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Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	8,008

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Architects Given Go-Ahead As Board Locates Plant

Plant Layout Arrangement Gets Approval

By HAROLD PEARSON
Architects for the new Kings Mountain school district high school plant got the go signal Monday for proceeding with working drawings.

Officially, the board of education tentatively located the new plant on the northeastern corner of the Pifer Road site. It will be recessed about 200 feet from the west side of Pifer road about equidistant between Fulton road and Beason's creek.

This represents a change in locations from the previously recommended location which placed the school in the central section of the property.

Revised layouts sketch of the various facilities shows the building on the first knoll just south of Beason's Creek with the central section occupied by play areas, (baseball diamonds, football fields, etc.)

With the location designated, architects are now preparing pre-preliminary plans of the structure for the board's approval.

Following these will come the preliminary plans, then the working plans for actual construction which is expected to begin no later than late summer.

The architects, Fred Van Wageningen and Thomas Cothran, of Shelby, indicated that the pre-preliminary plans should require about three weeks.

Kings Mountain school district citizens last March authorized a bond issue of up to \$1,100,000 to build a new high school to serve the district. Site selection was made during the summer, and educational facilities requirements were compiled by a large faculty committee in cooperation with Dr. Dwayne Gardner, of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Aim of the board of education is for occupancy in September 1964.

OTHER ACTION
In other action Monday the board:

1. Elected James S. Teague and Willard G. Boyd, Jr., to fill vacancies at Kings Mountain high school and Vivian Catherine Johnson to fill a vacancy at Compact school.
2. Appointed an agricultural advisory committee for the Compact adult education class.
3. Voted to pay \$15 for damages done by the school mower to a vegetable patch adjacent to Grover school.
4. Authorized payment of expenses for Raleigh trips by school officials, architects and committee members.
5. Voted to purchase risers for use by the Mixed Chorus.
6. Voted to request hook up to the Grover water system for Grover school and principal's house.
7. Endorsed resolution calling for \$100 million state funds for school plant construction and improvements.

S & L Shareholders Will Meet Tuesday

Annual meeting of shareholders of Home Savings & Loan association will be held in the association offices Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, it is announced by Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer.

Business of the meeting will include presentation of reports of officers on the past year's operations, election of directors for the coming year, and any other business which might be advanced.

Tax Listing Pace Is Reported Brisk

Tax listing continued at a brisk pace at City Hall courtroom this week.

Conrad Hughes, county tax lister for Number 4 Township, estimated that the listing pace for 1963 is ahead of last year. "Four of us didn't rest a minute Monday," he commented.

Glee A. Bridges, city tax lister, concurred.

All citizens are required to list properties for ad valorem taxes during January.

Penalties are prescribed for failure to list or for late listing.

Elections Board Certifies Putnam As Justice Of Peace

Action Ends Litigation By Candidate

Elzie Lee Putnam, a Republican, is a duly elected Cleveland County justice of the peace.

His election was certified Wednesday morning by the three-man Cleveland County board of elections by unanimous vote, the board reversing itself from its previous position.

Mr. Putnam had filed a petition in Cleveland Superior Court seeking a writ of mandamus ordering that he be seated. Subsequently, the elections board filed a demurrer, with hearing tentatively set for last Saturday before Judge P. C. Froneberger, of Gastonia. Meantime, the board of elections conferred with both officials of the North Carolina State Board of Elections and with the attorney-general's office.

According to the formal statement, following Wednesday morning's meeting, the board, in light of these conversations, decided it had initially ruled in error.

The board's action has the effect of ending the litigation.

Question developed over whether Mr. Putnam, Republican nominee for Number 4 township justice of the peace, and J. Lee Roberts, veteran incumbent and Democratic nominee, opposed each other as party tickets, or whether both would be elected.

An assistant attorney general had offered the opinion that since the township, under the state constitution, permitted election of several magistrates (well over the number of two), that both would be elected. Raymond Maxwell, secretary of the state board of elections, offered a contrary opinion.

Over objections of John B. McBrayer, GOP member, Democrats Ralph Gilbert, chairman, and George Thomasson, secretary, accepted the Maxwell opinion.

County GOP leaders, in behalf of Mr. Putnam, protested to the state board and asked it to seat him. The board declined on grounds it had no jurisdiction in matters of legal interpretation, suggesting that Mr. Putnam's relief, if any, was to be found in the courts.

The January 12 hearing wasn't held, it having been postponed by Judge H. L. Riddle, who was holding a term of court.

