

# Chamber Of Commerce Rescinds School Site Action



**HONORED --** George V. Hord, Jr. has been awarded a certificate of achievement while serving with the Second Infantry division at Fort Benning, Ga.

## Hord Wins Service Award

George V. Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hord of Kings Mountain, was recently awarded a certificate of achievement while serving as Information Specialist with the Second Infantry Division of the U. S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga.

The Kings Mountain man has returned to the copy desk of the Raleigh Times following his release from active service duty on May 18th. Mr. Hord joined the Times Staff after graduation from UNC School of Journalism in 1959.

Major General Charles H. Case said in presenting the merit award to Hord, "During the period from August 18, 1960, to May 18, 1962, Specialist George V. Hord, while serving as Information Specialist, Office of the Information Officer, performed his duties in a meritorious manner. He consistently displayed initiative, imagination, and determination of the highest order in completing assigned tasks. As a result of his exemplary contributions as news writer and sports editor, the Second Infantry Division portion of Fort Benning's newspaper, 'The Bayonet,' set an example of high professional excellence. Specialist Hord may be justly proud of his service throughout the cited period, which was in keeping with the finest traditions of the Second Infantry Division and the United States Army...."

## Local News Bulletins

### KIWANIS CLUB

"Operation Sunshine" is title of the film Kiwanians will view at their Thursday meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. Sherman Perry is program chairman.

### OPTIMIST BENEFIT

Kings Mountain Optimists will sponsor a benefit barbecue June 22nd at the American Legion Building from 11 a. m. until 9 p. m. Proceeds from barbecue plates will benefit the club's Boys' Work program of which Marion Sexton is chairman. Tickets will be \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children.

### AT CONFERENCE

Rev. Thomas Droppers, pastor, Mrs. David R. Hamrick and Mrs. E. W. Neal are representing Trinity Episcopal church and Parish Day School at a conference for Day School workers of the Kanuga Episcopal Conference Center near Hendersonville. The conference continues through Thursday.

### COOPERS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper, of San Francisco, Calif., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lohr. Mrs. Cooper is Mr. Lohr's sister. Mr. Cooper, a concert pianist and teacher, joined his wife here from Puerto Rico, where he attended the Pablo Casals music festival.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Resurrection Lutheran church will observe the Festival of the Holy Trinity at Sunday morning worship services at 10 a. m. Rev. George Moore, pastor, will use the sermon theme, "Do I Know God?" and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

## Owens Exonerated In Traffic Death Of Fite Child

Thomas Edward Owens, 19-year-old Clover, South Carolina youth, was exonerated of a charge of murder in a hearing in Monday's Recorder's Court session, following testimony by witnesses for the state.

The charge was lodged against him after an accident June 2 on Cleveland Avenue in which Donna Renna Fite, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fite, died after having been struck by the car Owens was operating.

Owens appeared in court without legal counsel. Judge Jack White explained to the youth that he faced a charge of murder in the first degree and should have been represented.

"But it was an accident, sir. I couldn't help it. I have some people here that saw it," was Owens' reply.

Neither Owens nor his witnesses took the stand. Judge White ruled no probable cause for binding the case, or a lesser charge of manslaughter to Superior Court for trial after testimony by Chief of Police Martin Ware, officer Charles Wallace, and an eyewitness, Mrs. Mary Scism.

Mrs. Mary Scism told the court she was baby-sitting with the Fite children at the family residence at 103 Cleveland Avenue and decided to go across the street to Oates' Shell Service to get a soft drink.

Hardly audible at times through sobs of anguish, Mrs. Scism continued her testimony: "Donna said she wanted to go. I told her no... the traffic was too heavy. I started for the street and I thought Donna had gone back into the yard... but when I stopped at the street I felt her at my side.

"I caught her little hand and kept telling her not to jump loose and run into the street. 'A car passed in front of us, headed toward King Street. As that car passed, she jerked from my hand and ran around the back of it. The other vehicle (the Owens vehicle) was coming down the street at the time.

"I saw her go up into the air and come back down... and slide down the highway...."

Mrs. Scism said the Owens car "didn't have any speed on it."

