: That on the second Tuesday of May, 1959, this being the regular municipal election for the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners and at said election there shall be submitted a ballot for the voters to vote on the question as to whether or not the Mayor and Board of Commissioners shall be elected for a period of 4 years. The ballot shall read as follows:

Mayor 4 years Yes No
Commissioners 4 years

Section 2: In the event a majority of voters shall answer "yes" for 4 years for the Mayor, then the Mayor at said election and each municipal election thereafter shall be elected for 4 years and if the majority of the voters answer "yes" for the Commissioners, then the Commissioners at said election and each municipal election thereafter shall be elected for 4 years.

Section 3: That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

City Was 85 Years Old Tuesday; First Property Valuation \$24,195

BY MARTIN HARMON
The City of Kings Mountain was 85 years of age Tuesday. Organized on February 24, 1874, the Town of Kings Mountain was operated for more than two years before the voters successfully exercised the right of the ballot and duly elected their officials.

It wasn't because no election was held. The first election on May 1, 1874, found R. O. Sugg re-elected mayor, but in August the results of the election and board actions during the period were removed from the records. The minutes merely stated that it had been found the May election was illegal.

The result was that the city's first officers, appointed at the February 24 town meeting, resumed their seats. These were W.

Saunders In Mayoral Contest; Seven Citizens Seek Offices

Red Cross Fund Drive To Start; Goal \$6,000

Annual Red Cross fund campaign, with a goal of \$6,000 will get underway Monday.

Extensive preparations for the campaign have been made, Hayward E. Lynch, publicity chairman, said this week.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, chairman of the campaign, said this week he is confident that Kings Mountain, as it has in the past, again will answer the appeal for funds.

"Every penny of the goal is needed to support the many worthwhile local and national activities of Red Cross," Dr. Gerberding commented.

Numerous citizens will serve as campaign solicitors.

President Eisenhower is scheduled to make an address Sunday in kicking off the nationwide campaign.

Business Firm Officers Named

Temporary officers of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., became permanent Tuesday night, as stockholders adopted constitution and by-laws for operation of the industry-seeking firm.

The officers are J. Wilson Crawford, president; Fred W. Plonk, vice-president; and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are B. S. Neill, Glee A. Bridges, and W. K. Mauney.

Financial report of Secretary Bridges at December 31 showed stock purchases of \$22,810 and total assets of \$53,675, including the building occupied by Waco Sportswear, Inc., on Waco Road, and \$1,006 in cash. Liabilities, in addition to capital stock, included a mortgage loan of \$29,010 and reserves for taxes and depreciation of \$1,854.

Secretary Bridges also gave the stockholders a detailed report on the corporation's agreement with Waco Sportswear, which provides option for the lessee to purchase within five years at fixed amount. Waco can exercise purchase option and receive credit for rental payments, minus expenditures for taxes, insurance and repairs, during the five year period.

The by-laws provided for six directors to manage the corporation, the six directors to be elected annually, provided for holding of an annual stockholder meeting and for special meetings as the directors deem necessary.

AT ROTARY MEETING

Rotarians C. T. Bennett, Jack Mercer, Hayward E. Lynch and Thurman Warlick attended the Rotary District Conference, which includes 40 clubs in Western North Carolina in Asheville last Friday. Mr. Lynch accepted in behalf of the local club a gift from the district clubs.



HEART FUND BENEFIT - Kings Mountain Kiwanians, at a radio auction Wednesday afternoon, helped boost the community's gifts to the heart fund. Valuable merchandise, donated by Kings Mountain merchants, were auctioned via Radio Station WKMT to the buyer telephoning the highest bid during the program. Project Chairman F. R. McCurdy is pictured above as he auctions an item during the special program.

Temple Baptist Will Sell Bonds

\$60,000 Issue For Education Plant Planned

Temple Baptist church plans issuance of \$60,000 first mortgage bonds for construction of an educational building, first step in a long-term building program.

It is the first time a Cleveland County church has used bond financing. Rev. Jack Weaver, the pastor said in giving details of the bond sale.

Current mortgage loans will be retired with first proceeds from the bond sale, he noted.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 and will bear simple interest of five percent. First National Bank will serve as paying agent and will also offer a bond purchase financing plan whereby bond buyers may acquire bonds at ten percent of the face amount. The bank will lend the balance and the bond loans will be repayable at up to 24 months on the \$1,000 bonds and in shorter terms for lower denomination bonds.

Temple church members will hold a loyalty banquet kicking off the bond sale on Tuesday night at First Presbyterian church recreation building.

The bonds will mature and interest will be payable at six months intervals, on April 1 and October 1.

