

### POPULATION

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

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## Bus Terminal Powwow Results In Stalemate

### Local News Bulletins

#### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week which ended at noon Wednesday totaled \$146.22 according to officials at City Hall. Receipts for the previous week totaled \$150.88 for a two-week total of \$297.10.

#### MOUNTAINEER CLUB

Directors of The Mountaineer Club, Inc., are scheduled to meet in the office of Attorney W. Faison Barnes Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. All directors are urged to attend and any club members desiring to attend are urged to be present.

#### REVIVAL TO CONCLUDE

Revival services currently underway at First Church of the Nazarene will end Sunday morning, with the Rev. C. M. Kelly, the evangelist, preaching on the subject of a "man praying out of the death cell seven hours before execution," according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. H. C. Crump. Services will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock.

#### WARE IMPROVED

The condition of M. A. Ware, who has been confined to his home for the past three weeks with an acute attack of bronchial asthma, was reported improved Thursday. He was expected to be confined to his home for several days more, however.

#### JAYCEE MEETING

Officials of the Red Cross Bloodmobile will speak to members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock Tuesday night, according to announcement by President Grady Howard. The Jaycees will sponsor the next visit of the Bloodmobile in Kings Mountain in January.

## Book Fund Gifts Now Total \$791

Contributions to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Book Fund reached \$791, according to a report this week by B. S. Neill, member of the library committee.

Additional contributions totaled \$152.

The fund is still less than half the goal of \$2,000. All the funds are used to purchase new books for the library and it is estimated that \$2,000 will purchase about 1,000 books at current prices.

Persons who have not made contributions are asked to forward checks to Mr. Neill or to W. K. Mauney.

Contributions reported this week include:

Superior Stone Company	\$50.00
Miss Willie McGill	1.00
Mrs. H. B. Covington	1.00
Miss Ruth Beam	5.00
Leslie McGinnis	5.00
Ideal Machine Shop	10.00
Dixie Home Store	25.00
Kiwanis Club	50.00
Mrs. Irma W. Thomson	5.00

## Seven Building Permits Issued At City Hall

Seven building permits were issued at City Hall during the past two weeks.

The permits were mostly of the minor variety but did call for construction of two new dwellings.

List of permits issued includes: On Tuesday — to Peeler & Thompson, erection of outside door Professional Building, cost \$50.

On Monday — to Mrs. Edna Gallman, construction of a shed, \$75; to Will Adams, construction of a new five-room dwelling on East Ridge street, \$3,500; and to Fred Hutchins, construction of a garage, \$75.

On Nov. 23 — to Ida Virginia Couter, repairs, \$300.

On Nov. 22 — to M. C. Poston, construction of outside stairs, \$200.

On Nov. 21 — to W. B. Logan, construction of a new four-room dwelling on Linwood road, \$2,500.

## Arnette Says He'll Operate Until Jan. 1st

The city board of commissioners held a two-hour conference with representatives of the State Utilities Commission, Atlantic Greyhound and Queen City Trailways Thursday morning, but no progress was made toward settling the dispute over the Kings Mountain bus terminal.

Thursday afternoon, Jack Arnette, local bus station agent said he had agreed with the bus companies to continue to operate the station at the temporary E. King street site until January 1, 1950, "unless the utilities commission closes me up."

The city board session ended in a stalemate, with the city board continuing to decline approval of the E. King street site, and with the bus companies failing to offer to make any expenditure for operation of a local terminal more than the 10 per cent commission now paid the agent on ticket sales.

The representatives did virtually rule out the possibility of getting facilities on the Herndon property on Battleground avenue, due to difficulty of getting buses in and out and traffic problems. Mayor U. E. Herndon had previously remarked "I'm not trying to rent you this property. It's merely a matter of helping you out, if it can be utilized."

"Among those present at the session were Clayton Love, the Queen City representative who had visited the board last week, Fred Titlow, J. A. Livingston, and W. R. Armstrong all of Greyhound, UC Representatives A. C. Taylor and another gentleman whose name the press failed to learn.