Chief of Police Martin Ware reported his examination of the scene of the accident showed the car had not been traveling fast. He noted the car was sitting at an angle, indicating the driver had swerved to the right in an effort to miss the child.

Officer Wallace echoed Chief Ware's findings at the scene.

Judge White, in handing down the decision which cleared Owens of the charge, said the death of the child "a very unfortunate and unavoidable accident."

Owens, who had sat through the hearing in a forced calm, left the courtroom in tears.

Other dispositions included: Bobby Ray Bagwell, 221 Morris Street, failure to comply with a

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## Multiple Sclerosis Fund Campaign To Begin Monday; Davis Chairman

Plans were being laid Wednesday for the Kings Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Fund drive June 18 through 30 by Isaiah C. Davis, appointed chairman of the local campaign last week.

Mr. Davis was named by Cleveland County Chairman, Mrs. Norman Harris.

Davis, agent for Life of Georgia Insurance Company, noted completion of preliminary committees and plans for special features of the campaign.

Mrs. Fred Withers is chairman of the MS canister solicitations and Donald L. Barker is heading solicitation of clubs. David Baily has been named publicity chairman.

Chairman for area door-to-door canvassing include Mrs. Jack White, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Beam, Rev. L. G. Garvin, Mrs. William G. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Clavon Kelly.

Mrs. Davis noted chairmen have not been appointed for several areas, but these should be forthcoming within the next day.

The door-to-door solicitation is scheduled for June 25 between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 p. m. However, Davis said, the cam-



**DAIRY PRINCESS --** Sandra Plonk is Cleveland County Dairy Princess for 1962 and will represent the county in district competition Tuesday in Charlotte.

## Sandra Plonk Dairy Princess

Sandra Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, Sr., is Cleveland County Dairy Princess for 1962.

Miss Plonk, 18, copped the title from a field of 11 contestants Thursday night. She will represent the county in district finals Tuesday in Charlotte.

A recent graduate of Kings Mountain high school where she was "May Queen," Miss Plonk plans to begin study this fall in the field of home economics at Appalachian State Teacher's college. She works part-time for the Kings Mountain Herald.

Miss Plonk was sponsored in the competition by Russell Cook, distributor of Foremost Dairies.

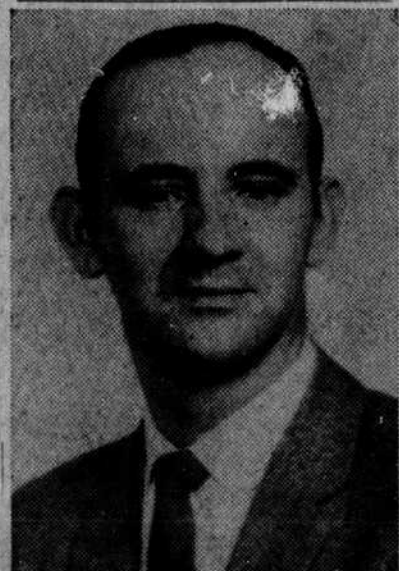
Ten other lovelies competed for the crown in the auditorium of Burns high school at Polkville. Another dairyman's daughter, Carolyn Cornwell of Lattimore was first runner-up. Gay Combs of Shelby was second runner-up and Elizabeth Black of Casar was third runner-up. Other contestants were Betty Ann Baker of Fallston; Patricia Ann Wilson, Margaret Whisman, Rebecca Kiser, Nancy Strickland and Linda Cline, all of Shelby, and Dottie Gibbons of Kings Mountain.

Miss Plonk was sponsored by Kings Mountain Drug Company. Master of Ceremonies Charles Cabanis, Shelby Radio Station WOHS announcer, asked each contestant three questions in the preliminary portion of the competition. The four finalists then were judged on their answers to: "What is the most tactful way to break a date with a boy so you may date another?"; "What are the goals in life you have set for yourself?"; and "What person has been most influential in shaping your life?"; Cow - questions - asked to city girls - provided the most fun for the audience.

Contestants wore evening dresses.

### OPTIMISTS MEET

Members of the Optimist club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular session Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at the Cottonwood Restaurant.



**HEADS DRIVE --** Isaiah C. Davis was appointed last week as chairman of the Kings Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Drive. The fund raising campaign will run from June 18-30.

paign in some instances may be carried out at the discretion of the chairmen of the several areas.