American Bond Company, of Atlanta, Ga., is directing the bond sale, with C. J. Cole, field representative in charge.

Rev. Mr. Weaver said the church is to be incorporated, with Horace Ross to be president, Mrs. Jessie Pennington, secretary, and Lloyd Putnam, treasurer. W. C. Waters is chairman and Cecil Smith, co-chairman of the bond sale campaign.

The church unanimously adopted the financing plan at a February 1 congregational meeting.

Rev. Mr. Weaver said the bonds would be offered to citizens both within and without the church.

He noted that church bond financing originated some 27 years ago, though it has been employed in this area more re-

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Rumor Mill Grinds Out Many Names

David L. Saunders became the city's third candidate for mayor when he paid the filing fee last Saturday.

It was the only new candidacy of the week.

However, the rumor mill was beginning to grind out names of possible candidates for city and school board offices at somewhat increased speed.

Charles E. Blalock, Kings Mountain grocer, confirmed reports he is considering adding his name to the mayor's race, and some comments were heard indicating Coleman Stroupe, Ward 5 commissioner, might also seek the mayoral post. Others discounted this report, said they expected Mr. Stroupe to seek reelection.

At least two citizens were reported as possible entries in the race for one school board post. Mrs. John L. McGill was said to be interested in seeking the position as was Dr. W. Peeler, lumber company official. Mrs. F. A. (Boots) McDaniel, Jr., has already filed for the trusteeship which J. R. Davis is vacating.

Other possible candidates included C. H. (Cat) Houser, who may seek the Ward 1 seat held by Ross Alexander, and George W. Mauney, said to be a possible candidate for the Ward 5 seat on the commission. Another possible Ward 5 candidate is J. T. McGinnis.

Thus far no candidates have filed for either Ward 2, 4, or 5 commission seats. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben H. Bridges, once considering the mayoral race, is now leaning to seeking re-election as Ward 4 commissioner, he indicated Wednesday.

Charles E. Dixon, mentioned as a possible Ward 5 candidate, told the Herald he would not seek the office.

Meantime, Garland E. Still, former mayor and again seeking to unseat Mayor Glee A. Bridges, issued a statement in which he said, "Should I be elected to the high office of Mayor I would favor a lower tax rate, as well as a lower power rate. I would also favor adequate appropriations for a modern recreational center. This, I think, could easily be done by putting the city on a more sound and economic basis."

Mr. Saunders, the new mayoral candidate, served a short interim term on the city commission several years ago on appointment to succeed Ladd W. Hamrick. Mr. Saunders had unsuccessfully opposed Mr. Hamrick in the 1941 election. He has not held public office otherwise.

Mr. Saunders is the owner of Saunders Dry Cleaning and Laundry. He is a member of Kings Mountain Lions Club and Central Methodist church.

The candidates to date: For Mayor - Glee A. Bridges, incumbent, Garland E. Still and David L. Saunders.

For Ward 1 Commissioner - Ross Alexander, incumbent.

For Ward 3 Commissioner - Luther T. Bennett, incumbent, and T. J. Ellison.

For school trustee - Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr.

The sale opens Friday and will continue through Easter Sunday, March 29.

"The Cleveland County Society for Crippled Children and Adults was able to contribute \$300.00 to the special Education program of retarded children, help present a Christmas party for crippled children, buy a walker for persons unable to obtain one themselves, pajamas and clothing for children at the Gastonia Orthopedic hospital, and other services not available elsewhere," Mrs. Allen said.

She said that approximately 90 percent of the funds contributed during the annual Easter Seal appeal finances services within the area where raised.

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schools may want a regrouping for one reason or another," says Mr. Barnes. "And Mr. Clary has worked out the present proposals on the basis of a questionnaire sent to the members. But the proposals are in no way official and are merely for study so that the schools can decide what we need in the way of changes, if any."

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GROVER PHYSICIAN - Dr. Charles Adams will begin the practice of medicine in Grover in the near future. He will become the community's first resident doctor since 1939.

Grover To Get Resident Doctor

Dr. Charles Adams, now completing an internship at Cone Memorial hospital, Greensboro, will begin the practice of medicine in Grover in the near future.

Dr. Adams' decision to establish his practice at Grover culminates a long effort by Grover citizens to obtain a medical doctor. An office building will be constructed for Dr. Adams and efforts are underway to obtain drug store facilities.

Dr. Adams is a native of Glenville, W. Va., and graduated from Glenville State college. He holds a masters of arts degree from University of West Virginia and a medical degree from the University of Virginia. He served with a surgical research team in Korea and subsequently at Walter Reed hospital, Bethesda, Md.

