

POPULATION

City Limits (1940 Census) 6,574
Immediate Trading Area 15,080
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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Elected Officials Assumed Duties Thursday

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued at City Hall during the past week to Gaddis H. Owens, on Wednesday, for construction of a wash house, \$200, and to Jake Sipes, for a new four-room dwelling on York road, \$1800, R. D. Goforth, re-roof dwelling on East King street, \$200, and J. P. Tignor, build garage at residence on East King street, \$151, all on Monday.

JC MEETING TUESDAY

Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m. at the Woman's Club according to an announcement by Furman Wilson, secretary.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending at noon Wednesday totaled \$136.93 according to a report by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

Lions Committee Recommends Weir

Sam Weir, Kings Mountain grocer, has been nominated for president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1949-50.

Election of officers will take place at the regular club meeting of May 24.

Other nominees for offices in the club include: first vice-president, George House; second vice-president, Jacob Cooper; third vice-president, W. B. Thomson; secretary, Hubert Aderholdt; treasurer, C. P. Barry; Lion tamer, Lee Roberts; tall twister, Hilton Ruth; assistant tall twister, Hal Ward; directors, Ollie Harris, J. C. McKinney, and E. E. Marlowe.

Members of the nominating committee included several past presidents. They were W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman, C. D. Blanton, Holland Dixon, J. G. Darracott, Carl F. Mauney and W. L. Plonk.

An Editorial

The election is over and Kings Mountain now has a new city administration, including two hold-over members and four new members.

The election was fought furiously, as most elections are, but the campaigning and politicking did not reach the acrimonious levels it has at times in the past, or might have this year.

The Herald accepts with good humor the defeat of the bond issues, which it had strongly endorsed. However, it feels that the action of the voters will be a matter of regret to many - including many who voted against it - and certainly to the new city administration which is faced with the problems of providing city services without the money to do the job.

It is possible that a new offering of bond issues, with some re-arrangement of amounts and purposes might be acceptable to the voters within the next few months.

The incoming administration, as all administrations, will not have the easiest job in the world, a fact that its members realize.

The Herald wishes to Mayor J. E. Herndon and his new administration a most successful and prosperous two years and solicits for them the full support of the citizenship. At the same time, the Herald congratulates Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and Arnold W. Kincaid on their election to the board of school trustees.

Memorial Day Services Set For Sunday

Kings Mountain patriotic organizations and citizens will observe Memorial Day with special rites on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Memorial Day is a day solemnly set apart in the United States to honor the memory of its soldier dead by decorating graves, placing flowers, and appropriate memorial exercises.

The custom arose from the practice in the South of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead, whence came the name, "Decoration Day."

Today graves of Spanish American War and World War I and II

Members of Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, are urged to meet at Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3:30 to attend the Memorial Service. Members are urged to wear uniform caps.

veterans receive like honor at home and in some foreign countries.

Memorial Day is observed respectively on April 26, May 10, and May 30, unless a change in date is made to suit individual localities.

Star Spangled Banner - Kings Mountain Band, directed by the bandmaster, Joe Hedden.

(The group will stand and sing one verse of this number, which will be led by Sonny Peeler.)

Invocation - Rev. W. L. Pressly. Presentation of Program - Ollie Harris, Commander of Legion, Otis D. Green Post 155.

Solo - "Onward Christian Soldiers" - Sonny Peeler.

Address - Rev. J. H. Brendall. Solo - "Abide With Me" - Sonny Peeler. (Cont'd on page eight)

Harill Resigns City Positions

The retiring city board of commissioners, meeting in special session on Wednesday to canvass the vote of Tuesday's election, took only one major action.

It accepted the resignation of E. A. Harill as city attorney and city judge, acting on a letter tendered under date of April 13.

Mr. Harill had written the board that he wished to resign both positions, effective May 10. He gave as his reason for resigning the press of other duties.

Mr. Harill became the city attorney by appointment of the present administration two years ago. He had served as judge of city recorder's court since the death of O. C. O'Farrell.

The board also accepted an agreement with Retiring Mayor H. Tom Fulton regarding use of the driveway entering Piedmont avenue by the City Hall. Mr. Fulton had stated to the board that the driveway was being used free of charge and that he had no intention of changing this arrangement. However, he added, he reserved the right to close it should a need arise. The board accepted this arrangement on motion of Carl F. Mauney, seconded by T. J. Ellison.

School Trustees Approve Tentative Plans For West School Expansion

The city board of school trustees tentatively approved plans, with some minor changes, for expansion of the West school plant at a meeting of the board Monday night.

The contemplated expansion of the building would provide additional classrooms, more auditorium space, a first aid room, and an office. The plans are to be returned to the architect for minor changes. If the desired changes are feasible, the board hopes to ask for bids on the work in the near future, according to B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent and secretary to the board. It is hoped, Mr. Barnes said, to have the work completed prior to the opening of the 1949-50 school term.

Only other major action of the board Monday night was passage of a motion for continuance of all teacher contracts in the city school system.



