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WINS PROMOTION — Captain Ronald David Kincaid recently won his promotion in the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Captain Kincaid Wins Promotion

The promotion of Ronald D. Kincaid from first lieutenant to the rank of Captain in the North Carolina Army National Guard was announced by Governor Moore.

Kincaid was born in Bessemer City where he presently resides with his wife and daughter at 202 W. Gaston Avenue. He is chief engineer with Ideal Industries.

Captain Kincaid graduated from Central high school in Kings Mountain in 1953. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University in Raleigh in 1957 and attended the U.S. Army Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland in 1958.

Captain Kincaid was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve in May 1957. He served on active duty from February 1958 until August 1958. In October 1962, he joined the North Carolina Army National Guard with Company D, 105th Engineer Battalion in Kings Mountain. He served with that organization until September 1963 when he was reassigned to Company B, 105th Engineer Battalion in Belmont.

Captain Kincaid's new assignment is with Company D, 105th Engineer Battalion in Kings Mountain.

Buffalo Project Not News To Walker

As W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, reviewed his 1954 recommendation that the city tap Buffalo Creek for a water supply, Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison grinned. He recalled the bitter fight of 1954 when he was on the losing side of a 3-2 vote, whereby the city voted to build the Davidson Lake reservoir.

Commissioner O. O. Walker, contractor for the Davidson Lake project, interjected, "Hah! This same project (Buffalo Creek) was recommended in 1923!"

Joseph R. Smith Named Secretary Of Kings Mountain S & L Firm

Joseph Rivers Smith, of Charlotte, has been elected secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, President J. R. Davis announced Tuesday following action by the association's board of directors.

Mr. Smith will succeed the late Ben H. Bridges on New Year's Day.

Mr. Smith, 32, is a native of Jacksonville, Fla., and a graduate of the University of Florida. For the past several years he has been associated with Security Life & Trust Company, and he has specialized in servicing mortgage loan term insurance, a role which dictated a close relationship with the savings and loan industry in his territory.

A Lutheran, he is married and

Annexation To City Sought By Alexanders

The city commission has called a public hearing on question of establishing a Public Housing Authority for December 27 at City Hall courtroom.

The commission called the hearing after Martin Harmon, chairman of the mayor's advisory committee on minority housing told the board the committee unanimously supported the establishment of a public housing authority.

Mr. Harmon noted that the committee had studied the housing situation for several weeks, interviewing architectural, engineering firms experienced in public housing planning, conferring with federal and state officials, and visiting housing projects.

"It was the committee's conclusion that much of Kings Mountain's residential housing is sub-standard and that a definite need exists," Mr. Harmon told the commission.

In another action the commission ordered a public hearing, also for December 27, on a petition by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander for annexation to the city of a 13.41 acre tract adjoining the city at Henry street. A small portion of the tract is in Cleveland County, majority of it in Gaston.

In other actions the commission:

- 1) Authorized agreement with the Department of Conservation and Development Commission for planning work on public improvements, a capital improvements long-term budget and a neighborhood analysis.
- 2) Authorized re-surfacing of West Mountain street, from Railroad Avenue to Phifer Road.
- 3) Accepted low bid of Victory Chevrolet Company for purchase of a four-door sedan for use of Fire Chief Floyd Thornburg. The Victory bid was \$2001.58, Southwell Motor Company bid \$2019.85.

Bridges Named Lodge Master

Bobby C. Bridges has been elected Master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M for the coming year and will be installed, along with other officers, on December 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Hall.

Other new officers include: H. Donald Falls, Senior Warden; William E. Sellers, Junior Warden; Thomas D. Tindall, secretary; R. Blackwell Leonard, treasurer; Alex. Denton Owens, Tyler; William C. Kelly, Junior Deacon; Jessie Morehead, Junior Deacon; Billy Hawkins, Senior Steward; Marvin R. Caveny, Junior Steward; and R. Howard Bridges, three-year trustee. Continuing trustees will be B. M. Hayes and J. Ralph Harrison. Official coach will be William E. Sellers.

The installation service will be led by Master R. Howard Bridges.



