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 Trading Area 15,000
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CITY'S TENTATIVE BUDGET IS \$480,517

Tentative Budget Sets Up Record City Expenditures

More Revenue Is Expected For New Year

The City of Kings Mountain anticipates the expenditure of a record amount of money during the fiscal year 1952-53, the budget tentatively adopted Monday afternoon at a special meeting of the board of commissioners setting up for spending \$480,517.72.

The record budget, if finally adopted as expected near the end of July, is approximately \$97,000 higher than the budget adopted for the 1951-52 fiscal year, though only \$63,000 over the amount actually expended during the recent fiscal year.

The budget was tentatively adopted in a two-hour-plus session, with little detailed discussion of the several items and department breakdowns.

The tax rate had been previously tentatively set at \$1.80 per \$100 valuation, and no further action was taken on it, though Mayor Garland Still and Commissioner James Layton said they thought it should be pared.

Expenditures

According to the tentative budget, biggest increases in proposed expenditures for the year are being earmarked for the street department, the water and sewer department, and the light and power department.

The street department appropriation, \$92,475.95, is more than doubled over actual expenditures of the previous year, and the water and sewer department expenditures are budgeted at \$58,111.57, up about \$9,000 over last year. Light and power department expenditures are budgeted at \$122,150, up \$14,000, part of the increase to pay for a larger anticipated power bill brought about by expected increased consumption, in part to employ an additional electrician to implement the line changes recommended by Max Miller, the Greensboro engineer who surveyed the city's power distribution system.

Other departments are budgeted for about the same expenditures as in previous years, though the capital outlay purchases anticipated are about \$10,000 over the total spent during 1951-52, included in the \$47,231.20 capital outlay appropriation is a \$3,000 item for repairs and improvements to city jail. City Administrator M. K. Fuller, in explaining the budget breakdowns, said the county health department is demanding that improvements be made in the jail sanitary facilities.

Goforth Portrait Fund Now \$228

Contributions to the Lottie Goforth Portrait Fund increased by \$85 this week, according to report of Dr. O. F. Lewis, treasurer of the fund.

Total through Wednesday noon was \$228.

Funds are being sought to provide a portrait of the late benefactress of Kings Mountain Hospital for hanging at the hospital. Miss Goforth bequeathed her entire estate for the building of a hospital here, and these funds, in excess of \$33,000, have been utilized in the recently completed Lottie Goforth Memorial Wing.

Checks should be drawn to the Lottie Goforth Portrait Fund and mailed to Dr. Lewis.

The funds to date:

Previously acknowledged	\$143
J. E. Herndon	10
H. E. Weisler	10
J. B. Keeler	10
Dr. W. L. Mauney	10
Otis Falls	10
G. H. Mauney	5
L. E. Abbott	5
J. C. Bridges	5
H. R. Hunicutt	5
Glee E. Bridges	5
Dr. D. M. Morrison	5
A Contributor	4
Dickie Tate	1
Total	\$228



Pvt. H. C. Tate Dies In Okinawa

DIES ACCIDENTALLY — Herman C. Tate, Jr., Kings Mountain native, was accidentally killed on Okinawa July 2, when a rifle accidentally discharged in his barracks. He had been scheduled to return to the United States on July 10.

Pvt. Herman C. Tate, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tate, of Gastonia, former resident of Kings Mountain, died in Okinawa of accidental gun shot wounds on July 2 according to word received by his parents from the Department of the Army last week.

He was scheduled to return to the United States on July 10, eight days before the fatal accident.

Pvt. Tate was sitting on the outside of his barracks when a gun was accidentally discharged on the inside and the missile passed through the wall striking him, according to the report.

Pvt. Tate entered service July 11, 1949. He was stationed at Ft. Jackson for seven months, and Texas for five months. He went to Okinawa in June, 1950.

Pvt. Tate was 20 years old on April 25. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tate and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tate, of Kings Mountain.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Funeral services for Benjamin Franklin Manning, 74, resident of Calhoun Falls, S. C., and father of Mrs. J. G. Darracott of Kings Mountain, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Methodist church, Calhoun Falls, S. C.

Rev. M. M. Brooks, pastor of the church officiated and interment was in the church cemetery at Latimer, S. C. Mr. Manning died of a heart attack Thursday night at 8 p. m. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca Hill Manning, passed away 10 years ago.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Darracott include: three sons, D. C. Manning of Miami, Fla., Marshall Manning of Savannah, Ga.; E. M. Manning of Calhoun Falls, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Jones of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. Dora Frye, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. W. L. Gamble of Calhoun Falls, S. C. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Commissioner Suits Not Yet Calendared

Whether or not the criminal suits against several city commissioners would be tried in the July 21 term of Cleveland County Superior Court was still unanswered Wednesday morning.

E. A. Houser, clerk of Superior Court, said that Solicitor Jim Farthing, of Lenoir, had not yet visited Shelby to calendar the docket.

Under regular legal procedure, Mr. Houser said, criminal suits are automatically docketed until tried, but the solicitor calendars the docket.

