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**EVANGELIST** — Rev. Charles H. High of Stanley will be speaker for revival services beginning November 18th at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

## High To Lead Baptist Revival

Rev. Charles H. High, pastor of Bruntington Memorial Baptist church of Stanley, will be visiting evangelist for a week of special services beginning November 18th at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. through November 24th, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. Marion DuBose.

A native of Dallas, Mr. High attended Carson Newman college at Knoxville, Tennessee and Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He has held pastorates in Cherryville and Knoxville.

Commenting on the services Rev. Mr. DuBose said, "The congregation of the Kings Mountain Baptist church invites our community to participate with us in these meaningful and inspirational services each night starting Monday, November 18th. A challenge will be received by all."

## Flaming Arrows Head Projects

The Flaming Arrow Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 91 was "best prepared" at the regular troop meeting Tuesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Corky Fulton, leader of the Arrows, and Scott Kelly, Mike Kiser, Jake Reynolds, Jeff Mauney and Tommy Grayson had completed rope-making machine and demonstrated rope-making. Other Scouts also worked on similar projects.

Forty-seven Boy Scouts attended.

## Local News Bulletins

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$18,110, including \$13,410 from off-street meters, \$63 in over-parking fines, and \$21 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Regular November meeting of the Kings Mountain district board of education will be held Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the office of the superintendent.

**AT CONVENTION**  
High school Principals Harry Jaynes attended the convention of State Principals at Greensboro on November 13 and 14.

**BETHWARE P-TA**  
Bethware school Parent-Teacher Association will hold regular meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

**LEGIION DANCE**  
Buddy Estes and Combo will provide music for dancing from 9 until 12 p.m. for members of the American Legion and guests at the Legion Hall Saturday night. Tickets are \$2 per couple.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
Kings Mountain Kiwanians will see a film on the 1963 Master's Golf Tournament held in Augusta, Ga. at their Thursday night meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

**ROTARY CLUB**  
C. W. Gilchrist, one of 10 directors of Rotary International, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their Thursday noon meeting at the Country Club. Mr. Gilchrist, now retired, lives in Charlotte.

## Pastor's Outline Yule Needy Aid

### Cash, Not Goods Will Be Asked To Aid Indigent

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association will change the format of its Christmas benevolence program for the needy for the current year.

The association accepted the report of a special committee which includes: solicitation of cash, rather than goods, 1) via a minister-manned booth on main street beginning December 5; 2) an empty stocking fund through the Kings Mountain Herald; and 3) direct solicitation of industry and business by a committee including Rev. B. L. Raines, Dr. W. L. Pressly and Rev. George Moore.

The Ministerial group will deal principally in distribution of fuel and food, with the ministers determining actual need for clothing.

The residence of Rev. C. R. Goodson, telephone 739-3215, will be clearing house for information on needy families, with Mrs. Goodson serving as secretary.

The gifts will be distributed by the ministers on December 23. On recommendation of the committee, which included Rev. H. G. Clayton, chairman, Rev. Nathan H. Pusey, Rev. C. R. Goodson, and Rev. Thomas Dripps, the association will ask inclusion in the future in Kings Mountain United Fund.

## George Harris Is Promoted

George H. Harris, former Kings Mountain citizen, has been promoted by American Hospital Suppliers, Inc., to sales manager for the Washington, New York, Boston district.

Mr. Harris joined this company as a salesman after being graduated from Duke University in 1950, where he starred as the Blue Devil quarterback.

The Harris family is moving this weekend from Charlottesville, Va., to Springdale, Va., a Washington, D. C. suburb. He will maintain offices in Washington, New York and Boston.

Mr. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris, of Kings Mountain.

## Carl Wiesener's Father Passes

Funeral rites for Erick Walter Wiesener, 76, of Paramus, New Jersey, father of Carl Wiesener of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from First Methodist church of Ridgewood, N. J., interment following in Paramus.

