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City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

County Politics Is In State Of Flux

Scott Opposes Any Increase In Tax Rate

"I don't think we need any new taxes. With gains in revenue we'll be able to go forward."

Lt. Governor Candidate Robert W. Scott gave Kings Mountain area farmers a lesson in government as he delineated the duties of the office and suggested that the lieutenant governor, whoever he might be, should be more active in fulfilling the duties of the office.

"We've been blessed with good government. All of us are for progress."

Candidate Scott spoke at the annual farmer's night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club. He said, "I see no reason I would not be able to work with any Democratic candidate for governor."

Edwin Moore welcomed the guests and William Lawrence Plonk presided.

Civil Suit Seeks \$1,000

Ralph H. Hayes of Kings Mountain, in behalf of his 11-year-old son, Richard Eugene Hayes, has filed a civil suit against Southern Railway Company for personal injuries totaling \$1,000.

The complaint contends the boy was injured when the car in which he was a passenger was struck by a train at the Gold street crossing here January 4th. The boy's mother, Mrs. Ralph H. Hayes, was driver of the car. She and three other occupants of the vehicle died as a result of injuries received. The other victims were Jerry Randolph Ward, 14, Jeffrey Morgan Davis, 8, and Raymond Harrison Hayes, 13.

Pre-School Clinics Set

Pre-school clinics will begin in Kings Mountain schools April 16 and parents with children who expect to enter first grade next September are urged to bring children for general health check-ups.

The following schedule will be observed by the nurses and health officers from the Cleveland County Health Department.

April 16: Bethware school students, 1:30 p.m. at educational building of David Baptist church. April 17: Grover school students, 9 a.m. Grover home economics building.

April 20: Davidson school students, 9 a.m. at Mount Zion Baptist church.

April 21: Park Grace school students at 9 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist church.

April 22: Compact school students at 11 a.m. at Mount Olive Baptist church.

April 23: West school students at 1:30 p.m. at educational building of Central Methodist church.

April 24: North school students at 1:30 p.m. at the health room of North school.

Piano Students Play In District Contest

Five piano students of Mrs. Martin Harmon played in annual district contests at Lenoir Rhyne college in Hickory Saturday.

They were: Joan McClure who scored a rating of 1 or superior. Rita Bell and Donna Crawford who scored a rating of 11 or excellent.

Reta Phifer and D-I Goforth who scored ratings of 111 or average.

RAINBOW BAKE SALE

Kings Mountain Order of Rainbow for Girls will sell homemade cakes and candies Saturday from 9:30 until 12 noon between Belk's and Kings Mountain Drug company on downtown streets. Citizens may place special orders and obtain delivery service by telephoning 739-5502; 739-3274; 739-4237; 739-5175. Becky Stowe is Worthy Advisor.

Candidate And Mrs. Preyer To Be Honored Here Friday

County Women Will Entertain Preyer Couple

The Cleveland County Women for Preyer organization has invited Kings Mountain area Democratic women to meet gubernatorial candidate Richardson Preyer and Mrs. Preyer at a coffee Friday from 11 a.m. until 12:30 at the Woman's club.

Preyer will campaign in Cleveland County Thursday night and all day Friday. He will arrive in Shelby Thursday evening for an inter-club meeting of Kings Mountain and Shelby Kiwanians at 7 p.m. at Hotel Charles. At 12-15 Friday, Judge Preyer will address a joint meeting of Shelby and Kings Mountain Rotarians at Hotel Charles.

At 4 p.m. Friday reception for all women of Cleveland County is slated at the Shelby Elks Lodge by Cleveland Women for Preyer. Miss Sadie Lutz of Shelby, chairman of Women of Cleveland County for Preyer, announced this week the appointment of Mrs. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr. as coordinator of women's activities in Kings Mountain, Grover and Bethware precincts.

Mrs. Carpenter said, "I feel women should take more interest in politics and candidates. I am sure that Richardson Preyer is the man for the governor's office and we invite all women of the area to meet Judge Preyer and Mrs. Preyer at Friday's coffee. I am certain voters will find Preyer has all the qualifications for becoming one of our state's outstanding governors."

