

POPULATION

City Limits (1940 Census) 6,574
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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HERNDON ELECTED

\$350,000 Bond Issue Questions Defeated By Large Majorities

Patterson, Mauney, Ellison, Bridges, Ward Win

Former Mayor J. E. (Jim) Herndon polled a clear majority of 46 votes over Mayor H. Tom Fulton and Clarence G. Myers in Tuesday's biennial city election.

Commissioner winners were:

Ward 1—A. Hunter Patterson, victor over incumbent Hunter R. Neisler, by 116 votes.

Ward 2—Carl F. Mauney, incumbent, victor over Lloyd E. Davis, by 92 votes.

Ward 3—T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, incumbent, victor over Otto Guyton, by 216 votes.

Ward 4—B. Hudson Bridges victor over Paul W. (Blinky) Ledford by 79 votes.

Ward 5—Hal D. Ward, victor over Marriott D. Phifer, incumbent, by 258 votes.

The citizens streamed to the polls all day long and it was a question all day as to whether a new record would be set in total votes. It missed the total of 1,595 cast in 1941 by five votes.

Rain in mid-afternoon could have made the difference.

The total of 1,590 was far ahead of the 1,244 cast in 1947.

Hal D. Ward won the distinction of polling the biggest vote of all the candidates with 889, and T. J. Ellison was second with 835.

The mayoral race had held top interest during the pre-election season and the vote showed it, with 1,568 persons casting ballots for this office.

The final vote for mayor was: Herndon, 807, Fulton, 722, and Myers, 39.

The votes in the wards:

No. 1—Patterson, 795, Neisler, 679.

No. 2—Mauney, 787, Davis, 695.

No. 3—Ellison, 835, Guyton, 619.

No. 4—Bridges, 756, Ledford, 677.

No. 5—Ward, 889, Phifer, 631.



J. E. HERNDON
Mayoral Winner



A. H. PATTERSON
Ward 1 Winner



CARL F. MAUNEY
Ward 2 Winner



HAL D. WARD
Ward 5 Winner

First Extra Since 1940

Today's edition of the Herald is the first extra edition of the Herald since May 11, 1940. That occasion marked the victory of the Kings Mountain school band — then directed by Paul E. Hendricks, now a prominent Kings Mountain physician — in the national contests at West Palm Beach, Fla.

This extra edition of the Herald is published because of the considerable interest in this year's city election, evidenced by pre-election politicking and today's near-record vote.

The Herald thought its readers wanted the news and wanted it quickly. The extra edition is brought to you through the cooperation of the full Herald staff and the civic-minded business firms listed on page 2.

Published Tuesday, it will receive full local distribution on Wednesday morning.

BULLETINS

JOINT MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be hosts to members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at the annual joint meeting of the organizations to be held on Thursday night, May 12, at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. It was announced last week. E. A. Harrill is arranging the program for the meeting.

LEADERSHIP CLASS

Training classes for Girl Scout Troop leaders, assistant leaders, and Troop Committee members, will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 10 and 12 at 7:30 in the Berean class room of the First Baptist church.

REWARD OFFERED

Dewey Styers, Charlotte Observer carrier, announced last week that his company will pay a \$500 reward for information leading to conviction of anyone stealing papers from homes on his route. Mr. Styers reported several recent cases of papers missing from doorsteps after they had been delivered.

George W. Allen, who considered running for mayor up until the last minute of filing time, was moving in around in high good humor and without a worry in the world. "I'm having fun today," Mr. Allen said, "but I'll see you in two years." If Mr. Allen goes through with his intention to run for mayor two years from now, this would probably be the earliest political announcement on local record.

Mrs. Haywood Lynch Has Seven-Ballot Margin For Ward 2 School Position

Voters Against Improvements Bond Issues

The \$350,000 bond issues offered in the special bond election on Tuesday appeared badly beaten on the basis of unofficial and incomplete returns at 9:10 Tuesday night.

With only Ward 4 returns not received the total in the other four wards were:

For \$50.00 water bonds—469.
Against water bonds—643.
For \$250,000 sewer bonds—469.

Against sewer bonds—670.
For \$50,000 stadium bonds—498.

Against stadium bonds—691.
Ward 4 returns were expected to continue the trend, according to expectations of Ward 4 citizens.

Elected Officials Take Over May 12

City officials named by the voters in the election Tuesday will be sworn in Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, according to the provisions of the city charter.

According to the charter, the present board will meet to canvas the vote and after this matter is conducted, elected officials of the city will be sworn in.

Total registration for the Tuesday election was 3,257, according to figures announced by S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

The total represents 442 new registrants during the registration period which closed April 29th. Registrars reported the following total of new registrations: in Ward 1, 49; in Ward 2, 50; in Ward 3, 139; in Ward 4, 115; and in Ward 5, 89.

