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 Trading Area ..... 15,000  
 (1945 Nation Board Figures)

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# BOARD SETS \$1.80 TENTATIVE TAX RATE



**PLANNING FASHION SHOW** — Shown above are four members of the Junior Woman's Club in a planning session for the forthcoming "Fashion Frolic", a fashion show of summer apparels to be presented at the Woman's Club May 23. They are, left to right, Mrs. Sam Hamrick, Mrs. Helen Ramsey Blanton, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, project chairman, and Mrs. E. R. Goter. (Photo by Carlisle).

## Local News Bulletins

**CLUB PRESIDENT**  
 Miss Doty Smith, rising junior at Greensboro college, has been elected president of the college Spanish Club for next year, according to information received here.

**BANK HOLIDAY**  
 The First National Bank will be closed next Tuesday in observance of a legal bank holiday, commemorating Mecklenburg Independence Day, according to announcement this week.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 Parking meter receipts totaled \$152.05 for the week ending Wednesday, May 7, and \$161.02 for the week ending Wednesday, May 14, according to a report of Joe Hendrick, city clerk.

**ON BOARD**  
 J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, was elected to the state licensing board for North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers at the state association in Charlotte last week. Mr. Harris was elected for a five-year term.

**HAS OPERATION**  
 Drace M. Peeler, well-known Kings Mountain businessman, underwent a leg operation at Memorial hospital, Charlotte, Tuesday morning. His condition was reported satisfactory late Wednesday morning.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
 Virgil Weathers, of Shelby, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday evening at 6:45 at the regular weekly meeting. The club meets at Masonic Dining Hall.

**Still Pleads Guilty On Speeding Charge**  
 Mayor Garland Still pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding before Judge Rueben Elam in county recorder's court Wednesday and was fined \$5 and the

Mayor was found not guilty on a charge of reckless driving had pleaded guilty to driving 5 miles per hour.

In another case, P. A. Hawkins, mountain policeman, was guilty on a charge of driving a 1948 Buick in the office of Warren Reynolds, Warren Reynolds, mountain auto dealer, and driving witness, with the words of "frivolous prosecution".

## Models Are Listed For Fashion Frolic

### Summer Apparel Fashion Show Work Underway

Twenty Kings Mountain women will serve as models for Fashion Frolic, the summer apparel fashion show scheduled for presentation on May 23 at the Woman's Club.

The models include: Miss Betty Hayes, Mrs. Margaret Paysour, Mrs. Sam Mitchem, Miss Bernice Harrison, Miss Margaret Cornwell, Mrs. Ruby Crawford, Mrs. L. E. Abbott, Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, Miss Vera Hudson, Miss Joyce Foster, Mrs. John Cheshire, Mrs. David Cash, Mrs. P. D. Herndon, Mrs. Pinky Ware, Mrs. Hunter Patterson, Mrs. Carl Mauney, and Miss Eleanor Myers.

Children's summer apparel will be shown, but the models have not yet been announced.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, chairman of the Junior Woman's Club project, said much interest is being evidenced concerning the forthcoming show and a capacity crowd is expected to attend the event.

Firms participating in the show are Belk's Department Store, Plonk Brothers & Company, Myers Dress Shop, Keeter's, Inc., Reba's Fashions, Wee Folk Shoppe, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Grayson's Jewelry and Sudie's Beauty Shop.

**MOVED SATURDAY**  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., and family, moved Saturday into their new brick home on East Gold street.

## Bethware Commencement Program To Be Held Sunday, Monday Nights

Graduation exercises for 21 seniors at Bethware high school will begin on Sunday evening, followed by the commencement exercises on Monday evening.

## Kiwanis Club Completes Plans For Horse Show

Full plans for the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's annual horse show were announced this week by Chairman Byron Keeter, who said that more than \$1,500 would be offered as prizes in the one-day, two-performance event scheduled for June 4 at City Stadium.

W. G. Grantham is serving as co-chairman of the show, with L. E. Abbott as secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Keeter announced that Jimmy Richardson, here two years ago to furnish music on his electric organ, will play for the show this year, and that J. D. Massey, of Greenville, S. C., who announced the afternoon events last year, would serve as master of ceremonies.

Judges will be Ed Stalcup, gaited division, and Hulon Ferrel, walking horse division. Stewart Dellinger, of Stanley, will serve as ringmaster, and Dr. Jacob S. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, will be the official veterinarian.

The afternoon performance will include ten events, while 11 competitions are scheduled for the evening performance, the latter including nine stake events.

Committees as announced by Mr. Keeter include (first-named serving as chairman): Entertainment — W. K. Crook, David Neill, Arnold Kincaid. Entries — Dr. D. F. Ford. Publicity — Paul Mauney, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Grounds — Lewis Hovis, W. G. Grantham, W. T. Weir, D. M. Peeler, Jim Anthony and Ed Concessions — J. L. McGill, J. H. Patterson, W. T. Weir and Harold Crawford.

Tickets — A. B. Chandler, Faison Barnes, Joe Lee Woodward, J. C. Bridges and E. W. Griffin.

Advertising and program — L. Arnold Kiser and W. K. Mauney, co-chairmen, H. R. Neisler, Aubrey Mauney, Halbert Webb, Harry Page, J. E. Herndon and M. K. Fuller.

Music and Lights — Harold Hunnicutt and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

**AT BAPTIST CHURCH** — Miss Blenda Huneycutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huneycutt of Kannapolis, will serve this summer as educational director of the First Baptist church. A graduate of Mars Hill college and Baylor university, Miss Huneycutt is now studying in Louisville, Ky., for a master's degree in religious education, prior to entering the foreign mission field.

**Annual Band Concert Tonight**  
 The top-rating Kings Mountain school band, under the direction of Joe Hedden, will present its annual spring concert Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at Central school auditorium.

