

School Budget Hiked

Public school students and employees in the Kings Mountain District schools will begin the 1979-80 school year with optimism as the result of gains noted in the 1979 General Assembly.

That North Carolina legislative body, criticized in some quarters, praised in others, approved programs in the expansion budget amounting to over \$136 million for each year of the biennium. These funds will go to expand ongoing programs, reduce class size, and improve instruction.

State Superintendent Craig Phillips praised the work of the General Assembly and the efforts of Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Helen Rhyne Marvin of Gastonia for their roles in the important Appropriations and Education Com-

mittees. Dr. Phillips, in assessing the gains made in public education, said that despite some disappointments, this year's Legislature seemed genuinely "sincere in their concerns about improving education in North

Carolina's public schools." The 1979 General Assembly looked at almost 2,500 bills including over 1,100 the final week of the session. Many of the bills directly affected education. Education legislation this year concentrated on instruction, the classroom, and the school. The impact should make schools and instruction more responsive to the needs of students.

Junior Miss Slated

Plans for the second annual Cleveland County Junior Miss Pageant were announced today by Jerry Emmert, President of the Cleveland County Junior Miss Foundation.

This year's pageant will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, October 19 and 20, 1979, at the Malcolm Brown Auditorium. "It was necessary to expand the pageant to two nights because of the tremendous support given to the program by rising high school seniors throughout the county," Emmert stated.

"Each high school in the county was visited during May and the local program was explained to each of them. Since that visit, we have received 27 applications for this year's pageant," Emmert said. "The deadline for entry has been set for July 1, 1979, and any potential contestant that has not returned her application is urged to do so before the July 1 deadline."

Emmert stated that any applications received after the July 1 deadline would not be allowed.

The aim of Junior Miss on the national, state, and local levels is primarily to provide scholarships to deserving high school seniors to assist them in their pursuit of a college education. In addition, the Junior Miss experience is a memory that no contestant will soon forget. On the local level, the program provides an opportunity for senior girls from throughout the county to get to know each other.

Judging in Junior Miss consists of five categories: scholastic achievement, physical fitness, creative and performing arts (talent), poise and appearance and a judges interview. The program is different from many pageants in that there is no bathing suit competition.

"Last year \$500 in scholarships was guaranteed by the local Junior Miss Committee," Emmert said.

"However, because of the response of the entire County, the committee was able to give a total scholarship package of \$1,450.

"No one on the committee profits from the pageant, and no one receives a salary, therefore, all profits are returned to the contestants in the form of scholarships," Emmert said. "This year we are guaranteeing \$1,450 in scholarships and we certainly hope we can increase that."

The pageant is open to all young ladies residing in Cleveland County who will be a high school senior in the next school year. Any interested girls who may have questions or wish to receive application forms are invited to call Jerry at 482-2395 or write Cleveland County Junior Miss, Inc., P.O. Box 2084, Shelby, N.C.

DEATHS

MRS. LAWSON HOUSER

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Huffman Houser, 75, who died suddenly Monday afternoon at her home at 402 Tate Terrace, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. from East Gold Street Wesleyan Church by Rev. Leroy Cox, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Houser was wife of Lawson Lee Houser, who survives. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are five stepsons, Rev. John L. Houser of Mattson, Ill., Paul G. Houser of High Point, Thomas W. Houser of Kings Mountain, Lester Lee Houser and Rev. Ervin H. Houser, both of High Point; two step-daughters, Mrs. Boyd Deaton of Gastonia and Mrs. Jim Buchanan of Kings Mountain; 21 step-grandchildren and 19 step great-grandchildren. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Billy Hughes, son of Mrs. Betty B. Hughes of Kings Mountain, has been listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at Appalachian State University, Boone. A rising sophomore, he is working toward a B.S.B.A. in Business Administration with a major in accounting.

Rescuers

Sponsor

Yard Sale

Kings Mountain Emergency Services will sponsor a yard sale Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the squad building at 608 Alexander Street (behind Temple Baptist Church).

The sale was originally scheduled for last Saturday but was postponed because of rain. Anyone with donations is asked to call 739-8088.