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## Marlowe Wins Medical Degree

### Ohio University Awards Degree To James Weaver

Two additional Kings Mountain students received degrees in college commencement exercises Sunday.

Edgar Earl Marlowe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marlowe, was graduated Sunday with doctor of medicine degree from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Marlowe will intern for one year at Roanoke Memorial hospital of Roanoke, Va.

Dr. Marlowe attended N. C. State college. He is a member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity. His wife is the former Nannette Carol Simpson of Memphis. The Marlowes and four-month-old daughter, Tonya Carol, live in Tennessee.

James Warren Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weaver, was graduated Sunday with B. S. degree in civil engineering from Ohio State University. He and his wife have a son, James Warren Weaver, Jr.

## Board To Meet Thursday Night

The city board of commissioners will convene Thursday night with the agenda apparently routine.

Mayor Kelly Dixon said he anticipated no action Thursday on two major matters, replacement of Chief of Police Martin Ware, resigned, who completed his duties with the city Tuesday, and on the 1962-63 city budget.

The board is expected to consider and adopt the upcoming year's privilege license ordinance, with no more than minor changes anticipated.

The Mayor said he also received a request for imposition of a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit on Mauney avenue.

Several technical matters are on the agenda, including amendment of both the general budget, due to an excess of receipts, and the gas system budget due to an excess of receipts and expenditures.

The board will also be asked to adopt an interim budget ordinance for the period July 1 until formal adoption of the 1962-63 budget.

## Area Methodist Pastors Return

All Kings Mountain area Methodist ministers were returned to their pastorate for another year by the Western North Carolina annual conference of the Methodist Church.

Bishop Nolan Harmon announced appointments at Lake Junaluska.

Returning to Kings Mountain are:

Rev. Bruce Norwood, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, who is beginning his third year.

Rev. Norman Pusey, pastor of Grace Methodist church, who is beginning his second year.

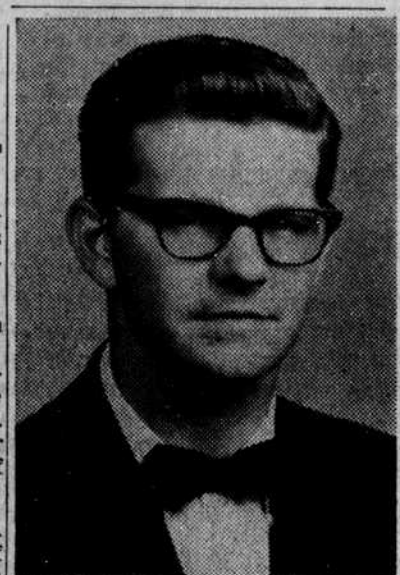
Rev. Herbert Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church, who is beginning his fourth year.

Returning to Bessemer City charges are:

Rev. George Starr, pastor of Odell Memorial church, who is beginning his fifth year.

Rev. E. O. Queen, pastor of Bethel-Tutte church, who is beginning his third year.

**BIBLE SCHOOL CONTINUES** Bible school is continuing through Friday evening at Macedonia Baptist church each day from 5 to 8 p. m. Eighty members answered roll call on Tuesday. Commencement exercises will be held Sunday evening at 7 p. m. during regular worship service. Mrs. B. L. Biddy is principal of the school and Rev. Wayne Ashe, is pastor of the church.



**GRADUATES --** Dr. Earl Marlowe and James Warren Weaver were graduated in college commencement exercises Sunday.

## Budget Requests \$80,000 Long

Departmental appropriation requests for 1962-63 are "only" \$80,000 over anticipated receipts City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. said Wednesday.

He used the term "only" advisedly, noting the average on appropriation requests is half that amount it was for the current year's budget and stating that an important inclusion is a \$75,000 figure for capital outlay - estimated cost of the first phase of rebuilding the electrical distribution system.

An important exclusion is the anticipated 1962-63 surplus, which Mr. McDaniel has previously estimated should total \$40,000.

The figures are currently in the hands of the mayor and commissioners, who are expected to begin work on the budget soon.

"What the commissioners will want to do, I don't know," the City Clerk commented, "but their paring job won't be as difficult as it has been in the past."

