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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008

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Stadium Assured As Major Contracts Are Concluded

Contributions Shy \$61,000 Of Likely Cost

By MARTIN HARMON

John Gamble Memorial Stadium will be constructed. This was the statement Wednesday of George H. Mauney, chairman of the Kings Mountain district board of education, as he reported receipt of signed contracts for the two major portions of the three-part project. Key to the project was the \$45,000 contract for approximately 4,000 seats negotiated with I. K. Flack, Jr., of Rutherfordton—\$28,570 below the rejected low bid of Myers & Chapman, of Charlotte, received on December 21.

Meantime, the board had voted to accept low bid of Shelby Construction Company of \$67,258.55 for grading and drainage—provided the seating bid could be lowered. Chairman Mauney said the Shelby construction Company contract includes basic drainage and grading, as the title implies, and also provides for building of a standard AAU track, four practice fields, and a service road to the practice field area.

Still hanging in the balance is the general contract, including plumbing, electrifying, and several small buildings including concession stands and pressbox. Chairman Mauney says effort is being made to negotiate this contract.

Several weeks ago, F. Grier Morrison, of the architectural firm handling the stadium planning, said the general contract should not exceed \$25,000.

Accepted bids to date total \$112,258.55.

A \$25,000 general contract would place the stadium cost at \$137,258.55.

Architect's fees, at six percent of bids, would total \$8235.

Total indicated cost of stadium

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Snow Moved, Melted But King Winter Boss

Charles Mauney Is DSA Winner

Industrialist 12th Winner Of Jaycee Award

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Charles F. Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company, is Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1965 and 12th recipient of the Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award.

Mr. Mauney was presented an engraved plaque emblematic of the honor Tuesday night as his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, looked on. The awarded cited the 31-year-old Kings Mountain native for "outstanding community service through loyal, faithful and unselfish effort... a great contribution to his community, state and nation."

Jaycee Vice-President Herman Greene, in making the presentation at the civic club's Bosses' Night banquet at the Woman's Club said Mauney fits the description perfectly. The letters DSA, noting that a definition for distinguished is "to separate from others by some work or achievement" and service means "the performance of duty."

"Mr. Mauney," said Greene, "is most deserving of the high honor accorded him."

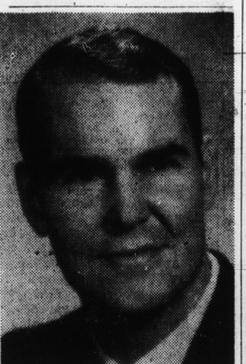
Announcement of the DSA winner was a closely-guarded secret. Nominations were submitted from the public and a panel of judges over 35 selected the winner.

The winners' wife and parents were not notified until Tuesday evening and came from a Chamber of Commerce banquet at the country club to be present for the awards presentation. Mr. Mauney was invited by Jaycee president Jacob Dixon and accompanied Skellie Hunt to the meeting.

"Why me?" Mauney said, accepting the award. "I don't really have much to say. I thank you very much for the wonderful and high honor you have given me."

The DSA winner continued, "I don't feel I've qualified for this honor. The qualifications are quite stringent. I find success of these projects you have talked about due to the help and enthusiasm and support of a lot of other Kings Mountain people whose names are not on this plaque. On behalf of these folk I am proud to accept this award."

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\$175,000 Suit Against Sisk

Mrs. Virginia Greene Grigg, widow of Zeb Grigg, has filed suit in Cleveland Superior Court alleging that Frank Sisk and Sisk Funeral Home failed to give her husband a proper burial.

The Kings Mountain woman seeks damages in the amount of \$175,000 in a complaint filed January 25th.

Mrs. Grigg alleges that her husband's grave in Mountain Rest cemetery was improperly opened and that after the funeral she and other members of her family visited the grave and discovered that a portion of the top of the burial vault was exposed and was visible. She said a closer inspection showed the top of the vault was only partially covered with dirt and the top of the vault, otherwise, was only two to three inches under the surface of the ground.

