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PRICE TEN CENTS

Vote Likely On Four-Year Terms At May Election

Values Of Appraisal Group Jury Declares Shuford Death Accepted By School Board

Hitch Remains On Acquiring **Cansler Plot**

The city board of education unanimously accepted Monday the appraisal committee report for needed property adjacent to West school, agreeing to pay the aggregate \$7984 at which a three-man team valued the four want-

One major hitch to completion of the transaction remained.

Property owners, either verbally or by letter, had agreed to accept the appraisal team prices, except Mrs. George Cansler, who stated via letter that she was not in position to offer the residential garden plot at her W. Mountain street home. She said she had been bequeathed only a lifetime interest in the property.

interest in the property.

Another slight "if" appeared.
Sam Weir, administrator of the
S. S. Weir Estate, told the board minor heirs are involved in the estate and that he would expect the school board to pay legal costs necessary to obtain a clear

The board named Trustee J. R. Davis to confer with Mrs. Cansler in an effort to absolve legal barriers which might bar acquisition of the Cansler tract.

The board has sought the va-cant land to meet state depart-cent requirements for building room addition to West

The appraisal board figures

Mrs. Cansler's residential plot \$1620; Cansler lots on W. King King \$3250; two S. S. Weir Estate lots \$1710; and J. E. Gamble residential garden plot \$1404.

1) Accepted the resignation, effective end of February, of Mrs.
Musa Marto, specifal teacher of piamo, and elected Charles Woodward, St. Matthew's Lutheran church organist, to fill the posi-tion for the remainder of the

2) Honored a request of East school P.TA to pave a basketball court playground area. The P.TA said it would pay half the cost.

3) Approved request that a now in city resident, continue to attend Bethware school for the remainder of the year.

A) Approved purchase of a serving counter for North school

completion of renovation of Cen-tral auditorium. He said Archi-tect J. L. Beam is virtually ready to present complete plans and pedifications on the proposed vidson school gymtorium.

Stockholder's **Meeting Tuesday**

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., the industry-seeking firm, will convene at City Hall Tuesday night at 7:30.

Purpose of the meeting will be adoption of constitution and by-laws, election of permanent directors, hearing of reports from temporary officers, and other business that might be present-

Acting officers are J. Wilson Crawford, president; Fred W. Plonk, vice-president; and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer. Acting directors include the three officers G. A. Bridges, W. K. Mauney and B. S. Neill.

President Crawford said he hoped all stockholders in the company would attend the session.

pany would attend the session.

The firm was organized under Chamber of Commerce sponsor-ship and erected the building now occupied by Waco Sports-

LIONS CLUB

A variety program will be atured at the regular meeting of Kings Mountain Lions Club Tuesday. The program will consist of games and mental teasers and will be conducted by the program committee, according to program chairman Lawson Brown. The club meets at 7:00 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

Local News Bulletins

Kings Mountain high school seniors will be soliciting funds Monday, Tuesday, and Wed-nesday for their class gift to the school — the activity bus, a project begun by several for-mer classes

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$134.95. Included was \$18.60 from off-street meters and \$116.35 from on-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDan-

P-TA WORKSHOP

A two-session city - wide workshop will be conducted by workshop will be conducted by P-TA's in the schools beginning Thursday (tonight) from 7 until 9 p. m. Dr. Mary Eller Nelson, of Gaston Center for the Handicapped, and Miss Alice Averitt, city schools teaching supervisor, will lead the first session at North school.

KIWANIS

Armand Mando of Gastonia will give a demonstration of sterophonic sound to feature the program Thursday night of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the

ROTARY CLUB

A representative of the North address the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their 12:15 meeting Thursday at La Royal Restaurant. Jack Mercier is program chairman.

The Central high school Glee club, under direction of C. A. Ballance, will present a musi-cal program at Park Grace school P-TA meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock in the school

IN NEW POSITION

Charles (Chick) Alexande has accepted a position with Pneumafil Company in Char. lotte, and he and his wife are residing at 514 Ashley Circle. The Alexanders are formerly of Kings Mountain.

CHURCH CENSUS

A city-with religious census, sponsored by Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, will be conducted on Sunday, March 1, beginning at 1:00 p. m. President W. C. Sides requests all city churches and its environs to co-operate.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Gary Harthcock of Hendersonville, chairman of youth programs in the State Federation of Women's Club's will speak to a joint meeting of all departments of the Woman's club Monday night at 7:30 p. m. The Community Affairs because the contract partment has arranged the program which will feature the Birthday Remembrance.

