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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008
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City Taxpayers, Gas Users To Get \$50,000 Cut

Commission Asks Welfare Board To Reconsider

Tax, Gas Income Will Be Shaved \$25,000 Each

Welfare Branch Reconsideration Asked By Board

By MARTIN HARMON
 The Cleveland County board of commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to recommend that the county welfare board reconsider, with a view of rescinding its action of June 26 in voting to close the Kings Mountain welfare office branch.

A delegation of Kings Mountain citizens attended the commission meeting urging the action.

Commissioner John D. White moved, and Commissioner Hugh Dover seconded. Both Commissioners David Beam and Ralph Elliott indicated seconds on Chairman Ellis' request for motion. Commissioner Elliott, also a member of the welfare board, had voted with the welfare board's 3 to 1 majority to close the Kings Mountain branch.

Speaking in behalf of the Kings Mountain delegation were Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Coroner J. Ollie Harris, Rev. Marion DuBose, Hospital Administrator Grady Howard, Mrs. V. T. Weir, and R. Pat Spangler of Shelby.

The Kings Mountain spokesmen outlined the need for continuance of the branch, here pointing out the concentration of population, the current case load, and suggested that service of the agency be made more important to difficulties of administration—a complaint of Director Ben Carpenter of the welfare agency.

Mr. Spangler alluded to the recent political campaign, saying that some groups endeavored to "divide the county." He added, "I feel services should be expanded."

Mr. Howard said the removal of the Kings Mountain branch would pose difficulties for the hospital in the matter of certification of welfare patients, which represent 12 to 13 percent of patients admitted.

Others attending the commission from Kings Mountain were R. S. Lannon, Carl P. Finger, George W. Mauney, Jonas Bridges, Charles Bryant, Charles Dixon, J. Lee Roberts, Bob Maner, Mrs. J. C. Bridges, Wilson Griffin and Martin Harmon.

Lackey Resigns Solicitor Post

Cleveland County Recorder's Court Solicitor Dick Lackey has resigned, effective July 31, and the county board of commissioners unanimously elected Shelby attorney George W. Hamrick to fill the remaining two years of Lackey's four-year term.

Lackey told commissioners in a letter Tuesday that an increase in his private law practice and a burgeoning recorder's court case load made his resignation a necessity.

Acting on a recommendation by B. T. Falls, the commissioners named Mr. Hamrick to the position. Falls and Hamrick are members of the same law firm. Hamrick was the personal choice of both Solicitor Lackey and Recorder's Court Judge Joe Mull.

Comm. Ralph Elliott moved that Hamrick be appointed to fill Lackey's unexpired term. David Beam seconded the motion.

Lackey's letter stated that the recorder's court case load is up by 500 cases this year over the same period in 1963.

Lackey defeated Shelby attorney L. Lyndon Hobbs for the county solicitor's post in a hotly contested race two years ago.

Lackey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Lackey of Shelby, practices law in association with veteran Shelby attorney Joseph C. Whisnant.

Lackey is a native of Lattimore. He received the B. S. and L. L. B. degrees from Wake Forest college. He is a member of the law firm of Falls, Hamrick and Hamrick. He began the practice of law in Shelby in 1958.

Hamrick is married to the former Beth Putnam. They are Baptists and Hamrick has been active in Democratic party affairs in Cleveland County.



ELECTED — Dean Payne has been elected Lieutenant Governor for Zone 1 of the North Carolina District of Optimist International.

Dean Payne In Club Post

Dean Payne, charter president of the Kings Mountain Optimist club, has been elected Lieutenant Governor for Zone 1 of the North Carolina District of Optimist International.

The announcement was made at the recent convention of Optimist International in Denver, Colorado. Zone One includes clubs in Asheville, Morganton, Valdese, Forest City, Shelby, Cherryville and Kings Mountain.

Payne was chairman of the achievements and awards committee for the local club and officers credit his diligent efforts in the club for the club becoming an honor club, one of ten in North Carolina.

