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City Limits 7,206

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Kings Mountain, Piedmont Blanketed By Snow

Eight Inches Of Snow Falls In Seven Hours

Snow fell in quantity again Wednesday morning and was continuing at a fast pace at mid-afternoon...

The snowflakes began falling shortly after 8 a. m. and quickly covered the community. By 3 o'clock the snow measured eight inches and drifts were much deeper.

More quickly than usual, the snowfall clogged highways, sent housewives to grocery stores to replenish their larders...

Industry was playing its production plans "by ear." Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company and Mauney Mills, Inc., were planning to operate if possible...

School authorities were worried about getting some 3,000 students home safely.

City public works employees found their efforts at removing snow futile. Supt. Grady Yelton remarked, "It's falling so fast we can't keep up with it."

Traffic was a growing problem. Service station dealers were sold out of chains, found the same situation at wholesale houses...

The quality of the snow was light and airy, in contrast with the icy glazing snow of the night of February 12-13. It gave promise of being ideal for snowballs, snow cream, and construction of snowmen.

Four Attended GOP Convention

Several Kings Mountain citizens attended the Republican state convention held at Raleigh Saturday.

No School On Thursday

As the snow brings trial and tribulation to many, strands others from home, and slows production schedules, it nevertheless brings joy to some.

Supt. of Schools B. N. Barnes said Wednesday afternoon that Thursday's school activities will be suspended.

It's an unscheduled holiday which should find the students quite delighted.

Also cancelled by the schedule change, was Thursday night's faculty-high school basketball doubleheader. The game will be re-scheduled.

September Likely Date Of Bond Election

'March To Church In March' Loyalty Campaign Begins

Area Churches Participating In Loyalty Drive

Church Loyalty Month, a community-wide campaign launched by the Ministerial Association, gets underway officially on Sunday...

Virtually all churches in the Kings Mountain area are participating in the month-long program which is being headed by Rev. Herbert D. Garmon...

"If one would inquire into the reasons for the sad fact that too many pews are vacant Sunday after Sunday, many varied excuses would be brought to light..."

"There is a lack of concern," he noted, "for spiritual growth." "And yet," he continued, "not one would dream of missing the meals prepared each day for physical growth."

Dr. Lake Seeks Governorship

Dr. I. Beverly Lake, onetime assistant attorney general, became the state's fourth announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor on Tuesday...

Other candidates are Terry Sanford, Fayetteville lawyer, and John Larkins, Trenton lawyer. The entry of Dr. Lake, also a onetime Wake Forest law school professor...

Other Elections Preclude Earlier Merger Decision

The school bond election of the newly created school tax district will likely be called for September...

It had been hoped that the election could be held in April. Impossibility of an April date became apparent Monday when school officials conferred with C. C. (Cobby) Horn...

Since a state-wide primary is to be conducted in late May and provision is made for a second primary, to provide for run-offs, in late June, school officials guess the county commission can hardly set a date earlier than September.

Conferring on the election call with County Attorney Horn were Supt. J. H. Grigg, county schools, Supt. B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain schools, Froy W. Plonk, chairman of the Kings Mountain board of education...

Mr. Plonk commented, "I'm really disappointed as we had hoped to have the voting in April. But it appears September is the best that can be done."

Current plans call for an additional election, should the bond issuance authority be approved. It would be an election among citizens currently outside the present Kings Mountain district...

Bowen Child Remains Critical

The condition of Michael Bowen, struck by a car in the parking lot of Grace Methodist Church at 8 p. m. Sunday, was still listed as critical by attending physicians Wednesday afternoon.

Young Bowen, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bowen of 829 Church street, was struck by a car driven by W. C. Sides, Jr. 48, pastor of the church.

The accident was investigated by police officers Ellis King and Jackie Barrett.



PROMOTED - Charlie Ballard is the new public relations director and personnel manager of Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant.

Mr. Ballard assumed his new duties on February 22. He was promoted from a production supervisor's position.

Mr. Ballard is a Kings Mountain native and a former star school, semi-professional and professional baseball player. He is a veteran of World War II, having spent several years in the Pacific Theatre.

Other candidates are Terry Sanford, Fayetteville lawyer, and John Larkins, Trenton lawyer.

The Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, is town chairman for the area. He and a group of volunteer leaders will meet with college officials March 3 in Kings Mountain to map plans for the campaign.

DuBose Heads Township Campaign For Gardner-Webb College Fund

Kings Mountain and Grover are organizing to have a part in Cleveland County's fund-raising effort for Gardner-Webb college.

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Cleveland is working toward a goal of \$300,000 as its share in the \$550,000 drive for expansion purposes at Gardner-Webb. A report last week showed \$190,000 of this figure already secured, leaving \$110,000 yet to go.

Negress Shot To Death Sunday; Brown Is Held

Carrie Stevenson, 61-year-old Negro, was shot to death with a 12-gauge shotgun near here early Sunday afternoon.

