

City Limits 7,206
Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

City Commission Tentatively Adopts Budget Of \$472,431

Local News Bulletins

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night's Union Service for five city church congregations will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church with Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock. Special music will be furnished by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. N. F. McGill.

DAR REQUEST
Colonel Frederick Hambright chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is requesting that all pastors of city and county congregations, offer a special prayer for peace at church services on July 4.

OPTIMIST CLUB
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Optimist Club will be held at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club Thursday night at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by Neal Grissom, president, who urged all members to attend.

PASTOR'S ASSISTANT
Hilda King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. King, is acting as pastor's assistant to Rev. Gordon Weekley, Jr., of the First Baptist church, in the absence of a promotional director. Miss King is a senior at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

MOOSE
Pre-organizational meeting of persons interested in the Loyal Order of Moose will be held at City Hall Thursday at 7 p. m. Rocky McGivern, membership official, announced this week.

KIWANIS MEETING
C. J. Horn, superintendent of preparation, and dyeing at Spindale Mills will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting. He will speak on the subject "Keystone of Freedom." The club convenes at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall.

MORRIS PROMOTED
Major L. J. Morris, USA, has recently been promoted to that rank by the army. Major Morris, now attached for duty in the quartermaster corps at Red River Arsenal, New Boston, Texas, is the husband of the former Miss Virginia Plonk, of Kings Mountain.

SINK NAMED
Jack Sink, former high school and Legion junior coach here, has been named to the athletic staff of Myers Park school, where he will coach the Mustang line and the junior high baseball team. He recently completed two years service in the army.

OFFICE CLOSED
Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, announced this week closing of his office Friday for one week. He will reopen on July 2.

RETURNS FRIDAY
Dr. F. G. Padgett is to return Friday from Duke University where he has been attending lectures and clinics in cardiology and studies in electrocardiography on a post-graduate scholarship.

ONE CALL ANSWERED
City firemen answered one call this past week, according to C. D. Ware, fireman. Saturday morning firemen answered a call to extinguish an oil stove blaze at the residence of Mrs. Florence Hope on Clinton drive. No damages were reported.

City Board Jobs Are Re-Shuffled

City commissioners' departmental assignments have been shifted for the coming year. Mayor Glee A. Bridges announced the new assignments at Monday night's special meeting. They are: Planning, T. J. Elliott; Health, Harold L. Phillips; Police, J. E. Patterson; Street and Sanitation, W. S. Farris; and Water and Sewage, W. G. Greenham.

Democrats To Pick Township Officer



ELEVATED — C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain pharmacist, has been elected second vice-president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association for 1955-56, according to results of mail balloting announced last week-end. Mr. Blanton is currently serving as third vice-president of the association.

Home B. & L. To Pay \$21,121

Home Building & Loan association will pay dividends to shareholders on June 30, totaling \$21,121.37, it was announced Wednesday by A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Patterson noted that the payments will not be made this year in advance of June 30 on suggestion from the auditors, adding that checks covering dividends on full-paid shares will be posted on that date. Optional and installment shares payments will be credited to accounts as of June 30.

The dividends will include: \$11,511.65 on full-paid shares; \$6,297.66 on optional savings shares; and \$3,312.06 on installment shares.

The payments represent a semi-annual division of profits at the rate of three percent per annum.

Industry Plans July 4th Holidays; Some Off Next Week, Some July 5-12

A large segment of Kings Mountain's industrial employees will have Independence Day holidays, with approximately half of the holidaying group to be free from normal duties next week, and the remainder to be free the week of July 5-12.

Closing next week, June 28-July 5, will be Craftsman Yarns, Inc., Neisler Mills, Inc., Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., and Saddle Cotton Mills. Saddle Cotton Mills will not shutdown completely, operating at about one-third of capacity. Craftsman, as was previously announced, will make vacation payments to employees of two percent of earnings for employees of less than five years service, and four percent of earnings to employees of more than five years service.

