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PRICE TEN CENT

Recreation Center Building Project Is Considered

United Fund \$2500 Short Of Budget

Alexander Says Success of '66 Drive In Sight

Kings Mountain's 1966 United Fund goal is within sight of success, Co-Chairman Elmore Alexander said Wednesday. "We need approximately \$2500 to meet the \$20,656.96 quota," Mr. Alexander declared.



CHAIRMAN — Neil Johnson is Cleveland County chairman of the 1966 Heart Fund drive.

Johnson Heads '66 Heart Fund

Neil Johnson, has been named 1966 Heart Fund Chairman for Cleveland County, according to Horace Carter, president of the County Heart Association.

City Calls Sewage Bond Vote

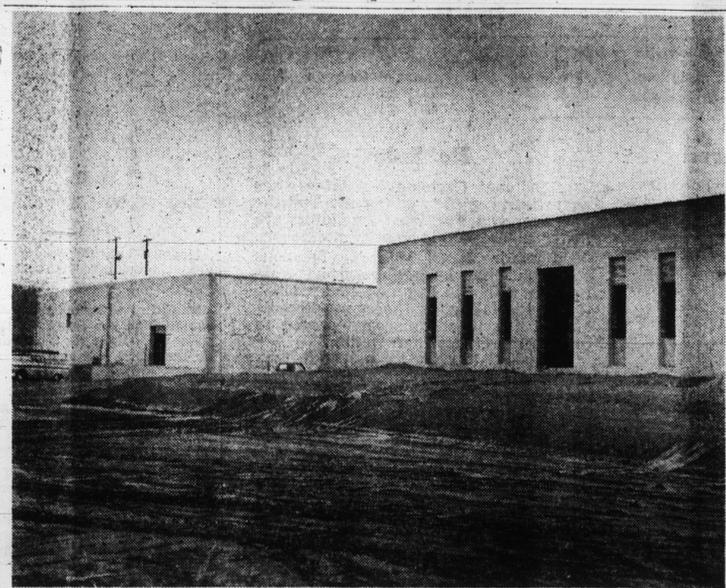
\$1,300,000 Bond Election To Be March 15

By ELIZABETH STEWART

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night called an election for March 15 on a \$1.3 million bond issue for a new sewage disposal plant and improvements to existing facilities.

Action came after a long discussion of the project led by W. E. Long, Jr., chief of the municipal waste section of the North Carolina State Stream Sanitation committee, the city's consulting engineer W. K. Dickson and after recommendation by Mayor John H. Moss, who said he forsores no increase in the tax rate.

The Mayor's optimism concerning the tax rate was confirmed by W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, who wrote the Mayor: "We assume that with the liquidation of the natural gas system debt the City has means with which an issue of \$1,300,000 sanitary sewer bonds may be retired without burden..."



NEW HERNDON BUILDING — Pictured is the new building of J. E. Herndon Company, which is being erected in the Kings Mountain Industrial Park in northern Kings Mountain. The brick, concrete and steel building will contain more than 40,000 square feet of floor space and will house the firm's offices and warehouse.

Large Donation Is Indicated By KM Citizen

A drive for funds to build a community recreation center will be launched in March, Mayor John Henry Moss said Tuesday.

The mayor acknowledged at the city commission's January meeting indication of "a considerable contribution" to start the program but did not name the donor or the amount to be pledged.

Members of the commission took the mayor's recommendation and voted to expand the Kings Mountain Recreation commission from 10 to 20 members. Names of the 17 new members, who will serve two-year terms, will be announced soon, the mayor said.

"There is much enthusiasm for recreation in Kings Mountain," the mayor told the commission, "and I believe we can equal any town our size in North Carolina."

The mayor announced gift of 1.5 acres of land from Fred and Hal Plonk for a play area in the Crescent Hill section of town. The play area is the third, the mayor noted, and leaves only the north-east area without a play area.

