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City Limits 8,008

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Mrs. C. E. Cash Wins Top Award

Local News Bulletins

Entries Heavy At 59th Annual Floral Fair

Mrs. C. E. Cash won the sweepstakes award and the top prize after receiving the most blue ribbons in Wednesday's floral fair and flower show, 59th annual event of the Woman's Club and Garden Council.

Other major prizes were four awards of merit for outstanding exhibits.

Mrs. Carl Mauney's merit award was for her collection of roses. In the Junior division, Donna Ann Crawford, North school seventh grader, copped the merit award for her arrangement depicting flowers and home items in Kings Mountain during the period of 1776. Bethware Principal R. G. Franklin's eighth grade copped the award for the outstanding educational exhibit, a collection of the different minerals found in Cleveland County.

There were many winners of blue, red, yellow and white ribbons for arrangements and horticulture exhibits.

Yesterday's show drew large crowds in Indian Summer weather. The theme, "Peace and Beauty at the Battleground," carried out in all divisions, was in observance of the 182nd anniversary year of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Fairgoers were highly complimentary in their praise of stage settings, exhibits and decorations which carried out the theme.

Clubwomen, who were pages, dressed in Southern costumes. The stage of the clubhouse was a pioneer setting, complete with typical log cabin and appropriate background. Pupils of Mrs. John E. Gamble from West school painted a mural of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The mural was draped on the back wall of the club dining room where lunch and dinner were served. The judges awarded an award of distinction to the exhibit. The fifth graders had painted mountaintops to focus attention to the Revolutionary War battle scene.

Mrs. George Houser was general chairman of the flower show. Members from both sponsoring organizations made up committees for the fair, bazaar and flower divisions.

Flower show judges were Mrs. Ward Whisnant, Mrs. Frank B. Kirkland, Mrs. Stanley E. Moore, Mrs. Robert E. Christenberry, Mrs. C. Spruce, all of Charlotte; Mrs. Lamar Cooglar of Chester; S. C. Mrs. A. L. Tait, Mrs. Frank H. Crowell, Mrs. H. M. Craig, all of Lincolnton; Mrs. Ennis Jackson, Mrs. Paul Kincaid and Mrs. William R. Turner, all of Gastonia.

Complete list of winners follows. (Continued On Page Eight)

MEETING SET

The Kings Mountain Baptist Association will meet at the First Baptist church Oct. 25-26, according to an announcement by Rev. E. L. Raines, pastor. The 14 Baptist churches of the Kings Mountain area are host for the 112th annual session of the organization.

Local Funds Budget Of \$672,169 For Area Schools Is Approved

A \$672,169 budget for the Kings Mountain administrative school unit was approved by the Kings Mountain Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting Monday.

Following the board meeting the budget was approved by the board of county commissioners. The budget approved included \$270,490 in current expense funds and \$401,678 in capital outlay funds.

The approved budget for the district compares with a \$521,835 figure approved last year. The increase of \$150,334 is due largely to the inclusion of anticipated new bond money in the capital outlay figure.

Also at the Monday meeting the Kings Mountain Board of Education set the Christmas holidays which will begin with the close of school Wednesday, December 19, and resume with the opening of school Wednesday, January 2.

This means that area students will have nine days of holidays.



WINS CONTEST — Sara Hendricks, high school senior, is first place winner in the annual essay contest sponsored by the state United Daughters of Confederacy. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Lions Governor To Visit Here

Frank C. Sherrill of Davidson, governor of District 31-C of Lions International, will make his official visit to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday.

Mr. Sherrill will also present the program. Lion George B. Thomason, program chairman, will present Governor Sherrill. The Kings Mountain civic club convenes at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Lions President Jonas Bridges reminded members that October is Membership Month and invited all Lions to remember the goal of a Lion-a-member. He noted that fruit cakes have been ordered and chairman Howard Broadwater will make his report on this forthcoming project Tuesday.

Reports from the recent White Cane sale for benefit of the blind will also be given by J. T. McGinnis, Jr., chairman.

Community Day Observance Set

Kings Mountain churchwomen are being asked to bring sewing kits to be sent to Southeast Asia on World Community Day Friday, November 2nd.

The local program will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church at 3:30 p. m.

Piece goods, crochet cotton and crochet needles are also being collected. Mrs. George W. Plonk, president of the Kings Mountain Council of United Churchwomen, interdenominational organization sponsoring the observance, said.

