

Kings Mountain Schools Will Open On Thursday

City Fathers Hear Complaints Of Negro Group

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and two city commissioners, J. E. Rhea and Norman King, held an informal talkfest with a group of Negro citizens late Sunday afternoon...

The Mayor gave this report of the meeting: The Negro group complained that a police desk sergeant on Thursday had issued a call via police radio in which on-duty police were instructed to check on a group of "niggers" in a station wagon on York road...

To a contention that the city should employ more Negro citizens on city jobs, the Mayor replied that the city now lists and has for many years employed large numbers of Negroes.

On complaint that the city's mayor-appointed community relations council had never met, Mayor Bridges replied that, in the absence of difficulties, no meeting had been needed.

Comm. Ray Cline, not present Sunday, is chairman of the community relations council. He said Wednesday he would convene a meeting if one is wanted.

Gill was present at the Sunday meeting, but made no comments, Mayor Bridges said.



NEW TEXTILE FIRM INSTALLING MACHINERY — K. Mills, Inc., is busy installing looms at their new Marie street building. Pictured in foreground are Ralph Johnson, left, superintendent, and Tom Reynolds, overseer of machinery installation in background, left to right, are Donald Cobb, Richard Proctor, Paul Bridges, and Foley Cobb, Jr. Supt. Johnson said he would begin processing employment applications next week. The firm will manufacture upholstery fabrics.

Jimmy Foster Died In Wreck Monday Night

John James (Jimmy) Foster, 19, was killed instantly Monday night at 11:45 p.m. when he lost control of his car on a curve after a tire blew, the vehicle overturning in a creek about 100 yards from Radio Station WKMT on Bessemer City road.

Another youth, Richard Causby, riding with Foster, escaped injury. Coroner J. Ollie Harris said young Foster died of a broken neck.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from the Tabernacle of Love, Rev. Jerry Grigg and Rev. Paul Lanning officiated and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Highway Patrol Trooper William Valentine said the car was traveling toward Kings Mountain on the Bessemer City highway and he estimated the speed at 65 m.p.h. when the wreck occurred near WKMT Radio.

A native of Kings Mountain, Foster was the son of Mrs. Betty Foster Dellinger of 912 First street, who survives, along with the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Foster, Kings Mountain; two brothers, Dwight and Carl Grady Foster, and one sister, Petrina Shehan, all of the home.

Welfare Branch Answer Monday?

Mrs. Mauney Will Move Retention

The final answer on whether the Kings Mountain branch of the county welfare office will be closed may be given Monday night. The welfare board convenes in regular session Monday evening and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, of Kings Mountain, a member, said she would move the board to rescind its 3 to 1 action of June 26 to close the Kings Mountain office.

Whether supporting votes will be forthcoming was subject to conjecture.

Mrs. Mauney, due to personal commitments, left the July meeting early, after making a plea for retention of the Kings Mountain branch, but before entering a motion. There was one and the June action stayed on the record.

Retention of the office here has the support of all Kings Mountain civic clubs, Kings Mountain hospital officials, the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, other groups, and individual citizens, more than 600 of whom petitioned the welfare board to rescind the closing action.

Other board members are A. L. Warlick, chairman, Carlos Young, Ralph Elliott, and Wayne Caudill.

Mexican Youth Learning Textile Trade At Mohair Margrace Plant

The nice-looking young black-haired man who has been working in various departments of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Margrace plant since June is John Paul Barbaroux, 23, a Mexican of French descent.

In fact, his father is native French and his mother, native Mexican, is of French extraction, too.

Mr. Barbaroux studied textile engineering at Mulhouse University in France, near the German border, is gaining some practical experience here by the accident of his uncle and Neisler division Manager Al Maino having a mutual friend.

Barbaroux speaks with an obviously un-American accent but manipulates the English language quite well, even though his study of English was limited to a brief stint in high school and a two-month crash course in Michigan just before he came to Kings Mountain.

His uncle and his father are members of the firm of S. Robert & Company, Mexico City, and manufacture both cotton and wool yarns, as well as end products such as suitings and shirtings. He's not sure when he'll return to Mexico City, nor whether he'll work for his family's firm or some other.

City News Firm Open For Business

City News, a new Kings Mountain business firm, is open for business. Located in the Lipford building on West Mountain, the firm is offering a wide assortment of gifts, novelties, sundries, magazines, newspapers, paperback books, greeting cards, toys and other items.

The firm will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., excepting Sundays, when the firm will close during church service hours.

