

Population

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City Limits 7,206

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Babcock Sees 74 By-Pass To South

"Nothing Final" Pending Survey, Official States

By MARTIN HARMON
Highway commission Director W. F. Babcock envisions a U. S. 74 by-pass of Kings Mountain to the South, he indicated to the Herald in Kings Mountain Monday.

Accompanied by E. L. Kemper, division engineer of Shelby, Mr. Babcock pointed out that "nothing is fixed, nor finalized" and said that the highway commission, in committing funds for a survey, or surveys, for a Kings Mountain by-pass of U. S. 74 needs to know the feasibility of a tie-in with Interstate 85. Should a tie-in prove feasible, he said, changes in the 85 plan to route U. S. 74 traffic on and off should be known in advance to save construction money before Interstate 85 construction progresses too far.

While Mr. Babcock did not completely write-off a widening of King street, present U. S. 74, his comments obviously supported a by-pass, barring prohibitive cost due to engineering problems and an unfavorable cost-time ratio, a complicated formula whereby savings to motorists can be effected in both time and mileage and, therefore, cost to motorists.

"The whole theory of federal road building today is based on getting a motorist from Point A to Point B in the shortest possible time by safest means," Mr. Babcock commented.

Where would a southerly cut-off be possible?

Mr. Babcock and Mr. Kemper penciled a road map to a possible cut-off to the east of the present Dixon road, to move north-west and enter the present four-lane U. S. 74 to Shelby. The highway director emphasized that the pending is mere guess work, subject to both preliminary and detailed engineering surveys.

He also said a quick looksee at the terrain to the north of Kings Mountain indicates a northern by-pass unsuitable.

Mr. Kemper months ago recommended the widening of King street as the shortest and most economical means of improving what Mr. Babcock terms the Kings Mountain "Bottleneck" on U. S. 74.

Other items in the determination, Mr. Babcock listed as:

1) Estimate of right-of-way costs along both routes.

2) Possibility of controlled, if not limited, access along an adjacent by-pass. (Limited access means entrance-exit only at overpasses and cloverleaves. Controlled access means entrance-exit comparable to that on the present Shelby-Kings Mountain highway.)

3) Results of a traffic check to determine what percentage of present King street traffic is "through" and what percentage is "local" — a key factor in arriving at the cost-time ratio.

Earliest possible date factual information will be available is three months, likely longer. Mr. Babcock volunteered the commission will keep Kings Mountain citizens informed on progress of the survey and highway commission determinations as they occur.

Smiths File Accident Suit

Raymond Earl Goforth of Kings Mountain is defendant in a \$100,000 damage action filed in Mecklenburg Superior Court.

Plaintiff is Thurman S. Smith, father of Michael Steven Smith, who was struck by a car driven by Mr. Goforth on April 25th. The accident occurred on York road.

Smith claims his son suffered a brain injury which may incapacitate him the rest of his life as a result of the accident.

Highway Thinking In Million Class

"We seldom speak of in major highway section anymore without thinking in terms of millions of dollars," W. F. Babcock, director of the State Highway commission said here Monday.

Present day construction, calling for four and six-lane boulevards, equal-width spans over rivers and creeks, expert engineering, and costly overpasses, underpasses and cloverleaves, make the smallest projects hit the million-mark and more, he said.

Customarily, he noted, survey costs are about three percent of a major road link's total cost. In other words, a million dollar link would include about \$30,000 in survey costs.

Juniors, With 1-2 Deficit; Had To Win Wednesday Test

One Bad Inning Spelled Doom In Third Game

By NEALE PATRICK

For the second time this season, the Kings Mt. Juniors had their backs to the wall as they headed into the fourth game of Area finals series with Mt. Holly at City Stadium on Wednesday night.

Coach Fred Withers never-say-die youngsters fell behind two games to one in the area championship series, losing at Mt. Holly, 5-2, on Tuesday night.

The local lads, however, have faced an uphill climb before and maneuvered at Kings Mt. also trailed Newton in the quarter-finals series by the same margin which now exists, but battled back to take the set.

Jerry Wright, the curve-balling right-hander, who started the comeback against Newton, was due to get the pitching assignment against the visitors Wednesday night. Jimmy Cline, the only pitcher to beat Kings Mt. twice this season, was the scheduled tosser for Mt. Holly.