ON SCHOOL BOARD - Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, victor in a close race for Ward 2 school trustee on Tuesday, assumed the duties of her office Thursday morning. Mrs. Lynch is the second woman to serve on the board of school trustees in the history of the community, according to best information obtained by the Herald. Mrs. A. H. Patterson served as a school board member about 30 years ago.

Legion Committee Names Mauney

Paul Mauney, Kings Mountain textile man, was nominated to head Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion during the coming year at the regular monthly meeting of the organization held at Harris Funeral Home Monday night.

Nominating report was made by D. D. Saunders, chairman of the committee. Commander Ollie Harris presided.

Election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting of the organization.

Other officers nominated on the report included:

Adjutant - David J. Delivie. First vice-commander - C. L. Black. Second vice-commander - C. T. Carpenter, Jr. Third vice-commander - Warren Reynolds.

Finance officer - D. D. Saunders.

Athletic officer - W. L. Plonk.

Publicity officer - Martin Harmon.

Sergeant-at-arms - Luther McSwain and Hal D. Ward.

Chaplain - Ollie Harris.

Historian - C. H. Aderholdt.

Americanism - J. E. Herndon.

Boys State - Rowell Lane.

Child welfare - J. C. Bridges.

Defense officer - John H. Floyd.

Boy Scout officer - Charles Alexander.

Oratorical contest officer - W. Faison Barnes.

Graves registration officer - Dr. W. L. Mauney.

Service officer - Hal S. Plonk.

Assistant adjutant - Glee E. Bridges.

Sons of Legion - Joe Hedden.

Disaster and relief - E. D. Ratterree.

Legal officer - J. R. Davis.

Membership officer - John W. Gladden.

Executive committee - Ollie Harris, Harold Cogins, Glee A. Bridges, George Hull and John W. Gladden.

The organization voted to keep dues set at four dollars per year.

Legionnaires Marion Falls and Dink Bennett were named to make plans for a supper meeting of the organization to be held in June. New officers will be installed in July.

Jaycees Give X-Ray Machine To County

The mobile X-Ray unit purchased by Kings Mountain and Shelby Jaycees from funds raised in a campaign last year was dedicated to citizens of Cleveland county at Bowling Springs Monday night. Paul Bagwell, national president of the organization, was the first person X-rayed.

The \$12,000 machine was given to the county for free use of the citizens. It will be operated by the county T-B association.

A large number of Kings Mountain Jaycees attended the dedication.

Kings Mountain area citizens donated over \$3,000 for the purchase of the machine.

Board Canvassed Vote Wednesday; Changes Minor

Official canvass of the votes conducted by the city board of commissioners Wednesday showed only two changes from unofficial count reported in Tuesday night's special edition of the Herald.

Carl F. Mauney defeated Lloyd E. Davis for Ward 2 Commissioner by a 102 vote margin, rather than 92. The change corrected an addition error.

The other change was a nine-vote margin for Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch over J. H. Patterson for Ward 3 school trustee. The official count was 156 to 147. The original vote had been reported as 154 to 147. The additional two votes for Mrs. Lynch had been dropped in the wrong ballot box.

The total vote was 1,590.

The citizens turned thumbs down on the three proposed bond issues. The final official returns were:

For the \$250,000 sewer bonds, 557; against, 800.

For the \$50,000 water bonds, 560; against, 778.

For the \$50,000 stadium bonds, 559; against, 832.

Most surprising feature of the three bond issue elections was the failure of the stadium bonds to get as much support as the sewer and water bond proposals.

Arnold W. Kincaid, Ward 3 school trustee, who was unopposed for reelection, polled 236 votes. School board trustees are elected only by citizens of the particular ward.

Official returns of the elections are published in today's edition of the Herald, page 6, section 1.

Plonk School To Open On June 27

The twenty-sixth summer session of the Plonk School of Creative Arts, of Asheville, will open on June 27 and close on August 8, according to announcement from the school.

The school specializes in the teaching of speech, music, literature, drama, and living.

The summer faculty, in addition to Miss Laura Plonk, director, and Miss Lillian Plonk, assistant director, will include Anna Lee Styles, Gladys M. Wells, H. A. Hornaday, Mrs. Rosa DuPont, Virginia Plonk, Josephine E. Holmes, and Katherine Johnson.

Cancer Drive Nears Goal

Mrs. J. H. Arthur reported this week that local contributions to the current financial campaign for the American Cancer society had exceeded \$700, which leaves less than \$100 on the local quota.

Mrs. Arthur said returns from canvassers are incomplete and she anticipated that Kings Mountain would meet its quota.

The county drive for \$3,000, of which Dr. John Hamrick is chairman, is also expected to go over the top.

Mrs. Arthur, local chairman, stated her appreciation to the committee members who aided in conducting the campaign and to all individuals and business firms which made contributions.

Roberts Gift First To Junior Fund

First contribution for the 1949 American Legion junior baseball fund was made by Justice of the Peace Lee Roberts according to a report by W. L. Plonk, athletic officer.

A minimum of \$500 is needed to carry on the program this year Mr. Plonk has announced.

Otis D. Green Post 155 has fielded a junior team for the past three seasons. Funds to support the teams, composed of boys around 15 years old, was donated by individuals and firms. Gate receipts during the past three seasons have not been sufficient to support the program.

