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Sixty-Second Year

Kings Mountain, N. C., Friday, June 29, 1951

Established 1889

PRICE FIVE CENTS

**Fuller Contract** 

**Action Voted 3-1** 

In an unprecedented action

ruesday night, the city board of commissioners, meeting in spe-

cial session, voted 3 to 1 to con-

tract the services of City Admin-

istrator M. K. Fuller for the next

Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr.,

made the motion to adopt a reso-

lution authorizing the mayor to

sign a contract for Mr. Fuller's

services at his present rate of

pay. Commissioner C. P. Barry

seconded, and Commissioner

Lloyd E. Davis supported the

motion, Commissioner James

(Red) Layton cast the dissenting

vote. Commissioner Olland Pear-

There was little discussion on the m a t t e r. Commissioner Wright, in offering the motion, said he felt Mr. Fuller was a

highly capable administrator

and that he would be difficult to

Mr. Layton, who dissented,

said he had not objections to Mr.

Fuller, in fact, agreed with Mr.

Wright as to the capabilities of

vices for two years and thereby

City Attorney E. A. Harrill was

Mr. Fuller has been receiving for his services a gross of \$6,600

annually, including travel allow-

ances. He had been serving as

city adinistrator since July 1950,

having come to Kings Mountain

from Laurinburg, where he held

The board also voted, by una-

nimous action, to return police

department employment author-

ity to the city administrator, Mr.

Davis made the motion, and Mr.

the position of city manager.

son was absent.

# BOARD VOTES FULLER TWO-YEAR CONTRACT

#### Local News Bulletins

TO ATTEND MEETING Halbert Webb, chief dyer of Neisler Mills, Inc., will attend the annual summer outing of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Color-ists to be held at Myrtle Beach, S. C., this weekend.

BUILDING PERMIT

A building permit, approved by Building Inspector Kelley Dixon was issued at City Hall Wednesday to W. M. Gantt to remodel a dwelling on Linwood road at an estimated construction cost of \$1500.

INFANT DIES

Graveside rites for Jack Rod-ney Short, two-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Short, route 2, Kings Mountain, were held Monday at Hollywood cemetery in Gastonia. Rev. Earl Armstrong conducted the rites.

BRIDGE AT CLUB Second in a series of Master Point bridge games will be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club Thursday night, July 5. Play is open to interested citizens in Kings Mountain and the surrounding area.

BARN BURNS

The barn of Will Gordon, Negro farmer who lives in the Ebenezezr church community, was completely destroyed by fire on June 19. Lost, in addition to the barn, were two mules, a large quantity of oates and hay, ten bags of cot-ton dust and 21 bags of ferilli-zer. Gordon said only a small amount of injurance was car-ried on the barn and would cover only a small portion of

#### **City-Maintained** Streets Totaled

Kings Mountain will lile its claim for gasoline tax money for streets on the basis of 28.96 miles of city-maintained streets.

This total mileage was certified this week by North Carolina League of Municipality engineers who had been retained by the city to compile the report in share in the gasoline tax rebate provided in he Powell Bill, passed by the 1951 General Assem-

Under the Powell bill cormula, cities will share in an estimated \$4,500,000 gas tax rebate on the basis of 1) population and 2) city - maintained street mileage. Cities failing to file their certi-fications by August 1 will forfeit

their shares, J. O. Litchford and W. F. Babcock, the engineers, reported the street total as follows: hardsurfaced streets, 13.83 miles; soil, tion. stone, or gravel - surface streets, 12.35 miles; and unsurfaced streets, 2.78 miles.

16 feet in width, amounting to conditions ideal for the boll wee-a total here of 1.21. Neither does the total include a considerable

land, the engineers map shows.

It has been estimated that Kings Mountain's share in the rebate, payable to the city on October 1 for street improvement use only, will approximate

Fee of the North Carolina Lea gue of Municipalities for the en gineering service was \$200.

## Prepaid City Taxes Now Total \$14,717

More than \$9,000 was added to city coffers during the past week, as citizens and business firms paid 1951 city tax bills and qualified for a two percent discount.

Saturday noon will be the eadline for qualifying for he discount.

through Wednesday uffernoon totaled \$14,717.45. less the discounts of \$254.35. City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel reported.

