

Area Schools Consolidation Is Now Consummated

Local News Country Club Bulletins To Open Pool

AT INSTITUTE

Mayor Kelly Dixon, City Clerk J. H. McDaniel, Jr. and Comm James E. Rhea attend-ed the School for Mayors and Councilmen held at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill June 25-27. The School co- By Mid-July vered the full scope of duties of Mayors and Councilmen and was designed especially for Mayors and Councilmen just elected to office.

PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. Paul Ausley will return from vacation Sunday and will fill the pulpit at First Presbyterian church. Holy Communion will be observed during the morning worship hour.

UNION SERVICE

Boyce Memorial ARP church will conduct union services for six city church congregations Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, will de-liver the message. The service will be held at Kings Mountain Baptist church. The Chancel Choir, under direction of Mrs. N. F. McGill, will sing "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

ATTEND MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Childers have returned from Myrtle Beach, S. C. where they attend-ed a five-day Roofers and Sheet Metal convention.

JOINS STAFF

Mrs. Fred Bridges, a recent graduate of the Cleveland Me-morial Hospital School of Prac-tical Nursing, has joined the

Clubhouse

BY MARTIN HARMON

The new Kings Mountain The new Kings Mountain Country Club swimming pool will open Saturday and officials are aiming at a July 15 date for opening of the new clubhouse. Mrs. George Houser, a member of the house committee, said there had been a slight delay in floor work in the clubhouse but it is still nossible the huilding will be still possible the building will be open to members about mid-mon-

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lunson.

Formal open house will be held later, she added.

Bob Maner is in charge of life of directors of Kings Mountain ters of the district. guards at the pool who are Jim-my Plonk, Turk Falls, and Bob president for a sixth consecutive Round with a low

The new plant replaces the of directors was Hill Lowery, of frame colonial structure which the Bethware community. had been renovated in 1947 and which was razed by fire last November.

Operating rules of the club were mailed to members recent-

The clubhouse will be open dai-ly except Mondays, unless Mon-day is a holiday. Then the club-house will be closed on Tuesday. The golf shop will be open dai-by compared Sundays at a second consecutive year.

Also re-elected were the other ly, opening Sundays at noon Mondays at 1 p. m., Tuesdays officers, Holmes Harry, of Grover, vice-president, and R. S. Lennon, through Fridays at 9:30 a.m. secretary-treasurer.

RE-ELECTED

Dissidents **Seek Writ To Force Vote**

Supt. B. N. Barnes and mem-bers of the Kings Mountain School Board are to appear in court July 17 to file answer to a complaint broaght against them Friday by dissident school pa-trons call for a writ of manda. mus.

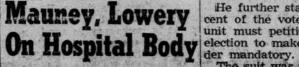
The writ, if granted, would force the group to call an election on abolishing the 20 cents per \$100 valuation supplementary school tax in the area annexed to the city school unit on May 14, 1960.

The suit was filed after action by the board Thursday rejecting a petition by the dissident group calling for the election. The board ruled the petition invalid, acting on advice from the state attorney general, T. W. Bru-

The petition, containing signa-tures of 93 alleged residents of the area, called fror an election only in the outlying area and al-W. leged to show the signatures of

George Mauney, re-named to the board 25 per cent of the qualified vo- LIONS SPEAKER ____ Mrs. Dever

term. Also elected to the board



Reaction Mixed On Food Tax Has Assumed **But Complications Are Many**

Businessmen Busy Studying Sales Tax Law

Every agency, the State itself, public schools which are which are the the chief beneficiary, as well as citizens, began paying the state's three percent sales tax Saturday, but principal talk among individuals was the new tax on foods.

Actually, the tax on foods isn't completely new, but sales tax "on the home table" was removed just 20 years previously. From 1933 to 1941, all foods were taxable except a few items, meat lard, coffee, sugar and flour.

bout 50-50 with me and, of course, some accused me. On previously taxable articles we stocked, we'd been absorbing the tax. It should save us a little money to be now charging it on virtual-ly everything we sell."

ment standpoint, it appears druggists have the more complicated problem. Drugs sold on prescription aren't taxable, but with Mr. White are: A. J. Slater drugs sold to physicians for their vice-president; Thomas A. Tate, compounded but not on medical rescription are tavable ription are taxable

City Board Operating Costs

By MARTIN HARMON

The Kings Mountain area is married schoolwise, consummation of a courtship which began ten years ago and which witnessed the formal ceremony on May 14, 1960.

