

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

U.S. 74 By-Pass Project Approved

Details Lacking On Construction Schedule. Route

Construction of a U. S. 74 link to by-pass Kings Mountain was among 109 projects approved by the North Carolina highway commission last Thursday.

Another project approved for the Kings Mountain area was building of a bridge on secondary road 2283, between 2281 and N. C. 216, Division Engineer W. W. Wyke said the bridge to be replaced is within a half-mile of the South Carolina border and crosses Dixon creek.

Mr. Wyke could give no additional information on the U. S. 74 by-pass and the Herald was unable to contact J. Clint Newton, highway commissioner in this area.

However, Comm. Newton has said previously the new link of U. S. 74 will by-pass Kings Mountain to the north, leaving present U. S. 74-29 in the vicinity of Carver's service station and re-connecting with present U. S. 74 in the vicinity of Bethware school.

Roger R. Jackson, Jr., of Raleigh, public relations director for the highway commission, told the Herald by telephone he had no specific information on the project, but that the approval of it put it on the "work-to-be-done" list, minus a specific construction schedule.

Mr. Jackson said approved projects are usually two or three years distant from actual letting of construction contracts.

Styers Wins New Promotion

Bruce G. Styers of Hagerstown, Maryland, son of Mrs. W. F. Styers and the late W. F. Styers of Kings Mountain has been promoted to Account Manager Maxwell House Division of General Foods Corporation with headquarters in Scranton, Pa.

The announcement was made by W. E. Cohan, National Sales Manager of Maxwell House Division, General Foods Corporation.

Mr. Styers started with General Foods Corporation as a retail salesman in 1946, was promoted to Institution Representative in 1951, Institutional Sales Specialist in 1953, Area Representative of Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1955, and to the present promotion as of April 1, 1962.

He will maintain headquarters in Scranton, Pa., where he and his family will be located.

Rotarians To Hear Swiss Student Here

Rudolph Glarner, Rotary Exchange student from Switzerland at Davidson college, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their Thursday meeting at 12:15 at the Country Club.

Glarner will talk of his home country and compare the educational system in this country with that of Switzerland.

He is studying at Davidson on a one-year scholarship from the Rotary Foundation. Born in Zurich, he is 22 years old and son of a Glarus lawyer who is now serving his first term in the Swiss Parliament.

A pre-law student in Switzerland, he represented his country on college ski teams and had engaged in this sport professionally.

He won the Rotary Foundation grant for study at Davidson from a field of 50 young men.

Retailers To Hold Annual Banquet Friday Night; Edwards Will Speak

A. Y. Edwards, Ford Motor Company representative in Charlotte, will make the principal address and Charles Blanton will install new officers as highlights of the annual employee-employer banquet Friday of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The banquet will begin with dinner to be served at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.



AIRMAN OF MONTH -- A/2C William E. Scism, Kings Mountain serviceman in Germany, was recently named Airman of the Month by the 436th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Scism Named Top Airman

A/2C William E. Scism, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Scism, has been named Airman of the Month by the 436th Tactical Fighter Squadron stationed in Germany.

Scism's commanding officer Major Westwood H. Fletcher Jr., wrote the airman's parents, "This award is presented each month to that Airman who best demonstrates through his on-the-job effectiveness and through inter-rogation by a select board of officers and non-commissioned officers, the attributes of an outstanding Airman. Your son was one of four candidates, all of whom had been carefully chosen from some 200 airmen. His conduct and appearance before the Selection Board was the final step in his selection for this honor."

Mr. Fletcher noted that the effectiveness of the Squadron and of Tactical Air Command in large measure depends on individual contributions. He added in his letter, "Personal dedication, in my opinion, keeps TAC the most versatile Aerospace Force in the World today...."

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Cudd

Final rites for Mrs. Hannah Masengale Cudd, 83, widow of J. C. Cudd, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. from First Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Cudd died Thursday afternoon in Turner Convalescent Home, Shelby, after an illness of three years.

A native of Union County, S. C. she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kidd. She was a member of First Baptist church. Mr. Cudd died in October 1957.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. T. A. Pollock of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Cecil Pollock of Sandfield, Mass., and one son, J. E. Cudd of Arlington, Va. Also surviving are three grand children and seven great-grand children.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. B. L. Raines, assisted by Rev. H. D. Garmon.