Discount allowable drops to one and one-half percent in July.



A TYPICAL SCENE IN CLEVELAND COUNTY—Shown above is a portion of the Boyd Beam dairy herd. mission merchants. typical today of many scenes in Cleveland County and the Kings Mountain area. Mr. Beam, who lives near Lawndale, has been in the dairy business about four years and has a commercial herd of cattle, including non-registered mixed breeds. The county's dairy industry has doubled during the past five years and official note is being taken this week of National Dairy Month. For further information on the county's dairy industry, see pages six and seven, Section 1.

## Many Citizens Ready To Begin Week-Long Vacations With Pay

#### **Business Firms** Plan To Observe July 4 Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain citizens will enjoy a one-day holiday next week in celebration of Independence Day.

Kings Mountain merchants will close for the day, and big majority of textile plants will be closed for the full week.

The city hall office, postoffice, federal and state offices, and financial institutions will be closed, and Kings Mountain drug stores will be open on abbreviated schedules. Griffin Drug Company said it would observe holiday hours and Kings Mountain Drug Company said it would be open for two hours in the morning and for two hours in the af-

Expected to be open are most restaurants and service stations. The Kings Mountain Herald will operate on regular schedule.

Many citizens are planning trips next week, either one-day accordance with requirements of or several-day variety, to beach the North Carolina Highway and and mountain vacation resorts. Public Works commission and Others have projected plans for in order that the city might catching up on home chores,

#### Clapp Reports **Weevils Active**

Cotton farmers of the area were being urged this week by County Agent Howard Clapp to give close attention to their fields in order to prevent loss of crops by boll weevil infesta-

He said that boll weevil infestation is now more noticeable in Cleveland County cotton fields According to the requirements, and that, while hot weather has the engineers were not allowed eliminated the immediate danto include city streets less than gers from blight, it also makes

Mr. Clapp's advice to cotton mileage of projected streets for the streets for the city has deeds, but if you find any boll weevils or the not opened. Much of the latfarmers is: "Examine your fields If you find any boll weevils or ter mileage is still wooded farm at once. If evidence of boll wee-

> PARKING MONEY A total of \$138.68 was collected from the city's parking me-ters Wednerday, cording to a report by City Clerk Joe Mc-

### City Street Crews Warring On Dust

The city began making life more pleasant for a number of citizens this week, pouring sev-eral gallons of oil on dusty streets, and beginning hardsurfacing treatment on several

City Administrator M. K. Fuller said portions of Oriental and Mauney avenues, Floyd, Bennett, McGinnis and Childers streets had been oiled, while portions of City and Che-rokee streets, the remainder of Dilling street, and Sadie Mill loop rave been "primed" first step in the hard-surfacing process. The second step, application of a mat coating, has been taken on portions of City street, the Sadie Mill, Cemetery Drive, Dilling street, and Cherokee street. First street has been stoned and is now ready for priming, he reported.

#### Radio Skit Sunday **Dedicated To City**

Charles Loveland, of Shelby, will present a 15-minute program over Radio Station WOHS-AM & FM, Sunday at 6:45 p. m. dedicated to Kings Mountain. The patriotic program will fea-

with musical background. Mr. Loveland, who is associated with Esther Mills, Inc., at Shelby, recently had published a book of poems, featuring the

title poem, "The Mountain Men."

#### Wildlife Biologist To Inspect City Lake

Duane Raver, biologist for the state Wildlife Resources commis sion, is to be in Kings Mountain Friday to inspect the city lake and to provide recommendations for increasing the number of fish in the city lake.

This information was received by City Commissioner James (Red) Layton this week from J. H. Cornell, chief of the commis-sion's fish division. Mr. Layton had written the commission concerning the matter.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stallings and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marlowe have been in Atlantic City, N. J., this week, where they have been attending the annual convention of Lions International. Mr. Stallings is president and Mr. Marlowe tail twister of the Kings Moun-tain Lions club.

#### Ware & Sons Elevator Is Bulging With Good, High-Yield Wheat Crop

Ware & Sons 50,000-bushel on moisture content. grain elevator was virtually full Yields, Mr. Ware said, have run pretty generally from 25-35

M. A. Ware, the firm's "grain man", said that the Kings Mountain area wheat crop is one of the best in recent years, with yields high and quality good.