If a fifth game in the series is needed, the two teams will determine the site following Wednesday's affair. Athletic officers will either flip for home site, or the teams will play on a neutral field.

Gene Stowe, the rangy right-hander, who has been nursing a sore arm for the past couple of weeks, doctored Kings Mt. with a four-hit performance Tuesday night.

Our side managed all four hits in the first four innings, and appeared to have Stowe on the brink of departure several times. But some atrocious base-running wrecked two potential big inn-

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Dixon Revival Begins Sunday

Revival services and Vacation Bible School will begin next week at Dixon Presbyterian church.

The special evangelistic services will get underway Sunday night, with the week's Bible School to be held Monday through Friday.

George Harper, Jr., student at Columbia Seminary who is serving as summer supply pastor, will conduct the revival services at 8 p. m. each night. The Bible School, for all age groups, will begin at 7 p. m.

Kings Mountain Man To Get Bride If House Approves Senate Action

The U. S. Senate played "Here Comes the Bride" last week for Robert Lewis (Bob) Hall of Kings Mountain and Miss Jie Suen (pronounced Jason) Pak of Taegu, Korea.

But if the wedding is to get through the "I do's", the U. S. House will have to finish what the Senate has started.

The prospective bridegroom, a mining engineer at Fote's Kings Mountain plant, was serving with the Army's 16th Ordnance Company in Taegu in November 1955 when he met Miss Pak (last names first in Korea). She was a clerk typist at the base and also sang in the KMAG (Korean Military Advisory Group) choir. They became engaged. And they ran into red tape.

Hall was returned to the U. S. for discharge before they could be married. He last saw the pretty Korean National in January 1957 when he left for Deer Lodge, Mont., "because of too much red tape" and still a single man.

He was graduated from Montana School of Mines at Butte in 1958 and 10 months ago came to Kings Mountain to work. He has occupied an apartment at Mrs. George Cansler's on Mountain street, and while here has been a leader of a Boy Scout Troop at Resurrection Lutheran church, a member of First Presbyterian

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Nothing New Latest Report On School Merger

Whether and when county school district committees in Number 4 Township will petition the county board of education for an election on question of merger with Kings Mountain school district is not known.

Copies of petitions for an election — embodying the twin question of merger and the 20-cent per \$100 valuation school supplement tax — are in the hands of the several committees, but if any action has been taken it is not known by Kings Mountain district school officials.

Fred Plonk, chairman of the Kings Mountain board of education, reported "nothing new" at Monday night's meeting.

The petition form also sets forth that the petition is authorized with the understanding that as soon as possible a bond issue shall be considered for the purpose of building necessary buildings "and particularly a consolidated high school building."

Stokes Wright, a member of the Bethware committee, said there had been a minor objection to two phrases in a proposed General Assembly bill which would create the governing arrangement for the merged district. Mr. Wright said he felt sure the minor objections could be cleared and also thought it possible — from Bethware's standpoint — a merger vote can be called in advance of General Assembly adoption of the bill creating the governing arrangement. Barring a special session, thought unlikely, the General Assembly won't reconvene until February 1961.

The proposed merger would find Bethware, Grover, Park Grace and Compact districts joining the Kings Mountain district.

Text of the merger petitions which the four county district committees have in hand follows: "Whereas, the Bethware School District, the Grover School District, the Park Grace School District and Compact School District are all contiguous and are located

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WINS AWARD — A/2c Larry K. Carpenter, recently won the Airman's outstanding achievement award while stationed with the Air Force in Spain.

Carpenter Wins Airman Award

A/2c Larry K. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carpenter of Kings Mountain, has been awarded the Airman's Outstanding Achievement Award by the USAF 3973D Operations Squadron.

Captain Harold L. Stancil, who notified the Carpenters, said: "Carpenter was selected for the manner in which he performed his duties as a Mobile Strike Force leader. This efficiency of the Mobile Strike Force has enabled our organization to be a more effective power for peace."

The outstanding Airman's Achievement Award is presented to the airman semi-annually, who on the basis of individual effort, considering the performance of duty, loyalty to unit, acceptance of responsibility, adherence to the customs of the service, appearance and on and off duty combat. These factors are evaluated in relation to their contribution to the accomplishment of the mission of this organization.