Negro Nursery Opens Monday

The Kings Mountain Council of United Church Women will open a day nursery for Negro children Monday.

The nursery will be for four and five-year-old children and will be located in the Masonic Lodge building on West Parker street.

Negro parents interested in enrolling their children should contact Miss Lillian S. McClure, 414 West Ridge street, telephone 739-5336.

Enrollment will be limited to 20 children. For George Plunk, chairman of the local project, Kings Mountain's first, commented, "The need for this nursery has been apparent for some time, and last year the United Church Women accepted it as a local project. Through hard work, contributions and cooperation of the churches, many individuals and local businesses, the proposed project is about to become a reality."

Two-Way Path Progress Key, Allen Declares

"The only path to the county's ultimate greatness is the two-way avenue of cooperation," Jim Allen, editor of the Shelby Daily Star, declared to members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Editor Allen had said, "We have a deep affection of Kings Mountain, though at times we may disagree."

Suggesting it sometimes appeared Kings Mountain suffered an inferiority complex he added, "Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township have no need to nurture an attitude of inferiority. The area is well-blessed with industry and is getting more. Kings Mountain has no court-house and I sometimes wish we didn't."

He deplored, he said an apparent effort in the recent Democratic primary to inflame sectional feeling, labeling an advertisement condemning the Shelby "drug store gang" as designed for political gain on basis of an old sentiment. He acknowledged he had heard reports of validity to some of Kings Mountain's "redheaded stepchild" charges in the past, but inferred those days are past.

Editor Allen called attention to a study report filed 20 years ago (December 1944) which made recommendations for county-wide action in many directions, noting that only now are some of the recommendations being implemented.

Among them:

- 1) Provision for water and sewer systems in all towns and villages.
2) Consolidation of all schools into one administrative unit.
3) A rural sanitation program.
4) Zoning.
5) Change of the name of Shelby Public Library to one "more emblematic of its function."

Mr. Allen was presented by William Lawrence Plunk. Martin Harmon welcomed Ray Holmes as a new member of the club.

Grover Picnic Plans Underway

Plans are well underway for the annual Grover Community Picnic to be held Saturday, September 5th, at Grover school.

An informal program has been planned, Mrs. Fred Crisp, publicity chairman, has announced. Music and marching by the Kings Mountain high school band, under direction of Joe C. Hedden, will kick-off the festivities at 3 p.m. Dr. T. A. Barker, the new physician who came to Grover in July, will be recognized during the program.

Retailer Picnic Is Wednesday

Annual employee-employer picnic of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association will be held Wednesday at 7 o'clock at El Bethel Methodist church educational building. Women of El Bethel church will serve the picnic-style meal and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson is chairman of the El Bethel committee.

Industry Training Class Approved

Fred Withers Coordinator Of ITC Course

Thirty Kings Mountain students of junior and senior high school age will take part in what is called an Industrial Training Cooperation program here for the first time this fall.

Kings Mountain high school is one of 70 schools in North Carolina approved for this unique program which will provide on-the-job training in industrial skills. Fred Withers, who will serve as instructor, said numerous students have already applied, and applications are still being accepted.

The Kings Mountain board of education formally approved the ITC program Tuesday. Mr. Withers said classroom instruction for a senior will involve two hours of classwork in technically related industrial trade skills from automatic mechanics to meat cutting. A junior, who may also take the course when he is a senior, will be required to take one hour of classwork daily.

Applicants have indicated varied trades they wish to excel in, including trainees for physicians and nurses' aids; hospital workers; printers; mechanics, etc. Classroom work will be designed to assist them in pursuing these fields of work, and in cooperation with industries, the students will be able to train locally for those jobs, Mr. Withers pointed out.

The waiting lists for ICT programs are long throughout the state. Mr. Withers continued, and by 1965-66 school year a local program will be able to accommodate only 25 pupils. The program involves spending much individual time with a student, Mr. Withers added.

Mr. Withers noted that trainees for the medical profession, from doctor's assistants to laboratory and X-ray technicians, are popular choices of Kings Mountain area students who have filled three 8"x14 sheets of paper with job suggestions.

"We are accepting all applications for screening," Mr. Withers continued.

The Kings Mountain teacher said, "We are most enthusiastic about this new program in Kings Mountain and are highly pleased that we are fortunate to of."

The tax collector reminded citizens they do not have to wait for results of their hearing to pre-pay their taxes. Refunds will be returned on Page 8.