ON DEAN'S LIST

John W. Robinson, Jr. has been named to the Dean's list for the first semester at Bel-mont Abbey College, Belmont. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson of route 1, he is a member of the sophomore class and a graduate of the Bessemer City high school. He is seeking the bachelor of science degree, majoring in engineering

Kings Mountain clubwomen are calling attention to the Ed Murrow program, "See It Now" on Friday night when Miss Chloe Gifford, president of the National Federation of Wo-National Federation of Wo-man's Club, will appear as his guest at 10:30. The program will come from the General Federation Headquaters build-ing in Washington.

Organization **For Red Cross Drive Listed**

Organizational plans for the Red Cross campaign, slated to get underway March 2 were announced this week by campaign publicity chairman Haywood E. Lyn-

Quota for the drive this year will be \$6000.

campaign is virtually completed.

General chairman of the campaign is Dr. W. P. Gerberding; pression indicated," he testified.

Mrs. Bennet said the Shuford lad was a frequent passenger from school and that she had let him out at the corner of Kings.

Professional group, Dr. Phillip Padgett; industrial employees, James E. Amos and Bruce Thormarked, "I hope I don't see those burn; retail employees, James Harris; outlying business, Ted Blalock; hospital, Grady Howard; Grover, Charles Harry III and Loy Paige; and committee, Ollie Harris, Paul Walker, and Lawrence Patrick.

Spearheading the campaign will be a kick-off by President Eisenhower on a nationwide radio and television hookup.

Mr. Gamble's **Rites Conducted**

Mr. Gamble, prominent farmer of the El Bethel community, suc-

son Gamble, died in 1954. He was a member of the El Bethel chur-

Surviving are two sons, Clyde

Was Accidental

William Charles (Billy) Shuford, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tolly Shuford, died by strangulation, due to accident, a coronor's jury ruled Tuesday.

The Shuford youth was found hanged to death at his home February 9.

Jury Foreman George Manuey rendered the verdict after the jury had deliberated about 20 minutes.

Testifying at the hearing were John Gamble, high school physi. cal education teacher, Mrs. Clyde Bennett, who had driven the boy home from school, and Police Officer Paul Saunders, who had answered the call to the Shutord

esidence.

Mr. Gamble said he'd noticed Several meeting have been held and organization of the ketball class. "As far as I could

Hendricks and Mrs. Haywood Lynch; publicity, Haywood Lynch; colored, Hilliard Hunter; business area, Ben Bridges and Harson chatted in normal fashion iness area, Ben Bridges and Har-old Coggins; city and govern-ment employees, Glee A. Bridges; schools, W. R. George.

son chatted in normal fashion and she could "see no difference from any other time". Conversa-tion had concerned basketball spots in front of my eyes tonight". Harris; outlying business, Ted As she stopped the car, her son told Shuford he'd see him that night, at a scheduled junior basketball game. The Shuford boy had replied "o. k." Mrs. Bennett said she didn't see the Shuford

German police dog. Officer Saunders said he answered a call to the Shuford residence about 5:30 p. m. on February 9. When he arrived, he found the Shuford dog barring his way in the house, called to Mrs. Shuford to hold the dog. She did and Saunders was told to go upstairs where he found the body of the boy hanging by a rope from his bedroom door.

Saunders exhibited articles of

Saunders exhibited articles of Funeral rites for Joseph Frank-lin Gamble, 85, were held Wednes-ation as he found it. He said the chair was nearby and upright. Coronor J. Ollie Harris told the

of the El Bethel community, succumbed Tuesday morning in Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of ten days.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Gamble was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gamble. His wife, Laura Jane Watter.

The Camble died in 1954 He was possible the boy's neck was considered in the late of the la was possible the boy's neck was

The Coronor instructed the jury it could render one of three verdicts: that the boy died of D. Gamble, Waxhaw, and Leon-verdicts: that the boy died of ard F. Gamble, Kings Mountain; strangulation due to a 1)suicide, three daughters, Mrs. T. R. Ham-rick, Mrs. Paul Roberts, and Mrs. said the verdict must be unani-

Mountain; and two brothers, H. W. Gamble of Kings Mountain and J. J. Gamble of Shelby. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Frank Blalock, R. W. N. S. Hardin, and Rev. Boyce Huffstet.

Mountain; and two brothers, H. Other members of the jury were Carl P. Finger, Grady How were Hardin, and Rev. Boyce Huffstet-ler conducted the final rites. Scout and trombonist in the high school band.