"We hope that everyone will make an effort to attend the service so we may be better informed as to Southeast Asia and her problems and in that knowledge be truly able to meet our responsibility and work toward our 'Channels of Peace'."

Mrs. A. J. Slater is program chairman and other members of the planning committee are Mrs. R. L. Goforth, Miss Ava Ware, Mrs. William Herndon, Mrs. Earl Ledford, Mrs. Thomas Droppers, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Mrs. Hunter Neisler and Mrs. J. E. Mauney.

All churches in the community are represented.

CLAN GATHERS

Descendants of Colonel Frederick Hambricht gathered October 7th, anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, for the annual reunion at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover. Mrs. F. R. Summers, member of the clan, gave the program.

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Board members stated that this would enable the students and teachers to enjoy the traditional New Year's day events.

In other action the board elected three delegates to attend the Board Association in Chapel Hill October 31. Chairman F. W. Plonk, Dr. Phillip Padgett and Mrs. Lena McGill were the delegates named.

Mrs. Jay Patterson was elected treasurer of Park Grace School and James N. Griffin treasurer at Compact.

The board again considered a request of the Bible Committee that the school's Bible teacher be given additional teaching duties. They decided to leave her as a full-time Bible teacher.

No action was taken in the matter concerning the expense accounts of the system's traveling teachers.

The board approved the request of Fred Withers that he be permitted to continue as coach of the high school baseball team.

KM Annexes Gaston County Area

Local Citizens Are Injured In 74 Pile-up

Three Kings Mountain citizens were injured early Wednesday morning in a nine-vehicle pile-up three miles east of the city on U. S. 74.

Gerteul Lee Grigg of 916 First Street was admitted to Gaston Memorial Hospital with lacerations, a broken arm and possible internal injuries.

Given emergency treatment and released were Samuel David Collins of 116 Wells Street and James Dean Hammet of 407 W. Mountain Street.

Also given emergency treatment and released were the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Seastrunk, Laurens, S. C. and Marvin Franklin Richardson, Gaffney.

The mass pile-up was reportedly touched off when a gravel truck slowed in dense fog on the crest of a hill and was struck in the rear by the Collins vehicle in the east bound lane of 74.

The gravel truck continued on its way and latest reports say that it has not been located.

A tractor-trailer truck driven by James Elbert Miller, Columbia, S. C. slammed into the rear of the Collins vehicle and the mass pile-up followed.

Jackie Lee Cobb, 1286 Westover Street, was last in the pile-up as he side-swapped the rear of the Grigg car.

The Grigg, Collins and Richardson cars were reported to be total losses and damage to the other vehicles was estimated at a total of \$1,500.

Traffic on both lanes of 74 was blocked and diverted for approximately two hours while workmen cleared the accident scene.

New High School Reading Program Now Underway

It's 8:30 a. m. and a student sits down at a machine in the library of Kings Mountain high school.

Twenty minutes later another high school student comes in and takes his place at the small reading machine in a corner of the room.

They are among the 55 juniors and seniors who are enrolled in a reading course offered here for the first time five weeks ago.

By the end of this school year, 165 high school boys and girls will have had the opportunity to use the machine. There is no unit credit given, the course is a voluntary one and students are assigned two lessons weekly at various study periods.

About one-third of the student body has indicated interest in the course, already enrolled and on a "waiting list".

Mrs. Wilson Griffin, high school teacher who is supervising the new reading program, said purpose is two-fold: 1) to increase reading speed about 2 1/2 times and at the same time improve concentration and 2) to attain 100 percent comprehension on the part of the reader.

Students conduct the lessons themselves during a 14-week 27-lesson course. Comprehension tests are "key" checked, as well as papers and reports by Mrs. Griffin.

Already, Mrs. Griffin noted that some students had increased their reading speed more than 200 words.

There are several steps, Mrs. Griffin pointed out: 1) The first lesson is a series of digits. These are read by the reader who in turn writes them on paper and turns on the machine to see if he has read them correctly. This improves memory and concentration.

2) A reading selection is assigned followed by questions to test comprehension. 3) As the program progresses the machine is set at a greater speed and a goal of 500 words per minute and 100 percent comprehension.

Mrs. Griffin commented, "We have been highly pleased with the success of this program in its beginning stages. The Craig Reading machine was purchased at considerable cost to the school and students are already reaping its benefits. We feel the students are very interested in improving their reading, already 300 are enrolled."