The wheat has been testing out at an average of 56 pounds to the bushel, just slightly heavy shel, or less, Mr. Ware said.

in which farmers queued up to store their recently-harvested grain crops. Wheat testing out at 58-pounds is being purchased by Ware and Sons and most other

#### Herald Survey **Shows Textile** Situation Spotty

A large segment of Kings

employees of Kings Mountain in. was taxed with the costs on each dustrial plants will get a week's count, and was fined a total of vacation with pay, though the \$350.

Survey also indicated an under- His wife, Iva Jane Roberts, 42,

The action followed a discuslying spotty situation in tiles.

their stop-offs holiday periods. fined a total of \$275 plus costs had previously told the board Mauney Hosier: Mills, Inc., tak- on each count. ing a two-week lay-off which started Monday, called the stop- sided. page a shut-down due to lack of Roberts was arrested three orders, and Neisler Mills, Inc., times on June 8, the first time at operating on short schedules for 7:30 p. m. when officers execuseveral weeks, will also take a ting a white liquor raid ordered two-week lay-off for the same by Mayor Garland Still found reason. Neisler is paying a bon- one-half pint of whiskey at his Mauney Hosiery is not.

ture include Craftspun Yarns, not have found that". Inc., and Lambeth Rope Corpora- At 9:30 p. m. June 8, officers tion. Craftspun, short on orders again went to the Roberts home during the past few weeks, has where they found nine and oneture a narrative, "The Mountain ordered its employees back to half gallons of white whiskey work on full schedule Friday for work on full schedule Friday for under a trap door in a meat a six-day-per-week, three-shift house. Roberts testified that he operation. Craftspun will take a had traded a shoulder of meat week's holiday, accompanied by for the whiskey. He was fined a four-percent of-earnings bonus \$250 and costs for possession for to employees beginning July 14. Lambeth Rope, operating full time on a three-shift operation, was arrested in his auto and will provide a week's vacation charged with filegal possession with pay next week. However, after a quantity of liquor had Lambeth is expecting to run a

wish to earn the extra money. Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company will not take its holiday week until July 9-16. No licensed driver to operate his vebonus will be paid, the company hicle" was dismissed. customarily making any bonus payments at Christmas.

Majority of other textile firms will be closed from July 2 to July 9, including Burlington Mills' Phenix Plant, Mauney Phenix Plant, Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mills, Park Yarn Mill, Sadie Cotton Mill and Loom-Tex Corporation.

Phenix Supt. R. F. Daugherty said bonuses at his plant would heard at the session, including total \$17,600, with BurMil emtenure receiving two percent drunkenness, bonuses, and with employees of Other cases onger tenure receiving bonuses cluded:

of four percent. Bonus payments at Loom-Tex, Mauney, Bonnie, Park Yarn, and Sadie mills will aproximate a week's pay, the Herald was in- ARP Church Host

All the firms closing next week are anticipating re-opening on regular schedule on July 9. Some however, told the Herald that they were hopeful some addi-tional orders would be received prior to that date.

Textile men here attribute the slack-off on orders to 1) toolarge inventories by customer 2) the prospects of peace in Ko-rea which have a barish effect on the textile market.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledbetter announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Gail, on Wednesday, June 27, Kings

#### Mauney Firm **Establishing** Sales Division

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., Kings Mountain men's hosiery manufacturers, will open a sales office in New York's Empire State building around August 1, it was announced yesterday by W. K. Mauney, Jr., general man-

Mr. Mauney had just returned from New York where he had completed arrangements for es-

He said that the sales division will be headed by Marvin Ross, of Briarcliff, N. Y., for vilege license ordinance, making many years a leading hosiery

Mauney Hosiery Mills has obtained a five-year lease on the 500 square feet of floor space in work is already underway on redecorating and equipping the

Mr. Mauney said only one of-fice was available in the huge office building, with the Mauney Hosiery lease making the building 100 percent occupied.