Mrs. Carpenter is the former Marion Laughridge of Gastonia, daughter of A. L. Laughridge of Daytona Beach, Fla. and the late Laura Rollins Laughridge. She is a graduate of Gastonia high school and was employed at Gastonia's First National Bank before her marriage. Her husband is sales representative of International Correspondence Schools. They have two children, Charles Carpenter, III, age 11, and Laura, age 7.

A member of Central Methodist church where she has served as circle chairman, Mrs. Carpenter is active in all phases of community life. She is a member of the Executive board of West school P-TA, the Woman's club, the county Democratic Women's club and the Country Club. She is a former Scout Den Mother, has served as residential chairman for the United Fund and is a volunteer Red Cross worker.

Mrs. Carpenter is the second area resident appointed to serve as a leader in L. Richardson Preyer's campaign for the governorship. Robert H. Goforth is serving campaign manager in No. 4 Township.

Rites Friday For John Mayes

Funeral rites for Johnny Robert Mayes, 43, will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Chestnut Ridge Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Mayes died in the Veteran's hospital in Columbia, S. C. at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday following an extended illness.

He was a mechanic in a machine shop.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Geneva Randolph Mayes; a son, Jesse Wade Mayes, of the home; a daughter, Linda Faye Mayes, of the home; three brothers, Frello Mayes of Kings Mountain, Charles Mayes of Tampa, Fla. and James Mayes of Grover; four sisters, Miss Mary Mayes and Mrs. Alpha Reynolds, both of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Sarah Huntsinger of Bessemer City, and Mrs. Buna Jackson of Hendersonville.

The body will lie in state at the home on route 1 from 10 a.m. Thursday until 2:30 p.m. Friday. Rev. W. L. Thornburg will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in the church cemetery.



WOMEN FOR PREYER LEADERS — Mrs. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., left, is the Kings Mountain chairman of the Women for Preyer organization and Miss Sadie Lutz, right, is Cleveland County chairman of Women for Preyer. The Cleveland Women's Preyer organization will honor Gubernatorial Candidate Preyer and Mrs. Preyer at a coffee at the Woman's club Friday morning from 11 until 12:30.

Dr. Lee To Join Hendricks Durham

Greenville, S. C. Doctor To Come Here July 1

Dr. Joe Lee of Greenville, S. C. will come to Kings Mountain in June to join Dr. Paul E. Hendricks and Dr. Thomas Durham in the general practice of medicine.

Completing his internship at Greenville, the new practitioner expects to begin practice July 1. Dr. Lee earned his B.S. degree from Clemson college in 1964 and his M.S. in 1959. A 1963 graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina, he is a member of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity.

Mrs. Lee is the former June Chalmers of Anderson, S. C. and a graduate of Limestone college. Dr. and Mrs. Lee are parents of two children: Nancy age three, and Stephen, age nine months.

Dr. Hendricks, and Dr. Durham said, "We are very pleased that Dr. Lee is coming to Kings Mountain."

City Board Plans Routine Meeting

Regular March meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the courtroom of City Hall.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who said the agenda will be short and routine, said the early meeting is planned so that those who want to may attend an inter-club meeting of Shelby-Kings Mountain Kiwanis clubs in Shelby. Gubernatorial candidate Judge L. Richardson Preyer will be the speaker.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Rev. Howard Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, led a religious program, "The True Meaning of Lent" at last week's Kings Mountain Rotary club meeting.

Membership to date totals 118. "We are highly pleased to announce these results of the current membership drive," Mr. Jonas said. He congratulated canvassers for an excellent job and said the Chamber will continue the drive-for-members for the next few weeks.

The membership drive committee also includes Bob Ramsey,

Mrs. Hamrick May Be GOP House Candidate

By MARTIN HARMON

Cleveland County politics remained in a state of flux this week.

