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City Limits 8,008

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Seventy-Third Year

City Will Invite Bids On New Sub-Station Equipment

State, Local School Officials Will Confer On School Plant

Topography, Plant Details To Be Discussed

By HAROLD PEARSON
Dr. J. L. Pierce, Director of the Division of School Planning of the State Board of Education, and his assistant Dr. Gardner will be in Kings Mountain Thursday to confer with local school officials on the proposed new high school.

The visit follows a trip by Supt. Barnes and school architects to Raleigh last week to report prospective locations for the new school on Phifer Road.

Purpose of the return call will be to discuss both the prospective locations and the precise plans for the plant.

Dr. Gardner recently joined the state department as a specialist in the field of educational planning and was employed solely to assist the state's schools with educational surveys and plans. Kings Mountain's plant is Dr. Dr. Gardner's first North Carolina assignment.

Supt. Barnes termed last week's visit very profitable, although no decision was reached on the school's location.

The Division of School Planning would not render a decision on the location until all aspects of the plans could be studied. They did, however, state that Kings Mountain would get immediate service on their proposals and would be the first to receive the services of Dr. Gardner.

Thursday's visit by the state officials is the first phase of this promised service.

"I believe we are lucky to obtain these services," Supt. Barnes stated. "They will be able to do more for us at this time than if we waited until a later date, when their schedule might be more crowded."

School Enrollment
Supt. Barnes stated that he could not be sure at this time whether or not the average daily attendance warranted another high school teacher.

An average daily attendance of 22 per teacher is necessary if an additional teacher is to be allotted by the state board.

"If the average daily attendance in the high school is as much as 22, I will definitely ask Raleigh (state board) for an additional teacher."

No figure for the average daily attendance was available. Peak enrollment at the high school for the first two weeks was 260.

The enrollment for all the city's schools reached 4,250 after the tenth class day. An increase of 89 over opening day and 22 over the fifth day of the term.

Supt. Barnes also stated that no further action has been taken in the matter of school transfers. The board of education has not met since September 1.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of education is scheduled for Monday, September 17.

School Traffic Control Solved As Policemen Pull Extra Duty

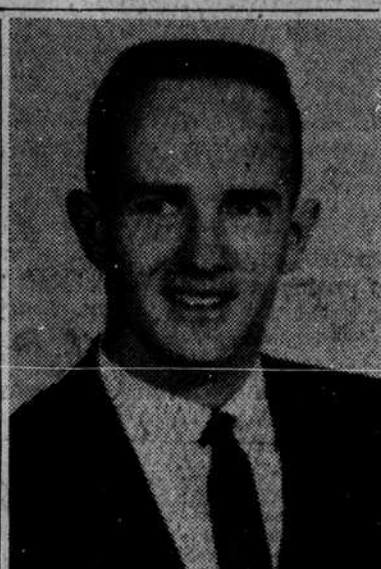
School area traffic control, a moot subject during the 1961-62 school year which brought such suggestions as employment of women traffic officers, is being handled this year via regular duty policemen on an extra-duty schedule.

Under a staggered system, city policemen off duty will handle traffic control duties at city schools during morning and afternoon hours when children are either going to or leaving school.

The city board of commissioners gave formal and monetary approval to the plan Monday night, when they voted unanimously to pay policemen for six hours of extra duty weekly (the Christmas holiday season being an exception) throughout the school term.

Police Commissioner Ray Cline told the board the traffic control arrangement was already functioning well.

In other actions, the board:



Sherman Perry, Park Historian, Wins Promotion

Sherman W. Perry, supervising historian at Kings Mountain National Military Park, has been promoted and transferred by the National Park Service to Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, N. J.

Announcement of Mr. Perry's promotion was made by Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent of the Kings Mountain Park.

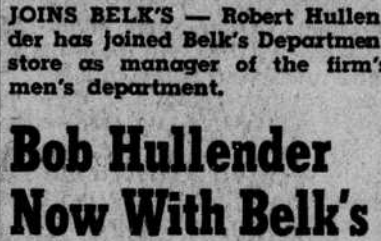
Mr. and Mrs. Perry and their two children, Paula, age 11, and Ben, age two, will be moving to Morristown about September 24.