According to Mr. Hedden, the program will be quite varied, including military marches, popular ballads, and jazz novelty numbers, as well as the symphonic classics.



**AMONG THE CANDIDATES** — Shown above are three Kings Mountain area citizens who are seeking Democratic nominations in the May 31 primary. Edwin Moore, left, and Wayne L. Ware, center, are among nine Cleveland county citizens seeking five nominations to the county board of education. H. G. (Fat) Clemmons, right, is one of five candidates for the Number 4 Township constable nomination.



## Saturday Last Day For Registering



**LEGION COMMANDER** — Sam Collins, above, was elected and installed as commander of the Kings Mountain American Legion post last Friday night.

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## Collins Takes Legion Helm

Sam Collins, Kings Mountain businessman, was elected commander and installed along with other 1952-53 officers at the regular May meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, held at the Legion Building last Friday night.

Past Commander Glee A. Bridges installed the newly elected officers. "There is no rank among us. Upon your shoulders," he addressed the new officials, "rests the responsibility of running post affairs. Your duty is to back your officers and work for the post." Mr. Bridges said to the other members present.

Other officers installed were: First Vice-Commander - James Bennett. Second Vice-Commander - Ned A. McGill, of Gastonia.

Adjutant - C. T. Carpenter, Jr. Finance Officer - Fred Heathcox. Chaplain - W. F. Llaughter. Historian - L. T. Anderson. Sergeant - at - Arms - Hubert Aderholdt.

Service Officer - John W. Gladden. Additional members of the post executive committee, Past Commander Warren Reynolds, Past Commander Paul Mauney, Past Commander John Floyd, Past Commander Gladden and Paul Byers.

Mr. Reynolds, retiring commander, reported for ten months: 1) Total receipts of \$353,530.39, against total expenditures of \$319,912.

2) Bank balance at April 30 of \$66,360.33. 3) Tax collections for the year totaling 89.6 percent of the \$110,948.54 levy (on a valuation of \$6,162,127). Total tax collections for ten months have been \$99,420.35.

4) A larger increase in gross revenues from utilities, causing his prediction that water revenues would be up \$15,000 for the full fiscal year and that light and power revenues would be up approximately \$14,000 for the fiscal year.

Water revenues, he reported, have already reached \$47,128.71, to top the \$41,799.04 for all of 1951-52. Light and power revenues for ten months have totaled \$157,921.06, against \$175,804.66 for all of 1951-52.

City Attorney J. R. Davis told the board he had forwarded to New York bond attorneys all information they had asked concerning a proposal to call a sewage improvements bond election and that he expected a report from the attorneys in the near future.

All the actions, other than the blue law matter, were by 5-0 vote.

**GOOD DONORS**  
 At 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, 104 pints of blood had been collected by the Red Cross Bloodmobile from Kings Mountain area citizens. Donors had kept both the medical and volunteer staff busy from opening time at 11 a. m.

## Commissioners Repeal City's Sunday Blue Law

The city board of commissioners, in regular monthly meeting Monday night, tentatively set the 1952-53 tax rate at \$1.80 per \$100 valuation, and repealed by 4-0 the Sunday blue law enacted at a recent special meeting.

The tax rate action is not final, but will give the city a basis for accepting pre-payments on tax bills next month at the legal two percent discount. The tentative rate is the same rate which has prevailed for the past three years.

The blue law repeal was the result of Commissioner B. T. Wright's motion and Commissioner Olland Pearson and C. P. Barry's second, with Com. Lloyd E. Davis supporting. Commissioner James Layton abstained. Previously, the same motion by Mr. Wright had elicited only a 2-0 vote, all the other commissioners abstaining. The city attorney offered the opinion that at least three votes were required, and, after considerable discussion, the other commissioners joined in the action.

Following the action, the commissioners unanimously passed a resolution urging business firms to close their businesses, on a voluntary basis, during the hours of 10 a. m. to noon on Sundays.

In seconding the motion, Mr. Barry remarked that he did not believe in working on Sunday and did not himself, but that he felt it impossible to legislate morals.

Other actions by the board included: (1) Approved a street paving petition from property owners on Monte Vista Drive, from Wilson to Falls Street.

(2) Voted to attend the May 29 regional meeting of the North Carolina League of Municipalities at Shelby.

(3) Tabled for further information a suggestion by Mr. Pearson that C. E. Carpenter, court clerk and tax lister, be named tax supervisor.

(4) Authorized inviting bids for a billing machine.

(5) Authorized installation of a two-inch water line off Cherryville Road to provide better water service, on complaint received from Ted Ramsey.

(6) Voted to oil non-paved city streets, other than those scheduled for paving, as a dust preventive.

(7) Authorized grading work on Mauney Avenue to improve a bad drainage situation, at an estimated cost of \$250, the cost, not exceeding that amount, to be paid for by E. T. Platt.

(8) Authorized installation of drainage tile on Linwood Road to accommodate Second Baptist church, which plans to build a new church on the south side of Linwood Road.

(9) Tabled for action at the May 14 special meeting request by the City Stadium planning committee to build permanent-type concession stand and ticket booths at the Stadium.

(10) Voted to install a six-inch water line from York Road to Oriental avenue and to extend a two-inch water line to serve Mrs. Alda Deal, who appeared before the board to seek water service.

(11) Heard a delegation of Negro citizens ask for improvement of West Ridge Street.

(12) Voted to set up in the forthcoming 1952-53 budget a \$5,000 sum for purchase of a suitable tract to trade Burlington Mills Corporation for a 17-acre tract sought by the Recreation commission as a recreation plant site. A. B. Chandler, commission chairman, had told the board two sites were available which Burlington had indicated would be acceptable.