

# Population

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## Mayor Flays County's Grant For Shelby Plant Water Line

### Bumgardner: Expense Legal, Justifiable

Mayor Glee A. Bridges took advantage of last Thursday's board of commissioner meeting to blast the county board of commissioners for subsidizing the laying of a Shelby water line.

City Attorney J. R. Davis concurred with the statement, "It's not legal."

Mayor Bridges first read to the board a news account he said had been clipped from the Shelby Daily Star, in which it was reported that the county would furnish \$10,000 of the cost of installing a 10-inch water line to serve a new industry (the Wood Company) located in Shelby. The news story reported that the City of Shelby was installing the line to the city limits at a cost of about \$19,000, with Cleveland County to bear the remainder of the expense from the Shelby city limits to the plant site.

Mayor Bridges complained that "they're using our tax money to run Shelby's water lines," and Mr. Davis followed with his "illegal contention."

County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner, when queried by the Herald, defended the appropriation for the water line on the grounds that the new company would re-pay the county in taxes in a "matter of a couple years." "It looked like good business to me and the rest of the commissioners," Mr. Bumgardner commented.

On the question of legality, Mr. Bumgardner added, "Of course, it's legal. The county attorney (C. C. Horn) checked with the attorney general of North Carolina before we approved the appropriation. The appropriation was not made from tax money, which would have been illegal, but from a declared surplus from feed and other non-tax monies which the county receives."

Mayor Bridges noted that Margrace Mill had recently installed a water line from the city limits to its plant at its own expense. He said he had contacted "the county about paying that expense, but they said no, it had already been done."

Mr. Bumgardner said he didn't know who the Mayor had contacted. "Certainly not me," he added.

### LIONS PROGRAM

Martin Harmon, Herald editor, will present an analysis of the November 6 general election results at the Tuesday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club, it was announced by Jonas Bridges, program chairman. The club will meet at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

## City Schools Plan Observance For American Education Week

Formation of a special committee to plan the 36th annual observance of American Education week in Kings Mountain was announced today by the chairman, Miss Helen Logan.

Purpose of the observance, scheduled for November 11-17, is to bring the needs and achievements of the schools before the public and to spotlight the important role education plays in a democracy.

"During American Education Week," said the chairman, "our community's schools extend a special invitation to the public to visit classrooms, to see the schools in action. Wishing for good schools is not enough. Communities have good schools when the people want them enough to take an interest in them, to work for them, and to cooperate with them."

The general theme of this year's observance is "Schools for a Strong America." The local program is part of a nationwide observance which is expected to bring more than 20 million persons into the schools. Millions

## Paul Limerick To Speak Here About C. of C.

Paul Limerick, secretary of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, will speak here Monday night and outline advantages to a community of having a chamber of commerce organization, as well as means of forming such an organization.

Announcement was made by Dan Weiss, one of a number of Kings Mountain businessmen interested in forming a Chamber of Commerce or similar-type.

Mr. Weiss, on behalf of the 15 businessmen who held an initial meeting ten days ago, issued an invitation to all interested citizens to attend the City Hall session.

"We are particularly anxious for all business and professional men — including industrialists, merchants, lawyers, doctors and others — to attend this meeting," Mr. Weiss stated.

Need for such an organization was pointed out at the previous meeting by Mayor Glee A. Bridges who said his office was not in a position to give the timely attention required to many requests for information, including the inquiries of industries seeking new sites for expansion.

The Mayor reported at that meeting he was compiling information for an unnamed but apparently large outfit, which was querying four North Carolina cities for information on sites, facilities, and other pertinent information.

## Mauney Will Is Probated

The last will and testament of Dorris C. Mauney, prominent Kings Mountain industrialist who died last month, provides that his entire estate be bequeathed to his two surviving children and to two grand-children by his late son, Joe Mauney.

The children are Mrs. George H. Houser and Carl F. Mauney, both of Kings Mountain, who were named co-executors of the estate, and the grandchildren are Miss Nell Mauney, of Spindale, and Mrs. W. L. Moses, of Raeford.

Mr. Mauney's will was actually executed on February 1, 1950, prior to the death of his wife, Mrs. Sadie F. Mauney, and the will provided that his wife receive a life interest in his entire estate.

It further provided that, in event his wife had pre-deceased him, the estate would go to his three children, or to their surviving children.

The will was witnessed by D. R. Mauney, Lura P. Mauney and Julia R. Hall, all of Cherryville. There was one exception, in that the 129-acre farm at the corner of York Road and Floyd street, was given to Mrs. Houser. It was specified, however, that the farm and buildings on the farm erected by Mrs. Houser's husband, George H. Houser, not be included in the otherwise equal division of the estate.

Mr. Mauney was a co-founder of Sadie Cotton Mills and had extensive realty holdings here, as well as other interests.

The will was filed for probate in Cleveland Superior Court October 22.

## Moss Joins J. P. Stevens

Charles B. Moss, Jr., for several years a designer at Margrace Mill here, left Tuesday for New York, where he has accepted a similar position with J. P. Stevens Company.