The Perrys will be located within 18 miles of his childhood home and will be employed by the same park where Mr. Perry joined the National Park Service in 1951.

At Morristown, Mr. Perry will be associated with Dr. Francis S. Reynolds, superintendent in the primary research on Washington's life. He will hold a similar position of supervisor of historical work of the important national park.

Mr. Perry said his promotion came as a "complete surprise."

A graduate of Drake University, Mr. Perry joined the Kings Mountain Park as historian in June 1956, was promoted to supervising historian in 1958. He is a veteran, having served in the Southwest Pacific area, and a Kiwanian. Mrs. Perry is the former Althea Jackson of Peterson, Iowa.



Bob Hullender Now With Belk's

Robert (Bob) Hullender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hullender, has joined Belk's Department store as manager of the firm's men's department.

Mr. Hullender assumed his duties Monday.

Recently with Alexander Johnson Associated, Decatur, Ga., mapping firm, Mr. Hullender won a B. S. degree in business administration at Western Carolina college in 1960. He served two years in the army medical corps.

Mrs. Hullender is the former Guyanne Herndon. They and their two daughters live on Lackey street.

Charge Pending Against Hovis

A charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill remained pending against former city policeman Harold Hovis Wednesday.

The charge was filed shortly after his wife, Catherine, was seriously wounded in the face by a bullet from a .38 caliber pistol during an argument Thursday at the Hovis home.

According to reports received from local police the shooting appeared to be accidental.

Statements from Harold Hovis, the 46-year-old son, and Mrs. Hovis corroborated the initial statement of Hovis that the shooting was accidental.

Mrs. Hovis' condition is listed as good and the fear that she might lose an eye from the injury has been dispelled by doctors' examinations.

It is likely the charge will remain pending against Hovis until a hearing can be held following the release from the hospital of Mrs. Hovis.

Lutheran Mission Plans Underway

Kings Mountain's two Lutheran churches will participate in an evangelism and Spiritual Life mission with 45 other congregations of the Southern Conference September 30 - October 4.

The joint announcement was made by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Missionaries from outside the church conference will conduct evangelistic services beginning Sunday, Sept. 30th with two services on that day and nightly services through Thursday, Oct. 4th.

Missionaries to the local churches will be: Rev. E. Arm and Shealy, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church of North (Continued On Page Eight)

Democrats Name Dr. Glenn

Dr. Dorothy Norman Glenn, Gastonia physician and daughter of Mrs. J. S. Norman of Kings Mountain has been nominated for "Democratic Woman of the Year" in North Carolina.

Active in politics all her life, Dr. Glenn is presently serving as vice-chairman of the Gaston County Democratic Executive Committee. She was nominated to represent Gaston county in the contest to select a "Woman of the Year" in the 10th district, and later in the entire state.

Dr. Glenn's nomination was announced from Charlotte by Mrs. J. Henry Cromartie, vice-chairman of the State Democratic Executive committee. Mrs. Cromartie said the state winner will be chosen during the convention at Asheville Oct. 5. Prior to that, 11 district winners will be selected by Mrs. Margaret Price, Democratic national vice-chairman of Washington, D. C.

Business Firm's Meeting Today

Annual meeting of stockholders of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at City Hall.

Principal business of the meeting will be reports of officers and election of six directors.

The organization was organized in 1959 to spur industrial expansion in the Kings Mountain area. The firm was instrumental in bringing to Kings Mountain Waco Spentwear, Inc., which rents the firm's property off Waco Road under a lease-purchase option, and Shannon, Ltd.

Officers and directors of the firm are: J. Wilson Crawford, president; Fred W. Plonk, vice-president; and Ben H. Bridges, secretary - treasurer. Other directors are B. S. Neill, Glee A. Bridges and W. K. Mauney.

Annual Bethware Fair Open; Fair Continues All Weekend

Rides, Exhibits, And Fireworks Fair Features

Three full days remain at the 15th annual Bethware Community Fair which opened Wednesday.

Billed by Fair Officials as one of the community's "bigger and better" fairs, this year's township event opened yesterday with an expanded list of exhibits from agricultural, commercial, and industrial fields.