Carpenter's address is: AF 14663327 3973rd Oper. Sqdn., Box 6181, APO 282, New York, N. Y.

Union Services To End August 16

Sunday night's Union Service will be held at First Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock, with Dr. Paul Ausley delivering the message.

Six Kings Mountain churches are participating in the summer schedule of services, which will continue through August 16, according to announcements by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

"Attendance has been much improved over the past few years," a spokesman for the sponsoring Ministers' Group said this week. He continued, "All people of our community have been given an opportunity to see and hear the ministers of the various denominations. Six ministers have preached, including four new ministers. Services have been well attended.

Participating churches are Associate Reformed Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Kings Mountain Baptist, Central Methodist, and Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran churches.

Schedule of services include: August 2nd at St. Matthew's Lutheran with Dr. W. P. Gerberding to deliver the sermon. August 9th at First Presbyterian church with Rev. M. D. DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church to deliver the sermon.

August 16th at Resurrection Lutheran church with Rev. George Moore to deliver the sermon.

GANTT IN HOSPITAL

W. M. Gantt, Kings Mountain businessman, is still listed in critical condition at Kings Mountain hospital where he is a patient since undergoing a heart attack about 7:30 Saturday morning. He was reported slightly improved Wednesday, but is permitted no visitors.

Foote Team Will Enter State Contest

A dozen Foote Mineral Company employees are training for seven spots on a company first aid team which will compete at Spruce Pine August 15 in a first aid contest between major mining companies of the state.

The dozen in training now will choose among themselves the seven they think most qualified. Two of the remaining five will be named as alternates or substitute team members.

The dozen include: Newell Thornburg, Frank Hollifield, Dale Hardin, Gerald Lee, George Gordon, Hilliard Black, Jack Baker, Tommy Bryant, Paul Bennett, Marion Johnson, Dennis McDaniel and Burle Berry.

The Spruce Pine contest will be the first state-wide competition among mining companies for team and individual awards in first aid. It is being sponsored by the Industrial Commission, the United States Bureau of Mines, and three safety councils in western North Carolina.

Mr. Kennedy's Rites Conducted

Final rites for George Ernest Kennedy, 59, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from Grace Methodist church.

Mr. Kennedy died suddenly Sunday night while watching television at his home on Linwood road. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was a former employee of Ellis Lumber Company and the son of the late Kellis J. and Sarah Jane Bell Kennedy. He was a native of Gaston county.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ella Petty Kennedy; a brother, Charles Kennedy of Galveston, Texas, and two sisters, Mrs. O. M. Vernon of Mount Holly and Laban Falls of Bowling Green, S. C.

Rev. W. C. Sides conducted the funeral rites. Interment was in the Presbyterian Church cemetery at Bowling Green, S. C.

WARE REUNION

The annual T. M. Ware family reunion will be held Sunday at Oak Grove Baptist church. Picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. A program is planned for the afternoon.

Kings Mountain Baptist To Hold Series On Beliefs Of Other Sects

Kings Mountain Baptist church will launch a series of weekly programs starting Tuesday night, in which ministers of other sects will summarize the beliefs of their particular faiths.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will open the series Tuesday evening at 7:30 in which he will delineate the beliefs of the members of the United Lutheran church.

The pastor, Rev. Marion DuBose, in making the announcement, commented, "I think we should all want to understand each other and our religious beliefs."

Each representative of the several sects will speak on the subject "This I Believe." Future speakers will discuss the beliefs of the Baptist church, the Episcopal church, the Pres-

byterian church, (U. S.), the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, the Methodist church and possibly others.

Each program will be limited to an hour and will be held each Tuesday evening at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

As a corollary, Radio Station WKMT will present a religious program "Question and Answers," each Monday evening from 6:45 to 7 o'clock, beginning Monday. The public is invited to telephone questions to the WKMT (Phone 999) during that time which will be answered by the minister conducting the program.

Dr. Gerberding will conduct Monday night's "Question and Answer" program which will be continued each Monday through September 21.



