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City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Williams, Harry File For School Board Positions

County School Body Declines Approval Of "Secession" Bill

Local News Bulletins

ON HONOR ROLL
Jean Hicks of Kings Mountain has been named to the honor roll at Appalachian State Teachers College for the winter semester.

RAINBOW GIRLS
Members of the Kings Mountain Assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, will attend church services together Sunday, April 9th, at Kings Mountain Baptist church, at 11 a. m.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$127.94, including \$97.54 from on-street meters, \$14 from over-parking fees, and \$16.40 from off-street meters.

TO RALEIGH
Mrs. W. B. Logan is in Raleigh today (Thursday) on business but will return home tonight.

APPLICATIONS INVITED
Applications for membership in the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad are now being received.

Mrs. Herndon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Hannah Lee Blalock Herndon, 80, widow of W. Pinkney Herndon, were held Friday at 4 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Herndon died Thursday in the Kings Mountain hospital after a week's illness. She was a native of Cleveland county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Blalock.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Howard Pursley; two brothers, Clyde and D. B. Blalock of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Whitney Wells and Mrs. Maxie Herndon of Kings Mountain and Mrs. J. B. Royster and Mrs. Marion Beam of Grover. One grandchild also survives.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. M. D. DuBose and Rev. B. L. Raines and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

School Personnel Sub Group Named

John Z. McBrayer, of Mooresboro, has been appointed chairman of the school personnel sub-committee of the Cleveland County Citizens Committee for Better Schools, it was announced yesterday by Harold Love, chairman.

Other members of the sub-committee include J. C. Bridges and John Cheshire, Jr., Kings Mountain; John Gold, Grover; Raymond Jones, Lattimore; Willard Boyles and Claude Harmon, Bethware; Sam Gofforth, Elizabeth; Mrs. R. H. Pruett, John Crawley and E. A. Lefler, Shelby; Ed White, Casar; Bill Henry and Yates Lee, Polkville; Julian Price, Moriah; and Edwin Patterson, Patterson Springs.

Mr. Love has appointed Mr. Cheshire to serve on the committee, replacing Charles A. Neisler. Mr. Neisler resigned, Mr. Love said, because he is out-of-town frequently.

Attorney General Says Schools In City District

The county board of education on advice of the North Carolina attorney-general, has declined requested endorsement of a proposed bill which would permit some residents of the Compact, Grover and Bethware school areas to vote to secede from the Kings Mountain district.

The board of education had previously asked the attorney general to answer two questions, Supt. J. Horace Grigg, said, 1) Compare the Park Grace, Grover, Compact and Bethware schools now considered a part of the Kings Mountain school district and 2) would the county board of education have any legal right to endorse a bill providing for secession on a part of the district?

Supt. Grigg said the attorney-general replied that the adjacent schools, voted into the Kings Mountain district last May 14, are now considered a part of the Kings Mountain district, and that the county board had no legal right to approve or endorse such proposed legislation.

The four schools are still being administered by the county board of education, under court order, until the end of the current fiscal year June 30.

The county board, visited Monday by a delegation of citizens supporting the proposed bill, adopted a resolution it noted that, in keeping with its policy of neutrality in the Number 4 Township school issue, it would accept any area into the county system which might be in position to join the county system by legal means.

Present law provides for a county area to vote itself into a city district but does not contain provisions for secession from a city district to join a county unit.

The proposed bill, advanced by citizens opposed to the merger, would apply to Cleveland County only and the Number 4 Township situation particularly.

Supt. Grigg commented that "The county board in stating a willingness to accept an area, merely duplicated the action of the Kings Mountain district board prior to the consolidation election when it said, 'If you want to come in, we'll accept you.'"

Open House Set By Rescue Squad

The public is invited to inspect the new home of the Cleveland County Life-Saving & Rescue Squad, Inc., at an open house Sunday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

The new building, located at 312 E. Parker street, was constructed largely by crew members themselves and paid for by donations from Kings Mountain citizens and business firms.

Delbert Dixon, an officer of the squad, said, "We appreciate very much the generosity of the citizens of Kings Mountain for their support in this project and we hope they will visit the new building at the open house Sunday."

Negroes Want Super High School, But At No Delay To Integration

Negro school leaders of Cleveland County have petitioned the county's three boards of education for establishment of one or two "standard modern super high schools" for Negroes, planned for use "for future integration in the too far distant future."

The petition was presented to the county board of education Monday and received without action.

