

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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By-Pass Project Will Hinge On Progress Of 1-26

Tillie Arrowood Killed In Wreck

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis club committee on support of churches in spiritual aims will present Thursday night's program at regular meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

FIRE

City firemen were called to the J. E. Herndon Company last Thursday at 4:15 p. m. to douse a fire in some cotton waste material. Fireman N. M. Farr listed the damage as slight but could give no estimate pending insurance adjustment.

RADIO SERVICES

Morning worship services during the month of April will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT from Kings Mountain Baptist church. Rev. Marion DuBose's Sunday morning sermon topic is, "The Cain Within Us."

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$189.95, including \$109 from on-street meters, \$45 from overparking fees, and \$34.95 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Booth W. Gillespie, who suffered a stroke of paralysis three weeks ago, was reported slightly improved this week. He is undergoing therapy at Rehabilitation Hospital, Charlotte.

Ware Heads Advisory Group

Cameron Ware has been elected chairman of the Advisory committee for the Kings Mountain department of vocational agriculture.

Other officers elected at the meeting at Bethware school were Stough Wright, vice-chairman; Myers Hambrick, secretary; and Paul Hambrick, treasurer.

Other members present were H. K. Dixon, Tom Hamrick, Lamar Herndon, John W. Patterson, and Jim Yarbro. Harry E. Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school principal, met with the group.

The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for Agricultural Technology education.

The group discussed possibilities of organizing adult education classes which will be taught by specialists recommended by the committee. Two courses discussed most were farm management and welding.

Area farmers interested in these and other courses contact any member of the committee or the high school.

Mrs. Heath's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Mrs. Nellie Upchurch Heath, 54, wife of Frank E. Heath, were held Wednesday afternoon from Faith Baptist church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Heath died in the local hospital at 11:30 p. m. Sunday following illness of about two months. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Upchurch.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Frank E. Heath, Jr., of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Tatham and Mrs. Margaret Summey of Gastonia and Mrs. Marvin Upchurch of Kings Mountain; two brothers, J. C. Upchurch and Rhet Upchurch of Gaffney, S. C.; a sister, Mrs. Hattie Thomas of Blacksburg, S. C.; 13 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Play Payne and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Head-on Crash Near Morganton Fatal To Two

Miss Tillie Elizabeth Arrowood, 20, of Kings Mountain, and Raymond Keith Cash, 25, of Cowpens, S. C. were killed Sunday night near Morganton when the Fiat Cash was driving and another vehicle crashed virtually head-on.

Both were students at Appalachian State Teachers college, as were three other passengers in the Fiat, all of whom were hospitalized.

Still listed in critical condition Tuesday was Mrs. Margaret Lewis Metcalf, route 5, Shelby, while less seriously injured were Patricia Ann Navey, Shelby, and Mary Tamara Cornwell, Route 2, Kings Mountain. All are patients at Valdese General Hospital. Doctors Tuesday said Mrs. Metcalf's condition was improved, as was Miss Navey's and Miss Cornwell's.

Driver of the other car, Zolie C. Peeler, 65, route 4, Morganton, was bruised badly.

He faces two charges of manslaughter and one of driving on the wrong side of the road.

M. A. Joines, investigating patrolman, could find no markings on the highway during rain-soaked Sunday night. He returned, Stanley Moore, editor of the *News-Herald* said, the next day to find markings and metal flecks which indicated Peeler was driving on the wrong side of the road.

Peeler, a merchant, had said, following the accident, that the approaching lights of the Fiat blinded him, but that he had thought he had a minimum of three feet margin.

Miss Navey had told Patrolman Joines the on-coming car of Peeler "came straight at us," that Cash had tried to avoid the impact, but couldn't.

The accident occurred about 11 miles south of Morganton on highway 18. Four ambulances came to the scene. Cash and Miss Arrowood were pronounced dead on arrival at Morganton's Grace hospital.

Miss Cornwell, who suffered a broken leg and lacerations, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cornwell.

The accident occurred at 8:20 p. m.

