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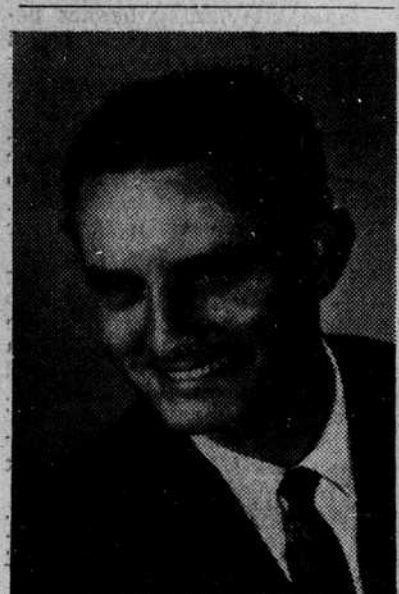
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, June 15, 1961

Seventy-Second Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

School Board Gets Dissidents Tax-Vote Petition

Parents Of Five Are Killed As Car Hits Chemical Tanker



SPEAKER — Eugene White, Kings Mountain native and highway department area appraiser, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Kiwanis Club To Hear White

Eugene White, area appraiser for the North Carolina Highway and Public Works commission, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

Mr. White will discuss "Valuation of Real Estate for Purpose of Highway Condemnation."

Mr. White, who lives at Asheville, is a former Kings Mountain citizen. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George White.

Carrier Exam Deadline Noted

Applications for examination for rural postal carrier at Kings Mountain must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 20. Postmaster C. L. Alexander reminded Wednesday.

The postmaster said about 90 persons have already obtained application blanks.

Two rural route positions are open.

The Postmaster said salary scales have not been posted but guessed that the positions would pay about \$4950 per annum, plus ten cents per mile car expense.

One route is about 55 miles daily and the other is about 65 miles daily.

Substitute Carriers Edwin Moore and Ervin Hughes are serving the routes.

Congressman Basil L. Whitener will fill the positions from the two candidates scoring among the highest four on the civil service examination. He has indicated he would accept the recommendations of the Democratic precinct committees in the post-office delivery area, which includes West Kings Mountain, Bethware and East Kings Mountain.

Armed services veterans get a five-point bonus on the examination, while disabled veterans get a ten-point bonus.

Baker Selling To Harris-Teeter

Dr. L. P. Baker and Harris-Teeter Super Markets have concluded verbal agreement for the grocery firm's purchase of a portion of the Baker property lying between E. King and E. Mountain streets, both parties have confirmed.

It is understood the agreement calls for Harris-Teeter to purchase the King street portion, plus a 24-foot street to Mountain.

Purchase price agreement was not announced, but Dr. Baker said it was less than the \$50,000 Harris-Teeter offered Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church for its plant last year.

W. L. Teeter, of the grocery firm, and Dr. Baker said their attorneys are at work on formalizing the agreement.

Two Children Critically Hurt In 216 Crash

Ray Adam Coxe, 45, of near Dallas, was killed instantly Tuesday about 6:45 p. m. when his car collided with a chemical tanker truck on Grover Road just outside the Kings Mountain city limits. His wife, Mrs. Lucille Crossley Coxe, 36, died about an hour later at Kings Mountain hospital.

The fatalities were attributed to internal injuries.

Two of the Coxe children, passengers in the rear seat of the vehicle, are listed in critical condition at Kings Mountain hospital. Garry Coxe, age 7, sustained severe internal injuries according to Highway Patrolman A. Dale Kimbrell.

A third child, Teresa Lucille, age eight months, sustained only slight injuries in the crash.

The accident occurred on a curve just outside the city limits on the Grover Road near Putnam Brothers Garage.

Investigating officers and witnesses reported two cars were ahead of the tanker truck and the first slowed down to make a turn, the second also slowing.

When truck driver Bruno Beccari, 41, of Clearwater, Florida, applied his brakes, his truck jackknifed, swerving the truck cab into the other line of the two-lane road.

The Coxe car, traveling north on the highway, collided head-on with the truck cab.

Beccari was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road and following too closely. He was released from Kings Mountain city jail Wednesday about noon on \$5,000 bail. Bondsman is Corbet Nicholson.

