

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Goforth-Plonk Site Favored For High School Plant

Shannon To Begin Production Soon

Local News Bulletins

LODGE MEETING
There will be a regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM Monday night, May 14th, at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

TWO FIRES
City firemen were called to Cherryville road Sunday at 9:00 p. m. to douse a brush blaze. A Tuesday call at 11:30 a. m. was to extinguish a fire in an automobile on Cansler Street. No property damage was listed.

COURT POSTPONED
Kings Mountain Recorder's Court will not be held Monday in the absence of Court Clerk Earl Stroupe.

LEGION DANCE
Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, has booked Dick Busse's Knights of Music for a return engagement for May 26, Carl Wiesener announced this week.

Politics Quiet As Election Nears

Political activity continued at an apparent slow pace during the past weeks in spite of Democratic precinct meetings, open registration books and proximity of voting day on May 26, just slightly over two weeks distant. There are two primaries this year, both Republicans and Democrat, but, in Cleveland County, neither party has a great number of contests.

Indeed, the Republicans will go to the polls to help settle only one matter, whether Claude L. Green, Jr., or Charles H. Babcock will contest U. S. Senator Sam Ervin, Morganton Democrat, in November.

The Democrats have four county-wide matters to settle, with Kings Mountain citizens participating in two of them.

Crawley B. Cash and Joe F. Mull, two Shelby attorneys, seek to succeed Judge Eusebio Elam, judge of county recorder's court.

Norris (Dick) Lackey and Lyndon L. Hobbs, also Shelby attorneys, seek to succeed Solicitor Bynum Weathers.

Seven candidates seek the five nominations to the county board of education. Challenging five incumbents are Edwin Moore, Kings Mountain, Buford Cline, whose wife operates Cline's Restaurant here, Charles D. Forney, Jr., Walter Davis and J. D. Ellis.

There are no contests for township offices in Number 4 township.

Mrs. Nickels Is Retiring

Mrs. J. C. Nickels, for 34 years principal of Park Grace school, is retiring at the end of the current year school term.

Mrs. Nickels' letter of intention to retire was read to the board of education at a special session Monday afternoon.

The board elected for the coming year Miss Alice Averitt, teaching supervisor in the school system, and other principals.

are Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school, L. A. Adams, Compact school, I. Ben Goforth, Jr., West elementary school, Robert M. Kennedy, East elementary school, Howard Bryant, North elementary school, James Struggs, Grover elementary school, R. G. Franklin, Bethware elementary school, and Bonnie Allison, Davidson elementary school.

New Industrial Firm To Make Knit Fabrics

Production is expected to start on a double knit wool jersey product at the new Shannon knitting mill within the next week or ten days.

The modern new 16,000 square foot plant of Shannon Limited, Inc. has been completed at a cost of \$130,000. It is fully air-conditioned and sprinklered. Some 20 knitting machines imported from Germany are being installed by trained personnel and the plant expects eventually to employ some 60 persons, some of whom will receive training in a program being set up by the Gastonia Industrial Education Center.

The plans call for the production and finishing of a new style fabric which will bear the label of "Shannon Limited" and which will be an innovation in the knitting trade in this area. This is a double knit fabric which is now very popular in Europe. About 50 percent of this cloth used in the United States is now imported.

Sandor Tezler, who is president and treasurer of the new company says that the entire knitting industry is expecting a tremendous growth in this field. He said he believes that the material is superior to any knitting fabric in the past that it will be used more and more as a substitute for woven fabric, and further that it is the first cloth to be produced in the knitting industry that is truly competitive to woven goods, as it will not shrink and that it always retains its shape.

The double knit cloth is used for making ladies' dresses, for sportswear and children's wear. Mr. Tezler said that Kings Mountain was selected as the site for his new plant because of its proximity to spinning mills and dye plants in this area. The Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., obtained the seven-acre tract in the northeast section of the city from W. A. Williams for Mr. Tezler. The plant was built by Roy Barnes of Gastonia.

New BSA Troop Being Organized

A new Kings Mountain area Boy Scout troop is being formed under sponsorship of the Bethware Progressive club, with a charter meeting to be held at Bethware school Tuesday night.