"We are not making these recommendations with any view toward perpetuating segregation of our schools, but with recognition of the fact that our present high school students need all the advantages of an adequate education NOW," the petition reads.

School Committees Continue In Office

Park Grace, Bethware, Compact and Grover school committees will serve until June 30, J. Horace Grigg, county superintendent of education said Wednesday.

District committees for the coming two years were not named for the four schools as they were this week for other county schools, the board of education anticipating assumption of administration of the four schools by the Kings Mountain board of education, Mr. Grigg added.

Citizens of these four school areas, voted last May 14 to consolidate with the Kings Mountain district. Legal action to abrogate the election result was pending on last June 30, legally dictated date on which consolidations are effective. Subsequently, a temporary injunction against the merger was dissolved but the presiding judge ordered that the county schools continue operation of the four schools until pending litigation was tried. This litigation was voluntarily non-suited on November 29.

Kiwanis Talent Show Thursday

The fourth annual Kiwanis club-sponsored Schools Talent Show will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased from any Kiwanian or will be available at the door. The show will feature talented youngsters from the four elementary schools and the high school who will be vying for prizes from the civic club.

The city purchased Phifer Road property of the Willeford Estate and a small tract on Mountain street from the R. S. Plonk Estate for additionally required acreage for the site at a total cost of \$7500.

Architects were here last week and the National Guard has been hauling dirt to the armory site in order to raise grade for sewer service, Sgt. Wilson added.

Total cost of the armory, pending actual bids has been estimated at \$140,000, of which the federal government has appropriated \$105,000. The state provides 7.5 percent of the cost of construction, with 17.5 percent, plus the site, required from local funds.

Rev. DuBose's Father Passes

Marion D. DuBose, 83, of Athens, Ga., father of Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, died in Athens Tuesday.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. from the First Baptist church of Athens, of which Mr. DuBose was member.

A retired professor of German at the University of Georgia, Mr. DuBose had lived in Georgia almost all his life. He had studied in Germany.

The body will remain at Bernstien's Funeral Home until the hour of the funeral service.

Rev. Mr. DuBose went to Georgia Sunday night. Other survivors are his wife, of the home; and two grandchildren, Clyde and James DuBose, of Kings Mountain.

Church Steeple To Be Mounted

The 52-foot steeple of Resurrection Lutheran church is scheduled to be mounted on its church-top base, the steeple will tower 96 feet into the air, and Rev. Mr. Moore thinks, will be Kings Mountain's highest point.

The steeple is topped with a five-foot Celtic cross.

Resurrection church recently observed its tenth anniversary.

Mrs. Neisler Cancer Fund Drive Chairman

Mrs. Hunter Neisler, again serving as chairman of the Kings Mountain area fund campaign for the Cleveland County Cancer society, has announced committee leaders who will aid in the solicitation.

They include: Residential areas, Mrs. J. Fred Wright, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Jr., and Mrs. J. O. Plonk, Jr., Industry, Booth W. Gillespie.

Outlying business, Hunter Neisler.

Negro division, Mrs. Annie Brown and Frank Mitchem.

The Kings Mountain area gave a record \$2600 for the cancer fund in 1960.

Funds were used to provide aid for cancer patients and to aid research in determining causes and hoped for cures for the disease.

Mrs. Neisler noted that memorials to deceased citizens and related gifts are credited to Kings Mountain's total campaign contribution.

Armory Project Moving Forward

Deeds for additional armory site acreage have been forwarded to Raleigh and advertisements for bids for construction of the new Kings Mountain National Guard armory are to be placed in the near future.

Sgt. Charles Wilson, of the Kings Mountain National Guard company, said he has been informed that advertisements for bids will be placed within ten days to two weeks.

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Optimists Elect Payne President

Dean Payne was elected president of Kings Mountain's Optimists Club Thursday night during Charter Night festivities at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p. m.

The group has been working to establish a club in Kings Mountain and succeeded, chartering with 45 members.

Other officers include James Guyton and Norman King, first and second vice-president; Bill Parsley, secretary-treasurer; Harold Phillips, sergeant at arms; and W. D. (Doc) Byers, Charles Porter, Carl Wilson, John Hurlbust, Jack Scism, and Jay Powell, directors.

Optimists are concerned primarily with boys work and have extensive recreational programs to combat juvenile delinquency.

Rabies Clinic Schedule Given

Schedule for a fourth rabies clinic to be conducted by Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, was announced this week.

The clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 9 a. m. and continuing to 12 noon.

The schedule follows: Odell's Store, from 9 to 9:15; Grigg's Store, from 9:15 to 9:30; Waco Post Office, from 9:30 to 10 o'clock; Water's Service Station, from 10 to 10:15; McSwain's Store, from 10:30 to 11 o'clock; Putnam's Store, from 11 to 11:30; Scivan's Store, from 11:30 to 12 noon.

John L. McGill "Mr. Kiwanian" Club Initiates Annual Award For Top Member



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Race For Mayor Program Monday

First of a scheduled series of five programs called "The Race for Mayor" will be broadcast over Station WKMT Kings Mountain Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

A panel of three citizens will interview three of the four announced candidates for mayor, with Jonas Bridges, station manager, serving as moderator.

Appearing on the initial panel as interviewees will be Coronor J. Ollie Harris, City Judge Jack White, and Herald Editor Martin Harmon.

Mayoral candidates Glee A. Bridges, Garland E. Still, and Kelly Dixon have agreed to answer questions on the unrehearsed, live program, Station Manager Bridges said.

The manager previously said Candidate D. L. Saunders had declined to appear for the joint interview, objecting to the fact that questions to candidates would not be provided in advance of the broadcast.

Mr. Harmon will be the lone permanent member of the panel, with other citizens serving as interviewers on subsequent programs, scheduled for succeeding Monday through May 8.

The program format calls for each candidate to rest five minutes time for a talk on any subject he chooses.

Lybrand Named Jaycee President

James Lybrand, Cleveland County tax appraiser, was elected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce by acclamation as the Jaycees met in regular session Tuesday night at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Others elected included Bill Allen, first vice-president; Herman Sparks, second vice-president; John Lutz, secretary; John Warlick, treasurer; Bob Pearson, Jaybird; and David Kincaid, Thomas Droppers, and Raymond E. Goforth, directors.

The new officers will assume their duties May 2.

President-elect Lybrand has formerly held first and second vice-president posts in the local Jaycee chapter. He has actively participated in the club activities during his five-year membership.

New Election Officials Named

Mrs. Frank Ware will serve as registrar at Bethware for the upcoming school trustee election to be conducted May 9.

Mrs. Ware was named this week to replace Mrs. Will Waterson, who said she would be unable to serve.

Both initially-appointed judges, Leonard Gamble and H. O. Williams, declined to serve. Mr. Williams became a candidate for a school trusteeship Tuesday. One replacement has been named. Mrs. Myers Hambright will be one of the Bethware judges and City Clerk Joe McDaniel said he hoped to obtain another replacement within the near future.

In Ward 3, H. R. Murray has declined to serve as a judge and has been replaced by Mrs. Bertie McDaniel.

Registration books will open April 15 in all city precincts, and for registration for school trustee voting, at Grover fire station, Bethware and Park Grace schools.

Club Initiates Annual Award For Top Member

John L. McGill, Kings Mountain druggist, was honored as "Kiwanian of the Year" by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday.

A charter member, a past president, and club treasurer for many years, Mr. McGill is recipient of the club's first "Mr. Kiwanian" honor.

The award was made in television-style "This Is Your Life" fashion with pictures of Mr. McGill used as the story of his life and his association with the club were reviewed.

Harold Coggins, a past president, and Dr. D. F. Hord, a director, pointed out some of Mr. McGill's experiences as treasurer particularly to focus attention to his longevity of service. Mr. Coggins, who noted that both he and Mr. McGill were fond of golfing, presented a golf ball to Mr. McGill.

A partner in Kings Mountain Drug Company, Mr. McGill is a past president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association and an elder in the Boyce Memorial ARP church. He and his wife, the former Lena Ware, live on West Gold street.

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"Emergency" Quota Is 225 Pints For Tuesday Bloodmobile Visit

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Kings Mountain Tuesday for a one-day visit, at which the minimum goal of the blood collection is 225 pints.

Red Cross officials are terming Tuesday's visit an "emergency visit," noting that unless a portion of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter's current year blood deficit is erased, a special collection must be scheduled in May.

The current year deficit is approximately 170 pints of blood, based on usage by local area patients and the 12-pint-per-month quota assigned Kings Mountain for use at Veterans hospitals.

The Kings Mountain chapter area includes Number 4 township, Kings Mountain Baptist church



SEEKS RE-ELECTION — R. Coleman Stroupe is a candidate for re-election to a third consecutive term as Ward 5 commissioner.