MOUNTAINEER TROPHY WINNERS — Pictured above are Kings Mountain high school seniors who were presented trophies at the 27th annual Lions Club football banquet Tuesday night. Left to right are, Sandy Mauney, co-winner of the George Plonk Most Valuable Player Award; Tommy Finger, co-winner of the MVP Award; Duke Coach Tom Harp, guest speaker; Kenny Plonk, winner of the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy; Chuck Gladden, winner of the John Gamble Scholastic Award; and, Eddie Bridges, winner of the most improved player trophy. (Photo by Roddy Dotson).

Mauney, Finger, Bridges, Plonk, Gladden Win Trophies

Ingredients Of Blue Devil Listed By Harp

"When you play competitive sports you do none a favor but yourself," Tom Harp, Duke Blue Devil's head football coach closed his address at the 27th annual Lions club football banquet Tuesday night.

Coach Harp said playing competitive sports develops desire in the players to excel-to exceed their capacities.

Outlining his formula for "What Makes a Good Football Player", Coach Harp, who became head coach at Duke last spring after coaching at Cornell and serving as assistant coach at the United States Military Academy, said, "Everybody knows we want a good player, who must also be a good student."

- 1) Loyalty—"No man is successful who is disloyal, in football or anything else."
 - 2) Intelligence—Coach Harp decried the football factories where academics are ignored.
 - 3) Toughness.
 - 4) A sense of humor.
 - 5) Desire.
- He added that desire for excellence is not enough. "He must want to win."

BAPTIST TOPICS
Rev. James Wilder's sermon topic at the 11 o'clock service Sunday at Kings Mountain Baptist church will be "The Eternal Christ." At the 5:30 vesper hour he will use the subject, "And On Earth Peace."



AT WARLICK'S — Larry Hamrick has joined the staff of C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency.

Hamrick Joins Warlick Agency

The appointment of Larry D. Hamrick as a member of the firm of C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency was announced this week by Mrs. C. E. Warlick, president. Mr. Hamrick, for the past four years a district sales manager for Security Insurance Companies, is a veteran of the Security Companies, having held various managerial positions since joining a predecessor company in 1955. Most recently he was district sales manager in Gastonia, coming to Gastonia two years ago from High Point where he served the company in the same post. A native of Cleveland County, Hamrick, 35, is a son of Mrs. Harold Hamrick of Shelby and the late Mr. Hamrick. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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1966 Gridmen Honored; Two Share MVP Honor

A back and four linemen received trophies at the annual Lions Club football banquet Tuesday night at the Woman's Club. Guest speaker for the 27th annual Lions Club football banquet was Tom Harp, head football coach at Duke University.

For the first time in history, the George Plonk Most Valuable Player Award was split. The four members of the Kings Mountain high school coaching staff split in their voting for the MVP between center-linebacker Sandy Mauney and quarterback Tommy Finger.

Head Coach Bill Bates brought out the fact that both performed well on both offense and defense. Finger, a 140-pound senior, quarterbacked the Mountaineers.

Rickey Stroupe Injured Friday

Ricky Stroupe, two-year-old son of Kings Mountain Police Sergeant Earl Stroupe, was injured Friday afternoon when a taxi cab driven by Donald Wayne Burton backed over him. Young Stroupe reportedly ran behind the cab as it was attempting to turn around after letting out a passenger. No arrests were filed against Burton.

Stroupe's father who serves the City Police Dept. as desk sergeant and also Clerk of Recorder's Court, received the call at the desk. Young Stroupe was rushed to a Charlotte Hospital. He suffered two broken legs and a broken pelvis bone.

Board Approves \$2,820,000 Plan To Tap Buffalo Creek

Water Flowing From Gold Mine Reminds Of '54

Water was flowing out of the shaft of the old Gold Mine on York Road Wednesday afternoon at a rate of 400-gallons per minute for a downhill run to a stream feeding the city's York Road reservoir.

It reminded of the dry, water-short summer of 1954, when the water which flooded the mine and stopped mining operations years ago, augmented the city supply and enabled the city to weather the dry summer with no more rationing than surcease of car-washing.