Mr. Wiesener succumbed Saturday afternoon at his home. A native of South Pittsburg, Tennessee, he retired two years ago as vice-president of Pomeroy Department Store of Harrisburg, Pa. He was a Mason and Shriner, and member of First Methodist church of Ridgewood, N. J. His wife was the former Florence Berry.

Besides his son here, he is survived by a son, Erick Wiesener, Jr. of Paramus, and a daughter, Mrs. Walter Veyhl of Paramus. A brother, Leon Wiesener, of Arkansas, also survives.

## Son Of Kings Mountain Citizen Survival Modern Medical Miracle

George Stephen Blanton, 27, son of Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Brice street, Kings Mountain, is planning a two-week deer hunt, return to part-time work, and a school-teaching career—after being given only two weeks to live slightly more than a year ago.

As reported by Associated Press Wednesday from Richmond, Va., "Blanton, who now lives at Hendersonville, is virtually recuperated, after a series of illnesses including glomerulonephritis which caused surgeons at the Medical College of Virginia to remove both kidneys. He lives with a kidney transplanted from a 30-year-old accident victim.

This borrowed kidney, however, didn't function for 25 days, and he survived by aid of an artificial kidney. After that, he suffered a case of yellow jaundice, pancreatitis, a three-week seige of



**CANDIDATE** — Ralph J. Tucker, assistant tax collector, is seeking the office of register of deeds of Cleveland County, subject to May's Democratic primary.

## Tucker Seeking Register Post

Ralph J. Tucker, 57, the county's assistant tax collector since 1949, has announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for register of deeds in the May primary.

He sought the nomination in 1960 but was defeated by the late Register Dan Moore.

The incumbent, Ivey Whistant, serves by appointment and has not yet indicated whether he will seek to retain the post.

Mr. Tucker is a native of the Elizabeth community near Shelby, and is a member of Elizabeth Baptist church. His wife is the former Elizabeth Borders, of Shelby. A son, Jimmy Tucker, lives in Charlotte.

Mr. Tucker said on announcing, "Since November 1949, I have had the opportunity to serve you as the Assistant Tax Collector of Cleveland County. In these years it has been my privilege to meet practically all the voters of Cleveland County.

"I tried to be a servant to the people by always being ready to assist with and to help in whatever way I could, with respect and courtesy to every person, regardless of standing or color.

"In announcing my candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds for Cleveland County, I place before you my 14 years as a public servant. I feel that I can qualify for this office because of the close relationship and business transactions between the Tax Office and the office of the Register of Deeds. I will help with the duties of the office. The business transactions will be handled on a strictly confidential basis by the office personnel. I will not be a "swivel chair office holder". I promise that the office personnel will co-operate, be courteous and respect each person in their business transactions. We will be there to serve you."

**MISSION STUDY**  
A film strip and mission study will be held at Temple Baptist church Wednesday at 7 p.m. The study, "Mandelbaum Gate" will be taught followed by discussion groups and a film strip. The service replaces the regular prayer service.

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hiccupps that required surgery to cure, and subsequently an infection of the transplanted kidney which required more surgery.

His medical troubles began in June 1962 with bronchial pneumonia. At the time he was operating a barber shop near the Furman University campus, where he was graduated. Two weeks after admission to the hospital, the serious kidney disease was discovered and he was transferred to Charleston, S. C., hospital. There he underwent a treatment called peritoneal dialysis. That's where his doctors told his wife, a nurse, that he had about two weeks to live.

She continued the fluid removal treatment at home, meantime learning from the family physician that the Medical College of Virginia was a leader in kidney transplants, which was done on October 24, 1962.

## North Carolina Spent \$796,771 On Local Schools

North Carolina, from the state nine months school fund, spent \$796,771 on Kings Mountain district schools during the 1962-63 term, audit report of A. C. Davis, controller, shows.

Throughout the state, North Carolina's total public schools bill from the nine months school fund was \$217,716,803.

Major portion of the money was expended for teacher salaries, which totaled \$718,278. Other items of state fund contributions to operation of the nine-plant Kings Mountain system were:

For plant operation \$38,145; fixed charges (for compensation of school employees) \$72,751; and for auxiliary agencies (libraries and the child health program) \$530. General control, including state appropriations for the superintendent's office, was \$15,229.