Announcement of the meeting was made by Willard Boyles, chairman of the troop committee, who said he anticipates an initial enrollment of about 25 boys.

He said work toward organizing a troop had been underway for the past several months.

committee are Cameron Ware, Jim Yarboro, Johnny O. Patterson, and Hal Morris. Frank Hamrick is institutional representative.

Dr. Ausley reported response to his plea last week for support of the program was very good, pledges to the fund climbing from some \$1600 to \$4300 this week.

The budget calls for expenditures of \$4,691 in teaching Bible in the city schools system.

"The \$4300 we have in hand in pledges is not sufficient to support the program, however, a number of churches still haven't reported pledges to the committee. I feel their pledges will send us over the top," Dr. Ausley said.

The Bible program in Kings Mountain schools this year traveled a rocky road, the committee running short of funds in January.

Pledges Rain, Bible-In-Schools Program Apparently Is Assured

The planned budget for the 1961-62 term got out of kilter with the statewide hike in school teachers' salaries. The Bible teacher also, through summer school work, upgraded her teaching certificate.

The Bible committee, after the experience, felt it not wise to continue the program on a haphazard basis and ruled that, unless completely underwritten beforehand by pledges, teaching of Bible in the schools of Kings Mountain would halt.

Deadline for pledges was May 7.

"We are grateful for the response of Kings Mountain and area churches to our plea and are well pleased with the result," Dr. Ausley said. "We are certainly happy that the 23 year tradition of having Bible taught in our public schools here can continue."

Nolan, Newton Are Contesting For Party Post

The biennial Cleveland County Democratic convention will be held at the county courthouse in Shelby, beginning at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Over-shadowing the convention itself, for which program details haven't been announced, is a contest for the party chairmanship between J. Clint Newton, division highway commissioner, and Clyde Nolan, former party chairman and North Carolina Senator.

Though he hasn't made formal announcement, Chairman Virgil Weathers is reported not a candidate to succeed himself in the position to which he was elected two years ago.

The party chairman is chosen by the executive committee, expanded this year by new state party rules, which make both the chairman and vice-chairman of each precinct ex officio members of the executive committee. Formerly, only the precinct chairman were ex officio members, while other members were the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer of the county organization.

Mrs. J. E. Lippford, of Kings Mountain, is county vice-chairman, a position she has held since 1954.

Observers close to the scene Wednesday were labeling Mr. Newton the favorite to succeed to the chairmanship. However, Mr. Nolan was reported waging an active campaign in seeking the votes of the precinct representatives on the county executive body.

Customary business of the convention includes recognition of candidates for Democratic nominations and elected officials, attacks on the Republican opposition, and election of delegates to the party's state convention in Raleigh.

Bridges Elected Lions President

Jonas Bridges, general manager of Radio Station WKMT, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1962-63.

Mr. Bridges, currently the club's first vice-president, will succeed Martin Harmon in June.

Other officers elected Tuesday night are:

Odus Smith, first vice-president; Wesley Bush, second vice-president; C. P. Barry, third vice-president; Harry Jaynes, secretary; J. M. McGinnis, treasurer; Clyde Bridges, Lion tamer; and Richard Barnette, tail twister.

Elected directors for two-year terms are Jack Hauser, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., and Joe McDaniel, Jr.

Directors with one-year terms remaining are Dr. George W. Plonk, William Lawrence Plonk, and Howard Bryant.

The club unanimously elected the nominations of the nominating committee, which included three past presidents, George Thomasson, chairman, Edwin Moore and Eugene Timms.

Legionnaires Elect Rhea

J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Kings Mountain builder and member of the city commission, was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, America Legion, in post balloting last Friday.

He will succeed W. P. Morrison when new officers are installed in June.

Other officers elected were: James Bennett, first vice-commander; Jay Powell, second vice-commander; Joe McDaniel, Jr., adjutant; Franklin Ware, historian; Grady Howard, service officer; and John W. Gladden, chaplain.

Elected to the executive committee were Carl Wiesener, John Dilling, Bruce McDaniel, Ollie Harris, Sr., and Frank Blanton.