Mrs. Arrowood, daughter of Mrs. Madge Hardin Arrowood and the late Lafayette Arrowood, was a junior at ASTC, had played in the Appalachian band for two years. She was a 1959 graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

Miss Arrowood was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church where her funeral rites were held Tuesday afternoon.

In addition to her mother she is survived by a sister, Miss Lana Arrowood; four half-sisters, Mrs. Lester Camp and Mrs. T. L. (Continued On Page Eight)

Senior Play On Tap Friday Night; Ten-Member Cast Will Give Comedy

The annual Kings Mountain high school senior class play, "Here Comes Charlie" will be presented Friday night in the high school auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p. m.

The play is directed by Miss Lillian Quinn and is billed as a "rollicking comedy" in three acts. It was written by Jay Tobias.

Heading the cast of 10 are: Peggy Ware as Nora, the Irish maid; Ervin Smith as Officer Tim McGill, Nora's sweetheart; Carolyn Jonas as Mrs. Fanny Farnham, Larry's aunt by marriage; Claire Gilstad as Larry Elliott, a young business man; Mike McSwain as Ted Hartley, Larry's college pal; Betty Morrison as Vivian Smythe-Kersey, Larry's fiancée; Mitchell Cobb as Uncle Aleck Twigg, in charge of Charlie; Gale Morrison as Charlie Hopps, Larry's ward; Carol Jean Goter as Mrs. Caroline Smythe - Kersey, Vivian's mother; Tommy Bennett as Mortimer Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's brother.

Faculty advisors are Mrs. Sue H. Moss and Miss Helen Logan.

Edwards Speaks To Merchants; Officers Installed

Being an effective citizen, by maintaining excellence of performance is essential to success in business today and in turn for success of the nation, A. Y. Edwards, Charlotte division sales manager for Ford Motor Company, declared Friday at the annual employer-employee banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

Addressing an audience of more than 150 persons, Mr. Edwards advised his audience to 1) take an active interest in politics; 2) to develop a positive attitude; 3) to be enthusiastic in all activities; 4) to be optimistic; and 5) to keep open all lines of communication.

Mr. Edwards' address was the highlight of the annual event, which also was featured by installation of association officers for the coming year.

Charles Blanton, a past president, installed the new officers, including Glee E. Bridges, president; Harry E. Page, vice-president; and B. S. Peeler, Jr., Richard McGinnis, Mrs. Sue Young and Ben H. Bridges, directors elected to two-year terms.

Holdover directors are W. D. Morrison, Mrs. Merle Beatty, Robert Southwell, Ollie Harris, Sr., and W. G. Jonas, retiring president.

Mr. Jonas presided, Rev. N. H. Pusey, pastor of Grace Methodist church, said an invocation, and Mr. Southwell presented Mr. Edwards.

Following the address, Tom Tate, W. D. Morrison, and W. S. Fulton, Jr., superintended a prize drawing for the ladies.

In his report, retiring President Jones reported association membership up four to 45, air-conditioning of the association offices, increased benefits under the association's group hospitalization policy and a gain of about 25 percent in credit reports made during the year. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Luther Joy, association secretary, for her work, and to association members for their cooperation.

In his humor-filled address, Mr. Edwards noted that the federal government has assumed many functions once performed at the local level. He said that all should take an active part in politics because of the wide effects of decisions "at Raleigh and Washington."

In spite of urbanization, he continued, the "grass roots" remain the most important factor in both community and national well-being.

"Everyone is a salesman, if not of a product or service, then of himself," Mr. Edwards declared. He suggested that people like to do business where they are confident of "a good deal, good service, good facilities, good personnel and where the advertising is honest."

MUCH IMPROVED

L. June Cloninger, who underwent a lung operation some weeks ago at Western North Carolina Sanatorium, Black Mountain, was reported by a family member much improved this week. Mr. Cloninger is expected to be released from the hospital Friday.

Cancer Crusade To Start Tuesday

Mrs. Herndon Is Chairman; Goal \$2,500

Mrs. James E. Herndon, Jr., will serve as chairman of the 1962 Cancer Crusade in the Kings Mountain area.