Meantime, a representative of Barnard & Burk, the city's gas system engineers, is due here Thursday to continue work on the upcoming year's gas system plan.

## Former Minister's Wife Passes

Mrs. Allie Fox Bell, 90, wife of a one-time Kings Mountain Lutheran minister, died two weeks ago at her home in Smithsburg, Md.

The funeral rites were held in Maryland.

Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Bell had lived here about 15 years. Dr. Bell beginning his pastorate at St. Matthew's Lutheran church in 1904. From Kings Mountain the Bell's went to Southern Seminary at Columbia, S. C. where Dr. Bell was professor of theology until his retirement some years ago.

Mrs. Bell's father, the late Dr. L. A. Fox was also a long-time Lutheran minister, serving as a professor of philosophy and pastor of theology at Roanoke College, Salem, Va. and at Southern Seminary.

The Bells had no children.

## Driller Plans Thursday Survey Of School Sites

BY MARTIN HARMON

Frank Hutchins, representative of an Asheville drilling company, is scheduled to arrive in Kings Mountain Thursday morning for an advance inspection of two prospective school sites, which the board of education has ordered drilled to determine rock content and likely grading cost.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he'd confirmed the Thursday visit early Wednesday afternoon.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk had reported previously difficulty in obtaining drilling service at the same time the board's geologist, Earl Van Horn, of Murphy, could also be available.

Investigation revealed that several companies specialize in drilling work and that many mining firms contract their services, rather than employing their own drilling apparatus and crews.

Chairman Plonk said the drilling "will not be cheap." In fact, he indicated he considered quotations from some firms astronomically high.

The board, by 4-0 decision, ordered the drilling to determine clearance costs on May 23, after a group of 40 citizens had attended a board meeting and expressed opposition to location of the high school on the Phifer-Neisler property on Phifer road.

The board had reviewed at the meeting architect's report that rock outcroppings on the site indicated considerable grading costs. The architect report also reported incidence of rock on the Goforth-Plonk property and the board motion was to drill all sites under consideration.

An inspection of these sites by Geologist Van Horn, as well as the York Road site, brought the recommendation to drill the two sites. Drilling of the York Road site is unnecessary, the Geologist wrote.

The board of education appeared split 3-2 in favor of the Phifer Road site at its regular meeting May 21, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Lena McGill and Holmes Harry indicating readiness to favor this location.

At the subsequent session two days later, Mr. Harry made the motion to drill the several prospective sites and made the statement he would consider another development of the Phifer Road site, should the drilling show property too expensive.

## Yard Bazaar Friday To Benefit Hospital

Kings Mountain Garden Council is inviting the interested public to visit a benefit yard bazaar local garden clubs will sponsor Friday.

Booths will open at 11 a. m. on the lawn of the E. W. Griffin home West Mountain street. The bazaar will close at 7 p. m.

Both lunch and supper will be available. Assortment of gift items plus gardening supplies will be offered for sale in take-home packages.

All proceeds will go to the club's beautification project at Kings Mountain hospital.

## Dr. Hamilton, Medical Missionary, Dr. Peters Address ARP Members

BY ANNE JAMES HARMON

"The job of the medical missionary is to practice the art of medicine, but his primary purpose is to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

These were the words of Dr. Lindsay Hamilton, one of two young doctors, both students at the University of Pennsylvania, who spoke Sunday morning at Boyce Memorial AR church.

Dr. Hamilton, whose parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton, are missionaries to West Pakistan from the AR Presbyterian church, is the brother of Mrs. J. C. McGill and nephew of Dr. W. L. Pressley. He will leave soon for Pakistan as a medical missionary.

With him was Dr. John Peters, an anesthetist, from Madras, India. A third generation Christian, he will go, after one more year of study in this country, to Bahrain, an island in the Persian Gulf and to Saudi Arabia as a medical missionary from the



**PRESIDENT --** Jonas Bridges, WKMT general manager, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1962-63 at Tuesday night's meeting. He succeeds Martin Harmon.

## Lions Installed New Officers

Jonas Bridges, general manager of Radio Station WKMT, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Bridges succeeds Martin Harmon.

