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City Limits 8,008

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Governor's Wife Is Rally Speaker

Democratic Women Rally On Wednesday

North Carolina's First Lady, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, will be a special guest and featured speaker at the 10th Congressional District Democratic Women's Day, concluding Wednesday, Sept. 8 in Shelby.

Democratic men and women are expected to attend from Cleveland, Avery, Burke, Cabarrus, Gaston, Mitchell and Rutherford counties. The meeting will feature a 6:30 p.m. reception and dinner at Shelby Elks Lodge.

"Visitas In An Expanding World" will be the theme of the gathering, which will mark the local observance of National Democratic Women's Day.

Mrs. Moore will visit as part of her plan to make a personal appearance in each of the state's congressional districts. She is the first governor's wife to make such a statewide tour.

The Cleveland County Women's Democratic Club will be host for the meeting, Miss Sadie Lutz and Mrs. Robert Morgan, both of Shelby, are co-chairmen in charge of arrangements.

Tickets are \$3 each and may be secured by writing Mrs. Paris Yelton, 312 Belvedere, Shelby, N. C. Reservation deadline is Sept. 4.

Mrs. Warren Gamble, Shelby, is president of the Cleveland County Women's Democratic Club.

Mrs. Jack White and Mrs. Bob Cox of Kings Mountain are on the decorations committee for the meeting. Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., also of Kings Mountain, heads the menu committee.



SPEAKER — Mrs. Dan K. Moore, wife of the North Carolina Governor, will speak at the 10th Congressional District women's club meeting Wednesday in Shelby.

Welfare Chief Carpenter Quits

Ben Carpenter, for the past 12 years Cleveland County Welfare Department director, has resigned his position to become a district supervisor with the State Board of Public Welfare.

Carpenter won the ire of numerous Kings Mountain citizens during 1964 when the welfare branch office here was closed.

Carpenter will assume his new duties Oct. 18. He will supervise welfare department activities in a nine-county area west of Asheville, but will maintain his Shelby residence.

Carpenter's resignation in Cleveland County is effective September 27.

Hal Smith, presently supervisor of the Cleveland County Welfare Department, will become interim director at that time, pending the appointment of a new director by the Cleveland County Board of Public Welfare. Smith joined the department in 1959 as a case worker, subsequently became a part-time supervisor and in 1962 was named full-time supervisor of the department.

Welfare Board Chairman L. T. Warrick of Polkville announced that the board accepted Carpenter's resignation "with regret". He commended Carpenter "for outstanding work accomplished in Cleveland County during the last 12 years" and wished him success in his new position.

Knox Rites To Be Thursday

Funeral rites for Joseph Leander Knox, 31, of Clover, S. C., brother of Mrs. Hubert Ador, hold of Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of M. L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home of Clover, S. C., interment following in Woodlawn cemetery.

Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, assisted by Rev. Joe Sowell, will officiate at the final rites.

Mr. Knox was found dead in his car parked on South Carolina Highway 5 Wednesday about noon. York County Sheriff's Department and York County Coroner A. Y. Lesslie ruled the death a suicide. They said their investigation revealed a hose had been run from the exhaust pipe of Knox's automobile into a window of the car.

Other survivors include his parents, John J. and Viola McCobb Knox; three sons, Joseph Knox, Jr., Johnny Knox and William A. Knox, all of the home; one daughter, Evelyn Anne Knox of the home; three brothers, John J. Knox, Jr. of Charlotte, George W. and Jacob R. Knox, both of Clover; and two additional sisters, Mrs. J. C. Brakefield of Clover, S. C., and Mrs. W. B. Love, Jr. of McConneils, S. C.

Stores To Close Labor Day Monday

Kings Mountain retail merchants will observe the Labor Day holiday Monday, September 6th, directors of the association voted Friday.

Stores will be closed all day, as customary.

Virtually all downtown merchants will close, with exception of drug stores and service stations.



TO NEW JERSEY — Thomas L. Kesler, consulting geologist, Wednesday assumed duties of chief geologist for Minerals & Chemicals Philipp Corporation, of New Jersey.

