

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Seventy-Sixth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Gamble Stadium Fund Now Exceeds \$44,000

Rites Conducted For B.S. Neill

Retired Banker Died Sunday; Rites Held Here

Final rites for Buren Shuford Neill, 72, were held Monday at 2 p.m. from Central Methodist church, interment following in Mountain cemetery.

The former Kings Mountain banker and long-time citizen died Sunday morning at 6 a.m. at Wesley Methodist Center of Charlotte. He had been in ill health the past two years.

A native of Iredell County, he was the son of the late James Andrew and Carrie Shuford Neill.

He joined Independence Trust Company in Charlotte in 1921 and came to Kings Mountain as president of First National Bank in 1930, retiring as chairman of the local board of directors when First National merged with First Union National Bank of North Carolina in 1963. Since his retirement he and Mrs. Neill had made their home in Hickory.

In Hickory Mr. Neill was a member of First Methodist church and long active in church and community affairs. He was a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Moore McCann whom he married in 1918; three sons, B. S. Neill, Jr. of Gastonia and David and Robert H. Neill, both of Charlotte; one daughter, Mrs. Jack Fortune of Hickory; one brother, Lee Neill of Tyler, Texas, and 12 grandchildren.

Rev. Howard Jordan, assisted by Rev. J. G. Winkler, officiated at the services. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Central Methodist church Official Board, the board of directors of First Union National Bank, and L. Arnold Kiser, J. R. Davis, A. Hunter Patterson, B. W. Gillespie, L. A. Hoke, George Blalock, Henry Neisler, B. S. Peeler, Jr., all of Kings Mountain, Jack Ruth, W. W. Tolleson, C. B. Campbell, R. E. Kerr, Frank DeArmon, Roy Smith, Jr., Eddie Jones, W. R. Culbertson, Lonnie Brooks, Carl McCraw, James D. White and Vernon Stanley, Jr., all of Charlotte.

Active pallbearers were R. S. Lennon, Charles Neisler, Dan Finger, Paul Walker, all of Kings Mountain, Tom Pruitt, Jr. of Hickory and R. L. Neill of Charlotte.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the building fund of Central Methodist church.

District NCEA Meeting Here

Some 500 teachers in Cleveland and Gaston counties are expected to gather at Kings Mountain high school Thursday afternoon for a district meeting of the North Carolina Education Association.

The conference will be convened at 4 o'clock for a work session. Dinner will be served at six, with another work session to follow.

School Officials Attend Briefing On Civil Rights Act - Federal Cash

Several Kings Mountain district school officials attended a meeting at Lenoir-Rhyne college last Thursday, the meeting concerning federal grants to schools in relation with the federal civil rights act.

The law requires that the board of education sign an agreement with the Health, Education, and Welfare department that it will abide by non-discrimination provisions of the civil rights act if the board is to continue to receive federal funds. Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he had not estimated the amount of federal funds accruing in the past year to the Kings

Mountain school district, but guessed federal aid for lunchroom operation might aggregate \$35,000 or more per year. Other federal funds are provided for agriculture, home economics, and other vocational instruction, for the guidance program, and others.

Supt. Barnes said state Attorney-General Wade Bruton pointed out the act involves both teacher and pupil assignment. Attending the Hickory meeting, in addition to Supt. Barnes, were School Trustees James E. Herndon, Jr., and George H. Mauney, and J. R. Davis, attorney for the board of education.

Measuring Rods On Big Snow Road 12 Inches

Was Saturday's snow, advertised up to 12 inches, a modern record for depth?

It's a moot point. At least one citizen recalls a snow of several years ago as reaching 18 inches. Low temperatures accompanied the snow and shady spots still had plenty of snow on the ground Wednesday afternoon. The city street crews were still at work clearing drifts, both from the snow and piled up by themselves in clearing earlier pathways to cars.

Retailers found a run on rubber footwear, and service stations and garages found demand for car chains for the first time this winter season.

