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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008
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NEW DANCE BAND — Pictured are "The Accents" recently organized dance band which includes seven high school band members. The band has been practicing in homes of members, are pictured during an engagement at the Country Club last week, and have several engagements upcoming. The band is available for engagements at parties and dances. Back row, left to right, are Wendell Phifer, bass fiddle, Tommy Bennett, trumpet, Gary Wilson, piano, Ken Barnes, cornet, and Buzz Shuford, trombone. In foreground are Billy Belt, drums, and Lynn Cheshire, saxophone. T. M. Shuford, father of the trombonist, is the band's business manager.

Local News Bulletins

KINCAID TO SPEAK
Arnold W. Kincaid, former school trustee, will speak to Kings Mountain Jaycees on the upcoming bond election as the group meets in regular session Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

SQUARE DANCE
A square dance will be held Saturday between 8:00 and 12:00 p. m. in the Grover school gymnasium, sponsored by the Grover Rescue Squad. Music will be by The Fairlanes. Admission is \$1.00 per couple.

AUTO FIRE
City Firemen were called to Battleground Avenue Saturday at 7:10 p. m. to douse a blaze in an automobile in front of Kings Mountain Drug. The car was registered to William Darwin Byers. The blaze ignited in the carburetor and damaged a filter and the hood of the vehicle.

PERMIT ISSUED
A permit was issued last Wednesday to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one-story, six room residence on Jackson St. Estimated cost of the structure is \$11,500.

JOINS STAFF
Mrs. Rosella Ford has joined the staff of Bessie's Beauty Shop, according to announcement by Miss Bessie Bumgardner. Mrs. Ford assumed her new duties Tuesday.

CHURCH SUPPER
A "Mardi Gras" Chicken Pot-Bouie Supper will be served Sunday, 4 to 7 p. m. at the following: Fall of Christ the King Catholic Church. The women of the church will also serve takeout orders on Saturday afternoon. Price will be \$1 for adults, 50¢ for children. Rev. Thomas P. Clements said.

LEGION MEETING
Otis D. Green, Post 155 A. American Legion, will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, according to announcement by Joe McDaniel, Jr., post adjutant.

LIONS DIRECTORS
Directors of Kings Mountain Lions Club will convene for a dinner meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock at Cline's restaurant.

PRAYER SUNDAY
Kings Mountain area churches from other churches are invited to participate in a human sine Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30 p. m. at the Church of Christ. The community is invited.

LEGION DANCE
Otis D. Green, Post 155 A. American Legion, has changed the dance schedule to one monthly. This month's dance will be held at the Legion building Sunday night from 9 to midnight.

Bond Issue Fight Is Waxing Warmer

Opposition Effort Goads "For" Forces

BY DAVID BAITY
Campaigning for the March 10 election to decide whether Kings Mountain school district issues \$1.1 million in school construction bonds waxed warmer this week, pro and con forces working hard to spread the doctrine of their various sides of the issue.

One of supporters was raised by declaration of the so-called opposition "Taxpayer's Committee" to reveal its identity in an ad placed in last week's issue of the Herald.

The same committee has purchased six advertisements in the current Herald edition. Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, an organization supporting the bond issue, is running two advertisements, one branding the allegations of the taxpayer's committee as "half-truths."

Another committee, headed by Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., is circulating a petition for signatures of persons who "favor the bond issue and who will sign their names."

Pastors Favor
The Kings Mountain Ministerial association endorsed the school bond issue election at its recent meeting. Meantime, Butler Dixon, Grover farmer, spoke to a meeting of the Compact-Davidson school P-TA Thursday night, urging the school patrons to register and vote "No" on the issue.

Mr. Dixon told the group of some 60 patrons that taxes constitute a first lien on homes and failure to pay the tax would mean their homes would be sold for their delinquency. In discussion following Dixon's appeal, William Orr said regarding the building of a high school, "They're asking us to pay for baking them a cake, when we'll only get the crumbs."

Several patrons are resentful of an alleged statement by Supt. B. N. Barnes that Compact-Davidson high school would get only two classrooms from the bond issue. One Negro patron noted Friday that, contrary to general opinion, he does not think the Negro vote constitutes a solid "No" bloc.

He noted, however, a good many are distressed that a Negro high school will not be built. Glen A. Bridges, former mayor, attending the P-TA meeting with Bob Maner and S. R. Suber, Jr., spoke briefly to the group, outlining the fact that if no bonds are voted none will get anything. "I feel that the board of education, which you helped elect, will see that you get your just share of all bond money," Mr. Bridges said.