Kesler Joins Jersey Firm

Thomas L. Kesler, of Kings Mountain, has joined Mineral & Chemicals Philipp Corporation, of Menlo Park, N. J., as chief geologist, it has been announced by A. C. Todd, Jr., vice-president.

Mr. Kesler, a Kings Mountain citizen for the past 12 years came to Kings Mountain as chief geologist for Foote Mineral Company in 1953, since 1962 has been a consulting geologist, serving Foote, and other firms, as well as Mineral & Chemicals Philipp for which he assumed full duties yesterday.

A Salisbury native, Mr. Kesler was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1929. He was with the United States Geological Survey (Interior Department) for ten years, then became chief geologist for United States Steel Corporation before joining Foote Mineral.

The Keslers will make their home in Plainfield, N. J. and expect to move there about September 15.

The Keslers are members of First Presbyterian church.

They have a son and daughter, Steven Kesler, Palo Alto, Calif., now obtaining a doctorate at Stanford University, and Mrs. Susan Porter, of Raleigh.

Some Transfer Bids Honored

Some pupils wishing transfers to other schools were granted transfers early this week.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said factors in the transfers were grade loads and the federal civil rights law.

"Transfer requests were honored where the request did not involve race, creed, color or national origin of the pupil, and where the transfers did not create overloads," Supt. Barnes said.

Approvals included some pupils who changed their minds and asked re-assignment after assignments were made by the board of education last spring and others included those who had changed residences to different areas of the district since school ended last May.

Some were transferred for health reasons (where transportation was particularly needed), some to put all of one family in the same school, and a few who asked school assignment on impression Park Grace would not be operated.

Initial meeting of the Kings Mountain Human Relations committee will be held Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom of City Hall, Chairman Paul Ausley announced this week.

Human Relations Committee Sets First Meeting; Committees Named

Dr. Ausley noted the new mayoral committee will meet the first Monday night in each month. Mayor John Henry Moss will address the first meeting.

Chairmen and members of five sub-committees will include: Education: Joe Hedden, chairman; William Orr and Mrs. W. T. Weir.

Living facilities and environment: Sandro Blalock, chairman; Donald Parker, and Jonas Bridges.

Public facilities: Bill Brown, chairman; George R. Edwards and George P. DeBrule.

Job opportunities: Charles Mauney, chairman; Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr. and Rev. S. T. Cooke.

Human relations and religion: Paul Howard, chairman; Leonard Smith and Junious Haywood.

Dr. Ausley noted that no member shall serve longer than three years and cannot succeed him-

Schools Of KM District Enroll 4260



SCHOOL SCENE — Kathy Plonk pours tea for Donna Crawford, left above, and Vanilla Parker, right, as students began classes in home economics at Kings Mountain high school Friday. The brand new quarters give ample room for sewing, cooking and



homemaking activities for high school young women. In the photograph at right Boyce Teseniar points out a new public address system installed in the \$1.5 million high school plant as Bill Whiteside looks on. (Herald Photos by Bill Jackson).

Few Problems: Overloads, 'Too-Long' Day

By MARTIN HARMON

Tuesday's enrollment total in the Kings Mountain school district's nine-plant system totaled 4260, nine below the third-school-day figure of a year ago.

Gains were recorded in elementary pupils (21 gain, 3021 vs. 3010), in special education pupils (gain of three, 41 vs. 38), and a decline in high school population of 23 (1198 vs. 1221).

A few problems developed with the opening and actual enrollments, Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported, including:

1) Overloads at four elementary schools in some primary grades (13);

2) Longer time-from-home day for some pupils using bus transportation to schools;

3) Need for at least two additional teachers, perhaps more due to the overloads; and

4) Equipment shortage at the new Kings Mountain high school on Phifer Road. By Wednesday the desk shortage had been handled by putting into service some desks which will be scrapped as quickly as new ones on order arrive.