Physical consummation be came effective Saturday.

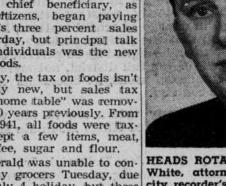
Plans call for consolidation of Kings Mountain, Bethware and Grover high schools for the term beginning September at Kings Mountain's Central plant, and for Compact and Davidson high schools at one of the other plants. Indications are that the Compact plant will be utilized.

Involved in the merger are the five plants of the former Kings Mountain district and the merging areas. Geographically, the Kings Mountain city school district now includes virtually all of Number 4 Township as well as a portion of Number 5 Township.

Also effected by the merger are more than 100 Negro students who have been attending Washington school near Waco.

State statute provides that deeds to the several properties in the annexed areas be conveyed within ten days after the merger, Supt. B. N. Barnes said. Meantime, the county superintendent, J. H. Grigg, has notified insurance carriers and utility companies that Kings Mountain board of education is responsible for these accounts effective July 1

Following a state survey team recommendation in May 1951 and prior to subsequent school construction bond issue in 1953. Grover school officials suggested a marriage of area schools. The movement proved abortive when Bethware patrons declined by a large margin to abandon the Compact patrons voted against Bethware later abandoned the split term, with the demise of chairman of Club Service Activi- cotton production in the area ties and working with him will and subsequently re-launched classification; O. O. Walker, fel- trons of the adjacent county arlowship; Tom Trott, magazine; eas voting themselves into the Ben Moomaw, membership; Wil- Kings Mountain district May 14, son Griffin, program; Marion Du-by 1120 to 873. The voters also Bose, public relations; and O. O. accepted the district's supplemental school tax of 20 cents per \$100 valuation. Litigation by dissidents to the merger was quick to follow and, though a temporary injunction was quashed, the July 1 legal requirement to effectuate the merger physically had passed and Judge P. C. Froneberger, with additional legislation pending, ordered maintenance of the status quo, as far as operations were concerned. Up until the 1932-33 term, school board minutes show, Bethware high school students came to Kings Mountain high also chairman of the committee on scholarships awards and stu. 1932 read, "The Bethware school Wilson Griffin is in the interest of a high school at Bethware. Mr. Wayne L. Ware presented the matter to our board, stating they could not have a high school student without the cooperation of our board



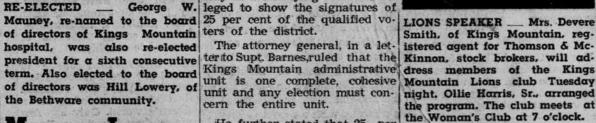
From the business manage-

Reactions were gleaned: Said one grocer, "I've had only a few complaints, in fact, less than I thought I would."

To Head Rotary

Jack H. White, Kings Mountain attorney and judge of city recorders court, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain

Rotary club last Thursday. Mr. White succeeds Thomas L. Trott. Mr. Trott installed officers and directors and those serving



He further stated that 25 per cent of the voters of the entire unit must petition for such an election to make an election or-

On Hospital Body George W. Mauney has been re-elected president of Kings Mountain hospital for the sixth Court Friday by W. A. McSwain and H. A. Dover for themselves and residents in the former Gro-

ver, Bethware, Park Grace, and Compact school districts who favor abolishing the 20 cents sup-

plementary school tax. Defendants listed are Supt,



Plans to organize a recreation

al program for senior citizens of Kings Mountain were formulate.

last Thursday night by represen

tatives of numerous civic and

nursing staff of Kings Mountain hospital.

NO FIRES

City Fireman C. D. Ware said Tuesday morning the department has had no allarms during the past week.

NO WRECKS

City police officers reported no automobile accidents within the Kings Mountain city limits during the past week.

IN NAVAL RESERVE

Jerry Cloninger and Jimmy Blanton, both of whom are Kings Mountain students Eastern Carolina college, flew to Pensacola, Fla. Sunday for a month's duty with the U.S. Naval Reserves.

AT CAMP MEETING

Mayor Kelly Dixon attended a two-day camp meeting during the past weekend at John Wesley Camp near High Point.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held at Central Methodist church July 13th at 7:45 p. m.