It meant a two-day school holiday for Kings Mountain district pupils, which, however, will be borrowed from the priorly indicated four-day Easter weekend holiday.

Schools resumed operation Wednesday, with attendance normal or near-normal at majority of the nine units. Kings Mountain high school was tops in attendance, with 95.5 percent present, with Davidson school low at only 71 percent present.



SUCCESSORS - B. S. Neill, former Kings Mountain banker, died Sunday morning at the age of 72. Funeral rites were held Monday.

Mrs. Harmon's Rites Conducted

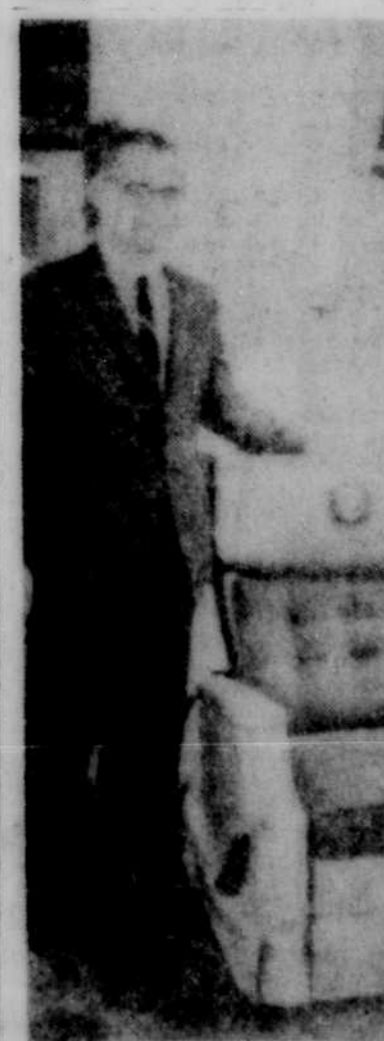
Funeral rites for Mrs. Laura Williams Harmon, 90, widow of Price Harmon, were held Monday at 2 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. James Wilder and Rev. Richard Tyler officiated at the final rites and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Harmon died Saturday at 7 p.m. at her home on route one. She had been in ill health the past three months.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Jack Williams. Her husband died in 1951. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John Eilers, Mrs. Martin Leigh and Mrs. John Hovis, all of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Wray Williams and Will Williams, both of Kings Mountain; one sister Mrs. Harley Queen of Shelby; 26 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

HAS OPERATION J. Ollie Harris, Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, is recovering satisfactorily from a gall bladder operation he underwent in Houston, Texas, last Friday.



DIKEY FABRICS AT WHITE HOUSE - Before Christmas, Dikey Fabrics received a rush order for fabric to be used on a special chair which was to be a gift to the President from the 10th Congressional District of Texas. It is understood that Mrs. Johnson picked the Dikey fabric for the chair. The fabric selected was a brown tweed, used in conjunction with tan vinyl, which had the initials L.E.J. on the footrest and the presidential seal of office on the headrest. Twelve additional chairs to be delivered to the White House were ordered almost immediately following the presentation of the original chair.

Twin Birthdays For Kiwanis Here



SPEAKER - Sam D. Bundy, Farmville schoolman, will make the principal address at Thursday night's 25th anniversary banquet of the Kiwanis club.

Scouts To Get Eagle Awards

Two Kings Mountain Boy Scouts will receive their Eagle awards in church services this month.

Charles Sparks, Jr. of Troop 91 will receive his Eagle at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning at First Baptist church.

Thomas W. Bridges of Troop 91 will receive his Eagle at 11 o'clock services January 31 at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Troop advancements at Thursday night's Court of Honor included Roy Jones and Dana Sarvis, both of Troop 92, who were promoted to Second Class, Carl Wissener of Troop 91 was advanced to Life.

Merit awards went to the following:

Troop 91: Darrell Hawkins, cooking and home repairs; Reid Strickland, home repairs; and Ronnie Hawkins, cooking.