Today, Kings Mountain's water supply is seriously low, through with winter's rains at hand, not dangerously or critically low, W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer said Wednesday.

However, Davidson Lake, the city's auxiliary supply, is estimated to contain no more than 13-15 million gallons. Its supply has been and is being pumped into the main York Road reservoir, also well below spillover point and estimated to contain about 50 million gallons.

The city is now using up to 1,750,000 gallons daily and next summer will top two million gallons.

A plan of the city is to begin next summer with two full lakes and with the Gold Mine pumpage (now being logged) as a further reserve.

Meantime, construction is already underway on a two-million gallon storage tank on McGinnis Street, due for putting into service in February. This will provide storage for 2,800,000 gallons of filtered water, including the 500,000 gallon storage tank now in use, and the 300,000-gallon capacity storage bins at the Dial Street filtration plant.

Prior to the 1954 construction of the Davidson Lake, State Board of Health authorities and Engineer W. K. Dickson strongly recommended that the city tap Buffalo Creek, Kings Mountain's only major source of supply. The alternative, both wrote, was a short-term reservoir in an area of poor supply and minimal watershed.

The issue was a hot one politically during Mayor Glee Bridges' first administration. The vote to take the minimal, short-term route was 3 to 2, Mayor Bridges voting to break a 2-2 tie, as then Commissioner Gurney Grantham abstained on grounds he owned a portion of the property the city would be acquiring.

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PRESIDENT — Dr. Joseph Lee has been elected president of the Medical Staff of Kings Mountain Hospital for the coming year.

Dr. Lee Heads Medical Staff

Dr. Joseph Lee, member of the doctor's staff of Hendricks-Durham-Lee Clinic, has been elected president of the Medical Staff of Kings Mountain Hospital for the coming year.

New officers were elected Monday.

Other officers will include Dr. Sam Robinson, surgeon, vice-president; and Dr. Charles Moore, Groves physician, secretary-treasurer.

Yarbro Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites for James Ryburn Yarbro, 66, foreman with the State Highway department for 46 years, were held Monday at 4 p.m. from First Baptist church.

Mr. Yarbro died Sunday at 7 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following several months' illness.

He was a native of Cleveland County, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Yarbro. A member of First Baptist church, he was a Kiwanian and a Mason.

His pastor, Rev. Robert C. Mann, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Blanche Wilson; one son, James Ryburn Yarbro, Jr.; of Kings Mountain, a grandson, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Ryburn Yarbro, Jr. Also surviving are seven brothers, Olin Yarbro and Woodrow Yarbro, both of Waco; Norris Yarbro and Fotch Yarbro of Burlington, Alvin Yarbro, Haywood Yarbro and Tom Yarbro, all of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Leonard Beattie and Mrs. Herschel Wright, both of Kings Mountain, Mrs. John Wherry of Charlotte and Mrs. Nida Smith of Burlington.

Active pallbearers were D. H. Allen, N. M. Farr, James Leigh, Claude Lavender, W. M. Dixon, Kenneth Pruitt, Boyd Howell, and Ronald Farmer.

City Eligible For Government Grant On Project

By MARTIN HARMON

The city commission acted Tuesday night to act on a potential water shortage by approving preliminary plans for and adopting a \$2,820,000 project that would utilize the waters of Buffalo Creek.

In consummating the project the city is eligible for a federal grant which would supply 50 percent of the cost of dams, main transmission lines, pump station and land acreage.

Preliminary application for the federal grant, administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, was being completed Wednesday by W. K. Dickson, city consulting engineer, and Charles Davis, of Traffic Planning Associates, urban development consultant.

Mayor John Henry Moss and City Attorney Jack H. White will go to Atlanta Monday and will file the preliminary application Tuesday morning with the Atlanta regional office.

Engineer Dickson outlined the preliminary plan to the city commission at Tuesday's regular meeting.

He envisions development of the project in three or preferably two stages.