The tanker, carrying a load of chemicals, was en route to Providence, R. I. It is owned by the Metro-Atlantic Chemical Company of Centerville, R. I.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Coxe will be held Thursday at 4:00 p. m. from Carothers Funeral chapel, Gastonia.

He will be assisted by the Rev. Yates Campbell, pastor of Lora Baptist Church, Gastonia.

Interment will follow in Hollywood Cemetery, Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Coxe are survived, in addition to the three aforementioned children, by two other children, Carolyn Ann and Ray Eugene.

Surviving Mrs. Coxe are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Crossley of Glendale, S. C.; two sisters, Gertrude Lingerfelt of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Shirley Fox of Glendale, S. C.; and three brothers, Walter L. Crossley of Kings Mountain, Charles Ralph Crossley of Glendale, S. C., and James Dewey Crossley of Shelby.

Surviving Mr. Coxe are his father, P. L. Coxe of Gastonia; three brothers, George, Ray, and Anderson, all of Gastonia; and three sisters, Mrs. Eli Webb and Mrs. J. A. Seagraves of Gastonia and Mrs. W. L. Skinner of Norfolk, Va.

The accident marked the second Cleveland County fatality in 58 days.

Citizens Gave 673 Pints Blood; Lithium Firm Has Top Donor Mark

Kings Mountain area citizens donated 91 pints of blood to the regional blood bank during the bloodmobile visit Monday.

Donors included 42 mill employees representing Lithium Corporation of America, Mauney Hosiery Mills and Sadies Cotton Mills. Lithium furnished 20 donors, with Mauney Hosiery 13 and Sadies Mills nine. In addition several employees of Lambeth Rope Corporation were in the donor group.

Concurrently Mrs. O. W. Myers, blood program chairman, announced that blood donations for the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled 673 pints, up 146 from the previous year, and estimated to be not more than 90 pints shy of the final figures for local usage, veterans' administration and blood derivative commitments.

On basis of donors per number of employees Lithium Corporation led with 55 percent, followed by Sadies Mills at 46 percent and Mauney Hosiery Company at 41 percent.

Complete list of donors follows:

Donors were Herman T. Osh, Roy F. Howard, James L. Bennett, George T. Passour, Ralph Hayes, Bobby Gene Martin, Charles A. Neisler, Leonard A. Smith, James Sisk, William S. White, Horace Lutz, Asriah Mitchell, George H. Houser, Lawrence Lovell, George H. Mauney, Dr. D. F. Hord, W. D. Morrison, William M. Herndon, Ray W. Cline, Yates Harrison, Frank B. Case, C. T. Dixon, Mrs. Earl Ledford, Janie Boheler, Mrs. Julia

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City Fathers Re-name Biser And McDaniel

Street matters, lights and stray dogs came in for much attention last Thursday night by the city board of commissioners.

After more than an hour of discussion, the new Dixon administration, meeting for its regular meeting, passed the 1961-62 privilege license ordinance, making no change in the ordinance in effect for the past two years, and re-elected unanimously Joe McDaniel, Jr., city clerk and treasurer, and M. H. Biser, tax collector and supervisor.

"I'm satisfied with the ones we have ... I think they've both done a good job," Comm. Bridges said in making the motion.

Otherwise, the new board's first session was a routine one.

The large audience laughed when Comm. Bridges suggested the new mayor "might help build" the new lockers the police department had requested.

Mayor Dixon opened the session with prayer, asked for God's blessings on the new administration and His guidance during the ensuing two years.

The board took these actions, all by unanimous vote:

Appropriated money to pay salaries, debts and usual expenses of government past July 1 until a new budget is adopted, a technical action to enable the city to function into the fiscal year.

Upon recommendation of the city clerk, the board authorized amendments in the 1960-61 budget to show increased revenue collections and some over-expended items. General fund expenditures were upped by \$1,411, the capital outlay fund \$18,454 and the gas department revenue from anticipated income of \$149,480 to \$167,416.