Mr. Goforth's **Rites Wednesday**

Alonzo Butler Goforth, 72, of Normer employee of Eagle Rol ler Mill. He was a member of 101 Morris street, died Monday morning of a heart attack. Funeral rites were to be held Wed-nesday at 3 p. m. from Penley's Chapel Methodist church, with interment following in Mountain Fest cemetery. morial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs Mr. Goforth, a native of Cleveland County, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John K. Go-brothers, Fred and Yates Harmon forth. He was a member of Grace of Shelby, Preston Harmon of Methodist church and an employ- Gastonia and Flay Harmon of ee of Burlington Mills. Dedmon of Shelby; Mrs. Gladys

sons, Kelly Goforth, Alonzo Goforth and Theodore Goforth, all of Kings Mountain; two daugh- Mountain.

ters Mrs. Myrtle Ledbetter and Mrs. Chester Jones, both of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Grady Goforth of Grover and Dixon Go-forth of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Carroll and Today's Herald is publish Mrs. Essie Burton, both of Kings Mountain; and Mrs. Bea Latti-more of High Shoals; 16 grand-children and 16 great-grandchil-

The Rev. Leonard Huffstetler, assisted by Rev. Frank E. Bla-lock, were to officiate at the final rites.

and Saturday at 8:30 a. The club dining room will be

open on Sundays from noon to 2 p. m., and from 6 to 7:30 p. m. It will be open, Tuesdays throu-gh Saturdays, from noon to 1:30 and from 6 to 7:30 p. m.

The Jamaica room snack bar will be open on Sundays from 3 member board and dates their to 9:30 p. m., and Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 5 to 11

terms expire are: Charles Neisler and George H. Mauney, 1962. Jack Herndon, Grover, and A

A. Barrett, Waco, 1963. Mrs. George H. Houser and R. S. Lennon, 1964. **Accident Fatal** Holmes Harry and James Gibson, 1965.

To W. A. Harmon The hospital board operates the hospital under dollar-per-year lease from Cleveland Coun-W. Alex Harmon, 52, Kings Mountain farmer, died of suffo-cation last Thursday when a trac-tor-mower he was riding tilted on ty.

Mrs. Plonk's a bank and overturned, pinning im under it. Mr. Harmon was operating the mower on his sisten in law's farm. Mrs. J. D. Harmon's farm **Sister Dies** is in the Midway Community sec-

The accident occurred about 3:30 p. m. The farmer was attain, were held at New London be sought from the attorney gen Methodist church Monday morn- eral and from school attorney tempting to clear a bank when the vehicle turned over. The seat of the tracton struck him in the

chest, pinning him to the ground A youth in a nearby lake saw the accident and ran to a farmhouse for help. Harmon died before as-sistance arrived and Coroner J. Ollie Harris said death resulted than eight years.

rom suffocation. Mr. Harmon, son of the late

Anita Cathey, Salisbury, and Mrs. Mary Belle Godhey, Chris-Shelby First Baptist church and Cleveland Masonic Lodge No. 202 tiansburg, Va., and two brothers, The funeral rites were held Saturday at 3 p. m. from Webb Chapel of First Baptist church Interment was in Cleveland Me

Methodist church Monday moth-ing at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Crowell, widow of Otha Crowell, died at 3 p. m. Saturday in a Lexington Nursing Home. She had been bedridden for six ming up the attorney general's

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Jennie Ludwig Umberger, of Concord, three other sisters, Mrs. Frances Fisher, Concord, Mrs.

LIONS DIRECTORS Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will meet at the Kings Mountain Herald

Thursday night at 7:30.

Garland Still Says City Surplus Proves Utility Rate Cuts Possible

Garland E. Still, former mayor enough surplus to take care of Spindale; six sisters, Mrs. Stacy and recent candidate for the of- that and more. In other words fice addressed a letter to the Her- the \$60,000 or more surplus Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sheer of Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Nina ald this week in which he points shows the amount the taxpa Ella Mae Caldwell Goforth; three rie Fite of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. to the city's anticipated surplus were overcharged last year. Sheer of Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Nina ald this week in which he points shows the amount the taxpayers Bell, Mrs. Lela Anthony and and re-contends the city could "In a conversation with Mr. make cuts in utility charges. Kelly Dixon before the Run-off,

the election, along with some of the elected commissioners, a-greed to pare utility rates in e-ted him. Before election he said Myrtle Beach, S. C. Also survivvent the city could afford the he did not know whether the

