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City Limits 7,206

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Seventy-First Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Board Tackles School Merger Physical Problems

Registering Over, Jousting Warming

Local News Bulletins

LEGION AUXILIARY
Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will complete plans for their annual poppy sale at Thursday night's meeting.

PEPSI SALE
Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a Pepsi Cola Sale Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. on King Street.

KIWANIS CLUB
A. V. Nolan of Shelby will talk on the medical progress on cancer at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club.

HOSPITALIZED
Mrs. Phillip Baker is expected home this weekend from Gaston Memorial hospital where she underwent surgery Friday.

RAINBOW SUPPER
Members of the Kings Mountain Chapter, Order of the Rainbow, will hold a cook-out Saturday night at 3 p. m. at the home of their advisors, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tate.

INSTALLATION
Public installation of officers of Kings Mountain Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Masonic Hall.

TO CHARLOTTE
Mrs. Doris Whisman and Mrs. Woody London will represent Medical Pharmacy at a cosmetic show sponsored by Du Barry Cosmetics to be held at the Hotel Barringer in Charlotte Thursday.

MEMORIAL DAY
Patterson Grove Baptist church has scheduled Memorial Day services for Sunday, May 22, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the two weeks ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$233.45, including \$180.80 from on-street meters, another \$21.65 from off-street meters, and \$21 from payment of over-parking fees.

Rites Thursday For Mr. Byars

Funeral rites for Jonathan Byars, 78, retired farmer of Grover, will be held Thursday morning at 11 a. m. from Mt. Paran Baptist church of Blacksburg, S. C.

Rev. Raymond Dobbins will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state one hour prior to the services.

Mr. Byars died at Broughton Memorial hospital in Morganton Tuesday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Moss Byars of Grover; three sons, Luther Byars of Charleston, S. C., Odell Byars of Shelby and James Byars of Grover; one daughter, Mrs. H. M. White of Forest City; three brothers, Ray Byars of Blacksburg, S. C., Forest Byars of Gaffney, and Dan Byars of Gulf Port, Miss., and three sisters, Mrs. J. S. Moss, Mrs. J. F. Sneed, and Mrs. Euna Batchler, all of Blacksburg. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Nearly 300 New Voters On Pollbooks

Registration for the May 28 Democratic primary ended briskly last Saturday, all Kings Mountain area registrars reporting increases on the registration books.

A total of 296 new names were added by the registrars, though some came on as transfers from other nearby precincts.

Bethware led area boxes in registrations with 100 new voters, Mrs. J. D. Jones reported. West Kings Mountain was second with 88, East Kings Mountain third with 72 and Grover added 37 which Mrs. J. B. Ellis termed "surprising."

Meantime, candidates and their supporters were steaming up the battles for votes, and there were some inferences that the infighting during the final ten days of the pre-primary politicking was hot and hotter.

One Kings Mountain citizen, a professional in the Sanford ranks told the Herald this week he'd had an anonymous telephone call Monday night from a supporter of Malcolm Seawell. "The guy wouldn't tell me his name, but he asked me to tell our Sanford and help Seawell. I told the guy to go to hell!"

Another race waxing warmer the joust between State Senator Robert Morgan and City Judge Jack White, Senator Morgan was here Tuesday, invading Mr. White's home grounds, and Mr. White was in other parts of the county. Last Saturday, several youngsters dressed as clowns were passing out balloons bearing White inscriptions on the Shelby city streets.

Another visitor to Kings Mountain this week was U. L. Patterson, Jr., one of three candidates for the District 1 county commission post. Another was Gene Turner, candidate for county commissioner in District 4. Mr. Turner is a nephew of J. K. Willis, Sr., of Kings Mountain.

NO PERMITS
M. H. Biser, City Inspector, said Wednesday he has had no requests for building permits during the past week.

Grover, Bethware Graduation Programs To Begin

Commencement exercises for 166 Grover high school seniors will begin at Sunday with baccalaureate services at 8 p. m. at Grover's First Baptist church.

Diplomas will be awarded at finals exercises next Friday, May 27, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

Rev. Henry R. Bright, pastor of New Buffalo Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on the topic, "The Call of the Upper Road." Linda Stewart will read the scripture and Rudolph Lemmons will offer the opening prayer.

