

POPULATION

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

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Commissioners Vote To Abolish Engineer's Job

Local News Bulletins

W. K. CROOKS MOVE
Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crook have moved into their new home on W. Mountain street.

MOUNTAINEER CLUB
Board of directors of The Mountaineer Club, Inc., are to meet in the office of Attorney W. Faison Barnes Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m.

ALL STAR GAME
The Grammar grade all-star game, played at City Stadium last Saturday night before a small crowd, ended in a 13-all tie.

BROTHER DIES
Joe P. Fisher, Concord realtor, and brother of Mrs. D. C. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday following a heart attack suffered a week previously.

TO PHILADELPHIA
Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church is attending a ten-day meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., of chairmen of evangelism of the Methodist churches of the United States.

BELLING HURT
Charles Dilling, prominent Kings Mountain citizen and member of the volunteer fire department, suffered a back injury at the fire in a Southern Railway cotton car November 17 when a ladder was accidentally knocked out from under him.

MAUNEY TWINS' CONCERT
Ernes and Miles Mauney, Kings Mountain and New York duo-piano team, will present a concert at Gastonia high school auditorium next Thursday night at eight o'clock.

Train Crew Brings Blazing Car To Town

Crew of Southern Railway Train no. 64, local freight, brought a fire to town on Thursday, Nov. 17, and the Kings Mountain Fire Department promptly extinguished the blaze.

Noticing that one of a three-car shipment of compressed cotton bales consigned to Park Yarn Mill was smoking when the crew started to uncouple on the firm's siding, officials of the company refused to accept the car and Conductor Kay Adams, of Greenville, S. C., ordered a hurried trip to the depot in town.

The car contained 100 bales of cotton valued at \$20,000. Chief Grady King estimated that damage was about five percent on the number of bales that were actually "fried."

Moss Speaker At Teacher Conference

Nicholas A. Moss, well-known former Kings Mountain citizen and assistant professor of speech at Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y., was a speaker at the Fourth Annual Conference of Teachers of Speech in the metropolitan New York area held at New York University on November 19.

Mr. Moss, son of Mrs. H. N. Moss and the late Mr. Moss, made an address on the "Problems of Small Colleges in the Metropolitan Area," according to program of conference received here.

"Bolt From Blue" To Evans; Board Vote Was 4 to 0

The city board of commissioners, in an executive session last Friday night, voted to relieve City Engineer Joe S. Evans, Jr., of his duties, effective December 31.

The action came as a surprise to the majority of citizens and to Mr. Evans himself, who told the Herald when confirming the action of the board that he had no previous warning of what was coming.

Mayor J. E. Herndon told the Herald that the city board was abolishing the job as unnecessary at this time, due to lack of money for heavy capital expenditures. He said the board felt it could better use the money paid via the engineer's salary for paving of sidewalks and streets.

The special meeting of the board was held at the Home Building & Loan office, with all commissioners present except Carl F. Mauney, City Attorney J. E. Davis was also present. Commissioner A. H. Patterson told the Herald the decision was unanimous, and, though stating that some citizens were asking the board to change its decision, held out little possibility that such a development would occur.

There was some buck-passing involved between the board members and Mayor Herndon. Commissioner Patterson said the Mayor wanted to relieve Mr. Evans, and, in fact, had called a meeting for that purpose in September. Mr. Patterson also said that some high-placed city employees were displeased with certain actions of the city engineer. Another commissioner was quoted as saying that the Mayor had told the board, "It's Evans or me."

Mayor Herndon told the Herald there was nothing personal involved in any way and said the four board members present were in unanimous agreement that Mr. Evans should be relieved of his duties.

Carl F. Mauney, who said he was in complete disagreement with the action, corroborated Commissioner Patterson's statement regarding the September meeting and described the board's action of last Friday night "a dirty deal."

Mr. Mauney said he felt the city needed an executive to correlate the activities of the several city departments and felt that the board had not allowed Mr. Evans sufficient time to prove whether or not he was capable of filling the position. He also added that his information indicated the work of Mr. Evans, since he had been in Kings Mountain, was quite satisfactory.

Mayor Herndon made the following statement to the Herald: "We are, in effect, abolishing the position of city engineer. Our budget (Cont'd on page eight)

Tickets Limited For Grid Party

Though seating capacity of the high school cafeteria is being "stretched" to accommodate 250 persons for the Lions club football banquet on December 16, tickets for the event are on a very limited basis. Hilton Ruth, program chairman told the members at Tuesday night's meeting.