#### Roberts Fined On Four Counts

Friday for a week-long July 4th found guilty on four counts involving illegal possession of Survey made by the Herald on non-tax paid whiskey in city re-Thursday indicated that most corder's court action Monday. He

Iva Jane Roberts, 42, tex was found guilty on three counts sion with Mr. Miller held two involving illegal possession of weeks ago and receipt of the servation and treatment, the draw it in accordance with North Two firms declined to call non-tax paid whiskey and was proffered contract. Mr. Miller family had hoped that the young Carolina General Statutes em-

Judge W. Faison Barnes pre-

us approximating a week's pay, home. Roberts testified in court "if I hadn't been asleep on the Brighter spots in the local pic- porch they (the officers) would

state liquor laws for two years. A charge of "allowing an un-

costs on a posession charge resulting from a June 14 arrest,

Mabel Watson and Ruth Whitesides, who were arrested in the auto at 11:50 p. m. June 8th, each drew fines of \$25 and costs for illegal possession.

Thirteen additional cases were ployees with one to five years of were found guilty of public

Other cases and judgments in-

Henry Ellis, Negro, charged Shelby, with both games to get (Continued On Page Eight) underway at 8 p. m. shift in the lineup after the no- hit attack. hit, no-run loss to Hickory June

#### To Union Service Second union service of the

summer conducted by five participating churches will be held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran day night after taking a 6-1 win goes to Haywood County Saturchurch.

church.

Remainder of the schedule for kory and Rutherford County tanJuly follows: July 3, Rev. W. L.

Pressly at Central Methodist;
July 15, Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr.,

schedule. The June 9 rained out at First Presbyterian; July 22, date at Shelby has not been reRev. Mr. Pressly at St. Matthew's
Lutheran; July 29, Rev. P. D.
Patrick, at A. R. P.

Scheduled.

Kings Mountain topped Rutherford here June 21 6-3 with

## City Votes To Retain Engineer For Electrical System Mapping Unprecedented

#### **Board Enacted** License Without Change

The city board of commissioners, in their Tuesday night spetablishing the company's own cial session, authorized a consales division. Sales have pre-tract with M. I. Miller, Greensviously been handled by com- boro electrical engineer, to map the city's electrical distribution

> no change in the ordinance in effect for the past two years, both 1949-50 and 1950-51.

The work for which the is contracting the services of Mr 4108 Empire State building, and Miller will cost the city \$2,850. Mr. Miller will map the city's

> City privilege licenses for 1951-52 are now due and payable, following action by the board of commissioners in passing the ordinance Tuesday night. Deadline for payment without penalty is July 31.

electrical distribution system for \$2,000, and, for \$850, will proprovides that the city may obof \$40, plus expenses.

Motion for the resolution authorizing the contract - signing was made by Commissioner James (Red) Layton and secon-

that the work would require about three months.

# **Board Alters**

The city board of commissioners met in brief special session Friday afternoon, June 22, making technical changes on two previous actions.

The board amended a previous motion granting permission for Kings Mountain Bus Company, Inc., to raise fares to 15 cents (from 10 cents). The motion was changed to a resolution endorsing the increase to the North Carolina Public Utilties commission, which has jurisdiction over rate matters of utilities.

The board also changed its ac-"two years" and substituted "by brother, Murphy Campbell, Harrill had pointed out that the George Icard, of Newton. Roberts was fined \$50 and where purchases exceed \$1,000. cemetery at Lincolnton.

20 and the team responded with

a hustling brand of baseball. Kings Mountain (5-4) was tied

with Shelby (5-4) for third place

Thursday, with Hickory (9-0)

leading and Rutherford County

and Shelby tangle in two this week and Rutherford County

gle next week and Kings Mountain and Shelby have a pair on schedule. The June 9 rained out

erford here June 21 6-3 with

Climbing Juniors Hit Valdese

Here Saturday, Shelby On Monday

Kings Mountain's climbing, Southpaw Fred Kiser on the hill,



HEART VICTIM-Michael Colon Reynolds, Kings Mountain "blue baby", died Wednesday, victim of a congenital heart ailment. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reynolds,

#### Reynolds Child Heart Victim

Graveside rites for Michael Colon Reynolds, 18-month-old vide recommendations for im son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anprovements and extensions to drew Reynolds, were held Thursthe system. The contract also day morning at 10:30 at Mountain other services of Mr. Miller, H. Brendall, pastor of Central the city administrator. However, tain Rest cemetery, with Rev. J. Mountain citizens cease work Kings Mountain Negro, was if required, for a per diem fee Methodist church, officiating, ashe added, he did not feel it wise sisted by Rev. L. C. Pinnix and or necessary to contract his ser-Rev. W. P. Gerberding.