Members of the graduating class are Evelyn Allen, Robert Bess, Billy Crocker, Brenda Dover, Lowrance, Dwight Edwards, Kenneth Fortenberry, Billy Howell, Phillip Humphries, Russell Morrison, Shirley Panther, Linda Stewart, Brenda Thomas, Dorothy Wilson, Arlene Wright, Betty Jo Wylie, and Richard Watterson.

Class mascots are Teresa Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Holt, and Charles Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welch.



SCHOLARSHIP — Elaine Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burton, has won a \$400 scholarship to Flora MacDonald college.

Miss Burton Wins Scholarship

Miss Elaine Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burton, has been awarded a \$400 Vardell Scholarship to Flora MacDonald College in Red Springs, N. C.

The scholarship is based on outstanding school record and recommendations. Miss Burton was recently a guest of the college along with other scholarship nominees.

Miss Burton has been active in many school activities. She is a member of the student council, French club, Mountaineer staff, future Homemakers, and Statix 'n Dramatix. She won the Home-maker award for 1960.

She is a member of Long Creek Presbyterian church and for two years has served as an officer on Kings Mountain Presbytery's Youth Council. She was a member of the Youth Caravan to Mexico last summer.

Girls Chorus Concert Thursday

The Girls Chorus of Kings Mountain high school will present its annual spring concert Thursday, May 19th, at 7:45 p. m. in Central school auditorium.

Members of the Girls Chorus are: First Sopranos: Diana Hoyle, Carolyn Sanders, Marcia Moore, Joyce Winders, Lorene Norman, Carol Dover, and Diane Carroll; Second Sopranos: Charlene Yates, Pearl Whitaker, O-pal Tesanier; Rosann Smith, and Rebecca Bowers; Altos: Colean Wright, Phyllis Gregory, Charlotte Greene, Linda Gordon, Brenda Gordon; and the accompanist for the chorus is Patty Huffstetler.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe the Festival of the Ascension Sunday, with special music by the choir and sermon by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Sunday evening at 6:30 p. m. a congregational covered dish supper will be held in the recreational hall of the church. The supper is to recognize new members and to bid farewell to the Bruce Thorburn's who are leaving Kings Mountain soon.

WINS AWARD — Jessie Van Putnam, Kings Mountain junior in the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been awarded the sportsmanship award presented by Kappa Psi pharmacy student fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Putnam.

NO FIRES
City Fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday the department has had no alarms during the past week.

Virgil Weathers Heads Democrats

Mrs. Liptford Is Renamed Vice-President

BY MARTIN HARMON
Cleveland County Democrats, hopefully anticipating election of a Democratic president come November, waxed their most enthusiastic in several biennial sessions Saturday, as they frequently burst into applause at the bars hurled GOP-wad by Judge B. T. Falls, Jr., veteran Cleveland party leader.

Following the session, Democratic precinct chairmen convened to organize for the biennium and named Virgil Weathers, of Shelby, county Democratic chairman, succeeding C. C. (Cobby) Horn, who resigned after ten years as party chief. The chairmen, who form the county executive committee, re-elected Mrs. J. E. Liptford, Kings Mountain, vice-chairman, and named A. A. Powell another vice-chairman, and David Royster, secretary.

Attending convention from the Kings Mountain area were Cameron Ware and J. D. Jones, Bethware, Hugh D. Ormand, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., Martin Harmon and Jack White, West Kings Mountain, and J. O. Harris, S. A. Crouse, and Mrs. J. E. Liptford, East Kings Mountain.

Judge Falls, who remarked he'd been voting Democratic for 60 years, advised "take nothing for granted. It's fatal for the candidate and for the party."

"But this is the year of change," he charged "Nixon speaks in seven languages."

"It's a Democratic year," he predicted, adding, "I've never found any use for Republicanism."

Chairman Horn recognized Oliver Anthony, Jr., who said he had a confession to make. "I backslid," Mr. Anthony told the convention, "and I had to eat my words. Some say I'm for the man. That's no good. There isn't any good in the Republican party."

Ascension Service At St. Matthew's

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Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to 27 Bethware high school seniors Sunday night.

Commencement exercises will begin on Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon and conclude next Friday when diplomas will be awarded. Both programs begin at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The invocation will be given by Rev. Fred Hicks and Rev. Frank Blalock will read the scripture Principal R. G. Franklin will present the speaker and Rev. Woodrow W. Moss will pronounce the benediction. The Girls Chorus will sing and Bobby Webster will render special music.