Maner Wins City Insurance Fight; One Agent To Write All Coverage

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain insurance agent, apparently won his long fight Tuesday night for a one agent, commission share arrangement on the city's insurage, and who also contended the city could save money on a bid

The city commission voted in favor of the Maner plan, first Mrs. Warlick said she ascribed ative plan, no a the coverage. gent would have been allowed of the could not supply all city will get better coverage for ested in a re-run.

city could save money on a bid

of the city's required coverage. its money, and more complete Present at the session were A. gents Madge P. Warlick, Wesley ling the full account. He said it is possible a company which sustains a major less would reis possible a company which sustains a major loss would re-fuse to re-write under a bid ba-







Still Enters Mayoral Race; Ellison, Bennett Lock Horns

Bridges, Still

Familiar names will appear on the city ballot in May.

Ex-mayor Garland Still will oppose Mayor Glee A. Bridges for the fourth time in the May voting, and T. J. (Tommy) Ellison will seek to regain the Ward3 commission seat from Incumbent Mrs. Mauney

Ellison posted his \$5 filing fee Saturday, while Still and Bennett filed Monday.

lin Gamble, 85, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. from day afternoon at 3:30 p.m. from El Bethel Methodist church, integration in the church together "as if he had put them and R. Coleman Stroupe, Ward 5, Canton; Robert E. Lee, Lenoir; there". A stout wooden-bottom are expected to seek re-election. Dr. John R. Bender, Winston Sa Former Mayor Still is seeking lem; Wayne Simpson, China the mayor's seat for the sixth Grove; Daniel A. Bland, Raleigh; and specialized in obtaining conment and decided to call a pubtime. He was successful only Manley I. Clark, Lawndale; Phil trol of companies and pyramid-once, in 1951. He ran second to G. Sawyer, Jr., Elizabeth City. the hand. He said his examina-tion and that of Dr. Kenneth Mc-trailed badly in his campaigns contributions from church trol of the Jacobs firm, auto

The hearing was held last trol of the Jacobs firm, auto

Thursday night and showed a of 1949 and 1955. He is a mem-

ber of St. Matthew's Lutheran

When he paid his filing fee, Mr. Ellison made good his state-ment at the 1957 oath-taking ceremonies. He had commented, "I'll see you in two years." An East Kings Mountain grocer, Ellison has many years of service

Carl P. Finger, after inquiring about the proposal, remarked later, is an employee of Burlington Industries Phenix plant and a member of the board of directors of Kings Mountain hospital. Like Mr. Ellison, he is a later than purchas.

Carl P. Finger, after inquiring about the proposal, remarked later. Guterma denied the allegations. The SEC charged that Guterma and borrowed money from indistretal intending this Sunday's phase of viduals and others.

Candidacy rumors were still sparse. C. H. (Cat) Houser was listed as a possible candidate for Ward 1 commissioner, and Fleete McCurdy as a possible candidate for the schol board post J. R. Da-

D. L. Saunders was still talking about entering the mayor's race, but hadn't Wedesday afternoon. Some speculated that Grocer Charlie Blalock might ofter for mayor and others mentioned J. Lee Return 1. Lee Return presented more than a year ago, to the package underwriting but race, but hadn't Wedesday afafter considering as an alternative placing of all coverage with one agent on a bid basis. In the alternative plan, no at the coverage.

> The voting will be conducted on May 12. Deadline for filing for office is 15 days prior to the

Under the Maner plan, one agent will be designated as the city's agent. He will split commissions with other agents on a formula to be agreed upon by all city agents. Mayor Glee A. Bridges named Miss Hay, whose agency is the senior Kings Mountain insurance agency, as chairman of the insurance agency, as chairman of the insurance group and asked her to report on the group's share agreement at a special session March 3.

Principal objection was voiced

sustains a major loss would refuse to re-write under a bid balled. Of the candidates recently filed, only Comm. Bennett made as tatement. He said, "I am an atom the broad program of capital improvements this administration has followed during the past two years, including street improvements, was and other basic needs. I also fa she refused work a much broader city recreation program and will continue to support programs to increase the city's recreational facilities."

Being Renovated

The City Hall business office is getting a new dress.

Carpenters moved in Monday morning to begin work, which will include a new Weltex celling, birch wainscotting, new cabinets and drawer space, and finally a new coat of paint. The window bars will be replaced with glass.

Baxter Payseur is doing the refused with glass.

Check was made from tax list-microscotting programs to increase the city's recreational facilities."

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Merchants Banquet Set For March 16

Annual employer . employee banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association will be held March 16th at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Date of the event was set at a meeting of the board of di-

rectors on Tuesday. Installation of new officers is a feature of the banquet.

groups, fraternal organizations, business firms, individuals, Lions, Civitans, Rotary, Kiwanis, change, DeMolay, Jaycees.