George Thomasson, zone chairman and past president of the club, conducted the installation of officers and directors, pointing out the specific duties of each in managing his club operations.

Other new officers 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.

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

Holdover directors are Dr. George W. Plonk, William Lawrence Plonk, and Howard Bryant. The retiring president is an ex officio member of the board.

Mr. Harmon told the club, "It has been a good year."

He said the three money-making projects had been successful, that the club had enjoyed high quality programs, and had compiled a good record of service in its sight conservation program, support of the Lions club work at Boys' Home, support of the foreign student program and in other directions. He reported nine new members had joined the club, with the net membership gain totaling six.

"The club ends its year on a sound footing, both service-wise and financially," he declared.

Retiring Secretary Eugene Gladden was presented a pin as a "100 percent" club secretary.

## C Of C Officials To Attend Meeting

President Glee A. Bridges and Secretary-Treasurer L. E. Hinnant of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will go to Chapel Hill Thursday, where they will attend a meeting of the Governor's Committee on Financing Incoming Industry.

While away, the Chamber of Commerce officials expect to confer with Hargrave Bowles, director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

## C Of C Board Says It Acted Minus All Facts

BY MARTIN HARMON

The board of directors of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Tuesday rescinded its opposition to selection of the Goforth-Plonk property for an area high school site.

The Chamber of Commerce board, on May 14, had adopted a resolution opposing this site for a high school "due to vast differences in price and closeness to the highway."

President Glee A. Bridges said the Tuesday action was taken unanimously by all directors present at the May 14 session.

The formal statement from the Tuesday action reads:

"At a regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce board of directors on May 14 members of the board went on record as opposing the Goforth-Plonk site as our new school site.

"Inasmuch as we did not have all the information at hand and with the full board membership not present, numerous requests have been received to call a meeting of the board on this matter, which was done June 12, 1962, with the following present: R. O. Southwell, E. S. Peck, Jr., Fred J. Wright, Jr., J. E. Ames, Bob Maner, Glee A. Bridges, and L. E. Hinnant.

"Inasmuch as members of our Chamber of Commerce do not all see alike on this issue, we decided to rescind our action unanimously, as a Chamber of Commerce taking no part in this matter whatsoever."

The May action had been taken on the same day Marvin Goforth, owner of a major portion of the Goforth-Plonk site, had proffered a \$12,000 donation to the schools, should this site be chosen. The gift proffer had the effect of making the cost of the Goforth property \$1,000 per acre. Since that time, C. S. Plonk and the J. O. Plonk Estate have informed the board of education they will make a \$5,000 donation should the Goforth-Plonk site, including about 26 acres of Plonk lands, be chosen for the new high school.

Only one other organization, Kings Mountain Country Club, has taken action concerning location of the new school.

The Country Club board of directors passed a resolution opposing the Goforth-Plonk site on grounds that driven golf balls would pose a hazard to pupils who might cross the club's golf course as a short-cut to the school.

The Goforth-Plonk site adjoins the club's golf course.

## Bloodmobile Here Friday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain Friday at 11 a. m. with donors to be processed until 5 p. m. at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Goal of the collection is 125 pints of blood. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cheshire, blood program co-chairmen, said.

"With the increased need for blood, with physicians and surgeons relying more and more on blood and blood derivatives in treatment of patients, the need for blood is rising," they pointed out and added, there must be a step-up, rather than a let-up, in the recruitment of donors.

To test and to refresh the local citizen's knowledge of the Red Cross Blood program, the Kings Mountain chapter has furnished a list of questions and answers concerning the blood program and donor which includes:

- 1) How old must I be to donate blood? From 18 to 60; with parental permission if under 21 and unmarried.
  - 2) How do I know whether I am healthy enough to give blood? Before you are permitted to donate, Red Cross workers including a physician, check your temperature, pulse, hemoglobin and blood pressure, and take careful medical history.
  - 3) How much blood can I give? How often? Approximately one pint, every eight weeks but no more than five times a year.
  - 4) Does the Red Cross use all the blood that is donated? Yes. Nothing is wasted.
  - 5) What happens to the blood? Whole blood is given in transfusions when large amounts of blood have been lost as a result of injury, childbirth, or surgery. It may be used to treat infections.
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