Saturday Voting Will Determine Constable Race

Number 4 Township Democrats will nominate a constable Saturday in a second primary, choosing between C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler and Ervin Ellison.

Huffstetler led Ellison by 725 to 559 in the May 29 primary but failed to obtain a clear majority, as Robert G. (Bob) Cox and Robert E. (Bobby) Herndon polled an aggregate of 486 votes.

Democratic nomination is tantamount to election in November and the board of county commissioners has indicated it would appoint the successful nominee to the now-vacant office. Paul Byers, former constable, resigned several weeks ago to accept appointment as a deputy sheriff.

Both candidates have urged their supporters to drop by the polls Saturday to register their choice, and both acknowledge that the major job will be getting out the vote with no other races to help increase the total.

Polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and will close at 6:30 p. m. with the same election officials who handled the May 29 voting and June 12 bond voting in charge of the voting. The registration books for the May 29 voting will be used which meant that Democrats who registered subsequent to May 15 are ineligible to vote.

Township polling places are: East Kings Mountain, at City Hall Courtroom; West Kings Mountain, at Victory Chevrolet Company; Grover, at Keeter's Dry Goods Store; Bethware, at Bethware school.

Only other second primary is also a constable's race in Number 5 Township, Waco is the lone Number 5 Township precinct.

Tax Pre-Payment Rate Is Slow

Pre-payments on 1954 city tax bills totaled only \$1,316.33 during the weekend ending Wednesday at noon, bringing the total to \$5,548.95. Tax Supervisor C. E. Carpenter reported.

Citizens have through the close of business July 1 to obtain a discount of two percent on their 1954 tax accounts. On July 2, the discount rate will drop to 1.5 percent.

The tax rate has been finally set at \$1.70 per \$100 valuation.



LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS INSTALLED — Pictured above are officers of the American Legion Auxiliary shortly after they were installed by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett of Shelby at a meeting at the home of Mrs. James S. Ware Thursday night. Left to right, front row, are Mrs. Sam Collins, president and Mrs. John Kezziah, vice-president, and second row, left to right, Mrs. M. C. Amos, chairman, Mrs. John W. Gladden, historian, and Mrs. Jarrett, Mrs. Sam Hamrick, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Moss, Sr., sergeant-at-arms were not present when the picture was made. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Dad Loving Mom Pleases Ginger

Ginger Payne, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Payne, won a special prize of \$5 in a recent contest of the Charlotte Merchants association men's apparel division for her reason for liking her father.

Adding four words to the phrase, "I like my Daddy because..." the Kings Mountain child wrote, "I like my Daddy because he loves my mother."

Charles Dudley, Charlotte Merchants association secretary, said the judging committee liked the entry sufficiently to add a prize for Ginger Payne. The contest was conducted as a phase with a Father's Day promotion.

Seven Teachers Resign Positions

Members of the city district board of school trustees, in regular monthly meeting at Central school Monday night, discussed results of the June 12 bond election and conducted a mass of routine business.

No action was taken on the classroom building program. Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported seven faculty resignations and the board employed Miss Mary Bess Plyler, of Great Falls, S. C., as a second grade teacher at Central school.

Resignations accepted were from Miss Margaret Hoffman, high school English; John Porter, Central eighth grade; Mrs. Bill Page, home economics; John Charles, East eighth; Mrs. Thelma Warlick, Central first; Mrs. Tom Owens, East piano; and Mrs. Ezella M. Robinson, Davidson elementary.

In other actions, the board: 1) Employed Janitor L. A. Greer for summer work. 2) Authorized a debt service payment of \$3,247.50 to the city. 3) Passed a motion requesting the city to install a fire hydrant near the new Negro elementary school. 4) Authorized continuance of school child and football player's insurance with Pilot Life Insurance Company, with the nine-months school child insurance rate remaining at \$1.25 for the school year. 5) Authorized acceptance of a bid alternate on the East school building project whereby Hoke Electric Co., the low bidder, furnishes fixtures at his bid of \$1,170.

