

MOUNT
HOLLY



ScrapBook

Town Board In Regular Meeting On Last Monday

BY SHIRLEY SKIDMORE

The Mount Holly Town Board of Aldermen held their regular monthly meeting on last Monday night. A report of the activities are given below in this article.

Alderman Alligood reported on the Police Training School which was discussed at last month's meeting. Alderman Alligood stated that the school would be held in Gastonia with no expense except for transportation. The School will be sponsored by the F.B.I. and is a ten hour course. Chief McKinney has already enrolled his men so that there will be some on duty all the time. The schedule is set so that the men on night duty attend a two hour class in the morning and the men on duty in the morning will take the same two hour course in the afternoon.

Mayor Moore also told Chief McKinney to keep a schedule on when and where other schools of this nature would be held so that the local Police Department might take advantage of them.

REQUEST SIDEWALKS

Mrs. Sidney Hager, president of the local P.T.A. and Mr. Laxton Hamrick came before the board representing the P.T.A. in the



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CONTRIBUTE TO LIGHTS

A request was heard from the Merchants Association in reference to a contribution from the Town of Mount Holly on the putting up and the taking down of the Christmas lights. This would also include the lights.

Alderman Davenport made a motion that the Town give \$100.00 to this cause. Alderman Beatty seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

REQUESTS SEWER LINES

Russell Helderman sent a representative requesting sewerage rights on North Drive. Alderman Beatty made a motion that the rights be granted. The motion was second by Alderman Stroupe. The motion was passed.

NEW PLUMBING EQUIPMENT

Chief McKinney reported to the board on five new comodes for the jail. He stated that he had received estimates from two firms one in Mount Holly and one in Charlotte. One firm asked \$265.50 for the comodes and the other \$155.00. This made a difference of \$113.50 in the estimates.

Mayor Moore appointed Chief McKinney to work with Alderman Alligood and Alderman Beatty, both of whom are already on a committee for improvements on the City Hall.

AMEND ORDINANCE

An amendment was added to the present Water and Sewer Ordinance which was passed by



Plan \$150,000 Bond Issue

May Get New Town Hall And Other Needs

The Town Board of Mount Holly has authorized the voting on of Bonds to the total of \$150,000. The Board will have the election in two parts, \$75,000 each. The voters could vote for one issue and against the other or for or against both issues. There will be one \$75,000 for the erection of a new Town Building on the old Rhyme property on North Main Street. The other \$75,000 would be for the better water and sewage situations in the Town limits. Some say that both issues are most important at this time.