Jack H. White, judge of Kings Mountain recorder's court remained the lone candidate for the General Assembly. Judge White is a candidate for the 31st district Senate Democratic nomination.

John H. Moss, president of the Western Carolinas Baseball League remained a probable candidate.

Mrs. C. Rush Hamrick, Jr., Shelby's Woman of the Year, was a possible entry in the hustings for the House seat, via the Republican ranks.

Judge White said Tuesday he was working on the assumption that he would have opposition. He acknowledged that many of his former opponent's friends had come into his camp.

Otherwise, the week's political news was limited to hi-jinks at the Kings Mountain Lions club Farmer's Night banquet.

One farmer (a Republican) chided: "Was this a farmer's night or a Democratic rally?"

Dr. Nathan H. Reed, tailwister and his assistant, W. K. Mauney, Jr., took particular note of all challengers, by snipping ties and spraying a perfume no kin to Chanel No. 5.

Among those recognized were Charles A. Bridges and Spurgeon Hewitt, who seek to succeed John D. White, as county commissioner, and Ralph Tacker, who seeks to defeat Ivey Whisnant. Another who got the snip treatment was Coleman Goforth, challenger of County Commission Chairman J. Broadus Ellis.

Robert W. Scott, chief speaker for the event, expressed appreciation that he had not had his tie snipped.

He remarked that Kings Mountain haberdashers should be going a thriving business.

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Clarence Lee Elgin, 41, were held Wednesday, at 4 p.m. from Faith Baptist church, interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Elgin succumbed Monday at 7 p.m. at his home on Phenix street after suffering from a heart condition for several years.

A native of Belton, S. C., he was a former employee of Burlington Mills and a member of Faith Baptist church. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elgin and a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Louise Bennett Elgin; one son, Randall Elgin of the Army at Fort Hood, Texas; two daughters, Jean and Janice, both of the home; one brother, Albert of Home Path, S. C. and three sisters, Mrs. John Wright of High Point, Mrs. James Hansford of Williamston, S. C., and Mrs. Jack Tate of Melville, California. A granddaughter, Sonya Elgin also survives.

Rev. O. B. Costner and Rev. Play Payne officiated at the final rites.

Retailers Banquet Set For March 27

Tickets are on sale at the Merchants Association office at \$2 for the annual employee-employer banquet to be held Friday, March 27th, at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Gene Ashworth of Charlotte will make the after-dinner address and new officers of the association for 1964-65 will be installed.

