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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR — Charles Blanton, Jaycee DSA project chairman, presents the eighth annual Distinguished Service Award to Young Man of the Year Otis Falls, Jr. as Jaycee President Jim Lybrand and Mrs. Falls look on.

Otis Falls, Jr., Is Tapped For Young Man of '61 Award

Scout Leader Eighth Jaycee DSA Honoree

By DAVID BAITY

Otis Falls, Jr., recipient of a national scouting award last summer, was named Young Man of the Year in Kings Mountain and presented the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Jaycee Bosses' Night Banquet Tuesday night.

Mr. Falls, the eighth recipient of the award, was named one of two outstanding scoutmasters of America last summer.

He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and scoutmaster of Troop 91. He also serves as a Sunday school teacher.



CHAIRMAN — Harry Jaynes, high school principal, is 1962 chairman of the March of Dimes Drive in No. 4 Township.

Jaynes Heads March Of Dimes

Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school principal, will head the Kings Mountain campaign for funds for the March of Dimes.

Goal of the county-wide drive underway this month is \$14,000.

Bob Barnette, Cleveland County campaign director, of Shelby, said that coin collectors and March of Dimes savants are being distributed this week to Kings Mountain school children. Eddie Ross, president of the Central high school Key Club is chairman of this phase of the 1962 polo drive.

The Kings Mountain Junior Women's club will conduct the annual Mothers March with a tentative date set for Friday, January 26th. Kings Mountain citizens should leave their torch lights burning if they desire to contribute to the drive and a member of the women's organization will call on them during the week.

Mr. McDaniel expects to confer with the gas system accountants, A. M. Fuller & Company, Charlotte, Thursday, for the accounting opinion on the question. Meantime, Mayor Kelly Dixon has acknowledged the Easterling letter and told him he could expect compliance in the future.

Resurrection Officers Named

Resurrection Lutheran church lay officers for the current year were elected recently.

They are: Paul McGinnis, vice-chairman; John E. Plonk, secretary; Dorus Bennett, treasurer; Tommy Yarbrough, financial secretary; and Wesley Bush, benevolence treasurer.

Rev. George Moore, the pastor, is chairman ex officio.

Participating Organizations Seek To Bulwark Laggard United Fund

Representatives of Kings Mountain United Fund participating organizations will gather Friday to discuss ways and means to bulwarking the contributions to this year's United Fund.

The meeting is being called by United Fund officials, largely at the instance of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, which Chairman Marion DuBose said Wednesday, could lose its chapter charter.

Mr. DuBose said National Red Cross has informed the local chapter that failure to meet budget quotas the past year could not be accepted in the future and threatened withdrawal of the charter.

Tom Burke, United Fund Treasurer, said Wednesday he anticipates making 50 percent payment to participating agencies by month's end.

City Acts To Protect Watershed

Easterling Says City Gas Bonds Must Be Called

The city natural gas system, blessed by a low system construction bid and profitable operations, will have to use its \$151,000 redemption fund to call at a premium bonds outstanding, W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, has informed the city commission.

Mr. Easterling in his recent letter calls attention to Section 509 of the natural gas system covenant with bondholders and states, "There is no alternative to calling all bonds possible at \$104 on April 1, 1962."

Rather than calling the bonds at a minimum four percent premium, with maturities beginning 1979, the city has been investing the redemption fund in local savings and loan associations, which currently pay dividends of four percent per annum.

Thereby, with the gas system bonds carrying variable interest coupons of from 3.5 to 4 percent maximum, the gas system has been able to show a small profit on the exchange.

Actually, the bond covenant requires that the city gas system redeem outstanding bonds, within limits of its redemption fund, at the most advantageous price "after diligent effort to obtain the lowest premium."

On October 1, the city through its registrar and paying agent, Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, New York, N. Y., made the \$10,000 payment then due, lowering to \$870,000 amount of the bonds outstanding.

According to the letter from Mr. Easterling, the great portion of the bonds outstanding (\$300,000) are held by a large Eastern insurance company which is otherwise unidentified. This company, Mr. Easterling writes, is willing to grant for redemption as many bonds as the city gas system is in position to buy. He adds that the company "would take payment and forego accrued interest at February 1."

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., city clerk and treasurer, commented, "I wonder why this matter is advanced several years after it might have been. Audits have been in the hands of the Local Government commission annually."

No Bond Vote Call, But Date Is Expected To Be March 10

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- 2) An interest rate of four percent is anticipated for the first year, with a lower average maturity;
- 3) Sale of all of the bonds the first year they are issued.

The question was put to Mr. Hamrick, Bosses Night guest of President Jim Lybrand, when the Jaycees were discussing a fact sheet on the upcoming school bond election as presented by John Lutz.

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W. F. Styers' Rites Tuesday

Funeral rites for Winfield S. Styers, 81, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Styers died Sunday morning at Kings Mountain hospital after several years of declining health.

