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City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Mayor, Commission To Discuss Railroad Underpass



Richard Gold, rising senior, has been elected president of the Student Participation Organization for the coming year.

Richard Gold SPO President

Richard Gold, rising senior at Kings Mountain high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gold of Grover, was elected president of the student body in student elections Friday for top officers in the Student Participation Organization.

Gold defeated two other candidates: Neil McCarter and Tommy Black, both of whom are also rising seniors. The new president will succeed Warren Goforth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goforth.

Elected to succeed Gold as vice-president for 1964-65 was Steve Goforth, rising junior and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goforth, Sr.

Nelson Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Connor and a rising sophomore, will succeed Judy Morris, rising senior, as secretary-treasurer. Miss Morris is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Morris.

Other candidates for the vice-presidency were rising juniors Neal Cooper and Scott Cloninger. Other candidates for secretary-treasurer were Susan Mercier and Mary Ann Houser.

The annual elections were accompanied by student politicking and campaign speeches.

Local News

Bulletins

ELECTED

Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr. has been elected secretary of the Women's Democratic club of Cleveland County, succeeding Mrs. Jack H. White, resigned. Mrs. O. O. Walker will succeed Mrs. McDaniel on the board of directors. Under the club constitution Mrs. White may not serve as an officer since her husband is a candidate for election to the state senate.

LEGION DANCE

Donald Deal and the Continentals will play for a post Valentine dance at Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, Saturday night from 9 to midnight. The dance will be for members and guests. Admission is \$2 per couple.

LODGE MEETING

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will be held Monday night at 7:00 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

ELECTED

John Dilling of Dilling Heating was elected a director at the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association in Greensboro last Friday.

SCHOOL

A School of Instruction for Masons will be held by Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M Monday through Thursday with classes each evening at 7 p. m. at Masonic Hall, D. C. Wright of Mooresboro is leading the school.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$195.60, including \$131.60 from street meters, \$47 in over-park fines, and \$17 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

Day Of Prayer Services Friday

All Churches Set Services Friday Morning

Kings Mountain citizens will join with those around the globe Friday in the annual observance of World Day of Prayer.

Short services at most Kings Mountain area churches will be held beginning at 11:15 a.m. and continuing until 11:45 a.m. Kings Mountain retail businesses will be closed from 11 until 12 noon to allow their employees to attend churches of their choice.

Where citizens are not able to leave work and where loudspeakers are available, local ministers will lead a three-minute prayer. A service will be led at the local hospital, in the mills and mines of the area.

Whistles and sirens will mark the beginning of the period of prayer.

Negro citizens will hold special services Friday evening.

Kings Mountain Mayor Glee A. Bridges signed a proclamation last week officially designating Friday, Valentine's Day, as a World Day of Prayer in Kings Mountain. Plaques and a window display at Bell's Department store call attention to the worldwide observance.

The local observance is headed by the Council of Churchwomen with Mrs. John C. McGill as general chairman. Other committee members are: Mrs. D. L. Bennett, Mrs. Arno Haas, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. Hunter Neisler, Robert O. Southwell, Mrs. Lawrence Lohr, Miss Mae Sue Goforth, Rev. B. L. Raines, Rev. R. L. McGaha, Mrs. O. O. Walker, Rev. Marion DuBoise, Mrs. Thomas Durham, Mrs. Earl Ledford and Mrs. T. J. Ellison.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will play its chimes every hour Friday as a reminder, Mrs. McGill noted, "not only to pray on this special day but on every day."

Gene Blanton Joins Herald

Gene Blanton, of Shelby, formerly with Star Press, Inc., will succeed Russell C. Parrish Thursday as mechanical superintendent of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Mr. Parrish, also of Shelby, became Herald superintendent in August of 1962, is joining the mechanical staff of the Shelby Daily Star on Monday.

Mr. Blanton is a veteran of 16 years in printing and publishing trades.

Cowpens, Not Kings Mountain, Was Tide Turner, Professor Contends

A Limestone college professor thinks the Battle of Cowpens, not the Battle of Kings Mountain, was the real turning of the tide in the American colonists' successful fight for independence from Great Britain.

Dr. Robert Bass, speaking to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night described himself as a professional teacher of English literature and a hobbyist in history, though he has written three books on Revolutionary War subjects and is under way on a fourth.

The Battle of Cowpens was fought January 17, 1781, well over three months after the colonial success at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

Dr. Bass lists these principal contentions: 1) There was no follow-up to the Kings Mountain victory, with the mountain men returning to their homes and only a couple of the leaders fighting further. 2) Kings Mountain's British losses, except for Col. Ferguson, were recently-recruited Tory co-



FINALIST—John Tria, Jr. has been named a finalist in National Merit Scholarship competition. He is a high school senior.

Tria Finalist In Merit Program

John Tria, King Mountain high school senior, has received from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation a certificate of merit in recognition of "high performance in the National Merit Scholarship Program."

This distinction is won "by approximately 12,000 students, about one-half of one percent of the secondary school seniors in the nation."

From this finalist group will come the winners of the scholarships offered. Public announcement of those selected will be made about April 23.