GOP STANDARD BEARERS — Mayor Kelly Dixon, left, who's been noncommittal about his plans for re-election next May, endorsed Wednesday the candidacy of Conover Republican Carroll Barringer in the 10th Congressional race. Candidate Barringer, who seeks to un-

seat incumbent Democrat Basil L. Whitener of Gastonia, is pictured with Dixon in the mayor's office. They talk over GOP plans at the mayor's desk which shows a carved wood figurine of an elephant. Both political parties were actively campaigning this week.

Fourteen-Lot Linwood Section Now Part Of City

By a unanimous vote of the Kings Mountain City Commission Thursday night a small portion of Gaston became part of the City of Kings Mountain.

The annexed area, part of a proposed 24-lot housing development in the Linwood section, consists of 14 lots.

Developer of the housing project Wilson Crawford again appeared at the board meeting and showed maps and plans of the proposed project. He first appeared at the September meeting with a request for the annexation.

It was decided by the commission at the September meeting to advertise the annexation of the 14 outlying lots. No opposition to the proposed annexation was reported to the commission and they annexed the area Thursday night.

Also at the Thursday night meeting City Attorney J. R. Davis was appointed Recorder. Fred Tom to act as judge of Recorder's Court during the absence of Judge Jack White.

Judge White has been ill frequently in the past few weeks and has been forced by his illness to miss three of the last five scheduled court sessions.

In other action the council made it official city policy to charge \$100 for the installation of two meters where there is a single water tap as in the case of duplex apartments. The fee includes \$60 for one meter, plus \$40 for meter fittings and labor on the second.

A public hearing was called for the next meeting on a request by Dr. Craig Jones that four lots on W. King Street be rezoned from residential to business. The lots are at the corner of King and Juniper Streets.

Taken under advisement was a request from Clarence E. Carpenter that he be appointed city sanitary inspector.

A petition to pave the north end of Fourth Street from Crawford Drive to the end of the street was unanimously accepted.

Advertisements for bids on a new garbage paker, pickup truck and air compressor were authorized. Funds for these three pieces were reported to be provided for in the budget.

Mayor Kelly Dixon was authorized to secure the right-of-way from Waterson Street to Goforth Street on Ridge Street for a new electric power line.

Street lights were approved for the following locations: Walker Street near Pauline Mills; Candler Street between Walker Street and Temple Baptist Church; and Piedmont Street between Ridge and Parker Streets.

A request from Ollie Harris for \$500 to finish the floor of the armory and place a black chain around the grassed areas was approved.

Street assessments on Stone and Goforth Streets, which have been advertised, were confirmed. A determination was authorized for street assessments on Woodside Drive, Blanton Street and Ellison Street.

Rezoning from residential to business two lots at the corner of King and Deal Streets was approved.

City Recreation Program Gets Kiwanis Gift

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club has donated six basketball backboards to the city recreation program, at estimated cost of \$1,000.

Members of the civic club's project committee, of which Charles A. Neisler is chairman, announced the presentation of the gift this week.

Mr. Neisler said the backboards were purchased from funds derived via the annual School Talent Show held recently.

Funds from last year's show were used to help purchase an activity bus for the schools. The new backboards were installed at the National Guard Armory on Phifer road this week.

B. N. Barnes is president of the Kiwanis club. Mr. Neisler is a past president.

ROTARY PROGRAM

Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, will present the program at Tuesday's Rotary club meeting at 12:15 at the Country Club.

Political Activity Brisk; Pollbooks Add Thirteen

Election Books To Remain Open October 20, 27

Little interest in the forthcoming November 6 general election was evidenced in Number 4 Township Saturday, first day of three for registering to vote, as only 13 citizens added their names to the poll books.

The election books will be open at the voting places on Saturday, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and again on Saturday, October 27th, November 3rd is Challenge Day.

New registrants last Saturday included six Democrats, five Republicans, and two Independents.

Registrars were anticipating a busier day Saturday. All registrars reported a lot of checking on the part of citizens to determine that they are officially registered. There were 10 transfers from one precinct to the other.

Mrs. J. D. Jones, registrar at Bethware, noted four transfers from the West Kings Mountain precinct, two Democrats, two Republicans.

There was no registration activity at the Grover polling place where Mrs. J. B. Ellis is registrar.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar at the West Kings Mountain precinct, reported six transfers, four to Bethware and two to East Kings Mountain precinct.

