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TENTATIVE CITY BUDGET IS \$427,302.50



KINGS MOUNTAIN RACERS IN SOAPBOX DERBY — Pictured above are eight Kings Mountain area youngsters who were competing in an area Soapbox Derby at Charlotte Wednesday, for the area championship and right to enter the International Soapbox Derby at Akron, Ohio. Left to right are Bill Ware, Tony Kirby, Frankie Henson, Reggie Painter, David Plonk, Vic Smith, Rueben Bridges, and Edward Barry, of Grover.

Auto Accident Injuries Fatal To Leon Mitchem

Leon Lawson Mitchem, 25-year-old Kings Mountain Negro, suffered fatal injuries last Saturday afternoon in an automobile accident on the York-Kings Mountain highway.

Mitchem was thrown out of the 1937 Chevrolet driven by Charles Evans Miller, 18, when the car went out of control, plunged over an embankment and turned over several times. Mitchem died of a broken neck, physicians said at Kings Mountain hospital about two hours after the wreck occurred.

Miller, also thrown out of the car, sustained lacerations of the hand, and Paul Jackson, another passenger in the car, was cut about the head. Both have been discharged from the hospital.

Highway Patrolmen C. D. Fortune and M. J. Dellinger, along with members of the Cleveland County sheriff's department, investigated the accident.

Preliminary hearing for Miller, on charges of manslaughter, are scheduled for Cleveland County Recorder's Court before Judge Rueben Elam on Friday morning at 9:30. Miller is free on \$1,000 signed bond.

Both Miller and Jackson are employees of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The accident victim has recently been employed by a construction company now paving the new lane of U. S. 74 between here and Gastonia. Prior to that time, he was employed as a theatre janitor by the Cash Brothers. He was a onetime janitor at City Hall, and previously had been employed by Cooper's, Inc. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Selestia Borders Mitchem, a daughter, Lola, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Mitchem.

Miller told officers, Patrolman Fortune reported, that his north-bound car had slipped on the shoulder of the road and that he could not get the auto back under control.

Blanton Is High On Pharmacy Test

Kings Mountain Youth Tops All On State Exam

Charles Donald Blanton, Jr., of Kings Mountain, posted a grade of 90 to score highest on the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy examinations conducted at Chapel Hill on June 17, 18.

Mr. Blanton, a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, was notified of the results of the examination on Monday, and public announcement was made by the Board of Pharmacy Tuesday.

He is one of 27 new North Carolina pharmacists.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton, Sr., he was an outstanding student at UNC, where he was a member of Kappa Psi fraternity, the Order of the Old Well, and served as a member of the student council his junior year. During the past year, he had served as president of the student branch of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association.

He has joined the pharmaceutical staff of Kings Mountain Drug Company, of which his father, also a pharmacist, is co-owner.

Members of the state board giving the examinations were W. A. Gilliam, Winston-Salem, president; Roger A. McDuffie, Greensboro; Robert N. Watson, Sanford; Frank W. Dayvault, Lenoir, and H. C. McAllister, Chapel Hill, secretary-treasurer.



TOP SCORER — Charles Blanton is one of 27 new North Carolina pharmacists. His grade of 90 was highest for the examination, according to announcement of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.

Estimated Figure Cut Of \$53,215 Under Last Year

The city board of commissioners whacked and pared last week and tentatively adopted a balanced budget of \$427,302.50 for the fiscal year 1953-54.

The tentative budget adopted at the special meeting of June 21 is \$53,215 less than the city's budget for the fiscal year ended on June 30.

The downward estimates for anticipated revenue are largely at two places, revenue from power sales and from street assessments.

For 1953-54, the board anticipates it will receive only \$168,000 from sale of power, whereas revenue of \$207,000 was anticipated during the past year. Rate cuts during the past year forced the downward estimate, the board pointed out. Water revenue alone will be up by \$50,000, however, the board thinks.

The board anticipates only \$5,000 income from street assessment payments, compared to an estimated income for the past year of \$29,000. City Clerk Joe Hendrick told the board accountant Dave Robinson had suggested the \$5,000 figure.

Included in the revenue items are kick-backs from the state of \$32,550, largely from the Powell Bill providing a rebate for street work of some of the gas tax revenue.

Otherwise, the city expects to collect \$6,000 in privilege license fees, to sell \$1,100 auto license tags at one dollar each, and thinks it will collect \$2,000 in taxes for prior years, in addition to \$120,346.50 from the current year's levy.