The letter follows:

service organizations. President Mauney, along with bers Fred W. Plonk, H. Otto Wil- headed by the Woman's Club and Hill Lowery, of Bethware, were liams, Phillip Padgett, Holmes the first meeting at the Woman's named to five-year terms on the hospital board of directors. Mr. Harry, and Mrs. Lena W. McGill. Club was attended by represen It asks the court to issue a tatives of virtually all clubs and Mauney was elected to his sec-ond five-year term, while Mr. Lowery was named to succeed A writ of mandamus to force the school board to call the election. A writ of mandamus is an order It asks the court to issue a tatives of virtually all clubs and other organizations in the city Mrs. George Houser, Woman's club president, presided.

of the court requiring public of. Other members of the ten- ficials to perform an act. After voting unanimously begin a recreational program The complaint alleges that the defendans refusal to call an e. for senior citizens, the group pre sent set the date of a second or lection deprives plaintiffs and fundamental the concepts at 8 p. m. at the Woman's Club petitioners of rights essential to the concepts

Amendment of the United States Amendment of the United States Constitution and also Article One, and games for a recreational pro-Section Seventeen, of the North Carolina Constitution, depriving them of equal protection of the

laws, subject to their rights of At the July 20 meeting of the self-government as to taxation. organizational group, report The petition rejected by the will be heard from Golden Age clubs in other towns and slides board Thursday was first presented to the county board of edu- showing these clubs at work wil cation. The county board turned be a feature of the program. it down on the grounds that the

Names of "prospective" mem Funeral rites for Mrs. Lula An analysis and longer un-the county jurisdiction. It was filed with the Kings Mountain Board on June 13. The in turn are reporting their lists

Umberger Crowell, 52, sister of board declined action on the pe to the committee. Mrs. Hal S. Plonk, Kings Moun- tition until legal advice could Members of the

Members of the Woman's clui committee-for-aging are Mrs George Houser, Mrs. Paul Hend-ricks, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs.

Supt. Barnes Tuesday was op-timistic about a denial of a writ by the court noting the of a writ **Rites Conducted**

Funeral rites for Benjamin Nursing. Audy Harry, 70, of Grover, were Monday at 4 p. m. from held Shiloh Presbyterian church, of

bout 5 o'clock that afternoon. A

was a son of the late Mr. and upcoming and thinks the sys Mrs. David F. Harry. Surviving are his wife, Mrs.

last Friday. Bessie Howard Harry; five sons, Donald Harry of Charlotte, Thomas Harry of Grover, B. A. Harry of Miami, Fla., J. F. Harry of Tampa, Fla., and Philip Harry of the USAF in Germany; and two daughters, Mrs. W. W. McCarter than the \$167,000 revenue of 19-

60-61 Myrtle Beach, S. C. Also surviv-ing are a sister, Miss Margaret Harry of Greenville, Ga., a halfsister, Mrs. Edward Erwood of se, and a brother, Rev. W. Valde G. Harry of Warm Springs, Ga.

Fourteen grandchildren also sur-

was in the Grover cemetery.

ton Larson, directors. Grady Howard, hospital ad-

President White has announced a merger. ministrator, said he was looking these chairmen of committees: for some clarifications on how to Thomas A. Tate is overall

bill patients for drugs sold them on doctors' instructions. At City Hall, City Clerk Joe

Five Nurses

Win "Caps"

sing on Thursday, June 29th.

They were Mrs. Howard Smith,

Mrs. Bruce Norwood, Mrs. Gene-va Neal, Mrs. Sarah Ivey, and

Mrs. Mary Martin. The School of Practical Nurs

At City Hall, City Clerk Joe be these chairmen: Tom Trott, April 20, 1959, the marriage attendance; Fred Wright, Jr., movement which resulted in paplies and equipment purchased from out-of-state firms. The law appears to require that the city pay this tax on its own___then apply for refund next year on Walker, sergeant-at-arms. both this amount and sales tax