Tria is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tria, Sr.

Saturday D-Day On Auto Plates

Saturday is the deadline for buying and displaying city auto license tags.

City officials reported sale of 1395 new '64 tags through Wednesday morning, indicating that about 400 city car owners have yet to buy new tags. The estimate is based on 1963 tag sales.

Penalty is provided for failure to purchase and display the tags by midnight February 16.

HONOR STUDENT

The name of Mary Jo Hord was inadvertently omitted from the list of tenth graders whose grades placed them on the honor roll for the third six week period and for the semester at King Mountain high school.

Hospital Vote Books To Close

Registration books will be open Saturday for the final time preliminary to the February 29 hospital construction bond election.

At Number 4 Township's four polling places there was little activity Saturday. Mrs. J. B. Ellis added two new names to the Grover pollbooks, there was none reported by Mrs. Nelle Cranford, East Kings Mountain, or Mrs. J. D. Jones at Bethware. Mrs. J. H. Arthur could not be reached Wednesday afternoon for report on West Kings Mountain registration activity.

A new registration is not required. However, un-registered citizens who expect to vote must register. Voters who have moved to different precincts should obtain transfers.

Challenge Day is Saturday, February 22. The books will be open at all the county's 28 precincts. Citizens will determine whether the county shall issue up to \$2,000,000 in bonds for hospital construction, including \$1,500,000 for replacements, renovations, and additions to Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby, and \$500,000 for a 25-bed addition, together with ancillary facilities at Kings Mountain hospital.

The county anticipates it will receive comparable matching funds from the federal government under the Hill-Burton Act, with the Cleveland Memorial project first-launched-given first priority by the county board of commissioners.

Optimist Club Talent Show, Dance Saturday

A ten-act talent show will precede a dance at the National Guard Armory Saturday night. The talent show and dance is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Optimist club, which will use the proceeds for youth activities.

Lawrence Adams, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said advance try-outs for the talent show indicate the audience will enjoy excellent entertainment and that competition will be keen for the numerous prizes awaiting the winners.

He also said that Grayson's Jewelry has provided 100 records which will be given the first 100 persons arriving for the event, which will begin at 7:30.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Fabulous Impalas.

Other members of the committee on arrangements are W. D. (Doc) Byers and Tom Bryant.

"We are looking forward to a tremendous crowd," Chairman Adams commented.

Wells Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Whitney Wells, 71, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Wells succumbed Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Kings Mountain hospital following several months of declining health.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wells. A retired farmer and nightwatchman at Massachusetts Mohair Pile Company's Neisler plant, Mr. Wells was chief of police in Kings Mountain in 1926. He was a Mason, member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Blalock Wells; one son, Jeff Wells of Mocksville; five daughters, Mrs. Floyd McDaniel, Mrs. Morris Timms and Mrs. Dathia Sanders, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. M. P. Riddle of Greenville, S. C. and Mrs. Woodrow McSwain of Norfolk, Va. Also surviving are five brothers, Wayne Wells, Hunter Wells and Earl Wells, all of Kings Mountain, Daily Wells of Richmond, Va. and Harley Wells of Washington; one sister, Mrs. Basil Francis of Blacksburg, S. C.; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rev. Marion DuBoise officiated at the final rites and Masonic burial followed at Mountain Rest cemetery.

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FOOTE AWARD—Mrs. Juanita Steffy, Foote Mineral Company personnel secretary, is pictured above receiving from Foote Manager Neil O. Johnson the first merchandise award made by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club to an employee for her suggestion regarding an employees' Christmas savings plan. Foote recently adopted a new suggestion-system program designed to encourage employees to make safety and/or other suggestions for plant improvements.

Three Contests For County Posts



CANDIDATE - - Incumbent Ivey Whisnant announced this week he will seek re-election as register of deeds for Cleveland County.

Grover Blood Gifts Record

Grover area citizens donated a record 157 pints of blood at Monday's visit sponsored by the Grover Rescue Unit.

"Actually, 261 donors visited the blood bank from 11 until 3 p.m.," Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter Blood Program chairman Charles Mauney said. There were 107 registrations.

The visit was Grover's first during the new fiscal year of the regional blood collecting unit.

Joining the exclusive one-gallon blood donor club were five new members, including William W. Little, John Lee Pruitte, David R. Lovelace, Charles Duval and Bill Putnam.

Goal of the visit was 125 pints of blood. Minette Mill employees led the collection. Donors were: Robert Peterson, Jr., J. D. Hambricht, William D. Brown, William Andrew Hammett, Gordon D. Myers, Raymond Mullinax, Mrs. Shirley Deaton, Clarey C. Mullinax, William D. Dugas, Hubert Humphries, Harry Roark, Sr., Ronald Queen, Dean Durwood McDaniel, Mrs. Nell Payne, Clyde L. Rhea, James Douglas Dingus, Paris R. Philbeck, Ernest Trull, Spurgeon Wright, Jack Turner, Garmie Meis, Ronnie Martin, Floyd Cochran.