Superintendent Barnes reported overloads at Park-Grace third grade (36), at East first grade (72 pupils, two teachers), at Bethware's split grade 1-2 (three teachers, 110 pupils, and at Davidson's split grade 1-2-3 (four teachers, 127 pupils). Both Bethware and Davidson Supt. Barnes marked for an additional teacher to alleviate these overloads.

In times past, where overloads occurred, the board of education has invited volunteers for transfer to underloaded classes at other schools. Whether this method can be used again, Mr. Barnes said, awaits full analysis of other primary population figures, as well as transportation arrangements.

Supt. Barnes conferred with state and county system school transportation officials Wednesday in an effort to solve the "long-day" problem, created by 1) extension of route by some buses to serve Kings Mountain high school, as well as Central, and 2) fact that Kings Mountain high school students in East Kings Mountain now live 1.5 or more miles from KMHS and qualify for transportation. He said he expects word from the state officials within a few days.

Two faculty members were employed Monday night.

Mrs. Elvira Fe Boulware, of

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Refuse Pick-Up Demonstration

A firm specializing in refuse collection systems designed for containerized service will demonstrate equipment here Tuesday afternoon and Mayor John Henry Moss said he would invite owners and managers of commercial firms to view the demonstration.

Specifically, the firm will demonstrate an enclosed truck, packer-type, designed to lift standard-size, castered enclosed containers with an hydraulic lift.

Mayor Moss said improving the appearance of the behind-store areas in the business districts was among the initial projects discussed with John Plonk, Jr., chairman of the downtown improvement committee.

Inventories Listed Low To Be Checked

Some business firms which dutifully listed property for taxes last January failed to file inventories with the county tax supervisor.

Some other business firms, either through error or otherwise, listed inventory figures which tax collectors regard as unduly small.

Lists of both are now being prepared, County Tax Collector R. S. Gidney said Wednesday.

These will be checked, probably in October, with the North Carolina Revenue Department against income tax reports of the particular firms.

The law requires that inventories be listed at 100 percent of actual value. In turn, for tax purposes, the county (and cities) reduce the amount to 65 percent of actual value.



SPEAKER — Carolinas District Kiwanis Governor T. Oregon Lawton of Greenville, S. C., will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians Thursday night as the civic club honors 19 members for longtime service.

Lawton To Speak At Awards Night

T. Oregon Lawton of Greenville, S. C., governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, will make the address at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

The civic club will honor 19 members for long-time service as it holds a Legion of Honor awards night.

Awards will be made by Governor Lawton.

Mr. Lawton, a wholesale lumberman, joined the Greenville Kiwanis club in 1952 and has held every office except secretary. A native of Greenville, he attended the Greenville city schools and North Greenville Junior college. He has attended five district Kiwanis conventions and two international conventions.

Married to the former Alice Hall of Greenville, the Lawtons are parents of a daughter, Ginger, age 19. They are members of Greenville's Augusta Road Baptist church.

Fraley Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites for L. H. Fraley, 73, of Big Stone Gap, Va., father of Mrs. Kelly Bunch of Kings Mountain, were held Monday at 2 p.m. from Mountain View Baptist church of Pattonsville, Va., masonic rites and burial following in the family cemetery.

Mr. Fraley, retired building contractor, died Saturday morning at 8 o'clock following illness of three months.

Rev. Clinton Greene, pastor of St. Charles, Va. First Baptist church, officiated at the final rites.

Other survivors include his wife; two sons, James M. Fraley of Phoenix, Ariz. and Arnold

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Jaynes Lost 14 Pounds In Moving

"Bugs" Swatted, As Air Moves, Inter-Com Works

Any person involved in moving from one residence to another will be quick to say, "It ain't easy. Whew!"

But changing residences is child's play compared to moving into a new high school, say Harry Jaynes, high school principal, who, now, has done both.

Item: The moving chore paraded 14 pounds from Principal Jaynes' ample frame. "Some times," he said, "I was too tired to eat."

Meantime, the high school plant is still equipment-shy, awaiting shipments from manufacturers and suppliers.

And the electrical contractor failed to connect the wires to the hot water supply for the gymnasium.