Any person or firm interested in aiding the program financially are urged to mail a contribution to Mr. Plonk or take it to him in person.

Administrative Heads Re-Named For 30 Days



MAYOR TAKES OFFICE - J. E. Herndon began his fourth term as Mayor of Kings Mountain Thursday morning, when he took the oath of office administered by out-going Mayor H. Tom Fulton. Mr. Herndon had served as mayor from 1933-39. All elected officials took oaths of office Thursday morning.

Bank Announces New Farm Service

The First National Bank announced this week establishment of a service for farmers and appointment of M. E. Stanton as the bank's special farm representative.

Announcement was made by President Frank R. Summers. Mr. Stanton, who will continue in his capacity as personal loan manager, will devote a large portion of his time to his new duties of special farm representative.

The bank has purchased special soil-testing equipment and is offering this service free to all farmers in the Kings Mountain area.

"The bank has long recognized the need for further expansion of its agricultural services," Mr. Summers said. "Kings Mountain is an agricultural as well as industrial community, and the First National Bank is anxious to establish closer relations with the farmer."

Mr. Stanton has been associated with the First National Bank since March 1948. He was born on a farm in York county, and except for his war service, has lived on a farm all his life.

JUNIOR PRACTICE

Practice will be held Saturday at City Stadium at 9:30 a. m. for candidates for the 1949 American Legion junior baseball team according to announcement by Coach Everette Carlton. Full daily practice is scheduled to get underway Tuesday week.

Civic Leaders Recommend Expanded Organization For Band Association

A group of civic leaders, representing 10 Kings Mountain civic and service organizations laid plans Tuesday night for expansion of participation in the Kings Mountain Band association at a dinner meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Kincaid.

Action of the group was recommendation to the Band association to expand its board of directors to include a representative from each local organization, in addition to the regularly elected officers of the Band association.

Principal purpose of the expansion of the Band association to provide funds for the operation of the Kings Mountain band. It has been estimated that about \$1,500 per year is required to purchase uniforms, for reconditioning of instruments, purchase of instruments, music, and other needs.

The group at the Tuesday night meeting discussed financing methods used by the high school bands of Elizabeth City, Lumberton, Mooresville, Lenoir, Shelby, Charlotte and Gastonia. The matter had been previously discussed at a similar meeting a month ago.

Two School Board Members, Six City Officials Sworn In

City officials and school board trustees chosen by the voters in Tuesday's city election were sworn into office on Thursday morning at City Hall courtroom.

Retiring Mayor H. Tom Fulton administered the oath of office to Mayor J. E. Herndon, and Mayor Herndon in turn gave the oaths to Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, new Ward 2 school trustee, and to Arnold W. Kincaid, re-elected Ward 3 trustee, and to City Commissioners A. H. Patterson, Ward 1, Carl F. Mauney, Ward 2, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3, B. Hudson Bridges, Ward 4, and Hal D. Ward, Ward 5.

After Mayor Herndon had called the new board into session, it reappointed all city administrative officers for a period of 30 days, and discussed informally obtaining a city manager. It was agreed by the board to confer with the state attorney general, Harry McMullan, concerning legality of the appointment of a city manager, prior to action by the local board.

Mayor Herndon suggested his salary be set at the statutory minimum of \$50 monthly, and the board voted to ask E. A. Harrill, who had resigned as city judge and attorney effective May 10, to serve in the judge's capacity until the end of the fiscal year. The board took no action on naming a city attorney, but indicated the appointment will be considered at a called meeting within the next few days.

Prior to the swearing in ceremonies, the retiring board discussed pending business. Mayor Fulton read letters from the Southern Railway Company, indicating possible agreement to installation of street traffic signal lights at the corners of Mountain and Battleground and Mountain and Railroad.

Mr. Fulton also read a letter from Attorney-General McMullan concerning the deeds for streets in Crescent Hill. In the letter, Mr. McMullan stated his opinion that the city board was not legally empowered to reimburse the owners of the property for expenditures for water and sewer line installations. Requirement for reimbursement was one consideration of the deed of conveyance and action on the matter of acceptance had been tabled at the April meeting of the board.

Mr. Fulton called for a motion to accept or reject the deed. Retiring Commissioner M. D. Phifer moved rejection, but there was no second.

After the heat of the election, the joint meeting of the retiring and incoming boards.

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Election Extra Out In Quick Time

The election extra published by the Herald Tuesday night began rolling off the press at 9:40 p. m. Tuesday night, and was in the hands of all news dealers by 10 p. m.

The edition was the first extra published by the paper in almost nine years. Had it been published one day later it would have marked the ninth anniversary of the last one, published on May 11, 1940, when the Kings Mountain high school band won top honors in the national band contests at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Tuesday night's paper, a two-page edition, carried the full election returns, with the exception of the Ward 3 vote on the special bond election. Final returns on the city election were in at 8:30, which meant that the news was in print and going to the readers 70 minutes later.

The extra was given full local distribution on Wednesday morning, and will go to out-of-town subscribers along with today's regular edition.