Active pallbearers were W. F. Laughter, B. N. Barnes, Fred Weaver, Joe Hord, W. B. Logan and Wiley Blanton.

Carolinas AIME To Convene Here, Tour Three Firms

A meeting of the Carolinas section, American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum engineers, will convene here Saturday at the Kings Mountain Country Club, it was announced by Neil O. Johnson, chairman.

After registration and lunch, the engineers will tour three Kings Mountain area firms, Lithium Corporation's plant and laboratory, Kings Mountain mica Company's open pit, and Foot-Mineral Company's mining operation, before moving to South Carolina for a tour of Broad River Brick Company, near Gaffney.

Following the tour and dinner at Hotel Carroll, Gaffney, a program will be presented and business session conducted.

The Carolinas Section numbers 131 members and associates located in North and South Carolina. Its members are geologists, mining, metallurgical engineers, and other technical people associated with the mineral industry in those two states. This Section is one of 98 local sections distributed among seven Regions located throughout the United States and foreign countries. There are approximately 40,000 members including associates and student members in the AIME national organization, with headquarters in New York City.

Most mineral activity in the Carolinas is in the field of non-metals. North Carolina is the first state in the nation in producing lithium minerals, feldspar, sheet and scrap mica, and olivine. It ranks second in tungsten and third in talc production. South Carolina ranks second in the nation in output of kaolin, kyanite, and vermiculite.

Plant Will Mean Wider Curriculum

Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school principal, said this week the building of a new consolidated high school plant will enable the school to offer an expanded curriculum and predicted the Kings Mountain school will compare favorably with schools anywhere.

Mr. Jaynes said: "The qualified voters in the Kings Mountain school district are to be congratulated on their overwhelming support of the recent school bond election. The favorable vote was most convincing in the face of many obstacles and side issues.

"This vote indicates a strong desire for educational improvement in our school district. Many people realize this building will give us an opportunity to expand our curriculum. In my opinion, the improvement of our curriculum is the most important feature of improving our education program. I feel sure our new high school facilities will provide the needed space for expansion in the most suggested areas.

"The excellent cooperation received by the school officials in the election is greatly appreciated. This support is especially appreciated by our students who will receive the greatest benefit. Without such active support for the bond issue, the school would have been in a precarious position. The absence of severe criticism indicates we have an excellent opportunity to expand our educational program to favorably compare with schools anywhere.

"School officials who are responsible for the expansion of this new school program pledge themselves wholeheartedly to give our students the best possible school for the money invested. With your continued support of education, everyone can feel very optimistic about the future of educational opportunities in the Kings Mountain school district."

Piano Students At Festival

Four Kings Mountain students participated in the North Carolina District Piano Contest - Festival held in the auditorium of the Mauney Music building at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory March 10.

The were Rita Bell who received a rating of I or superior; Rita Phifer, Susan Plonk and Wendell Phifer, Jr., were judged "I" or excellent.

Pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon, the young pianists participated in the Junior High School division of the contest - festival and played the following selections: "Minuet in G Minor" by Bach and "Mardi Gras" by Dittenauber, Rita Bell; "Menuetto" by Mozart and "May Breezes" from

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High School Site Suggestions Invited By Education Board

Site-Seeking Efforts To Date Are Reviewed

BY MARTIN HARMON

Citizens who have sites they wish to recommend for location of the new high school plant, and, more preferably, those who have sites they own and wish to proffer, are being requested by the board of education to make them known immediately.

"We're seeking the best possible site on which to locate the new high school plant," Chairman Fred W. Plonk said Wednesday, "and we intend to move with all possible speed to obtain it and to speed the construction of the new district high school building."

Meantime, B. N. Barnes, superintendent, reviewed preliminary work thus far toward obtaining a site.

Several months ago, two members of the Division of School Planning, State Department of Public Instruction, visited and surveyed cursorily five tracts as possible school sites. These were:

- 1) The Houser land on the East side of York Road.
2) The Fulton property, west of Temple Baptist church.
3) The Phifer road property of 73-plus acres, on the west side of Phifer road and under option to the board of education at \$500 per acre.