The newly elected commander is a navy veteran of World War II.

State Medical Group Elects Dr. Rhodes

Dr. John S. Rhodes, Raleigh urologist, is president-elect of the North Carolina Medical society.

Dr. Rhodes, for the past several years secretary of the state organization, is a half-brother of Mrs. Fred W. Plonk of Kings Mountain.

ARP's To Occupy Building Sunday

First Services Will Be Held In New Edifice

Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will occupy its new educational building on Edgemont Drive for Sunday services.

The church has been convening, since vacating its former plant at the corner of King street and Piedmont avenue last year, at West Elementary school. Regular Sunday services will be held, with Sabbath school beginning at 9:45 a. m., the morning worship service being held at 11 a. m., and an evening service at 7:30.

The modern new building has been constructed on a 4.7 acre tract on the west side of Edgemont avenue.

The educational building, first structure in a long-range plan for a completely new plant, boasts a large assembly hall, church office, pastor's study, choir room, well-equipped kitchen and nursery, and 17 classrooms.

Walls of the main floor are painted light beige, while the walls on the ground floor are green. Floors are covered with matching tile. Draperies are planned for all rooms, and furnishings are new throughout.

The assembly hall is air-conditioned.

When landscaping is completed, the investment in site, building and equipment will approximate \$170,000.

A special service is being planned for June 24, with a formal opening of the building and open house.

The architect is J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville.

Lions Selling Brooms For Blind

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club began their annual broom sale for benefit of the blind Tuesday night.

Club members are offering for sale a high quality household broom at \$1.50. The large, heavy industrial broom sells for \$2 or \$2.25 per dozen.

W. D. (Bill) Bennett is broom sale chairman, with other members of the committee Odus Smith, Wesley Bush, and W. K. Mauney, Jr.

Mr. Bennett said Wednesday, "The sale is already off to a good start. We've purchased the brooms on a no return basis and anticipate a quick sell-out."

He noted that the proceeds are used to aid victims of blindness and to help the visually deficient.

Kiwanis Club

Bill Kinnard of Charlotte, area supervisor for Western Electric, will present a magic show at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club. The civic club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Women's club.



WINNER -- Linda Falls, East school fifth grader, is winner of the annual reading contest in the seven schools of the district.

Linda Falls Wins Contest

Linda Falls, fifth grader at East school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, Jr., has won the Kings Mountain school district reading contest.

Title of her reading was "Brotherly Love."

Finals in the reading competition were held April 26 at Grover school with seven contestants from West, Central, East, Grover, Bethware, North, and Park Grace schools participating.

Miss Falls will receive the annual Baker reading medal in school finals.

Democrats Hold Meetings

One new chairman and several new committeemen were elected at township Democratic precinct meetings on Saturday.

At Bethware, Willard Boyles was elected to the chairmanship of this precinct, while former Chairman Cameron Ware, an officer of the county Young Democrats, remained on the committee as secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. H. A. Goforth was elected vice-chairman, and other members are J. D. Jones and Clyde Short. Retiring from the committee are H. A. Goforth and Lonnie Butler.

At Grover, J. B. Ellis was re-elected chairman and Mrs. Lois Gold vice-chairman, with Bob Hambrick being re-elected. A. B. Davis and Mrs. James Scruggs were elected to succeed Ed Bollin and Gene Putnam.

West Kings Mountain re-elected Hugh D. Ormand chairman, elected Mrs. F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., vice-chairman, re-elected Wilson Crawford and Martin Harmon and named Mrs. Eugene Timms to succeed Mrs. Arthur.

East Kings Mountain re-elected all members, J. Ollie Harris, chairman, Mrs. J. E. Lippford, vice-chairman, S. A. Crouse, Leonard Smith and Otis Falls, Jr.

Replacement of H. A. Goforth at Bethware and Mrs. Arthur in West Kings Mountain was dictated by change in state organization rules which specify that election officials cannot be members of precinct committees.

However, East and West Kings Mountain committees convened jointly before separate organizational meetings, and heard J. Ollie Harris outline the business at hand, call attention to the forthcoming county and state conventions, and list the candidates for county-wide offices. He noted there are no township contests for party nominations.