Troop 92: Randy Wilson, cooking; Ronnie Payne, finger printing, home repairs and cooking; and Richard Waters, finger printing.

Auto Tag Sales Near 1000-Mark

Kings Mountain auto license tag sales neared 1000 this week. This year's sale is being conducted by the Kings Mountain Lions club under a franchise agreement with the city.

Price remains at \$1 with half of the net proceeds to the Lions club having been pledged to the John Gamble Stadium fund. Tags are on sale at city hall courtroom.

Sam Weil, chairman of the tag sale committee, is urging all citizens with Kings Mountain postal addresses to buy what he terms a "community" auto tag.

SCHUY SPEAKS Ira M. Schuy, Jr., president of the Barwin Corporation, spoke on his hobby of coin collecting at Thursday's Rotary club meeting. Mr. Schuy holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Ware Likely Thomasson Successor On Cleveland Elections Board

George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain attorney and veteran member of the Cleveland County Elections board, has resigned, he has informed the State Elections board and Clint Newton, county Democratic chairman.

Mr. Thomasson said he resigned due to his recent appointment as judge of Kings Mountain Recorder's court.

Chairman Newton has informed Kings Mountain Democratic precinct chairman he will recommend appointment of a Kings Mountain citizen as Thomasson's successor for the remainder of his unexpired term and that he

Industrial Gifts Have Reached \$40,350 Total

Contributions and pledges to the \$80,000 campaign to build John Gamble Stadium totaled \$44,088.88 Wednesday - well over the halfway mark.

J. Wilson Crawford and J. Ollie Harris, co-chairmen of the industrial solicitation committee, reported additional contributions and pledges of \$12,850, which brought the total from this group to \$40,350.

Charles Harry III, secretary-treasurer of the committee, reported cash receipts of \$4,738.88. The industrial committee reported these new gifts:

Phenix Plant, Burlington Industries, \$2500. Bennett Brick & Tile Company, \$2000.

Spangler's Ready-Mix Concrete, \$1500.

Minette Mills, \$1000.

Kings Mountain Mica Company - English Mica Company, \$1000.

Park Yarn Mills, \$1000.

Duplex - Shannon, Ltd., \$1000.

Neisler Division, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, \$1000.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, \$1000.

Fred Wright & Son, \$500.

Footo Mineral Company, \$350.

Mr. Harry reported gifts from: Mountaineer Club, Inc., Young Brothers, Inc., C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coggins, and Griffin Drug Company.

The industrial committee commented that their work is not yet complete and that they anticipate additional contributions. They had previously reported pledges of \$20,000 from Mauney group firms and officials, \$5,000 from Dicey Fabrics, Inc., and \$2,500 from an anonymous giver.

Charles Blanton, chairman of the business solicitation committee reported this group has begun its work and he anticipates good results. Other members of this committee are Dick McGinnis and Tom Trotter.

Lockridge Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Rev. Roy Hunter Lockridge, 59, were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Lockridge, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church of Rock Hill, S. C., died Monday in York County hospital after a year's illness.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of Mrs. William Calvin Lockridge and the late Mr. Lockridge. He had held pastorates in Hickory, Concord and Rock Hill.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Carrie Hope Lockridge, he is survived by one son, Rev. Roy Lockridge, Jr., pastor of El Bethel Methodist church; one daughter, Mrs. Vernon Padgett of Rock Hill, S. C.; one brother, Fred Lockridge of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Ben Short, Mrs. Coleman Stroups and Mrs. Luco Jenkins, all of Kings Mountain, and four grandchildren.

Rev. John Harris officiated at the final rites.

City Seeking Legislative Act

The city board of commissioners will seek General Assembly action to implement work of the city planning board.

The planning body recommends adoption of a city ordinance covering development of subdivisions to extent of one mile outside the city limits and the city must first get itself exempted from other state legislation.