Among individual's state-paid salaries were: Supt. B. N. Barnes, \$10,920; Miss Alice Averitt, teaching supervisor, \$9,660; Principal Harry Jaynes, \$8,350; Principal L. L. Adams, \$7,510; and Principal Connie Allison, \$6,430.

The \$718,278 in teacher pay went to 148 teachers and principals, including 101 elementary teachers (78 white, 23 colored), 38 high school teachers (31 white, seven colored), seven elementary principals (six white, one colored), and two high school principals (one white, one colored).

The state provided \$21,900 for janitor wages, \$7,640 for fuel, and \$4,773 for water, light, and power.

## City Board Agenda Short

Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported a "short" agenda advanced for Thursday night's regular November meeting of the city board of commissioners.

Principal item of business will be receipt of bids for purchase of two items of equipment, a street sweeper and a car for the police department.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said he would also ask the commission for authority to advertise for sale at auction several Monroe avenue lots previously decided to be in lieu of payment of street improvements assessments by the former owners.

The commission convenes at 7 p.m.

## Carlton Posts Wage Increase

Carlton Yarn Mills, Inc. has announced a wage increase effective November 18 for its employees.

The increase will amount to approximately five percent, with adjustments.

Affected will be the Cartex Division in Salisbury, the Carlton Division in Kings Mountain, and the Carlton Division in Cherryville.

Cherryville is the home office of Carlton, engaged in fine yarn spinning of cotton and synthetics. The increase will amount to a total of about \$100,000.00 annually.

## Plaxco Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral rites for Robert Frank Plaxco, Sr., 66, of Lincolnton, brother-in-law of Mrs. J. A. Neisler, Sr. and Mrs. Fred E. Finger of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Bethany ARP church at Bethany, S. C., interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Plaxco was owner and manager of R. F. Plaxco and Sons, Ralston-Purina company of Lincolnton. The Plaxcos moved to Lincolnton in 1956 from Southport, N. C. where Mr. Plaxco was secretary-treasurer and general manager of Brunswick Navigation Co. for 26 years.

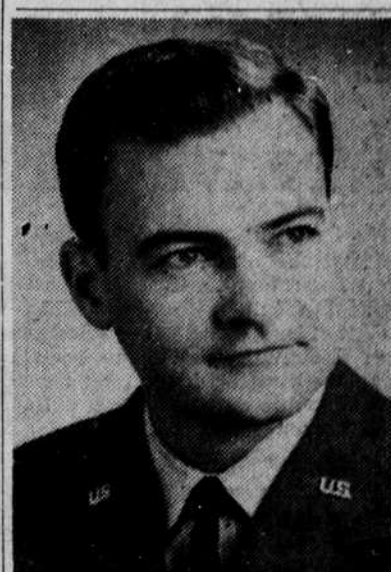
A graduate of Erskine college, he taught in the Mecklenburg County School System for four years. He was married in 1928 to Miss Bess Miller of Radford, Va. His wife survives.

Mr. Plaxco died suddenly Saturday afternoon at his home.

Other survivors include one daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, one brother and five sisters.

# Hospital Officials To Make Expansion Fund Bid Monday

## Captain Broom May Be Astronaut



**ALTERNATE** — Captain Phillip Ward Broom, husband of the former Phyllis Dean of Kings Mountain, has been selected as an alternate to begin classes at the Aerospace Research Pilot school at the Edwards AFB in California in January.

## Carriers To Aid Livestock Survey

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander, announced today that rural mail carriers will begin distributing December livestock survey cards to farmer patrons on their routes during the week of November 18.

The postoffice assists the Department of Agriculture each year in making this and two other surveys.

Livestock cards returned by farmers to their carrier will be mailed direct to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh. Information from each card, if properly reported, will then be tabulated and combined with other reports to give indications of changes in livestock on farm farms. These indications will also be used to establish estimates of the 1963 calf crop, milk production, lamb, crop, wool production, and the fall pig crop as well as farmers plans to have sows farrow in the spring.

