

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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HUD Approves Water Project Preliminary Inquiry

Members of C of C Endorse Liquor Election By 54 to 11



ACCEPTS CALL — Rev. Perry Whisnant, of Antioch, N. C., will become the pastor of Piedmont Baptist church on March 19.

Whisnant Accepts Piedmont Call

Rev. Perry Whisnant, pastor of Antioch Baptist church, Bolivia, N. C., has accepted the call of Piedmont Baptist church to become its pastor.

Rev. Whisnant is to assume the pastorate of the Kings Mountain church March 19.

Mr. Whisnant is a native of Forest City. He and his wife have three children.

One Philbeck Still "Serious"

Forrest Philbeck of Grover remains in serious condition in Charlotte Memorial Hospital where he was taken following a truck-train collision in Grover last Tuesday.

Philbeck sustained severe head injuries in a wreck involving a pick-up truck and a Southern Railway train at a crossing in Grover around 4:00 on the afternoon of February 28.

Ray Philbeck was listed in fair condition late Wednesday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The two brothers both work in the recapping department of Plonk Oil Company.

Ledford Buys Warehouse

Ted Ledford, owner of Kings Mountain Farm Center, has recently purchased the West Gold street warehouse across from his establishment from Mrs. Ellen Patterson Plonk and Plonk Brothers & Company, the partnership now liquidating.

Purchase price was \$8000. Mr. Ledford has been renting the 50 x 60 warehouse. The lot fronts 60 feet on East Gold (including a 10-foot easement), and it is approximately 95 feet deep.

Hustetler Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Pantha Lee Bridges Hustetler, 65, of 318 Walnut street, were held Monday at 4 p.m. from Piedmont Baptist church with the Rev. C. C. Parker and Rev. Flay Payne officiating.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mrs. Hustetler died at her home Sunday at 1 a.m. She was a daughter of the late Peter Asbury and Della Hudson Bridges. She is survived by her husband, five H. Hustetler; three sons, James Hustetler of Gastonia and Jack and Buddy Hustetler of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Barrett of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Minnie Davis of Shelby; three brothers, Willie Bridges of Shelby, D. D. and Holly Bridges, both of Cherryville; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Members Support Election Appeal In Mail Ballot

Members of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, in mail balloting, have endorsed the holding of elections of the questions of legalizing sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption and legalizing ABC stores.

The vote was 54 in favor, 11 against. There are approximately 80 members.

President Jonas Bridges, who announced the results, pointed out that the question concerned the holding of the election not whether the members were "wet" or "dry".

He also said the directors voted to conduct the membership poll rather than leaving the question solely to the board of directors.

No report was available on the number of signers of petitions being circulated among Kings Mountain voters, which seek an election on the two questions.

In Dallas, wherein ABC election was being sought, the city commission declined to recommend an election when petitions presented were found to be 50 percent spurious, with names of non-citizens, double and triple signing by the same individuals, and outright forgeries discovered when the clerk authenticated the signatures.

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Mrs. Herron's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Annie Mae Herron, 57, wife of Fred V. Herron of the Midpines Community, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Midview Baptist church.

Rev. R. C. Franks will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Herron, in ill health for several weeks, died Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Kings Mountain hospital.

She was a native of Swain County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nations.

Besides her husband she is survived by four sons, Luther and Curtis Herron, both of Kings Mountain, and Harley and Charles Herron, both of Baltimore, Md.; five daughters, Mrs. Jack Stewart, Mrs. Junior Costner, Mrs. Richard Camp, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Claude Spencer of Baltimore, Md. and Mrs. Dale Ellis of Fort Worth, Texas.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Isaac Smith of Gastonia, Mrs. Kelly Herron of Clover, S. C. and Mrs. Ray Rogers of Bryson City, N. C.; a brother, Horace Nations of Morganton; and 32 grandchildren.