He retired in 1956 as master mechanic of Neisler Mills after 54 years of service. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William J. Styers.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pearl Long Styers; three sons, Robert Styers of Arlington, Va., Fred Styers of Hampton, Va., and Bruce Styers of Hagerstown, Md., a foster son, Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. D. E. Tate of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Carl Lewis of Gastonia and a foster daughter, Mrs. Joe Eldson of Gastonia.

Two sisters, Mrs. Bud Oates of York, S. C., and Mrs. Charles Ford of Gastonia, and three half-brothers, Charles and Sinclair Bridges of Kings Mountain, and Fred Bridges of Shelby, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, was assisted by Rev. R. L. McGaha, pastor of Temple Baptist church, in officiating at the final rites. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were E. B. Cooke, Jack White, Tom A. Tate, H. V. Carver, Harry E. Page and T. H. Davison.

Commission To Act Monday Says Attorney

Kings Mountain city schools district will vote on the issuance of \$1,100,000 in bonds for construction of a new high school on March 10, subject to call by the Board of County Commissioners, J. R. Davis, school's attorney, told members of the board of education Monday night.

He said the calendar was set by New York Bond attorneys Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterley, and Mitchell.

The county commission will meet next Monday to call the election formally, he reported.

Mr. Davis said a legal bond election draft, prepared by the bond attorneys, would be presented to the county commissioners at that time.

Polling places suggested by Mr. Davis for the election are the regular five-in-city wards, Bethware and Park Grace schools, and the Grover fire station.

A new registration will be required for the bond vote.

Last May's officials for city wards and the outlying areas will be asked to perform the duties of election officials.

Spt. B. N. Barnes, executive secretary to the board of education, outlined progress to date on the proposed new high school.

Architects Associates, Inc., Shelby architectural firm, has been retained by the board to design the proposed new building.

The board holds an option on a prospective 73-acre site on Philier Road, but is investigating other land tracts.

A delegation from the State School planning commission has talked with architects and investigated prospective sites for the new building. Supt. Barnes said he is awaiting a written report.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Received a letter of resignation from Charles Woodward, piano instructor in the city school system. Mr. Woodward's resignation is effective March 1.

Jackson Seeks \$50,000 Damages

Howard B. Jackson has filed suit in Cleveland Superior Court against another Kings Mountain citizen, W. K. Mauney, Jr., for \$50,000 for alleged personal damages resulting from a boating accident July 9, 1960.

Mr. Jackson alleges he was a passenger in a boat operated by Mr. Mauney on the Intercoastal Waterway near Carolina Beach, that he, the plaintiff, was seriously injured when the boat hit a sandbar, and that the injury-producing accident resulted from Mr. Mauney's negligence in operating the boat.

Mr. Jackson's attorney is Paul Ervin, of Charlotte.

Mr. Mauney said he was served summons last week. Thirty days are allowed to file an answer.

Exom Time Again In School System

Second semester officially begins Friday at Kings Mountain Consolidated Schools.

Mid-term examinations were in full swing this week, following a schedule of one test on Tuesday, three on Wednesday and two on Thursday.

The examinations are held in two-hour periods, Principal Harry Jaynes said.

S. O. S.: Bible-In-School Managers In Red Budget-wise, Personally

The Bible-in-the-Schools committee of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association is in the red, both budget-wise and personally.

The three-member committee, Rev. J. W. Phillips, Dr. W. L. Pressly and Dr. Paul Ausley, have appended their signatures to a bank note for the Bible teacher's recent monthly salary, with another due soon and the funds insufficient.

Dr. Paul Ausley, committee treasurer, said, "Frankly we're seeking some help."

Dr. Ausley said Wednesday that the Bible-in-the-Schools budget is \$980 in the red, result of the general teacher pay increase of 21 percent by the General Assembly and by additional fact the teacher, Mrs. Jeannine Easterling Fisher, upgraded her teaching certificate to "A," both events after the budget was prepared.

Additionally, Mr. Phillips added, some participating churches, which for the past several years have been furnishing full support to the program, are not current with their pledges.

Formerly, the city's civic organizations made contributions to the fund.

Their withdrawal stemmed from two factors: 1) some ministers felt the program was a church matter and should be fully church-supported; 2) some civic clubs members felt that support through the churches and civic clubs meant double contributions from the civic club membership of the community.

The committee is asking the civic clubs to provide at least temporary aid for the current year.

Mr. Phillips noted the committee is highly pleased with Mrs. Fisher's performance, stating Mrs. Fisher teaches ecumenically, non-doctrinally. Next year, he added, the committee anticipates offering Bible courses only in high school as electives to assure completely meeting the test of the Constitution's "separation of church and state" requirement.

Dr. Ausley said contributions from individuals, business and industry will be most welcome.

Dickson Refers To 1954 Report In Urging Action

The city acted Wednesday morning to protect its principal potential watershed.