paid to North Carolina firms. Serving as Vocational Service Church treasurers will have chairman will be Fred Wright, another chore upcoming next Jr., and other chairmen under year in applying for refunds, as this committee are: Wilson Grifwill managers of orphanages, fin, buyer-seller relations; Charnon-profit corporations and non- les Dixon, competitor relations; profit private schools. Lewis Dellinger, employer-em-The city clerk said it appeared ployee relations; and Lewis Del-

to him that agencies and institulinger, trade associations. Fenton Larson is chairman of tions previously exempt and now in the refundable class will rethe Community Service commit-

quire an extra invoice of all billtee which includes Charles Dixings to facilitate substantiation on, chairman of community safety, and Marion DuBose, of their sales tax refund claims. who heads the committee for aid to

crippled chidren. Mr. Larson is on scholarships, awards and student loans. chairman of the committee on youth and Tom Trott is chairman of the committee on internation-Five Kings Mountain women received "caps" from the Shelby Hospital School of Practical Nural service.

RESUMES DUTIES

Corbett Nicholson resumed the duties of superintendent of the city's natural gas system Monday. He had resigned last October. During his absence Grady Yelton was in charge of

ing is affiliated with Cleveland Memorial Hospital School of the gas system. Frank Blanton will continue as assistant.

Gas Revenue Guess \$13,000 Off Mr. Harry died Saturday night in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack a-

The city's natural gas system the new gas system budget. native of Cleveland County, he engineer predicts a hot winter The budget anticipates sales to residential customers of \$82,328;

tems receipts might be \$13,000 to commercial customers of less than for the year just ended \$20,342; to industrial customers \$6,109; to industrial customers Joe Register, of Barnard & Bur-

buying on interruptible ke, Inc., listed the hot winter tracts \$38,326; and to public guess as one of the reasons he building customers \$6,373, feels gas system revenues for 1961-62 will be \$154,678, rather other income of \$1,200.

Disbursements It is anticipated that the city

Other reasons included fact of will pay Transcontinental Gas less consumer attachments than Pipeline Corporation \$82,609 for anticipated in the year just end- gas. Other anticipated costs are ed and possibility of less indus- labor \$5,000, superintendent's trial gas sales due to current ec- salary \$4,892, administrative sa-\$3,000, engineering fees, onomic conditions. Another rea- laries, son he listed is an increase in \$1,800, operating supplies \$800, cost of gas which he estimates with the total operating disbursements \$103,739. Debt service

at \$5400. The final rites were conducted The board of commissioners in will cost \$23,112.50, including by Rev. Richard Hobson, assisted special session June 30 accepted \$10,000 principal, leaving a \$27,-by Rev. Fred Crisp. Interment the recommendations of the en- \$26.50 surplus for transfer to othgineer in tentatively adopting er accounts

These minutes also quote from a letter then-city Supt. Claude Grigg was to write the Kings Mountain high school patrons of the Bethware area, which said:

"The Trustees of the Kings Mountain City School are in sympathy with the movement for the simple reason that we cannot continue to serve indefinitely surrounding territory as we have done in the past. We soon will have reached the capacity of our building . . .

"We are therefore cooperating with the County Board of Education and with the Bethware board to the extent that we are suggesting that you attend the newly organized district for the school year 1932-33.

Tentative Tax Rate Again \$1.50

Kings Mountain's 1961 tax rate has been set tentatively at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, same rate in vogue since 1957. Breakdown of the tax rate for specific funds, capital, general, and debt service, has not been indicated, pending final results of 1960-61 operations and final adoption of the cur-rent year's \$697,000 budget, though the rate is sure to include the five cents per \$100 tax for recreational purposes, city officials say.

which he was a member.

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he knows it can be done with

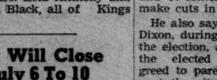
He also says that Mayor Kelly he promised me that if I sup-Dixon, during the period prior to ported him that he would call a city could afford it or not_now

regular schedule next week, publishing early Wednesday, under date of July 13.



Today's Herald is published one-day early, under date of

July 5. The Herald will be closed July 6-10 to provide employees a long weekend vacation. The Herald will publish on



"I noticed in flast week's Her. half of the surplus. So we'll soon "I noticed in dast week's Her-ald that the city will probably end up with a \$60,000 surplus. Lots of people said I was fool-ish for offering a 6 percent cut on utilities which would have amounted to \$35,000 per year. At that time, I knew there would be

Wiley Umberger and Charles K. Umberger, both of Concord.