NOTICE OF FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

June 21, 1979
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above named City of Kings Mountain proposes to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383) to be used for the following projects:

Street Improvements (Chestnut St. & Bennett Drive) \$75,000.00, Water Lines (Bennett Drive) 20,000.00, Sewer Improvements (Bennett Drive) 20,000.00, Housing Rehabilitation, 140,000.00, Relocation Payments and Assistance 20,500.00, Clearance Activities 2,500.00, Improvements to Community Center 25,000.00, Administration and Coordination 30,000.00, Planning and Management 5,000.00, Contingencies 5,000.00.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above named City of Kings Mountain has decided not to prepare and Environmental Impact Statement under the

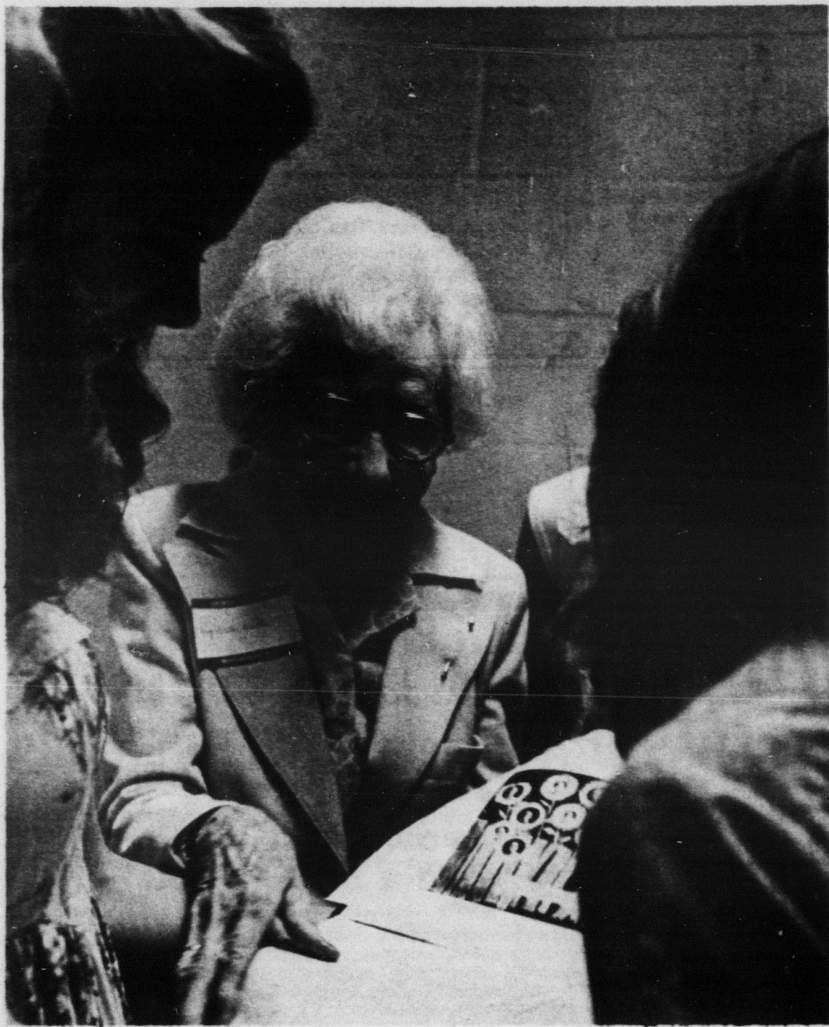
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL91-190).

Environmental Review Records respecting the within projects have been made by the City of Kings Mountain which documents the environmental reviews of the projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. These Environmental Review Records are on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

No further environmental reviews of such projects as proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of Federal Funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Kings Mountain to the Office of the Mayor. Such written comments should be received at City Hall 112 South Piedmont Avenue on or before July 7, 1979. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Kings Mountain will not request release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Mayor John Henry Moss
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1914 GRADUATE VISITS CHOWAN—Mrs. Mary Alston Keeter (in glasses) enjoyed reminiscing about her student days while showing her 1913 Chowan annual to several student hostesses during a recent Spring Festival on the Murfreesboro campus. This was Mrs. Keeter's first visit back in several years but she said she felt right at home when she saw the Columns, the only building

on the campus when she was a student. A native of Powellsville, Mrs. Keeter is widow of J. Byron Keeter, former owner of Keeter's Department Store in Kings Mountain. She received her B.A. degree 65 years ago this spring and taught public school music in Grover for a number of years. She was accompanied to Chowan College by her daughter, Mrs. D.F. Hord.



TO SING ON MOUNTAIN—Arthur Smith and Don Reno are two of the featured musical performers at the 55th Annual "Singing on the Mountain" next Sunday, June 24 at Grandfather Mountain. Other top named gospel singing groups are The Sego Brothers and Naomi and The Byrd Family

Singers. The principal speaker will be Ben Haden, nationally known evangelist, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who is heard each week on 335 radio stations in the United States and Canada. There is no admission charge for the event.



CONFERENCE—Mrs. Sue Payne, health care. Mrs. Payne, first vice-president of the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association, attended a two-day Legislative Conference of the American Health Care Association in various legislative issues affecting Washington on June 4-5.

PLONKS

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