Civitan Cottage was completed and dedicated on August 17, 1958, housing 16 boys and their House-mother. Lions plan to start con-struction of their cottage in the

directors of Kings Mountain hospital. Like Mr. Ellison, he is a
member of Grace Methodist
would be calling on citizens durworkers
would be calling on citizens durchurch

be held from 1 o'clock until 3 p. m. with these volunteers assist-ing in the drive: Mrs. Clyde Brid-

year. He urged workers to com-plete their solicitations as quick-ly as possible.

City Hall Office **Being Renovated**

Guterma Out, Roach Is In At Scranton

Hal Roach, the film producer, has assumed the chairmanship of Scranton Corporation, parent tain. company of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., succeeding A. L. Guterma, for the five ward commissioners

Securities and Exchange com-mission for alleged violations of mission for two years, or vice

No candidates yet seek the other three city commission. North Carolina

Mrs. Mauney has long been active in church and civic circles of and will not effect Craftspun oplengthen terms of office to four erations. He termed Mr. Roach years and to stagger the terms "highly respected."

berian native who, since World legislative act, the commiss ing them into a diversified in- ion. parts manufacturer, then the wide variance of opinion. Some Scranton Corporation, major lace 25 citizens were present. Ex-producer. Subsequently Scranton, and Hal Roach Studios bought and Hal Roach Studios bought asked by a commissioner to the 446 station Mutual Broadcast-sound out sentiment, said, "Folks

ing Company chain. Guterma and the Jacobs com-pany got into trouble with the SEC last summer on failure to file reports on time and the stock was suspended from trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Wall Street Journal said commissioner does a good job, that Guterma was arrested when people will return him to office." the SEC learned he had purchas.

98,000 shares of Jacobs stock as er city commissioner, said he's collateral. In December, the SEC heard considerable support for ing the afternoon in an effort to provide funds for research to improve techniques in treating heart ailments.

Contact all moders began selling creating a sixth ward, and C. T. Carpenter, Jr., interposed, "It looks like a four-ward deal would be simpler." The house-tohouse canvass will ges. Guterma is free under \$5,000 be held from 1 o'clock until 3 p. bail but his movements are restructed to New York City, Westchester county, Long Island, and Connecticut.

> Hearing is scheduled in the U. S. District court Thursday.

City Tag Sales J. C. Bridges, chairman, noted that area citizens contributed more than \$3000 to this fund last At Brisk Pace

City auto license tag sales boomed last weekend and Monday penalty date arrived for mo-torists failing to buy and display

Sixth Ward Staggering **Proposals Are Shelved**

BY MARTIN HARMON

Citizens likely will approve or disapprove four-year city elec-tive terms at the May election. The staggered term proposal

has been shelved. The Ross Alexander proposal for six wards and six city commissioners is dead apparently, as his motion to divide Ward 5 at Mountain street failed to ob-

tain a second. These actions were taken at Tuesday night's special city

Voting on the four-year terms will occur at the May election, if the General Assembly adopts

necessary legislation. necessary legislation.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he had conferred with a North Carolina League of Municipalities attorney via telephone and had been informed the General Assembly could enact legislation to add the question of terms to the May ballot.

Should the citizens approve, the officials they elect the same day would serve for four years. Under the Mayor's plan approved by the city commission Tuesday night, voters would have opportunity to say "yes" or "no" on two propositions

1) I approve a four-year term for the mayor of Kings Moun-2) I approve a four year term

of Kings Mountain. If the voting takes this form, Guterma resigned last week- it would be possible for the voend after being indicted by the ters to elect in May a mayor for

of office. When the commission sait down two weeks ago to for-Guterma reportedly is a Si- malize the action into a proposed

lic hearing to get citizen react-

like the administration but would prefer to vote on the change. Generally, people are pretty well satisfied with the way it is."

T. W. Grayson, opposing the change proposal, said, "It has al. ways been my feeling that if a Carl P. Finger, after inquiring

Mr. Grantham laughingly replied, "It looks like political jobs never decrease, just increase." Comm. Alexander commented, "I am in favor of splitting Ward

5, but I will go along with either six wards or four wards." To a question from Mr. Finger on his feelings about the Ward 5 split, Comm. Stroupe replied that ise had no particular feeling.

After the Thursday hearing, the board moved into routine business and took no further action concerning the election change, re-scheduling it for the Tuesday session.

Kiwanis Club Sets Heart Fund Auction

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will conduct an auction Wednesday via Radio Station WKMT, with all proceeds to benefit the Kings Mountain Heart Fund.

Merchandise, to be auctioned, being donated by Kings Mountain area merchants The auction will be held from

2 o'clock until 5 p. m., a club