The bus company officials paraded the fact that bus revenues are declining and that they could not afford more than the 10 per cent commission. The city board members, on the other hand, indicated they were still of the opinion that the companies could afford to make a capital investment of one-fourth the amount made for the new Shelby terminal (about \$100,000) and there by give Kings Mountain what the board deemed proper terminal facilities. Commissioner Carl Mauney, made that statement and Commissioner Hal Ward summed it up with this statement: "I believe if you get your heart right and pocketbook ready, you can get proper facilities, properly located."

Queen City's Clayton Love argued that the Kings Mountain situation was merely the difference between a man living in a \$50,000 house and renting a four-roomer. "If he can afford it, it's fine," Mr. Love said, "but in this matter, we can't."

In the discussion over bus revenues, Mr. Mauney contended that Kings Mountain returned about one (Cont'd on page eight)

## Troop Investiture Service Sunday

For the first time in Kings Mountain, two churches have united in a sponsorship of a Girl Scout troop, the Boyce Memorial Associated Reformed Presbyterian church and the First Presbyterian church.

The troop leaders are Mrs. Dean McDaniel, Mrs. W. L. McMaekin, and Miss Bernice Harrison, from the A. R. P. church, and the troop members are from both churches. They are: Jacqueline Arnette, Patsy Go-forth, Jerry McCarter, Carlewy McDaniel, Billie Mabry, Jane Osborne, Louise Patterson, Cynthia Platt and Shirley Ware.

At 7:30 Sunday night investiture of Troop 12 will be held at the First Presbyterian church.

After the Call to Worship, the service will open with the entrance of the Flag Bearers and Color Guards.

The formal processional will be led by Miss Fannie Funerburke, Director of the Pioneer Area, and Miss Florence Stabler, area field worker. The troop and their leaders will be followed by the Troop Committee members: Mrs. Jack Arnette, Mrs. Bill Osborne and Mrs. Grady McCarter, the Presbyterian Browne Scout Troop No. 32 with their leaders and troop committee; the Presbyterian Girl Scout Executive Committee members: Mr. Paul Mauney, Mr. R. H. Webb, Mr. Hubert David-son (Cont'd on page eight)



CLUB PRESIDENT — Howard Jackson, above, Neisler Mills executive, is the new president of the Kings Mountain Country Club, succeeding Paul M. Neisler, Sr.

## Jackson Names Club Committees

Major standing committees of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year were named by President Howard Jackson at a meeting of the directors held Monday night.

They include:

Greens: Joe A. Neisler, chairman, Ernie Powers, H. B. Jackson, Jacob Cooper, Drace Peeler, Otto Williams, Hunter Neisler, W. J. Fulkerson, Com-man Falls, George Houser, E. W. Thornburg, and George W. Mauney.

House: Fred W. Plonk, chairman, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Ollie Harris, L. A. Hoke, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. Drace Peeler, Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. Harry Page, Mrs. C. E. Warlick, Mrs. P. D. Padgett, Frank Hoyle and Carl P. Finger.

Social: Jack Arnette, chairman, W. S. Fulton, Jr., M. A. Ware, Bruce McDaniel, Claude Hambricht, George W. Mauney, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. James Simpson, Jacob Cooper, Mrs. Paul Neisler, Mrs. George Houser, and Martin Harmon.

Membership: Tolly Shuford, chairman, O. W. Myers, Dr. P. E. Hendricks, W. K. Cook, Harry Page, Charles Neisler, William Plonk, George Book, Sr., C. D. Blanton, Dr. L. P. Baker, E. W. Griffin and J. B. Keeter.

Next regular meeting of the directors was advanced to December 9 to avoid conflict with the Lions football banquet.

## Deadline Monday On Grid Ducats

Members of the Kings Mountain Lion club are being reminded that the deadline for reservations for the December 16th Lions club football banquet is Monday, December 5.

C. C. Edens, chairman of the ticket committee, said he had contacted most Lions, but had missed a few. He asked that those who wish to bring a guest to the meeting notify him not later than Monday. Tickets are being mailed to those who have already made reservations.

Feature of the banquet — honoring the high school football team — will be an address by Coach Carl Snavely of North Carolina. Also scheduled is a showing of motion pictures of some of this season's games, to begin at 8:30 in the high school auditorium. The film showing will be free to those who wish to come, with a special section reserved for members of the Grammar Grade football teams.