Mayor Moss cited 18 categories which he anticipates the city will utilize in providing recreation, including baseball, softball, football, basketball, bowling, swimming, archery, handball, volleyball, badminton, weight-lifting, checkers, tournament, hot-bles and crafts, adult physical education groups, the senior citizens program, tennis and dancing.

He added that facilities are available at the National Guard Armory, Deal St. and Davidson Park areas, City Stadium, and Burlington Industries and American Legion play areas.

- In other actions, Tuesday, the board: 1) approved petition for paving North Goforth street from Sipes to dead end. 2) transferred taxi franchise from Mrs. Angie Navy to Paul Roberts, Jr.

If It Snows, City Is Ready

If the snow falls in quantity, the city feels it is now in good position to clear city streets and sidewalks quickly.

Mayor John Henry Moss and Public Works Superintendent Grady Yelton announced the snow-removal plan Wednesday.

The city will be quartered as to area, with King street and the Southern Railway tracks the dividing line. Each area will be assigned to one of five units, the fifth being assigned sidewalk clearing duty.

The city has three trucks fitted for snow plades which can be installed quickly and a new motor grader. In addition, it has a new sidewalk-size machine.

Supt. Yelton estimated the snow removal units, even with unduly heavy snowfall, should be able to clear all areas in from three to four hours.

He further requested that during snows citizens park cars in driveways rather than on the streets. "We can do a better and more complete job with autos off-street," he added.

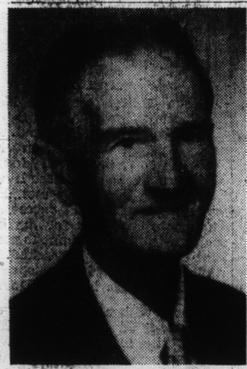
KM's Ernest Hayes Not Party To Suit

Ernest Hayes, among the parties to a civil suit seeking an injunction against the Cleveland County Board of Education to prevent building of Burns high school, is not Kings Mountain's Ernest Hayes, of Hayes Tire & Recapping.

The Ernest Hayes who is party to the suit lives in the Shelby area, was onetime a Kings Mountain resident and partner with Melton Hope in a used car business.

Initially, 26 litigants were party to the action, but a dozen have stated intention to withdraw from the suit.

Remaining litigants charge that the board of education is wasting tax monies by failure to use plans previously drawn by Architect Fred Simmons. "We know the other Ernest Hayes," Mrs. Agnes Cornwell Hayes remarked. "Both have had their share of mail mix-ups and recently there was a mix-up on a county tax bill."



NOTES BIRTHDAY — H. Wilson Gamble, Bethware community citizen, marked his 90th birthday Tuesday.

Gamble Logs 90th Birthday

H. Wilson Gamble, Bethware community farmer and Kings Mountain native, logged his 90th birthday Tuesday.

Mr. Gamble, son of Andrew J. and Sarah Elizabeth Harmon Gamble, is active in El Bethel Methodist church, enjoys visiting with friend and kin but has retired from a first love—farming. "He has made his home for some time with a daughter, Mrs. Charles Fisher and family on Shelby road."

Mrs. Gamble, the late Elizabeth Ware, died in 1949. He is grandfather of the late football Coach John Gamble.

A family buffet dinner was held in Mr. Gamble's honor Sunday with his eight children and their families present.

Honor Society Taps Eleven

Eleven new members were inducted by the high school chapter of the National Honor Society at the mid-term induction program January 7th.

Inducted were Faithel Tony, Hollis Falls, Linda Plonk, Vickie Petty, Marlene Oliver, Becky Dunn, Pat Hüllender, Debbie Smith, Dale Byars, Jean Falls and Joy Greene.

After the new members were tapped, Philip Bunch presented them to Principal Harry Jaynes who presented membership cards.

President Mike Goforth welcomed the group and Elaine Dixon presented Mrs. D. F. Ford who addressed the group.