Stockholder's Meeting Set

Annual stockholders meeting of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., industry promotion firm will be held at City Hall courtroom July 21. Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, announced this week.

Mr. Bridges said agenda for the meeting will include presentation or reports by officers, election of six directors for the coming year, and any other business properly the concern of the stockholders.

Other officers are J. Wilson Crawford, president, and Fred W. Plonk.

Directors include the officers, W. K. Mauney, B. S. Neil, now of Hickory, and Glee A. Bridges.

Privilege License Sales Total \$3179

City privilege license sales for the 1964-65 fiscal year totaled \$3179.25, well over half the total collected during the year ending June 30.

State law requires covered firms and individuals to purchase the licenses during the month of July.

Penalty of five percent per month applies after August 1.

FAMILY BARBECUE

Kings Mountain Kiwanians and their families will gather for a family barbecue Thursday, July 16th, at 7 p. m. at Lake Montonia.

What's For Holidays? Merchants Officials Ask Of Full Membership?

Officials of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, in an effort to bring order to a chaotic holiday closing policy, have called a membership meeting for City Hall courtroom for 7 p. m. Monday night.

The meeting reflects the semi-holiday observed and not observed by Kings Mountain retailers on the recent Independence Day.

Lions Franchised To Sell City Tags

Tag Purchase Not Mandatory; Profit Split

The City of Kings Mountain, effective January 1, will be out of the city auto tag business, and the Kings Mountain Lions club will be in it.

The Lions proved successful bidders for a franchise to sell city auto tags (at the familiar dollar fee). The Lions promised half the net profit to the city for the franchise.

Meantime purchase of the auto tags will not be mandatory, the city having agreed to repeal the ordinance requiring purchase of the tags.

Lions President Ocus Smith said, "The Lions club believes Kings Mountain area motorists are proud of their community and will want to advertise their city, as will people living outside the city limits in adjacent areas."

Order for 2,500 tags of the new 1965 model has already been placed. Style of the tag will be the same and colors will conform to those of the state auto tag.

The Lions club will use the proceeds in furtherance of its sight conservation work and for other civic and charitable projects, President Smith said.

Bennett Brick For New School

The Kings Mountain board of education Tuesday selected for use in building the new high school building a buff face brick manufactured by Bennett Brick & Tile Company.

Chairman J. E. Herndon, Jr., said samples presented by Bennett and another manufacturer were tested for required specifications and that the Bennett brick tested "well above the specifications."

He added that the use of the Bennett brick will result in a saving of \$5 per thousand, partially due to the fact the Bennett plant is virtually adjacent to the site of the new high school.

Meantime, Architect Thomas H. Cottran said General Contractor R. H. Pinnix began pouring concrete footings Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Cottran said the contractor encountered 86 cubic yards of rock and 50 cubic yards of boulders in the process of grading, chargeable as an extra cost at \$10 per yard.

The \$1.5 million high school plant is scheduled for occupancy in September 1965.



SPEAKER—Rev. Hoyt Whitesides of Burlington will fill the pulpit at Sunday night union services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Rev. Whitesides Here Sunday

Rev. Hoyt E. Whitesides, King Mountain native, will deliver the sermon in the last of the summer series of union services Sunday night at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The announcement was made by W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman of the pulpit committee. The service will begin at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Whitesides, now serving as pastor of Macedonia Lutheran church of Burlington, is a former pastor of Lutheran Chapel church of Gastonia.

Offerings at the summer union services are applied to the Bible-In-Schools fund to finance the Bible teaching program in the district schools.

Six city church congregations have participated in this summer's annual program of union services.

Last Sunday night's service was held at First Presbyterian church with Dr. Paul K. Ausley delivering the message.

Gerberdings Move Thursday

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding and son, Tommy, are moving Thursday to St. Petersburg, Fla., where Dr. Gerberding is assuming new duties as assistant minister of Redeemer Lutheran church.