4) The southwest side of the road leading from Phifer Road to the Margrace mill.

5) The property west of Kings Mountain Country Club and Country Club estates, about 30 available acres owned by Marvyn Goforth and other adjoining property owned jointly by C. S. Plonk and the J. O. Plonk Estate.

The state officials, Dr. J. L. Pierce, director of the planning division, and W. L. Lathan, education consultant, made a few comments, Supt. Barnes recalls, but did suggest of the Goforth-Plonk property, "See what might be possible here."

Since that time, site action has been limited to obtaining permission from Mr. Goforth to survey the possible site, an action taken following the March 10 election in which the board voted monetary authority required to build the new plant, Supt. Barnes said.

Numerous factors are involved, including population density, transportation of pupils, availability of utilities and comparable cost where not available, location of access roads, cost of land, and comparative costs of grading and other developing. The board seeks a tract with a minimum of 60 to 75 acres.

Supt. Barnes said that, when full information is obtained and officials of the State Planning division requested to return for a detailed study and recommendations.

Mrs. Cloninger's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Miley Medlin Cloninger, 67, were held Monday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Macedonia Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Cloninger died Saturday afternoon in the local hospital after suffering a heart attack Thursday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Darrell Austin, with whom she resided on Gastonia highway.

A native of Greenwood County, S. C., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Medlin. Her husband, Philo W. Cloninger, died in November 1957. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist church.



SENIOR PLAY CAST COMPLETE -- Pictured above are members of the cast of "Here Comes Charlie", Kings Mountain high school senior class play which will be presented next Friday, March 30th at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. Miss Lillian Quinn is directing the production which includes this cast of students: front row,

left to right Peggy Ware, Carolyn Jones, Gail Morrison, Betty Morrison, and Carol Goter. Back row, from left, Claire Gilstad, Ervin Smith, Mitchell Cobb, Mike McSwain and Tommy Bennett. The play is a three-act comedy by Jay Tobias.



MAY QUEEN -- Sandra Plonk high school senior, will reign as May Queen at school May Day festivities.

Sandra Plonk Is May Queen

Sandra Plonk, high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, will reign as May Queen at May Day festivities in the Consolidated Schools.

Miss Plonk was elected by the Student Body of Kings Mountain high school Thursday.

Runner-up Linda Bennett, senior, will crown the queen and Judy Watterson and Patsy Spencer, seniors, will be maids of honor.

Other members of the May Court will include two senior attendants, still to be announced Junior attendants Kay Mauney and Gail Huffstetler; Sophomore attendants Toni Ware and Connie Shaw and Freshmen attendants Linda Sherer and Margie Huffstetler.

The "K" Club annually sponsors May Day activities and the high school girls physical education classes present the program.

Gillespie Improving From Stroke, Surgery

Booth W. Gillespie, Kings Mountain citizen, has been transferred to Charlotte Rehabilitation hospital.

Mr. Gillespie suffered a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago and underwent an operation at Charlotte Memorial hospital for removal of a blood clot in a neck artery.

Lenoir-Rhyne Choir To Sing Here On Sunday

The nationally known Lenoir Rhyne College A Cappella choir, of Hickory, will present a concert of sacred choral music here Sunday afternoon, it was announced by the Reverend George T. Moore. The program will be presented in Resurrection Lutheran Church and will begin at 3 p. m.

The A Cappella Choir is made up of 60 voices and are all students at Lenoir Rhyne college. The group has enjoyed a wide reputation in the performance of sacred music during its 26 years of touring. It is nationally known for bringing the finest in sacred choral music to Lutheran congregations throughout the Eastern seaboard.

On its annual spring tours, the choir has gained important success for its tonal color, sectional balance, and inspiring interpretation under its director, Professor Kenneth B. Lee.

Professor Lee has served as director of the choir since its organization in 1935. He received his bachelor's degree in music in his hometown of Northfield, Minn., at the St. Olaf College, where he was a member and the bass section leader of the famed St. Olaf Choir, directed at that time by Dr. F. Melius Christensen. He received his master's degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

The A Cappella Choir will offer a concert of 16 selections ranging from Nicolai (1899) to contemporary composers.

