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Architects Are "Refining" New School Floor Plan

Officials Think Floor Plan Work Near-Complete

By MARTIN HARMON
Architects for the new Kings Mountain district consolidated high school are putting what they and school officials feel will be the finishing refinements to the floor plans for the new plant.

The floor plan examined, discussed and dissected in Raleigh Tuesday was another revision of an earlier plan dated March 18.

Current questions involve room arrangements, rather than size, and prior problems of student traffic flow and other details have been eliminated.

The present floor plan envisions a building 424 feet wide by 270 feet deep, at extreme dimensions, with an inner court and a two-story northwest wing.

The ground floor of this wing would house mathematics and science classrooms and laboratories. The gymnasium would be on the south and vocational educational areas on the north.

School officials hope fund limitations will permit air-conditioning a major portion of the building and perhaps all of the ritual instructional areas.

The architects have said previously that fixation of the floor plan will be a comparatively more time-consuming problem than the following steps of preparing detailed drawings and specifications.



ESSAY WINNER—Capt. Glenn Campbell, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, presents Billy M. Williams with a \$25 U. S. savings bond in recognition of his award-winning essay on "Why I Like To Live in The Kings Mountain School District." Billy's mother, Mrs. Willis Williams looks on with pride.

Negro Youth's Essay Wins C of C Contest

Davidson seventh-grader Billy M. Williams was declared the winner of the essay contest for 68 grades in the Kings Mountain district schools that was completed recently by the Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Secretary Glenn Campbell made the presentation of the prize to young Williams before his classmates at Davidson school Monday morning in a special ceremony.

Topic for the essays submitted by the school district elementary students was "Why I Like to Live in The Kings Mountain School District."

The only other instruction given to the contestants was that the essay must consist of 25 words or more.

Award for the winner was a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. Secretary Campbell, in making the presentation, read excerpts from the prize-winning essay and stated that young Williams' effort was also judged on neatness, penmanship and sincerity of thought.

The winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Williams.

His award-winning essay: "In the Kings Mountain School District we have the advantage over most other districts in North Carolina, because our schools are operated by highly trained officials. The School Board Members are elected by the popular vote of the citizens; therefore should be the best qualified for their jobs. The School Board members select teachers who are highly educated and trained to work with a program that is planned to benefit the pupil. This assures us that Kings Mountain schools have programs

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JOINING GAZETTE — Harold Pearson, Herald sports editor, will join the staff of the Gastonia Gazette Friday. He will continue to do part-time sports duties for the Herald. Terry Leonard has joined the Herald as assistant in sports.

Pearson Joining Gazette Staff

Harold D. Pearson, Herald sports editor and advertising salesman, will join the sports staff of the Gastonia Gazette on Friday.

Mr. Pearson will continue as a part-time Herald staff member, exclusively in the sports department, continuing to write his regular column "Herald Sports."

Martin Harmon, Herald publisher, announced that Terry Leonard, high school junior, has joined the staff as assistant in the sports department.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackwell Leonard, Terry Leonard is currently a member of the high school golf team and won a letter as a member of the 1962 Mountaineer football team.

Mr. Pearson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olland Pearson, is a graduate of Gardner-Webb and Appalachian State Teachers college. He spent two years in the army, including service in Germany. He became Herald sports editor in March 1962 and joined

Officials Report 1355 Registered

Registrations In City Boxes Now At 1152

The pace of registering for the May 14 city and board of education elections quickened last week.

Total registrations through Saturday, as reported by the eight registrars was 1,355.

A total of 1152 citizens had registered in the five in-city precincts, while 203 had registered in the three outside-city precincts, the outside-city citizens participating in the school trustee election only.

The registrars gave these figures, through Saturday, for the several precincts:

Ward 1, 160 Ward 2, 155; Ward 3, 174; Ward 4, 273; Ward 5, 390; Grover, 75; Park-Grace, 53; and Bethware, 75.

The current registration is an all-new one.

Registrars pointed out, again, that the old pollbooks are no longer in use and that all citizens who expect to vote on May 14 must get their names on the new pollbooks.

Three precincts within the city are in new locations. Ward 2 citizens will register at East school, and Ward 5 citizens at the Armory.

Other precincts locations are: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Grover, Grover fire station; Park-Grace, Park-Grace school; and Bethware, Bethware school.

The registrars will be at the particular precincts Saturday from 9 a.m. to sunset, and again on May 2 and May 9, the latter date also designated as challenge day.