GRADUATE — Glenn Alton Dover of Kings Mountain has received his master of arts degree from Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone. The Kings Mountain man will teach seventh grade science and mathematics at Rhyne school in Gastonia this fall. He earned his B. S. in 1958 from ASTC.

Tax Discount Deadline Near

Number 4 Township citizens who pre-pay 1964 taxes by Monday will qualify for a full two-percent discount allowed on August pre-payments, Robert S. Gidney, county collector, and Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., city collector, reminded this week.

Mr. Gidney said all tax bills had been mailed in Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township. Mailing of tax bills in No. 6 Township is to be completed by Friday.

Both city and county offices are expected to be busy this weekend. Tax pre-payments Wednesday at the city office reached \$10,452. The county office said payments had been "slow" but predicted a "rushing business" through Monday.

What about valuation adjustments? Mr. Gidney said county officials were proceeding with hearings on the new valuations but that no hearings had been held for industries and businesses, including equipment and machinery. They are to be scheduled in September, Mr. Gidney noted.

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4274 Pupils Is Anticipated Enrollment

Kings Mountain district school children will begin the 1964-65 term Thursday morning at 8:30. First day schedule, when children will report to classes, get books and assignments, will end at 11:30 a.m.

Full-day work starts Friday, for all except first graders, when all the nine school cafeterias will be in operation. First graders will have abbreviated schedule for the first ten school days — through September 10.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday he anticipated enrollment for the nine-plant district is 4274, including 3074 elementary and secondary school pupils and 1200 high school pupils.

Supt. Barnes said Wednesday the faculty is complete with the exception of a high school history teacher and a sixth grade teacher. The history teacher vacancy was a later occurrence. The Industrial Cooperative Training program was approved for Kings Mountain high school Tuesday and will be directed by Fred Withers. The new Withers assignment creates need for a replacement.

Otherwise, Supt. Barnes pronounced the schools "ready to open."

Faculty members reported for duty Tuesday. New members of the faculty were entertained at dinner at the Woman's Club by the Kings Mountain NCEA unit.

Assignment Supt. Barnes reported a minimal number (11 as of Wednesday morning) of requests for transfer to schools other than those to which they were assigned by action of the board of education last week.

"All students are requested to report to schools to which they have been assigned on Thursday and Friday," Mr. Barnes said, "The board will meet after the school day Friday to consider transfer requests."

He said the board members have indicated they will follow policy, in accommodation, students with transfers when possible without creating class imbalances and overloads.

Saturday will be the final day to ask transfers formally. According to North Carolina regulations, transfer requests must be made within ten days of publication of the assignment notice, if the requests are to have legal standing.

Jenkins Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Miss Mussett Jenkins, 86, a former resident of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which she was a member. Interment followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. C. P. McKee of Kannapolis; two nieces, Mrs. Robert Farley of Covington, Va., and Mrs. Paul Dunn of Clifton Forge, Va.; and one nephew, James Dunn of Clifton Forge, Va.

Cooper To Fill Lutheran Pulpit

Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, pastor of New Hanover Lutheran church of Gastonia will be in charge of the morning and evening services this week at the First Church of the Nazarene in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. G. Clayton, who is conducting a revival in the First Church of the Nazarene at Beaufort, S. C.

JACOBS' CONDUCT SERVICES Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jacobs of Gastonia will be in charge of the morning and evening services this week at the First Church of the Nazarene in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. G. Clayton, who is conducting a revival in the First Church of the Nazarene at Beaufort, S. C.

Local News Bulletins

PARKING METERS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$224.30, including \$148.80 from on-street meters, \$56 in over-parking fines, and \$19.50 from off-street meters.

JOINS MCGINNIS Lewis (Luco) Falls, former postman, has joined McGinnis Furniture Company as delivery superintendent and salesman.

KIWANIS CLUB Bill Bates, high school football coach, will discuss prospects for the coming season at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:15 p.m. at the Woman's club.

ROTARY CLUB Kings Mountain Rotarians will discuss 1964-65 club objectives as the program for Thursday's meeting. The civic club convenes for lunch on at 12:15 at the Country Club.

FROM VACATION Dr. W. L. Pressly and Mrs. Pressly have returned from their vacation and Dr. Pressly will fill the pulpit at Sunday services at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church.

BAND TO PLAY The Cascades, a local band of high school students, have been invited to play for Hits, Inc., community teenage center, in Rockingham. Members of the band are Johnnie Moore, Jeff and Ike Patterson, Johnny Bennett and Leslie Joy.