The annual crusade, fund-raising campaign for funds for cancer research, detection clinics, and treatment of the indigent, will begin Tuesday.

Mrs. Herndon said the Kings Mountain goal is a minimum of \$2,500.

A campaign kick-off meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Thursday night at 8 o'clock, with brief addresses to be made by Dr. W. P. Gerberding and Dr. George W. Plonk.

Mrs. Herndon announced the following committee chairmen for the fund campaign:

Residential division, Mrs. Joe Neisler, Jr.

Business division, J. O. Plonk, Jr.

Industrial division, J. E. Herndon, Jr.

Outlying business division, William Herndon.

Negro division, Mrs. Raleigh Brown.

Bethware area, Mrs. Charles Fisher.

Patterson Grove area, Mrs. Eugene Patterson.

Teacher division, Mrs. Wilson Griffin.

Mrs. Herndon called attention to a Tuesday night television variety show entitled "At This Very Moment," which will be telecast by the ABC network. Among the personalities appearing will be Bob Hope, Greer Garson, Jack Lemmon and other stage and screen stars. Master of ceremonies duties will be shared by President John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late President.

Mrs. Herndon noted a recent report of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, showing that one Cleveland County citizen died from cancer each six days during 1961. Of a total of 150 cases, 60 persons died.

Since January 1, she added, 36 cases have been reported.

"The ultimate discovery of cures for cancer lies somewhere in the research laboratories," Mrs. Herndon said, "and that's where the major portion of Cancer Crusade funds go."

Mr. Matheson's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Carl Franklin Matheson, 64, were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Matheson was found dead Monday afternoon at his home on Grover road. Coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled Mr. Matheson, employee of Gastonia Weaving Company, died of a heart attack apparently suffered Sunday.

A native of Alexander County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Matheson. His wife, Mrs. Eva Brown Matheson, died in August 1961.

Surviving are a step-son, Calvin H. Brown of Columbia, S. C.; one brother, Joe H. Matheson of Salisbury; and two sisters, Mrs. T. C. Johnson of Southern Pines and Mrs. Ashley Roebuck of Washington, D. C.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

DOING WELL

Clarence R. Elgin underwent successful heart surgery last Thursday at Duke Hospital, Durham and was reported by a family member as doing very well Wednesday. The surgery was to correct a hardened artery leading to the heart. The malfunction was caused by a childhood case of rheumatic fever. Surgeons removed the damaged artery section, replacing it with a plastic tube.

PERMIT ISSUED

A permit was issued Wednesday to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one-story house at 509 Rhodes Avenue. Estimated cost of the five-room structure is \$10,000.



CHAIRMAN - Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Jr., is chairman of the Kings Mountain area Cancer Crusade for 1962, which begins Monday.

Grange Favors Farm Bill

Number 4 Township Grange Tuesday night went on record in support of the Cooley-Ellender farm bill, now before Congress.

The bill has administration support, will set both rigid acreage controls and marketing quotas. Its terms are applicable to other basic crops, as the farm program has previously treated tobacco.

The bill is to be discussed at Bethware again Thursday night when the county Pomona Grange meets at Bethware.

Robert W. Scott, Master of the North Carolina Grange, has written local unit leaders that the organization favors the bill, in most detail, and that the National Grange is alarmed that farmers of the nation haven't yet expressed much opinion on it.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Hughdon D. Smith also discussed the Grange insurance program.

Mauney Pastoral Intern At Hickory

J. Luther Mauney, Jr., a mid-dler at Southern seminary, will serve as intern for St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory during the 1962-63 year, it was announced by Dr. Albert H. Keck, Jr., pastor.

Mr. Mauney, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of Roanoke college and served as student assistant pastor of Holy Trinity, Raleigh, during the summer of 1961. His father, Dr. J. Luther Mauney of Roanoke, Va., is president of the Virginia synod.