Rites Conducted For R.G. Plonk

Funeral rites for Rufus Grier Plonk, 79, were held Monday at 4 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which he was an elder.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley, minister of the church, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Plonk, prominent retired farmer, died Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following a week's illness. Death was attributed to a ruptured appendix.

He was son of the late Michael Luther and Lenora Love Plonk. He attended local schools and Fishburne Military Academy in Virginia.



APPOINTED — Marion Dixon has been appointed National Aide-de-Camp in the VFW. He is a past commander of Frank B. Glass Post 9811.

Dixon Tapped For VFW Honor

Leslie M. Fry, Reno, Nev., commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has announced the appointment of William Marion Dixon, 1210 Westover, Kings Mountain, as National Aide-de-Camp, V.F.W.

In making the announcement Mr. Fry said, "Because of Mr. Dixon's tested dedication to the V.F.W. goals of promotion of true patriotism, national security and assisting the nation's veterans, their widows and orphans, I am happy to appoint him to serve on my staff and I know he will continue to distinguish himself as he serves this organization, his community, his state and his country."

Talent Show Set April 13

Annual Schools Talent Show of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be held Thursday April 13th, with preliminary contests already underway in the nine plants of the district schools.

Winners from the various schools will compete for trophies in the April 13th event at 7:30 in Central school auditorium.

Glee E. Bridges will serve as general chairman of the show which has a goal of \$3500, for lighting of John Gamble Memorial Stadium. The civic club has already cash on hand of \$4500 for the project which is expected to total more than \$8,000.

H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel, publicity chairman, said that school students are invited to participate. "If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, pantomime, or recite we invite you to take part," said Mr. McDaniel.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

Mrs. Allison, 24, Dies Of Wounds

Funeral for Mrs. Lola Allison West, 24, Kings Mountain native, was held Friday at 4 p.m. from El Bethel Methodist church, interment following in El Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. West died last Wednesday night from pistol wounds in the head. Sheriff J. Haywood Allen said the mother of two children was apparently shot with a .38 caliber revolver by Fred Sisk, 49, who then turned the weapon on himself. The deaths were ruled a murder-suicide.

Sheriff Allen said the shooting followed an argument between the victims at the West home on route 6, Shelby. Sisk operated the Fairgrounds Grill.

Daughter of Odus Allison of Shelby and the late Lola Eummie Mackey Allison, Mrs. West was an employee of the Carolina Plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

Besides her father she is survived by two children, Jimmy Allison West and Georgia West of the home; three brothers, Frankie Allison of Gaffney, S. C., James Allison of Blacksburg, S. C., and Clarence Allison of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Frieda Metcalf and Miss Jeannie Allison, both of Shelby, and Misses Patsy and Norma Allison, both of Kings Mountain.

The Rev. Roy Lockridge officiated at the final rites.

Mrs. Campbell Succumbs At 89; Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Lenora Campbell, 89, widow of Edward Lee Campbell, a former mayor of Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. Howard Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, will officiate at the final rites. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell died Tuesday night at 9 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after serious illness of two weeks. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James W. Weir. Her husband died in 1941.

Mr. Campbell was Kings Mountain mayor from 1901-05. He also served as city attorney.

She was a member of Central Methodist church.

She is survived by her son, Charles B. Campbell, of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Traffic Signal Sought On 161

The city commission voted Tuesday night to ask the State Highway Commission to install a traffic signal on N. C. 161 at Cleveland Avenue and Ridge street.

The commission acted on request of Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentist, who wrote: "I would like to call your attention to the bad traffic situation that exists at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Ridge Street. As you are well aware, there is a large volume of traffic here and there is no signal of any type.

"The two streets do not intersect at right angles and this makes for poor visibility, especially as you enter Cleveland from Ridge. This fact together with the volume of traffic has produced a large number of accidents recently.

"Then too, there are a good number of 'drag racers' late at night on Cleveland Avenue that deserve some attention.

