

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

City Limits 8,008

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Mauney Out For House; Wilson To Run For Board

Sub-Division Regulations Are Adopted

By ELIZABETH STEWART

The city adopted an ordinance Tuesday which spells out responsibilities of developers and the city in development of residential sub-divisions.

A few of the requirements:

- 1) Blocks shall be between 400 and 1200 feet.
- 2) Blocks shall be wide enough to provide for two tiers of minimum-depth lots.
- 3) Minimum lot size (8,000 square feet).
- 4) Minimum lot width and depth.
- 5) Street width (by class, arterial, collector, alley, etc.)

Following a lengthy public hearing on proposed sub-division regulations, the board made 16 revisions, for the most part clarifications in wording in the proposed ordinance; then proceeded to adopt revisions before finally adopting the building code.

The ordinance establishes procedures and standards for the development and sub-division of real estate and for surveying and plating, it was pointed out by Jerry Hicks, community planning consultant, State Department of Conservation and Development.

The regulations, which govern all subdivisions of land within the corporate limits, were endorsed by the city planning board, the city zoning commission and a committee from the city board headed up by Comm. T. J. Ellison.

Deleted from the ordinance was one whole section (Section 81) detailing street improvements, including grading, curb and gutter, paving, sidewalks and utility.

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B. Frank Cox Hord Successor



WINS PROMOTION—B. Frank Cox has been named assistant postmaster at Kings Mountain Post Office where he has been employed 27 years.

Number 2 Postal Position Goes To Veteran Clerk

B. Frank Cox, veteran Kings Mountain Post Office employee, has been named assistant postmaster, according to announcement by Postmaster Charles L. Alexander.

Mr. Cox succeeds George B. Hord, who retired December 30, 1965.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Mr. Cox joined the Kings Mountain Post Office staff as a city carrier January 1, 1939.

"Since 1939 Mr. Cox has served in varied capacities in the postal service," Mr. Alexander commented, "and he is well versed in postal knowledge."

Before joining the Post Office here, Mr. Cox worked for a time in the office of Burlington Mills Phenix Plant.

His wife, the former Mildred Cobb, is also a native of Greenville. They are members of Kings Mountain Baptist church. Mr. Cox is a Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are parents of three children, two daughters and one son, all of whom are married. Their son, Major Robert (Bob) Cox is now stationed in Pennsylvania. There are seven grandchildren.

Hosiery-Maker Paid Filing Fee On Wednesday

W. K. Mauney, Jr., Kings Mountain hosiery manufacturer, filed candidacy Wednesday for a 13rd district seat in the state House of Representatives.

Carl F. Wilson, Foote Mineral Company maintenance supervisor, on Wednesday, he will file candidacy with the elections board of the county commission on Thursday.

Mr. Mauney became the fourth candidate seeking Democratic nominations for the three 13rd district seats. Other candidates are Rep. Robert T. Falls, of Cleveland, Rep. Thurston Arledge, of Polk, and William D. Jarrill, of Rutherford.

Mr. Wilson is the fourth announced Democratic candidate or the county commission. Incumbents David Beam and B. E. Simpson seek reelection, while Fritz Morehead, Jr., of Swainsville, is the other challenger.

Filing deadline for General Assembly district, county and township offices is noon Friday.

Four members of the county board of education are seeking reelection. They are J. D. Ellis, who filed Wednesday, Bobby Austell, Buford Cline and Bob Cabiness.

Announcements by the two Kings Mountain men were, the two principal ones of the week.

Mr. Mauney is a Kings Mountain native and president of Mauney Mills, Inc., and Carolina Throwing Company. He is also associated in the ownership of Ideal Hosiery Company and Cleveland Hosiery, Inc. He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. He is president of the recently organized Industrial Association of Kings Mountain, Inc., and a past president of Kings Mountain Lions club.

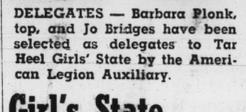
Mrs. Mauney is the former Mary Elizabeth Simpson. They have four children.

Mr. Mauney commented, "I have long been interested in government in North Carolina and have wanted to serve in an elected capacity. I am interested in the continued progress of Cleveland county, the 13rd district, and of the state, agriculturally, commercially and industrially."

He said he would make a more detailed statement in the near future.