The 1007 pupils, however, are managing to survive quite well on a lunch of sandwiches and milk, and the band members are concentrating on marching and other drills while they await chairs for the band room. (The manufacturer claims shipment has been made and the carrier has fouled up.)

There are now chairs for all, though pupil population is greater than was expected.

School opened to humid, high-register August heat. It proved the air-movement cooling system hadn't been connected either. It has been now.

And the inter-communication system is now in action.

"It'll soon work out," Mr. Jaynes philosophizes.

Mrs. Kesler's Mother Dies

Funeral rites for Jesse Calvin Menges, 85, of Hanover, Pa., father of Mrs. Thomas Kesler, of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday in New Hanover at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Mr. Menges, a retired farmer, died August 26 at Hanover General hospital. He had been a patient for a week. Death was attributed to a heart ailment.

He had served the Trinity United Church of Christ on the consistory for 25 years.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Alice Margaret Easley Menges; another daughter, Mrs. Albert Stetter, Burbank, Calif.; a son, Clyde J. Menges, Hanover, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Lucy Reigle, McSherrystown, Pa.; and five grand-children.

Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mayor Retains Hope Humphrey To Come Here

By MARTIN HARMON

Vice-President Hubert Humphrey's administrative assistant, William Connell, wrote Mayor John Henry Moss last week saying the Vice-President had prior commitments which, regrettably, would prevent Mr. Humphrey's visiting Kings Mountain and the National Military Park on October 7.

The letter was received Friday. As late as Wednesday afternoon, however, Mayor Moss still remained hopeful the Vice-President would be able to revise his schedule and come here for the 185th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

"On the advice of a number of those supporting the invitation to the Vice-President and on my feeling personally, I have asked the Governors of North Carolina and South Carolina to contact Mr. Humphrey again, personally, to encourage him to vary his schedule if at all possible and to make the principal address at the forthcoming celebration.

"If he remains unable to come here, an invitation will be extended within the next few days to another personage of nationwide prominence."

Meantime, the Mayor added, plans for the celebration are going forward. The celebration will cover the weekend October 7-10.

McDANIEL REUNION
The annual John Hoyle McDaniel reunion will be held Sunday, September 19, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Fellowship Center. Picnic dinner will be spread and all relatives and friends are invited to attend.

TO INSTALL OFFICERS
New officers of the Future Homemakers of America chapter of Kings Mountain high school will be installed Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the home economics department of the high school, Martha Herndon has announced.

Commission - Judge Impasse Ends; Charles Wray Is New Solicitor

Charles W. Wray, Jr., of Shelby, who recently successfully underwent state bar examinations, was sworn as solicitor of Cleveland County Recorder's Court Wednesday.

Wray's appointment ended an impasse of several weeks between the board of county commissioners and Recorder Judge Joe Mull, the impasse following resignation of Solicitor George Hamrick.

The impasse between Judge Mull and the county commission had heavy political overtones. The commission initially voted 4 to 1 to appoint Fred Flowers, while Mull recommended Former Judge Rueben Elam. Mull contended the commission was required to honor his recommendation. The commission said "nay". The statute read that the Judge had the power to recommend and approve the appointee of the commission.

The commission majority acted on the recommendation of the Democrat Executive committee, headed by J. Clint Newton, coun-

ty party chairman, and a member of the Sanford-Preyer wing of the party. Judge Mull was a supporter of I. Beverly Lake for governor, as a district co-manager in 1960, and without portfolio in 1964.

Mr. Wray will be the court's third solicitor during the present four-year term to which Dick Lackey was elected.

Mr. Wray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wray, Sr., of Shelby. A 1957 graduate of Shelby bachelor of arts degree in political science from Wake Forest college in 1962 and his law degree from Wake Forest's School of Law this year. The new solicitor, 26, was a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity while at Wake Forest and served as one of the editors of the college's Intramural Law Review during his senior year.

He is married to the former Cynthia Grice of Shelby. They are temporarily living with his parents at 600 Westover Terrace in Shelby.