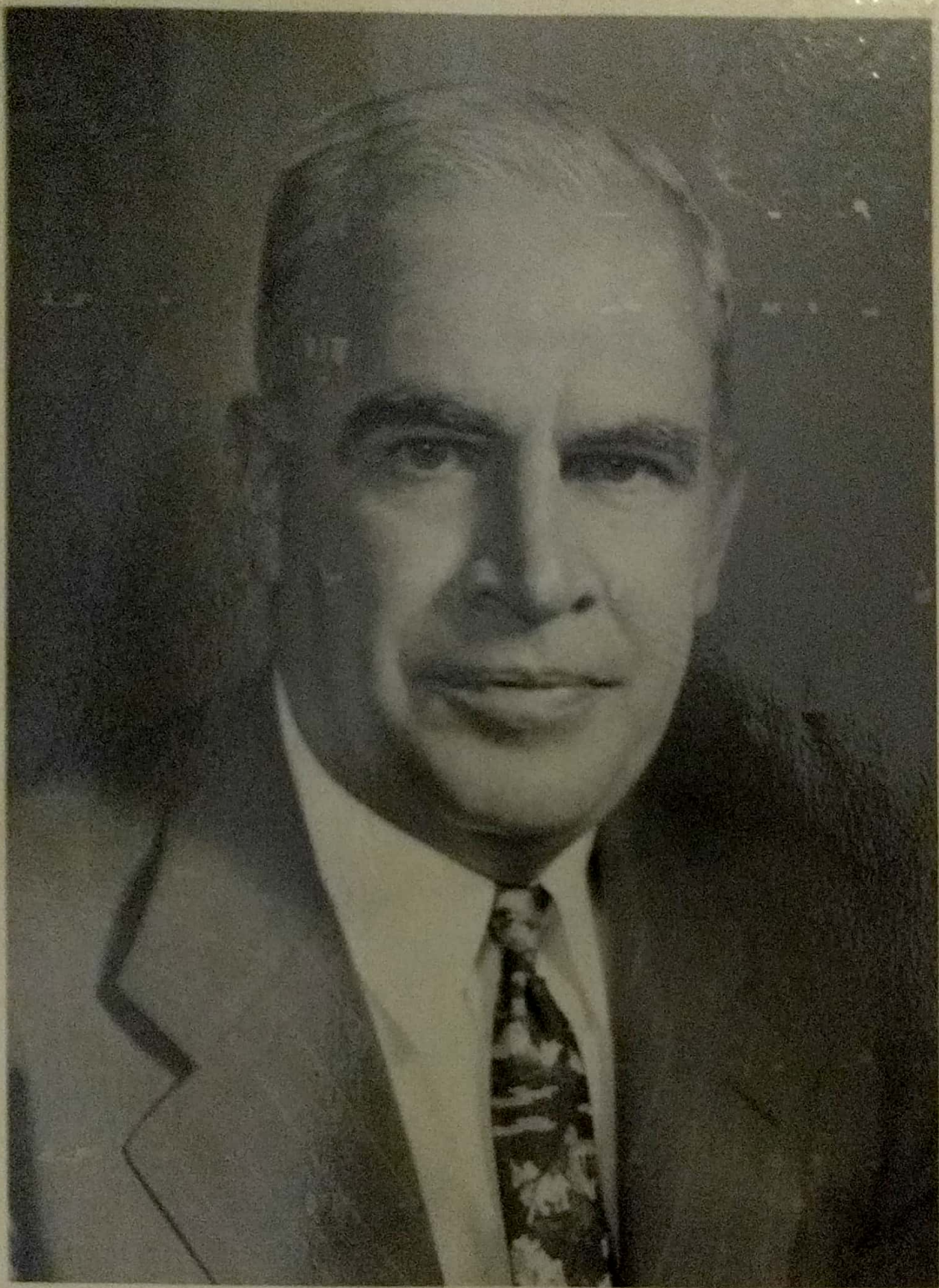
Alderman W. G. Alligood

made the motion that the Town of Mount Holly have the Bond Issue voted on by the public. The motion was seconded by Alderman A. U. Stroupe and from the entire Board.

The date for the election will be announced later. This date, by law, must be set by the Local Government Commission. Town Attorney Max Childers was instructed to draw up the necessary papers and get the machinery for the voting into action. When all legal preliminaries are completed and approved the date will be announced.

If the public were to vote favorable on the \$75,000 Bond Issue for the new Town Hall it would mean a great deal to the community. All rents now being paid for buildings housing the health center, the Town offices, etc. would cease and all would be placed, along with the jail, police department and court room in one building also a new fire department.

If the public votes favorable for the \$75,000 water and sewage bonds it should mean that Mount Holly would be ready for building anywhere within Town limits. It would modernize the water connections eliminating all dead-end lines, such as exists on the Mount Island Road.

