



SAW CORNERSTONE LAID, OPENED — The five members of El Bethel Methodist church pictured hold the distinction of seeing the laying of the church cornerstone in 1912 and also its opening on Sunday. They are, left to right, W. Avery Harmon, P. Key Harmon, J. T. Barber, Mrs. Frank Goforth and H. W. Gamble. (Photo by Wayne L. Ware, Jr.)

## El Bethel Church Opens Cornerstone

### Contents Fail To Reveal Date Of Organization

By MARTIN HARMON  
The El Bethel Methodist church 129 or 149 years old? The cornerstone of the brick church built in 1912 was opened Sunday in the hope that a church history known to have been written by the 1912 pastor, Rev. Mark B. Clegg, would be among the contents. It wasn't.

Mrs. Grady W. King, a member of the church, relates that folklore based on Mrs. Rachel Harmon's memories also not found, gives the organization of the church at 1812, the members meeting in arbores in good weather and otherwise in homes of members.

About 1832 the first church, a log structure, was built, to be succeeded in 1859 by a frame building, predecessor to the present structure built in 1912. Efforts to check deeds of the era have also proved fruitless. Lincoln County officials say that all records of the Lincoln area which formed a part of Cleveland County on its organization in 1840 were sent to Shelby. But Cleveland County officials know nothing of these records.

Among the approximately 75 present for the opening of the cornerstone Sunday were five members present for the laying ceremonies. They are Mrs. W. F. Goforth, W. Avery Harmon, P. Key Harmon, J. T. Barber and H. W. Gamble. Eugene Falls, son of C. B. Falls, one of the masons helping to build El Bethel, gave his services. (Continued On Page Ten)

## Annual Cleveland Fair, Memorial To Dr. Dorton, Will Open Tuesday

Cleveland County fairgrounds are being prepared for the October 3 opening of the 38th annual Cleveland County Fair with J. Sib Dorton, Jr. masterminding the colorful event which will memorialize his late father.

Memorial services for the late J. S. "Doc" Dorton, co-ordinator and manager of the fair since its beginning until his April 17 death, will be held at the fairgrounds Tuesday at 10:00 a. m. Anyone wishing to attend the service will be admitted to the ground without charge. Following the rites, a motorcade will go to Sunset Cemetery to place a wreath on the late fair manager's grave.

A memorial booth, depicting Mr. Dorton's 65 busy years, is being prepared and booklets, "In Memoriam", are available. On hand for the opening day of the fair will be the Ghost Town Troupe from Maggie Valley who will perform without charge on the midway at 1:00 p. m. and again in the grandstand at 3:30 p. m. They will enact a real live shoot-out. Grandstand shows will be produced nightly by GAC Hamid, Inc. back to the Cleveland County Fair for the first time in three years. Included in the Hamid



SPEAKER — Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., Gastonia minister, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

## Kiwanis Club To Hear Owens

The Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of East Baptist church, Gastonia, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Rev. Mr. Owens, a native of Aiken, S. C., will speak on a program arranged by John L. McGill.

Mr. Owens has traveled widely in the course of his denominational work, including Cuba, Europe, the Near East and Alaska. He is a graduate of Furman university and the Southern Baptist Theological seminary. He has previously served pastorates in Burgin Falls, son of C. B. Falls, one of the masons helping to build El Bethel, gave his services. (Continued On Page Ten)

## Biser Resigning City Tax Office On October 31

M. H. Biser, city tax supervisor, tax collector and building inspector since April 1960, plans to resign effective October 31. He said he has accepted private employment with a local firm but is not yet at liberty to announce its identity.

Mr. Biser, for many years associated with Ware & Sons, succeeded J. W. Webster in the city position, for which he has been paid \$350 per month. Mr. Biser said he had informed Comm. Ben H. Bridges of his plans and would address a letter to the mayor and board of commissioners in the near future. He also said he had informed Comm. Bridges he would proffer off-hour aid to his successor, should it be needed.

Mr. Biser commented, "I have enjoyed my work with the city but frankly prefer private employment." Comm. Bridges said he was very regretful to learn of Mr. Biser's decision. He added, "He has done an excellent job in a very difficult position."

