

## New City Board Sworn In, Moss Gets Commissioner Post

### J. Ebb Rhodes Rites Conducted Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church for James Ebenezer Rhodes, who died Friday afternoon at his home here. Interment was at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. W. L. Pressly conducted the last rites and pallbearers were M. C. Falls, W. F. Houser, and Charlie Patterson of Kings Mountain, Joe Rhodes, Bud Plyler and Paul Rhodes of Charlotte. Members of the Garrison Bible class of the A.R.P. church served as honorary pallbearers.

At the time of his death, which was due to hardening of the arteries, Mr. Rhodes was 73 years old. He had returned to his home only two weeks ago from a hospital where he had been confined for five months with a broken hip suffered in a fall last November.

Mr. Rhodes was a veteran of the Spanish-American war and was formerly chief of police here. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sallie Hill Rhodes, a daughter, Mrs. Ernest White, of Kings Mountain and Greenville, S. C., a son, John O. Rhodes, of Montebello, Ala., two brothers, E. J. Rhodes of Pittsburgh, Pa., and W. F. Rhodes of Charlotte, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

### Piano Recitals Are Scheduled

Miss Mary Ann James, teacher of piano in the city schools, will present her pupils in recitals on next Monday and Tuesday evenings at the high school auditorium.

Grammar school piano students will be presented in recital on Monday night, while advanced students will be presented in recital on Tuesday night.

Playing Monday night will be Joan Thomason, Kay Hullender, Ann

Gault, Shirley Falls, Cornelia Ware, Janice Allen, Melba Ann Tindall, Frances Falls, Annie Mobley Dilling, Joyce Biser, Susan Moss and Barbara Jean Gault.

Playing Tuesday night will be Margie Frazier, Jean McRae, Caroline Clark, Charlesanna Logan, Doris Cloninger, Betty Cash, Eleanor Myers, Bernice Harrison, Margaret Williams, Beth Hord, Barbara Ann Grantham, Iris Patterson, Jeannette Hallman and Pauline Mauney.

Both recitals begin at 8 o'clock.

### Miss Plonk Gives Recital On Sunday

Miss Clara Plonk, well-known Kings Mountain soprano, and student at Plonk School of Creative Arts of Asheville, will be presented in a song recital at the school on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Invitations to attend have been received in Kings Mountain this week.

Miss Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk will sing the following four-part program, with Mrs. Leontine Roberts Plonk accompanying her at the piano:

"The Lord's Prayer," Malotte; "A-Prez Un Reve," Faure; "L'Esclave," Lalo; "Av. Maria," Bach-Gounod; "Lascia Ch'io Planga (Rinaldo)," Handel; "Il Bacio," Ardit.

"A Spirit Flower," Campbell-Tipton; "The Sleep That Flits on Baby's Eyes," Carpenter; "Floriant's Song," Godard.

### LEAGUE MEET MAY 25

Otis D. Green Post, 155, American Legion, will hold a special supper meeting at the Trout Club off York Road on Wednesday night, May 28, it was announced this week by Commander W. J. Fulkerson. Mr. Fulkerson said the feed had been postponed from the tentatively set date of May 21 in order to avoid conflict with a Vets baseball game scheduled here next Wednesday night. Notices of the supper meeting are to be mailed next week, and all members are requested to inform the post as to whether they will attend.

### KIWANIS PROGRAM

Member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club were to hear Joe Hedden, director of the school band, at the regular meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. Hedden was to discuss his work with the band.

## Craftspun Begins General Program Of Improvement

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., formerly Cora Mill which was purchased by Scranton Lace company, of Scranton, Pa., from Textiles, Incorporated, of Gastonia last November 4, has

erected a new plant, building and machinery improvement schedule, which will also include a playground for use of children in the neighborhood and a mill baseball field.

The announcement reads: "A general property, plant, building, and machinery improvement schedule has been incorporated in the operating policy of Craftspun Yarns, Incorporated. The land has been recently graded and seeded. A mill baseball field has been cut out and another baseball field has been provided for the use of the children in the neighborhood.

"In the near future, a fence will be erected around the property in the interest of plant protection, but the fence will not be extended to the north end of the property. Rather, it will cut diagonally across the area to connect with the store building. By so doing, the children's playground area will remain open, ready for their use at any time.