Board of Education members Tuesday issued a prepared statement, explaining that if no bonds are issued, no school can be built. (Continued On Page Eight)

3595 Register For Bond Election

No New School Minus Bonds, Board Says

"We vote the bonds necessary to finance the construction of the proposed high school, or we do not get it," Board of Education members said Tuesday in a prepared statement to which the full board concurred.

In the statement, the board reiterated its position on the issuance of construction bonds for building a high school to house students of the consolidated Kings Mountain school district.

The statement reads: "It is very important that there be no misunderstanding about the school bond issue.

"It is a known fact that our schools are extremely overcrowded and the condition will get much worse within the next two years. Additional school construction is a must if our children are to have classrooms to attend school. A new high school is our number one need.

"The proposal for this new high school has not been made suddenly. It was a part of the plan from the beginning of consolidation. For several years the board has studied the needs of our schools and has gotten all help possible from the State School Planning Board and other available sources. All the recommendations have been to consolidate the area and to build a new high school.

"The board has been very careful in spending school building funds which have come into its care until consolidation became a reality, so that every penny would be spent wisely. The \$250,000 presently available is to be used with the proposed bond issue for additional construction for our present buildings, especially Davidson and Compact, and for the construction of the new high school.

"The only way the board knows to get the money for the buildings needed is through a district bond issue and the amount has been determined after careful study of the needs. Over ten per cent of the qualified voters residing in the territory comprising the school district petitioned this 1.1 Million Bond Issue.

"If the needed construction, equipment and sites could be financed through funds on hand or through existing appropriations of any kind the bond issue would not have been requested. "The 20c special tax and county and state taxes levied for the current expense budget to operate our schools cannot be used for construction of buildings. The problem simply stated is this: We vote the bonds necessary to finance the construction of the proposed high school or we do not get it."

Timms Building Being Expanded

Timms' Stop-n-Shop, Kings Mountain furniture firm, is expanding its building to provide 2,000 additional feet of floor space.

Mr. Timms said the additional space will provide the firm about 10,000 square feet of display space.

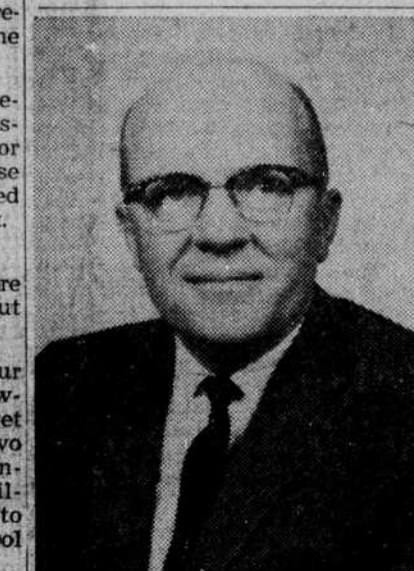
Marion Dixon, Kings Mountain builder, is constructing the addition, which is scheduled to be completed in about three weeks.

Penalty On Taxes Up Again Friday

Penalty on city and county taxes escalates by an additional one percent Friday, March 2.

Penalty of one percent previously applied on February 2. City Collector Joe McDaniel said collections the past month were approximately \$6,000.

Beam Is Seeking Re-Election; Two County Posts Contested



CANDIDATE — Joe F. Mull, Shelby lawyer, is seeking the Democratic nomination for judge of county recorder's court. Judge Rueben L. Elam is retiring.

M. E. Herndon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for M. Elmer Herndon, 78, of Charlotte, Kings Mountain native, were held Sunday at 2 p. m. from Harry & Bryant Chapel in the Oaks, graveside rites at 3:30 p. m. in Mountain Rest cemetery here.

Mr. Herndon succumbed Friday in a Charlotte hospital after several years of declining health. Born January 16, 1884, he was a son of the late George C. and Liza Bird Herndon. He lived for many years in Kings Mountain where he organized and operated one of the town's first banks, People's Loan and Trust Company. In 1935 he moved with his family to Charlotte and joined R. S. Dickson Investment Company. A few years later he became an official of the Southern Investment Company where he remained until his retirement.

He was a member of St. John's Baptist church, the Scottish Rite, the Red Fox club and the Oasis Temple.

Surviving are two sons, M. E. Herndon, Jr., of Charlotte and George A. Herndon of Asheville; one daughter, Mrs. F. Milton Fryer of Atlanta, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. James Blalock of Baskerville, Va., and Mrs. William Blalock of Union Level, Va., Mrs. C. W. Vick and Mrs. E. W. Gordon, both of South Hill, Va.; one brother, Bird Herndon of Columbia, S. C., and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Claude U. Broach conducted the final rites, and Rev. Marion DuBose officiated at graveside rites.