Mr. Mauney will assume his intern duties here June 1. He is a grandson of the late Rev. John Mauney, a Kings Mountain native.

Communist-Led Riots Film Feature

Kings Mountain Lions saw the film "Operation Abolition" Tuesday night.

The film, taken from news reels clips of the May 1960 Communist led student riots in San Francisco, Calif., during hearings of the House Un-American Activities committee, was presented by Jonas Bridges on a program arranged by J. Wilson Crawford.

According to the film, the riots, which sought to break up the hearings of the House committee, showed leaders of Harry Bridges' Longshoremen's union sparking the chanting mobs. Subsequently, the demonstrators were sprinkled down with fire hoses, bounced down the two flights of marble stairs at San Francisco's City Hall, and loaded into a padded wagon for booking on charges of inciting a riot.

Title of the film accrued from committee contentions that Communist groups incited riots in an effort to stop the work of the committee and kill the committee permanently.

Guests at the meeting were F. S. Pritchard and Robert Southwell.

NO PERMITS

City officials issued no building permits during the past week.

1-26 Progress Could Speed 74 By-Pass

BY MARTIN HARMON

Time-table on eventual construction of the U. S. 74 by-pass will be governed largely by the construction of Interstate 26, Highway Commissioner J. Clint Newton has told the Herald.

U. S. 74 is contemplated as a key tie-in link with the limited access interstate highway now being built and virtually completed in the Spartanburg area. U. S. 74 will tie in with Interstate 26 in Polk county, according to present plans.

"This fact might move the Kings Mountain by-pass project more rapidly," Mr. Newton added.

Customarily, actual construction often follows project approval (which the Kings Mountain by-pass received March 15) by two to three years.

The March 15 action of the commission established the Kings Mountain U. S. 74 by-pass as a definite project.

The former highway commission merely recommended that money be made available to obtain rights-of-way.

The March 15 action moves the project to the commission's advance planning department. After this work is completed, the project moves to the planning division for final design, Mr. Newton said.

Comm. Newton continued, "The current thinking of the commission is that Kings Mountain's U. S. 74 by-pass will skirt Kings Mountain to the North, barring objection."

The commissioner said he does not know the "corridor projection" which he defined a customarily mile-wide strip on which highway is likely to be located. After the corridor projection is determined and public hearings held, the commission proceeds to purchase right-of-way for a four-lane road.

"If traffic is heavy enough, a four-lane road would be built in the initial construction," Mr. Newton continued. "If not, the initial construction would be a two-lane road, with the two lanes to be added when traffic dictated."

Mr. Newton said the present highway commission, which took office last July, first began studying the primary road system in December.

"It's the nature of highway work, which requires much time in planning and construction, that the actual construction is often several years behind project approval. In effect, the present commission was in the position for the first few months merely ratifying actions of the previous commission," Comm. Newton remarked.

Mrs. Pouchak's Father Passes

Funeral rites for John Warhol, 72, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, father of Mrs. D. M. Pouchak of Kings Mountain, were held Friday in Minneapolis.

Mr. Warhol died Thursday. A native of Czechoslovakia, he was a retired employee of Soo Line Railroad. He was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters, five sons and 20 grandchildren.

Recommendations Of Stadium Body Renewed; Mauney Tract Available

The City Stadium advisory committee, in meeting Monday, voted to reiterate its initial recommendations for stadium development to the city board of commissioners and to report to the board the availability of the East Gold Street W. K. Mauney property adjacent to the stadium.

Reporting results of the meeting, John H. Moss, chairman, said the committee had been informed that the Mauney property would be available, if desired, at a reasonable price.

The Mauney property lies to the south of the stadium property and, Chairman Moss noted, would provide off-street parking to athletic events from East Gold and would also provide an additional entrance gate.

Two comparatively minor additional recommendations were made: 1) Improvements to the Mountain street entrance, including black-topping of the area from Gold to the ticket office,

High School Site Report Expected



EVANGELIST - Rev. A. A. Bailey, pastor of Besemer City's First Baptist church, will lead evangelistic services beginning Sunday at Macedonia Baptist church.

