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City Limits 8,256

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Savings & Loan Taps Thomson As President

Joe Thomson, assistant treasurer of Neisler Brothers for more than 40 years, has been elected president of Home Savings & Loan Association...

The board of directors this week named Mr. Thomson president and elevated Secretary-Treasurer Tom Tate to the position of executive vice-president.

Mr. Thomson is the association's third president. The late Dr. O. G. Falls was president from 1923-1930. Dr. Anthony became association president in 1930, served until his death September 20.

A former mayor of Kings Mountain, Mr. Thomson has served as a director of Home Savings & Loan for a number of years. A native of Union, S. C., he came to Kings Mountain as a Southern Railway agent...

Mrs. Thomson is the former Irma Willford of Kings Mountain, retired East school principal.



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Scott To Speak To Farm Bureau

North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Robert W. (Bob) Scott of Raleigh will make the principal address at the annual meeting of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau.

The dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, at 7 p.m. at Brackett's Cedar Park near Polkville.

Area farmers and their guests should make reservations by Monday with Mrs. Joe K. Davis, chairman of the arrangements committee. T. Z. Hord is Farm Bureau president.

The dinner meeting will be a dutch affair at \$1.60 per plate. A program of entertainment is also planned.

We're Still Working On Plans: Dickey

Massachusetts Mohair Plant Company officials have been ordered to appear at a November 17 hearing in Raleigh to determine if they should be ordered to construct a waste treatment facility at the Margrace plant.

The hearing will be held before the N. C. Water and Air Resources Board.

Jim Dickey, manager of the plant, said yesterday, "We are still working on plans and after next week we expect to have them complete. They are not yet ready to submit to the state board."

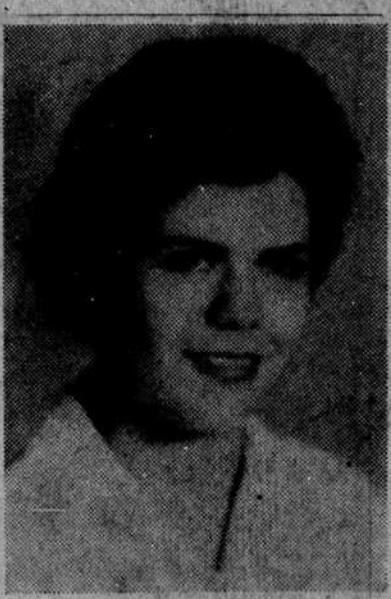
Under a schedule proposed by the textile company, the waste treatment facility was to have been completed and in operation by January 1, 1968.

W. E. Knight of the state board's administrative department said the Kings Mountain firm has submitted no plans. Knight said the hearing will be held to determine whether the firm should be ordered to construct the required waste treatment facility.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

School Board Is Studying Plans For New North School Addition



IN WHO'S WHO - Coral Ramsey, Kings Mountain senior student at Queen's college in Charlotte, has been selected for inclusion in the 1967-68 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. The volume, issued annually, lists outstanding seniors in colleges and universities throughout the United States. Miss Ramsey is daughter of Mrs. W. L. Ramsey and the late Dr. Ramsey.

Nursing Center Stock Sales Reach \$6600

KM Mall Preview On Today's Agenda

Dr. L. P. Baker's Rites On Friday

Kings Mountain Dentist Succumbs Here Wednesday

Dr. Luther Philip Baker, 83, Kings Mountain dentist since 1907, died Wednesday morning at 5:15 a.m. after several months of declining health.

He had been hospitalized at Kings Mountain hospital the past two weeks.

Funeral rites will be held Friday morning at 11 a.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 9 a.m. Friday when it will lie-in-state at the home at 608 N. Piedmont avenue.

His pastor, Rev. Charles Easley will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Dr. Baker, a native of Kings Mountain, began the practice of dentistry in Kings Mountain in 1907, the second dentist to open an office here for the practice of dental medicine. He was educated at Lenoir Rhyne college, Vanderbilt University and the University of Maryland.

A life-member of the American Dental Association, he was also a member of the North Carolina Dental Society. He was a director and vice-president of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association which honored him recently for 30-year service as a director and presented him an emblem from the North Carolina Savings League. He was a director of First Union National Bank and active in St. Matthew's Lutheran church. He was also a member of the Cleveland County Board of Health.

Chairman of Kings Mountain Board of Education for 20 years, from 1931-51, he was also a Mason and a Shriner. He retired from his dental practice in 1964.