"It is also planned to tear down buildings not currently being used, erect an additional hosehouse for increased fire protection, erect a new garage, and make the other major changes and repairs which will greatly improve the appearance and general structure of the buildings.

"All the foregoing items are being done with the idea in mind of improving the property generally, and making Cora Mills one of the most attractive industrial properties in the Kings Mountain area.

"New machinery is currently on order to be installed as a measure to generally improve the quality of yarns spun at Cora Mills. Several new machines have already been placed in operation, and new power looms are to be installed in the near future.

Other improvements and changes which are scheduled include: the remodeling of the clubhouse and other complete modernization of all washrooms; the establishment of a safety committee; installation of a new improved lighting system; installation of individual water cooler fountain units throughout the mill buildings; the erection of a lunch bar.

"In addition, a system of continuous modernization, maintenance and repair of all buildings and equipment is in operation, and it is planned that by so doing Cora Mills will be kept in first-class condition at all times."

No changes have been made in the operating personnel of Cora Mills. Z. F. Cranford, who has guided the mills operation for the past 17 years as superintendent, continues in that capacity.

The management organization of Craftspun Yarns, Incorporated, is comprised of the following directors and executives: N. C. Robertson, Jr., chairman of the board; H. J. Megargel, president; C. Welles Bellin, vice president and secretary; W. E. Perry, vice president and treasurer; Henry Bellin III, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; W. E. Jones, director; A. H. Sims, director; C. H. Welles III, director. The activities and policies of Craftspun, Incorporated, are guided (Cont'd on page eight)

### Hamrick Gives Plans For Cafeteria Here

James Hamrick, Kings Mountain restaurateur, announced this week plans for building a cafeteria here in the near future.

Mr. Hamrick gave few details concerning the new enterprise, but said equipment alone would represent an investment of about \$15,000.

He declined to give the location or the cafeteria, but said that further details would be announced later. He added that the management would specialize in quality food at low prices.

### Retiring Board Bans Wine Sale

The retiring city board of commissioners, in their last regular meeting at City Hall Tuesday night, passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of wine in Kings Mountain, effective July 1.

The action by the city board, taken under the Weathers bill passed by the 1947 General Assembly, followed similar action by the county board of commissioners and the City of Shelby. The law is effective on expiration of present licenses for the sale of wine, and will make violators subject to prosecution.

The board also canvassed the vote of the Tuesday municipal election, and set a fee of \$15 per hour on the use of lights at the City Stadium. H. L. Budek, city manager, said the fee would include sufficient revenue to cover the usual charge for power plus replacement of lights.

The board also heard regular monthly reports, among them a report from the city manager that the state highway commission had agreed to

locate the intersection of Second street near W. M. Gantt's store, and the York road south from King street. Mr. Budek said the street improvements by the state highway commissioner would be charged against the city's balance on the state department's street maintenance program which now totals \$3,834. He added that on July 1, \$3,175 will be added to the current balance. The General Assembly, he said, appropriates \$1,000,000 annually to this fund, which is allocated to cities on the basis of population, street mileage, and need.

Mr. Mauney also had a very heavy majority over two opponents, C. J. Gault, Jr., polling 366, and Orland Pearson 91.

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### Two Girls Chosen For Girls' State

Barbara Jean Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matthews, and Peggy Mauney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, were chosen to attend the eighth annual Tar Heel Girls' State at W. man's college Greensboro, June 8-12.

They will attend lectures, and classes on "Americanism" and "Government." During their stay a governor and lieutenant governor will be elected to attend the National Girls' State to be held in Washington, D. C.

The American Legion Auxiliary and Junior and Senior Woman's clubs will pay the expenses.