Mr. Wilson is a Kings Mountain native, army veteran of World War II service in Europe, who for the past six years has been athletic director of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion. He is president of Kings Mountain Optimist club, also a member of the 40 & 8. With Foote Mineral Company the past 13 years, he previously worked for the DuPont Corporation in Camden, S. C. Mrs. Wilson is the former Evelyn Weaver, also a Kings Mountain native. He is a member of Christ the King Catholic church.

Mr. Wilson said he would make a formal statement after filing Thursday.



DELEGATES—Barbara Plonk, top, and Jo Bridges have been selected as delegates to Tar Heel Girls' State by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Girl's State Delegates Named

Barbara Anne Plonk and Edith Jo Bridges, rising high school seniors, have been chosen to represent American Legion Auxiliary Post 155 at Tar Heel Girls' State June 26-July 2.

Announcement was made by Mrs. J. M. Rhea, chairman of the Auxiliary's Girls' State committee.

Twenty-seventh annual Tar Heel Girls' State will be held on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and brings together outstanding girls from the state for a week of special programs.

Miss Bridges, 17, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges. She is active in school affairs and in Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Miss Plonk, 17, is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Plonk. Also active in school affairs, she is a member of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Girls' State was originated and established in 1940 by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of N. C. as an Americanism project to provide for high school girls of the state an opportunity to study and practice citizenship in a democracy. For 26 years it has developed within several thousand young leaders a deeper sense of their responsibilities as citizens and proved to be a practical source of instruction in the structure and operation of state government.

The week's activities will include a daily resume of world events, devotions and flag ceremonies, dormitory parties, talent shows, one day in Raleigh with stop-overs in Durham and Chapel Hill, and closing exercises with the election of a governor of Tar Heel Girls' State.

Reynolds—City Dispute Still On

A dispute on the city's trailer policy between Realtor Warren E. Reynolds and the city commission continues.

A long drawn-out discussion at Tuesday night's April meeting of the board brought no action from the full board present, although all five commissioners took platters home with them to study and agreed to reconsider Reynolds' request at a special meeting April 21 at 7 o.m.

Reynolds, who owns Dixie and Deal Street Trailer Parks, asks a waiver on what he terms minor deviations from the new ordinance settings up specifications for trailer parks.

Ward 3 Comm. Norman King said that to adhere to his request would be "unfair" to other trailer park owners and suggested that Mr. Reynolds comply with requirements in the ordinance.

Mr. Reynolds contends the parks were already extant before the ordinance was passed and contends he should be allowed to utilize the seven trailer foundations unoccupied before the trailer ordinance was approved.

Attorney William (Bill) White disagrees with Reynolds' opinion that the new ordinance is retroactive, pointing out that trailers placed since the ordinance was enacted would have to comply with requirements. "Others have and are complying," White said, Reynolds has placed two or three trailers since the ordinance was passed.

"If you'll pay me for the park, I'll close it up tomorrow," he told the board.

Comm. King commented, "It is not our wish to put you out of business."

Attorney White noted that a revision to the ordinance to allow for existing trailer spaces would make the regulations less stringent. However, he made it plain he didn't approve of this measure.

Ward 5 Comm. O. O. Walker said the plats show some of the Reynolds lots do not comply with requirements.

Mr. Reynolds said that six spaces (Lots 31-36) are available for trailer at his Dixie Park and Lots 8-9 are vacant at the Deal Park.

Attorney White suggested that plats in the commission's hands should have already-located trailers inscribed and boundary lines indicated.

Weir Repeater "Lion-of-Year"

Sam Weir is a repeater as Kings Mountain's "Lion of the Year", an honor accorded by vote of his fellow members.

In balloting Tuesday night, Mr. Weir was reported a "hands-down winner" by President George Plonk, adding, "as was expected."

"We all know he sold ten times more fruit cakes than anyone else did and also did an excellent job in organizing the club's city tag sale," President Plonk continued.

Mr. Weir was also accorded district "Lion of the Year" honors last year.

A past president of the club, he is a member of First Presbyterian church. His wife is the former Mary Ervin, of Burke county, and they have two daughters. He is Kings Mountain representative for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Erskine Alumni Name Mrs. Gamble

Mrs. J. E. Gamble is the new president of the Kings Mountain area Erskine alumni association. She succeeds Mrs. E. W. Neal.