Mr. Harris noted the change in counties in the tenth Congressional district and declared the increased Republican strength in the district would mean heavier work at hand for Democrats in November.

Officials Seek Firm Prices On Five Sites

School officials have been busy this week, since arrival Saturday of a report by a state survey team rating possible school sites, to get firm prices on the five sites under consideration.

Neither Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the board of education, nor Superintendent B. N. Barnes could be contacted late Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Barnes was in Cullowhee for an educational conference. However, the several asking prices known and previously reported on the five sites are:

1) The Goforth-Plonk tract west of the city limits, about \$90,000, exclusive of several lots possibly desired in addition to the acreage of Marvin Goforth, (28 acres at \$1500, 16 at \$1000) and C. S. Plonk-J. O. Plonk Estate (about 32 acres at \$1000 per acre.)

2) The York Road site, about 67 acres, partially owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Houser (30 to 35 acres), Neisler Brothers and Aubrey Mauney (about 32 acres). The Housers have quoted the board of education a price of \$1250 per acre. Mrs. Houser said.

3) The Neisler tract at the corner of Fulton and Phifer roads, up to 60 acres available, at \$500 per acre, total \$30,000.

4) The El Bethel site, owned by Hill Lowery, H. A. Goforth, and others, indicated price \$500 per acre.

5) The Phifer-Neisler tract on the west side of Phifer road, about 73 acres, under option to the school board at \$500 per acre, with the Neisler portion of 20-22 acres proffered as a gift. Total cost \$25,000 to \$26,000.

Registration Six Saturday

Registration books for the May 26 party primaries will close Saturday at 3 o'clock.

Meantime, registration activity continued to be negligible last week, as only six new voters were listed in the four precincts of Number 4 Township.

These are the reports of registrars:

Mrs. Neil C. Cranford, East Kings Mountain, registered two Democrats and two Republicans and received one Democrat by transfer.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain, registered two Democrats.

Mrs. J. D. Jones, Bethware, transferred one Democrat to East Kings Mountain.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Grover, reported no registration activity.

Registrars feel that Saturday's final day of registration should be more brisk. They note that numerous citizens have moved into the county and township since the books were last open in October 1960 and that many have become 21 years of age since that time.

A person who will be 21 by the general election in November is eligible to register for the primaries.

The registrars will be at the polling places from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Saturday, May 19, will be challenge day.

School Reports Indicate Board Dreams Of Stadium, Junior High

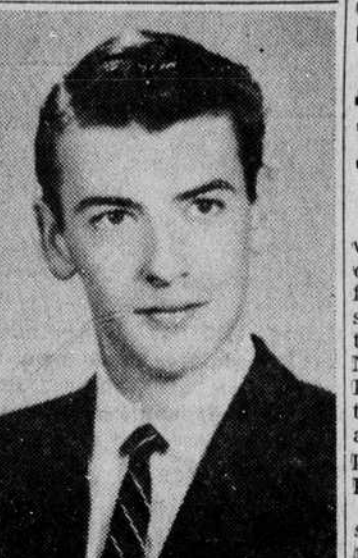
By MARTIN HARMON
Formal reports of the North Carolina Department of Instruction planning division team and of Architects Associated on site preferences for the new district high school plant indicate two previously unannounced intentions of the board of education:

1) In the future, when demand requires, a junior high school would be built nearby on the same site.

2) Plans call for the building of a stadium in connection with the school plant, in the near or distant future.

The junior high school futuristic idea had been mentioned informally, but the board of education declined to reply to a query by the City Stadium advisory committee on stadium plans in connection with the new plant.

While the junior high school possibility is years away, the stadium matter likely will depend on 1) whether funds are available after bids are let for the basic school building, and 2) on whether expenditure of these funds is warranted.



WINS CONTEST -- Sandy Campbell has won the annual essay contest for freshmen students at the University of Tennessee.

Campbell Wins Essay Contest

Sandy Campbell, Kings Mountain freshman at the University of Tennessee, has won first place in essay writing for freshman students.

A political science major, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Campbell of Kings Mountain.