## Jones Plays Communism

"The ultimate Communist goal is complete world domination. It's a fight we must win, if the free world is to survive." Woodrow W. Jones, former 11th district United States Congressman told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Jones, a Rutherfordton attorney, reviewed the history of Communism from its beginnings with the writings of Karl Marx and Joe Engels, which became the Communist Manifesto of 1848.

Mr. Jones advised all citizens to read the document to learn the true Communist aims, which described as not only a political, but economic and religious theory.

The conception of Marx-Engels, he continued, was that civilization advances only through a continuous struggle between those who own the means of production and the working class.

He said these Communist theorists recommend subversion of all organizations, to be followed by open revolt.

Reviewing history, he noted that it was 1917 before the Communists were successful, with what he termed not more than 25,000 Russian Communists taking advantage of Russian World War I defeats and poverty at home to take over the government.

Today, he warned, Communism is a threat to all mankind, with Communist dictatorship dominating 800 millions of the world's citizens.

Mr. Jones, former North Carolina Democratic chairman, spoke on a program arranged by J. Wilson Crawford.

Charles Woodward, organist at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and Jack Hauser, superintendent of Waco Sportswear, Inc., were welcomed as members by W. K. Mauney, Jr., past president.

## White Cane Sale To Be Conducted

The annual White Cane sale for the North Carolina Association for the Blind will be conducted here on Saturday and also on October 7.

A group of school girls will sell the familiar white canes in the business section, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Members of the Lions club committee on the project are Harry Jaynes, chairman, Sam Weir and Ben T. Goforth. The association provides aid to the blind, alleviates sight problems of the needy, conducts glaucoma clinics, and sponsors eye banks.

## H. G. Clayton Nazarene Pastor

Rev. H. G. Clayton, of Columbia, S. C., moves to Kings Mountain this week to assume the duties of pastor of First Church of the Nazarene.

He will deliver his first sermon here on Sunday.

# Mrs. Davis Requests Hearing On School Transfer Bid Denial



IN GRADUATE SCHOOL — Miss Anita McGinnis has won educational grants for further study in child welfare. She is a student at the University of Tennessee.

## Anita McGinnis Wins Scholarship

Miss Anita McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, has been awarded educational grants for graduate study and has enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Miss McGinnis, who has been employed for the past two years by the Catawba County Department of Public Welfare, will study toward a master's degree in child welfare.

Her \$2000 educational grant is from the North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare and \$1000 comes from the Memorial Foundation of Newton-Conover Rotary club.

Miss McGinnis will be a graduate student for two years. She is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College.

## WBT Schedules Battle Drama

Radio Station WBT will rebroadcast next Wednesday night on its Project 60 series a dramatization of the Battle of Kings Mountain and events connected with the battle.

The dramatization was written by Ed H. Smith, of Kings Mountain, and was first broadcast last year.

Hour of the broadcast is 8 to 9 p. m.

The broadcast will precede by three days the 181st anniversary of the battle, fought October 7, 1780, and credited with turning the tide of war in favor of the colonies.

Among voices to be heard in the broadcast are those of Mr. Smith and J. W. (Buck) Timberlake, husband of the former Betty Lee Neisler.

## Gratioit Speaker At Park Sunday

Dr. Paul Gratioit, professor of history at Limestone college, will speak at Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheater Sunday afternoon at 3:30, in services commemorating the 181st anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. James Chester is general chairman of this year's event. Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, said the public is invited and suggested persons attending the services utilize the park facilities for picnic lunch.

Invitations to attend are being mailed to 60 governors, Senators, and Congressmen.

## Carol Goter Is Semi-Finalist

Carol Jean Goter, Kings Mountain high school student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goter, was among seven Cleveland County students and approximately 10,000 high school seniors throughout the country named semi-finalists in the 1961-62 merit program.

Miss Goter was given recognition for high achievement in the initial stage of the seventh annual competition in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test of educational development given in more than 15,000 schools last March.

The semi-finalists group is composed of the highest scoring (Continued On Page Ten)

## School Stadium Plans Requested

### Stadium Study Group Meets; Moss Chairman

The stadium study committee held its first meeting Monday, elected John H. Moss chairman, and voted to ask the board of education whether it intends to include building of a stadium in its plans for a new high school plant.