SEEK FIRST AID TEAM SPOTS — A dozen Foote Mineral Company employees are in training and competing for seven places on a first aid team to represent Foote in a contest among mining companies to be held at Spruce Pine August 15. Front row, left to right, are

Newell Thornburg, Frank Hollifield, Dale Hardin, Gerald Lee, George Gordon and Hilliard Black. Back row, from left, are Jack Baker, Tommy Bryant, Paul Bennett, Marion Johnson, Dennis McDaniel, Burle Berry, and Johnny Martin, Bureau of Mines first aid instructor.

Local News Bulletins

NO ACCIDENTS

Kings Mountain Police Department reported no auto accidents during the past week.

BUILDING PERMIT

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued permits this week to T. F. Bridges to build two one-story brick veneer houses on Jackson street. Estimated cost of the 5-room structures is \$8,000 each.

FAIRVIEW LODGE

There will be an emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM Monday night at 7:30 p. m. for work in the first degree, according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary.

MRS. DAVIS ILL

Mrs. J. R. Davis is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital where she is receiving treatment for an inner ear ailment. She was reported improving Wednesday.

WARLICK HOME

A. P. Warlick, who underwent an operation recently at Gaston Memorial hospital, arrived home this week. He said he is feeling better and was discharged more quickly than he anticipated.

CONCERT

The Kings Mountain elementary summer school band will be presented in a concert this evening at 7 p. m. on the lawn of Central High school. A program of varied numbers is planned.

KIWANIS CLUB

Kings Mountain Kiwanis will hold an Inter-Club meeting at Shelby Thursday night at 7 o'clock at Hotel Charles. District Governor Sam. Roane of Greenville, S. C. will address the group.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$136.47, with \$118.97 from on-street meters and \$17.50 from off-street meters.

McCleary Case Is Bound Over

William McCleary, Kings Mountain Negro, was bound over to Superior Court on a murder charge Thursday following preliminary hearing in Cleveland Recorder's Court.

The defendant was released under bond of \$3,000. McCleary is charged with the fatal shooting of Joe Jamison, another Kings Mountain Negro, in the Gallie community off York road July 12. Investigating officers said McCleary shot and killed Jamison following a Sunday afternoon brawl. Witnesses said Jamison grabbed a pick handle and hit McCleary with it. McCleary then drew the 12-gauge shotgun from his belt. Mrs. Maggie Falls said the Negroes struggled for possession of the gun and ended up in her yard with Jamison shot in the chest at close range. She said she did not know who had possession of the gun at the time.



PROMOTED — Jack Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton L. Ruth, has been promoted from assistant treasurer to assistant vice president of American Commercial Bank of Charlotte.

Ruth Gets Bank Promotion

H. L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ruth of Kings Mountain, has been advanced from assistant treasurer to assistant vice president of American Commercial Bank, Charlotte.

Mr. Ruth, who joined the staff of the former American Trust Company, now American Commercial, in 1953 following graduation from Davidson college, is in the correspondent bank relations department.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruth, with their three children, reside at 2610 Idlewood Circle in Charlotte.

School Board Set School Schedule

School bells will ring for Kings Mountain school children Tuesday, September 1, according to a schedule adopted by Kings Mountain City School Board in regular session Monday night at Kings Mountain High school.

September 1 will be matriculation day for school goers and it will be a half day session. Supt. B. N. Barnes told the board, September 2 will get school completely underway, it being a full day session with cafeterias in operation.

Teachers will report Monday, August 31 for teachers' meetings to be held at Central school and at Davidson school.

Holidays were listed as: one day for the Southwestern Teacher's meeting on Friday, October 2 in Hickory, two days for Thanksgiving, two weeks for Christmas, and two days for Easter.

School will close Tuesday, May 31.

In other action the board: 1) Employed Mrs. Ruth P. Beam of Lawndale to fill an elementary school teaching position. Mr. Barnes reported the teacher vacancies in the school system are almost filled and the situation is good. A girl's physical education teacher and a guidance counselor have not yet been found.

2) Voted to continue membership of the Kings Mountain board in the North Carolina School Board Association.

3) Set a meeting for Friday at 12:15 p. m. to discuss the school budget.

4) Upon recommendation of the Bible committee, employed Miss Jeanne Easterling of Rock-

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