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## Final Approval Anticipated On School Preliminary Plan

### Local News Bulletins

**4-H CLUB WILL MEET**  
The Oak Grove Community 4-H Club will have its monthly meeting Monday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

**LIBRARY AT WEST**  
West School Library will be open next Wednesday, July 31st, from 9 until 11 a.m. but will be closed the entire month of August. The library has been opened every Wednesday this summer.

**ORMAND REUNION**  
The annual Ormand family (Old Furnace) reunion will be held at Long Creek Presbyterian church Saturday, July 27th. Friends of the family are invited to attend. Hugh D. Ormand, president, said.

**HOUSE DAMAGED**  
The Oliver Patterson home at 412 Belvedere Circle was damaged recently when an automobile parked at the residence of Vester Hull, rolled one block and struck the house. No one was injured. In a story reporting the accident in the Herald it was inadvertently stated that the Hull home, not the Patterson residence, was damaged.

**NO COURT MONDAY**  
Kings Mountain Recorder's Court will not be held Monday, July 29th. Judge Jack White has announced. The court clerk, Police Desk Sgt. Earl Sroupe, Jr. will be on vacation.

**THREE ARRESTS MADE**  
Three arrests were made by Kings Mountain police Monday. They included one each on charges of assault, attempted larceny of an automobile and failure to yield the right-of-way.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
Rev. Howard R. Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday evening at 6:45.

**FIRE ALARMS**  
City firemen reported two fire alarms, both of which were false alarms, Thursday and Friday on Candler and Ridge streets.

**QUARTET TO SING**  
The Chordsmen Quartet, which sings each Sunday morning on WSOC-TV, will sing this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of God. Rev. F. M. Vaughn is pastor.

### Drivers Charged After Accidents

Mrs. Mahala Bledsoe, 39, of Charlotte, was reported slightly injured Sunday at 4:40 p.m. when two cars collided at the intersection of West King and Mountain streets, according to Kings Mountain police.

Police said Hollis Doyle Wess, 25, of Gastonia, was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way as a result of the accident. According to investigating officer Charles Wallace, Wess was driving south on West King street and crossed the intersection in front of a car driven by Roger William Bledsoe, 39, of Charlotte.

Damage was estimated at \$200 to the Wess car and \$150 to the Bledsoe vehicle.

A two-car collision at 3:40 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Linwood road resulted in approximately \$350 property damage, according to Kings Mountain police.

John F. Gantt, 78, of 706 Piedmont Avenue, pulled his car into the path of a car driven by Gary Lee Hennessie, 21, of Bessemer City, police said.

Gantt was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way. Hennessie was driving north on Cleveland Avenue when the Gantt car pulled into the intersection from the parking lot at Ellison's store.

Damage was estimated at \$50 to the Gantt car and \$300 to the 1963 Hennessie vehicle.

### State Office Lists Final Suggestions

The Kings Mountain board of education is expected to meet not later than Thursday and give final approval to preliminary plans for the general layout of the \$1,100,000 district high school building.

Schools superintendent B. N. Barnes said an effort was made to convene the board Tuesday night but that Trustee George H. Mauney was out-of-town.

The board, before action, will consider a list of 17 suggestions concerning the plant layout from Gareth Annas, assistant design consultant, of the state's division of school planning.

"Chairman James Herndon and I believe we are about set," Mr. Barnes commented, noting that many of the suggestions appeared optional, while others are minor in detail and could be effected easily.

Mr. Annas concluded his letter, "With these comments, we are considering the preliminary drawings approved in terms of general layout."

Meantime, detail plans work is underway, Thomas H. Cothran, of Architects Associated, said Wednesday afternoon.

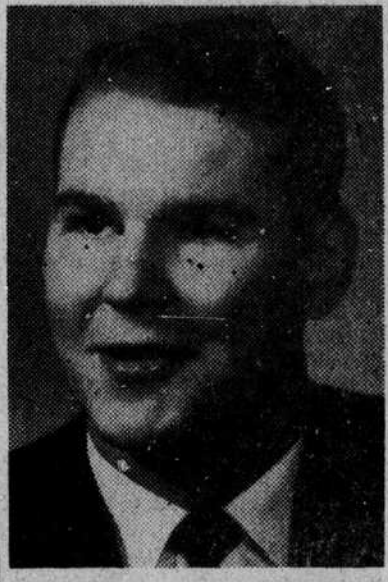
"I am currently devoting my attention to the basic structure of the building," he commented, adding, "considerable attention must be given to the problem of materials, which can be large factor in controlling costs."

He declined to guess possible late completion of the plans and bid advertising date.

"I can foresee," he said, "we'll be working nights and weekends to get these plans completed."

