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BOWLING TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP — Kings Mountain's Mixed bowling team has won the national championship for the third time in five years. Members of the team, pictured above, took the \$150 first prize money with a team score of 1829 in the tournament held from the first week of April until last week in Baltimore, Md. Kings Mountain bowlers pocketed over \$500 in winnings in the tourney. From left to right, John Dilling, Betty Hüllender, Ronnie Culbertson, Lib Gault and Albert Brackett.

Duckpin Bowlers Again Champions

Mixed Team Nation's Top; Others Place

Kings Mountain's Mixed bowling team has captured the national championship for the third time in five years.

Sponsored by Oates Shell Service as the Oates Shell Number Two team, the club took the \$150 first prize money with a team score of 1829 in the tournament held from the first week of April until last weekend at Baltimore, Md.

Players making up the national championship team are John Dilling, Albert Brackett, Ronnie Culbertson, Lib Gault and Betty Hüllender.

The KM mixed team won the national title in 1964 and '65, then took a back seat for the next two years before regaining the crown this year.

Dilling rolled the best score, a 404 three-game set. Culbertson came in with a 392, Brackett added a 380, Hüllender a 355 and Gault a 298.

The Kings Mountain bowlers participated the second week of April.

Kings Mountain bowlers also placed well in other divisions. The championship team was bowling in the Mixed Booster Division, and in the Championship Mixed, Dilling Heating took third place, good for \$125.

Members of that team included Jenny Oates, Lib Gault, John Dilling, Thomas Blanton and Richard Culbertson. They had a team total of 1837.

In the Mixed Doubles, Ranny Blanton and Jenny Oates finished seventh with a 833 total. Blanton rolled a 463 set, the best.

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KM Welfare Business Slow

"Frankly," said Mrs. Ruby S. Bridges, "I haven't been very busy."

It was Wednesday, one of two days weekly the county welfare department sends a staff member here to interview applicants for four categories of welfare program assistance.

Welfare staff members, beginning July 1, are at City Hall (basement office) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 4:30.

Applications are accepted for: 1) Old age assistance, 2) Aid to the permanent and totally disabled, 3) Aid to dependent children, 4) Food stamps.

The applications are processed at the county office, where all records are maintained, and, where required, a case worker is assigned.

Mrs. Bridges is one of three staff members who will rotate duty at the Kings Mountain office each week. The others are Miss Martha Brienhardt and Miss Barbara Mode.

Interest on City Notes 3.8 Percent

North Carolina National Bank was low bidder of five Tuesday for \$750,000 City of Kings Mountain water bond anticipation notes.

North Carolina National offered to lend the city the three-quarter million for 90 days at an interest rate of 3.8 percent.

Spread between the low and high bids was only .25 percent.

The bonds are to be dated July 15 and will mature October 15.

Other bids: First Citizens Bank & Trust Company 3.92, First Union National Bank 3.96, Branch Banking & Trust Company 3.98, and Wachovia Bank & Trust Company 4.05.

The bids were received Tuesday morning at the office of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh.

Postmaster To Seminar

RALEIGH — More than half of all North Carolina postmasters—Some 465—will meet here next week for a two-day discussion of improved mail service.

Occasion is the fourth annual Postmasters Training Seminar scheduled Monday and Tuesday at North Carolina State University.

The seminar is being held at the specific request of postmasters, who will attend on a voluntary basis at their own expense.

Among those attending will be Postmaster Charles L. Alexander, president of the North Carolina branch of the National League of Postmasters.

Seminars will be held later this summer in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, which comprise the Atlanta Postal Region along with North Carolina.

More than 1,500 postmasters in the four states are expected to attend the seminars, an increase of some 250 from last year. This is more than half the approximately 2,350 postmasters in the four-state region. There are about 800 postmasters in North Carolina.

Regional Director Banks Gladden will be the keynote speaker at the opening session here Monday morning.

Postmasters will spend the remaining two days attending classes on a variety of subjects dealing with postal problems.

Two general topics will get major emphasis in this year's seminars—the handling of second and

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Lutheran Group To Lutheridge

Resurrection Lutheran church congregation will worship at Lutheridge, assembly grounds of the Lutheran church, at Arden on Sunday.

Independence Day Holiday Reported Quiet

Kings Mountain shut down light for Independence Day Thursday.

With the majority of textile work ceased for the week, some families were already on treks to the mountains or seashore and still others were enjoying a one-day surcease from regular duties.

Most retail stores closed to give their employees a one-day holiday. Drug stores were open as were service stations and some grocery stores in the township.

Rain, which fell on Thursday, dampened the holiday crowd flocking to the parks and recreation areas.

Kings Mountain police reported 11 arrests, including four for public drunkenness, two for driving while intoxicated, and one each for no operator's license, speeding 65 in a 35 zone, exceeding safe speed, running a stop light and prohibition violation.