### Official Returns City Election, May 13

Candidates	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Total
<b>Mayor</b>						
Garland E. Still	21	8	13	8	8	58
O. O. Walker	80	74	18	61	106	339
H. Tom Fulton	110	181	158	205	176	830
W. Lawrence Logan	1	0	1	2	8	12
<b>Ward 1 Commissioner</b>						
Hunter R. Neisler	152	213	106	178	233	882
M. H. (Smiley) Myers	32	29	36	59	33	190
James G. Layton	23	5	21	23	20	92
<b>Ward 2 Commissioner</b>						
Carl F. Mauney	141	168	73	117	223	722
C. J. Gault, Jr.	32	77	65	114	58	346
Orland E. Pearson	9	11	36	24	11	91
<b>Ward 3 Commissioner</b>						
T. J. Phifer	112	191	129	156	181	769
B. A. Smith	79	50	69	105	97	391
<b>Ward 4 Commissioner</b>						
John Henry Moss	97	115	95	125	113	545
H. C. Wilson	39	59	72	72	60	301
T. Tracy McGinnis	25	30	11	28	56	150
B. Hudson Bridges	38	42	8	49	57	194
<b>Ward 5 Commissioner</b>						
Marriott D. Phifer	126	149	104	191	170	740
H. Otis Williams	73	99	76	79	125	450

## Fulton, Neisler, Mauney, Ellison, Phifer Elected

H. Tom Fulton was elected mayor of Kings Mountain in Tuesday's municipal election, and Hunter R. Neisler, Carl F. Mauney, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison and Marriott D. Phifer were elected commissioners, as 1,244 citizens voted in the polls.

John Henry Moss lacked either 51 or 43 votes of having a majority—depending on the method of figuring—as he polled 545 votes for Ward 4 commissioner. His nearest opponent was H. C. Wilson, with 301, while B. Hudson Bridges polled 194 votes, and T. Tracy McGinnis' total was 150.

The election was conducted with vim and vigor by many of the candidates, but city police reported the day a quiet one from the law enforcement standpoint, with no disturbances reported.

Contrary to some predictions, the vote was far from record-breaking. A total of 1,595 votes were cast in 1941. This small vote was considered surprising in view of the field of 18 candidates. The vote by wards was: Ward 1, 217; Ward 2, 265; Ward 3, 193; Ward 4, 277; Ward 5, 292.

Most surprising to political observers was the light vote in Ward 3. One resident of the ward said the light vote there was due to over-energetic workers for one candidate. The workers started knocking on doors early in the morning, at a time when many third-shift workers were going to bed. The result was that they wouldn't vote at all.

Most persons were surprised, too, by the heavy majorities piled up by Mr. Fulton and Mr. Phifer. Mr. Fulton's total was 830, far ahead of O. O. Walker, with 339. Garland Still was third in the mayoral race with 58 and W. Lawrence Logan fourth with 12. Mr. Phifer led Mr. Williams 727 to 450 for Ward 5 commissioner.

Biggest majority of the day was shown by Mr. Neisler who polled 882 votes to 189 for M. H. (Smiley) Myers and 92 for James G. Layton.

Carl F. Mauney also had a very heavy majority over two opponents, C. J. Gault, Jr., polling 366, and Orland Pearson 91.

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The polls closed at 6 p. m. and the precinct officials, with the help of assistants had completed the tabulating job shortly after 8 p. m.

## Employees Are Re-Engaged By New Board For 30 Days



H. Tom Fulton was sworn in as mayor and Hunter R. Neisler, Carl F. Mauney, Tommy Ellison, John Henry Moss and Marriott Phifer were sworn in as city commissioners Thursday morning by Judge O. C.

Immediately after being sworn in, the new board voted to re-employ all city employees for 30 days.

Mr. Moss was, in effect, appointed to the board. Retiring Mayor Joe H. Thomson informed the new members that it was the opinion of the attorney general's office that W. M. Gantt, Ward 4 commissioner, was still a member of the board, since no candidate in Ward 4 received a majority in Tuesday's election. Mr. Gantt then tendered his resignation, suggesting that the high man in the race should be appointed. This suggestion was unanimously accepted, on motion by Mr. Phifer and Mr. Moss was sworn in by Judge O'Farrell at 10:17, some 10 minutes after the other officials had taken the oath of office.

With Mayor Fulton presiding, Mr. Mauney moved re-employment of the present city employees for 30 days, and Mr. Moss and Mr. Neisler seconded in unison, with the vote unanimous.

