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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008
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Geologist's Preliminary Grading Report Received

Area Candidates Lose In Primary

Local News Bulletins

OPTIMISTS MEET
Members of the Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at the Cottonwood Restaurant on Highway 29.
JAYCEES MEET
Myers Hambright, vocational agriculture instructor at Kings Mountain High School, will discuss the city school system's vocational education program before members of Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce as the group meets in regular session Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at the Woman's Club.
AT CONVENTION
Mrs. Iva Lovelace and Miss Libby Camp have returned from Greensboro where they attended the three-day 19th annual convention of North Carolina Insurance Women. Mrs. Lovelace is president of the Gastonia Association of Insurance Women and Miss Camp is state historian.
TO INSTALL OFFICERS
Officers of Otis D. Green Post 155 of American Legion will be installed at the regular meeting Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at the American Legion hall.
KIWANIS CLUB
Cleveland County Sheriff Haywood Allen will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's Club.
CLASS REUNION
The 1951 high school graduating class of Grover high school will gather for a class reunion and picnic Saturday at Lake Crawford. Picnic supper will be spread at 6:30 p. m.
OMITTED
The name of Robert Whisnart was inadvertently omitted from last week's list of graduates of Kings Mountain high school. Mr. Whisnart is among 103 seniors who received diplomas Wednesday night.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL
Hobart Dye was discharged Sunday from Charlotte Memorial hospital where he had undergone surgery. He is reported improving satisfactorily.
GOSPEL SING
A gospel sing, featuring music by the Southern Quartet of Greenville, S. C. and singers from Kings Mountain, will be held at the Church of God on Parker street Sunday beginning at 2 p. m. The interested public is invited.
Rites Conducted For Mrs. Somers
Funeral services for Mrs. Noah H. Somers, 70-year-old resident of Buffalo Street, Statesville, were conducted Sunday at 3:30 p. m. from the First ARP church in Statesville. Mrs. Somers died Friday afternoon at a Statesville hospital. She is the mother of Mrs. N. M. Farr, of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Somers is survived by three other daughters, Mrs. Jay Kennedy, of Mooresville; Mrs. Aliene Leagon, of Newton; and Mrs. Jean Davis, of Monroe; and two sisters, Mrs. R. F. Reeves and Mrs. Clarence Moore, both of Statesville.



OPEN AIR MARKET - Pictured at top is the remainder of Charles Blalock's Supermarket on Shelby Road after a wind storm Sunday night in which the building collapsed. Lower left is one of several limbs and/or trees blown into electric lines. Lower right, Bob Ramsey, manager of City Paint Store, mops up damage done to his store window during the high winds which reached tornadoic force. Damage done by the storm has been speculated at near a half-million dollars. (Herald Photos by Claire Gilstad)

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Drilling Of Sites Deferred Pending Utilities Report

By MARTIN HARMON
Four members of the board of education, Dr. F. G. Padgett not being present, considered Wednesday afternoon a consulting geologist's preliminary report on grading costs of three school sites, then agreed to defer actual drilling of the sites pending receipt of a report by city engineers on availability of city water and sewage service.
Representatives of the board of education met with members of the city commission at a called city session Tuesday, and the city commission authorized an engineering study by W. K. Dickson & Company, Charlotte engineers, to determine whether sewage and water service would be available to the several sites.
Commissioners Ray Cline, Ben H. Bridges and J. E. Rhea were present for the meeting and said they did not know whether sewage service would be available, due to possible overloads of disposal facilities, particularly at the Phifer Road and Goforth-Plonk properties. They felt water service would be available at each site, but ordered the study to include this phase, too.
By implication, the city commission enunciated a policy on serving school sites, which it has followed for some years. The city would provide all city services to a school built within the city limits, but would carry utility lines needed at other sites only to the city limits. It was indicated differentials would be charged the schools for water and sewage to sites outside the city.
At Wednesday afternoon's board-of-education meeting, Holmes Harry, who initiated the action to retain the geologist (Earl C. Van Horn, of Murphy), suggested the city engineering reports might make pursuing the geological work further unnecessary, or partially unnecessary.
Chairman Fred W. Plonk had informed the members that Mr. Van Horn's fee is \$75 per diem, plus expenses, and that equipment and crews would have to be retained in addition at considerable cost.
He also explained that Mr. Van Horn had said he would not be able to initiate the drilling work prior to Tuesday and that he did not estimate the length of time the work would require.