"White-way" appropriations, ranging from \$15,000 to \$17,000, may be considered in the new budget, the commission told Dick Peck, representative of Line Material Industries of Charlotte, after he outlined a plan for a new lighting system which would install 19, 1,000-watt lights on Railroad and Battleground avenues from King to Gold streets, and the same number of 175-watt lights on Piedmont from King to Mountain, and on Mountain from the railroad to Piedmont avenue.

Another "if funds are available" promise was made to Grady Howard and Charles Neisler, representing the Kiwanis club, who asked for help from the city in furnishing a field house at city stadium. The civic club has raised \$1500, says this project will be "beyond reach" without other financial assistance. A blueprint of the proposed field house was given to the commission which in return asked the Kiwanians to return a complete estimate of cost.

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Grace Minister Is Re-Assigned

Rev. William C. Sides, pastor of Grace Methodist and Penley's Chapel Methodist churches, was re-assigned by the Western North Carolina Conference at the recent annual session at Lake Junaluska.

Rev. Mr. Sides, a Kings Mountain pastor for the past seven years, will assume the duties of pastor of the Oak Grove-Salem church near Ellenboro, a two-church charge with combined enrollment of about 450.

Other Methodist pastors of the area are returned, Rev. Herbert O. Garmon, Central, and Rev. Bruce Norwood, at El Bethel. Both are beginning their second year here.

Succeeding Mr. Sides at Grace will be Rev. Norman H. Pusey, who comes to Kings Mountain from Yadkinville - Center charge.

Mr. Sides' pastorate here has been marked by major progress in plant and membership. During his pastorate, Grace church has built a fellowship hall, installed sidewalks and paved parking areas, and has added 242 new members. The 1955 budget of \$12,000 has been virtually doubled to \$23,000 for 1961. In addition, Grace church encouraged the rebuilding and expansion of Penley's Chapel church on Cherryville Road. The latter church is affiliated with Grace church for pastoral supervision and is served by Leonard Huffstetler, lay preacher.

Mr. Pusey, 45, is scheduled to preach his first sermon at Grace on June 25. He is married and has three children.



PAGEANT WINNERS — Sandra Lee Myers, center, was named Miss Kings Mountain of 1961 Saturday at Central school auditorium in the beauty pageant sponsored annually by Kings Mountain Jaycees. First runner-up was

Judithanne Early, extreme left, and second runner-up was Kimbrough Cashion, extreme right. Miss Cashion was also voted "Miss Congeniality" by the girls participating in the pageant.

Sandra Lee Myers Is Chosen Miss Kings Mountain Of '61



ZONE CHAIRMAN — George Thomasson, Kings Mountain attorney and retired president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, has been appointed zone chairman by the district governor. Clubs included in the zone are Shelby, Bolling Springs, Grover and Kings Mountain.

Local News Bulletins

SUNDAY MASS

Mass will be conducted at Christ the King Catholic church, corner of Piedmont and King Street, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to announcement by Rev. Thomas Clement.

CRITICALLY ILL

James R. Byers is critically ill in a Las Vegas, Nev., hospital, where he is a heart patient. Mr. Byers, brother of W. D. Byers and other Kings Mountain area citizens, was managing a Las Vegas service station when he became ill. W. D. Byers has returned from a visit to his brother.

PERMITS ISSUED

City Building Inspector M. H. Biser this week issued a permit to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one story brick and wood house at 603 Crescent Circle. Estimated cost of the 6-room structure is \$13,000. A permit was also issued to Miss Marjorie Hord to do some \$2,000 alterations to a one-story frame house on W. Gold Street.

POSTPONED

The American Legion Auxiliary meeting scheduled for this Thursday (tonight) has been postponed until next Thursday, July 22, so that members may hear a program by Girls' State representatives. All auxiliary members are urged to attend.

TO BE DISCHARGED

Charles Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist who underwent a kidney operation at Charlotte Memorial hospital last week, is expected to be discharged Thursday.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be observed Sunday, June 25, at Second Free Will Baptist church, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Campbell. He said singers and singing groups are especially invited to attend.

Petite Brownette Now Rehearsing For State Event

Sandra Lee Myers, brown-haired, hazel-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Myers of Route 2 was named Miss Kings Mountain in the Jaycee sponsored Miss Kings Mountain pageant Saturday night and will carry the local banner to Guilford College to the state pageant which is slated for July 18-23.