Son of the late Philip S. and Ellen Patterson Baker of Kings Mountain, Dr. Baker married Miss Mayme Polyette in 1912. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Fulford of Knoxville, Tennessee; four sons, Philip Baker, Jr., Dr. R. N. Baker and Dr. Thomas P. Baker, all of Kings Mountain, and Richard Baker of Rock Hill, S. C.; a brother, Fred Baker of Atlanta, Ga.; and two sisters, Mrs. H. Tom Fulton, Sr. of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Pearl Turner of Charlotte. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



SUCCUMBS - Dr. Luther Philip Baker, 83, Kings Mountain dentist for 60 years, died Wednesday morning. Funeral rites will be held Friday morning at 11 from St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

C Of C Opens Clinic Thursday

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Southern Bell Telephone Company, will sponsor a telephone clinic Thursday and Friday at the Burlington Yarn general office on Phenix street.

The clinic is free to the interested public. To be presented in two identical sessions, beginning at 2 p.m. each day, the clinic will feature a two-and-one-half hour discussion and film showing telephone courtesy, projecting pleasantness, the art of handling complaints, how to improve voice quality, questions and answers, and the sound of efficiency.

Reservations are not necessary for the clinics, Chamber President W. S. Fulton, Jr. said in making the announcement.

Sisk: No Comment On City Suit

Frank Sisk, Kings Mountain-Bessemer City funeral director, said yesterday he does not plan to meet Tuesday night with the city board of commissioners to discuss results of a civil litigation tried in Cleveland Superior Court last week in which Mrs. Zeb Grigg was awarded \$10,000 judgment against Mr. Sisk.

To a reportorial question, "Do you plan to file suit against the City of Kings Mountain", Mr. Sisk said, "no comment."

Mr. Sisk said he has appealed the case to the State Supreme Court and has been advised the case will be docketed in the February session.

"I am not guilty of the charges. I feel like the Supreme Court will throw the case out and I will fight the charges to the fullest extent", Sisk said.

The suit arose over the question of depth of the grave of Mrs. Grigg's husband. After the burial, it was charged, the vault housing the casket protruded above the ground. Mrs. Grigg sought \$175,000.

Mr. Sisk told the Herald he felt the City of Kings Mountain is liable for all or part of the damages, if any liability exists.

The city owns Mountain Rest cemetery, where Mr. Grigg was interred, sells lots, and digs graves.

Mr. Sisk contends there is no ruling on how deep a grave shall be. He said he questioned why suit was not filed by the Grigg family until nearly three years after the burial.

Meantime, he said he has closed his business here and has posted a for sale sign at 309 E. King street. He said he will continue to operate his business in Bessemer City.

Mall Officers, Directors To View Plans

A representative of Reynolds Metal Company will meet this morning (Thursday) at 10 a.m. with officers and directors of Kings Mountain Mall, Inc. to interpret for them the company's idea of how the finished Cherokee Street Mall will look.

Announcement was made by Robert Powell, attorney for the Kings Mountain Mall, Inc., who invited other interested area citizens to attend the meeting in the conference room of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association.

Mr. Powell said that representatives of the Reynolds Company, looking at the site for the proposed mall, are impressed with its natural potential for a shopping complex.

Meantime, negotiations were continuing with property owners for two remaining options required for the south side mall on Cherokee street.

The two remaining options desired are from David R. Hamrick for the 50 x 60 foot lot occupied by the building housing Saunders Cleaners and Stove Radio and Television Service and from Mrs. E. C. Cooper for the building housing Sude's Beauty Shop; Mr. Saunders acquired last month a five-year lease on the portion of the building he occupies.

Staking Off Line For Sewer Underway

Engineers were staking off the sewer line from Phenix street to the McGill Treatment Plant this week.

Construction of the new line is expected to begin next week, according to report of City Public Works Supt. Grady C. Yelton.

Commission Sets Meeting Tonight

A joint meeting of Cleveland County commissioners and boards of education from the three school systems of the county will be held Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 in the Cleveland County courthouse in Shelby.

The meeting has been called by the county commission in an initial step toward merging the county school systems. Prospects for consolidation and what plans should be made should the systems be merged are to be discussed by the commissioners, the superintendents of Cleveland County, Shelby and Kings Mountain schools and boards of education members.

One of the major differences between the three and possibly a stumbling block to consolidation, is a special tax in Shelby and Kings Mountain for teacher - salary supplements.

Shelby has a 40-cent tax and Kings Mountain a 25-cent tax. The county system pays no supplement.

Members of the Kings Mountain board of education, along with Supt. Donald Jones, will attend Thursday's meeting.

Morale Of Troops In Vietnam Is Good, Says Sgt. James House



Morale of American troops in Vietnam is very high, S/SG James House told Kings Mountain Jaycees Tuesday night.