One accident occurred in the early morning hours of the holiday.

Joseph McDaniel Williams, 17, of 313 Ellis street, was charged with running a red light and exceeding safe speed as a result of a three car accident at 4 a.m. at the intersection of U. S. 74 and N. C. 161.

Two passengers of the Williams vehicle, Johnny Thompson, 19, of 120 N. Candler street and Johnny Adams, 19, of 400 W. Ridge street, were injured in the accident which occurred, according to police, when the Williams car reportedly ran the light and struck a car driven by Lawrence Williams Tucker, 25, of Stanfield, traveling East on U. S. 74.

Tucker's car was knocked into the car driven by Nancy Lee McDaniel, 24, of Silver Spring, Md., which was traveling in the opposite direction on U. S. 74, police reported.

Both injured youth were treated for injuries at Kings Mountain hospital and released.

City Police Officer B. P. Cook investigated. Damage was estimated at \$800 to the Tucker car, \$300 to the McDaniel car and \$800 to the Williams car.

CAGO Convenes Here Thursday

School problems and participation in regional development groups will be among the principal items on the agenda Thursday night, as the Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials convene here at a dinner meeting at the Country Club.

Lamar Young, CAGO chairman, made the announcement.

Chairman Young said he hoped all members would make special efforts to attend.

"These are serious problems and they are generic to the whole country," he commented.

Jaycee Beauty Pageant August 24; Bill Grissom General Chairman

Kings Mountain Jaycees will stage the third annual Miss Kings Mountain beauty pageant on August 24th at 8 p.m. in Central school auditorium.

Date for the pageant and chairman of steering committees were named this week.

General chairman for the pageant will be Bill Grissom.

Board To Hear Buffalo Water Project Report

The city commission has scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, with particular business a progress report on the Buffalo Creek water project.

Engineer W. K. Dickson will outline work accomplished to date.

Mr. Dickson said Wednesday final plans and specifications for the estimated \$3.3 million project are virtually complete.

Another principal item of business on the agenda is decision concerning the neighborhood facilities building, where low bids exceeded architect J. L. Williams Associates estimates by \$184,000.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the commission has the alternatives of accepting or rejecting bids, or of asking low bidders for a time extension for the city commission to make a decision.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the city a grant of \$302,680 for the neighborhood facilities building, this award representing two-thirds the estimated cost of slightly more than \$424,000. Low bids totaled \$608,000.

Regional officials of HUD have indicated to the Mayor that funds for a supplemental grant are not available.

Mrs. Stewart's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Corrie McDaniel Stewart, 83, wife of Edward J. Stewart, Dixon community farmer, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. Clarence McMahan and Rev. James F. Graham officiated at the final rites, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Stewart, in declining health for some time, died of a heart attack suddenly at her home Sunday at 2:30 p.m. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. McDaniel and a native of Cleveland County.

Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. James Thompson of Palatka, Florida, Mrs. Arthur Biltcliffe of Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. Haywood Allen of Shelby and Mrs. J. W. Palmer of York, S. C.; and five sisters, Mrs. M. L. McSwain and Miss Bessie McDaniel, both of Dallas, Mrs. Cleo Bookout of Gastonia, Mrs. W. G. Camp of Mooresboro and Mrs. Irwin Jackson of Gaffney, S. C. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Gene Hughes, John Randall, Broadus Herndon, William Herndon, Bruce McDaniel and Tom Humphries.

David Baity Wins Promotion

David J. Baity, former Herald staffer and Kings Mountain native, has been promoted from city editor of the Gastonia Gazette to assistant managing editor.

Mr. Baity is son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Baity, Sr. of Kings Mountain. He joined the Gazette in 1964 as a member of the city staff and was promoted to city editor in 1966. He was named Gazette city editor in 1967.

Under terms of the project approved by the Housing Assistance Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 30 of the 150 units must be designed for the elderly.

The acreage under option is in several different lots and tracts in several areas of the city.

Mr. Harper said the authority's architects, Tomberlin & Associates, of Atlanta, are already at work completing engineering of the several sites and drawing preliminary plans for the housing units.

When construction is 90 percent complete the housing authority will sell bonds, of 40 year maturity, to defray cost of the project.

Amortization will be from rentals, with the federal government guaranteeing payment of bonds and interest.

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc., was constituted by the City of Kings Mountain and the Housing Assistance Administration in January 1967.

Members, in addition to the chairman, are Brooks Tate, vice-chairman; William Orr, Carl F. Wilson and Martin Harmon.

Friday D-Day For Hospital's Fund Drive; Reports Are Asked



CHECK FOR WARRANTY DEED — Wray A. Wilms, left, receives a check for \$5000 from Brooks R. Tate, vice-president of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc. in return for the deed to a 2.8 acre tract on Lackey street. It was the first purchase of property by the housing authority for an 150-unit low rent housing project. (Paul Lemmons photo)

Houser Says Holiday Week Slowed Work

By MARTIN HARMON

"Kings Mountain area citizens' contributions during the next two days will determine the outcome of the hospital fund drive," Chairman George H. Houser, of the hospital development fund drive, declared Wednesday.