## Mrs. Thad Summers' Funeral Is Friday

Mrs. Thad Summers, of Statesville, mother of Frank R. Summers of Kings Mountain, died Thursday morning at 1 o'clock at Long hospital in Statesville.

Funeral rites are to be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Broad-street Methodist church in Statesville.

Mrs. Summers had suffered from a heart ailment for the past several years and had been hospitalized for the past two weeks.

Another son, also survives, Fred A. Summers, of Richmond, Va.

## Discussion Heated As City Board Makes Evans' Dismissal Official

### City Will Buy Plonk, Bridges Facilities

The city board of commissioners, in special session at City Hall Monday afternoon, voted to purchase the water and sewer lines of Crescent Hill Development Company and the sewer lines on Landing street.

Provisions attached to the unanimous action of the board were that the purchases would be made provided there are no legal objections and, if legal objections, provided the courts approve the payments.

Purchase price of the Crescent Hill facilities is to be \$7,250, payable to the company owned by Fred Plonk and Hal Plonk, and purchase price of the Landing Street facilities from Glee A. Bridges, owner, is to be \$1,200.

The action by the board was made on motion of Commissioner Hal D. Ward and Commissioner Hudson Bridges' second after the board had heard a report from a three-man committee which had been seeking an agreement with the persons involved. The committee included Mayor J. E. Herndon, Mr. Ward and Carl F. Mauney, and it had reported that the Messrs Plonk and Mr. Bridges, respectively, had agreed in writing to accept the figures set forth in the motion. It was also reported that both parties claimed expenditures for the facilities involved considerably in excess of the amounts agreed upon.

Money to buy the facilities the city board expects to obtain from sale of bonds. According to law, the board may issue public improvement bonds up to two-thirds the amount of bonded indebtedness retired during the previous fiscal year. After purchase of the facilities, the remainder of the estimated \$20,000 the board expects to issue will be used for other improvements, the board has indicated in discussing the matter.

Should no legal objections arise and the purchases be made, the action will conclude a matter which has plagued city administrations during the past four years.

Both the Plonks and Mr. Bridges had agreements with the city board of 1945 which called for re-imbursment for expenditures for improvements when a specific number of houses were completed. The agreement called for re-imbursment by the city at the cost of the installations or the cost at time of re-imbursment, which proved the lesser.

Questions of legality arose concerning the re-imbursment agreement, and the present administration has agreed to compromise the matter by purchasing the facilities.

## Pastors Promote Church Loyalty

Ministers of the city, most of whom discussed the subject in sermons last Sunday, are in hearty cooperation with the current Kiwanis-sponsored Church Loyalty campaign, Rev. J. W. Phillips, president of the Ministerial association said this week.

"The ministers are seeking to promote the Church Loyalty campaign in every possible way," Mr. Phillips said, "and wish to urge all citizens to attend church during the period between now and Christmas.

Many churches are planning special events in connection with the Church Loyalty campaign.

## City Is Not Expected To Suffer For Coal, Dealer Hambricht Says

With the United Mine Workers' three-day week schedule of the miners would keep coal trickling in. He added that he is still rationing egg and lump coal to one ton per customer. Stoker and furnace coal is not being rationed.

Information from the mine owners Thursday morning, Mr. Hambricht said, was that the miners were in very grumbling spirit because of the strike which went into effect at midnight Wednesday. They felt that they should be working with Christmas near, operators at Knoxville and Williamsburg told Mr. Hambricht.



NOMINATED — Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, has been nominated for ninth district governor of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers association for 1950-51. Nomination is tantamount to election at the annual convention of the association to be held in Durham next May. Mr. Harris was nominated at the district meeting in Belmont Tuesday night. The district includes Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union and Cleveland counties.

## 1,000 Cheer Local Pianists

By DICK PITTS  
Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, Nov. 30.—A capacity audience of more than 1,000 music lovers last night bravely approved of the second concert of the season by the Charlotte Symphony orchestra, presented at the Piedmont Junior High school auditorium under the direction of James Christian Pfohl.

And greatest portion of the bravos were directed at the young guest artists, the famous Mauney twins of Kings Mountain, who played Mozart's "Concerto in E Flat Major for Two Pianos and Orchestra."