In the election, Mr. Roberts was accorded 1073 votes and was duly certified after canvass of the election returns. Mr. Putnam was accorded 651 votes.

Mr. Putnam, partner and manager in Putnam Brothers Garage, said he was gratified by the decision.

"I appealed as a matter of principle," he commented.

Mr. Roberts, the Democratic justice, said he had made no comment and had none, adding the matter was one for the election officials.



CERTIFIED — Republican Elzie L. Putnam was certified as a Number 4 Township justice of the peace by the county board of elections Wednesday morning, ending litigation launched by Mr. Putnam to obtain certification.

Lake Montonia Club Officers Are Re-elected

Stockholders of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., re-elected all officers for 1963 at the annual meeting held at City Hall courtroom Tuesday night.

They are:

Robert H. Crockett, Jr., of Gastonia, president; George H. Mauney, Kings Mountain, vice-president; Ben H. Bridges, Kings Mountain, secretary - treasurer; and Roy Bullard, Bessemer City, assistant secretary - treasurer.

Elected to three - year terms as directors were Tom Trott, Kings Mountain, completing one year of service on the board, and R. Lee Spencer, of Gastonia.

Holdover directors are: J. Pat Tignor, Kings Mountain, and Howard Whisman, of Gastonia, with terms expiring in 1964; and Robert Suber, Kings Mountain, and F. A. Young, Gastonia, with terms expiring in 1965.

President Crockett elaborated briefly on his written report to shareholders on January 4.

Secretary - Treasurer Bridges presented a printed financial statement, showing gross income for the year at \$5,511, including carry-over balance from 1961 of \$738. Majority of the funds, \$4,488, were derived from current dues, from 138 regular members, 24 child memberships and ten associate memberships.

Operational expenses totaled \$3410, with \$1500 invested in savings and loan association shares, leaving a cash operational balance of \$601. No major capital expenditures were made during the year.

The stockholders voted to retain the present dues schedule of \$24 annually for regular and child memberships and \$48 for associate memberships.

It was also announced the lake will be lowered several feet in the near future to enable cleaning of the banks.

Paul Dover Wins Sales Award

Paul Dover, sales manager for Southwell Motor Company, was the recipient Wednesday of a Truck A Month award from Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

Dover won the award by averaging one truck sale a month during 1962, Southwell owner, Bob Southwell stated in making the announcement Wednesday morning.

This was the first win for Dover in this category.

Southwell also announced that Dover gained membership in the exclusive Ford 300 Club for the fifth year for his outstanding sales record in all areas during 1962.

How Long Since GOP Won Office? Williams Says Last Sweep In '96

BY MARTIN HARMON
Election of a Republican justice of the peace for Number 4 township effected Wednesday by the county election board when it certified the election of Elzie Lee Putnam — posed the question of when a Republican last had been elected to public office in the county.

Wray A. Williams, lifelong Republican and continually active in GOP ranks, said he couldn't be sure about township officials such as justices of the peace and constables, but remembered the last major victory of the GOP in county political wars was in 1896.

A boy of 15 at the time, Mr. Williams, though ineligible to vote due to age, recalls, "I think a Republican swept the county."

Williams named specifically that Lake Golen defeated a Democrat for clerk of Superior court, and that a GOP candidate, a Mr. Fortenterry, was elected sheriff. Though he couldn't remember

Safety Council Meeting Here

The quarterly dinner meeting of the Blue Ridge Safety Council will be held at the Kings Mountain National Guard Army next Thursday, January 24th, with barbecue dinner from 6:30 until 7:30.

Reservations may be placed by calling Ed Geter at Foote Mineral Company.

The evening program, with the principal address by Wilford Jones, safety director of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, will begin at 7:30.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.M.E. church, will say the invocation and Mayor Kelly Dixon will give the welcome. H. S. Baucom, director of safety of the North Carolina Industrial Commission at Raleigh, will present the speaker. Special awards will be presented by El Silver of the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

New officers and directors for 1963 will be elected at the business meeting to be conducted by President H. S. Doan, Spinnery Processing Company, Spindale.

Kings Mountain Presbytery Meeting Here

Kings Mountain Presbytery will convene for its winter session Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a. m. at First Presbyterian church.

Over 100 men, elders and ministers representing the various Presbyterian churches, are expected to attend. Lunch will be served by women of the church.