Other members of the committee are City Commissioner J. E. (Zip) Rhea and School Trustee H. O. (Toby) Williams.

Chairman Moss wrote Fred W. Plunk, chairman of the board of education, "This is to report to you that the Stadium Committee — appointed by Mayor Kelly Dixon and the Kings Mountain City Board of Commissioners — held a meeting Monday, September 25th, to study the present Stadium facilities, its future needs and the feasibility of improving the Stadium in its present location."

"The Committee is composed of the following — John H. Moss, Chairman, Otto Williams, and J. E. Rhea. After full study and consideration the Board reached the following conclusion:

"Does the Kings Mountain city board of education expect to include in the upcoming bond election Budget for the erection of the Kings Mountain District Consolidated High School specific funds for the erection of an all-purpose City Stadium? Before making a recommendation, the Committee felt that it should have information from the School Board as to its intentions regarding an all-purpose City Stadium, and particularly so as regards the taxpayer's viewpoint."

Chairman Moss noted that the stadium committee has scheduled another meeting for October 16th and asked an answer from the board of education at an early date.

Chairman Moss told the Herald that his committee feels the parking facilities at City Stadium are completely inadequate and added, "It is the committee's desire to see the establishment of an all-purpose permanent stadium, one available for use by all responsible businesses, industries, organizations and individuals, as well as the schools."

He noted that the study committee is anxious to get the views of all interested citizens and urged them to write the committee their ideas on two principal questions: 1) improving the present (Continued On Page Ten)

## Ground-Breaking Service Sunday For New Boyce Memorial ARP Plant

Ground-breaking service, preparatory to construction of a new edifice, will be held by Boyce Memorial ARP Church Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at the future site of the new plant on Edgemont Drive.

The ceremony will culminate some ten years of fund-raising and planning by Boyce Memorial church members.

A special building fund was started in 1951 with John L. McGill as chairman. The committee set a collection goal of \$5,000 per year for use in the construction of a new church plant.

The new church site, a 4.7 acre tract, was purchased for \$14,000 in April, 1959. Plans were for erection of a new plant in 1963.

The plan was accelerated when the church property at the corner of E. King street and Piedmont Avenue was purchased by the Roman Catholic church.

The building program will be carried out in two segments: 1) construction of an educational building and fellowship hall and 2) final completion of the church with the erection of a sanctuary.

Bids for the construction of the educational building and fellowship hall are due in the office of J. L. Beam, Jr., Cherryville architect, by 2:30 p. m. Friday. The church building committee tentatively plans to review the bids



CHAIRMAN — John H. Moss, president of the Western Carolina League, has been named chairman of the three-member stadium study committee.

## United Fund Drive To Start

The third annual United Fund Drive will be officially underway Monday, according to a statement Wednesday afternoon by Fund Chairman B. W. Gillespie. The fund goal this year is \$16,446.

Mr. Gillespie reported a solicitation committee for Kings Mountain industries and businesses was appointed last week and the committee will be hard at work October 2 through November 1.

Committee members include Bob Maner, Joe Neisler, Jr., John Warlick, R. O. Southwell, Glee E. Bridges, W. S. Fulton, Jr., F. R. McCurdy, J. T. McGinnis, Thomas Tate, Ollie Harris, Sr., Otis Falls, Jr., Palmer Huffstetter, Harry Page, Bill Brown, and Grady Howard.

Herbert Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist Church, will conduct solicitation of Ministerial Association members.

Dr. Kenneth McGill will solicit members of the Kings Mountain medical profession. J. C. Bridges will handle solicitation of Kings Mountain teachers.

Mr. Gillespie reported there will be no door-to-door solicitation in residential areas, working on the premise that most (Continued On Page Ten)

## Board Hearing Set Tentatively Tuesday Night

By MARTIN HARMON  
Mrs. Mable Jackson Davis, mother of two high school children, denied transfer from Compact to Central high school, has made formal request for hearing on her application to the Kings Mountain board of education.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes, ex officio secretary to the board of education, said he received a registered letter requesting the hearing from Mrs. Davis Saturday, well within the five-day deadline following her receipt of the board's formal notification of denial.