True bills were returned against Commissioners Wright, Barry and Davis on allegations of cancelling a debt of the city, and against Commissioner Lloyd Davis, on allegations that he unlawfully traded with himself.

Principal discussion on the city's 1952-53 budget at Monday afternoon's board of commissioner meeting centered on the street department.

It resulted in unanimous decision of the board to invite immediate bids on the purchase of a street rolling machine, on surfacing of about three miles of city streets already approved for paving, and for a dump truck.

It also brought a discussion on the question of collection of street paving assessments. To questions from Commissioners Pearson and Layton concerning assessments for the paving of East Gold Street, City Administrator M. K. Fuller said that this street, paved by the state highway department, had been paved without a petition by the property owners and that an assessment would not be collectible. City Attorney J. R. Davis agreed.

In other actions, the board:

Masons To Honor C. T. Cornwell

Clarence T. Cornwell, member of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., will be honored at the stated communication of the lodge Monday night on the completion of 50 years of continuous Masonic membership.

Mr. Cornwell will receive the Veterans Emblem, in recognition of his 50 years of Masonic service, from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and the presentation will be made by Herbert M. Foy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The communication will also be the occasion of the official visit of 37th District Deputy Grand Master John Floyd.

Postal Receipts Show Big Increase

Postal receipts at Kings Mountain postoffice jumped considerably during the first six months of 1952, according to a report this week by George Hord, assistant postmaster.

Mr. Hord reported total receipts during the six months ending June 30 of \$23,671.94, as compared with receipts during the same period last year of \$20,819.01.

Mr. Hord credited the increase to a much greater volume of outgoing mail. ... said increased postal rates on some types of mail had been offset by restrictions on parcel post mailings.

Keeter Buys Stock Of Remnant Shop

J. B. Keeter, of Keeter's, Inc., said this week he had purchased the inventory of the Remnant Shop operated for the past several years by J. E. Herndon.

The Remnant Shop is now closed, preparatory to a special sales event, Mr. Keeter said.

He added that he would not utilize the Battleground avenue now occupied by the Remnant Shop.

SUCCEEDS PHILLIPS

Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, son of a former Kings Mountain minister, was elected president of the Shady Grove Camp meeting association, succeeding Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, at the annual summer camp meeting at Colfax last week. Rev. Carl Lovin, father of Rev. Wesley Lovin, is a former pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church.

AT KEETER'S

Mrs. Jim Medlin has assumed duties with Keeter's Department Store as alterer replacing Mrs. S. O. Kirby who requested leave of absence.

Sam Greene, of Mooresboro, nephew of Mrs. W. W. South, of Kings Mountain, has received much praise from critics for his portrayal of the leading male role in "Horn in the West," Boone historical drama.

Ernst & Ernst Withdraws Bid

City Ended Year \$12,696 "In Black"

The City of Kings Mountain operated "in the black" by \$12,696 during the fiscal year which closed June 30, City Administrator M. J. Fuller told the city board of commissioners Monday.

Cash balances at the close of the fiscal year totaled \$82,703.17, Mr. Fuller told the board, divided as follows: cemetery fund, \$16,996.11; water and light meter deposits, \$19,318.50; pre-paid taxes, \$31,263.33; privilege license prepayments, \$3,026.87; and surplus, \$12,696.36.

Mr. Fuller said the city's bonded indebtedness at the end of the fiscal year was \$253,000.

Harris Legion's "Most Valuable"

Ollie Harris, Jr., first baseman, was chosen by his teammates as most valuable player on the 1952 Legion Junior entry and Don McCarter, catcher, was chosen runner-up Tuesday night, as the Kings Mountain Lions club entertained team members.

Gifts were presented both players as well as to Coach Jack Sink.

Brief talks were made by W. L. Plonk, Lions program chairman, who welcomed the team, by Paul Mauney, athletic officer of Otis D. Green Post 155, by Coach Sink, who presented team members, and by Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., member of the post athletic committee.

Each encouraged additional support for the forthcoming Legion teams with the prediction that the continuance of the program would result in better teams, and Mr. Carpenter invited the club to consider sponsorship of a team in a proposed league for boys between the ages of 12 and 15.

Coach Sink praised the team for its hard work and said he felt "one or two breaks" would have meant the difference between a losing and winning season.

Prior to the program, C. P. Barry, club treasurer, gave a financial report for the year ending in June, the report showing an active and prosperous year.

Grace Revival Starts Sunday

Rev. C. C. Benton, of Central Avenue Methodist church, of Charlotte, will conduct revival services beginning Sunday morning at Grace Methodist church here, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. B. W. Lefler.

Services will be held each evening at 7:45, continuing through Sunday, July 20, this service to be featured by the annual Homecoming Day program, with dinner on the grounds and inspirational singing in the afternoon by the Davis Trio and by the men's chorus of Temple Baptist church, of Gastonia.

Bethware Club Sets Barbecue

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Savings Account Dividends Top \$31,000 Here

Kings Mountain financial institutions have paid out semi-annual dividends on savings accounts totaling \$31,073.72, according to reports this week from the several institutions.

