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City Limits 8,256

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## Preliminary Watershed Study Will Begin Monday

### Harrill Opposes Liberalizing Liquor Law

Representative-elect William D. Harrill, of the 43rd state House district which includes Cleveland County, has issued a statement declaring he will oppose liberalization of North Carolina's present laws governing sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The issue, following Supreme Court ruling declaring "brown-bagging" illegal, is expected to be a major one in the forthcoming General Assembly session, which opens next Wednesday. Mr. Harrill said:

"Literally hundreds of people have contacted me during the past few weeks expressing their opposition to the liberalization of the liquor laws in North Carolina. I will therefore vote against such legislation.

"I am convinced that only the liquor industry itself derives the benefits from additional liquor stores and lax laws. Enforcement is not the problem of a lawmaking body. Our duty is to enact laws desired by the majority of the people we represent.

"My decision was not one hastily made. Having taken this position stand, I shall oppose liberalization of the liquor laws with every force at my disposal."

### School Survey Team Pays Call

A five-member survey team from the Department of Public Instruction's Division of School Planning spent two days here this week inventoring present Kings Mountain school district physical facilities.

Here at the invitation of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, the survey team will report its findings and will recommend future expansions of classroom facilities — either via new buildings or additions to present buildings.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said additional information will be provided the survey team by local officials, principally a "spot" map showing residence of all the more than 4000 pupils enrolled in the ten-plant system.

Members of the survey team are Richard E. Schultz, chairman, education consultant for the state department, Ben Quinn, also of the state department, James Manning, a retired county superintendent, A. B. Combs, a retired state department staff member, and Hugh Randall, Kings Mountain native and superintendent of Hendersonville schools.

Supt. Barnes said he anticipated completion of the survey report would require about 30 days.

### Cheshire Named SPO President

Pat Cheshire, high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cheshire, Jr., has been elected president of the student body for the coming year.

Other officers, named in student balloting this week, are Ken Mitchem, vice president; and Cathy Hardin, secretary-treasurer.

The election of leaders of the Student Participation Organization culminated a week of intensive and imaginative campaigning.

Each of the nine candidates gave campaign speeches Thursday and their campaign managers arranged skits for voter support. The election was held on Friday.

President of the Health Career club, Cheshire is a stand-out on the KMHS golf club, is a member of the football team, and active in the DeMolay and Key clubs. He is a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Cheshire led a three-candidate ticket. Others nominated were Jeff Mauney and Sharon Gold.

Mitchem defeated two other candidates: Don Bridges and Wayne Mullinax. Mitchem has been a stand-out on the varsity basketball team this season.

Miss Hardin led a ticket composed of Keith Stewart and Alan Hambright for the secretary treasurer's post.



**WINS ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL** — Sergeant First Class L. D. Blanton, son of Mrs. R. Lee Blanton, 114 City St., Kings Mountain, receives the Army Commendation Medal from Col. Paul A. Nilsson, Commanding Officer of Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia. Sergeant Blanton received the honor for meritorious service at Red Stone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, his station prior to being assigned to Frankford Arsenal. In the photo, left to right, are Sergeant Blanton's wife, his son Timoty, eight years old, Sergeant Blanton and Col. Nilsson. The award was presented on January 26.



**FINALIST** — Larry Burton, KMHS senior, is one of six finalists for PPG Foundation's fifth annual community plant scholarship.

### Burton Nominee For Scholarship

Larry Burton, Kings Mountain high school senior, is among six finalists for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Foundation's fifth annual plant community scholarship valued up to \$6,000 for a four-year period.

Other finalists, according to J. V. Schweppe, Foundation Agent and Shelby plant manager, are Michael L. Champion of Burns at Polkville, Jane E. Hoyle, Marion Putnam and Robin Wright, all of Shelby high school, and David Ruppe of Rutherfordton-Spindale high school.

Interviews will be held on Friday, Feb. 24, at Hotel Charles in Shelby to determine the winner from among the finalists who were selected on the basis of their scores on the NMSC qualifying test given last year. The NMSC, which administers the PPG Foundation scholarship program, will establish the scholarship amount based on the winner's financial need. The award will range from \$250 to \$1,500 annually during the four years of college.