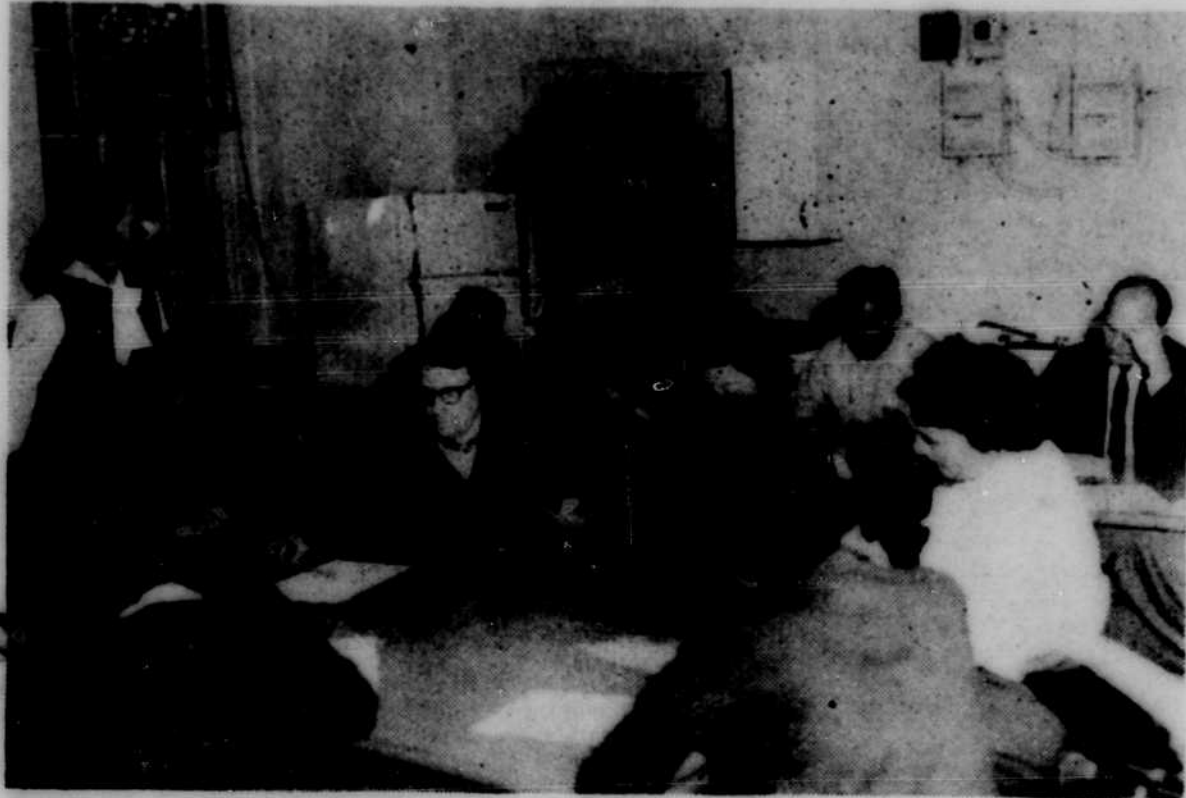
The annual retailer banquet customarily attracts a large crowd and employers are asked to make reservations with Merchants Secretary Mrs. Luther Joy.

LEAP YEAR HOP

The Future Teacher's chapter of Kings Mountain high school will sponsor a Leap Year Hop Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the school gym. The girl-ask-boy dance is expected to be an annual affair.

CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. J. B. Thomasson is being moved by ambulance Thursday from Palm Harbor, Fla. to Kings Mountain hospital. Mrs. Thomasson is critically ill, members of her family report.



Family Life Council is completing plans for Family Life Education Week April 13-16 and representatives of the schools, businesses, churches and civic clubs met Wednesday to formulate plans. The programs will be held at Kings Mountain high school and will be open to parents, teenagers and the general public. Pictured above as they pool community effort toward "better living" are

from left Mrs. R. G. Whisnant, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Mrs. William G. Jones, Mrs. James Scruggs, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. Bill Bobb, Mrs. John H. Gamble, R. W. Huribut, Don Parker, R. S. Lennon, Paul Hambrick and Rev. B. L. Raines. There were numerous representatives not pictured who were present for the planning session.

\$1.1 Million School Bonds To Be Sold By Commission

Commission Secretary Says Market Is Good

J. R. Davis, attorney for the board of education, has advised W. E. Easterling, secretary of the local government commission, to sell \$1.1 million in Kings Mountain school district bonds.

Mr. Davis said that Mr. Easterling informed him "the bond market is good," and that he anticipates a favorable sale.

"I am sorry," Mr. Davis said, "I have not yet learned the full details of the projected sale which will be forwarded to me within the next few days."

On March 10th, 1962 Kings Mountain school district voted to authorize the sale of \$1.1 million in bonds to construct a building and to buy property.

The board of education purchased 73-acres on Phifer road from the Phifer estate.

The tract includes gift of 20 acres from the Neisler Brothers, Inc. a gift of several acres by the Phifer estate.

Plans call for the accommodation of up to 1100 high school students from the ninth to 12th grades.

Mr. Davis said he had instructed Mr. Easterling to sell the bonds on the advice of James E. Herndon, Jr., chairman of the board of education.

Seniors Rehearsing Annual Class Play

Rehearsals are underway at Kings Mountain high school for the Senior class production of "Growing Pains", a three-act comedy to be presented Friday March 20th.