The young Kings Mountain to tie the city's hands for the full 'blue baby", victim of a congenduration of the current administration's term of office. tial heart condition, died Wed-

nesday morning at 2:15. Taken to Duke hospital at Durham last February for ob. He told the Herald he expected to baby would grow strong enough powering cities and town to emto undergo a corrective operation ploy any and all personel needwithin the next few months.

ed to conduct the city's business. Briefly, he said, the contract The child is survived by his would "employ the services of parents, a brother, Thomas Ri- Mr. Fuller for the stated period chard Reynolds, and his pater- at stated terms, with his duties nal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. to be determined by directives of the mayor and board of com-

#### L. A. Hoke's **Mother Succumbs**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Campbell Hoke, mother of L. A. Hoke, who died Sunday night at her home in Lincolnton, were held Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the First Baptist church at Lincoln-

Mrs. Hoke had been in ill health for several years and Layton seconded. since last September her condition had been critical. Survivors are her husband, three daughtion whereby it had voted to ers, Mrs. R. C. Hoyle, Mrs. Paul one-shift operation next week Roberts and his wife were Plonk, Shell distributor, for the Link, of Charlotte, one son, L. A. purchase gasoline from Fred W. Mundy, of Lincolnton, Mrs. E. B. placed on good behavior for two forthcoming two years. The of this city, seven grandchildren, years and ordered not to violate change eliminated the notation two great grandchildren, one the month." City Attorney E. A. Maiden and one sister, Mrs.

Wednesday at Valdese as the

Largest crowd of the season is

Suber, city cemetery superinten-

dent, has takn over the park su-

perintendency also and many improvements have been made

for the benefit of the fans.

The schedule:
June 30—Valdese here.
July 2—Shelby here.
July 5—at Shelby.

at a steady clip.

#### Baseball Loop Age Limit Cut

Boys born on or after July 1, 1937, which means that any boy who becomes 14 years of age before Sunday (July 1st), are the only ones eligible for the Boys "Class B" Recreation Baseball league acording to changes in the rules announced by Commissioners Bruce Thorburn and Red Layton this week.

The "Class B" loop rules require play on a diamond fourfifths the size of a regular base-ball field (72-foot bases, 48 foot torrid American Legion juniors beat Haywood County 8-7 in 10 come home to City Stadium Sat- innings with Right Hander Bilpitching distance) and it has been found that boys over 14 are urday night against Valdese ri-ding the crest of a four-game and swamped the Canton · Way-victory skein. The locals are altoo large for the small field.

Play will start in the loop on Tuesday, July 10th, with Burso scheduled for city park Mon- behind Lefty Kiser, Wells came lington at Craftspun and Mauday night against arch-rival in on another brilliant relief job ney interests at Reynolds Motors. McCurdy draws a bye for the Mountaineers thumped the Wal- opener. Next games are on Fri-Coach J. R. Bradshaw made a densians 14-4 with a 23-base, 15 day, July 13th, with Craftspun at Reynolds and McCurdy Clean-Kings Mountain has piled up ers at Mauney and Burlington

the big bats have been booming for players to turn out for the teams, Interested boys who are eligible are requested to contact expected Saturday night at sli-Mr. Thorburn or Mr. Layton or (6-4) in the second slot. Hickory ghtly reconditioned City Stadiany of the coaches, Will Grice um. A set of bleachers has been (Mauney), Ellis King (Craftback stop has been erected. Sam

Mrs. Charles Moss, Jr. is replacing Miss Theresa Stanton, bookkeeper at the Kings Mountain hospital, who is resigning to take a position at the Scotland County Memorial hospital in Laurinburg.

Kings Mountain has plied up to the form the dast four games, drawing a bye.

51 runs in the last four games, drawing a bye.

67 the opposition as Officials have issued an appeal

permanently mounted behind spun), Rhea Barber (Reynolds) the plate and a new foul net and or Flette McCurdy (Negro boys). JOINS HOSPITAL STAFF