Mr. Schweppe announced the finalists will be interviewed by a three-member scholarship panel comprised of three prominent university educators: Everett B. Weatherspoon, chairman, dean of admissions for men at Duke University; Dr. Joyce Shealy, chairman of the psychology department at Queens college; and Frederick J. Frank, dean of student personnel at Washington and Jefferson college.

Such significant factors as scholastic record, principal's endorsement, motivation, leadership and other personality characteristics will be considered by the scholarship panel to determine the PPG Foundation award winner. The announcement of the scholarship recipient will be made in early Spring.

Following the interviews a luncheon will be held at the Kings Mountain Hotel.

## Church Moderator Here On Sunday

### Presbyterian Dr. Caldwell To Speak Here

Dr. Frank H. Caldwell, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian church.

He will use the sermon topic, "Seeing Through A Glass Darkly," from I Corinthians 13.

A native of Corinth, Mississippi, Dr. Caldwell was educated at the U. S. Military Academy, the University of Mississippi, Centre college, and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. He was an Humphrey Fellow at Edinburgh University, a Visiting Fellow at Yale Divinity School, received his D.D. from Maryville college, his Litt. D. in 1964 from Southern college and L.L.D. from Davidson in 1965.

Before becoming executive director of the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. in 1964, Dr. Caldwell was president of Louisville Seminary from 1930-64; held pastorates in Kentucky and Mississippi; served as acting professor of Bible at Centre College and in 1927 served as assistant to the president of Louisville Seminary.

He served as moderator of the Mississippi Presbytery and moderator of the Synod of Kentucky. He was assembly delegate to the World Presbyterian Alliance in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1959 and was delegate to the Third (Continued On Page Six)



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### Auto Tag Sales Reach 1,262

Sale of city auto tags totaled 1,262 Wednesday, according to a report of Sam Weir, chairman of the Lions club tags sale project.

This figure does not include individual sales by some members and final reports are to be made on Thursday.

Tags remain on sale through Thursday in the courtroom of City Hall and are available at \$1 each.

## Busy Schedule Ahead For Scouts; 57th Anniversary To Be Celebrated

Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will join those over the nation next week in the 57th celebration of the founding of Boy Scouting. Boy Scout Week will begin on Tuesday.

In Kings Mountain, the week's activities will be launched with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Tuesday on the steps of City Hall. Mayor John H. Moss read an official proclamation and Scoutmaster Ken Pruitt will announce plans for the week's events. B. S. Peeler, Jr. will lead group singing of "America" and Boy Scouts will repeat the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Rev. Clyde R. Goodson will pronounce the benediction.

Culminating the week's activities on Saturday, February 11, will be the assembly of a model camp near the National Guard Armory and a campfire program for all Scout Troops in the area.

Saturday will be "Good Turn Day" when uniformed Boy Scouts will assist in downtown parking. Boy Scouts will be elected to serve as mayor-for-a-day, police chief, fire chief, desk sergeant, and troop will furnish a city councilman. An elected Boy Scout will also serve as city clerk-for-a-day and superintendent of public works for a day.

February 12th will be Boy Scout Sunday and Scouts will attend services at the churches which sponsor their program.

### Wreck Injuries Prove Fatal To Druggist

J. R. (Sack) Smith of Rock Hill, S. C., 47-year-old operator of a drug store chain, was killed early Wednesday morning three miles north of Kings Mountain on N. C. 216 when he apparently fell asleep while at the wheel of his car.

According to investigating Highway Patrolman George Blake-more, Smith's 1967 auto failed to negotiate a curve and ran off the left side of the road, striking an oak tree estimated at 100 feet tall.

Smith operated Smith Drug Stores in North and South Carolina. He owned three stores in Rock Hill, one in Hickory, and one in Lancaster, S. C. He was en route from Hickory to Rock Hill when the wreck occurred.

He died at Kings Mountain hospital shortly after the 5:45 accident. Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled that he died of multiple head injuries at 7:30 a.m.

Patrolman Blakemore said that his investigation revealed that Smith was not traveling at an excessive rate of speed. The force of the impact uprooted the tree and split its two-foot wide trunk up the middle. The transmission of Smith's car came loose and was thrown several feet and the spare tire flew through the rear panel to the front seat.

Members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad worked for 20 minutes to free Smith from the wreckage. He reportedly was unconscious at the time and never regained consciousness.