A 17-member cast is under the direction of Miss Lillian Quinn. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The cast will include: Mike Royster as George McIntyre; Joan McClure as Mrs. McIntyre; John Tria as Professor McIntyre; Coral Ramsey as Terry McIntyre; Terry Leonard as Brian; Paul Rollins as Hal; Jack Howard as Omar; Steve Royster as Dutch; L. V. Brooks as Peter; Priscilla Padgett as Mrs. Patterson; Virginia Goforth as Prudence Darling; Connie Shaw as Patty; Jane Matthews as Jane; Willie Anthony as Miriam; Linda Oliver as Sophie; Jimmy Owens as the traffic officer; and Mary Anne McCurdy as Vivian.

Club Stockholders To Meet Tuesday

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc. will hold the annual meeting Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

W. S. Fulton, Jr., secretary, will prime ribs dinner at \$3 per plate will be served promptly at 6 o'clock. The business meeting will follow.



Phyllis Pusey Wins Scholarship

Phyllis Elaine Pusey, high school senior and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Pusey, is one of 12 winners of Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarships to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Each is worth \$1,200 a year and renewable for four years. (Continued on Page 6)

Local Board To Raleigh On Thursday

"A matter of days" is Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes' guess on the date of final approval of school plans and invitation advertising for bids for the new \$1.1 million school plant.

Supt. Barnes, Architect Thomas Cothran, high school principal Harry Jaynes and Earl Hefner, electrical engineer, studied lighting and electrical specifications Monday. The same group, with exception of Hefner, spent Tuesday in Columbia, S. C. where they conferred with Marvin S. Durach & Associates, the mechanical engineers, on heating specifications for the new high school. Supt. Barnes, Mr. Cothran and Mr. Jaynes are to spend Thursday (today) in Raleigh in conferences with officials of the Division of School Planning.

"We see nothing of major importance to hold up advertising of bids", board of education chairman James Herndon, Jr. speculated Tuesday.

Supt. Barnes said, Wednesday, "Today we know of nothing to cause delay but at the same time we are perfecting the final plans and writing specifications." Architect Cothran concurred (Continued on Page 6)

"Village Carrier" Wiley Blanton Will Retire Friday..... 13th

BY DICK WOODWARD

J. Wiley Blanton, veteran of over 35 years affiliation with the U. S. Post Office, announced Wednesday that he plans to retire from the postal service, effective Friday, March 13.

Mr. Blanton, who was born and raised in Kings Mountain, began his long postal career in May, 1928.

"I went to work as a Village Carrier May 1 1928", he reports. "And the post office was located in the small building on Mountain Street where the 'Wee Lantern Gift Shop is now located", he remembered.

After serving as Village Carrier for two years, Mr. Blanton says that he was given the City Carrier's job, which he has held since 1930.

"Things have changed quite a bit since I went to work", he said, "and the costs for sending a letter in 1928 was two cents, he surmised.

When he first became a mail carrier in Kings Mountain, Blanton said that he made two deliveries daily, and began his days work at 7 a.m., and finished around 4:00 p.m.

Approximately 100 pounds of mail was an average City Carrier's load back in the 20's and 30's, but Blanton reported that with the changing of the parcel post

laws in the 40's the delivery of packages was changed.

Prior to the change in the law, carriers were required to deliver packages which weighed up to four pounds, but the change in the requirements required them to deliver only those packages which weighed two pounds or less.

"I made two deliveries in the early days", Blanton says. "And each delivery consisted of approximately fifty pounds", he added.

Only one postal delivery per carrier is in force at the present time.

During his 36 years as a carrier, Blanton has logged over 200,000 miles up, down, and around the streets of Kings Mountain.

"I averaged about 18 miles of walking a day", he reported, which is approximately 90 miles per week, and 1,500 miles a year.

Blanton is presently operating a machine shop in the basement of his home, and is undecided as to the exact vacation he will undertake, but reports that he will continue to work, and will sorely miss his previous job.

"I will certainly miss the people whom I have been used to seeing, but I will still be around to kid my many friends whom I have acquired during my tenure as a carrier", he chuckled.