The overall project would include two reservoirs impounding billion gallons of water, pumping station at the site of the site of the lower dam, and a 24-inch water line capable of transmitting a minimum of ten million gallons of water daily into the city system.

Desired first stage is estimated to cost \$1,670,000, including dam, reservoir site of 400 acres, treatment plant, 24-inch transmission line, and pumping station. This reservoir would impound 1,175,000,000 gallons of water. The second stage would cost \$1,150,000, including building of and up-keep dam and 1800-acre site to impound 10,700,000,000 gallons of water.

In the preliminary report, Engineer Dickson notes that several side benefits or "bonuses" would accrue from the project including recreational use, based on approved controls; stream flow control in order to prevent floods; and dilution water for any waste that might be emptied into the creek.

Mr. Dickson noted that the watershed of Kings Mountain's present water supply is only three square miles, whereas the watershed of the two new reservoirs would be 64 square miles.

The proposed dam sites would be north of U. S. 74 near State Road 2033.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts showed a large increase during the week ending Wednesday, reflecting increased shopping for Christmas gifts. Receipts totaled \$272.75, including \$159 from on-street meters, \$26.40 from off-street meters, and \$77.25 in over-parking fines.

City Officials - Defendants Deny Reynolds Charges In Trailer Suit

Defendants in the civil litigation whereby Warren Reynolds seeks a writ of mandamus to force the city to provide his trailer parkers with certain city utilities have filed an answer in Cleveland Superior Court denying the charges.

Answer was filed in behalf of the defendants (Mayor John Henry Moss, the five city commissioners, and Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen) by Davis & White and A. A. Powell, defendants' attorneys.

After denying the allegations, the answer further points to the city ordinance regulating trailers and charges that "plaintiff attempted to move trailers into a trailer park without first securing approval of the lots located in said park in accordance with the regulations."

Further, defendants say they

are ready, willing and able to supply electrical power and service when Mr. Reynolds complies with the trailer ordinance, adding that the City of Kings Mountain has made repeated requests of the plaintiff to re-align the lots located in said park so as not to effect the public health, safety and welfare of the surrounding neighborhood.

Defendants further charge "the plaintiff in order to place more trailers within the said trailer park refused to comply with the regulations as set out."

In conclusion, defendants ask 1) that the writ of mandamus request be dismissed; 2) that Mr. Reynolds be ordered to comply with the trailer ordinance; 3) that the plaintiff be taxed with the cost of the litigation, and 4) for other and further unspecified relief.

Holiday, Bonuses In Store For Many

Holidays for Kings Mountain industrial employees vary from three to six days, an incomplete survey of the city's textile plants revealed Wednesday.

Some firms will pay bonuses to employees based on length of service and others will give Christmas gifts.

Sadie Cotton Mills will cease operations from 10 p.m. next Wednesday, reopening at 6 a.m. on December 28th, according to announcement by George H. Houser. Mr. Houser said that bonuses would be paid employees on a percentage basis based

on length of service.

Mauney Hosiery Mills employees will take a six-day holiday from Thursday morning, December 22, until December 28th. General Manager Charles F. Mauney said bonuses will also be paid by the hosiery firm.

Carolina Throwing Company will "curtail" some of its operations but will not close the full six days, according to Mr. Mauney.

Craftspon Yarns will close next Friday, reopening January 2. This firm pays bonuses to employees on a percentage basis

based on length of service.

Employees of Mass Mo. Inc. will take a three-day holiday, December 24-26, resuming operations on December 27th.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills will close Christmas week from December 26-31 and will give bonuses to employees based on length of service with the plant.

Bonnie Cotton Mills will suspend operations on December 22, reopening on December 28th. Lambeth Rope Corporation will close at 7 a.m. on Friday, December 23, reopening on Tues-

day morning at 7 a.m., December 27. Gifts will be presented to employees.

Park Yarn Mill will suspend operations on next Friday morning, December 23, reopening on December 27, according to General Manager John C. Smathers.

Employees of the City of Kings Mountain will take a holiday on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and on December 26. An employee with six month's service will receive a half-week's pay and employees with over six month's service receive a week's wages as a Christmas bonus.