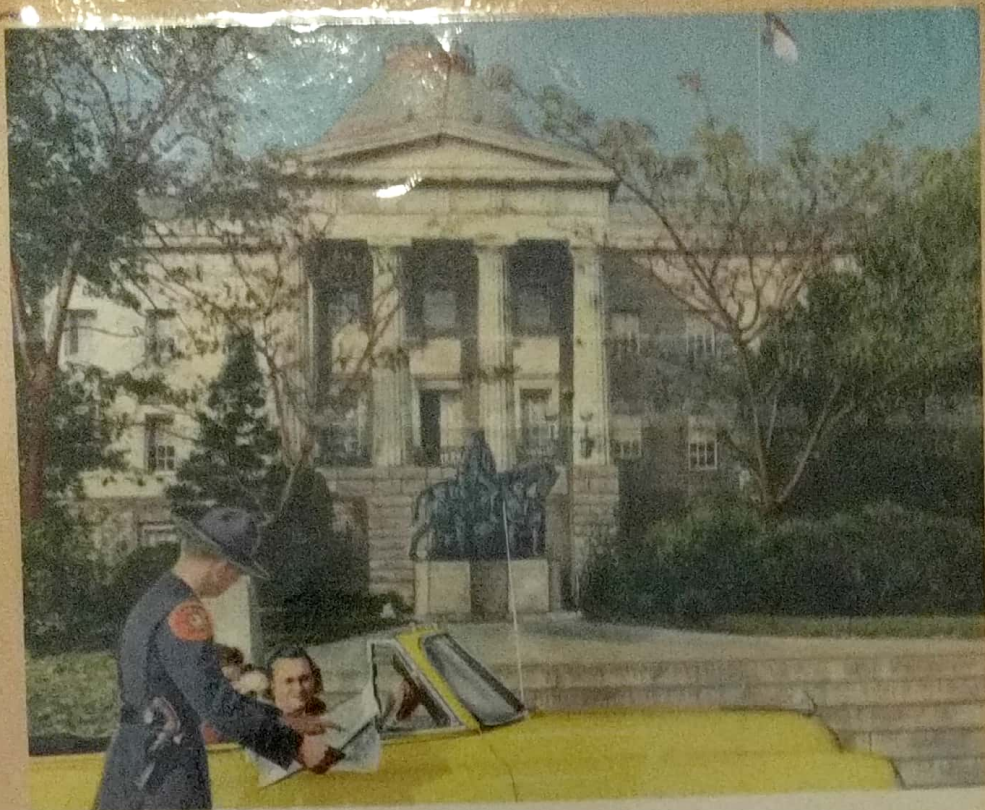


Luther H. Hodges, Governor

History of Mt. Holly.

The Catawba Indians, believed to be members of the Sioux tribes, were the red men that lived in our county. There were some Catawba Indians living on the reservation in York County.

The land of the town of Mt. Holly was first granted to James Armstrong in 1753 ~~by~~ King George II. In 1754 part of the Armstrong grant was conveyed to George Rutledge. Another early grant was issued to James Kuykendall who was from Holland. It was for him that Dutchman Creek was named. He was the only Dutchman in the settlement were Scotch-Irish. Some were Alexanders, Wells, Hunters, and Abernathys. A short time later, some Germans, the Rhynes and Costners came.

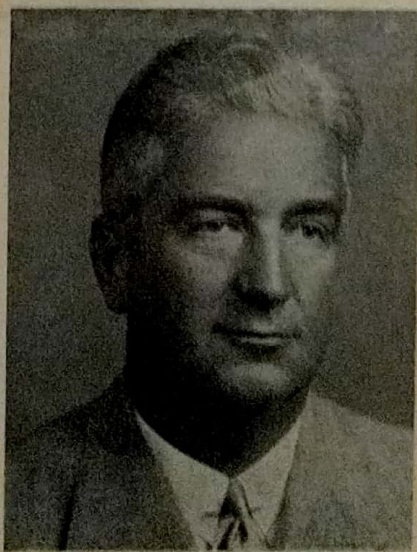


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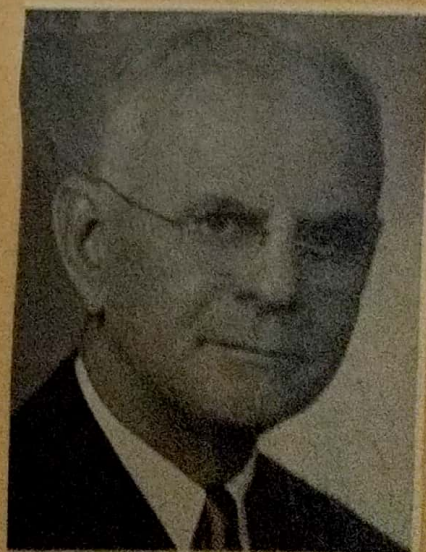
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Secretary of State