Meantime, Supt. Barnes said Wednesday, efforts are being made to schedule the hearing for his office on Tuesday night at 7:30.

Whether the tentative hearing plans will depend both on ability of board members to attend and on Mrs. Davis' ability to attend. Again, formal notification by registered mail is required by law.

Mrs. Davis' hearing request is another step in the procedures set forth in the North Carolina school pupil assignment law, more familiarly known as the Pearsall Plan, adopted by a special session of the General Assembly in the summer of 1957.

Mrs. Davis made formal request for transfer of her high school children, Leroy Hastin Davis, a sophomore, and Lela Inez Davis, a senior, as legally required within ten days of publication of the Kings Mountain pupil assignment resolution.

The board of education, at its September 18th meeting, denied the request by a vote of 4-0, with Dr. P. G. Padgett abstaining. (The Herald mistakenly reported last week a 5-0 vote of denial).

Mrs. Davis contends Compact school is over-crowded, objects to the fact her children have to be transported to the "country" to school when they live in the city, and says her children don't like riding the bus to school. She further charges the board of education assignment plan is based on race, rather than convenience.

The board action denying the application for transfer declares the assignment plan was adopted for the orderly and efficient operation of the district schools.

Mrs. Davis, widow of Arthur Davis, late employee of Superior Stone Company, is the first Kings Mountain Negro citizen to seek admission of Negro pupils to all-white Kings Mountain high school.

## Board To Talk With Architects

The board of education hopes to schedule a special meeting for October 5 to interview architects interested in the proposed Kings Mountain high school complex, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday.

The board agreed informally at its September 18th meeting to proceed with all possible speed toward the building of a new high school plant and also agreed that early retention of the architect would be beneficial, both in speeding the project and in selection of suitable sites.

Meantime, J. R. Davis, attorney for the board of education, said he has written the New York bond attorney firm, Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly and Mitchell, requesting clearance for the school construction bond issue election.

Mr. Davis said he has re-asked a question posed previously to the bond attorney firm, retained several months ago, on the contention by attorneys for dissidents to the area school consolidation, that their taling a voluntary non-suit last November would permit their re-entering within 12 months suit to invalidate the merger.

To date, the board of education has only one potential high school plant site under option. It is a tract of about 73 acres on Phifer Road and includes both Phifer and Neisler property. This option, at \$500 per acre, expires December 22.

Potential cost of a new high school plant would obviously vary according to size of plan. However, during the merger election (Continued On Page Ten)



RE-ELECTED — D. B. Blalock, Dixon community farmer, has been re-elected chairman of the Cleveland County ASC committee.

## ASC Re-elects D. B. Blalock

D. B. Blalock, Dixon community farmer, was re-elected chairman of the Cleveland County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee at the annual county convention last Thursday.

Re-elected, along with Chairman Blalock, were Charles J. Hamrick, vice-chairman; Camille Brackett, regular member; Odus Royster, first alternate; and H. O. (Toby) Williams, second alternate.

Delegates from ten of the 11 community committees were present for the convention.

Ralph Harrill is ASC secretary.

## Hambright Reunion Set For Oct. 8th

The annual reunion of descendants of Colonel Frederick Hambright will be held on October 8th.

Members of the clan will gather at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover at 1 p. m. for picnic dinner.

Eugene Roberts, of Kings Mountain, is president of the clan.

## Charlotte Observer Is Raising Prices

The Charlotte Observer will announce Thursday morning increases in the price of the paper, both home-delivered and at newsstands, their circulation representatives have been informed.

Weekly home-delivered price will be 50 cents, including North Carolina sales tax, and the monthly home-delivered price will be \$2.20, including North Carolina sales tax.

Newsstands price will be seven cents daily.

The newsstand price of the Sunday edition will remain the same, 21 cents including North Carolina sales tax.

Average daily circulation of the Charlotte Observer, most circulated daily newspaper in the Kings Mountain area, was 1245 in Kings Mountain and Grover for the year ending March 31. Average Sunday edition circulation for the same period was 1447 in Kings Mountain and Grover. The figures are detailed in the Observer's annual audit by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, of which the Kings Mountain Herald is a member.

The increases are effective Sunday.