

Mayors And Clerks Of Kings Mountain From The Beginning To The Present

MAYORS

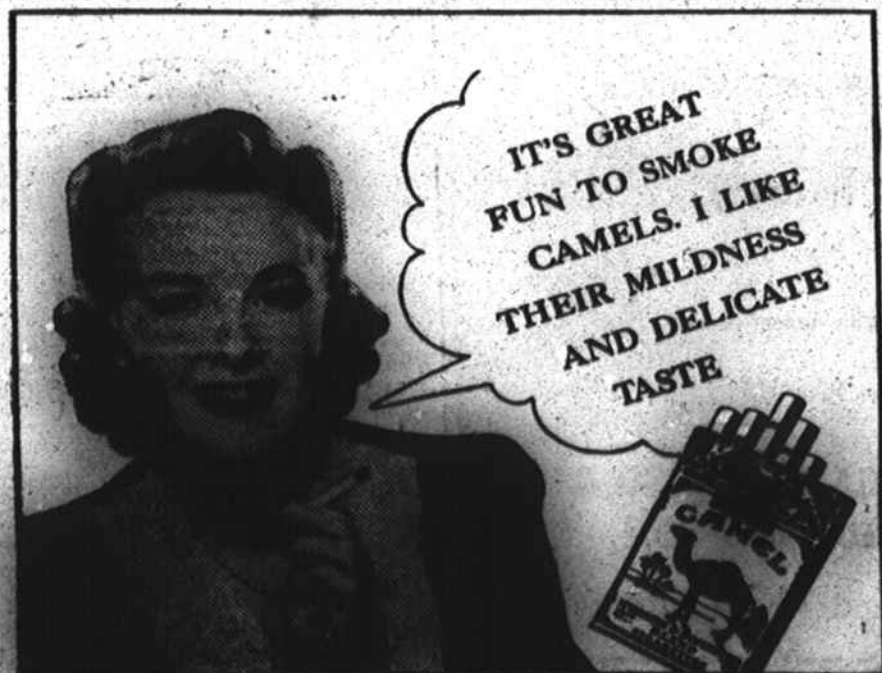
- W. A. Mauney**
Feb. 24, 1874—May 4, 1874
- R. S. Sugg**
May 4, 1874—Aug. 28, 1874
- W. A. Mauney**
Aug. 28, 1874—May 10, 1877
- R. S. Sugg**
May 10, 1877—June 24, 1878
- J. W. Garrett**
June 24, 1878—July 7, 1879
- W. A. Mauney**
July 7, 1879—May 1, 1880
- A. V. Falls**
May 1, 1880—Aug. 5, 1881
- W. T. R. Bell**
Aug. 5, 1881—June 20, 1882
- A. V. Falls**
June 20, 1882—Mar. 19, 1886
- J. K. Dixon**
Mar. 19, 1886—April 2, 1887
- F. M. Garrett**
April 2, 1887—May 2, 1887

- J. W. Garrett**
May 2, 1887—July 28, 1887
- H. P. Allison**
July 28, 1887—July 4, 1889
- Wm. White**
July 4, 1889—May 5, 1890
- R. S. Plonk**
May 5, 1890—May 3, 1891
- C. M. Nolen**
May 3, 1891—June 8, 1893
- W. A. Mauney**
June 8, 1893—May 8, 1895
- R. S. Plonk**
May 8, 1895—May 8, 1896
- W. T. Bradford**
May 8, 1896—May 5, 1898
- J. T. White**
May 5, 1898—May 2, 1899
- W. A. Mauney**
May 2, 1899—May 8, 1900
- L. T. Mann**
May 8, 1900—May 9, 1901

DON AND ABE ARE TALKING IT OVER



Don Benix and Abe Bryant, two well-known colored men making plans of what they are going to do when they grow up. Don says he wants to be a shoe-shine boy, and Abe says he wants to be a chauffer. The picture was taken in 1909 in front of the building now occupied by McGinnis Shoe Shop. Note the street at that time was not paved. The Herald secured the picture from the collection of Phillip Baker.



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March 1, 1939

Mr. Haywood B. Lynch
Kings Mountain Herald
Kings Mountain, N. C.

