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Local News Bulletins

FAIRVIEW LODGE A regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall...

TO AIR FORCE Jimmy Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bennett, left last Monday to enter the Air Force and is undergoing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

MAYOR HAS OPERATION Mayor Glee A. Bridges is recuperating satisfactorily from an operation he underwent Monday at Gaston Memorial hospital, members of his family said Wednesday.

LIONS TO FALLSTON Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will go to Fallston Thursday night for a joint meeting with the Fallston Lions club...

LEGION MEETING Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the post building...

SINGING The Davis Trio of Gastonia will lead a program of special singing Sunday night at 7 p. m. at Penley's Chapel Methodist church...

KIWANIS CLUB Pierre Dassen, Kings Mountain exchange student from Switzerland, will present Thursday's program at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club...

APPOINTED Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, has been appointed by a commission of Kings Mountain Presbytery to deliver the sermon at installation services Sunday at 5 p. m. for Rev. Paul Throver...

METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled only \$94.75, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported...

PERMIT ISSUED A permit was issued Warren Goforth this week to make repairs to a room of his home at 606 E. Gold Street...

FIRE City firemen were called to the home of Frank Ballard on Lynn Street Tuesday evening at 4:30 to douse a blaze which started from a floor furnace...

WEBSTER IMPROVING J. W. Webster, city tax supervisor, is reported improving satisfactorily following an operation for an ulcer at Kings Mountain hospital last week...

Godwin To Speak To Rotary Club

Joe Godwin, director of guidance and psychology at Gardner Webb College in Boiling Springs, will make the address at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club...

Epidemic Of Flu Appears Waning

Much Sickness Still Reported In Local Area

Indications are that Kings Mountain's two-week influenza epidemic is abating, though considerable sickness continues. One indication of improvement was contained in school attendance figures, Wednesday's report showing best attendance of the past two weeks...



HERE SATURDAY — Miss Judith Lynn Klipfel of Asheboro, Miss North Carolina of 1959, will come to Kings Mountain Saturday to appear in the Junior Woman's club fashion show at 2 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Beauty Winner Here Saturday

Miss Judith Lynn Klipfel, Miss North Carolina of 1959, will come to Kings Mountain Saturday to be featured in the Junior Woman's Club-sponsored fashion show to be held at 2 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Practical Nursing Class To Begin

A new class in practical nursing will begin at the Shelby School of Practical Nursing on February 15. It has been announced by Mrs. Dorothy C. Turner, coordinator-instructor...

Tuition for the 12-month course is \$50 and includes uniform rental, laundry and one meal daily during the first four months of the course...

Jimmy Plonk Named Alternate

Jimmy Plonk, high school senior, is an alternate nominee for a Morehead scholarship to the University of North Carolina. Six other candidates were named...

Poultry And Sweet Potato Grower Jim Yarbrow Runner-Up For Award

Jim Yarbrow, Bethlehem community farmer, was second runner-up for the Young Farmer of the Year award, given jointly by the Kings Mountain and Shelby Junior Chambers of Commerce...

Surplus School Funds Local, Plonk Reports

The city schools haven't piled up surplus state funds which had to be returned because they weren't expended, Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the city board of education, said this week...

"I know," Mr. Plonk said, "for I've been countersigning the checks for the past three years." Mr. Plonk guessed that the erroneous impression had been gained from publication of the local funds audit for the year ending last June...

Mrs. Mauney Wins Award

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney was awarded a citation of merit by the North Carolina Council of Churches at its three-day annual meeting in Charlotte last week...

The award recognized her service to the organization while serving in the capacity of recording secretary, a post she held for eight years. Morton Kurtz, executive director of the Council of Churches, presented the plaque to Mrs. Mauney...

Schools Science Project Approved

The city schools will receive a \$4,000 matching appropriation from the federal government for purchase of science and mathematics teaching equipment, Supt. B. N. Barnes said this week...

R. C. Etheridge Dies Suddenly

Funeral rites for R. C. (Scooty) Etheridge, 45, former Kings Mountain citizen, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church at his home, Back Bay, Va...

City Auto Tag Sales Now At 1019

Sale of city auto license tags topped the 1,000-mark this week, 1,019 having been sold through Wednesday noon, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported...

Funeral Thursday For S. H. Philbeck

Funeral rites for Spurgeon Hollifield Philbeck, 72, of Mooreboro, will be held at 3:30 Thursday afternoon from Polkville Methodist church, burial following in the church cemetery...

Merger Petition Is Approved; Hearing Set For February 24

High School Students Elect SPO Officers

Sandy Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Campbell of 408 E. King street, was elected president of the Student Participation Organization of Kings Mountain High School Tuesday...

Other officers elected were Sammy Houston, vice-president, and Margaret Jackson, secretary.

Campbell is a junior and a member of Mr. Purvis' home room. He is vice-president of the band, a member of the MOUNTAIN-ER, a member of the tennis team...

Running mates for the vice presidency were Kay Broadwater and Sarah Rose Lennon.

Miss Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jackson of 105 N. Goforth Street and is a member of Miss Kittie Lou Sutton's junior home room...

Miss Jackson ran against Gail Morrison and Peggy Plonk for the secretarial post. Tuesday's election climaxed a week of campaigning which started after the nomination convention last week...