To this reviewer it was the finest concert presented by the orchestra during the last 17 years of its existence — and the audience seemed to agree, being particularly reluctant to let the Mauney twins leave the stage. For an encore, the twins played the scherzo from Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The writer has made a few predictions concerning young artists to appear on the local stage, but judging from the virtuoso musicianship disclosed by the twins last night, doesn't hesitate to predict a great future for them. If they do not soon (Cont'd on page eight)

## Three Storch Men Cop Contest Prizes

Three members of Storch's Kings Mountain branch are among the winners in a recent company sales contest on Royal Rest mattresses with Henderson Herndon, salesman copping the top prize in the chain for greatest percentage of mattresses sold over quota.

Mr. Herndon's record was sufficient for a cash prize of \$500. Joe Towles won \$125 in the office manager's group for being tops in the Carolinas division, and total sales placed the Kings Mountain branch third in the chain to earn Manager E. C. McClain \$300.

The men were notified of the results by O. C. Bowdoin, company president. The contest covered a period of about two months.

## Vote Was 4-1 At Special Monday Session

By Martin Harmon

The city board of commissioners stood hitched Monday afternoon on the matter of discharging City Engineer Joe S. Evans.

Commissioner Hal Ward made the motion to relieve the city engineer of his duties, effective December 31, and T. J. Ellison seconded. The vote was 4-1, with Hudson Bridges and A. H. Patterson joining the majority, and Carl F. Mauney voting "no."

The motion and vote were virtually the same as they had been at the unofficial executive session, with the exception that Carl Mauney was present and voted as he had indicated he would.

The meeting was not without some strong discussion, after City Engineer Joe Evans had first listed a few reasons he felt he had been earning his pay and further told the board he would like to stay on if it reconsidered.

Mr. Evans' remarks were completely without rancor and animosity, but the bill of charges he had asked for were not completely phrased.

The strongest part of the discussion involved Carl Mauney and Herald Editor Martin Harmon, both of whom spoke in favor of the principal of hiring an executive at City Hall, on the one side, and Mayor Herndon and Commissioner Patterson, on the other. The Herald editor did not enter the discussion until inferentially taken to task by Mr. Herndon and Mr. Patterson concerning some of the details in the story appearing in the November 25th issue which reported the discharge of Mr. Evans.

Main points were denial by Mayor Herndon that he ever made the "Evans or me" remark, and denial that a meeting had been called in September for the purpose of terminating the city engineer's services with the city. Commissioner Patterson said no such meeting was called but admitted the matter had been talked as long as three months ago. On contest, he did not deny that he was doing some technical hair-splitting.

In making the motion, Mr. Ward said he would repeat it as previously made and added that he felt fully justified in that action. At this point Mr. Evans asked that the reasons be given, but Mr. Ward declined, stating that the hour was late and he had an appointment. He said, he would give them, however.

There was not further discussion, and the vote was taken after Mr. Ellison's second. Mr. Ellison had agreed in the discussion that the previous administration had accomplished little before employing an executive.

Two minor reasons for the board's action — in addition to the Mayor's statement of last week that the board deemed the position unnecessary to the operation of the city at the current time — cropped out. In the course of the discussion, Mayor Herndon and Commissioner Patterson mentioned that complaints had been received that the city engineer was not in his office enough and that the city office frequently didn't know where he was. Mr. Evans pointed out he could get more done by working outside in the day and attending to book matters at night. The other possible reason Mr. Evans brought up himself. He addressed Commissioner Bridges and told him that the rumor, credited to Mr. Bridges, that Evans had hired an out-of-town engineer to assist him in a side-walk-laying job was untrue. It (Cont'd on page eight)

## City Auto Tags For '50 On Sale

1950 auto license plates for the City of Kings Mountain went on sale yesterday at City Hall.

The new tags color-wise are the reverse of the current model, with yellow numerals on a black background and they coincide in color with the new North Carolina tags, which also went on sale Thursday at RAA offices and other tag sales offices throughout the state.

The city tags sell for one dollar and motorists living in Kings Mountain are required to display them on January 1, according to city ordinance.