Principal suggestions in the letter from the state department official were for relocation of the office of the practical arts instructor and for inclusion of storage space for practical arts supplies.

It has been the aim of school officials to occupy the new high school plant, to be built on a 73-acre site on Phifer road, for the opening of the 1964-65 term.



APPOINTED — Charles H. Mauney has been appointed chairman of the blood program of the Kings Mountain chapter, American Red Cross.

### Mauney ARC Blood Chairman

Charles H. Mauney, Kings Mountain textile executive, has been appointed chairman of the blood program of Kings Mountain Chapter, American Red Cross, Chapter Chairman Jack White has announced.

Mrs. Mauney will serve as co-chairman of the program.

The Mauneys, named for a two-year term, succeeded Mr. and Mrs. John Cheshire.

Mr. Mauney has called a committee meeting for Monday to make arrangements for the forthcoming August 12 visit of the area Bloodmobile.

### Haggai To Speak To Safety Group

The Rev. Tom Haggai of High Point will be guest speaker for the Thursday meeting of the Blue Ridge Safety Council at Bracketts Cedar Park.

President Harry Matthews will preside at the 6:30 p.m. meeting and William Ellis, manager of the Belk Stevens Department Store in Shelby, will introduce the guest speaker.

The guests will be welcomed by State Sen. Robert Morgan and the invocation will be given by Rev. Barton Hellmuth of John Knox Presbyterian Church.

H. S. Baucum, safety director for the N. C. Industrial Commission, will present 1963 safety awards.

A tour of the Carolina Plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. will be held from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. Reservations for this tour should be made with Ben Goforth at the Pittsburgh plant by July 25.

Members from Burke, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk, and Rutherford counties are included in the safety council.

### Railroad Strike Would Effect All; Postoffice Plans Mail Embargo

If next week's threatened nationwide rail strike occurs, it would have immediate deleterious effects in Kings Mountain, as well as throughout the nation.

The postoffice, for instance, has received a directive to cease accepting, in event of a rail strike, any but first class and air mail for points more distant than Zone 2, which covers a radius of about 150 miles.

This would mean, said Postmaster Charles Alexander, that no parcels, even carrying medical supplies, could be accepted unless posted at first class rates. Newspapers and magazines would not be accepted for points further than 150 miles.

Though not immediately confirmed, it is anticipated that Kings Mountain's rail carrier, Southern Railway Company, is not involved in the threatened strike of the railmen and would continue to operate. However, it would not be receiving feeder shipments from other lines.

J. E. Turner Southern Railway freight agent here said almost all large industry here including textile and mining firms, would be effected, either by failure to obtain materials by incoming shipments of supplies, or inability to ship out products, or in the instance of hosiery firms, suspension of railway express.

Coal, which to this area, moves almost exclusively by railway, will not be in immediate short supply, two dealers reported. W. T. Weir, of Weir's Coal, said his firm has ample stocks to last until December, and Claude Hambright, of City Ice & Coal Company, pronounced his stocks ample with an estimated 15 cars either on the yard or awaiting unloading.

Drace M. Peeler, of Elmer Lumber Company, said his firm was already strike - effected by a strike at West Coast suppliers. Chief effect, thus far, is a considerable price jump on plywood and other products. He termed lumber products generally in good supply throughout this area.

The walkout looms tentatively for midnight Monday. President Kennedy has asked Congress for rush legislation to prevent the walkout, terming a rail stoppage "intolerable" and "disastrous to the economy."

The Associated Press reported Wednesday thousands in the coal, iron, copper, lumber, paper, and auto industries would be idled quickly. It said food supplies in large metropolitan areas would become short within a ten-day period.

### Postal Receipts Up To \$84,629, \$11,256 Gain

Fiscal year 1963 receipts at Kings Mountain postoffice increased considerably to \$84,629.80, Postmaster Charles L. Alexander said this week.

The total compares with \$73,273.15 for the fiscal year ending June 1962.

Postmaster Alexander attributed the increase of \$11,256 both to increased volume of out-going mail and the postal rate increases which became effective on January 7, 1963.

Postal receipts reflect all postage stamp and stock sales, deposits in postage meters and box rents. Excluded from the annual receipts figure are money order deposit fees.

### Health Careers Get Coordinator

Miss LoRayne Dinguess, former recruitment officer for West Virginia's Miners Memorial Hospital Association, has been selected district III coordinator of a state wide health careers recruitment program aimed at reducing the critical personnel shortage in 6,500 jobs currently open in North Carolina.

She will inaugurate an area program covering 13 counties with headquarters at the Duke Endowment in Charlotte, according to Wright Langley, director of Health Careers for North Carolina.