Phifer Site Said Most Expensive By Consultant

By MARTIN HARMON
Consulting Geologist Earl C. Van Horn, of Murphy, in a preliminary survey conducted last Friday, rates grading costs of three possible school sites cheapest for the York Road site, second cheapest for the Goforth-Plonk site, and most expensive for the Phifer Road site.
In his summary he wrote:
'It is my opinion that of the three sites examined, the York Road site is the most suitable and would offer no construction problems.
'The Goforth-Plonk site appears satisfactory, subject only to a final check with minimum borings for safety.
'The Phifer-Neisler site appears to contain very bad rock conditions as to the over-all property and warns of substantial excavation costs.'
The report was received by mail late Tuesday.
The preliminary study of last Friday was made in the presence of Tom H. Cothran and Fred Van Wageningen, of Architects Associated, Chairman Fred W. Plonk, of the board of education, and Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes.
The remainder of the Van Horn report on the sites follows:
YORK PROPERTY: This property, situated on the southeast edge of the town of Kings Mountain, appears to be underlain by the Blacksburg schist formation and possibly by a schist phase of the Carolina gneiss formation. Decomposition of the rock appears to extend to considerable depth, to the end that hard rock should not be encountered for considerable depth below any proposed excavation. There is evidence of quartz veins on the property, but these probably would be so small as to be included in excavation costs at earth moving rates. I do not believe that the York Road property would present problems in regard to excavation and construction of school facilities.
GOFORTH - PLONK PROPERTY: This property is situated west of the Kings Mountain golf course, just North of Highway U. S. No. 74. The area of some 70 acres appears to be completely underlain by Whiteside granite, locally a rather pure, coarse-grained, light grey pure muscovite granite. This is a very extensive formation in the area and extends to great depth and nature of its decomposition.
The Goforth-Plonk property is very gently rolling, having no topographic prominence or major drainage. The weathering (decomposition) appears to be rather uniform and is expected to increase gradually with depth. Near-by excavations for streets and house sites indicated that earth-moving procedures should suffice for all requirements now proposed by the architects, with the possible exception of sporadic boulder conditions which should amount to the order of 1 percent of total excavation.
While I feel that excavations problems are minimal on this property, I would recommend that preliminary soundings be made at the corners and centers of any proposed excavations before contracts are let and final specifications completed.
PHIFER - NEISLER PROPERTY: This property is situated southwest of Kings Mountain, on the west side of Phifer Road. This property appears to be underlain by the same Whiteside granite described above, but local topography and drainage result in more adverse construction conditions.
The Phifer - Neisler property is more sharply rolling and is crossed several rather deep-cut streams. These conditions have resulted in more irregular weathering than appears on the Plonk-Goforth property. Rock outcrops are numerous on the Phifer-Neisler tracts. Typically, experience in the area has shown that often high knolls are capped by a rather extensive

School Awards Are Presented

Jan Williams, high school freshman, won the coveted Plonk scholarship medal and Sara Rose Lennon, senior, won the Kiwanis citizenship award in school finals Wednesday.
The top awards were among a number of honors accorded Kings Mountain high school students.
Eight seniors are recipients of college scholarships, including Carol Jean Goter to Duke University; Kay Broadwater to Agnes Scott; Sara Rose Lennon to Hollings; Jane Houser, Dianne McDaniel, Gale Morrison and Jean Harlowe to Western Carolina and Linda Bennett to Presbyterian Hospital School of History at Charlotte.
Miss Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Williams, also won the F. R. Summers spelling medal. Miss Lennon is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lennon.
Carol Jean Goter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goter, won the Bausch and Lomb honorary science award in chemistry and the John Phillip Sousa band award given in memory of Billy Shuford. The Billy Shuford science award went to Ken Bunkowski.
The Danforth award went to Bill Ramsey and Dianne McDaniel.
Other awards were: the DAR citizenship award to Judy Watterston; the Betty Crocker home-

Union Services To Begin Sunday

Sunday night's union service at Resurrection Lutheran church will launch the summer series of services.