Postmaster Alexander, urges that farmers fill out the card and return it as soon as possible. Carriers Helping With This Survey Are B. L. Henson, Rt. 1, Fred Tate, Rt. 2, and Marshall Van Dyke, Rt. 3.

## Farmers To Vote On Tuesday

Kings Mountain area farmers will go to the polls Tuesday and decide whether or not to continue the Nickels for Know-How program.

Nickels for Know-How is a program through which farmers contribute to agricultural research and education in North Carolina. This contribution is a nickel per ton on the feed and fertilizer they buy is used to support programs in research, teaching and extension.

Pooling places for No. 4 Township farmers are: Vocational Agricultural Department of Kings Mountain high school; Kings Mountain Farm Center; Midway Service Station; Mountain View Fruit Stand; Raymond P. Seism Store and R. E. Hambricht Store at Grover.

No. 5 Township farmers may cast ballots at the Vocational Agriculture department of Waco school; Bess Store in the St. Paul community; Eaker's store at Mary's Grove and Waco Feed Mill.

Polling places will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Son-in-Law Of Amos Deans Awaits Physical

Captain Phillip W. Broom (career Air Force officer now stationed at Edwards AFB in California and husband of the former Phyllis Dean of Kings Mountain, may become an astronaut.

A native of Monroe, Captain Broom has been selected as an alternate to begin classes at the Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards in January. Ten new students and three alternates were selected from among all officers in the Air Force. Captain Broom was the only Edwards AFB officer named.

Mrs. Broom is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dean of Kings Mountain. The Brooms and their two-month-old son, Ward, Jr. reside at Edwards.

Writing about Captain Broom's selection, Desert Wings, Edward AFB publication, said:

"Captain Broom, an aerospace engineer assigned to the Manned Spacecraft Engineering Branch, arrived at Edwards in June from the University of Washington where he earned his Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering through the Air Force Institute of Technology.

"The 32-year-old senior pilot from Monroe, North Carolina, has flown the F-102, F-86D, B-36, C-47, T-33, T-34 and T-28.

"Prior to beginning class work on January 6, 1964, the ten principals and two alternates along with Captain Broom, will undergo a complete physical examination at the Air Force Aerospace Medical Center at Brooks Test Pilot's and Advanced Course at the school.

"Although the Air Force has no astronaut training program of its own, Edwards' Aerospace Research Pilot School prepares highly qualified military pilots from all branches of the service as well as from foreign air force for active participation in actual astronautical cockpit and management positions."

## Lennon To Head Kiwanis Club

R. S. Lennon, president of First Union National Bank, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the coming year.

Mr. Lennon is the club's outgoing first-vice-president.

Other officers, also to be installed in January, include: W. S. Fulton, Jr., first vice-president; Glee E. Bridges, second vice president.

The seven-member board of directors will include: W. C. Ballou, J. C. Bridges, Dan Finger, George H. Mauney, Hugh Ormstead, B. S. Peeler, Jr. and Rev. B. L. Raines.

## SELLERS RESIGNS

City Policeman Lee Ambers Sellers resigned last week to join City Heating Company, Chief Paul Sanders reported.

## Water Use Set Record In October, 32,000,560 Gallons Were Pumped

Kings Mountain's water filtering plant logged record monthly pumpage during October, Chief Operator George Moss reported.

Total for the month was 32,000,560 gallons, an average of 1,059,000 gallons per day.

Peak day's pumpage during October occurred on a Monday with 1,280,000 gallons, while lowest pumpage occurred on a Sunday at 560,000 gallons.

Capacity of the water filter plant is two million gallons daily. The plant on S. Deal street and

## Growth Survey Projections Are Underway

Officials of Kings Mountain Hospital expect to make their request for inclusion in a February 22 county-wide bond issue at Monday's mid-month meeting of the county board of commissioners.

Currently underway at the hospital is a projection of growth in use of the hospital since its opening—a requirement of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission for consideration for matching federal aid and other funds.