During her seven years in recruitment with the Miners Memorial Hospital Association, Miss Dinguess directed a long range recruitment program to enlarge the corps of trained hospital personnel to fill professional and technical positions.

From the Charlotte office, Miss Dinguess will provide information on opportunities for training and employment in 200 various health careers. Her territory includes Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly, Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Moore counties.

The district program is one of six in the state which will be implemented with the aid of a nine member advisory committee composed of five hospital administrators, a nurse, doctor, public school educator, and public representative. Grady Howard, Kings Mountain Hospital administrator, is a member of the District III committee.

## City Gas System Is Calling \$47,000 Undue Bonded Debt

### City Schools Lists Minimum Of Ten Vacancies

Kings Mountain city schools has a minimum of ten teaching vacancies, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday.

More faculty members may be required, Mr. Barnes said, as he reported three resignations within the past week.

More may be required, pending decision of the board of education on the number of teachers it decided to employ from local funds.

A minimum of four teachers are needed for the high school, including two mathematics instructors and either two English instructors or one teacher of English and one teacher of commercial subjects.

Vacancies in elementary and grammar school total four minimum, plus two teachers of special education to provide instruction for the educable retarded.

Supt. Barnes said he expects most difficulty in obtaining teachers of special education and mathematics, as he is momentarily without applications.

Population decrease reduced the grammar grade state teacher allotment for the coming year.

Resigning during the past week were:

Mrs. Yvonne G. Beam, of Shelby, first grade teacher at Davidson school.

Mrs. Ann Parker Dion, of Lawndale, eighth grade teacher at Bethware who is joining the county system at Lawndale.

Mrs. Leatrice M. French of Kings Mountain grammar grade teacher at Compact, who said she was resigning in order to join her husband.

### Shuford To Speak To Rotarians

Archie W. Shuford of Hickory, governor of District 767 of Rotary International, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their Thursday meeting at the Country Club.

The club will convene at 12:15 for luncheon. Thursday's program by Mr. Shuford will be his official visit to the Kings Mountain civic club.

Mr. Shuford is past president of the Hickory United Fund.

### Erskine Fund Here \$1,530

The Kings Mountain Chapter of the Erskine College Alumni Association played a double role in helping the 1962-63 Erskine Living Endowment Campaign the most successful in history, the official report of the campaign which ended June 30 has disclosed.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. John L. McGill, all 10 Kings Mountain alumni solicited made contributions to the special gifts phase of the campaign, with their contributions amounting to \$1,530.

Under the chairmanship of Franklin L. Ware, Jr., 35 of the 43 Kings Mountain alumni asked to give contributions to the general solicitation phase of the campaign totaling \$437. Alumni participation for the chapter in this phase of the campaign was \$1 per cent, far surpassing the total Erskine alumni support record of 66 per cent.

Working under Mr. Ware as a town chairman was David P. White of Shelby, where alumni contributed \$100 of the chapter's total.

The 1962-63 Erskine Living Endowment received more than \$150,000 from 3,707 alumni and 590 parents and friends of the college, with 66 per cent of all Erskine alumni participating. These figures surpass even the 1961-62 campaign, which led all small coeducational colleges in the nation in increased alumni support. That campaign won Erskine one of only six Grand Awards from the American Alumni Council.

## Mauney Library To Be Expanded



ON WELFARE BOARD — Mrs. Aubrey Mauney is a newly-named member of the Cleveland County Welfare board.

### Mrs. Mauney On Welfare Board

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney of Kings Mountain has been appointed a member of the newly expanded Cleveland County Welfare board.

Other new members are Ralph Elliott of the Sharon community, and Carlos Young, of Shelby.

Other members of the board are Emmet Matthews, Shelby, and L. T. Warlick, Polkville.

Mrs. Mauney and Mr. Young were named by the state welfare board, Mr. Elliott by the county commission, of which he is a member.

Rep. Jack Palmer is the retiring member of the board.

Mrs. Mauney is a former president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, is prominent in the work of the Lutheran church, and in the North Carolina Council of Churches.

### City Provides \$5,000 Fund For Renovation

Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library will be extensively renovated and the library area expanded.

Norman King, chairman of the library board and city commissioner, said the library will be expanded to include what is now the large living room of the building.

Other plans include interior and exterior painting, for which Joe Bill Cornwell is contractor, and tiling of the library floor, for which City Floor Service is contractor.

Marion Dixon will superintend the building renovations.

The library board, Mr. King said, has discussed renovation of the remainder of the building to provide four furnished apartments, one downstairs and another on the second floor. However, he added, this decision will depend on how much work can be accomplished within the limits of a \$5,000 appropriation the city included in the budget for the current year.

Other board members are Mrs. George Houser, donor family representative, and James E. Herndon, Jr., board of education representative.