Senator Jack White has informed the city he will introduce the legislation.

In other actions at last Thursday's board session, the commission:

1. Approved installation of an additional water line to serve Mauney Mills. The line will be ten-inch size and run a block.

2. Approved Mayor Glee Bridges' recommendation to sell the American LaFrance fire truck for one dollar.

3. Cancelled \$48 in delinquent utility accounts.

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FOOTE EMPLOYEE WINS AWARD - E. R. Gotez, manager of Foote's Kings Mountain Operation, left, presents Jack Eaker an AM/PM radio for his cost saving suggestion. Eaker is the most recent recipient of Foote's employee suggestion award system. Mr. Gotez noted that suggestions received during 1964 reflect a high employee interest in the Kings Mountain Operation Suggestion Plan. Since January 1964 several employees have earned awards. Suggestions cover the safety, better operating procedures, and cost saving ideas. Eaker, a laboratory analyst, previously received an award for a safety suggestion.

C. Of C. Elects Harris President



Succeeds Maner; Annual Meeting Held Tuesday

J. Ollie Harris, county coroner and Kings Mountain mortician, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at the annual membership dinner meeting at the Country Club Tuesday night.

He succeeds Bob Maner. Other officers elected were Jonas Bridges, first vice-president, and Gene Timms, second vice-president.

Directors are Mr. Maner, ex officio, John Cheshire, Hubert McGinnis, B. S. Peeler, Jr., Fred Wright, Jr., W. G. Jonas, John Warlick, Odus Smith, Charles Neisler, and Wilson Crawford.

In his report on the past year's work, Mr. Maner said he had received full cooperation from all, reported a membership increase from 70 to 122 and added, "We should have 200 members."

He listed highlights of the year's work as 1) location here of K Mills, Inc., 2) success of the organization's project to obtain toll-free phone service to Gastonia - Dallas, and 3) implementation by the city of a Chamber project to form a city planning board.

Mr. Maner praised the city's "business oriented city council", noting its quick cooperation in providing water and sewer service to K Mills, and prior quick utility service to others, and also praised the city's savings and loan associations for their cooperation in industrial expansion projects.

In accepting the presidency, Mr. Harris said he had in mind several areas in which the Chamber of Commerce could be of benefit to the community, mentioning as an example an immediate survey of the water situation in Number 4 Township.

The organization's December 31 financial statement showed a bank balance of \$4,067, expenditures of \$2,772, and income of \$5,635.

HOSPITALIZED

W. F. (Bill) Osborne is a patient in Charlotte Memorial hospital where he underwent surgery last week. Members of his family report he is recuperating nicely.

Brown To Lead Shiloh Revival

Dr. John Stephen Brown, pastor of Ginter Park Presbyterian church of Richmond, Va., will be evangelist for special services January 31-February 5 at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a Bible study from 10 until 11 a.m. each morning, the pastor, Rev. Dick Hobson has announced.

Dr. Brown was pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church from 1953-57, going from Cleveland County to West Raleigh Presbyterian church, which he served until 1963 when he went to Richmond. He has also held pastorates in Jewell Ridge and Jewell Daley, Va., and South Boston, Va.

A chaplain in the USNR, he was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1945. He was educated at Davidson college and Union Theological Seminary. Mrs. Brown is the former Lois LaVelle Phipps and the Browns are parents of three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Brown was ordained by Abington Presbytery August 25, 1940.

His hobbies are woodworking and sailing.

Unpaid Tax Bill Penalty February 2

Penalty on unpaid city and county 1964 tax bills apply February 2 tax officials reminded this week.

The penalty effective February 2 is two percent, with additional penalty of one percent to apply in March.

Payments through February 1 are at net.

SAFETY COUNCIL

Regular quarterly dinner meeting of the Blue Ridge Safety Council will be held Thursday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the new National Guard Armory near the fairgrounds in Forest City. Reservations should be made with Ed Walpole, Burlington Industries, Caroleen.