Friday is the official closing day of the \$150,000 campaign. Figures to date were not tabulated but were not appreciably greater than the \$124,135 reported last week.

"The week of July 4th, with many having holidays, is generally a poor one for fund raising, and Kings Mountain proved no exception. There was little activity last week," Chairman Houser added.

Other principal development in the past week concerning building of the estimated \$850,000 addition to Kings Mountain hospital was resolution by the county commission to issue the authorized \$500,000 in bonds for the Kings Mountain addition not later than February 1969.

GOFORTH MEMORIAL — An anonymous friend has reserved a room in the Kings Mountain hospital addition as a memorial to the late Marvin Goforth, described by the donor as "a friend of the hospital and a friend of the patient."

The \$150,000 sought by public subscription, plus memorial monies on hand and indicated contributions from charitable foundations, is estimated by the architects, Freeman & White, of Charlotte, to be sufficient.

Hospital officials are less sure, particularly in view of rising construction costs, as expressed by Hospital President George W. Mauney.

The hospital board of trustees will get its final report on the fund raising campaign at a special meeting Monday afternoon at 5:30. Bill King, of Ketcham & Company, promotional manager, will make his report.

Meantime, Chairman Houser added, there are still more than 200 un-reported solicitations in the hands of campaign solicitors. He urged that these reports be made immediately.

Mrs. Sue King assumed duties July 1st as director of nursing service at Kings Mountain hospital.

Mrs. King succeeds Miss Mary Blackwelder. Since Miss Blackwelder's resignation Mrs. Edna Childers has been acting director.

A native of Vale, N. C., Mrs. King is a graduate of St. Leo's Hospital School of Nursing of Greensboro and has done post graduate study at UNC at Chapel Hill for one year and took courses in mental health and premature nursing care at UNC-G and Duke University. She has held several positions in teaching and nursing supervision. She served as assistant director of nursing service at Gaston Memorial hospital for several years.

Mrs. King resides with her husband and daughter at 3407 Linwood road in Gastonia.

KMHS Sidewalk Near To Reality

A sidewalk to the three-year-old high school is near reality.

J. I. Church, district engineer of the State Highway department, told Schools Superintendent Donald Jones and Dan Fingler Wednesday morning the highway department has engineered and will do the grading for a sidewalk on the west side of Philfer road from the city limits to the school entrance.

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will provide the paving.

The City of Kings Mountain several months ago approved construction of sidewalk on Philfer from Mountain to the city limits.

Supt. Jones said it is anticipated the sidewalk will be ready for use by the opening of the 1968-69 term in late August.

First Properties Acquired By KM Housing Authority

PHA Purchases Lackey Street Tract and Lot

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc., has acquired its first properties for the building of 150 low-rent housing units, Chairman John L. McGill announced this week.

The housing authority executed option from W. A. Williams Monday on a 2.8 acre tract on Lackey street. Later in the day it executed option from Charles L. Bagwell for a lot adjoining the Williams property fronting 80 feet on Lackey.

Purchase price for the Williams tract was \$5000. The value set by the authority's retained registered appraiser was \$5050.

Purchase price of the Bagwell lot, occupied by a residence, was \$2000 versus the registered appraiser's figure of \$1950.

Thomas W. Harper, the authority's executive director, said Wednesday that optioned property together with Monday's purchases total 16.07 acres, very little short of the realty requirements for the 150 unit project.

Major lack is approximately one acre for building units especially designed for the elderly.

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PRESIDENT — William Lawrence Plonk is the new president of the Kings Mountain Lions club and presided over his first meeting as presiding officer Tuesday. Mr. Plonk represented the club as its delegate to the recent Lions International convention in Dallas, Texas.

Wax On Rats And Poverty Program Aim

War on rats and poverty is one aim of the family improvement program of Cleveland Community Action.

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METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$169.40, including \$115.95 from on-street meters, \$34.25 in fines, and \$19.20 from off-street meters.

Three-Year-Old High School Now Needs 12 More Rooms, Says Jones

By MARTIN HARMON

The new Kings Mountain high school, in use for three school years, already is classroom-short.

Superintendent Donald D. Jones places the classroom needs for the \$1.6 million school plant on Philfer Road at an even dozen.

During the coming term arrangements are being made for four additional classrooms of the temporary variety, the Superintendent reports.

The two pre-fabricated steel houses which have been in use at the Central plant have been moved to the high school and are currently being under-pinned, refurbished and renovated. Each of the 24 x 52 pre-fabs will provide two classrooms. Heat will be provided from the high school central system.

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