

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 Colorists 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 Rodney Short, two-year-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 Ebenezer 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 cotton dust and 21 bags of fertilizer. Gordon said only a small amount of insurance was carried on the barn and would cover only a small portion of the loss.

City-Maintained Streets Totaled

Kings Mountain will file 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 accordance with requirements of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works commission and in order that the city might share in the gasoline tax rebate provided in the Powell Bill, passed by the 1951 General Assembly.

Under the Powell bill, formula, 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 certifications by August 1 will forfeit their shares.

J. O. Linton and W. F. Babcock, the engineers, reported the street total as follows: hard-surfaced streets, 13.83 miles; soil, stone, or gravel surface streets, 12.33 miles; and unsurfaced streets, 2.78 miles.

According to the requirements, the engineers were not allowed to include city streets less than 16 feet in width, amounting to a total here of 1.21. Neither does the total include a considerable mileage of projected streets for which the city has deeds, but has not opened. Much of the latter mileage is still wooded farm 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 \$27,000.

Prepaid City Taxes Now Total \$14,717

More than 25,000 were 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 deadline for qualifying for the discount. Prepayments on tax bills through Wednesday afternoon totaled \$14,717.45, less the discount of \$294.55. City Clerk Joe H. McDonald 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, 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 afternoon.

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 or several-day variety, to beach and mountain vacation resorts. Others have projected plans for catching up on home chores, fishing and other varied activities.

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 infestation.

He said that boll weevil infestation is now more noticeable in Cleveland County cotton fields and that while hot weather has eliminated the immediate dangers from blight, it also makes conditions ideal for the boll weevil. Mr. Clapp's advice to cotton farmers is: "Examine your fields if you find any boll weevils or damaged squares, dust or spray at once. If evidence of boll weevils are not found, keep a close watch on the fields, preferably daily."

PARKING MONEY

A total of \$138.68 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday, according to a report by City Clerk Joe McDaniel.

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

Ware & Sons 50,000-bushel grain elevator was virtually full Thursday, following a busy week in which farmers queued up to store their recently-harvested grain crops. 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 36 pounds to the bushel, just slightly heavy on moisture content. Yields, Mr. Ware said, have run pretty generally from 25-35 bushels per acre, which is considerably over the national average of 16 bushels per acre. Wheat testing out at 36 pounds is being purchased by Ware and Sons and most other granaries at \$2.00 per bushel. Most wheat harvested last year tested 36 pounds to the bushel, or less, Mr. Ware said.

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 manager. Mr. Mauney had just returned from New York where he had completed arrangements for establishing the company's own sales division. Sales have previously been handled by commission merchants.

He said that the sales division will be headed by Marvin Ross, of Briarcliff, N. Y., for many years a leading hosiery salesman. Mauney Hosiery Mills has obtained a five-year lease on the 500 square feet of floor space in 4108 Empire State building, and work is already underway on redecorating and equipping the office.

Roberts Fined On Four Counts

Fred Roberts, 47-year-old Kings Mountain Negro, was found guilty on four counts involving illegal possession of non-tax paid whiskey in city recorder's court action Monday. He was taxed with the costs on each count, and was fined a total of \$350. His wife, Iva Jane Roberts, 42, was found guilty on three counts involving illegal possession of non-tax paid whiskey and was fined a total of \$275 plus costs on each count.

Board Alters Two Actions

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 Utilities commission, which has jurisdiction over rate matters of utilities.

The board also changed its action whereby it had voted to purchase gasoline from Fred W. Plonk, Shell distributor, for the forthcoming two years. The change eliminated the notation "two years" and substituted "a month." City Attorney E. A. Harrell had pointed out that the law requires asking of bids where purchases exceed \$1,000.

Climbing Juniors Hit Valdese Here Saturday, Shelby On Monday

Kings Mountain's climbing, torrid American Legion juniors come home to City Stadium Saturday night against Valdese riding the crest of a four-game victory skien. The locals are also scheduled for city park Monday night against arch-rival Shelby, with both games to get underway at 8 p. m.

ARP Church Host 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 church. Remainder of the schedule for July follows: July 5, Rev. W. L. Presley at Central Methodist; July 15, Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., at First Presbyterian; July 22, Rev. Mr. Presley at St. Matthew's Lutheran; July 29, Rev. P. D. Patrick, at A. R. P.

City Votes To Retain Engineer For Electrical System Mapping

Board Enacted License Bill Without Change

The city board of commissioners, in their Tuesday night special session, authorized a contract with M. I. Miller, Greensboro electrical engineer, to map the city's electrical distribution system.

It also passed the 1951-52 privilege license ordinance, making no change in the ordinance in effect for the past two years, both 1949-50 and 1950-51.

The work for which the city is contracting the services of Mr. Miller will cost the city \$2,850. Mr. Miller will map the city's electrical distribution system for \$2,000, and, for \$850, will provide recommendations for improvements and extensions to the system. The contract also provides that the city may obtain other services of Mr. Miller, if required, for a per diem fee of \$40, plus expenses.

Motion for the resolution authorizing the contract - signing was made by Commissioner James (Red) Layton and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis. The vote was unanimous. The action followed a discussion with Mr. Miller held two weeks ago and receipt of the proffered contract. Mr. Miller had previously told the board that the work would require about three months.

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Unprecedented Fuller Contract Action Voted 3-1

In an unprecedented action Tuesday night, the city board of commissioners, meeting in special session, voted 3 to 1 to contract the services of City Administrator M. K. Fuller for the next two years. Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., made the motion to adopt a resolution 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 Pearson was absent.

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L. A. Hoke's Mother Succumbs

Funeral services for Mrs. Matie 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 Lincolnton. Mrs. Hoke had been in ill health for several years and since last September her condition had been critical. Survivors are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. R. C. Hoyle, Mrs. Paul Mundy, of Lincolnton, Mrs. E. A. Link, of Charlotte, one son, L. A. of this city, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one brother, Murphy Campbell, of Maiden and one sister, Mrs. George Icard, of Newton. Burial was in the Hollybrook cemetery at Lincolnton.

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 according 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 four-fifths the size of a regular baseball field (72-foot bases, 48 foot pitching distance) and it has been found that boys over 14 are too large for the small field. Play will start in the loop on Tuesday, July 10th, with Burlington at Craftsman and Mauney interests at Reynolds Motors. McCurdy draws a bye for the opener. Next games are on Friday, July 13th, with Craftsman at Reynolds and McCurdy Cleaners at Mauney and Burlington drawing a bye.

JOINS HOSPITAL STAFF

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.