The Student Government Association gives a cash award to the freshman student each year who writes the best essay based on the winter quarter student forum lecture by Dr. Albert Burke. The essays were judged by the forum committee and Dr. Percy Adams, professor of English.

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Bethware Party For GOP Tuesday

Carroll M. Barringer, Republican candidate for United States Congress in the new tenth district, will speak at a covered dish supper at Bethware school Tuesday night.

Supper will be served at 7 o'clock.

Bob Maner, GOP chairman of West Kings Mountain precinct, said all area Republicans are invited to the party, which he described as a family affair.

"Bring the children, too," he said.

Mr. Barringer, currently a Catawba county commissioner, lives in Conover. He opposes Congressman Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, in the November general election.

Mrs. Gault's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Mrs. Johnnie Homesley Gault, 33, wife of William (Bill) Gault, were held Monday at 4 p. m. from First Baptist church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Gault died Saturday at 10 p. m. in the local hospital following an illness of several months.

She was a native of Cherryville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durant Homesley. She was a graduate of Cherryville high school.

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State Team, Architects Make Reports

By MARTIN HARMON
The Goforth-Plonk property west of the city limits and north of U. S. Highway 74 is the most-favored site for the new high school plant by 1) a committee of the Division of School Planning, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and 2) Architects Associated, the architectural firm retained to plan and supervise building of the new plant.

The board of education considered the reports Monday afternoon without action.

The state team rates four other sites in this order:

1) The Houser-Neisler-Mauney property, lying on the east side of York road and partially within the city limits.

2) The El Bethel area property owned by H. A. Goforth, Hill Lowery, and others.

3) The Neisler tract at the southeast corner of Fulton and Phifer road.

4) The Phifer-Neisler tract on the south side of Phifer road.

Architects Associated rates the Neisler tract second, the Phifer-Neisler tract third, the York road property fourth, and the El Bethel property fifth. The report, written by T. W. Cottrhan, a member of the firm, is more detailed than the report of the state team.

The architects rate the York road property as cheapest of all sites to develop, downgrade it for a school site due to its location in the easternmost side of the district.

The El Bethel site is downgraded because of lack of water and sewage disposal facilities (estimated to cost \$25,000 at this location) and estimate that cost of transporting pupils to school would be treble that to the other sites.

Principal objection of the architects to the Neisler tract is lack of adequate highway approaches.

The architects estimate that the total cost of a completed high school plant at the first preference Goforth-Plonk site would approximate that of a completed plant at any of the other sites, with exceptional advantage in pupil transportation and availability of most city utilities.

The Phifer-Neisler site is rated most difficult of developing satisfactorily, due to topography, rock outcropping and streams.

The state team, which included W. L. Latham, educational consultant, L. S. Thomson, engineer, and Marvin R. A. Johnson, design consultant, did not comment specifically on each site, said none of the sites is ideal from all the factors considered, and listed these factors as used in the committee's determinations:

Centrally located, if possible, for present and future.

Removed from sources of objectionable noise, fumes, odors.

Free of serious hazards to pupils, staff, and visitors.

Accessible by means of the normal means of transportation.

Adequate in size for present and future needs.

Well drained, not too level, not too steep.

Topographically varied, if possible.

Devoid of extreme outcroppings of rock.

Attractive, with trees and other plant life.

Endowed with good soil capable of producing good turf.

Convenient to water supply, sewage disposal, utilities.

Moderate in cost — but quality is more important than low cost.

Free from easement rights and other encumbrances which limit freedom of planning and development.

Action On Compact Name Is Deferred

The board of education has deferred action on changing the name of Compact school.

At a special session Monday, the board voted to defer action "for further study." It was noted that a name change at the present date would make senior class rings and graduation diplomas incorrect.

There are several wings of thought among Negro school patrons on the name of the school. Some prefer to retain the name Compact, others ask the name be changed to Compact-Davidson, and still others have stated a preference for a completely new name.



EVANGELIST -- Rev. E. C. Kistler of Hendersonville, will be speaker for evangelistic services beginning Sunday and continuing through May 20th at First Wesleyan Methodist church. Services are at 7 p. m. nightly. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Phillips, has announced.