Coach Carl Snavelly, of the University of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual football party honoring the high school team on the night of December 16.

Lions members are being limited to one guest each, with reservations being required by December 5. Guest tickets will cost \$2.50, and admittance will be by ticket only.

Sports writers from Kings Mountain, Shelby, Charlotte and Gastonia are being invited to attend, and the Mountaineer Club is purchasing 10 tickets for coaches of the midget football teams.

Coach Snavelly informed Dan Huffstetler, who arranged the program, that he would bring pictures of some Carolina games with him, and arrangements are being made to show the films in the high school auditorium. Interested citizens who wish to see the film may attend free. Only reserved space will be for the 250 expected at the banquet and for the players on the grammar grade football teams.

Mr. Ruth appointed a decorating committee including Jacob Cooper, chairman, W. B. Thomson and Ollie Harris.



JOB ABOLISHED - Joe S. Evans, Jr., city engineer since July 4 has been notified by Mayor J. E. Herndon that his duties with the city will be terminated on December 31.

Local Officers Nab Car Thieves

Kings Mountain Police Officers J. D. Andrews and G. K. Camp stopped a California-bound pair of young Gastonia auto thieves in a stolen car early Sunday morning after the youths had tried to outrun the squad car.

Officers Andrews and Camp reported that they noticed the car, a 1950 Ford, had no license plates and decided to check that fact when the chase began.

The youths, Charles Haas, 17, and Bobby Perry, 16, both of Gastonia, according to Gastonia police, had signed confessions in which they described in detail how they broke into Lewis Motors, Inc., Gastonia firm, Saturday about midnight and made off with a 1950 model Ford. Haas was out under \$1,000 bond at the time, awaiting trial in the next term of superior court on seven counts of automobile theft. Perry was under probation for complicity in the four-ring car theft ring that was broken up by Gastonia police a few weeks ago.

The boys were turned over to the Gastonia police who assisted in the arrest on charges of breaking, entering and automobile theft.

Guard Unit Receives Satisfactory Rating

Kings Mountain's National Guard company received a satisfactory rating at the second Federal inspection held on Nov. 15 according to word received this week by Captain Humes Houston.

Lack of personnel was the main factor in the rating, which is next highest other than combat rating. The company strength is now 42 and Captain Houston stated that the unit could use more recruits.

Offices of the unit, officially Hq. & Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 120th Inf., NCNG, are located in the armory motor shed just off West Mountain street on Phifer road.

The unit assembles for drill periods each Monday night. Qualified persons wishing to join the company are urged to contact Captain Houston.

Bus Station Action Affirmed; City Could Become Flag Stop

Man Died Monday In Auto Wreck; Spearman Better

Hunter Spearman, local businessman, was seriously injured in an auto-truck accident on Gastonia highway Monday afternoon around 4:30 p. m. His condition was described Thursday as much improved.

One man was killed and two others seriously injured in the collision, which reportedly took place on a straight stretch of road about a mile out of Kings Mountain.

Michael E. Gremillion, 32, of Gastonia, died instantly according to reports and Bud Goforth, of Grover, who was a passenger in the 1939 Studebaker he was driving, was critically injured. Goforth, also an employee of Duke Power, was reported as in an improved condition Wednesday.

Eugene Brown, 20, Kings Mountain Negro who was driving the 1949 Chevrolet panel truck owned by Mr. Spearman, was reported in "good condition" Wednesday. He was also seriously injured in the collision, which badly damaged the truck and reportedly left the auto almost a total wreck.

Mr. Spearman, who owns Quality Sandwich Company here, was asleep in the truck, which was returning from Gastonia, it was understood and was thrown almost through the windshield. He was painfully injured about the head.

State Patrolmen Charles Capell and Ray Harrill, of Gastonia, who investigated, said that the panel truck apparently smashed Gremillion's car on the left side. Brunt of the blow was on the left door of the Studebaker, and the caved-in side pinned Gremillion inside the wreckage for some time. Goforth, who was sitting in the front seat beside Gremillion, escaped the major impact of the crash.

Harrill said it appeared that Brown had lost control of the truck and had swerved into the Studebaker, hitting it almost broadside. Capell, who was making the official investigation, could not be contacted Tuesday for comment.

Will Adams' House Destroyed By Fire

The house of Will Adams, colored man, was badly damaged by fire last Saturday morning.

Firemen were called out around 6:30 a. m. and stayed some hour and one-half according to Fire Chief Grady King. Contents of the home were lost by fire or water damage.