Members of the graduating class are Ruth Blalock, Ruby Kay Carroll, Kimbrough Cashion, Mary Helen Chapman, Betty Jean Eaker, Emily Alice Hamrick, Janet Hamrick, Martha Maxine Hamrick, Edith Virginia McClain, Cumie Jean Moore, Linda Jane Moore, Joan Moss, Barbara Lane Yarbrough, Bobby Dean Bridges, William Charles Bolin, Roger Dean Bower, Edward Crowder Davis, Bob Troy Dover, Charles Gary Fisher, Paul Eugene Hinson, Donald Keith Horne, Ronnie Dean Leonard, Charles Lovelace, Jerry Eugene Patterson, Maynard Philbeck, David Queen and David Perry Smith.

Class mascots are Tommy Hamrick and Marlene Cash.

County Citizens Make Decision To Join City

Kings Mountain area neighbors voted to marry schools of the township in brisk voting on Saturday. The count was 1120 to 874.

Bethware voters favored the proposal 459 to 384, while Grover opposed 398 to 193.

Park Grace was the "kicker", voting well over 4 to 11 in favor, 468 to 92.

Since the election there have been scattered spots of effort to abrogate the election result.

Some Grover citizens have retained a lawyer and said they would seek to get the Grover school area to secede from the newly merged district.

A few Bethware citizens have been reported to be alarmed concerning the teaching of agriculture in the merged high school, to be at Kings Mountain Central plant until funds are obtained for a new more centrally located high school.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of the district, informed his board of education Monday night that state department of education officials have already been in Kings Mountain and that arrangements will be made to offer agriculture. Myers Hambricht, Bethware agriculture teacher, said he was a participant in the conversations.

Effective date of the merger, as required by state law, is July 1, beginning of the new fiscal year.

Press Service Say Armory Approved

Associated Press reported from Raleigh last week that a \$140,000 appropriation for a National Guard Armory here has been approved.

Capt. Humes Houston, commanding the Kings Mountain unit, said Wednesday he's had no communications from headquarters concerning the Armory but feels sure the news report correct.

"From the experience of Lincoln and Belmont, I am informed, it usually takes about five or six days for the paper work to be done and transported through channels," Capt. Houstonsaid.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday he hadn't received anything official on the proposal. The city some months ago committed itself to furnishing its part (\$20,000) of the cost of the building and the county board of commissioners has also indicated it would furnish its portion of the construction cost.

ARP's Withdraw Re-zoning Bid

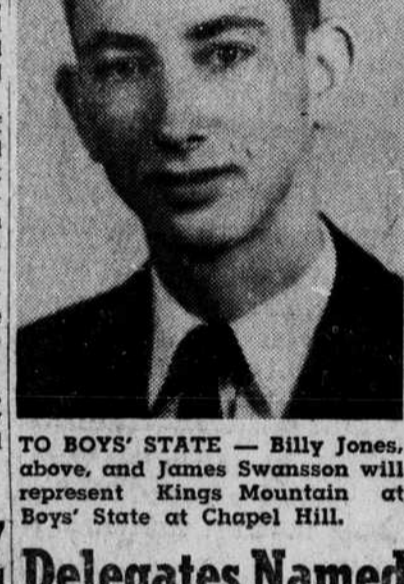
Boyce Memorial ARP church withdrew its request for re-zoning a portion of its lot fronting on N. Piedmont avenue, Mayor Glee A. Bridges announced at the opening of last Thursday's board session.

Some 15 to 20 neighbors to the ARP property were present to oppose the re-zoning and a few ARP members, who had not learned the withdrawal decision, were also present.

The commission then proceeded to transact a fairly long agenda in record time of 20 minutes, including re-zoning of three properties from residential area to business zone.



TO BOYS' STATE — Billy Jones, above, and James Swanson will represent Kings Mountain at Boys' State at Chapel Hill.



Delegates Named To Boy's State

James Swanson and Billie Jones, Kings Mountain high school juniors, have been selected as delegates to annual Tar Heel Boys' State in June.

The announcement was made by American Legion Post 155 which sponsors the delegates, Boys' State is held on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Swanson is the son of Rune Swanson and the late Mrs. Swanson and Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones.

