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City Council Tentatively Approves \$2,051,470.30 Budget for 1955-'56

DEPARTMENT	Where Is's Going To 1954-55	1955-56
Administrative	\$ 44,420.00	\$ 45,808.50
Municipal Stadium	7,800.00	7,700.00
City Hall	6,100.00	5,650.00
City Manager Office	11,475.00	10,800.00
Retirement Fund	63,000.00	75,448.32
City Clerks Office	31,825.00	29,925.00
Recreation Department	56,233.00	60,231.00
Negro Pool	6,940.00	6,010.00
White Pool	7,495.00	6,915.00
Park Maintenance	10,812.80	11,375.26
Grounds Maintenance	12,563.96	12,674.40
Cemetery Maintenance	42,300.00	42,300.00
Health Department	15,300.00	16,500.00
Sanitary Sewers	33,699.75	42,595.00
Fire Department	99,050.00	102,000.00
Building Inspection	6,330.00	5,275.00
Fire Hydrants	14,675.00	14,675.00
Police Department	144,575.00	145,939.00
Parking Meters	3,900.00	4,100.00
Traffic Signals	4,550.00	4,050.00
Recorder's Court	9,375.00	9,950.00
Street Department	175,700.00	186,475.00
Street Lighting	25,950.00	25,950.00
Tree Department	15,500.00	14,000.00
Storm Sewers	36,700.00	29,300.00
Utilities Department	804,470.00	806,885.00
Grand Total	\$2,030,963.21	\$2,051,470.30

The Kinston City Council Monday night gave tentative approval to the city's budget for the coming fiscal period (July 1, 1955 — June 30, 1956), which like most budgets written for the past decade is another "all-time high", but only slightly over that of the present period.

The balanced budget contemplates an income and expenditure in the next 12 months of \$2,051,470.30 — an increase of just \$20,507.09 over the 1954-55 budget of \$2,030,963.21.

In the Monday night review of the tentative budget all phases of the city's operations except electric power were studied and a later meeting with Utilities Superintendent Graham Mac-Adams is planned for review of that major part of the city's budget.

There were only four items to come under heavy discussion in the proposed budget — two in which the feeling was that more money might be needed and two in which a single alderman felt that too much was set up.

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again, that time "accused" of being both drunk and disorderly.

Gilbert Lee Morris of Stella was charged with driving without a driver's license and being publicly drunk and Teddy M. Hlatt of Charleston, S. C. was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and indecent exposure. The warrant did not say, however, if there were any connection between the two charges.

Trenton Sailor On Carrier Midway

SEVENTH FLEET (FHTNC)—James H. Brown, steward third class, USN, of Trenton, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway which departed Norfolk, Va., last December on a world cruise.

The Midway, operating with the 7th Fleet, has traveled some 28,000 miles and has visited Capetown, South Africa; Colombo, Ceylon; Hong Kong; Manila and Subia Bay in the Philippines; and Yokosuka, Japan.

Two weeks were spent in Yokosuka, allowing the Midway's 3,400 crew members visits to Tokyo, Yokohama and Kamakura during the cheery blossom season. At Kamakura, city of shrines, they viewed the colorful processions during the Birthday of Buddha festival.

The Midway is scheduled to return to the U. S. this summer for overhaul and modernization at the Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.

Broken Marine Leg

Marine Thomas W. Tomes was driving four other Marines toward Kinston at about 7 Saturday evening when he lost control of his car near the Jones Lenoir County line. Tomes was the only one of the quintet to suffer injury. He wound up with a broken left leg. Too much speed and rain were the combination that Investigating Patrolman S. H. Newman blamed for the accident. The Tomes car was judged a total loss.

Everett Simpson Begins Work as New FHA Supervisor for Jones County

Mr. Everett C. Simpson began work this week as Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration program in Jones County. Simpson for the past two years has been agricultural teacher at Jones Central High School.

Simpson is a native of Jones County and is married to the former Dorothy Conway of Maysville.

Simpson is a graduate in animal husbandry from Oklahoma A. and M. College and did graduate work at the University of Kentucky, received his Masters Degree in Animal Nutrition.

Simpson's office is located in Trenton in the Masonic Building next door to the Soil Conservation office.

Pollockville Man Is Held On Incest Charge

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports the arrest of five men in the past week and among the most serious indictment was lodged against John Booker Hill of Pollockville route one who was charged with incest.

Probable cause hearing before Justice of Peace Heber Moore has been held and Hill was bound over to the next term of Jones County's Superior Court, charged with intimate relations with his daughter Mable Lee Hill.