Tax Listing Again Extended

The tax listing deadline in the county and city has been extended through Monday, February 8...

The county board of commissioners ordered the extension at its recent meeting, due to the heavy incidence of influenza in the county during recent weeks...

Savings & Loan Firm Meeting Is Tuesday

Annual shareholders meeting of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association will be held at the association offices Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock...

Hope Not Guilty On Tag Charge

A Kings Mountain citizen was found not guilty in Superior Court Tuesday on a charge of failing to display a city auto license...

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Return Monday; Goal Is Again 125 Pints

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return here Monday. Goal of the upcoming visit is again 125 pints of blood...

Ben Sessoms Free On Murder Charge

No True Bill Is Judgment Of Grand Jury

Ben F. Sessoms, city garbage truck driver, was freed of charges of murder and reckless driving Tuesday, as a Cleveland County grand jury found no true bill...

Highway patrolmen had charged Sessoms following the death of a nine-year-old Negro child on the service road to the city dump last November...

Sessoms said after the accident the box had blown off his truck twice. The first time, he stopped and retrieved it. He was not aware he'd lost it again until the return trip from the city dump...

The grand jury ruled "no true bill" after hearing witnesses to the accident give their versions of what happened.

Ford Funeral To Be Thursday

Funeral rites for William Leroy Ford, 73, of 405 Walnut street, will be held at Faith Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock...

Mr. Ford died at 3:55 Tuesday afternoon at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been in ill health for several years.

He was a former employee of Burlington Industries. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, he was a member of the Long Creek Baptist church, of Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Davis Ford; three sons, Wade Ford, Robert Ford, and Charles (Rocky) Ford, all of Kings Mountain; and five daughters, Mrs. Roberta Whitaker, Mrs. Louise Short, and Mrs. Betty Hollifield, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Grady Martin, Hickory, Grove, S. C. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

J. D. Bennett Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for James Dilworth Bennett, 84, who died at 9:15 Tuesday night at Kings Mountain hospital, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Grace Methodist church...

\$300 Damage In Wilson Crash

Joseph Howard Wilson, Shelby salesman, was involved in an auto accident on Henry St. Saturday at 8:15 p. m. which netted \$300 damage to his car...



NEW CHAIRMAN — Knox Sarratt, of Earl, is the new chairman of the county board of commissioners. He was advanced from vice-chairman.

Sarratt Named Board Chairman

Knox Sarratt, of Earl, oldest member in point of service on the county board of commissioners, was elected chairman at Monday's regular meeting...

Tax Payments Topped \$14,000

City Tax payments during the month of January totaled \$14,212, Assistant Tax Collector Joe McDaniel said Wednesday...

Majority of the amount, \$13,215, represented 1959 ad valorem tax payments, as taxpayers paid in time to avoid the one percent penalty which applied on February 2.

Remainder of the amount was for 1958 and prior taxes, some of it collected as a result of the city's recent garnishment proceedings launched against delinquent taxpayers.

Total 1959 tax payments to date weren't available Wednesday.

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About 1500 Ask Election On Bond Issue

Plans for a school bond vote and subsequent consolidation of schools in No. 4 Township were approved Monday by the Cleveland County school board...

The board received and approved a petition from the area composed of Kings Mountain, Grover, Park Grace, Bethware, and Compact school districts asking that a special bond district be set up and bonds issued to finance a proposed school consolidation.

This is over 20 percent of the 6,550 qualified voters in No. 4 Township. Only 10 percent were required.

County Schools Superintendent J. Horace Grigg said a 21-day waiting period is required before a public hearing is held on the matter of setting up the special bond district.

This hearing is set for 4 p. m. February 24 in the office of the county board of education in Shelby.

Final action of the board will be taken after this hearing. If the board is still in favor of the request following the hearing, the bond district will be set up and the county commissioners requested to call a bond election.

If the bond election receives a favorable vote, the next step will be a consolidation election. The procedure leading up to consolidation of the schools was outlined by Supt. Grigg and Supt. B. N. Barnes by Claude Love assistant North Carolina Attorney General.

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Funeral rites for James Dilworth Bennett, 84, who died at 9:15 Tuesday night at Kings Mountain hospital, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Grace Methodist church...

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett and a native of Cleveland county. He was a member of the Grace Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Minnie Jones Bennett; three sons, Rev. John C. Bennett, Albarneal, Theodore Bennett, Kings Mountain, and Burton Bennett, Gastonia; five daughters, Mrs. Winifred Russell, Mrs. Henry Godfrey, Mrs. Woodrow Wise, Mrs. Dewey Allen, and Mrs. Foley Cobb, all of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Gus Bennett and Wade Bennett, both of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Mrs. John Ford, Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Ollie Mayfield, Ramo. Sixteen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also survive.

\$300 Damage In Wilson Crash

Joseph Howard Wilson, Shelby salesman, was involved in an auto accident on Henry St. Saturday at 8:15 p. m. which netted \$300 damage to his car...

Wilson was driving a 1959 Dodge and started in to the traffic lane on Henry street when a car ran him into a ditch and he crashed into a pole.

Damage to his car was estimated at \$300 to the hood, grill, and bumper. Enos Freeman investigated for city police department.