The morning message will be delivered by Rev. Murray Love, moderator, and pastor of Olney Presbyterian church at Gastonia. The host pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley and elders from the host church, will administer the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Moderator - nominee Wesley Daniel will be installed as the 1963 moderator and election of commissioners to the General Assembly to be held in Huntington, West Va., in April, will feature the day's meeting. Assigned a quota of 100 delegates to the Presbyterian Men's Convention in Dallas, Texas, in June, the church body will make plans for that meeting and also discuss a \$12 million development fund campaign for extension of Presbyterian church extension, world missions, Christian education, aid to colleges and universities and support of radio-television centers.

Reports to be heard will include: Annuitants and Relief, Rev. Archie McNair; Dr. Witherspoon, missionary work; Rev. George Riddle, nominations; Dr. Ausley, Presbytery's Council; and Stover Dunagan, men of the church.

Elder Sam Weir is a delegate to Presbytery's meeting from the host church.

Elmer Ross New Recreation Chief

New Director With Program For Five Years



WINS AWARD — Lawrence (Larry) Patrick is holder of the silver palm award in Scouting. He has already earned his Eagle and bronze and gold palm awards.

Patrick Wins Silver Palm

Lawrence Patrick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patrick, won his silver palm scouting award at Thursday night's Boy Scout Court of Honor at Central Methodist church.

Young Patrick, 13, is the youngest Eagle Scout to receive the Silver Palm in the Piedmont Council. He had previously won his Eagle award, the bronze palm, gold palm and the third palm at the district meeting here this week.

Other Boy Scouts making advancements were Mike Kiser, of Troop 91, to tenderfoot rank and Paul Glenn, of Troop 91, to second class rank.

Merit awards went to: Charles Padgett, Troop 90, basketry.

Jimmy Eaker, Troop 90, citizenship in the home.

J. C. Wright, Troop 90, cycling.

Tommy Plonk, Troop 294, first aid to animals.

Corky Fulton, Troop 91, and Ronnie Timms, Troop 92, home repairs.

Gene Putnam and Phillip Putnam, Troop 90, painting.

Keith Carroll, Troop 91, pets.

Wendell Bunch, Troop 90, public health.

Keith Carroll, Troop 91, safety.

Dale Putnam, Troop 90, woodwork.

Other top advancements went to Charles Padgett, of Troop 90, who won the life rank and Jimmy Eaker of Troop 90 who received the star rank.

Bell Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral rites for Richard Edmond Bell, 40, of Shelby, native of the Oak Grove community, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from Oak Grove Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Bell's mutilated body was found about 10:30 p. m. Sunday between the tracks of the Seaboard Railroad on Airline Avenue, near Black street in Shelby. Coroner J. Ollie Harris said that Bell was apparently struck by Eastbound Seaboard Railway freight No. 92 that passed through Shelby about 9:30. He ruled the death accidental and said no inquest was necessary. He said his investigation is continuing.

An employee of Sackville Mills of Shelby, Bell was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bell of the Oak Grove community. He was a member of the Oak Grove church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Parvel Bradshaw Bell; three sons, Carl, Donald and Roger Bell, all of Shelby; one brother, Alvin Bell of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Walter Blanton, Mrs. Pay Ross, both of Shelby, Mrs. Thurman Hamrick of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Wayne Steyers of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Rev. James Holder officiated at the final rites. The body remained at Harris Funeral Home until time of the funeral.

AA Meeting

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at First Presbyterian church Fellowship hall.

Hopper Youth Hangs Self In Jail After East King Station Robbery

Jimmy Eugene Hopper, 19, of Grover, was found dead in a city jail cell about 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, after giving himself up in Rutherfordton for an early Sunday robbery of East King Esso Station.

An accomplice, and, local officers and acquaintances think, leader in the armed robbery of \$110 and gas valued at \$4.25, James Truite, 17, escapee from a Kentucky prison camp, was still unapprehended Wednesday, city police said.

Hopper had been an employee of the East King station for about six weeks last summer, during the vacation season for regular employees. Gene McCarter, the owner, had thought he was employing Jimmy Hopper's brother, but said the youth worked out satisfactorily.

The hold-up occurred subsequent to 1 a. m. Sunday morning. Haskell Wilson, on duty, knew the Hopper youth, was quite surprised when he was told to empty the cash register. He, along with two others, was ordered into the station's backroom, where the telephone was located. He called police immediately, the call being logged at 1:18.