WIN GRANT-IN-AID — Two high school juniors, Priscilla Padgett, top above, and Phyllis Pusey have received grants-in-aid from the National Science Foundation for summer work in chemistry and mathematics.

Students Win NSF Scholarship

Priscilla Padgett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip G. Padgett, and Phyllis Pusey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Pusey, have been notified they have been accepted for summer work in chemistry and mathematics at Woman's College of the University of N.C. at Greensboro.

Both students are rising seniors at Kings Mountain high school.

Opportunities to obtain intensive experience in science and mathematics will be provided for high-ability students during the summer by 21 colleges, universities and research centers throughout the United States. This program is made possible by the support of the National Science Foundation.

Selection of students is based upon scholastic ability, science motivation, and the completion of the required high school courses in science and mathematics. The course of study will include intensive classroom work and direct supervision of scientific research by a senior scientist. The program runs from June 12-July 14.

School Clinics Today, Tuesday

Pre-school clinics for children who will enter school for the first time in September are continuing Thursday and Tuesday in the Kings Mountain area schools.

Clinic for East school students will begin Thursday (today) at 9 a.m. in the educational building of Grace Methodist church. West school students' clinic begins at 1:30 Thursday in the educational building of Central Methodist church.

Clinic for North school first graders will be held in the health room of the school Tuesday beginning at 9 a.m.

Nurses and doctors from the county health department will administer check-ups and vaccinations.

Jaycees Report Bus For X-Ray Unit Ordered

A new bus to house the Cleveland County X-ray unit was ordered Tuesday and delivery is anticipated within the next 30 days.

Kings Mountain citizens, minus the services of the free health service since the old vehicle was parked in November, may expect regular visits of the mobile on downtown streets shortly.

Bill Jonas, chairman of the Kings Mountain fund drive for the new mobile, reported contributions of \$2,150 from Kings Mountain area citizens. Jaycees from Shelby and Kings Mountain sponsored the bus project and have raised a grand total of \$6,800, short by \$500 the amount required to fully pay for the new bus.

Kings Mountain and Shelby Jaycees donated the original bus, a 1942 model, and the unit in May, 1949. The X-ray equipment still remains in excellent condition and experts say when housed in the new bus will be usable for many more years of operation.

The X-ray unit hadn't missed a visit to Kings Mountain in 16 years until last November when the bus was parked. Since that time citizens have driven to the Health Center in Shelby for chest X-rays.

Officials of the Cleveland County TB association say they are "badly behind" without the service of the vehicle and expressed themselves as well pleased that the county's tuberculosis X-ray unit has been re-mobilized. Many people who've needed chest X-rays for early detection of tuberculosis haven't driven to the Health Center for them, they say. In addition, employees of industries do not receive this service. In 1961 alone 1239 persons had chest X-rays during the mobile unit's visit to plants here. This figure doesn't include those who visited the unit on fourth Thursdays in front of Belk's on main street. Since 1955, there were 10 deaths attributed to tuberculosis in Cleveland County. Average X-raying day of operation of the Mobile Unit is from 105 to 210.

Presbyterian Men Will Hear Heaton

Dr. George Heaton, former pastor of Myers Park Baptist church, of Charlotte, will speak at a supper meeting of First Presbyterian Men of the Church on Monday.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Henry Neisler arranged the program.

F. C. Barrett's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Francis C. Barrett, 82, retired Kings Mountain grocer, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Central Methodist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Barrett died in the local hospital at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday after an illness of several months.

The body will lie in state at Harris Funeral Home until 3 p.m. Thursday and at the church from 3:30 until 4. Rev. H. D. Garmon will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Mabry Barrett; two sons, Forrest Barrett of Dallas, Texas and Horace Barrett of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Jolly of Kings Mountain; a brother, Luther Barrett of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. John Davis of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Gage Davis of Gastonia; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Bowen Is Elected Moose Governor

Charles (Whitey) Bowen was elected governor of the Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 at a regular meeting of the organization Tuesday night.

Dennis Goforth was re-elected prelate.

Other officers elected were: Charles Fite, junior governor; Thurman Smith, treasurer; Bud Stewart, three-year trustee; Earl Scism, two-year trustee; and Horace D. Sisk, one-year trustee.

Bowen succeeds Horace Brown, immediate past governor.

Hazel Gill Files For Board Post

Third Contest Third Replay Of '61 Voting

Hazel Lee Gill, Negro trucker and partner in a funeral home, paid his filing fee as a candidate for Ward 5 commissioner late Wednesday morning.

His candidacy poses the third contest for the May 14 biennial city election and another 1961 city replay.