He is survived by his wife, mother, three sons and a sister. Bass Funeral Home in Rock Hill is in charge of funeral arrangements. Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday.

### City To Consider Phifer Sidewalk

The city board of commissioners will consider installation of a sidewalk on Phifer road, from W. Mountain street to the city limits, at its February 14 meeting, Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday.

The city planning board, of which Bob Maner is chairman, recommended construction of the sidewalk on the west side of Phifer road at a meeting last week.

Chairman Maner remarked, "The high school students are walking in the road."

### Bloodmobile Returns Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain on Monday and officials are hopeful the quota will be exceeded.

Quota of each scheduled visit during the year is 150 pints of blood.

Because of automobile accidents and need for blood for patients with bleeding ulcers and other illnesses, Kings Mountain's usage of blood the past several months has been "very high", according to Tom Burke, chairman of the Red Cross blood program.

"We are highly pleased with the response made by industrial participation in the program," said Burke, "and we encourage them to again lead this visit of the regional collecting unit."

Donors will be processed, beginning at 11 a.m. Monday, at the National Guard Armory.

### King Winter Over Or Merely Resting?

Is King Winter de-throned as Wednesday's balmy breezes indicate, or must he reign with icy blasts for six more weeks?

Thursday is February 2, more familiarly known as Groundhog Day.

The folklore specialists disagree on the groundhog's faul weather almanac.

Some contend Mr. Groundhog emerges from his burrow only at high noon and that if the sun is shining he sees his shadow — a harbinger of six weeks of cold, nasty weather.

Others say Mr. Groundhog emerges at early morn and remains outside all day — unless he sees his shadow and scampers back underground. Again, his seeing his shadow pretends meteorological mayhem.

## Spangler DSA Banquet Speaker

### Young Man Of Year Award Will Be Made

R. Patrick Spangler, executive of Spangler Concrete Company, will make the principal address at Tuesday's Bosses' Night Banquet of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Spangler is vice chairman of the North Carolina Department of Conservation.

Mr. Spangler, Shelby and Kings Mountain businessman, has long been active in Cleveland County business, religious, service and civic affairs. He will address the club at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club.

Presentation of the civic club's 13th annual Distinguished Service Award will follow the dinner and address by Spangler.

Charles D. Blanton, Jr., chairman of the Young Man of 1967 Award committee and a former Young Man of the Year, will present the coveted plaque to the winner whose identity will remain a secret until the presentation.

A committee of citizens over 35 selected the winner from names submitted for the public.

The outstanding young man is honored for community service.

President Herman Greene will present Mr. Spangler. Employers of Jaycees will be special guests.

### Davis Would Fan Water Plan Fire

A Cherryville citizen, Hugh Davis, is particularly interested in the success of the Kings Mountain water project, and his Tuesday letter to the Kings Mountain Herald is self-explanatory. He wrote:

"Enclosed you will find \$25 for which please send me one (1) copy of the recent issue of your newspaper which had the story about the City of Kings Mountain's proposal to dam up Buffalo Creek as a source of water for the City, etc. I understood this issue was also contained a map showing where the proposed lake might be located.

"If what I hear is true, this lake might back up on a piece of land I have for which I would be very grateful. I sure would not charge the City anything for the privilege.

"If the story I have heard is true, this would be the finest thing that has happened in Cleveland County in a long, long time... maybe the finest thing that ever happened.

"I would like to have the particulars, as I would like to help 'fan the fire' if I can figure out any way to do it."

### Legion Schedules Valentine Dance

Buddy Estes and Band will play for a Valentine dance at the American Legion building Saturday, February 11th, from 9 until 12 p.m. Tickets will be \$3 a couple for Legionnaires and their guests.

The kitchen will be open for serving of steaks and sandwiches beginning at 6 p.m.

### Thursday Deadline For Tax Listing

Thursday is the last day for listing county property taxes without penalty.

Beginning Friday morning, a penalty of 10 percent will be assessed, with \$1 being the minimum penalty.

### Gulf Sulphur-Lithium Corporation Merger Proposal Details Given

An agreement in principle has been reached by the directors of Gulf Sulphur Corporation and Lithium Corporation of America, Inc. for merger of the two companies, according to Robert H. Allen, president of Gulf Sulphur and Harry D. Feltenstein Jr., president of Lithium Corporation.