Palbearers were Gene W. McGarity, John S. Pritchard, C. Mack Murphy, Richard L. Cowhig, William L. Felts and Edgar Jones, Jr.

\$360 Collected For Heart Fund

Kings Mountain Heart Fund collection stood at \$360 Wednesday, the figure not including monies collected during the Heart Sunday campaign on February 25.

Thomas D. Doppers, chairman, said Wednesday that the campaign is still on due to bad weather. Sunday. Solicitors should finish collections this week and a total accounting be given next week.

Charman Doppers used all who were not at home Sunday and were not contacted to put a contribution in the Heart Fund envelope left at the door and mail it to the Kings Mountain Heart Fund.

The Kings Mountain drive did not reach a goal, but honest to goodness \$3700 collection made here last year.

Proceeds from the Heart Fund drive go to the national organization for research into the cause of heart disease and its medication. Heart disease is America's number one killer and affects some 10 million persons. Money collected during the Heart Fund campaign also goes to the public and to aid in treatment for education, both of doctors and of the disease on the local level.

Constable Files; Elliott Seeks Sarratt's Seat

County political activity warmed with the weather during the past week, producing two sure Democratic primary contests — both for the two elective positions in the county recorder's court.

Joe F. Mull and Crawley B. Cash, Jr., both Shelby lawyers, are seeking to succeed Judge Rueben L. Elam, while L. L. Hobbs, another Shelby lawyer, filed his candidacy for recorder's court solicitor, a post also being sought by Shelby Attorney N. Dixon (Dick) Lackey.

Judge Elam announced he is retiring and Solicitor Bynum Weathers is hospitalized.

Other developments: David Beam, incumbent county commissioner from District 3, filed for re-election Wednesday.

Ralph S. Elliott, milk rancher and ginier, announced he would seek the District 5 county commissioner post, now held by Chairman Knox Sarratt. Mr. Sarratt, from Earl, hasn't indicated his intentions.

In Number 4 Township, Charles (Rocky) Ford filed for re-election as constable. Adoption of the staggered four-year term arrangement for the commissioners at the November general election means that Beam and Elliott are seeking four-year terms.

Mr. Beam, a farmer, was in Kings Mountain Wednesday afternoon, and said, "I feel the county government is for the benefit of the whole county," adding, "I appreciate the very favorable majority Kings Mountain gave me two years ago and regard it as instrumental in my nomination."

Mr. Beam is a poultry farmer and butcher, resides between Lawndale and Fallston, belongs to New Bethel Baptist church, the Upper Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, and is a director of the Lawndale Lions club. His wife is Ruth Spurling Beam and they have three children.

Mr. Mull, for six years chairman of the county elections board, sought the solicitorship unsuccessfully in 1954. He holds an accounting degree from Bowling Green Business university, a law degree from Wake Forest, and is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He served in the army from 1943-46. Dr. Claude U. Broach conducted the final rites, and Rev. Marion DuBose officiated at graveside rites.

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Delegation To GOP Meet

Mayor Kelly Dixon will give the invocation at the state Republican convention, meeting in Durham Saturday morning.

The Mayor said he expects to go to Durham Friday afternoon.

He said he'd been informed that six to seven other Kings Mountain Republicans will attend the convention Saturday, including Wayne Forsythe, county secretary, Ed H. Smith and Bob Maner, precinct committee chairmen.

Feature address of the convention will be brought by U. S. Congressman William E. Miller, national chairman.

Billed for Saturday evening is a GOP rally, when U. S. Senator John Tower, of Texas, will deliver the principal address.

Phenix Of Burlington To Raise Wage Scales Effective Monday

Burlington Industries' Phenix plant will raise wages effective Monday, it was announced this week.

Burlington becomes the second Kings Mountain area firm to announce a forthcoming wage hike, a movement slowly gaining headway in the textile industry. Massachusetts' Mottish Plush Company announced two weeks ago it was boosting wages, though it did not give the effective date.

Announcement of the Burlington increase was made by James D. Barbee, vice-president, who



CONSTABLE — Charles (Rocky) Ford, Number 4 township constable, is seeking re-election. He paid his filing fee this week.

Lions Regale Area Farmers

Kings Mountain area farmers, under the direction of a South Carolina school superintendent, helped entertain themselves at the annual farmer's night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions Club Tuesday.

Sam C. Brissie, superintendent of District 4 schools, Woodruff, S. C., presented an audience participation program, in which the farmers were scored in jokes, harassed in a quiz program, and suffered the indignities of contests in which the farmer applause determined which one of the group had prettiest legs and who of another made the most seductive lady.