Among these numbers are the following: "Psalm 50" by P. Menzies (Continued On Page Eight)



GOOD CITIZEN -- Tommy Black, a freshman, was named 'Good Citizen' for this month at Kings Mountain high school. The Student Participation Organization selects the honored students.

City Will Auction 25 x 25 Foot Lot

The city will offer to sell at public auction Saturday morning at 10 o'clock a small strip of land, 25 x 25 feet square, adjoining the southwest portion of McCarter's Esso Service on East King street.

The city acquired the block of land from the late P. D. Herndon, and it is speculated for use as an alley which has never been developed.

The sale will be conducted at the site.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Ormand Celebrates 93rd Birthday, Says He's Retiring His Old Ford

Capt. B. Meek Ormand observed his 93rd birthday Sunday, went out to dinner with members of his family, then received friends and kin Sunday afternoon.

He's made a decision: to stop driving and "retire" his 1939 Ford.

The retired railway conductor, born March 18, 1869, in the Long Creek community, remarked last week, "I'm going to quit driving. I just can't see well enough to drive."

Capt. Ormand's license was last renewed in 1958. He commented a year later, "The examiner made me drive all over town, but he renewed it."

management of what is now the Carolina Aluminum Company, a division of Aluminum Company of America, at Badin.

"In those days dirt moving was done by wagons and mules," he recalls. "They needed some good mules and asked if I could get them a carload. I told them I could, called a friend and told him I wanted the best mules he could find. He had plenty, he said, as the government was buying topgrade mules. They came into Badin express collect, and the express bill was over \$600. Later I was asked where I got such good mules. I told the manager I stole 'em."

"Now," he continued, "if that fellow had believed what I told him, I'd have been lying, wouldn't I?"

Capt. Ormand is a 50-year Mason and Shriner and elder of First Presbyterian church. He resides in the Mountain street residence he purchased when unemployed in 1911.



PRESIDENT -- John C. Smathers has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club. He succeeds Jacob Cooper.

Smathers Named Club President

John C. Smathers, general manager of Park Yarn Mills, is the new president of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc.

Mr. Smathers and other officers were elected Wednesday at a luncheon meeting of directors, which followed Tuesday night's annual stockholders' meeting.

He succeeds Jacob Cooper. Other officers named Wednesday are J. N. McClure, vice-president; W. S. Fulton, Jr., secretary; L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, treasurer; and James Gibson, assistant treasurer.

The stockholders elected four directors for three-year terms Tuesday night and heard reports on the past year's activities. The newly elected directors are T. L. yShuford, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., John Smathers, and William Herndon.

Holdover directors with two-year terms remaining are L. E. Hinnant, P. A. Francis, James Gibson and W. S. Fulton, Jr.

Holdover directors with one-year terms remaining are F. M. Neisler, Sr., Jacob Cooper, J. N. McClure and George H. Houser.

The nominating committee included Dr. N. H. Reed, chairman, George W. Mauney and Hunter R. Neisler.

Reports were given by the retiring president, Mr. Hinnant, the treasurer, and by chairmen of standing committees, including W. S. Fulton, Jr., pool committee; J. E. Herndon, Jr., house committee; Dr. George W. Plonk, social committee; and P. M. Neisler, Sr., greens committee.

Local News Bulletins

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

The Cleveland County Citizens' Committee for Better Schools will meet at 7:30 Thursday night at Graham School auditorium, Shelby.

STADIUM COMMITTEE

John H. Moss, chairman, has announced that the three-member city stadium advisory committee will hold a meeting on Monday.

P-TA TO MEET

Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, will present "The Story of Kings Mountain" for the program Monday night at the Park Grace School P-TA meeting at 7 p. m. in the school auditorium.

KIWANIS CLUB

Jack Barham will show a Southern Bell Telephone film at Thursday's meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

VFW DANCE

VFW Post 9811 will sponsor a dance for couples only Saturday night at the VFW clubhouse on Grover Road. Commande Paul Dover has announced.

FILM THURSDAY

Showing of films of the 1909 first race road will feature a VFW program open to the interested public Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the VFW clubhouse on Grover road.

BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

Youth from Grace Methodist Church will play host to the youth of the First Baptist church in the Bible Quiz Finals Sunday night at 7 o'clock. This will replace the regular evening worship service. A plaque will be presented to the winner.