Under the agreement, Gulf Sulphur will be the surviving corporation and shares of Gulf Sulphur common stock will continue as shares of common stock of the surviving company. Each two shares of Lithium common outstanding on the effective date of the merger will be converted into one share of convertible preferred stock of the surviving



**SPEAKER** — Pat Spangler will make the principal address at Tuesday night's Bosses' Night banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Hambright's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Prentiss Quay Hambright, 70, retired farmer and well driller of 1419 Grover road, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Dixon Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Rev. James S. Mann officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. James F. Graham, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, and interment was in Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Hambright died Monday morning at 6 o'clock in Veteran's Hospital at Oteen where he had been seriously ill several months.

He was a native of Cherokee County, S. C., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Hambright. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of F. B. Glass Post 9811 of Kings Mountain.

Members of Frank B. Glass Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars, served as pallbearers.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ethel Howell; three sons, Elmer and Kish Hambright, both of Winston Salem; and Prentiss Hambright of Kings Mountain; five daughters, Mrs. Ralph Cannon of Fairfield, California, Mrs. Benton Mauldin of Albemarle, Mrs. Max Putnam of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Jack Kee of Shelby and Mrs. Wofford Martin of Blacksburg, S. C.; one brother, R. Dewitt Hambright of Kings Mountain; and six sisters, Mrs. Wade Milam and Mrs. Arthur Page, both of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. Carroll Barber and Mrs. W. D. King, both of Charlotte, Mrs. Cletus Royster of Greensboro and Mrs. Eugene Price of Asheville.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambright celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary last year.

Principal purpose of the meeting is to give Cleveland citizens an opportunity to convey to the legislators, in person, the citizens opinions and views on desired or pending legislation.

There is to be no advanced agenda and any citizen who wishes to speak will be welcomed.

The Cleveland delegation includes Senator Jack White from the 29th district state senate delegation and Representative Robert Z. Falls and Representative/Elect W. K. Mauney, Jr. and William D. Harrill from the 43rd district house delegation.

### Buffalo Project Feasibility To Be Studied

By MARTIN HARMON  
A preliminary study of the Buffalo Creek area to determine whether the area is feasible for declaring it a watershed will begin Monday.

Announcement was made by Tom Cornwell, chairman of the Cleveland County Soil and Water Conservation committee, on notification from L. W. Dameron, area soil conversationist.

Result of the survey have major bearing on whether the soil conservation service participates in development of Buffalo Creek as a source of raw water supply for the Kings Mountain area, as a controlled recreation area, wildlife refuge and for other purposes.

### TO ASK ENDORSEMENT

Mayor John Henry Moss will appear before the Cleveland County board of commissioners Monday to ask commission endorsement of 1) the Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek water project and 2) endorsement, if a preliminary study indicates feasibility, of the proposed Buffalo Watershed project.

Specifically, the work of the study team is to determine whether benefits of a watershed outweigh its monetary cost.

Mr. Dameron wrote, "Immediately on completion of the study, we will want a joint conference with your committee and the Kings Mountain city commission."

Meantime, United States Senator B. Everett Jordan has lent his support to the Kings Mountain water project.

He wrote Mayor John Henry Moss: "Thank you very much for your letter concerning the application of the City of Kings Mountain has made with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for assistance with its water project."

"I am glad to be of help in this matter and have contacted the Department as per your request. As soon as I receive their report I will be in further touch with you."

The Kings Mountain water project, as contemplated by W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, envisions a large lake north of U. S. 74 on Buffalo Creek. Indicated water impoundment would compare in area to Lure.

### Forum Thursday Begins At 2

Legislators representing Cleveland County in the forthcoming General Assembly have scheduled a forum Thursday (today) from 2 until 5 p.m. in the county courthouse.

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### Tax Payments Swell Coffers

January was a busy receipt-writing month for employees of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County tax offices.

Officials of both reported 1966 tax collections through Wednesday, last day for payment without penalty, approximate 75 percent of total billings.

Joe McDaniel, Jr., city tax supervisor, reported collections on through January of \$150,441, as compared to total billings for 1966 of \$200,757. January collections were \$65,103.

Jim Hardin, assistant tax collector for Cleveland County, said Wednesday afternoon he had not completed tabulations, but estimated collection at approximately 75 percent of the county's \$3,500,000 billings.