Mr. Moss said he expects to move his family to New York in the near future.

The Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moss, Sr., is a graduate of North Carolina State College.

## Craftspun Wages Also Increased

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., has raised wages, too.

In a news story in last week's edition, the Herald reported Lithium Corporation's announced wage increase as the seventh for Kings Mountain area firms.

Actually, Lithium's was the eighth, with Craftspun inadvertently omitted from the resume. The increase had been previously reported in the Herald.

## Township Voters Liked Ike Better Than Four Years Ago

### President Got 502 Majority In Four Boxes

Number 4 Township, as it did in 1952, returned a Republican majority in the presidential election Tuesday. This year, however, the Republicans made a clean sweep.

President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon swept each of the townships' four precincts, with a combined vote of 1893 to the 1391 recorded for the Democratic ticket of Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver.

Most folk were surprised at the result in the township: the GOP supporters at the fact of the 502 vote majority and the Democrats at losing the Grover and East Kings Mountain boxes. Bethware is traditionally Republican and West Kings Mountain is considered close.

Otherwise, the day was Democratic for state offices and, of course, for the unopposed county and township Democratic slates.

All opposed Democrats received majorities of 2 to 1 or better in Grover, East Kings Mountain, and West Kings Mountain. But not in Bethware. The vote in Bethware of 209 for Republican Governor candidate Kyle Hayes, compared to 159 for Luther H. Hodges (the incumbent Democrat, was typical of the Bethware voting in all of the state contests.

Emblematic of its solid, give-no-quarter Republicanism, Bethware was equally sparing with its votes for the unopposed county and township slates. County Commissioner Hazel Bumgardner was given 184 votes by Bethware citizens for the highest total compiled by a Democrat in this box.

The same thing happened, but in less degree, in both East Kings Mountain and West Kings Mountain, where many Republican voters — in spite of the blanks on the GOP side of the ticket — nevertheless marked a "X" in the Republican circle. Since these ballots were voided automatically, they were not counted. However, it was estimated some 350 to 400 of these solid GOP ballots were cast in West Kings Mountain and at least 300 in East Kings Mountain.

Cleveland county stayed in the Stevenson - Kefauver column by some 1400 votes, unofficial totals showed and returned heavier majorities for all opposed Democratic candidates, all of whom were elected.

## Hospital Plan Talked Tuesday

Approximately 200 Cleveland County citizens heard a discussion of the proposal to change the method of operation of Shelby and Kings Mountain hospitals.

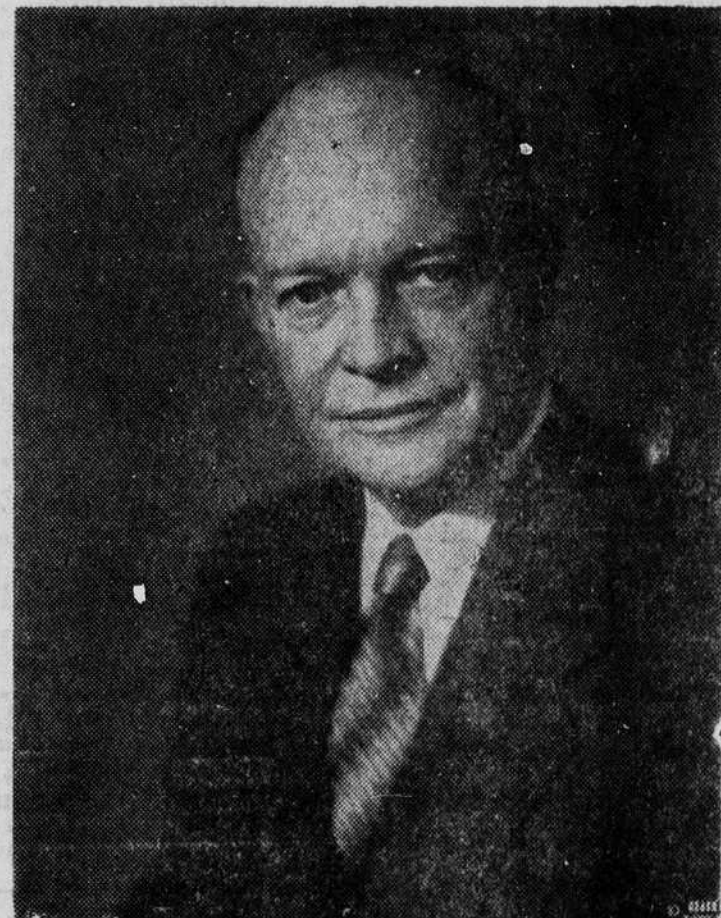
The group — including legislators, county commissioners, hospital trustees, former trustees, doctors, and other interested citizens — gathered at Fellowship Hall in Shelby's Presbyterian church to hear Marshall Pickens, of the Duke Endowment, and R. J. Thomas, administrator of Charlotte Memorial hospital outline details of operation of "non-profit hospitals."

The basic change proposed by County Hospitals Administrator George W. Laycock is technical. He suggests that the hospitals be leased to non-profit corporations for operation.