The Lutheran minister was for 13 years pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The Gerberdings will be living at 501 59th Street, South, in St. Petersburg.

Miss Ware's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Miss Bessie Lee Ware, 69, were held Saturday at 11 a. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Patterson Grove Baptist church cemetery.

Miss Ware died at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several months.

She formerly was employed as a housemother at the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton. She was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ware, she is survived by three brothers, Otto Ware and Lawrence Ware, both of Kings Mountain, and Hunter Ware of Wilmington; and a sister, Mrs. Benton Putnam of Kings Mountain.

Miller Guilty Of Taking Part In An Affray

A dispute between in-laws which erupted into an affray on June 30 resulted in following judgments by Judge Jack H. White in city court Tuesday:

Charles E. Ballard, 50, of 420 Meadowbrook road, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon nor of participating in an affray.

Ballard's son, David M. Ballard, 17, was found not guilty of participating in an affray.

Arnold C. Miller, 34, Route 2, Bessemer City, estranged husband of the late Jeanette R. Miller, a sister of Ballard's wife, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, but guilty on a charge of participating in an affray, for which he was handed a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of court costs.

Testimony in the related cases required about two hours in the Tuesday session. Miller was represented by Attorney Lyndon Hobbs, while Ballard acted as his own defense.

Testimony showed that an altercation between Miller and the Ballards occurred in late afternoon June 30 on East Parker street, in front of the home of Miller's late wife, with Charles Ballard and Miller participating in a fist-knife fight.

Miller testified he had visited his late wife's residence to obtain certain "personal belongings" and to visit his son.

Ballard testified that his wife was at his late sister-in-law's residence when Miller knocked on the rear door. He said his wife refused to admit Miller and called her husband. Ballard said, when the call came, he was cutting weeds at his home. He and his son drove quickly to the Parker street address, found Miller sitting in his car, parked in front. As he approached the car, Ballard continued Miller emerged and struck him on the temple with his fist.

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Rights Bill: No Incidents

Kings Mountain has lived under the new federal civil rights bill since its enactment into law last Thursday with peace and quiet. Chief of Police Paul Sanders said Wednesday.

He reported, "No incidents." Chief Sanders said a few Negroes entered previously segregated restaurants, were served, and left. One reported to the Chief that a Negro group left tips.

Eugene McSwain, manager of Joy Theatre, said a group of Negroes asked him about de-segregation of the theatre and were informed he had requested a policy statement from the owner, Stewart & Everett, Inc., of Charlotte. The policy was to de-segregate, and the Joy has been. Negro patrons formerly were required to occupy balcony seats.

Dixon Services Are Continuing

Rev. Richard Hobson, pastor of Grover's Shiloh Presbyterian church, is continuing evangelistic services this week at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Services are nightly at 7:45 p. m. Bible school classes for all ages are scheduled nightly from 6:30 until 7:30 through Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Hobson will fill the pulpit each evening through Saturday with Rev. James Mann, pastor, to close the services Sunday evening.

Special music is under the direction of Miss Joan McClure, pianist, and Den Hambricht, song leader.

Full 20-Cent Tax Supplement Asked

20-Cent Levy To Provide More Faculty

The Kings Mountain board of education, yet without the new tax valuation figures for the school district, has asked the county commission to levy district taxes for 1964 as follows:

1) A sufficient rate, based on the new valuation, to return the same revenue for debt service, as was returned in 1963, when the rate was 40 cents per \$100 valuation.

2) 20 cents per \$100 valuation for special district supplementary funds, maximum leviable, and same rate prevailing for many years.

The 20-cent supplemental tax will return additional revenue. Chairman J. E. Herndon, Jr., said Wednesday the board made the request for the maximum due to known increase in maintenance and operational costs to be engendered by the new high school plant, the need for extra courses and therefore additional faculty members, and for other needs.