Miss Myers, called Sandy, is 18 years old and a rising sophomore at Woman's College in Greensboro. This was the first beauty pageant in which she had participated.

Dressed in a pink (her favorite color) gown, Miss Myers charmed the crowd of some 225 persons attending the event with her acceptance speech. "I want to thank everybody, the audience, the judges, and the Jaycees for this honor. And I would especially like to thank my father and mother, because without them I wouldn't be here," she said.

Miss Myers sang and danced her way into the final with a rendition of "Doing What Comes Naturally" from the Broadway musical "Annie Get Your Gun."

Clad in patched blue jeans and red shirt, wearing a straw hat, she delivered the message at 8 p. m.

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Many Technical, Legal Questions Are Indicated

Petitions of dissidents to the Number 4 township school merger for an election on the 20 cents per \$100 valuation Kings Mountain school tax supplement has been filed with the Kings Mountain board of education.

It is the same petition addressed to the county board of education previously and follows action by the county board in declining to consider the petition, on advice of Ralph Moody, assistant attorney-general.

The Kings Mountain board of education, it is likely, will consider the petition at its regular June meeting Monday night. Supt. B. N. Barnes said Chairman Fred Plonk indicated he would not call a special meeting, in view of the proximity of the regular session.

Supt. Barnes said he knows no more about the attorney-general's ruling to the county board than newspaper reports. However, opinion of the attorney-general and lawyers for the dissidents, from published accounts, are at variance.

The Shelby Daily Star said that the Moody ruling not only expressed opinion that the county board had no jurisdiction over the petition, but that, to be mandatory valid, the petition should contain signatures of 25 percent of the registered voters within the consolidated district, not merely in the annexed area, as the dissidents' attorneys contend.

Supt. Barnes declined to speculate on what action his board might take, though he listed several questions of information and legal opinion which the Kings Mountain board might require.

1) Number of names on the full district registration books;

2) Which registration books in the annexed areas are valid, those used in the consolidation election conducted by the county board of commissioners, or those used in the recent school trustee election conducted, via state statute, by the Kings Mountain city commission;

3) Which board would conduct the special election;

4) Necessity for legal advice, with the board of education's attorney, J. R. Davis, hospitalized.

"I'm no lawyer," Supt. Barnes commented. "I have some opinions, but they certainly wouldn't stand the test of validity."

The dissidents' attorneys, A. A. Powell and George Hamrick, say the petition contains more than 900 names, quite sufficient to cover the 25 percent requirement for the annexed area, but short of the number required for the full Kings Mountain district.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, ex-officio clerk of the city commission when it functions as an elections board, said he had no idea how many names are on the city registration books.

"These books have been in use for 22 years, since 1939, and I don't know how many names are on the books. The names would have to be counted and I shall be glad to count them at any time on formal instruction by the Kings Mountain board of commissioners," Mr. McDaniel stated.

Hastings Resigns At Second Baptist

Rev. Albert R. Hastings, pastor of Second Baptist Church for the past several years, has tendered his resignation at the church effective July 12.

Mr. Hastings said Wednesday he has several calls, but has made no definite decision yet about acceptance.

Over-Grown Lots Bring Complaints

The city doesn't seek lot-mowing business but will handle it on a cost basis at \$3.50 per hour, Mayor Kelly Dixon said this week.

The Mayor said numerous complaints are being received that owners of vacant lots aren't keeping them clean, according to requirements of a city ordinance, which labels such failure a misdemeanor and makes the violator, if found guilty, subject to a \$5 fine and costs of court.

Property owners desiring mowing service should call the city garage, Mayor Dixon noted.

RECEIVE DEGREES — Among the large number of Kings Mountain area students receiving degrees in college commencement exercises were Dr. Thomas P. Baker, left above, and Harold E. Eskridge. Dr. Baker, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Baker is married to the former Beth Hord and they are parents of a son, Tommy. Mr. Eskridge, who is married to the former Louise Gladden of Kings Mountain, won his B. S. degree in nuclear physics from N. C. State college. A Shelby native, Mr. Eskridge was awarded a fellowship for graduate study.