The newly-appointed Army recruiting sergeant for Gaston and Cleveland Counties is just back from a year's duty in Vietnam.

Sgt. House, his wife, the former Faye Carriagh, and their three daughters have occupied a home at 316 Fulton street here.

"We know what we're fighting for in Vietnam," said Sgt. House. He continued, "The American soldier in Vietnam is well taken care of with the most up-to-date equipment available."

"What pleases a young man the most in Vietnam is receiving a gift package, reading material, a letter from some club or individual in the states", said the sergeant. "This means a lot to the boys and they know someone here at home cares", Sgt. House added.

Sgt. House praised the American troops in Vietnam. He used (Continued on Page Eight)

Crawford To Head KM United Fund

Bob Southwell Fund Chairman For '68 Appeal

W. Donald Crawford, Kings Mountain post office employee, has been elected president of the 1968 Kings Mountain United Fund and Robert O. (Bob) Southwell, automobile dealer, will serve as campaign chairman.

Officers and directors of the United Fund will meet Friday at 12 noon at Kings Mountain Country Club to adopt a budget and map the annual campaign.

Members of the budget committee, of which Grady Howard is chairman, will meet Thursday (tonight) at 8:30 in the offices of Home Savings & Loan Association to hear budget requests from the various agencies. The budget committee, which also includes Tom Tate, John Cheshire and Charles Mauney, will present recommendations to the board of directors at Friday's luncheon meeting of the group.

New directors include Mr. Howard, Jay Keeter, Joe Smith, Mrs. Raymond Holmes, Mrs. Sam Robinson, Richard Maxey, Larry Hamrick, Bill Brown, Mr. Cheshire, Charles Blanton, Charles Mauney and Harold Coggins.

Kings Mountain JC's Postpone Barbecue

Jaycee Barbecue Sale Chairman, Bob Myers, regretfully announces that due to circumstances beyond our control we are forced to postpone our barbecue sale slated for Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21.

The new scheduled date will be November 10 and 11.

School Building Has "New Look"

The superintendent's building on E. Ridge street has a new look.

Charleston - green louvers, carpeted floors and a renovated conference room are features of the renovations.

A long table salvaged from the old Davidson building has been refinished with a formica top with black upholstered chairs newly-painted chairs. Gold corduroy drapes are being made to enhance the mingled bronze, brown and gold carpet.

The exterior of the building has been painted white.

Board members voted recently to install central heating in the building.



PRESIDENT - W. Donald Crawford will serve as president of Kings Mountain United Fund for the coming year.

Mayor To Atlanta For Conference

Mayor John Henry Moss will be in Atlanta, Ga. Thursday (today) conferring with officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on four community projects.

To be reviewed are the \$3 million Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek Water Project plans; the plans for upgrading of the projected downtown business district; the proposed Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility; and Urban Renewal projects.

CITY COMMISSION

Regular meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall courtroom. Business of the agenda will include receiving of bids for several pieces of equipment, a front end loader and a city police car.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

County Water Role

Years ago the Herald viewed with some alarm the county's going into the water line business.

Did the county commission realize that once in the water line business the county was/is morally required to serve all?

After reading the Herald editorial, the late Commissioner Hazel Bumgardner paid call and assured he and his conferees well understood what they were doing.

The move was dictated by the need for jobs for Cleveland County citizens. No less than 700 persons were leaving Shelby daily for employment elsewhere. Claims for unemployment compensation in the Kings Mountain area alone were averaging 700-800 per week.

Later boards sought to escape the moral debt by declaring the county "out of the water business."

With Shelby and Kings Mountain serving about 10,500 water customers today and the county serving none, it would seem the county's role in water distribution in the immediate future should be limited to line laying.

There have been arguments during the years over question of which agency, county or water seller, should maintain county owned lines.

Our memory is that the county has paid the bills for maintenance which may not be fair since the county receives no revenue from water sales.

Again, We Can Pay

In a feature in Saturday's Shelby Daily Star labeled a "news analysis", Reporter Bill Dover again cast doubts on Kings Mountain's ability to pay for the proposed water system expansions.

The "how" hasn't been detailed, Mr. Dover charges. It's been detailed to many folk.

The economic feasibility study projects paying for the system via increased water rates and imposition of a sewage fee.

As Mr. Dover notes, general obligation bonds are being issued because the sell at cheap interest cost is important since the projection is a 30-year issue.

Reporter Dover may not understand the repayment but W. E. Easterling, the secretary, and other members of the Local Government Commission do.

There are folk who count on issuing bonds. Again, we can repay.

Martin Harmon