Tom Hamrick was selected as the possessor of the "prettiest legs," defeating Melvin Wright, Alex Owens, Martin Harmon, County Commissioner David Beam and others.

Jack Morgan, Shelby feed dealer, won the "lady" contest, over Myers Hambrick, Ben Hamrick, Ralph Harrill, Senator Robert Morgan, and others.

Mr. Brissie closed his program on a serious note. He declared that the nation today needs the human products of its farms, men who willing to accept responsibility, who are willing to go forward and "who do not whine when they don't get their way."

Ollie Harris, program chairman, was toastmaster. Bill Plonk presented distinguished guests, Edwin Moore presented Mr. Brissie, and Eugene McSwain, club tail twister, and W. K. Mauney, Jr., collaborated in entertaining the farmers.

Morgan Likely To Run Again

State Senator Robert F. Morgan has indicated he will seek re-election to a sixth term.

Here Tuesday night at the Lions farmer's night banquet, Sen. Morgan indicated he would be seeking his final term as senator, adding he would either seek state-wide office in 1964, or nothing.

He did not indicate his 1964 ambitions.

The Senator hasn't yet made a formal announcement.

Judge Jack White, of Kings Mountain, who opposed Senator Morgan two years ago, has indicated he may test the Senator again.

Girls vs. Newton Saturday at 6

If Kings Mountain boys make the Southwest - Northwest tourney at Shelby they will engage Lenoir Friday night at 9 o'clock. The Kings Mountain girls will engage Newton Saturday at 6 p. m.

Handlings for the first round of play in the Southwest-Northwest division WNCSSAA at Shelby are: Friday: 6:00 Lincolnton girls vs. Valdese. 7:30 Chase girls vs. Marion or Hudon. 9:00 Lenoir boys vs. Lincolnton or Kings Mountain. Saturday: 6:00 Kings Mountain girls vs. Newton. 7:30 Taylorsville girls vs. Rutherford. 9:00 Shelby boys vs. Hickory or Valdese. Monday: 7:30 R.S. Central boys vs. Hickory or Valdese. 9:00 Belmont boys vs. Newton. "Hickory and Valdese have tied for second place in Northwest division."

Challenge Day For Bond Vote Is Saturday

Registration for the March 10 school bond election ended at sunset Saturday, with registrars kept very busy all day as 1675 citizens visited the eight polling places to get their names on the voting books.

Saturday's total compared with 1920 having registered previously. The total registration is 3595.

Meantime, registrars were getting ready for Challenge Day, which will be Saturday.

In view of the opposition to passage of the bonds by a so-called Taxpayer's Committee and in view of some Challenge Day activity in May 1960 at the consolidation election, it was considered possible the registrars might have another busy day Saturday.

In event of challenges of registered names, it is the duty of the registrar and two judges to examine the complaints and rule whether the challenger citizen may vote, or whether his name must be stricken from the poll-book.

The registration by precincts: Ward 1 (City Hall) 201. Ward 2 (City Hall) 272. Ward 3 (Parkdale Store) 294. Ward 4 (Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom) 805. Ward 5 (West school) 702. Bethware (Bethware school) 853. Park - Grace (Park - Grace school) 484. Grover (Grover fire station) 487.

Analysts on both sides of the bond question busied themselves with guessing how the totals would be cast.

A total of 1921 citizens logged their names from the areas formerly outside the Kings Mountain school district, while 1774 were listed on the in-city boxes. Bethware holds the distinction of registering most voters, at 850, leading West Kings Mountain, at 702, by 148 potential voters.

Tax Rate Won't Be Over 40c Up

The proposed \$1.1 million bond issue will cost the tax payers of the Kings Mountain school district not more than 40 cents per \$100 valuation, Supt. B. N. Barnes and F. W. Plonk told Board of Education members Tuesday.

Supt. Barnes and Mr. Plonk were reporting results of a talk with W. E. Easterling, director of the Local Government Commission, last week.

Supt. Barnes said Mr. Easterling assured him that whatever steps are necessary may be taken to hold the tax rate down to that mark if the bond is used.

He said the bonds will probably be sold on a 20-year term basis, but the favorable tax rate can be acquired by selling the bonds in smaller blocs over a period of time, rather than selling the entire issue the first year.

"The school will not be completed in one year and will not be paid for in one year," Supt. Barnes said, "therefore we don't have to put the entire \$1.1 million on the market at once."

Supt. Barnes noted too, that (Continued On Page Eight)