

Auditions Set For Summer

Plans Announced To Film Motion Picture Here

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Plans for a feature-length motion picture to be filmed in Kings Mountain this summer, starring a cast of local talent, have been revealed.

The announcement was made by Reb Wiesener of Kings Mountain, one of the producers of the proposed film.

Four Fellows, Inc., the production Company, consists of Reb Wiesener, Carl Wiesener Jr., Pete Floyd - all of Kings Mountain; and Jim Arp, a local radio announcer from Belmont.

Wiesener describes the film, which has not yet been filmed, as a detailed look within a rural town, and will use downtown Kings Mountain, local homesites, and surrounding countryside as the setting.

There is already a working scrip, which has been copyrighted, according to Wiesener, interest in the project has already been expressed by New York producers, including Albert T. Viola who created "Preacherman."

Wiesener says the movie will probably be rated "R" or "GP", and will include some sex, murder, and mystery, plus a good portion of country music, with one segment probably filmed at Crossroads Music Park.

"We're trying to produce the movie ourselves," Wiesener added, indicating some local interest has been expressed in backing it financially, but "if not, we'll call the New York Producers."

He projected that the Company will be ready for public auditions by June 1st, with several parts having already been cast. He expects actual filming to be here by July at the latest.

The plot, as described by Wiesener involves a girl disc-jockey in a rural town who is murdered. The film will also feature 12 - 15 original new songs. Some segments will reportedly be filmed at WKMT Radio Station.

The script for the movie was written by the combined efforts of Jim Arp, Kay

Jenkins, Reb Wiesener, and Pete Floyd, all local people.

Wiesener said the idea of producing a film locally was first conceived of about a year ago.

He says the company is confident that the film will bring a lot of people and money into Kings Mountain.

Reb Wiesener is a member of the board of Directors of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, has been active in past plays. He is represented by Matt Render, Charlotte talent agent.

His wife Kay has also acted with the Little Theatre, and is an accomplished pianist.

Jim Arp is a former country-western music star, and now radio personality.

Pete Floyd is a song writer, and band manager. Kay Jenkins is working with the company's promotional work.



MRS. PAT TAYLOR IN TOWN- The wife of the gubernatorial candidate visited in Kings Mountain briefly Monday. Here she talks with employees at Mauney Mills. Pictured in

left to right order are: Mrs. Taylor, Beula Hood, Ruth Alexander, Estelle Clark, Betty Bridges, Peggy McKenzie and Ursula Elliott; seated is Lora Borov. MIRROR PHOTO BY LEM LYNCH

School Board Discusses Possible Bond Issue

The Kings Mountain City Board of Education has approved the purchase of one additional school bus for the 1972-73 year.

The new bus should be in by the last of July or first of August, and will be reflected in next year's budget, at an approximate cost of \$5300 - \$5400.

In making the recommendation, Superintendent Donald Jones said "one more bus should put us in good shape," indicating that some overcrowding exists at North School.

The board discussed overcrowded conditions at Kings Mountain High, and the practicality of combining the 8th and 9th grades into one school.

The Superintendent also reminded the board that as of July 1, 1973, without new legislation repeal, the district can no longer issue bonds without approval of the entire county.

Jones suggested the appointment of a committee to work with Principals, get things finalized and get the problem before the people and see how they feel about it - then a petition could be circulated for a bond issue. Jones also pointed out as a source of revenue, a loan from the state literary fund. He explained that when you borrow from this, payments are set up by the local government commission for a 10 year period.

The Superintendent told school board members Friday that an excellent response to the report card and grading system questionnaire has been indicated.

He reported that teachers like the new grading system a lot better. One teacher

reported that it gives the opportunity for students to have the freedom to learn rather than stopping for tests.

Jones indicated that 85-90% response to the questionnaire was recorded.

The board also agreed to make an official request to the city to tap the boiler system at Bethware School onto the water line.

Bethware was dismissed last Friday at noon when the pump on the boiler went bad. The water pressure gets down, affecting the boiler.

Jones Is New Athletic Director

Head Football Coach Bob Jones has been named Kings Mountain High School's new Athletic Director.

The approval came Friday by the City Board of Education upon recommendation of Superintendent Donald Jones.

It will be the duty of the new athletic director to look after the overall program. His appointment becomes effective immediately.

Hunt, Plonk File For House

3 More Enter Commissioner Race

Dr. Jack Hunt of Lattimore, N.C. and Hal S. Plonk of Kings Mountain have filed as candidates for the North Carolina House of Representatives from the Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk County 40th District. Hunt and Plonk will run at large for two of the three house seats.

Other candidates running for House seats are incumbents Robert Jones of Forest City and Robert Z. Falls of Shelby, and Shelby businessman Earl Owensby.

Dr. Hunt, who has a dentist office in Cliffside, has served as precinct chairman and member of the precinct committee.

He has also served as vice-chairman of the county Democratic party. He is a graduate of Lattimore High School, Wake Forest College, and Emory University Dental School. He is married to the former Ruby Crowder of Lattimore, N.C.

In a prepared statement, Hunt said: "In announcing my candidacy for the State Legislature, I earnestly solicit your vote and support. I am interested in good government and will strive toward this goal. If elected, I will try to represent the people of Cleveland, Rutherford, and Polk County to the best of my ability."

Three more candidates filed Monday morning for elections to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

They are Jack Palmer, Jr., Dwight Tessner, and Clay Stapleton, all of Shelby.

They join 7 other candidates who have previously filed for County Commissioner - Fritz Morehead Jr. of Swainsville, J.D. (Dock) Turner of Lawndale, and Robert P. Hubbard of Belwood (all incumbents), also Coleman Goforth of Shelby, W.H. Dodd of Waco, Clarence C. Mellon of Shelby, and L.E. (Josh) Hinnant of Kings Mountain.

Running for the three at large Senate seats from the 25th District of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford Counties are Rep. W.K. Mauney of Kings Mountain, Rep. Jack Rhyme of Belmont, and incumbent Marshall Rauch of Gastonia.

In the 27th Judicial District of Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties, all five judges have filed to succeed themselves.

They are Joe Mull, of Shelby, Johnny Mahoney of Shelby, Oscar Mason of Gastonia, Lewis Bulwinkle of Gastonia, and Robert Kirby of Cherryville. Bill Puett of Gastonia is seeking the judgeship now held by John Mahoney of Shelby. He is the only Republican candidate to file.

Incumbent B.T. Falls has filed unopposed for the Superior Court Judgeship, and Ralph Tucker is unopposed as candidate for Register of Deeds.

Solicitor Seeks Judgeship

Assistant Solicitor Ralph Phillips of Gastonia has filed for election as District Court Judge of the 27th Judicial District comprised of Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties.

Solicitor Phillips is a graduate of the University of N.C. and Emory University Law Schools. He practiced law in Gastonia from 1962 until he was appointed Assistant Solicitor a year ago. He presently prosecutes in the Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland Courts.



Dr. Jack Hunt



Policeman Submits Resignation

James A. Belt, Kings Mountain police officer, has submitted his resignation in a letter to the Board of Commissioners, Mayor Moss, and Police Chief McDevitt. Belt has been with the department since June of 1969. His resignation will become effective on April 1st.

Belt is leaving the force to devote full time to his own detective agency, which he will operate out of his Kings Mountain residence for the time being.

His new agency will cover all types of investigative work.



This little girl in the stands at the Kings Mountain-Shelby basketball game caught the eye of photographer Isaac Alexander.



She was apparently intrigued by the cheerleaders, and received some instructions from Louise Young.



Out on the floor, she really gets into the swing of things.