Dear Haywood

The fiftieth anniversary of a newspaper is something unique in the life of a community. That is because the paper is a part of the community in so many different ways, reporting the biggest events in the lives of the people and many of the smaller ones, reflecting community thought and leading in it, aiding the business of the community, and sharing in efforts that the community may go forward.

Since a newspaper is so much a part of the whole community, it is far more likely than some other institutions to outlast the control or life of any one owner. An old newspaper may, with a change in ownership, take on new vigor and strength.

That I believe, was the good fortune of The Herald and of Kings Mountain in your joining that community. And I also believe you are due congratulations on the history of the paper you took over and on the choice of the community in which you make your home.

To these congratulations I wish to add good wishes which are particularly personal because of the years of close association with you which I enjoyed.

Cordially,

W. A. Mauney

- E. L. Campbell**
May 9, 1901—May 3, 1905
- G. W. Kendrick**
May 3, 1905—May 27, 1907
- J. C. Patrick**
May 27, 1907—May 4, 1909
- C. A. Dilling**
May 4, 1909—Oct. 13, 1913
- A. E. Cline**
Oct. 13, 1913—June 4 1917
- W. H. McGinnis**
June 4, 1917—June 7, 1920
- W. A. Ware**
June 7, 1920—June 8, 1921
- W. H. McGinnis**
June 8, 1921—May 4, 1923
- P. D. Herndon**
May 4, 1923—May 6, 1925
- W. H. McGinnis**
May 6, 1925—May 5, 1931

- W. K. Mauney**
May 5, 1931—May 4, 1933
- J. E. Herndon**
May 4, 1933—1939
- CITY CLERKS**
- I. W. Garrett**
Feb. 24, 1874—May 11, 1891
- R. S. Plonk**
May 11, 1891—May 8, 1895
- W. P. Fulton**
May 8, 1895—May 8, 1896
- R. S. Plonk**
May 8, 1896—May 5, 1898
- J. G. Hord**
May 5, 1898—May 2, 1899
- J. C. Patrick**
May 2, 1899—May 8, 1900
- W. A. Mauney**
May 8, 1900—July 2, 1900
- T. L. Ware**
July 2, 1900—May 2, 1901
- W. A. Mauney**
May 2, 1901—May 3, 1905
- J. C. Patrick**
May 3, 1905—June 5, 1906
- C. A. Dilling**
June 5, 1906—May 9, 1907
- F. L. Carpenter**
May 9, 1907—May 4, 1909
- W. H. McGinnis**
May 4, 1909—May 7, 1917
- W. B. Simonton**
May 7, 1917—May 19, 1919

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Makes Herald For Fifty Years

James E. Rhodes has been taking the Herald for 35 years he told Don Abernethy. Mr. Rhodes states that he was born in Gaston County, raised on Crowders Creek and now lives 500 yards from it. I first started working at the Dilling Mill, stated Mr. Rhodes, and then was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Wilkins in 1912 and then was Chief of Police in Kings Mountain in 1918 and, 1919 also served some years before and some since. Were you ever shot at Mr. Rhodes? Yes, I was raiding a still nearby and we found a lone negro there. He shot at me but missed. The still was on the old Stroupe place. It was not a very large outfit. We never did have many bad straps in town and when we did we just knocked the fellows down and dragged them to jail. We had a blue uniform, badge, brass buttons, but no official hat or cap. We carried a pistol, billy and handcuffs, these three were seldom used as we handled the culprits otherwise. We usually had no trouble taking a man to jail until we got him to the old livery stable, where Ware and Falls Motor Co. now stands. He would know then that we meant business and would start to buck. There was a bad killing here while I was on the force. A negro was shot and an abandoned car was found on the streets. In the car was

a pistol with two empty shells. There had been four men from Blacksburg in the car. They were apprehended and tried and came clear. During the times that I served as policeman there was only one murder. There were only two robberies during the time I served and most of the time I was day and night man. Going on duty at eight or eight thirty and going off at one or two. One of the robberies was John Anton's store. We caught the man who did this job in Birmingham, Ala. During the time that I was tax collector I knew every man's initials in number four township.



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