Mrs. Grigg contends she immediately called Sisk and requested the grave be properly dug and the vault be properly placed therein. According to the complaint, Mr. Sisk said "he would take what action necessary." She further contends that the defendant violated the agreement and repeated requests by her.

She alleges the vault "lay exposed to the elements and visible for six months to her humiliation, embarrassment and to mental suffering."

Temperature Plunged To One Sunday Morning

Believers in the groundhog-seeing-his shadow theory were sure Wednesday the area is in store for six more weeks of winter.

Non-believers were fearsome on basis of Saturday's heavy snow, the early Sunday snow which assumed blizzard proportions, and subsequent low temperatures and icy wind blasts.

The optimists were encouraged by Wednesday afternoon's bright sunshine, if not by predictions of re-approaching dirty weather by Thursday.

Saturday-Sunday snows, joining snow remaining from January 25-26, piled high throughout the area to a depth of six inches.

Report of one degree temperature was made early Sunday morning.

Most churches cancelled Sunday services.

Auto dealers put the sold-out tag on the chains bins.

Footwear dealers did the same on the boots shelves.

A lady fell at a super market and suffered a double fracture of the leg.

But motorists escaped with only minor bump-ups.

City and highway department road crews worked "round-the-clock" to clear streets of the fluffy white snowfall, with its undercoat of ice.

Schools were closed for the sixth consecutive day Wednesday.

There were home troubles during the recent snow, as exposed water pipes burst and some furnaces refused to function.

Among balky boilers were the two at Kings Mountain hospital but the repairmen had the plant in operation again by 2 a.m. Sunday after a four-hour stoppage.

Aid Is Asked On Medicare

Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday he will ask the Kings Mountain Medical society for aid in encouraging senior citizens to join the federal medicare extra benefits plan.

He said recent experience during bad weather brought numerous pleas from older citizens for coal and other basic necessities, many of the requests in the wake of illness.

The extra benefits cost the purchaser \$3 per month.

Purchase of the extra benefits plan must be effected by March 31—for benefits beginning July 1—or the senior citizen will not be eligible to join for a two-year period.

The Mayor said he hoped to organize volunteer teams for afternoons in preparing the forms beginning February 21.

C of C Endorses Bond Issue Jonas Bridges New President

Sewage Issue Unanimously Supported

By MARTIN HARMON

Members of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at Tuesday night's annual membership meeting unanimously endorsed the upcoming March 15 \$1,300,000 bond issue to expand the city's sewage treatment and disposal system.

Following the action, Mayor John Henry Moss thanked the members for the support tendered and reiterated prior statements by himself and W. E. Eastering, veteran secretary of the Local Government commission, that the city is in position to finance the project without an increase in ad valorem taxes.

Mayor Moss pointed out that the city will be eligible for federal grant on the project of up to \$360,000 on the project, estimated by the city's engineering consultants to cost \$1,283,000.

The resolution adopted by Chamber of Commerce members reads:

"WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Water Resources has issued a mandatory requirement to construct a Sewage Treatment Plant to treat sewage and clear stream pollution and a temporary permit to the City of Kings Mountain allowing the discharge of treated sewage into the Catawba River Basin and the Broad River Basin and

"WHEREAS, the temporary permit calls for the following time schedule in the pollution abatement program:

(1) Submit final plans and specifications for the project along with an application for a Federal Grant to their office on or before April 1, 1966.

(2) Begin construction of the project on or before October 1, 1966

(3) Complete the project and place into operation on or before December 31, 1967 and

"WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commissioners have indicated a desire to conform with the above schedule, now

"THEREFORE, the Chamber of Commerce of Kings Mountain, N. C. does go on record as wholeheartedly endorsing the \$1,300,000 bond issue that is necessary in order to accomplish the above mentioned program.

Plans call for doubling of the McGill plant capacity to one million gallons per day and for building a new plant on Pilot creek with a capacity of two million gallons daily.