Chief King said the fire started when the colored man threw some kindling into a stove containing embers and, when the fire failed to blaze, picked up a five-gallon can of kerosene and doused the wood. The kerosene flashed into his face, burning him considerably, and he dropped the can.

Several occupants escaped without injury.

Film To Be Shown At Presbyterian

"The God of Creation," a motion picture in sound and natural color will be shown at First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30.

The film, one of the "sermons from science," takes the audience into space by a skillful combination of animation and unusual photography. It contains the teachings of the Bible through demonstrations of recent scientific discoveries.

Dr. H. H. Newell will present the film, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Jackson Named Club President

Howard B. Jackson, Neisler Mills executive, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year at an organizational meeting of newly elected directors November 17.

Mr. Jackson succeeds Paul M. Neisler, Sr.

Other officers elected were: Ollie Harris, secretary-treasurer, succeeding George Houser; W. S. Fulton, Jr., assistant secretary-treasurer, succeeding George W. Mauney; and F. Erle Powers, vice-president, succeeding Hunter Neisler.

At the meeting, Mr. Houser who was re-elected a director, tender his resignation and Jack Arnette was named to fill the vacancy. The retiring board met with the new board and the meeting was devoted to discussion of operation of the various club committees and other details of operation of the club.

Under the club corporate charter, the stockholders elect 12 directors who in turn name the officers from among this group.

The 1950 board includes, in addition to the officers and Mr. Arnette, Tolly Shuford, M. A. Ware, J. A. Neisler, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Fred W. Flunk, O. W. Myers, and Dr. Paul E. Hendricks.

Mr. Jackson said this week he expected to be able to announce committee chairmen next week.

Home & Auto Firm To Change Location

Marlowe's Home & Auto Supply will move this weekend from its present location on Battleground avenue to the building on Mountain street owned by J. R. Davis and formerly occupied by Mountain Grill.

Mr. Marlowe said he was moving the business to acquire more space and to locate it nearer to Center Service, also owned by him.

The home and auto company opened several months ago and retails tires, home appliances, auto accessories and other related goods.

Mr. Marlowe said he was moving the business on Saturday. He said Bridges Radio Service, which shares the Battleground avenue location, would remain on Battleground avenue.

Arnette To Talk With Company Men On Monday

Kings Mountain may, or may not, be a bus flag stop, without a station, after Monday, Jack Arnette told the Herald Wednesday.

Officials of Queen City and Atlantic Greyhound companies, which operate schedules through Kings Mountain, are coming here Monday to confer with him, and possibly with city officials regarding the bus terminal situation, and Mr. Arnette has thrown the matter into the laps of the bus companies — following a special meeting of the city board of commissioners Monday afternoon in which the board affirmed its stand to disapprove the current temporary location on E. King street for a bus terminal.

Under the present mode of operation, Mr. Arnette is designated bus station manager and receives ten percent of the gross ticket sales. He must, in turn, furnish all personnel, the site, and waiting rooms with facilities to comply with State Utilities Commission and public health law regulations.

Mr. Arnette, forced by Purol Company to move the bus station out of the former location at the corner of E. King and Battleground, leased the building which was formerly McMackin's Ice Cream. After the Utilities Commission approved plans for improving the facilities at the new location, Mr. Arnette asked the city board to approve the location. This was declined on the grounds that the location was too far from the center of the city. In turn, Mr. Arnette, who says he has been losing money at the new location since its transfer in September, says he cannot afford to continue to operate at a loss.

He has informed the bus companies that he will discontinue to operate the terminal, even as a temporary location, unless they are willing to share the expense.

At the city board meeting last Monday afternoon, the board met with one of the several Mr. Love's of Queen City and with Mr. Arnette. (Greyhound was to have been notified of the session by the Utilities commission but was not, Mr. Arnette learned later.)

At the board meeting, there was considerable talk, but nothing definite emerged with the exception of the re-affirmed decision not to approve the E. King street site.

In brief, the city board members made it plain they felt that the bus companies should be willing to invest in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$35,000 in acquiring a well-located site and building a bus terminal.

Mr. Love said the gross revenue his company received from Kings Mountain ticket sales would not justify such an investment. He said he could not, of course, speak for Greyhound, and Mr. Arnette added that Queen City revenue from Kings Mountain is greater than Grey-

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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF KINGS MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL—Shown above is Architect W. W. Hook's drawing of the proposed 24-bed Kings Mountain hospital which will be built at a cost of \$191,292, according to bids accepted by the county hospital board of trustees last Friday.