The Bethware Progressive club, sponsoring the fair, announced that the organization, in collaboration with Phifer Hardware Company and R. C. Lee Riding Devices will present a handsome boys' bicycle to some lucky visitor in a prize drawing Saturday, closing day of the fair. Numerous other prizes will be awarded.

Exhibit halls on the grounds of Bethware school are filled with prize-winning exhibits marked by blue ribbons. Cash prizes are to be awarded Thursday, Children's Day. There are the customary midway attractions, rides, concessions and a new attraction, Eagleson's Ape Show, featuring educated and trained chimpanzees.

Bethware Fair will open at 1 p. m. Thursday and Saturday and at 3 p. m. Friday. Fireworks will follow prize drawings each night. The fair will close at midnight Saturday.

There is no admission charge.

145 Students Off-To-School

Addition of seven to the area's off-to-school list brings to 145 the number of students leaving the Kings Mountain area for post high school training in colleges and specialized schools.

Alton Stewart, Tony Goins and William Clyde Carroll have enrolled at Appalachian State Teacher's college, Boone, bringing the total of area ASTC students to 11.

Flem Mauney is being sent by the Navy to North Carolina State college. He joins 15 other area students at the Raleigh institution.

Charles William (Buddy) Freeman is a ministerial student at Carson Newman college in Tennessee, where he will be a junior.

Gail Kircus returns to Gaston Memorial hospital School of Nursing where she is a senior. Now in Raleigh for four months training at Dorothies Dix hospital, Miss Kircus was one of two marshals for commencement exercises at the Gastonia school August 26th.

William Lawrence Mauney, Jr. goes to McCauley School for Boys, a preparatory school in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Ralph C. Flowe Addresses AIME

Footo Mineral Company's open pit mining operation here was described in detail by Ralph C. Flowe, mine superintendent, on Tuesday at the fall meeting of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum engineers, at Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Mr. Flowe's formal presentation detailed the history of Footo's operation here, geology of the Kings Mountain operation, drilling methods, blasting methods, and loading and hauling operations.

Yarbro Injured As Tire Blows

Lee Yarbro, Sr., Bethlehem community farmer, suffered a broken back Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock when his truck he was operating blew a tire and plunged down a 15-foot embankment near Buffalo Bridge.

The vehicle was loaded with fertilizer.

Mr. Yarbro was admitted to Gaston Memorial hospital, where his condition was reported as satisfactory.



TOP PRIZE AT BETHWARE FAIR - Miss Bethware Fair, Frankie Hamrick, tries out the brand new bicycle, top prize to be awarded to some lucky fair visitor during the Bethware Community Fair which continues through Saturday on the grounds of Bethware school. Miss Hamrick is the daughter of Bethware Progressive club president Frank Hamrick and Mrs. Hamrick. (Photo by Truett Moore)

Democrats Seek Campaign Cash

Area Precinct Leaders Accept Assigned Quotas

Cleveland County Democratic leaders are raising a campaign fund for use in the approaching general election campaign.

County Democrats have set a \$3,000 quota, of which half will be retained for local use and half sent to the state organization.

Quotas assigned area Democratic precincts are: West Kings Mountain \$280; East Kings Mountain \$270; Bethware \$65; and Grover \$60.

Ollie Harris, chairman of East Kings Mountain precinct, said the quotas were assigned on basis of ten cents per registered Democrat per precinct.

"Contributions, no matter the size, will be welcomed from all Democrats. They should be given to the respective precinct chairmen and checks should be (Continued On Page Eight)

City Tax Payments Jump During Week

City tax pre-payments increased heavily during the past week, Acting Tax Collector Joe McDaniel, Jr., said, with receipts through Tuesday totaling \$79,487.

The total is nearly half the estimated \$175,000 levy for the current year.

Pre-payments during September earn a discount of one percent. The discount rate drops to one-half one percent in October, with taxes due at par in November.

Square Dancing Class To Begin

A class in Western-style square dancing will begin at the Bessemer City Teen Center Saturday night at 7:30, it was announced by Tom Bryant, instructor.

Mr. Bryant said 16 classes will be conducted on consecutive Saturday evenings and that deadline for acceptance of students will be September 22.