PRESIDENT — Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Moore Is Top Navy Recruit

Truett Moore, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Moore, of Spencer, outstanding recruit of his basic training company at the naval training center, San Diego, Calif.

Seaman Moore completed basic training last Friday and now is in special training for Polaris submarines.

Moore's father was pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church.

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Study Groups Named By Moss

Mayor John Henry Moss announced appointment of two conjunctive study committees Wednesday.

One will investigate need for a central utilities and public works building.

The other will study a renovation program for City Hall.

The Mayor said, "It appears a central utilities and public works building will result in much more efficient city operations and will aid implementation of inventory purchase and control, with consequent savings."

He noted that the utilities and public works divisions are split location-wise between the city garage and city hall, with no space available at either for consolidation.

On the committee for a public works building are the Mayor, Commissioners T. J. Ellison, O. Walker and Ray W. Cline, Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent, and Grady Yelton, public works superintendent.

On the City Hall renovation study committee are the Mayor, Commissioners Norman King and W. Seimore Biddix, and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr.

School Thursday, Snowman Willing

After a six-day snow surcease, Kings Mountain district schools and Cleveland County schools expect to resume regular schedules Thursday morning—barring further inclement weather.

Icy roads at early hours Wednesday, delayed resumption of school another day.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said first school holiday plans provided a four-day Easter weekend holiday, with three days tentative for bad-weather insurance, but with Easter Monday a definite holiday.

"Now that we've missed six days, I don't know what the board of education will want to do," he added. Alternatives could include Saturday schooling or extension of the term.

Members Name Officers, Hear Annual Reports

Jonas Bridges, general manager of Radio Station WKMT, is the new president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, succeeding J. Ollie Harris.

Mr. Bridges and other new officers and directors were elected at Tuesday night's annual membership meeting at the Country Club.

The membership elevated Eugene Timms to first vice-president, and elected W. S. Fulton, Jr., second vice-president.

Elected directors for three years are Richard Maxey, Thomas A. Tate, and J. C. Bridges.

Directors with two-year terms remaining are John A. Cheshire, Hubert McGinnis and B. S. Peeler, Jr. Directors with one-year terms remaining are W. G. Jonas, John Warlick and Fred Wright, Jr.

Financial report for the year showed income of \$5,110 and expenditures of \$4518. Bank balance at year-end was \$4,659 compared to \$4067 at December 31, 1964.

Following the business session, a quartet of the Arthur Smith Crackerjacks gave a program of folk music, culminating in group singing.

President Ollie Harris presided.

Skellie Hunt Drive Leader

W. Skellie Hunt, Hearts for Business Days chairman, said the solicitation of business men by business men campaign is underway in Kings Mountain.

The Kings Mountain man said that solicitors will canvass stores, service stations, garages, offices, theatres, motels, city offices and all other non-residential places in town for funds for the 1966 Heart Fund.

The business canvass will be conducted next week.

"In the pre-retirement years of 1965 diseases of the heart and blood vessels take more lives than the next five leading causes of death combined," said Mr. Hunt. Heart disease poses a constant threat to business and industry afflicting skilled workers and executives in their most productive years," Mr. Hunt added.

Falls Seeks Re-election To House; Arledge May Run; Owens To Retire

Representative Robert Z. Falls, of Shelby, announced Tuesday he will seek a second term—his first as a 43rd house district representative.

Meantime, Representative Hollis M. Owens, Jr., of Rutherfordton, has announced he will not be a candidate for re-election. He has served three terms as Rutherford's representative.

Representative J. Thurston Arledge, four-term veteran of Polk—third county in the new three-county 43rd district—told the Herald late Wednesday afternoon, "I am seriously considering seeking re-election."

A Democrat, Rep. Falls defeated Fields Young and Fred M. Simmons for the party nomination, then won over Bob Maner in the November election.