Neal Cooper stated the purpose of the organization, Mary Ann Houser explained how members are chosen, Scott Cloninger interpreted the emblem and Rita Cavney gave the meaning of the colors.

Teresa Jolley sang the National Honor Society Song written by Mrs. J. N. McClure. Libby Alexander was accompanist.

Other members on the program were Mary Jo Hord, Darlene Oliver, Paulette Patterson, Charles Wright, Mary Dixon, James Greene, Glynda Lynn Diana Bunkowski, Martha Herndon, Susan Lowery and Rita Bell.

To become eligible for membership in the KMHS chapter a student must rank scholastically in the upper fifth of his class for the entire high school career and must have an average of A or conduct with no grade lower than a B. He must have attended this school the preceding year and be rated favorably by at least six teachers on character, leadership and service. Only 15 percent of a class may be inducted, ten percent at the end of the junior year and five percent in the senior year.

598 TAGS SOLD Lions club auto tag salesmen reported Wednesday a total of 598 tags have been sold. The club is franchised dealer for sale of the tags. Cost is \$1 each. The tags are on sale Mondays through Fridays at City Hall courtroom.

Logan Promoted To Return Here

Hugh A. Logan, Jr., former city police chief and Cleveland County sheriff has been promoted to a district supervisor's position by the North Carolina Prisons department and expects to resume residence in Kings Mountain about February 1.

Mr. Logan has been superintendent of the state's maximum security prison camp at Dunn in Northampton county.

The several county district maintains offices in Lincolnton.

Mr. Logan, visiting here recently, has told friends he will resume residence at the home he owns on North Piedmont avenue which is now occupied by Mrs. Amos Dean and her family.

The Logans have three children.

Wren Residence Damaged By Fire

The home of the Robert Wren family near the Gaston County Club was badly damaged by fire last Friday afternoon.

Firemen had estimated the damage could run as high as \$50,000.

Mrs. Wren, the former Kathleen Randall of Kings Mountain, had been away from home for a beauty shop appointment about 50 minutes. When she returned at 4:50, she found the second floor ablaze. None of the family or maid were at home when the fire started.

Mr. Wren is an Akers Motor Lines executive.

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Methodists Set Church Study

The second in a series of four phases of a church-wide study will be held at Central Methodist church January 16th. The subject of the study is "Growth in Stewardship for Witnessing."

Classes which have been planned for the children, young people, and adults will begin at 5 p.m. all will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a snack supper followed by a fellowship period.

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Funeral rites for Mrs. Lona White McGill, 93, widow of Lowry Blair McGill, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from Boyce Memorial ARP church of which she was a charter member and Sunday School teacher for more than 50 years.

Mrs. McGill succumbed Thursday at 9:40 p.m. following a three year illness.

A native of York, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late William and Margaret Jane White. She was a member of Kings Mountain Woman's club and a former schoolteacher. Her husband died in 1910.

For many years she had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gamble, on West Mountain street.

She is survived by three sons, Leroy McGill of Gastonia, John L. McGill and Elmer McGill, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. John E. Gamble of Kings Mountain and Mrs. John E. Gamble of Kings Mountain. Continued On Page 8

Storch Leases Former Grayson Jewelry Building

Storch's Kings Mountain branch has leased the portion of the Fulton Building on West Mountain street which was formerly occupied by Grayson's Jewelry.

The transaction between the furniture firm and the owner, Mrs. H. Tom Fulton, Sr., was completed Monday.

J. Kennon Blanton, manager of the furniture firm, said the Fulton building will be completely remodeled, with a large door cut between it and the present Storch building and with a new front to harmonize with the present Storch main entrance.

The building contains 1250 square feet of floor space.

Mr. Blanton said that Builder Kelly Dixon will superintend the remodeling and that he had indicated the work would begin before the end of the week.

Stockholders To Meet Tuesday

Stockholders of Lake Montona Club, Inc. will elect a slate of officers as well as two new directors at Tuesday's annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom of City Hall.