Brandon Hodges

State Treasurer



Harry McMullan

Attorney General

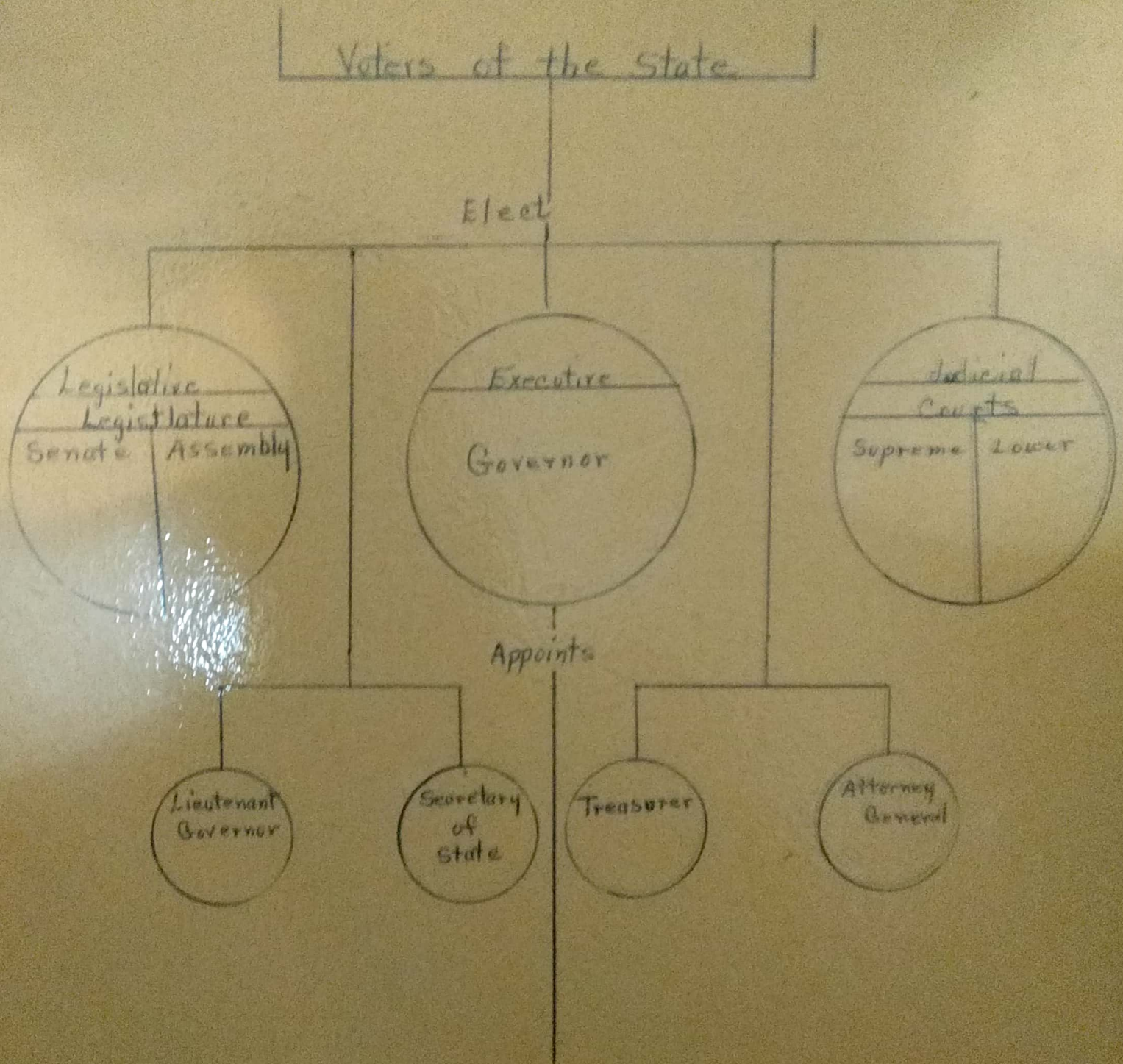
Mayor - Dr. B D Moore

Aldermen - W. L. Alligood
D. S. Beatty
J. L. Davenport
Dr. A. C. Stroupe

City Clerk - Mrs Jayzee Patterson
Police Chief - Mr William M^r Kinney
Fire Chief - Mr Frank Dameron
2 paid firemen
14 volunteers