Conducting the survey is Martin Shoozy, hospital consultant for Walter W. Hook Associates, of Charlotte.

"The survey won't be complete by Monday," Grady Howard, hospital administrator, said, "but there will be available much factual information indicating need for expansion of Kings Mountain hospital."

The county commission has already approved a request of Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby for a \$1.5 million bond issue election. These funds would be matched by federal funds to provide a \$3 million renovation and expansion of the Shelby plant, including raising for the 40-year-old portion of the Shelby plant which has been labeled submarginal to operate as well as a fire hazard.

Kings Mountain hospital, opened in the spring of 1951 as a 24-bed clinic, has been expanded three times and is now a 75-bed facility, with nursing home.

Recent bed occupancy figures were 85.5 percent for the 11 months ending August.

Hospital President George W. Mauney commented recently that occupancy rates in excess of 80 percent indicate near-term need for expansion.

## Teen Nominating To End Friday

Who will be Kings Mountain's outstanding teenagers of 1963? The Kings Mountain Optimist club during Youth Appreciation Week this week is inviting nominations for the first annual teenage award.

Interested citizens may write: Outstanding Teenager Award, P. O. Box 121, giving a name or names and stating why he or she should be selected. Deadline for nominations is Friday night.

The handsome trophies are on display at City Paint Store and will be presented to two outstanding teenagers by the civic club.

"Give Youth A Pat On The Back" is the theme of the local and nation-wide observance of Youth Appreciation Week.

Optimist President R. W. (Bob) Hurlbut, inviting nominations for the two coveted awards, said, "Youth Appreciation Week is aimed at adult recognition of and appreciation for all teenagers. The program is open not only to the sports heroes and the scholarship winners but recognizes the achievements of the average youngsters, the huge middle majority who are just as hungry as the rest for recognition and understanding."

He noted that the top awards will be based on the youth's accomplishments in the home, school, church and community.



**IN WHO'S WHO** — Carole Plonk, Lenoir-Rhyne college senior, has been elected to membership in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

## Miss Plonk In Who's Who

Miss Carole Elizabeth Plonk, Kings Mountain senior at Lenoir-Rhyne college in Hickory and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Plonk, has been elected to membership in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Students are chosen for the high honor on the basis of their service to the college, leadership qualities, extra-curricular activities, scholarship proficiency and potential usefulness in society for inclusion in the 1964 edition of "Who's Who."

A sociology major, Miss Plonk is treasurer of the Lenoir-Rhyne student body and is serving as budget chairman for the student government. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, having served as president of her pledge class and as treasurer. She is currently the chapter's education chairman. A co-director of the freshman program her junior year, she also served as president of Fritz Hall House Council and as a campus guide. She is a member of the steering committee for the new L-R College Center on the Hickory campus.

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## Christmas Club Total \$60,000

First Union National Bank will mail checks, dated Friday, totaling \$60,000 to approximately 700 members of the 1963 Christmas Club, it was announced this week by R. S. Lennon, vice-president.

It was announced concurrently that memberships in the 1964 club will be accepted beginning Monday.

Memberships will be accepted for as little as 50 cents weekly, this amount paying the member on completion next November \$25.

Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier, said several members of the 1963 club will receive checks this week totaling \$500.

## Gonzales Elected In Plainfield, N. J.

Joseph Gonzales, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle W. McGinnis of Kings Mountain, was elected November 5 to the city council of Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. Gonzales ran for councilman-at-large.

His mother is the former Geraldine McGinnis, of Kings Mountain. His father is a Lutheran minister.

## Music Teachers At Conference

Several Kings Mountain teachers attended the annual conference of the North Carolina Music Educators at Greensboro Monday.

Among them were Mrs. J. N. McClure and Mrs. Juanita Logan, of the city schools faculty, Mrs. Rilehard McGinnis, of the Gastonia schools faculty, Mrs. Martin Harmon, piano teacher, and Mrs. Darrell Austin, also of the Gastonia faculty and First Presbyterian church organist here.