Bank Owners Approve Merger

All that remains for the merger of First National Bank of Kings Mountain with First Union National Bank of North Carolina is approval of the United States Comptroller of the Currency.

First Union National stockholders approved the merger last Thursday and First National Bank stockholders acted similarly on Friday.

Indications are that approval can be anticipated in about 30 days, R. S. Lennon, First National executive vice-president, said.

At last Friday's meeting here, Mr. Lennon reported, 9633 shares of the 10,000 shares of stock outstanding were voted, with 6630 shares present and another 3003 represented by proxies.

The vote in favor of the merger was 9513 in favor and 120 against.

First Union National officials attending the meeting here were Carl McCraw, president; Louis D. Brooks, vice-president; C. C. Hope, Jr., secretary; and Tom Grant, senior vice-president in charge of the trust department.

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Several Plans Are Considered For Fall 1960

BY DAVID BAITY
Kings Mountain City School Board members rolled up their sleeves Monday night to tackle the problems of working out consolidation.

The board discussed three tentative consolidation plans. Suggestions were:

1) To move Kings Mountain seventh and eighth grades into temporary classrooms in auditoriums in the city elementary schools, thus vacating the Central school plant of all elementary students and making room for the incoming 240 high school students from Bethware and Grover.

2) To eliminate the ninth grade from Kings Mountain high school leaving ninth grades in Grover and Bethware schools.

3) To move either seventh or eighth grades from the Central school plant to classes in Grover and Bethware.

The third suggestion, made by Supt. B. N. Barnes was received enthusiastically. The plan would remove from 225 to 260 pupils from the Kings Mountain High School building and Mr. Barnes listed his reasons for consideration of the move as follows:

1) Use of auditoriums for classes would make conditions too crowded and inconvenient and would make adjustment to consolidation a time of strife for the students.

2) The junior high students would be able to take full advantage of high school facilities at Grover and Bethware such as gymnasiums, libraries, and science labs which will be left open when their high school students come to Kings Mountain.

3) The junior high students from Kings Mountain would go out into the district to meet and mingle with the present county school students. "They will get to know each other," Mr. Barnes said, "and when they come to high school the following year, it won't be as Grover, Bethware, or Kings Mountain, but as friends and students in the same school."

Mr. Barnes said the plan to move eighth grade students to the other two schools would mean these students would have to ride a school bus for only one year, which, he surmised, would be an adventure to them.

The board stressed these are only possibilities and the state school planning board may render a proposal which would be better than any the board discussed.

"Effecting consolidation is going to take co-operation on the part of everyone concerned," Supt. Barnes said. He noted the relocation of students may prove inconvenient to parents, but the measure is only temporary and urged that all look to the time when the Kings Mountain district will be able to construct the proposed high school plant.

Agriculture Classes
The question of "Will there, or will there not, be agriculture classes in the city school system next fall?" was answered decisively by Supt. Barnes at the Monday night meeting.

"That has all been settled," Barnes said. "We have been assured by the district supervisor of vocational agriculture, R. J. Denny, that he will work with us to establish an agriculture department."

Members of the school board said that not only would the course be taught, but the department will be expanded, taking in the best aspects of the Grover and Bethware departments.

Mr. Barnes noted that some Kings Mountain high school students had voiced interest in agriculture, and with the consolidation on they, too, will have a chance to take the course.

Board Chairman Fred Plonk said a temporary building may have to be constructed to house the department, but agriculture will be taught in the school next fall.

The board pointed out that surveys must be made first, but all teachers who have been recommended by school committees will be retained and all prior county board or committee commitments will be honored.

Barnes said principals in the present set-up will have the opportunity to remain in their present schools, especially if they plan to move junior high students from Kings Mountain to Grover and Bethware proves effective.

The complete list of winners will be published next week.

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Schools To Get New Activity Bus; \$2,000 From Kiwanis Talent Event

Kings Mountain schools were virtually assured a new activity bus Thursday when over \$2000 was donated to the fund from the Kiwanis Club sponsored talent show.

The talent show — which attracted a full house at Central auditorium — included winners in competition from the various schools of the city system who were vying for prizes.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., was general chairman of the show which Kiwanians annually sponsor.

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