Mrs. Dilling's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Emmie Simonton Dilling, 78, widow of Walter S. Dilling, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from Harris Funeral Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Dilling succumbed at her home Sunday at 6:35 p. m. after a year's illness. A native of Fairfield County, S. C., she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Samuel Simonton.

Active in the civic, religious and social life of the community, Mrs. Dilling was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church and a charter member of the Woman's Club, the Eastern Star, the Thursday Afternoon Book club and Colonel Frederick Hambright chapter, DAR. She was also a charter member of United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Booth W. Gillespie, of Kings Mountain, one son, Robert F. Dilling of Atlanta, Ga., one granddaughter, Mrs. Franklin Pethel of Greensboro, one great-grandson, Brian Pethel; and three sisters, Mrs. E. A. Harrell and Mrs. J. M. Patterson, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. S. C. Calder of Greenville, S. C.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, assisted by Dr. Paul K. Ausley, officiated at the final rites.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be sent to the Cleveland County Cancer Society.

Active pallbearers were Thornton Harrill, Malcolm Patterson, Jack Arnette, Arnold Kiser, M. D. Phifer and Harry Page.

Mr. Stroupe, a barber, is an active member of First Wesleyan Methodist church. He was first elected to the city commission in 1957.

Mr. Williams, a Kings Mountain native, is a graduate of Wake Forest college. He was an army air corps pilot during World War II and is a former president of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Mr. Harry, a Grover native, is a director of Kings Mountain hospital and a member of the hospital executive committee. He is a member of the Grover school district committee.

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For Ward 1 Commissioner — Ross Alexander, incumbent, Ray Cline and C. H. (Cat) Houser.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Eugene Goforth and John W. Gladden.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Luther T. Bennett, incumbent, T. J. Ellison, Clayton Kelly and Corbett Nicholson.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Paul W. Ledford, Willis Bagwell, Norman King and Clinton Wood.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — R. Coleman Stroupe, incumbent, J. Elmer Rhea and Hazel L. Gill.

For school trustee (two positions open) — H. O. (Toby) Williams and Holmes Harry.

Activity Bus Due Thursday

Kings Mountain high school should have its new activity bus by Thursday night.

Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes was notified Wednesday that the new bus will be ready for delivery at 3:30 Thursday afternoon in High Point and he expects to take delivery himself.

The new bus will cost \$5505.03, is built on a Ford B-700 chassis and equipped with a heavy-duty V-8 engine. It will have 42-passenger capacity. One of the specially ordered "extras" is an inside luggage compartment, with ingress from a special door at the rear of the bus.

Of the total cost, \$2600 is being provided by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The remainder will be from high school funds.

Stroupe Seeks Re-Election; Goforth Files

Two additional candidates paid filing fees for city elective offices during the past week and two citizens filed for outside-city school trustee positions.

Additional candidates for city offices are Eugene Goforth, candidate for Ward 2 commissioner, and R. Coleman Stroupe, Ward 5 commissioner who is seeking re-election to a third consecutive term.

H. O. (Otto) Williams, Patterson Grove community farmer, filed Tuesday for a school trustee post, and Holmes Harry, Grover textile man, filed for school trustee Wednesday.

Under recently enacted amendments to the city election law, school trustee candidates at this year's election must reside in a year of the expanded Kings Mountain school district which lie outside the Kings Mountain city limits. All voters of the district, both inside and outside the city limits, may vote for two school trustees. The candidate polling the highest number of votes will be selected for a six-year term, while the candidate polling second highest number of votes will be elected for four years.

Mr. Goforth's candidacy creates a contest for Ward 2 commissioner. Until he filed, John W. Gladden was the lone candidate for this position.

Mr. Stroupe's candidacy brings to three those seeking the Ward 5 commission post. Two candidates, J. E. Rhea and Hazel Lee Gill, had previously filed.

Candidate list for the six City Hall jobs now totals 20, with contests assured for all positions.

Four of six incumbents are seeking re-election. Not yet in the race are Boyce Gault, Ward 2 commissioner, and Ben H. Bridges, Ward 4 commissioner. Both are expected to seek re-election.

Mr. Goforth, a flooring contractor, has lived in Kings Mountain almost all his life. A one-time professional baseball player, he is a member of Central Methodist church and a World War II veteran, having served overseas with an army ordnance corps.

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