Expenditures for public works will comprise the large portion of 1953-54 expenditures, the board of commissioners estimates. It expects to spend \$51,400 via the street department, \$17,770 via the sanitary department, \$102,880 in the power department, \$17,715 on the water system, \$24,590 on the water plant and city lake, and \$5,225 for sewer maintenance.

It is estimated that the police department will cost \$36,050, the fire department \$15,560, and the general department \$45,265. Administrative expense is estimated considerably lower than for last year at \$15,891, or about \$6,000 under a year ago.

Debt service will claim slightly less than ten percent of budgeted revenue and expense, or \$40,442.50, including \$30,000 payment on bond principal and \$10,332.50 in interest payments.

For capital expenditures, the city expects to put out \$43,399. Of the several anticipated purchases, streets will require the largest sum, or \$17,000 for street construction and \$13,500 for a motor grader. The board also expects to buy a pipe locator for \$250, an air compressor for \$1,300, a pickup truck for \$1,700, an adding machine for \$325, and a voltage regulator for \$2,350, and a choriator for the filter plant at \$1,800. It expects to spend \$1,000 for additional equipment for the city garage.

Motion to tentatively adopt the budget was unanimously carried, with all members present and voting.

The board will take final action on the budget prior to July 29.

Mrs. Jennie Ross Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Marjorie Ross, 47, who died at her home on Carpenter street Saturday at 11:15 p. m., were conducted Monday at 4 p. m. from Second Baptist church.

Rev. B. F. Austin, the pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. W. Phillips. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Ross, who had been in ill health for over a year, was a Craftsman Mills employee and a member of Second Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Yates Ross, her mother, Mrs. B. F. Payne, two sons, Glenn and Jimmy Ross, of Kings Mountain, and three daughters, Mrs. Curtis Floyd of Huntersville, N. C., Mrs. Stokes Gladden of Kings Mountain, and Miss Beryle Ross of the home.

Also surviving are three brothers, Elbert Payne, Roy Payne, and Wilman Payne, all of Kings Mountain, and four grandchildren.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Sneed

Funeral services for Mrs. Ann Bolin Sneed, 76, were conducted from Temple Baptist church last Friday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Rev. David N. Morris, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. L. Hardin and Rev. C. E. Bobbitt. The body lay in state at the church one-half hour prior to the rites.

Interment was in the Black cemetery near Cherryville.

Mrs. Sneed, widow of the late Sam C. Sneed, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Otto Kiser, Sr., on route 2 Thursday morning at 12:15 a. m.

She had been in ill health for several years.

A native of York County, S. C., she was the daughter of the late John Lowry and Eveline Baker Bolin. She was a member of Temple Baptist church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Kiser, Mrs. B. H. Bridges, and Mrs. Milton Hope, Sr., all of Kings Mountain, a sister, Mrs. Minnie Gillfillan of High Shoals, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Bethware Blood Donors Listed

Kings Mountain area citizens donated forty-four pints of blood at the Red Cross bloodmobile visit to Bethware school last Friday.

The visit, first to that community, was sponsored by the Bethware Parent-Teacher Association and the Bethware Progressive club. Quota for the visit was set at 150 pints.

Edwin Moore was Bethware chairman for the Bloodmobile visit and Lamar Herndon, Leonard Gamble, Stokes Wright, and J. D. Harmon, committee members.

List of donors follows: Leonard Gamble, John Thomas Beam, Elizabeth L. Lovelace, Fred W. Ware, Ralph Thomas, Hilda B. Goforth, Verdie (Mrs. W. C.) Short, Jerry E. Queen, Rev. Vance M. Daniel, Mrs. Walter S. Smith, Robert H. Gantt, Luther Phillip Baker, Jr., Suzanne Arrowood, Marion J. Shook, Buren R. Putnam, David Putnam, Mrs. C. P. Butler, J. Edwin Moore, Pauline Mauney, Pearl Seism, Mrs. William McSwain, Joan McSwain, Mrs. Mary H. Seism, Tom Hamrick, Mrs. Cathrine Eaker, John Womic, Mrs. Fern Seism, Stokes Wright, Virginia Ware Stone, Horace L. Bell, Charles Goforth, Eugene Bell, Mrs. Fred Greene, Eugene Patterson, James Thornburg, Carl C. Falls, Vera Hamrick, Max Putnam, Sidney Blanton, Raymond Blanton, Forest Burton, John H. Rudisill, Jr., Melvin Wright.