President Carl F. Mauney, Vice-President Jim Wilson of Gastonia and Secretary Jesse Putnam will make their annual reports and one new director will be elected representing Gaston County.

In his annual written report to members, Mr. Mauney reported the past year as a busy one, noted that new projects were completed in time for the winning season and a tennis court was constructed in early summer.

He reported that the annual Fourth of July picnic attracted 400 and noted all lake roads and the road entering the gate to the lake were paved. A safety fence was also erected along the road from the dam to the picnic area, he said.

Blood Needs Here and In Vietnam Urgent; Bloodmobile Here Monday

"Our need for blood donors is greater than ever," Rev. Bob Haden, Red Cross blood recruitment chairman for the Kings Mountain area said Wednesday as he appealed for a heavy out-pouring when the Bloodmobile sets up Monday at Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

Not only are there increased calls for blood for the wounded in the Vietnam fighting, he said, but Kings Mountain citizens are using about double their annual quota of 1000 pints. He said a portion of the Monday collection will go to United States fighting men in South Vietnam. The blood collection will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Please make every effort to give your blood," Mr. Haden pleads. "It may save a life in Kings Mountain or in Vietnam." Continued On Page 8

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Second Industrial Park Is Organized

310-Acre Tract On Interstate 85 Being Acquired

By MARTIN HARMON

A second industrial park is envisioned in the Kings Mountain area on Interstate 85 by four individuals operating as partners.

The four, Mrs. Plato Pearson, Jr., Frank Matthews and Miss Elizabeth Matthews, all of Gastonia, and Dr. J. Q. Petty, of Spartanburg, S. C., have either purchased or have under option some 310 acres in the area from the intersection of I-85 and U. S. 74 to Canterbury Road. It adjoins the farm of Dr. J. E. Anthony on the east.

Plato Pearson, Jr., said the group has purchased from Dr. J. P. Mauney 90 acres, will execute option within the next 30 days on another 50 acres, and in May for 170 acres. Among other owners of the property being purchased are Mrs. T. P. McGill and the Webster family.

"We have no immediately definite prospects for inclusion in the park," Mr. Pearson said, but several firms have been shown the property.

Via a representative, the group has indicated to Mayor John Henry Moss an interest in city water service. Mayor Moss said he told the representative he would forward the request to the board of commissioners. A large city water line is within 540 feet of the tract the group is acquiring.

Mr. Pearson explained that the acquiring group has no plans to develop the area themselves, but will make parcels available.

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Chair Too Light For Beam, King

Mayor John Henry Moss was demonstrating a repair job on the desk sergeant's chair in the police office, which is eliciting some good-natured teasing of the department's two heavyweights, Ernest Beam and Ellis King.

Over a period of time, each steel leg on the rollaway, lean-back executive chair had required the services of a welder, as had the arm rests. Meantime, the welder reinforced the center base with two heavy pieces of steel.

Does the combined weight of Officers Beam and King aggregate 500 pounds.

"Nearer 600 I'll wager," said another officer, "but don't use my name. They're much bigger than I am!"

GOP Precinct Meetings Set

Two Republican precinct meetings will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 8 p.m.

East Kings Mountain and West Kings Mountain precincts will meet for election of precinct officers and discussion of 1966 campaign plans.

Bob Maner is West Kings Mountain chairman, while Edward H. Smith is East Kings Mountain chairman.

Grover and Bethware have not yet announced a date for meetings, but Mr. Smith said party rules require meetings to be held in January.

Board, Stadium Planners To Confer

The board of education co-chairmen of the John Gamble Memorial Stadium fund campaign will confer Thursday with their architects concerning negotiation of previous low bids on the grading and bleacher contracts.

The bids received in December resulted in an indicated total required outlay of about \$170,000 against contributions and pledges to date of slightly over \$83,000. No bid for the general contract, which representatives of Charles Grier Morrison and Associates guess will cost about \$25,000, was received.