Home Building & Loan association, Secretary - Treasurer A. H. Patterson reported, paid out a total of \$15,317.76, divided as follows: on full-paid shares, \$8,865.16; on optional savings shares, \$5,012.60; on installment shares, \$1,440.

Kings Mountain Building & Loan association dividends totaled \$10,743.10, John P. Lackey, assistant secretary, reported, divided as follows: on full-paid shares, \$5,539.03; on optional savings shares, \$3,391.03; on matured shares, \$1,440; and on withdrawn installment stock, \$373.04.

L. E. Abbott, cashier and vice-president of First National Bank, reported savings account dividends totaling \$5,012.86. In addition, Mr. Abbott said, the bank holds some \$13,000 in Christmas savings club deposits which will be paid out to club members about December 1.

Young Wuennenberg Takes To The Air

A Kings Mountain youngster holds the record of being the youngest Eastern Airline's passenger of 1952.

Reed Frank Wuennenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudi Wuennenberg, arrived in Charlotte on Saturday after a flight from Philadelphia, Pa., with his mother and brother, Eric.

Young Wuennenberg was born at Osteopathic hospital, Philadelphia, on June 24. Mrs. Wuennenberg had been visiting with relatives in Philadelphia since that date.

The Wuennenbergs reside on Shelby road and he is office manager at Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain plant.

Mrs. Miller Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Susie Gunn Miller, 71, 202 Walker street, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Central Methodist church. Rev. J. W. Phillips and Rev. T. J. Peterson officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Miller, who died at 12:55 Tuesday morning was the wife of the late Sidney E. Miller, who died in 1943. She was in ill health for over a year.

Surviving are four sons, George Miller of Blacksburg, S. C., and Roy, and Hughlin Miller, all of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Miss Lillie Miller and Mrs. Mary Wells, of Kings Mountain; one brother, J. M. Gunn of Blacksburg, S. C., one sister, Mrs. Minnie Crow of Joanna, S. C.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Blind Citizen Gets Leaky Roof Replaced

A Kings Mountain blind citizen has a new roof on his home, through the efforts of the Kings Mountain Lions club and a friendly neighbor.

Materials for the re-roofing job were furnished Walter England by the Lions club, and the installation work was done by J. D. Martin.

Aid to the blind is one of the principal activities of the Lions International.

Hambright Reunion Set For July 20th

The annual Hambright reunion will be held at Antioch Baptist church, near Grover, on Sunday, July 20, according to announcement this week by Ollie Harris, secretary of the clan.

A good program is being arranged, Mr. Harris said, and all members of the clan are being urged to attend, with their families. Picnic dinner will be served.

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Local News Bulletins

BREAKS HIP
S. S. Weir, well-known Kings Mountain citizen and former postmaster, suffered a broken hip Monday night when he slipped and fell at his home on Grover Road.

TO FAR EAST
Lt. Robert Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, is on 30-day leave preparatory to reporting for duty in California, preparatory to transfer to Japan. Lt. and Mrs. Cox have been visiting his parents here.

SOFTBALL ALL-STAR
The Men's Softball league all-star game was to be played at City Stadium last night (Wednesday) with leading Craftsman to meet the pick of the rest of the loop.

ON LEAVE
Pfc. James Stagg, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, and son of Mrs. Cora Stagg of route 1, York Road, is home on a 37 day leave before reporting to Camp Stoneman, Calif., to await overseas assignment. Pfc. Stagg says he expects to be assigned duties in the Far East.

COURT OF HONOR
Boy Scout Court of Honor and Scout Leader's Roundtable will be held Thursday night at 7:30 at City Hall. Merit badge and rank application blanks should be mailed or delivered to C. D. Ware, at Harris Funeral Home.

DISCHARGED
Sgt. William W. Prince, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Prince, has received an honorable discharge from the Air Force, after serving for four years, including duty in Japan and Korea. Sgt. Prince received his charge at Shaw Field, S. C.

X-RAY UNIT
The Mobile X-Ray Unit will be in Kings Mountain Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 15, 16, and 17. On Tuesday and Thursday the hours will be from 10-12 in the morning and 1-4 in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, from 10-12 only.

AT BOARD MEETING
Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, has been in Raleigh this week for the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Embalmers. The board gives examinations preparatory to the licensing of embalmers. Mr. Harris was recently appointed to the board for a five-year term.

BIBLE STUDY
There will be a Bible Study conducted by Stephen Morrisett of Gardner-Webb college at Macedonia Baptist church beginning next Tuesday night 15th, going through Friday night the 18th, and back for final service Sunday night the 20th. He will be teaching the symbols of the Tabernacle in the Old Testament, and will have a miniature model of the Tabernacle showing its construction and different parts of the Tabernacle. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

NO MORNING SERVICE
No 11 o'clock service will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning, due to the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Pressly, who is attending a summer theological institute at Princeton, N. J. Sabbath school will be held as usual, beginning at 10 o'clock.

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