Demand for living quarters by teachers has waned within the past several years.

The combination library and teacherage was given to the city in 1947 by the J. S. Mauney family in memory of their late parents.

## System Could Be Out-of-Debt Within Year

By MARTIN HARMON

The city natural gas system is ready to call \$47,000 in bonds ahead of schedule, indicating a possibility that all remaining bonds may be retired within a year and within two years at the latest.

Joe McDaniel, Jr., city clerk and treasurer of the gas system, noted that the \$47,000 of bonds the city will call is in addition to \$15,000 the system will pay on scheduled October 1.

Bonded debt of \$200,000 will therefore be reduced by October 1 to \$138,000.

Meantime, an additional \$27,000 has been transferred to the reserve fund and the renewal and extension fund as been replenished to \$50,000, as required by the bond sales agreement. Should the system be able to call all bonds, these monies would be available to call bonds.

The two factors which will determine the date the initial issue of \$400,000 will be fully retired are: 1) profits from operations and 2) demands for line installations. No major installations are anticipated currently, following last year's \$40,000 expansion.

Mr. McDaniel says that the gas distribution system now represents a total investment of \$706,000.

At June 30 year end, \$49,000 was transferred to the sinking fund from which bonds are paid. In addition to the \$47,000 in bonds, the gas system will pay a call premium of \$1,880 and accrued interest of \$587.50.

For the bond agreement, the city must call bonds in inverse order. The bonds to be called will include \$20,000 due October 1973, \$20,000 due October 1972 and \$7,000 due October 1971.

Though audit report on the gas system has not yet been received, Mr. McDaniel said that 1962-63 operations were very successful, enhanced by a particularly cold winter.

The system was built through revenue bonds issued in September 1954.

### Carroll Faces Larceny Charge

A Kings Mountain teenager has been charged with the breaking, entering and larceny of Plunk Oil company at 2 a.m. Friday.

Frank Eugene Carroll, 16, of 517 Baker street, was arrested by Chief Deputy George Allen in Anderson, S. C. Friday afternoon. The youth was in the custody of Anderson County police after his arrest in Williamston, S. C.

A juvenile, also from Kings Mountain, is charged with having taken part in the robbery.

Allen said the two boys are charged with entering the oil firm's office, south of Kings Mountain, through a window and taking around \$30 from an un-locked safe. Allen said a 1959 model car parked outside was driven against the gate knocking it loose and allowing the vehicle to be driven out the enclosed yard.

The car was abandoned between Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C. Carroll allegedly went on to Williamston, where he allegedly entered a restaurant. A former police officer, who operates the restaurant, noticed Carroll had a good deal of money and called police.

About \$15 was recovered, Allen said.

Carroll's bond was set at \$750.

### Argentine Jose Pucci To Reside With Cheshires As AFS Student

Kings Mountain's fifth foreign exchange student under the American Field Service program will be Argentine student Jose Pucci, 17-year-old Argentine lad, who will become a school - term member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cheshire, Jr.

Notification of the assignment was received Wednesday by the Kings Mountain AFS committee.

Neither have learned Pucci's arrival date, but the AFS visitors customarily arrive about mid-August.

Pucci is a son of Angel Hosea Pucci, a 42-year-old Tucuman, Argentina, trader and merchant, and Clara Alicia Molina de Pucci. He has two brothers and a sister, has a friend from Argentina who has been an AFS student the past year in San Miguel, Calif., and an uncle, Carlos Pucci, who lives in Chicago, Ill.

He has studied English for three years and lists his favorite sports as football, tennis, swimming and rugby. His ambition is to become a doctor. He has been attending Colegio del Sagrado, a private school. He is a Catholic.

Prior students from abroad in the AFS program were Graeme Reeves, of New Zealand, who lived with the family of Dr. P. G. Padgett, Pierre Dassen, of Switzerland, who resided with the Fred Plonks; Kirsten Zacho, of Denmark, who lived with the Lewis Hovis family; and Sue Hoad, of Australia, who lived the past year with the family of Dr. George W. Plonk.

On his AFS application blank, Pucci reported he'd studied French but rated himself as "poor" in the subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire have two sons, Lyn Cheshire, a high school junior and member of the football team, and Pat Cheshire, soon to enter the eighth grade.

Members of the Kings Mountain AFS committee are Grady Howard, chairman, Harold Phillips, finance chairman, Carl F. Mauney, Tom Trott, John Warlick, J. C. Bridges, Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. J. M. Cooper, J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Miss Elizabeth Stewart, and Rev. Marion DuBose.

### CAMP REUNION

Descendants of the late Mason Camp will gather for their annual reunion Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Byrd Hut below Patterson Springs. Picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour and singing will be held in the afternoon.