Street }
Cemetery } Mr. C D Beatty
Water }

State Government

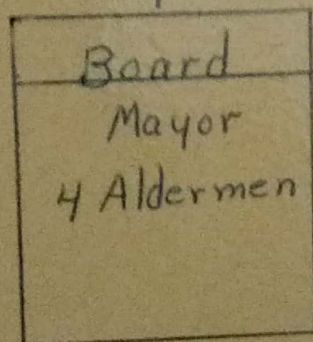


d. It costs \$150,000 to run our local government for one year. This money is obtained from city taxes, privilege licenses tax, street assessments, and interests, sale of cemetery lots, pro rata share of utility tax from state franchise, from the Powell Bill Fund of the State Highway Department, and the surplus from the water department.

Town Government

Voters of the Town

Elect



Appoints

Heads of Departments

1. Administrative - City clerk
2. Police
3. Fire
4. Street
5. Cemetery
6. Water

6. We elect all the officers in our troop by popular vote. We have the privilege of deciding many questions that arise in our meetings.

8 Volunteer Organizations

1. Girl Scouts - train girls to become good citizens of the community
2. Jaycees - promotes general and civic improvement in the town
3. Mt Holly Life Saving Crew - safe guards safety and disaster relief.
4. Rotary Club promotes better business relationships and sponsors various charitable drives, and general civic improvement.
5. Lions Club - sponsors aid to the blind and promotes general civic improvements.

I believe in the democratic way
for our community I believe in equal
rights for all, and for fair play.
I should get along with people, keep
an open mind and try to understand
others viewpoint. As a good citizen
I must do all I can for human betterment.
I must obey the laws and help other
people to do the same. I try to educate
myself in school and by experience
and study of my own. I must protect
others property and conserve natural
resources.

9 The political parties are the Democrats and Republicans

10 1 Freedom of religion

2 Freedom of speech

3 Trial by jury

4 A high school education

5 Police protection

HISTORIC SPOTS OF GASTON COUNTY COVERING A PERIOD OF 200 YEARS

Material Contributed by Mrs. Kay Dixon

Gastonia City Schools

Gastonia, North Carolina

Russ
Hall

"Drawing in Beauty and Business" Mt. Kelly History Origin

- a. One of the oldest towns in Eastern Co. Its earliest settlers were almost entirely of Scotch-Irish descent. Two pioneer families of the community held grants from King ~~George~~ George II, namely, the Ravenport family with their direct grant, and the Armstrong grant, which was later given to George Rutledge in 1754.
- b. In very early days Mt. Kelly was known as Woodlawn. Mt. Kelly was the first town in the county to have a railroad. When the citizens decided to incorporate in 1889 the name Mt. Kelly was selected. W. D. Kere was the first mayor, and in the towns first election W. B. Rutledge became mayor.
- c. Farming was the chief means of making a living. In 1848 the first textile plant in the county was built by Thomas B. Lato at Mountain Island.

Some Lists

- 1. Union Church - first church established in Mt. Kelly; located where Lutheran Church is now. It was used by all denominations until October 1881 when it became the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. First pastor was Rev. F. B. Fox.
- 2. First Methodist - 1883 - Rev. S. J. McLeod
- 3. First Baptist - 1889 - Rev. M. P. Matheny
- 4. Mt. Kelly Presbyterian - first services 1895 - 1971. ~~James~~ Barclay served as pastor.
- First School - Wells school followed by ~~Wells~~ school