Other indictments included that of Bill Strayhorn of Trenton who was booked twice in the past week. The first time on June 14th Strayhorn was "accused" of being publicly drunk and four days later he was back



The sparkling new kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Kleinmaier at 1209 Anne Drive in the Club Pines section was filled to overflowing at shortly before noon Wednesday, but fortunately for the Kleinmaier grocery budget these were not men who came to dinner. The occasion was the installation of the 125,000th telephone in the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's system. Those in the picture here from left to right include Lenoir County Commissioner J. E.

Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Kleinmaier, Willie Marshall, district commercial manager of the company, W. F. Hill, president of OT&T, Lenoir County Representative Tom White, Mayor Guy Elliott talking on the new phone, Fred Sutton, member of the OT&T board of directors and Kinston chamber of commerce Manager Charlie McCallers. In front are the three Kleinmaier boys, David, Alan and Ted. A story on this milestone for OT&T is on page five of this issue.

Kinstonians at Work



Milton Carraway Croom is a Sandy Bottom Croom and there is no more Croom than a Sandy Bottom Croom. He comes from one of the oldest families of Lenoir County, in fact there were Crooms at Sandy Bottom long before Lenoir County existed. Milton himself is not that old, however. He didn't arrive until July 8, 1905, so at least for another day or two he is still under the half-century mark. He is a son of the late W. C. and Gertrude Thompson Croom. His mother was from Douglas, Georgia.

Milton grew up on his father's farm and finished the schools of his home community, but in 1923 while Lenoir County was in the midst of its first road building program he went to work with the West Construction Company which was busily engaged in building the finest road system that any North Carolina county enjoyed at that time. Roads were built from Kinston in the direction of each county seat of the six counties that border Lenoir County.

Milton's job was driving a narrow-gauge locomotive which was hauling paving supplies out to these various paving jobs.

After a year with the West Construction Company, Croom went to work with the Perry B. Slocumb hauling Company and went South to take some little part in the well-remembered Florida Boom, which burst while Croom was there and he had to hustle back to the Old Home Town.

4-H Forestry Camp Gets Underway

Around 100 young boys have been selected to participate in the first 4-H forestry camp to be held at 4-H Camp Millstone June 20-25, according to John L. Gray, extension forester.

The forestry camp is being conducted by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and is sponsored by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Designed to develop "know-how" through "show-how", the boys will receive instruction in such things as planting a forest, measuring timber, improving timber lands, harvesting a timber crop, how to work safely in the woods, and care of woods equipment.

Experienced foresters and woodsmen will handle the demonstrations.

Candidates for the forestry camp were selected by county agents from among boys who were outstanding in 4-H forestry work in their county. He must have completed at least one forestry project successfully and turned in a record book.

The boys have been divided into 13 groups, with a counselor assigned to each group.

The camp site is located between Hoffman and Ellerbe.

For a year after arriving back in Kinston Milton recalls that he jerked sodas for the Late Jack Temple.

On December 15, 1927 Croom became a member of the Kinston Police Department and served in that capacity until 1936 when he left the department to work with the Wooten Hollowell Oil Company, then the Shell Oil Distributor in the Kinston area.

After a year in the oil trade Croom went to live with his mother on the family farm and remained there briefly before returning to the Police Department in 1939.

After a few months as a cop Croom accepted the job of supervising Kinston's several cemeteries and for five years, as he puts it, "I was out there with the dead folks."

In 1944 Croom was made Superintendent of the Street Department of the City of Kinston. The biggest job, of course, is the collection and disposal of the millions of pounds of trash and garbage that Kinstonians toss out of their homes, offices and business houses every week.

But in addition to that major unktion Croom's department also is charged with the task of taking care of the city's storm sewer system, its sidewalks and its thousands of beautiful but old and diseased trees.

Some 60 men and 30 vehicles of various types and sizes work under Croom's direction in doing an excellent job of keeping Kinston clean.

Kinston might easily get along

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Lucky, No Deaths

Highway Patrolmen say it was pure luck that no deaths resulted last Thursday evening at about 7:15 when a car driven by Wilson Ginn of Kinston route two went out of control at Gray's Mill and took off across a field. Lewis Barrow and Roger Hill, passengers in the car, suffered painful but not serious injuries in the wreck and Ginn escaped without a scratch. Ginn admitted to the investigating patrolmen that he had crossed the Gray's Mill bridge going 75 miles per hour. He was indicted for speeding and reckless driving.

One Hurt, One Booked

Nathan Holder of Garner route one was booked for reckless and drunken driving when he rammed the car of Usher A. Newkirk of Raleigh route two into an oak in the front yard of Forrest Waller on the New Bern—Kinston Road at about 7:30 Saturday night. Newkirk wound up in the hospital with head and body injuries that were classed as painful but not serious. Holder was driving the Newkirk car west on US 70 when he lost control of it and slammed into the Waller oak. The car was judged a total loss by Investigating Patrolman S. H. Newman.