Mayor Reports Many Citizens Want Underpass

By MARTIN HARMON Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday he will invite discussion by the city commission Thursday night on possibility of constructing an underpass near the business district to eliminate some of the present rail crossings.

Mayor Bridges said he had received numerous suggestions from citizens that an underpass be constructed and that, subsequently, as many as three of the present rail crossings be closed, including those at Gold street, at the Mauney Mill, and at Cedar street.

"I am not recommending this project, but I do want to get the ideas of the members of the commission. Undoubtedly, the project would be quite expensive and undoubtedly would require a bond issue," the Mayor commented.

The Mayor will also report formally to the commission on the letter of D. W. Broznan, president of Southern Railway Company, who wrote recently that Southern would not spend any money to install warning signals at the Gold street crossing, where four persons were killed in an auto-train accident several weeks ago.

These will be the principal items of business on the regular city commission agenda Thursday night. The meeting will be convened at 6 p.m., an hour in advance of the regular meeting hour. Several members of the commission have other engagements on Thursday night.

Another item will be receipt o bids for purchase of a truck chassis for a dump truck.

City Directory Is Distributed

Kings Mountain's 1964 city directory was distributed this week. Actually, the yellow-bound volume is a two-city directory, including Bessemer City.

The directory includes four major sections: 1) a classified directory, including business and industrial firms, clubs, and churches; 2) a section listing individuals, with the names of their spouses (if any), their trade or profession, where employed, and their residence address; 3) a numerical phone directory; and 4) a street guide, listing individuals and businesses by address, along with phone number.

The volume also includes summaries of Bessemer City and Kings Mountain history, with numerous pictures of public buildings.

The alphabetical directory of names requires 150 pages for Kings Mountain listings and 68 for Bessemer City listings.

Publishers are Wieg Publications, Inc., Columbia, S. C. Kings Mountain Merchants Association endorsed the publication of the directory, Kings Mountain's third, and first published in several years.

Price of the directory is \$30. Copies are obtainable at the office of the Merchants association.

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Had Good '63; Officials Re-named

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association reached another million-dollar milestone in assets and showed increases in loans, savings, and reserves during 1963.

Secretary - Treasurer Ben H. Bridges told shareholders at the annual meeting Tuesday.

The association attained four millions in assets in October 1963, and at December 31 had assets of \$4,050,000, up \$212,000 or 6.3 percent from the previous year-end.

Shareholders re-elected all directors, George Lewis, of Bessemer City, J. R. Davis, Dr. L. P. Baker, C. G. White, Ben H. Bridges, Boyce H. Gault, Clyde Kerns, and Dr. John C. McGill.

After the shareholder session, directors re-elected all officers: Jr. R. Davis, president; Dr. L. P. Baker and C. G. White, vice-presidents; Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, assistant secretary-treasurer. The directors also again re-



WINS AWARD - - Eagle Scout Larry Patrick has won the God and Country scouting award, highest religious honor awarded by a church to a youth in scouting. The award was presented at First Presbyterian church.

Larry Patrick Wins Award

Eagle Scout Larry Patrick, high school freshman and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, received his God and Country award Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

The God and Country medal is the highest religious honor awarded to a youth in scouting, who is under 21 and who works with his minister on a definite program of five areas of study, work, experience and service. The five areas covering a year or more are: Christian faith, Christian witness, Christian world outreach, Christian citizenship and Christian fellowship.

Patrick worked with Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of the ARP church and for certain areas of study with Dr. Paul Ausley, Presbyterian minister.

Dr. Ausley made the award presentation. Young Patrick, an Eagle recipient with five palms, is a graduate of National Junior Leader's Instructor's Training School at Philmont, New Mexico. He is a member of Presbyterian Troop 90.

Hospital Shares In Endowment

Kings Mountain hospital, with an appropriation of \$1,013, was included in the list of 105 hospitals in North Carolina to share in Duke Endowment appropriations totaling \$1,483,202.36 which aid Carolina hospitals and child care institutions in financing their increasing load of charity work.

Royster Memorial hospital at Bolling Springs will receive \$1,013, and Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby will get \$9,625.

The funds, based on charity care in the fiscal year which ended September 30, are being distributed to 143 hospitals and 43 child care institutions in the two states. Hospitals receive \$992,921 of the total.

Explaining that hospitals are assisted on the basis of \$1 a day for each free day of care, Marshall I. Pickens, Endowment secretary, said these appropriations bring to \$36,814,175.36 the contributions made in 30 consecutive years to assist hospitals and child care institutions of the two states in their charity services.

No Dog School, Mayor Warns

Dogs should not be permitted to accompany their youthful masters to school, Mayor Glee A. Bridges warned Wednesday.

The pets frighten some of the other children and then are untended when class schedules start. "We've had numerous complaints on this," the Mayor added, "and we'll have no choice but to pick up the dogs as strays."

EDUCATION BOARD

Kings Mountain district board of education will hold its regular February meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock at the office of the superintendent.

PLONK IMPROVING

Tommy Plonk, high school student who underwent surgery for a rifle wound, is reported improving satisfactorily at Charlotte Presbyterian hospital.