Getting down to business, the board agreed to continue the regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday in each month, at least temporarily, and Mr. Phifer interposed a question about the fee for use of lights at the city stadium, which was formerly \$20 per hour but which had been set at \$15 per hour by the retiring board on Tuesday.

City Manager H. L. Burdette was summoned, and told the board that the 120 bulbs in the stadium lighting system burned 180,000 watts per hour, which at the commercial power rate is \$9,000 per hour. He further pointed out that new bulbs list at \$300 each and that his department indicated an estimated replacement of a complete set annually. He said the city also had to handle the expense of servicing the system. He added that Gastonia charges 10 per cent of the gross revenue for use of its stadium at night, and that Shelby charges \$9.00 per hour, but does not replace burned-out bulbs.

Mr. Moss, who had remarked that the stadium light fee seemed "extremely high," said, "You understand that I'm connected with this ball club and interested in it. I wondered if you could entertain the thought, from the interest of sports advancement, to let the city assume the expense of lamp replacement."

After some discussion concerning installation of a meter, Mr. Moss said the baseball club would assume expense of bulb replacement, if lights were furnished at a minimum charge, but the other members opined the fee should be unchanged, pending further investigation. Mr. Phifer moved continuance of the matter and it was carried.

Mr. Burdette told the board he would like to take the members on a tour of city properties in the near future and gave general information concerning the city's bonded indebtedness (which will be around \$400,000 at the end of the current fiscal year June 30), and City Clerk Karl Sawyer told the board records of his office are open to the board and to the public at all times.

Mayor Fulton pointed out that the members of the board would have to accept the responsibility of their offices and urged them to inform themselves on all city affairs. The meeting adjourned at 11:08.

The meeting had opened with all retiring board members present and former Mayor Thomson presiding. City Clerk Sawyer read the minutes of the last meeting and they stood approved. City Attorney J. E. Davis was asked to read the election returns, and Judge O'Farrell proceeded to swear in Mr. Fulton first, and then the commissioners.

"We are a group of young fellows, probably the youngest board ever elected in Kings Mountain. We want to work only for the best interests of the community," Mayor Fulton said.

He told the retiring board they would be called on for advice, and (Cont'd on page eight)

### Choir Will Sing At First Baptist

The choir of the School of Church Music of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., now on its second annual concert tour, will be in Kings Mountain for a concert at the First Baptist church on Wednesday, May 21, at 8:00 p. m. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of the church has announced.

Directed by Donald Winters, graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., and former organist and choirmaster of the First Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., the choir consists of 14 men and women representing fourteen states, the District of Columbia, and Argentina, South America. Several members of the group are from the Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, the others being from the School of Church Music. Now in its third year, the School of Church Music is regarded as one of the greatest new assets of the Seminary. The school occupies a beautiful campus of 12 acres, across the street from the campus of the Seminary and the Training School. There are two music school buildings—Cooke Hall, the administration building, and Barnard Hall, attractive dormitory for women.

Some 450 persons, young, elderly, and medium attended the Kiwanis club square dance at the high school gymnasium last May 8.

With a string band in high key, and group went through several mammoth square dances, and it was hard to tell whether the square dancers or the spectators enjoyed themselves most.

During rests between square dances the band played popular music for less strenuous round dancing. The club drink stand did a rushing business.

Kiwanis club officials reported themselves highly pleased with the public reaction to the event, and they have tentatively arranged another for the night of June 5.

### Winkler At Bethware For Final Sermon

The Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor of the Kings Mountain Methodist church, will preach the commencement sermon at Bethware school Sunday, May 18, at 3 o'clock.

Twenty seniors will graduate on May 23 when the Rev. J. D. Sheppard pastor of the Shelby Lutheran church, will give the address. Peggy Harrison will be valedictorian and Sarah Cranford is salutatoria. Awards of scholarship, citizenship, and athletics will also be presented on graduation night.

### BRIDGES ELECTED

Ben Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hudson Bridges, has been elected president of the student body of Catawba college, according to an announcement from Salisbury on Sunday. The Kings Mountain student is a veteran of World War II.

Kings Mountain fire department answered two calls during the past week. Wednesday afternoon it was a brush fire behind King Street Gulf service station and last Friday it was a trash fire on E. Ridge street near the home of M. G. Wright. No damage was reported at either fire.