Other officers elected at Monday night's supper meeting were Mrs. Ava Ware, secretary, and Mrs. John C. McGill, treasurer.

The group voted a \$25 gift to be used by the college as a "fitting memorial" to Dode Phillips. R. M. Kennedy made the nominating committee report.

Present for the meeting were Dr. Joseph Wightman, president of Erskine college, and Mrs. Wightman.

Kiwanis Talent Show Thursday; Proceeds For Stadium Lighting

Fifty-two Kings Mountain students will be competing for trophies in the Kiwanis Club's ninth annual Schools Talent Show Thursday (tonight) at 8 p.m. in Central Auditorium.

The civic club's major fund-raising project of the year is earmarked for lights for the new Local Kiwanis Memorial Stadium. Local Kiwanians furnished the lights for City Stadium and officials are optimistic that tonight's talent show will be a sell-out.

Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Young folk will be performing in five divisions: third and fourth graders; seventh and eighth graders; first and second graders; fifth and sixth graders; and high school.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. will serve as master of ceremonies. Talent will range from vocal solo and duet numbers to dancing of "The Charleston", a comedy, ballet, combos, tap dancing, a magician act, an organ solo and recitations. Trophies will go to the winners, and certificates will also be presented to all those participating.

Performing will be: third and fourth grades: Jerry Morrow, Sandra Sellers, Laura Carpenter, Michael White, Vickie Putnam, Terry Echols, Becky Scruggs, Barbara Medlin and Cheryl Barrett; seventh and eighth grades: Wanda Kay Blanton, Mike Kiker, Ted Wright, Ronnie Payne, Mary Susan McCarier, Suzanne Amos; first and second grades: Julie, Pat and Sallee Durham, Donna Moss, Denise Stroup, Sam Robinson, Jr., Douglas Siscox, Tammy Appling, and Theresa Mullinax; fifth and sixth grades: Randy Floyd, Ricky Rhea, Karla Smith, Katherine Owens, Diane Wells, Tim Echols, Larry Huffstetter, Mike McDaniel, Dale Russell, Glenn Harmon, Jane Lovelace; and high school: Junior McKinney, Rosemary McKinney, Terry McKinney, Kay Webb, Jimmy Eaker, Mickey Floyd, Kemp Mauney, Paul Dunn, Mike Floyd, Darrell Whetstone, Joe Cornwell, Phillip Wright, Harold Meacham, Tommy Davison, Jerry Anderson, and Larry Robinson.

City Buys Two Trucks

The city board of commissioners Tuesday accepted the low bid on two new trucks for the sewer and electrical departments at cost to the city of \$3551.84.

Low bidder was Victory Chevrolet Company. Other bid for two 1/2 ton pick-up trucks was \$3602 from Southwell Ford.

The city is trading in a 1954 model pick-up and retaining a 1957 truck to be used at city garage. The council had asked for bids on two trucks, both on "straight sale" basis and "trade-in" basis.

In other actions, the board:

- 1) honored petition requests for paving, curb and gutter on an "if and when funds are available" basis on Marion street from Hawthorne to Meadowbrook; Mica Road from Waco Road to Fulton street; Temple Drive from Walker street to Fulton street; and Fulton street from Canaler West to Dead End.
- 2) agreed to close a section of streets at the extreme corner of Gaston and Floyd street while "filling in" or leveling of some of the properties of W. K. Mauney, Jr. is being completed by W. K. Mauney, Jr. and Superior Stone Company. Mr. Mauney said he would deed a 50 foot street which runs to Floyd and Bennett to the city. The project is a beautification project of this area, Mauney said.

Mrs. Plonk's Niece Killed

Barbara Louise Edwards Falls, a 19-year-old Lenoir-Rhyne College coed, was killed about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday about 10 miles west of Newton near the Lincoln County line when the car she was driving reportedly went out of control and hit another car.

The 1963 Ford driven by Mrs. Falls hit the left side of a 1962 Chrysler driven by 62-year-old Irene Sox Heavner, a school teacher in the Lincoln County Schools. Mrs. Heavner is reported in good condition at Catawba General Hospital.