Finance Firms Pay Dividends Totaling \$33,419

Kings Mountain financial institutions have paid semi-annual dividends totaling \$33,419.21.

Reports from officials of Home Building & Loan association, Kings Mountain Building & Loan association and First National Bank reported a continued upward trend in dividend payments.

Half-year payment at December 31, 1952, was \$32,658.06.

Largest amount was paid by Home Building & Loan association. A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, reported payments of \$17,834.12, including \$10,303.14 on full-paid stock, \$6,642.23 on optional shares, and \$888.75 on serial shares.

J. C. Lackey, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, reported total payments of \$10,660.09, including \$5,830.78 on full-paid stock, \$4,471.66 on optional shares, \$212 on serial shares, and \$145.65 on withdrawal stock.

L. E. Abbott, cashier and vice-president of First National Bank, said his firm had paid \$4,525 to holders of savings accounts and on certificates of deposit. He also said that the bank had paid semi-annual dividends to stockholders totaling \$5,000.

Privilege Licenses Expired On June 30

City privilege licenses are now due and payable. City Clerk Joe Hendrick reminded this week, 1952 licenses having expired Tuesday.

Virtually all business firms are required to purchase privilege licenses to legally conduct business in the city and the licenses are purchasable without penalty through July 31. After that date, a penalty of five percent per month applies, Mr. Hendrick said.

Burlington Mills Corporation purchased the first privilege license for 1953-54. Mr. Hendrick said.

Hubert Herndon Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Hubert Taylor Herndon, 61, prominent farmer of the Bethlehem section, route 2, were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church.

Rev. R. E. Robbins, the pastor, and Rev. W. G. Camp officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Herndon died in a Charlotte hospital Friday morning at 3:39 a. m. after an illness of three weeks.

He was the son of the late Henderson and Jane Porter Herndon of Kings Mountain and was a native of Cleveland county. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church.

Surviving are two brothers, Maxie and Lee Herndon, and two sisters, Pearl and Edna Herndon, all of Kings Mountain.

Serving as pallbearers were Henderson Herndon, Carl Herndon, Fred Herndon, Hord Herndon, Broadus Herndon, and William Herndon.

Country Club Party Saturday

Members of the Kings Mountain Country Club are being reminded this week of Saturday night's scheduled Club Night party, which will take the form of an old-fashioned barbecue.

Tolly Shuford, chairman of the club social committee, said that Red Bridges, of Shelby, will furnish the dinner for the occasion and that reservations will be accepted through Saturday noon at \$1.50 per person.

"We anticipate a large crowd," Mr. Shuford said.

Time of the affair is 7 o'clock. The host committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hambrick, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arnette.

Local DAR Chapter Sponsoring Program

Members of the Colonel Frederick Hambrick chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, are sponsoring a radio broadcast Friday morning at 9:30 over Radio Station WKMT.

Mrs. W. T. Weir is speaker for the broadcast and topic of the program is "What July 4 Should Mean to America Today."

Mrs. J. E. Herndon is DAR representative for the local chapter.

Carpenter Says 1953 Tax Levy 27 Percent Paid

City taxpayers had been visiting the City Hall tax office in a steady stream this week, leaving a total of \$34,040.38 through 11 o'clock Wednesday morning in the form of prepayments on 1953 tax bills.

Wednesday was the final day for obtaining the full two percent discount allowable. Beginning July 2 and continuing through the month, the discount rate is one and one-half percent.

The total, as reported by Clarence E. Carpenter, tax supervisor, was 27.5 percent of the 1953 estimated levy of \$123,500, based on a tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100 valuation and a gross valuation of \$9,500,000.

Percentage-wise the current year's prepayments compared favorably with prepayments in 1952, when the end of the two percent discount period found 27.2 percent of the estimated levy paid. Dollar-wise, the city was a little better off this year, the total cash prepayments exceeding those of a year ago by \$2,777.05.

Taxes are being collected at the tentatively set rate of \$1.30 per \$100 valuation. Should the city board of commissioners finally set a different rate, adjustments will be made accordingly, city officials pointed out.

Dixon Revival Begins Sunday

Rev. J. Eade Anderson, pastor of Olney Presbyterian church in Gastonia, will conduct a week of services at Dixon Presbyterian church beginning Monday night.