Gaston county rural police said the shooting took place on Canterbury Road but in Gaston county.

Arrested for the slaying was James Brown, 53-year-old Negro, alleged to be the Stevenson woman's common-law husband. Brown was charged with murder by Det. Q. H. Dale and Officer Jerry Pasour of the Gaston rural police.

The officers said the slaying occurred following arguing and some drinking by Brown and Carrie Stevenson.

Brown claimed he grabbed the gun and it went off. The blast all but tore off the woman's right hand, the shot striking her in the chest and knocking her from one bedroom of her home to another.

Officers said the dead woman and her slayer had been "friends" for 12 or 13 years.

City Auto Tag Sales Set Record

Sale of city auto license tags has set a record. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said Wednesday total sales to date were 1780.

Mr. McDaniel said records indicate several more remain to be sold as the police department checked out the list to see that all in-city auto owners purchase and display the tags.

REPEAT SERVICE - St. Matthew's Lutheran church will repeat its Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service Thursday night at 7:30, according to announcement by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Local News Bulletins

COIN COLLECTORS

Regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Coin Collectors club will be held at City Hall courtroom Friday night at 7:30, according to announcement by Bill McGinnis.

MEETING

A joint meeting of the elders and deacons of First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday night following prayer service. The meeting was postponed from last week.

PERMIT ISSUED

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit to William Paul Bridges Monday to build a one-story metal building on E. King Street between Deal Street and York Road.

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Post Building, it was announced by Commander J. T. McGinnis, Jr.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Claude H. Rayborn, of Charlotte, representative of Smith, Kline & French laboratories, will address members of the Kiwanis club at their Thursday evening meeting.

Heart Sunday Gifts Total Over \$573

Heart Sunday donations totaled \$573.72 in the house-to-house canvass held to secure funds for the 1960 Heart appeal.

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Webster Resigns City Tax Position

Resignation Was Tendered On Wednesday

J. W. Webster, city tax supervisor and collector since 1956, has resigned effective Saturday.

Mr. Webster resigned verbally Monday, and tendered his letter of resignation to the mayor and board of commissioners Wednesday morning.

"Due to the pressing duties of my office and in view of my recent operation, I find it will be necessary for me to resign the job of tax collector. I want all of you gentlemen to know that it has been a pleasure working for you and I am very sorry to leave but, as I stated above, I find it necessary."

At an informal session of the commission Tuesday night, Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Comm. Boyce Gault, commissioner on administration, told other members they had conferred with Mr. Webster Monday concerning work of the tax office.

There had been no further discussion of the matter on Tuesday and Mr. Webster had reported for work as usual. There was some feeling among the commission members Tuesday night that Mr. Webster might have changed his mind and no action was taken.

Mr. Webster, who has filled the role of city building inspector in addition to his tax office duties, has received a salary of \$350 per month.

Mr. Webster is a Kings Mountain board of education member, a former zone chairman and president of the Lions club, treasurer of First Presbyterian church, and a Mason.

Before becoming city tax collector, he was employed by Elmer Lumber Company, managed B. & B. Restaurant, and was employed by Bennett Construction Company.



RESIGNS - J. W. Webster, for the past four years city tax collector and supervisor and city building inspector, resigned Wednesday morning.

Grant Charged, Can't Be Found

Charles Grant was charged Monday night with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill by Ernest Biddix following a shooting at Mrs. Grant's home at 400 N. Battleground Avenue.

Biddix was sitting in a chair in the living room of the house when someone shot through the screen, window, and a partially closed blind with a shotgun, injuring Biddix's left thigh.

Biddix was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital for treatment. Police Chief Martin Ware said he is not in critical condition.

Biddix and Mrs. Grant were scheduled to be tried for adultery charges in Monday's session of City Recorder's Court, but transferred the cases to Cleveland County Superior Court for jury trial. The charges were brought against the two by Grant.

Chief Ware said Biddix took out the warrant for Grant's arrest, but it has not been served. Grant, Ware said, cannot be found.

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Girl Scout Sunday Set

A Girl Scout promises to do her duty to God and country, to help other people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout laws.

In Kings Mountain, 172 girls who belong to seven troops of Brownie and Intermediate Scouts will worship together Sunday as they begin a full week of Girl Scout activities.

The occasion is Girl Scout Week which officially opens on Girl Scout Sunday, "You Car Count On Her To Be Prepared"

World Day Of Prayer Observance Planned For St. Matthew's Friday

Kings Mountain's 1960 observance of the annual World Day of Prayer will be a special program to be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Friday afternoon at 3:30.

The Kings Mountain observance is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Council of United Churchwomen, an interdenominational group representing all churches in the community.

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HEADS DRIVE - Rev. Marion DuBose, Kings Mountain minister, is heading the Kings Mountain area drive in a fund-raising effort for Gardner-Webb college.

land other than Kings Mountain will complete its general campaign March 14. The latter group is scheduled to be fully organized at that time.