Mrs. Falls, a bride of one month, was on her way to classes at Lenoir-Rhyne when the accident occurred. Mrs. Falls is the niece, by marriage, of Mrs. M. L. Plonk of Kings Mountain.

Four Property Owners Seek Annexation To City Limits

The city board of commissioners Tuesday approved public hearing on petitions for annexation for approximately 65 acres of land into the city limits and rezoned two lots to allow industrial expansion.

Rezoning request was from Craftsman Yarns, Inc.

The firm will build on Linwood road. Roy L. Barnes will be the contractor.

Requests for annexation include:

- 1) properties of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Watterson, 127 feet on Linwood road and 500 feet on Brookwood drive.
- 2) eighteen acres in the south-east of Kings Mountain at convergence of I-85 and N. C. 161, York road, properties of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.
- 3) twenty-seven acres (1572 feet, east side of York road), property of J. Wilson Crawford, portion of 52-acre tract he recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. George Houser.
- 4) approximately 20 acres south of Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company, properties of Fred W. and Hal S. Plonk. The Plonks are deeding to the city two acres adjoining this property for a recreation area.

All tracts join the city limits.

Linwood Lot, Three Tracts Are Included

LICENSED — Ralph Ragan Harper, Jr., recently won his North Carolina pharmacist license on completion of examinations conducted by the state board of pharmacy.

Pharmacy Board Licenses Harper

Ralph Ragan Harper, Jr., of Kings Mountain, has been awarded state pharmacy license, following successful completion of examinations in March.

Announcement was made by H. C. McAllister, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.

Mr. Harper joined the pharmaceutical staff of Kings Mountain Drug Company after graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy last June. Since he completed the one-year practical apprenticeship required of North Carolina licensed pharmacists.

Mr. Harper is a Gastonia native. Mrs. Harper is the former Diane Fite. They reside with their daughter Carolina at 102 Roxford road.

Industrial Firms Are Expanding

City building permits purchased during the past week call for construction of buildings totaling \$169,000 in estimated value, including major additions to two industrial firms and another addition to a manufacturing enterprise.

Craftsman Yarns, Inc., purchased a building permit for \$100,000, covering a recent addition and another one projected.

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., purchased a building permit for \$50,000 for a two-story brick addition on Pine Street.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., purchased an \$8,000 permit for a brick addition to the Cleveland Hosiery Mills plant on Rampe street.

Other building permit purchase was by J. Wilson Crawford for construction of an \$11,000 six-room brick residence at 314 Fulton street.

Mayor To Talk To HUD Official About Recreation Building Grant

Mayor John Henry Moss will go to Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday to discuss with federal officials possibilities of obtaining a federal grant for construction of a recreation center building.

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Mayor Moss will confer with John P. Harris, regional director for community facilities, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The city recreation commission recently conducted a survey through the school system to determine desires of school pupils concerning additional recreational facilities and activities.

By far the largest number—1230—felt a recreation building

Wright Heads College Band



ELECTED—Herschel Wright, Jr. has been elected president of the Christian Volunteer Band at Gardner-Webb college.

Make Signals At 29 MPH

At a speed of 29 miles per hour, a motorist can navigate all traffic signals on King street, from Railroad avenue to Cleveland and vice versa, without stopping.

So say the traffic engineers of the State Highway & Public Works committee.

It was not detailed how much cooperation is required from motorists ahead.

Meantime, Mayor John Henry Moss reported, a re-study on traffic at West King and Country Club road is being evaluated by the traffic engineers. After an earlier survey, the engineers declined request of the city for a traffic signal at that point.

Mayor Moss said, "I have high hopes a traffic signal will be installed, certainly to be operative at peak traffic periods."

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- Second vice-commander — Bruce McDaniel and Bob Smith.
- Adjutant and finance officer — Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., and Horace Cunningham.
- Executive committee (five to be elected) — H. D. McDaniel, Robert Wright, Ben T. Goforth, W. D. Wise, Tom Bryant, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Abie Martin and Jack Bennett.

The following are unopposed: sergeant-at-arms, David Delevie; chaplain, Bob Hurlbert; historian, Otto Williams; service officer, Genie Steffy; and scholarship committee, C. T. Carpenter, Jr.

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All citizens are invited to attend. Co-Chairmen Grady Howard and Elmore Grady.

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