He is challenging Mayor Pro Tempore J. E. (Zip) Rhea, who defeated Gill and former Commissioner R. Coleman Stroupe two years ago.

In the only other contests to date—and the filing deadline of 4:30 Monday afternoon fast approaching—ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges is seeking to regain the seat he lost two years ago to Mayor Kelly Dixon, and Norman King and ex-Commissioner Paul W. Ledford, both candidates for the Ward 4 seat in 1961, are vying for the seat Commissioner Ben H. Bridges is vacating after six years of service.

Whether additional candidates and contests would develop prior to Monday was not known, with many observers regarding the candidate list as complete.

One rumor was that a Negro candidate might seek a board of education post for the first time.

Mr. Gill, who placed third in the 1961 voting, courted 453 votes, with support in all wards, to Mr. Rhea's 981 and Mr. Stroupe's 777. Mr. Rhea winning in the run-off.

The Gill candidacy brings the candidate list to nine for six City Hall offices.

Fred W. Plonk, seeking re-election, and George H. Mauney, running for the first time, are the lone candidates for the two school trustee positions. Dr. P. G. Padgett, like Mr. Plonk completing a second six-year term, has made no formal announcement but has indicated he won't seek re-election.

The candidate list to date: For Mayor — Kelly Dixon, incumbent, and Glee A. Bridges. For Ward 1 Commissioner — Ray W. Cline, incumbent.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Eugene Goforth, incumbent.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, incumbent.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Norman King and Paul W. Ledford.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — J. E. (Zip) Rhea, incumbent, and Hazel Lee Gill.

For Board of Education trustee — Fred W. Plonk, incumbent and George H. Mauney.

Local News Bulletins

TO PRESBYTERY
Dr. P. G. Padgett, elder, and Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor, represented First Presbyterian church and Dan Stewart, elder and Rev. James Mann, pastor, represented Dixon Presbyterian church at a meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery in Cramerton Tuesday.

NO WRECKS
City police received no calls to investigate wrecks within the city limits during the past week. Sergeant Earl Stroupe, Jr., reported Wednesday.

FIRECALLS
City firemen received two fire calls during the past week, both on Tuesday. First call was to a stove fire at 208 Fulton St. where no damage was reported, and the second was a grass fire behind Shannon Limited off Waterson St.

SATURDAY DANCE
The Cleveland County Rescue Squad Auxiliary will sponsor a dance Saturday from 8 until 12 p.m. at the American Legion hall. Music will be provided by the Hometowners. Admission is \$1.00 per person, \$1.50 per couple.



CANDIDATE — Hazel Lee Gill is a candidate for Ward 5 commissioner. He opposes J. E. (Zip) Rhea, incumbent.

Mixed Chorus To Festival

Eleven members of the Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus attended the All-State Festival Chorus in Greensboro last Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. Henson of Texas Christian University was conductor. Mrs. J. N. McClure, director of the high school Mixed Chorus, accompanied the group of students to Greensboro.

Making the trip were Laura Page, Kay Mauney, Karen Fite, Donna Spears, Billie Ann Camp, Karen Hall, Don Hurlbut, Joe Bumgardner, Mickey Bell, Wendell Phifer, Jr. and Gerald McDaniel.

Baptists Call Rev. Mr. Julian

Rev. George W. Julian, interim pastor of Second Baptist church since October 1st, was called Sunday at the church's full-time pastor.

Mr. Julian came to Kings Mountain from Temple Baptist church of Brevard. He had formerly served also the Waco Baptist church.

Mrs. Julian is the former Myrtis W. Ploit of Kings Mountain.

Brower Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Ralph S. Brower, Sr., 66, of Grover were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Mr. Brower died suddenly Monday a.m. at 9:30 at his home. A native of Pennsylvania, he moved to Grover about two years ago following his retirement after 41 years an employee of Western Electric Corporation of Lester, Pennsylvania. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Brower.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Wells Pruette Brower; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Brower Norman of Grover; three sons, Ralph S. Brower, Jr., of Sharon Hill, Pa., Arthur E. Brower of Spartanburg, S. C., and Herbert D. Brower of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two stepsons, Murray Pruette of Grover and Benjamin Pruette of Lester, Pa.; two brothers, Herbert Brower of Philadelphia, Pa. and Francis Brower of Sharon Hill, Pa.; 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, officiated at the final rites, and interment was made in the Grover cemetery.

ELECTED
Philip Humphries, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humphries, was elected president and Steve Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Powell, was elected vice-president of Welch Dormitory at North Carolina State college for the coming year. Both are rising seniors and are college roommates.