The other two features of change would therefore include: 1) elimination of the current 15-man board of hospital trustees; and 2) use of tax money (in operations) only for payment of hospital bills for welfare patients.

The principal benefit of the change would be the hospital administrator's hope that operation by a non-profit corporation would qualify the hospital units for grants from charitable foundations such as the Ford Foundation and the Hartford Foundation. Mr. Laycock estimates that had the hospitals been operated in this manner they would have received about \$60,000 in the recent Ford Foundation grants.

Both Mr. Pickens and Mr. Thomas supported the Laycock



LANDSLIDE WINNER — President Dwight D. Eisenhower easily won re-election Tuesday to a second term in the White House, as he swept to victory with a record number of votes, Kings Mountain area citizens agreed with the national decision, returning the President a majority in every precinct in the township. The edge for the President was 502 votes in Number 4 Township.

## Employment Gains During Past Month

### Unemployment Pay Claims Showed Decline

Kings Mountain's employment situation improved markedly during October, according to report this week by Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina employment service.

There were three evidences: 1) The active file of persons seeking employment dropped to 397, first month recently the number had been below 400, and in spite of the fact that 90 new applicants were added during the month.

2) Unemployment compensation claims also dropped heavily for the month from 1451 in September to 1176 in October. The weekly average of claims was thus 269, compared to 364 the previous month.

Mr. Ware credited the pick-up to improved textile production in the Kings Mountain area. He noted that Margrace mill, of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, had added a number of workers during the month, including both experienced workmen and trainees.

The trend was continuing into November, Mr. Ware added.

During October, the employment service referred 102 persons for 92 job openings and 63 were reported as placed in jobs.

### PROMOTED

Cpl. Jack Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sims, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant by the Marines. He is stationed in Japan.

## UNOFFICIAL NO. 4 TOWNSHIP PRESIDENTIAL RETURNS

	Bethware	E. Kings Mtn.	W. Kings Mtn.	Grover	Totals
Eisenhower-Nixon	278	682	758	175	1893
Stevenson-Kefauver	95	519	625	152	1391

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## Adlai Gets State But Victory Margin Is Slim

President Dwight D. Eisenhower won re-election to a second four-year term in Tuesday's general election.

The victory for him and Vice-President Nixon was forecast as a potential landslide early after the returns started coming in, and the continued reports on Wednesday, as late-reporting officials sent in their reports, continued the trend.

But the election for the Congress was a quite different story, as Democrats were credited with retaining complete control of both the U. S. House of Representatives and of the United States Senate.

Kings Mountain's Radio Station WKMT United Press reports early Wednesday afternoon credited the Democrats with having captured their 49th Senate seat with the election of Senator Alan Bible, of Nevada, over Cliff Young, his GOP opponent. The United Press said the Democrats were expected to gain one more seat in which the results were not yet final. It would give the Democrats one more Senate seat than they held in the last Congress.

In the House, radio reports gave the Democrats 233 seats to the Republican's 202, sufficient for the necessary 218 control in spite of the death shortly after the election of Congressional Candidate, Antonio Fernandez, of New Mexico, who led the Democratic ticket in that state. With election of a GOP governor, it is assumed a Republican will get the interim appointment.

The United Press at 2:02 p. m. Wednesday gave Eisenhower-Nixon 31,306,202 votes, against 22,869,726 for Stevenson - Kefauver. Eisenhower was leading in 41 states having 457 electoral votes, while Stevenson led in only seven, with 74 electoral votes. The percentage was 57.8 for the GOP national ticket, and 42.2 for the Democratic ticket.

North Carolina, again as in 1952, appeared to be one of the states the Democrats could claim, though by a shrunken margin. Stevenson carried North Carolina by more than 94,000 votes four years ago, held a slim lead of only 18,000 with returns seemingly conclusive, but yet incomplete.

Among the hard-fought Senate battles, Wayne Morse, the one-time Republican Senator from Oregon turned Democrat, defeated Douglas McKay, former governor and Secretary of the Interior in the Eisenhower cabinet. It was a bitter pill for Republicans who applied to him the hated political label of "turncoat."

## Election SIDELIGHTS

Grover precinct voted Republican Tuesday for the first time in the memory of J. B. Ellis, veteran Grover election registrar.

W. D. Weaver posted an election prediction in the office of the Herald several days prior to the voting and with the notation "to be opened November 7." Mr. Weaver was right on the results, wrong on the actual electoral total. He gave Adlai Stevenson 13 states and 139 electoral votes.

Voting did not reach the totals of the 1952 general election in any Number 4 Township precinct. However, lines at some times during the day extended well into the streets at the Kings Mountain precincts.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, out-of-town on election day, cast an absentee ballot for Stevenson.

At the West Kings Mountain precinct, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar, delayed counting of the presidential ticket until after the state and local tickets were tabulated. Mrs. Arthur reasoned her counting teams would vanish if the interesting presidential totals were tabulated first.

Election officials here reported numerous queries on where the name of Charles Raper Jonas appeared on the ballot. Of course, the name did not appear, as Cleveland county is in the eleventh Congressional district, to be represented by Basil White.

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