"I do wish you would use the influence of your office as Mayor to impress the State Highway Commission as to the need of a traffic control at the Cleveland Avenue-Ridge Street intersection."

Board Will Call Election Tuesday

The city board of commissioners will hold the regular March meeting Tuesday night and, as required by law will call formally the biennial May municipal and board of education elections.

Major business of the meeting will be a review of public projects for which federal grants are being sought with Edward Gibbons and two other officials of the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Health Education and Welfare, Mayor John Henry Moss said.

The commission is also expected to let contract for a steel fence for the public utilities property at Cherryville road and McGinnis street. Bids were received February 28.

Knit Fabrics Firm Now Doubling Plant With Building Of Metal

Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics, Inc., began construction Wednesday of an addition to its Railroad avenue building which will double present floor space to 11,000 square feet.

S. R. Suber, Jr., said the addition will approximate 60x100 square feet, will be utilized for storage and manufacturing and will be a fully-insulated Butler-type metal building.

The firm began operations in May 1965, and now manufactures double-knit fabrics, la costa mesh, bonding fabrics and terry cloth.

Mr. Suber said the firm has originated a textured acetate fabric with raised design, desirable for sportswear, robes, men's shirts and dress fabrics, which has attracted considerable interest among large manufacturers.

He said one large firm sought consignment of Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics' full production.

Shaney Challenging Walker For Ward 5 Commission Seat

Announcements Wednesday Season's First

First candidates of the 1967 municipal elections will pay filing fees Thursday morning and pose a contest.

Richard E. (Dick) Shaney, former state highway patrolman and now in the personnel department of Carolina Throwing Company, will challenge Commissioner O. O. Walker, retired contractor now completing his first term, for the Ward 5 seat.

Both said they sought to file formally Wednesday but found the City Hall office closed.

James L. Guyton, a brick mason told the Herald this week he anticipated a second race for the Ward 3 seat held by T. J. (Tommy) Ellison. Commissioner Ellison defeated Mr. Guyton two years ago.

Only other firm statement concerning the May 9 city and board of education elections came from H. O. (Toby) Williams, who said he would not seek re-election to the board of education. Tom Hamrick has been mentioned as a possible candidate to succeed Mr. Williams.

All other members of the Moss Administration are expected to seek re-election. They are Mayor John Henry Moss, Commissioner Ellison, Ray Cline, Ward 1, W. S. Biddix, Ward 2, and Norman King, Ward 4.

Political activity has been outwardly quiet this spring—quietest in 20 years. Customarily, candidates begin filing for office about January 1.

Election day is exactly two months distant.

Comm. Walker said in announcing his candidacy, "My particular reason for seeking re-election is a desire to see completion of the several major projects the present administration has started—the sewer system, water project, public housing for the poor and others. I feel my experience as a contractor of water and sewer systems can be of benefit."

Mr. Walker, native of South Hill, Va., came to Kings Mountain in 1923 as a water system contractor and Kings Mountain (Continued On Page Eight)

Water Off Sunday In Some Areas

The city water department expects to tap in to the new two million gallon city water tank on Sunday, weather permitting.

The tap-in will require suspension of service from 7:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. on the following streets, Public Works Superintendent Grady Yelton said: Piedmont at Benfield Road, Piedmont at Fairview Street, Piedmont at Baker Street, Piedmont at Parker Street, Piedmont at Linwood Street, Battleground at Ridge Street, Battleground at Phenix Street, Baker at Railroad Crossing.

Jerry Cloninger Wins Degree

Jerry (Reece) Cloninger, Kings Mountain native, was graduated February 24th from East Carolina college. A history major, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Mr. Cloninger, who now resides in Raleigh, served two years in the Naval Reserves.

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Easter Seal Child Is Cage Expert

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The Oak Grove community youngster smiles when he talks about his pet, Beau, a black French poodle he acquired last summer, and sports in general.