"State funds for maintenance, as well as teachers, are allocated on basis of number of pupils. Occupancy of a new building will not increase these allocations," Mr. Herndon commented.

Meantime, the board joined the county and Shelby school units in asking the county commission to set a tax rate of 55.9 cents per \$100 valuation for schools, including 18.6 cents for current expense, and 13.5 cents for debt service. This compares with the 77 cents levied for schools in 1963, the lower rate reflecting the new property valuation of \$260 million, on which the county commission will levy at the rate of 65 percent.

Previously, the three school boards had asked the commission to assess for three consecutive years a special tax sufficient to return \$350,000 for the three years, with the Shelby district to receive their three-year share the first year, Kings Mountain district the second year, and the county district the third year.

The commission replied it could not legally and itself for future tax levies, but indicated it would assess for the first year on receipt of letters of agreement from all three units.

Normally, county school taxes are shared between the three units on a per capita pupil basis.

TEACHING FELLOW

James Stuart Teague, Kings Mountain high school science teacher, will be a teaching fellow next year at Appalachian State Teacher's College in the field of biology. He is among 84 graduate assistants and teaching fellows for the 1964-65 school year. He is a graduate of ASTC.

Independence Day Holiday Here Is Celebrated Peacefully, Safely

Kings Mountain observed the Independence Day holiday peacefully, quietly, and safely.

One accident reported by city police over the July 4th weekend occurred Sunday when a lad on a bicycle was struck by a car. He has already been discharged from the hospital, where he was taken for treatment.

A large number of citizens trekked to beaches and mountain resorts. One Kings Mountain citizen, back in town before noon Sunday after a three-day stay at Myrtle Beach, S. C., reported, "You couldn't stir'em with a stick."

Lake Montonia club enjoyed its "biggest-ever" picnic outing, and



GRADUATE — Miss Viola Ellison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ellison, received her B. A. in elementary education last month from Central Wesleyan Methodist college at Central, S. C. The school finals were held June 8.

Mrs. Jenkins' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bessie Payseur Jenkins, 80, widow of John S. Jenkins, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Grace Methodist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Jenkins died at 5 a. m. Sunday at the home of a daughter in Harlem, Ga. She had been in ill health for several months.

Mrs. Jenkins was a native of Lincoln County. She had made her home in Harlem since the death of her husband in 1962.

Surviving are one son, Jesse Jay Jenkins of Kings Mountain; eight daughters, Mrs. Dewey Caldwell, Mrs. William Brackett, Mrs. Haskell Wilson, Mrs. Carl Gantt, Mrs. Clifford Kircus, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Claude Barnett of Harlem, Ga., Mrs. Dewey Harding of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. Howard Martin of Moun. Holly; one brother, Cecil Payseur of Bessemer City; one sister, Mrs. Ida Haney of Gastonia; 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Rev. N. H. Jussey officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

ARP's Schedule Special Prayer Day

A day of prayer and self-denial will be held on Wednesday, July 15th, at Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

The church will be open for silent prayer and meditation from 10 to 11 a. m., 5 to 6 p. m. and 8 to 9 p. m. Mrs. N. M. Farr, foreign missionary secretary, has announced.

Byers Heads Optimist Club

W. D. (Doc) Byers has been installed as president of the Kings Mountain Optimist club for 1964-65. He will succeed R. W. (Bob) Hurlbut.

Mr. Byers has served the club as projects chairman, as program chairman, as vice-president, as a director, and as secretary-treasurer.

"Byers has done a commendable job in the past and I'm sure he will make this year," Mr. Hurlbut said.

Other officers will include: Lawrence Adams, T. W. Bryant, Jim Connor, Meard D. Valentine and Carl E. Wilson, vice-presidents; Ernest C. Payne, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Clyde Goodson, chaplain.

Presbyterians Set Annual Bible School

Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning and continue through Friday at First Presbyterian church, Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor, has announced. Classes will begin promptly at 9 a. m. and will continue until 11:30 for children kindergarten age through pioneers.