City Launching Electric System Re-building

By MARTIN HARMON

The city initiated Monday night an estimated \$135,000 electrical system improvements program, as it authorized its engineers to prepare specification on new sub-station equipment for consideration by October 29.

The full improvements program, according to Southeastern Consulting Engineers schedule, would be completed about 13 months hence in October 1963.

First phase line construction bids are scheduled to be received next April 15, along with bids on installation of sub-station equipment. Second phase line construction is possible of authorization by July 1, 1963.

The upcoming contract will cover cost of sub-station equipment alone and is expected to attract bids from major electrical equipment manufacturers.

The engineering firm has explained that this equipment is custom-made. Thus it must be ready for delivery when first phase line construction bids are received.

The timetable arranged by the engineers meets the monetary and legal requirements of the city.

Included in this year's budget was \$75,000 for the first phase of the initially planned two-phase distribution system improvements.

Under the state law, a city administration cannot budget for more than a 12-month period. Therefore, since terms of office of the present administration members expire in May of 1963, this administration is not in position to let the contract for the complete program on anticipation of budgeting during the next year.

Under the plan of the engineers, following the letting of contracts on the sub-station equipment, bids will be invited for both construction jobs, with the second phase bid to be taken as an alternate. The alternate for the second phase will be binding on the contractor but, subject to rejection by the city administration.

The idea is to enable the city to benefit, should the next administration desire, from bidding on the line construction as one job, which engineers estimate will save the city an additional ten percent, or an estimated \$13,500. It is anticipated the city will be able to budget the additional \$60,000 in 1963-64.

Max Miller, a Greensboro electrical engineer, recommended in 1952 that the electrical distribution system be rebuilt, meantime making "patchwork" recommendations that have been fully implemented. Since 1952, electrical consumption by city customers has more than doubled.

Ward Addresses Cleveland Lions

"There's no way to go the second mile than to lend a helping hand to one in the dark," Henry A. Ward, executive secretary of the North Carolina Association for the Blind told Cleveland County Lions at a joint meeting Tuesday at Brackett's Cedar Park.

Mr. Ward had noted that the second mile dictum stemmed from Jesus Christ. When Rome was at the height of power, he related, the law stipulated that a Roman soldier could compel anyone he met to carry his arms for one mile.

Mr. Ward said, "The Master came and said, 'If he compel you to go one mile, go with him two.'"

Outlining work of the association to supplement legal welfare programs in whatever way to aid the state's blind, with a major work rehabilitation for useful work.

He stated that the state association has for 15 years put more blind persons into useful employment than any other state in the union.

Other figures he listed: The association has a file record on 12,500 blind in the state, of whom 151 are Cleveland county citizens.

In the past year, 1103 North Carolinians who were blind had their vision restored, the highest aim of the association.

Fifty to 60 percent of blindness is preventable.

Sixty-five percent of blindness occurs in old age.

A large delegation of Kings Mountain Lions attended the meeting.

Transco Anticipates City To Get 500 MCF Gas Allotment Requested

By MARTIN HARMON

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation anticipates the Federal Power commission will grant the city's request for an additional half-million cubic feet per day natural gas allotment prior to November 1.

R. S. Burns, Jr., Transco vice-president, has forwarded copies on contracts for city execution including the additional allotment request the city made several months ago.

In the allotment request, the city said it would require up to a half-million cubic feet daily, beginning November 1, and an additional 100,000 cubic feet daily, beginning November 1, 1963.

Mr. Burns told the city he anticipates favorable action on the city request by the FPC prior to November 1, effective date of the

new contract whereby the city purchases gas from Transco.

Meantime, construction is well underway on expansion of the line is being installed from York line is being installed from York road to Gold street, thence from Gold north to Cansler, to supply increased demand from several industrial customers. This line addition and other line changes will also serve increased demand by Bennett Brick & Tile Company as well as other customers in the southwest portion of the city.

Natural gas consumption has increased annually since the city began serving its first customer early in 1955.

During the fiscal year just ended, the gas system grossed \$194,451, returning an operating profit of \$76,674. Gas purchases totaled \$97,401.