His own basketball goal the height of his wheelchair is mounted in the den so that he can not only watch the game on television but practice his shots. His grandfather, A. J. Gallant, had the idea and Butch adds to the fun with wagers on his game. He wins too.

After a year in school, (the new county program for homebound students), young Morrison's reading ability is good. His teacher, Mrs. Oscar Padgett, visits him daily.

His grandmother, Mrs. R. R. Flowers, attends him while his mother, the former Christine Gallant, works at Baxter Paper Corporation and his father operates Linwood Crown Service Station. His sister Cecilia is a sophomore at Kings Mountain high school and John Clay, age nine, is a student at Bethware school. Mary Anne (Mrs. James Cloninger) and their family, which includes 10-month-old Todd, reside in Boone.

"Butch is the joy of the family," admits Cecilia. "Course, we have our arguments, too."

Mrs. Robert Burns, publicity chairman for the Cleveland County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, said Butch Morrison was tapped the Easter Seal Child because he is the symbol of all handicapped youth in the area.

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Agency Ready For Final Application

By MARTIN HARMON
Kings Mountain's preliminary inquiry for a water project grant has been approved and the regional officials of Water and Sewer Facilities Grant Program, Department of Housing and Urban Development, say next step toward a federal grant is the final application.

Jack Willingham, acting director of the regional office water-sewer program, reported the approval to Mayor John Henry Moss by telephone on Tuesday and invited him, Consulting Engineer W. K. Dickson, and City Planner Gary Hicks to Atlanta headquarters for a conference, tentatively set for next Wednesday.

The Kings Mountain inquiry was assigned Project Number WS-34-0052. Arthur A. Davis, of the Washington office, recently informed United States Senator B. Everett Jordan. The Senator had asked the department for a progress report on the Kings Mountain grant application.

Meantime, another Cleveland County citizen, Gene Schenck, Lily Mills executive, has pledged his support of the Kings Mountain water project. Mr. Schenck, Mayor Moss reported, called to obtain details on the project, owns land in the potential lake area, and said he would support the project.

The Mayor added Mr. Schenck said he would attend a March 16 public meeting on the water project at which Ralph Andrews, director of the North Carolina Department of Recreation, will discuss recreational aspects of the Kings Mountain project, which envisions a lake-reservoir approximating the size of Lake Lure.

In its preliminary inquiry, the city applied for a \$300,000 federal grant.

C Of C Banquet On March 20

H. F. (Chub) Seawell, Jr. of Carthage, humorist, writer and television personality, will make the address at the annual banquet March 20th of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock at Kings Mountain Country club, according to announcement by Jonas Bridges, president.

Mr. Seawell, an attorney, passed the North Carolina Bar at the age of 20 following graduation from Wake Forest Law School. As Republican candidate for governor in 1952 he garnered over 383,000 votes, 100,000 ahead of all others up to that time.

He is author of the book "Sir Walter, The Earl of Chatham" and makes regular appearances on television in a series of his own humorous sketches.

Mr. Seawell has filled speaking engagements from Los Angeles to Montreal, Canada and more recently spoke at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Merchants Association in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Black's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Mrs. Aileen Jackson Black, 51, of Grover, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from Lily Baptist church, interment following in Patterson Springs Baptist church cemetery.

Mrs. Black died Wednesday in Duke hospital at Durham.

She was the widow of George Black and daughter of the late Charlie and Mae Blanton Jackson.

Surviving are a brother, Homer Jackson, of Shelby; and two sisters, Mrs. Austin Black and Mrs. Thomas Ervin, both of Cleveland, Ohio.

Six Piano Students In District Contest

Six piano students of Mrs. Martin Harmon will perform Saturday at Lenoir Rhyne college in the North Carolina Music Teacher's Association District Contest.

Frances McGill will enter the Senior High School division and Meredith McGill, Lynne Bridges, Laura Ann Hudson, Jane Anthony and Barbara Ford will play in the Junior High Contest.