Rev. George Moore will deliver the evening message at 8 o'clock on the theme, "God Wants You!" Special music will be featured.
The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is sponsoring the summer services, with each minister to speak from his own pulpit. Offerings will benefit the Bible-In-Schools program.
Seven Kings Mountain churches are participating. Next week's service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church with Dr. W. P. Gerberding to deliver the message. The June 17th service will be held at First Presbyterian church with Dr. Paul Ausley to deliver the sermon and the June 24th service will be held at Kings Mountain Baptist church with Rev. Marion DuBoise to lead the service.

Mary Leigh Mauney Wins Piano Award

Mary Leigh Mauney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., won second award of piano pupils of Mrs. Hilda Kruezer, of Gastonia, for scoring excellent during 27 lessons during the past year.
The award was presented at Mrs. Kruezer's Tuesday night recital, when the Kings Mountain pupil played Chopin's "Polonaise in G Minor" and Wotley's "English Countrydance."
She had previously won a superior rating in the auditions of the National Guild of Piano Teachers.



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Plonks Offer School Board \$5,000 Gift

C. S. Plonk and the J. O. Plonk Estate, joint owners of a portion of the major portion of the property known as the Goforth-Plonk school site, have informed the board of education they will make a contribution of five acres, should this site be chosen.
The school board has indicated it will require about 26 acres of Plonk lands, which had been quoted at \$1,000 per acre, making the proffered donation equivalent to \$5,000.
Marvin Goforth, owner of the major portion of the tract, had previously said he would make a gift making his estimated 44 acre tract average \$1,000 per acre. The proffer amounts to a gift of from \$12,000 to \$14,000.
Gifts have been proffered also on the York Road site. Mrs. George Houser, who quoted 32 acres at \$1250 per acre, informed the board she would give eight additional acres equivalent to a \$10,000 gift, while Aubrey Mauney, owner of a minimum of ten acres, quoted at \$10,000, said he would make a gift of an amount meeting the same percentage of other owners of this site. Also owning tracts needed in this site are Raymond Cline, who offered his acreage at \$800 and Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Sr., who offered her tract at \$1250.
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Dog Quarantine To Begin Friday

A 15-day dog quarantine in Kings Mountain will begin Friday, it was announced jointly by Mayor Kelly Dixon and Carver Blanton, county dog warden.
The law requires that all dogs be confined during the period of quarantine.
Warden Blanton said, "Any dog running loose can be killed by any peace officer, policeman, or deputy sheriff. We're after strays."
He also pointed out that failure of a dog owner to have his dog vaccinated against rabies and to keep a collar on his dog is a misdemeanor.
Mr. Blanton urged all dog owners to keep their pets confined during the quarantine period starting Friday and ending June 15.

103 Kings Mountain High School Seniors Were Receiving Diplomas

Kings Mountain high school awarded diplomas to 103 seniors in commencement exercises Wednesday night.
The high school graduation program was given by the seniors themselves who presented the theme, "Building for the Future." Betty Morrison emphasized character, Carol Goter pointed out the necessity of education in future growth, and Claire Gilstad talked on freedom. A senior ensemble, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure sang Russell's "The Halls of Ivey" and Cadman's "The Builder."
Ernest Payne, Jr. introduced the program after Bill Ramsey said the invocation. Kay Broadwater pronounced the benediction and the class gift to the school was presented by Gale Morrison.
Principal Harry Jaynes presented the candidates for graduation and awarded diplomas to the 103 members of the graduating class.
Commencement marshals were Sara Hendricks and Petie Lynn, co-cochairs, and Jackie Hughes,

Kemp Mauney Wins Good Citizen Award

Kemp Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., won the DAR Good Citizenship medal given Wednesday at West school.
A fifth grader, young Mauney is also president of his class.
Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR, annually presents Good Citizen awards in the schools.