On recommendation of its engineer, W. K. Dickson & Company, Charlotte, the state Department of Water Resources, state stream sanitation committee, asking that Buffalo Creek and Persimmon Creek, above the junction with Potts Creek, be classified for a potential water supply.

Mr. Dickson, in a letter to the commission dated January 12, wrote:

"In a letter to the Mayor and Board, March 4, 1954, the information was furnished that the Davidson Branch had a watershed of approximately 575 acres which is approximately nine-tenths of a square mile. The drainage area of the old watershed is approximately two square miles. Therefore, the total drainage area is less than three square miles. It is estimated, with the storage, that you could count on approximately two million gallons per day. Your present plant has a capacity of treating two million gallons per day.

"In this letter, it was recommended that studies be made looking to the development of the watershed on Muddy Creek and Buffalo Creek. Since that time, I have done more studying on this matter and am of the opinion that only feasible watershed for the future supply lies on Buffalo Creek. I am attaching a Highway map showing the watershed on Buffalo Creek and Persimmon Creek. The watershed of these two creeks total 188 square miles. There are very fine impending basin sites in Buffalo Creek. A watershed of this area should provide an ample water supply for Kings Mountain for the foreseeable future.

"The reason for this letter at this time is that the North Carolina Department of Water Resources, State Stream Sanitation Committee, is preparing in classification for the streams in both the Catawba River Basin and the Broad River Basin. The Catawba River Basin classification will go into effect March 1, 1962. It is anticipated that the Broad River Basin will be classified within a few months."

Jaycees Endorse Bond Election

Kings Mountain Jaycees Tuesday night firmly endorsed the forthcoming bond election to raise funds for the construction of a new consolidated high school and expect to take an active part in publicizing the election.

The resolution to endorse the measure was unanimously acclaimed by members present at the annual Bosses' Night Banquet Tuesday night at the Woman's Club.

John Lutz, chairman of the civic affairs committee, presented following resolution, which was approved:

We, the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, believe that each civic organization should take a stand on civic issues. One issue we believe to be most vital and deserving of public support is the building of a new Kings Mountain high school.

Our club membership consists of the young men of the community. We are now seeing that a good education is most important for our children. We think that a good education requires three things:

1. Good students.
2. A good faculty.
3. An adequate school plant.

The last of these three is, in our case, obsolete, and much too small for the student body. We endorse and support the proposed school bonds and new High School as a remedy for our problem, and encourage all interested citizens to do likewise. In the interest of a quality education for our children, we must achieve this new school for our community.

Signed:
Kings Mountain Jaycees

TAX OFFICE OPEN

Offices of the Internal Revenue Service will be open in Shelby for taxpayers' assistance in filing income tax returns every Friday until April 15th during the hours of 9 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. The office is located in the Peeler Building, 5 1/2 East Marion street.

WINS BRONZE PALM

Larry Patrick, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, won the bronze palm award to add to his already-earned Eagle at Thursday's Court of Honor for district Boy Scouts. He is a member of Troop 90.

Policing Costly In Many Ways

City policemen read a headline in the Gastonia Gazette last week.

It read, "Rural Officer Tells Why He's Leaving . . . He Can't Afford to Be a Policeman". They thought they were reading about themselves, and they were, only more so.

The article, about Ex-Gaston Rural Policeman Don Bradshaw, recounted the necessity to seek greener pastures financially even though he is devoted to police work.

Top pay for Gaston Rural policemen is \$345 per month. This figure compares with \$425 a month in Mecklenburg county.

Rookie Policemen's starting salary in Kings Mountain is reportedly \$45 per week. Top salary after fifteen months experience is \$63.30 per week.

Belmont Police Department pays \$80 per week; Cherryville, \$85; and Shelby rookies reportedly start at the top Kings Mountain officer's scale.

A policeman's work is seemingly never done. He works a six-day week and on off-duty time is subject to call in emergencies.

Court appearances likely take up either his day off or off-duty time during working days.

And a policeman's work is dangerous, with the ever present risk of death in encounters with "breakers."

Mr. Bradshaw recounted in the Gazette article how fifty percent of the rural policemen hold additional jobs to supplement police pay.

He resigned to become assistant.

Introduction Wry At Bosses' Banquet

Employers were the order of the day Tuesday as Jaycees entertained at the annual Bosses' Night Banquet.

A feature of the program was the introduction by Jaycees of their separate guests, and wit was wry.

Quipped Otis Falls, Jr., who was later to be named Young Man of the Year, "I'd like to introduce the working half of the partnership I represent socially, Otis Falls, Sr."

The Fallses operate City Service Station.

Said Thomas Dropers in introducing Edward H. Smith, Sr., "I couldn't bring my boss, so I invited the man who pays my salary."

Mr. Dropers is rector of Trinity Episcopal church. Mr. Smith is treasurer.