Chief of Police Paul Sanders alerted surrounding enforcement agencies, said he was called about 4 a. m. by Rutherfordton police, who said the Hopper youth had given himself up. Chief Sanders and Officer Ernest Beam returned Hopper to Kings Mountain.

Said Chief Sanders, "He told us the full details about the robbery."

According to the youth's version (Continued On Page Eight)

Group To Study Home For Aging

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association has appointed a committee to investigate and provide information on a possible home for the aging for the Kings Mountain area.

Named to the committee are Rev. George T. Moore, chairman, Rev. Marion DuBose, Rev. Clyde Goodson, Rev. H. D. Garmon and Rev. J. W. Phillips.

The ministers previously had heard a discussion of the need for such an institution by Rev. Mr. Moore, a member of board of directors of the Lowman Home, Lutheran home for the aged at White Rock, N. C.

Mr. Moore gave population figures, based on the 1960 and prior censuses, showing the population growth of persons 65 years of age and over, and said that by 1975 projections indicate this age group will total about 12 percent.

He referred to the growing attention to the problems both in North Carolina and throughout the nation and said present institutions, both public and private, have insufficient capacity to handle demand.

He said several questions should be determined as to type of home, whether it should be a boarding home, a nursing home, and what services it could and should offer. Answers can be provided only by exhaustive study, he continued.

Jaycee Bus Fund Reaches \$1344

Kings Mountain citizens had contributed \$1344.42 to the Jaycee Mobile X-Ray Bus Fund this week. Fund Drive chairman W. G. (Bill) Jones said Wednesday.

A \$7,000 required to remodelize the unit and bring a new bus back to downtown streets for chest X-rays. The X-ray unit, a free health service, has been here for several months due to the fact that the vehicle had to be parked.

"The bus, in use here for many years, just won't run anymore," officials of the Cleveland County TB Association said.

Shelby Jaycees are conducting a similar fund drive. A full report was not available Wednesday.

"We feel we're well within the goal and encourage those who want to contribute to do so. We are still accepting pledges, as well as cash donations and apparel." (Continued On Page Eight)

It's Exam Time In Area Schools

It's exam time at Kings Mountain high school.

Mid-term examinations got underway Wednesday, will continue Thursday and Friday, last day of the semester.

Students will find out the results of their "cranking" on the forthcoming report cards.

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$200.55, including 3134 from on-street meters, \$48 from off-street meters, and \$18.55 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

CITY TAG SALES

City auto tag sales to Wednesday totaled 522. During 1962, City of Kings Mountain auto owners purchased 1774. The tags cost one dollar. Deadline for purchase and display of the tags is February 15.

KIWANIS CLUB

Thomas Burke, official of Lambeth Rope Corporation, will present the program at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. R. S. Lennon is program chairman.

LODGE MEETING

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindell has announced.

LEGION DANCE

Legionnaires, their wives and guests will dance to music by the Buddy Estes Band of Rock Hill, S. C. Saturday evening from 9 until 12 p. m. at the American Legion Hall. Steaks and short orders will also be served.

FIRECALL

City firemen were called to the home of Eloise Sizemore on North Piedmont Avenue around noon Tuesday to extinguish a fire in the walls of a closet. Damage was negligible.

LIONS TO MEET

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. Edwin Moore is program chairman.

Jaycees Seek "Man" Nominees

Nominations for Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1962 are being accepted through Friday, Jan. 25th by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The award, this year No. 9 for the sponsoring Jaycees, is made yearly to some Kings Mountain citizen, age 21 to 35, who has made outstanding contributions to the general community welfare, has shown evidence of leadership ability, and evidence of personal and business progress.

Nominations are asked from the general public.

Chairman of the award committee Jim Lybrand noted that a person need not be a Jaycee to be eligible to post a nomination, and a person need not necessarily be a Jaycee to receive the award.

A nomination blank is carried on page 5 of today's Herald for convenience of citizens wishing to submit a nomination. The blank should be filled in, any additional information attached, and forwarded to DSA Committee, Jim Lybrand, 803 Linwood road, Kings Mountain.

The nominee for the 1962 award is selected by a secret committee of judges from nominations posed by local citizens.

Former winners of the distinguished service award have been B. S. Feeler, Jr., Grady K. Howard, Everett (Shu) Carlton, Bob Maner, Charles Dixon, Sam Stallings, Charles Blanton and Otis Falls, Jr.

The 1962 recipient will be named at the annual Jaycee Bosses' Night banquet to be held Feb. 5th. John P. Kennedy, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, will make the principal address.