The total numbers registered in each ward are: Ward 1, 514; Ward 2, 520; Ward 3, 829; Ward 4, 702; Ward 5, 692.

As usual, some families could not go together on the personalities running for office. One man reported that he and his wife split in only one instance, but that was for their own commissioner representative. The place: Ward 5.

Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch will succeed C. C. (Shorty) Edens as Ward 2 school trustee.

She was elected in Tuesday's election, according to unofficial count, a strict Ward 2 vote, by a margin of seven votes, 154 to 147, over J. H. (Jay) Patterson.

Mrs. Lynch will become the first woman to serve on school board since Mrs. A. H. Patterson was a member of the board more than 25 years ago.

The school board election was marked by hot campaigning after Mrs. Lynch filed on May 2.

Mrs. Lynch, a former Central P-TA president, is the wife of Haywood E. Lynch, Kings Mountain realtor, and former editor of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Graham For Road Bonds

Joseph Graham, newly appointed highway commissioner for the ninth division, urged support of the road and school bonds to be offered in the special election of June 4th in a letter received by the Herald today.

Mr. Graham, Iron Station farmer, wrote the Herald commenting on an editorial note on his appointment and added a statement supporting the bond vote.

The letter read:

"Thank you for your notice in your paper of my appointment as Highway Commissioner of the ninth division. I will need your help and cooperation and am counting on you. I truly hope I may render a valuable service to the people in the way of a revised system of road building and I am all out to do just that.

"To me the bond issues which come up on June 4th are the most important since the war between the states and I solicit your valued support for them. If we miss this chance, we will be forty years getting out of the mud and also in improving our schools."

Challenge Day Was Quiet One

Challenge Day last Saturday passed quietly for Tuesday's city election.

Only one minor disturbance was reported. Some hard-working candidates were still trying to get names on the books in Ward 4. However, the names were challenged and were subsequently ordered stricken from the books.

Most of the registrars spent a quiet day before the long election detail on Tuesday.

\$500 Needed For Legion Baseball

A minimum of \$500 is needed to carry on the 1949 American Legion junior baseball program of Otis D. Green Post American Legion.

This was announcement last week by W. L. Plonk, post athletic officer, who issued a call for financial aid from any and all persons or groups interested in aiding the program.

The team is already practicing under the direction of Coach Shu Carlton, and prospects for this year's team are considered brighter than in several years.

Donations for the support of the team should be mailed to Mr. Plonk or taken to him in person.

Books Are Open On State Election

County registration books opened Saturday for the state bond issue election to be held on June 4. They will be open again on next Saturday.

The citizens of North Carolina will decide whether (1) the state shall issue \$200,000,000 in bonds for rural road building and increase the state gas tax by one cent per gallon, and (2) whether the state shall issue \$25,000,000 in bonds to aid in construction of schools.

Mrs. Nell Cranford is again the registrar for East Kings Mountain precinct (at City Hall) and Charles B. Campbell for West Kings Mountain precinct (at Victory Chevrolet Company.)

Registration was very light last Saturday.

Election Sidelights

Election day dawned sunny and bright, but the old May shower business took over in the afternoon. Most candidates hated to see this, for rain doesn't help the vote, and almost uniformly, all thought a bigger vote would help their individual chances.

Voting was brisk in Ward 2 early in the day, and most political observers thought the school board trustee race had as much to do with it as anything. There seemed to be no middle ground in the feeling of the Ward 2 voters (strictly a family affair since residents of other wards couldn't vote.) They were sharply partisan, either for Mrs. H. E. Lynch or for J. H. Patterson.

Arnold K. Kincaid had the best time during the day. He was the only candidate without opposition. This made it easy for him to go on about the business of getting a Band association underway. A

large group of civic organization leaders joined him in a meeting for the purpose at 6 p. m.

Jim Willis was not particularly happy on Tuesday. He likes his politics and had hoped for a light day with Uncle Sam's mails. But Jim reported in the afternoon that he was literally covered up. All the textile plants seemed to be moving out by parcel post, he reported.

Tom Fulton took time out for a mid-afternoon shave at Central Barber Shop, meantime Jim Herndon was talking to his brother, Elmer at the postoffice corner. Some way remarked Mr. Jim was wasting his time, since Elmer Herndon is no longer a citizen of Kings Mountain.

One of the most bizarre incidents of the campaign occurred when a certain "working politician" was given orders not to trespass into a section of Ward 2. The working politician was a Ward 4 resident and the Ward 2 gentleman didn't like the invasion of territory. It concerned the Ward 2 school board fracas.

A. A. Bridges was the first voter in Ward 4.