Bailey To Lead Macedonia Series

Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, announces today the beginning of a week of evangelistic services at the Macedonia church on Grover Road.

Services will begin Sunday, April 1 with the evening worship and continue nightly at 7 o'clock through Saturday, April 7.

Rev. A. A. Bailey, pastor of First Baptist church, Besemer City, will be visiting evangelist. Mr. Bailey, who has pastored the Besemer City church for the past several years, was pastor of Centerville Baptist church, North Belmont, before coming to Besemer City.

R. Allen Jolley, music-education director of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church, will be in charge of music for the evangelistic series.

Nursery facilities will be provided each night for children through the three year age group.

Mr. Ashe also announced that the church is holding special prayer meetings this week in preparation for the services. He said the community-at-large is invited and encouraged to join with the Macedonia congregation in this revival effort.

Bible Fund Deficit \$111

Dr. Paul K. Ausley, chairman of the Bible-in-the-Schools program of Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, reported no contributions to defray the 1961-62 budget deficit this week.

The deficit stands at \$111. Dr. Ausley said, however, some contributions have been promised and he hopes he will be able to report the budget met by next week.

GRANGE MEETING

Cleveland County Pomona Grange will meet at Bethware School Thursday night at 7:30. Mason Carroll, of Shelby, will speak on "Scouting in Cleveland County."

Ben Speidel III To Manage Club

Ben B. Speidel III will assume management of the Kings Mountain Country Club effective April 15, John Smathers, club president announced Wednesday.

He will be assisted by his wife, the former Helen Tate of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Speidel replaces his mother, Mrs. Frances Speidel, as manager of the club.

Mrs. Speidel has resigned to accept a position as manager of the Whitehall Hotel dining room at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Speidel managed the Seabreeze Manor Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida before accepting the position as manager of Statesville Country Club where he has been for the past 15 months.

He also served as assistant to Gaither McCombs at Cleveland Springs Country Club, Shelby for two years.

Goforth-Plonk Tract Contains About 72 Acres

Final survey on a possible site of the new Kings Mountain district high school plant is expected Thursday or Friday, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday.

Clyde Fesperman, Shelby surveyor, had provided a preliminary survey of the Goforth-Plonk site Wednesday morning and had been asked for "refinements" including some line-straightening and detailing of all owners of property desired.

The preliminary survey showed a potential site of about 72 acres, 37.5 acres owned by Marvin Goforth and 32 acres owned by C. S. Plonk and the J. O. Plonk Estate. Other lots involved in the desired tract are owned by Garrison Goforth, James A. Lybrand and perhaps others.

All of the property, which adjoins property of the King Mountain Country Club, is near the western city limits of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Barnes also reported at least two more citizens had indicated availability of possible sites. J. D. Hord proffered a farm of about 80 acres lying south of Bethware school, while J. D. McDaniel indicated availability of a 70-acre tract on South Phifer road.

Mr. Barnes said the board of education would be convened as quickly as the final survey of the Goforth-Plonk property is received.

Several other sites have had board consideration, a 73-acre tract (under option) on Phifer road, the Houser property on York road, a tract on the south-west side of Fulton road, and the Fulton property on the west side of Canisler street.

Citizens of the district voted the board of education borrowing authority up to \$1,100,000 for school construction on March 10.

The board of education has stated its hope to have a new consolidated high school plant ready for occupancy by the 1963-64 school term and had previously retained Architects Associated, of Shelby, to design the new high school plant.

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Speidel, age 30, is a native of Richmond, Virginia. He is a Korean War veteran, having served with the United States Navy.

He attended the University of Florida for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Speidel will move to Kings Mountain in April and expect to locate near the country club.

IN FRATERNITY

Billy Jones, Kings Mountain freshman at North Carolina State college, has been initiated into membership in Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary scholarship fraternity for students who maintain scholastic average of 3.5 or higher. Membership in Phi Eta Sigma is considered the highest scholastic honor available to freshmen in the United States. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones and a physics major.