A farmer and businessman, Falls attended Gardner Webb Junior college and The Citadel. His wife is the former Jennie Blanton.

In announcing his candidacy Representative Falls said: "I am planning to seek re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives as one of the three members from the 43rd district. I would like to serve the

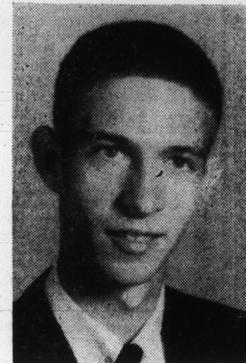
Bank Promotes E. R. Alexander

Elmore R. Alexander has been elevated from assistant vice-president to vice-president of First Union National Bank's Kings Mountain operation, according to joint announcement by Carl G. McCraw, president, and R. S. Lennon, vice-president and general manager.

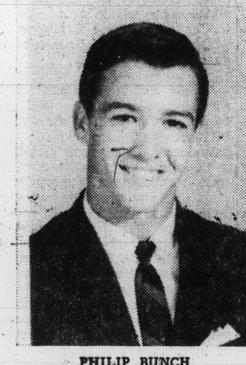
Mr. Alexander joined the local branch bank in July, coming here from First Union's commercial office in Gastonia. Formerly president of the Carolina Bank of Graniteville, S. C., he is a South Carolina native who joined First Union's loan and investment division in March 1964. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Class of 1950, and a Methodist.

In Kings Mountain, Mr. Alexander is co-chairman of the 1966 Kings Mountain United Fund Campaign, a Rotarian and member of the mayoral committee on downtown development.

The Alexanders and their two children, Elmore, III, age 13, and Richard, age eight, have occupied a home on Sherwood Lane.



MIKE GOFORTH



PHILIP BUNCH

Two Appointees To Academies

Congressman Basil L. Whitener announced from his office in Washington, D. C. this week the appointment of Michael G. Goforth to the U. S. Naval Academy and announced that Philip Stanley Bunch has been given an alternate appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Both young men are seniors at Kings Mountain high school. Goforth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ben Goforth of 104 Goforth street and Bunch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bunch of 1000 Margrace Road.

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The alternate appointment given Bunch is for the West Point academic year beginning in June.

Both young men are active in school and church affairs. Goforth is president of the KMHS National Honor Society, a member of the Band Council, and French and Science clubs. He has also played football, basketball and track. He is president of the

Funeral Rites Held On Tuesday For Conrad Hughes, Ex-Tax Lister

Funeral rites for Conrad Hughes, 68, prominent Dixon community farmer and No. 4 Township tax lister from 1950-1965, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from Antioch Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Wayne Tuttle, his pastor, assisted by Rev. Archie Hughes, a former pastor, officiated at the final rites, and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

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Tax Listing Deadline Extended

Because of bad weather the tax listing deadline has been extended until Saturday noon.

Property owners are invited to "list now and avoid penalty". No. 4 Township Lister L. L. Benson and City Tax Lister Mrs. Steve Harmon said.

Listing will be underway Thursday and Friday from 8 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. in the courtroom of City Hall. Tax listers remain on duty during the lunch hour both days. Listing on Saturday will be concluded at 12 noon.

Ex-Commissioner J. K. Willis Succumbs After Long Illness

Funeral rites for James Kirby Willis, 72, were held Saturday at 3 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Willis, city alderman for three years in the late '30's and a former automobile salesman at Victory Chevrolet Company, died Thursday at 12:40 in the Kings Mountain hospital following several months illness.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late David and Nancy Bivens Willis.

An active Democrat, he was a member of Pleasant Hill Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Kate Ford, one son, J. K. Willis, Jr. of Kings Mountain; four granddaughters; and a sister, Mrs. Jason Turner of Casar.

Rev. James Wilder, assisted by Rev. Gordon Weekley and Rev. James Holder, officiated at the final rites.



SUCCUMBS — J. K. Willis died Thursday following a long illness. Funeral rites were held Saturday.