James D. Newsome, summer supply pastor for First Presbyterian and Dixon churches, will deliver the message at the Sunday night service.

Bible school classes for all ages will begin at 7:15 each evening preceding the preaching services at 8:30.

Rev. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga., and studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a supply pastor here for two summers.

New City Law Makes Over-loading Open Trucks Punishable By Fine

The city board of commissioners, in special session Wednesday night, June 24, passed an ordinance to prevent over-loading of open trucks hauling stone, gravel, and other similar material.

Under terms of the ordinance, trucks allowing cargo of this type to fall on city streets will be liable to a fine of \$50.

The law was unanimously passed, on motion of T. J. Ellison, seconded by W. S. Fulton, Sr.

It was the principal action, other than budgetary, at the session, though the board also clarified several personnel policies as follows:

- 1) Outlawed overtime pay for city employees except in emergency, and placed responsibility

Local News Bulletins

CARPENTER HURT — C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Herald staff member, has been incapacitated this week due to an eye injury suffered late Monday afternoon. His condition was improved Wednesday.

BOARD WON'T MEET — The city board of commissioners will not hold its regular July meeting on Thursday night, as customary. Several commissioners are out-of-town. Date for the meeting has not been set, but City Clerk Joe Hendrick said the board would meet prior to July 29, final day for formally adopting the 1953-54 budget.

KIWANIS PICNIC — Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will begin a series of summer picnic meetings Thursday night, when they convene at 7 o'clock at Bethware school for a picnic supper to be served by Oak Grove Baptist Church.

TO GIRLS STATE — Miss Susan Moss and Miss Ann Mobley Dilling are attending fourteenth annual Tar Heel Girls State in session at Woman's College, Greensboro, this week. High school seniors, they were chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary.

REUNION — Annual Goforth and Watterston reunion will be held at El Bethel July 12, according to announcement received here this week. A picnic dinner will be served at 1 o'clock, the announcement read.

HOMECOMING — Homecoming Day will be observed at Mid-View Baptist church Sunday, July 5, with all day singing and dinner to be spread, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. Buddy Williams. All singers are urged to attend, he said.

Vacation Travel On Holiday List

Kings Mountain citizens pause to observe the Independence Day holiday Saturday.

For a considerable number of industrial workers, it will be the last day of a week-long holiday, while for others it will be the first day. Meantime, Neisler Mills, Inc., was reported to have changed its previous decision and decided to take a holiday in at least a portion of its plants. However, official report on the holiday was not obtainable Wednesday afternoon, due to absence of Neisler officials.

A great number of citizens took advantage of the holiday for vacation trips to beach, mountains, or other vacation spots. Others took advantage of the free time at home to paint, attend to odd repair jobs, or merely rest.

Lake Montonia's swimming pool has been a popular place the past week, as reports from the heat was sought, and items with air-conditioning plants have been popular.

Kesler Joins Foote Mineral

Thomas L. Kesler, a native of Salisbury, has joined Foote Mineral company, as geologist. Kesler has BS and MS degrees in Geology from the University of North Carolina and from 1929 until 1932 worked as oil geologist for Shell Petroleum and others in the United States.

From 1933 until 1946, he had various geological jobs with the United States Government, mostly in the area of North and South Carolina. During this period he also authored many technical papers on non-metallic minerals in the Appalachian area and particularly on the Tin - Spodumene belt around Kings Mountain.

In 1946, he became geologist with the Thompson Weiman company with headquarters at Cartersville, Ga. Early in 1952, he became geologist for United States Steel corporation in Alabama and represented US Steel in that area until joining Foote.

Most Retailers To Rest Saturday, But Some Will Wait Until Monday

Almost all Kings Mountain merchants and their retail personnel will get a holiday for Independence Day, but the choice of holiday will vary.

Some merchants are refusing to accept the Merchants Association by-law requirement of a holiday on July 4, due to the fact

SATURDAY HOURS FRIDAY — Kings Mountain retail firms closing Saturday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday, will observe Saturday hours on Friday, according to recent action by directors of the Merchants Association. This means that department and jewelry stores will be open until 7 o'clock, and furniture and hardware firms until 6 o'clock on Friday afternoon. They customarily close Fridays at 5:30 p. m.

July 4 falls this year on Saturday — first time for such an occurrence since 1942.

However, a majority of the city's business firms will be shut down tight and will observe the