Mrs. Nell Cranford, registrar at City Hall (East Kings Mountain precinct) was also expecting a busier day this Saturday.

Registrars reminded citizens that: 1) No new registration is required for those whose names are already on the books for county elections. 2) New citizens or voters coming of age or otherwise becoming eligible will be required to register during the 3-week registration period if they wish to vote November 6; and 3) A person registering must be a citizen of the United States and 21 years of age and must have been a resident of the state for one year and of the precinct for 30 days.

Firemen's Quarters Get Face-Lifting

The firemen's quarters at City Hall is getting a little "face lifting."

Floors were being sanded yesterday, the job expected to be completed the latter part of this week, Mayor Kelly Dixon said.

Mr. Dixon also noted that street work is progressing and more is planned. On the agenda is the repaving of a number of city streets, as well as the re-coating of Mountain street and Piedmont Avenue.

DISCHARGED

Jack H. White, judge of city recorder's court and Kings Mountain lawyer, was discharged Monday from Kings Mountain hospital where he had been receiving treatment for pneumonia. Mr. White has not yet returned to his office.



HOMECOMING QUEEN — Peggy Plonk, high school senior, will reign as queen over the annual Homecoming festivities at Kings Mountain high school.

Peggy Plonk To Be Queen

Peggy Plonk, high school senior and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Plonk, will reign as Queen of the annual Homecoming festivities October 26th at Kings Mountain high school.

The Homecoming game will be between the Kings Mountain high school Mountaineers and Rutherfordton.

Miss Plonk and members of her court will be presented at half-time of the game.

Sponsors for the 11 football players include: Kay Mauney for Richard Little; Jewel Robbs for Tommy Hope; Pattie Howard for Charles Goodson; Dora Kirous for Tim Heavner; Sue Hoard for Eddie Spencer; Laura Page for Wally Harris; Diane Kiser for Steve Carpenter; Mary Evans for Brent McDaniel; Mary Anne McCurdy for James Hope; Ruth Clippard for Johnny Brown.

Mothers of the football players will be recognized.

Miss Plonk is head cheerleader. (Continued On Page Eight)

Whitener Issues Sentinel; GOP Ringing Bells

Kings Mountain citizens were witnessing some political activity this week, as local candidates were ringing doorbells and otherwise actively campaigning prior to the November general election.

Items:

1) Congressman Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia Democrat completing his third term as United States Congressman from the 10th district, and who is being challenged by Conover Republican Carroll M. Barringer, had distributed copies of the "White-nor Sentinel", a four-page paper which cites his record of service.

The Sentinel was edited by John Brock, general manager of the Lowrance Newspapers. Nearly 3,000 copies were distributed in Kings Mountain alone.

2) The Republican Party, making its first local level challenge in a number of years, has been conducting house-to-house calls two nights a week. The several candidates and their workers were calling on Kings Mountain voters Tuesday night.

3) Kings Mountain Mayor Kelly Dixon issued a statement endorsing the candidacy of Republican Congressional candidate Barringer. The mayor said: "In behalf of Mr. Carroll Barringer, I have become most optimistic toward his candidacy for the Congress of the United States. We have observed his efforts for some time and have noticed the steady gains in his favor. Having covered part of his district two years ago in the 1960 campaign, we have a great reason to believe that our representation will come from a Republican Congressman come November 6 soon. With the stimulant that comes from the new counties, which make up our district it isn't hard to expect victory for the G. O. P. come November 6."

4) Republicans are adding spice to the 27th Senatorial District. (Continued On Page Eight)

Annual Margrace-Pauline Mills Outing Expects Crowd of 2,000

An employee outing which annually attracts about 2,000 textile workers and their families will be held Sunday by Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's two Kings Mountain plants.

Barbecue and a short program will feature the afternoon outing to be held for white employees of Margrace and Pauline Mills at 1 p. m. at Lake Crawford. In event of rain, the outing will be held at Compact school cafeteria.

Personnel Manager W. F. (Bill) Laughter said an estimated crowd of 1500-2000 is expected. All employees of the two plants, their wives or husbands and unmarried minor children will be guests. All unmarried employees may invite guests.

Mr. Laughter said that free prizes will be awarded. Lucky winners will receive watches, hams, ironing boards and covers, steam irons, electric toasters, socks and cash gifts.

A short program will be held prior to the meal at 1 p. m. Bridges Barbecue is caterer. The two firms have been host for similar outings since 1958.