Grover has not had a resident physician since the retirement of the late Dr. George Oates. Rev. Trent Howell, who spearheaded the effort to obtain a physician, said it had been about 20 years since Dr. Oates retired. Since that time Dr. E. W. Moore of Shelby, Dr. T. A. Campbell of Blacksburg, S. C., and Dr. Robert Jones of Shelby, have maintained part-time office hours in Grover, but it has been about two years since Dr. Jones discontinued the service.

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Cast Chosen For Senior Play

Kings Mountain high school seniors will present the three-act play, "Spring Green" March 6th at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Cast for the production was announced this week.

In the play are: Elizabeth Brown as "Nina Cassell"; Cornelia Houser as "Mrs. Rumble"; Tillie Arrowood as "Scoutie Cassell"; Steve Kiser as "Mr. Putnam"; Hallie Ward as "Tony Cassell"; Pat Foster as "Pinkie Ames"; Barry Smith as "Dunk Doyle"; David Plonk as "Bing Hotchkiss"; Brenda Thornburg as "Genevieve Jones"; Phillip Padgett as "Major Todd"; Bobby Early as "T. Newton Todd"; Betty Sue Kirby as "Eula Hotchkiss"; Gilbert Brazzell as "Dr. Luther Budgett"; Norman Bumgardner as "Officer Ryan" and Buddy Smith as "Billy."

Proposed Conference Regrouping Not Suitable Here, Says Barnes

By NEALE PATRICK
The four conferences of the Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association of which Kings Mountain is a part face the possibility of being regrouped on basis of enrollment, football prestige and travel.

Secretary W. C. Clary of the WNCCHSAA has forwarded a set of proposals for possible regrouping to the members, asking their study and consideration of the regrouping of the schools.

Supt. B. N. Barnes of Kings Mountain, and president of the WNCCHSAA, said that the proposals are in no way official and have been sent to members for information only.

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Laymen To Make City Survey Starting At 1

Kings Mountain churchmen will collaborate in a city wide religious census on Sunday in an effort to list the church affiliation, if any, of each and every citizen of the community.

The census is under the sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association which conducted a similar survey in 1956.

Laymen representing all churches of the community will gather at Central Methodist church at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon for instructions and street assignments.

B. F. Maner is chairman of the census organization which also includes a steering committee including three ministers: Rev. James McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church; Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of Grace Methodist church; and Rev. Jack Weaver, pastor of Temple Baptist church.

The canvass will also be conducted in the Macedonia church community outside the city limits.

"We urge everyone's cooperation," a spokesman for the association said, and he added, "this information is badly needed to enable our churches to best serve each individual. In many areas of Kings Mountain we have had a tremendous turnover in population in the two years since the last census was held."

Citizens will be asked on Sunday to 1) give their address; 2) give the street and house number; or 3) give the location of their home rather than the mailing address.

Students Begin Bus Fund Drive

Central high school seniors have set a \$1500 quota for their project now underway - to provide a school activity bus as the gift from this year's graduating class.

The drive is being conducted in the community Monday through Thursday.

All contributors are receiving complimentary tickets to the senior play March 6th and gifts will be acknowledged in the program. Proceeds from the play will go into the fund.

The present activity bus - in use the past 13 years - furnishes transportation for sports, band, and other school activities. Three previous graduating classes have made donations to the fund.

Former Citizen Wins Honor

Mrs. J. F. Niven, former Kings Mountain citizen, is Albemarle's "Woman of the Year for 1958."

Mrs. Niven was presented a plaque at a banquet in Albemarle on February 13.

A former school teacher at Park Grace school, Mrs. Niven is the widow of Carl Davidson. She was married to Mr. Niven several years ago and has lived in Albemarle since.

She was honored, Mayor D. A. Moose said in making the presentation, "for her many outstanding contributions to the civic, religious, and educational life of the community. She was selected by a panel of judges from nominations submitted by the public."

Mrs. Niven, the "Woman of the Year," resides at 422 South Fourth Street in Albemarle. She is a teacher of second grade students at Central Elementary School, an active member of the P-TA, a member of the North Carolina Education Association and Childhood International, a sponsor of the Future Teachers Club, and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, one of the highest honor organizations to which a teacher can be elected.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, she sings in the church choir, works diligently with children on programs presented to various groups, and is superintendent of the Children's Department of the Sunday School. Mrs. Niven is currently serving as president of the Women of the Church, and is a member of the planning and advisory committee for the young people of the church.

She is a member of the Dogwood Garden Club, and is often called on as a speaker for all

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