6) Authorized the board chairman and secretary to meet with the county board of commissioners on July 5 to discuss the annual school budget requests. The action was taken after a preliminary study of the budget. The board will request an 11 cent rate for capital outlay, 11 cents for debt service, and 21 cents for current expenses, plus 20 cents district tax. 7) Went on record authorizing cooperation with the city parks and recreation commission in completing the athletic field at the new Negro school site, which is jointly owned. All trustees were present except Dr. F. G. Padgett.

Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers For Coming Year

New officers of the American Legion Auxiliary for the year 1954-55 were installed Thursday night at a meeting at the home of Mrs. James S. Ware.

Mrs. Sam Collins was installed auxiliary president and Mrs. John Kezziah was elected to the office of vice-president. Mrs. Sam Hamrick is secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John W. Gladden, historian, Mrs. M. C. Amos, chairman, and Mrs. Charles Moss, Sr., sergeant-at-arms.

Officers were installed by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett of Shelby, who also gave an entertainment program of selections on the accordion, before the installation service.

Mrs. C. L. Jolly, retiring president, conducted the business session, and members heard a report of the national auxiliary convention in session in Asheville last month. Mrs. Collins was a delegate to the convention and gave the report.

Committee chairmen appointed for the year by the president are: Americanism, Mrs. James Houser; Child Welfare, Mrs. J. E. Mauney; Girl's State, Mrs. J. M. Rhea; Membership, Mrs. C. L. Jolly and Mrs. J. N. Gamble; Music, Mrs. F. E. McCurdy; National Security and Legislature, Mrs. P. G. Ratterree; Pan-American Study, Mrs. Rowell Lane; and Poppy chairmen, Mrs. Gene Steffy, Mrs. Hal D. Ward, and Mrs. J. M. Rhea.

Mrs. D. E. Tate is Rehabilitation chairman, Mrs. James Houser is flower chairman, and Mrs. Paul Mauney is Community Service chairman. Members of the telephone committee are Mrs. Charles Moss, Sr., Mrs. P. D. Fulmer, Mrs. Lloyd Phifer, and Mrs. C. L. Black. Mrs. Fred Halthcox is chairman in charge of publicity.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Parker

Funeral rites for Mrs. Faye Delores Parker, wife of Noble S. Parker, of Shelby road, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 from El Bethel Methodist church.

Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, the pastor, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. R. L. Forbis and Capt. Fred Boyette.

Mrs. Parker died Monday in a Gastonia hospital. She was the daughter of John G. and Mrs. Sallie Elliott Martin of Kings Mountain.

She is survived, in addition to her husband, by two sons, John Steven Parker and a two-day-old son, David Lee Parker, two brothers, five sisters, and her parents.

Dr. James M. Lane To Join Hendricks

Gaffney Native To Begin Work Here July 1st.

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Kings Mountain medical doctor, announced yesterday that Dr. James M. Lane, a native of Gaffney, S. C., will become associated with him in the general practice of medicine on July 1.

Dr. Lane is now completing his internship at Greenville General hospital, Greenville, S. C., following graduation in 1953 with the M. D. degree from the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Lane, of Gaffney, Dr. Lane was graduated from Gaffney high school as class valedictorian in 1946. He attended Davidson college and received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. At Davidson, Dr. Lane was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical society and Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemistry society. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity at medical college.

Mrs. Lane is the former Miss Anne Smith, of Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Hendricks has been a Kings Mountain physician since January 1947. On his return last year from active duty in the army, Dr. Hendricks opened a clinic at the corner of Canaler and Gold streets and resumed his active practice.

Mauney Speaks To Veterinarians

Dr. J. P. Mauney of Kings Mountain was one of the featured speakers at the 53rd annual meeting of the North Carolina State Veterinary Medical Association held in Winston-Salem this week.

Dr. Mauney spoke to the group on "Mastitis In Dairy Cattle" and served as the moderator for the discussion on this problem.

The meeting was held at the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem, June 22-23, and was attended by veterinarians from all sections of North Carolina.

City Buys Hydrants, Defers Action On Privilege License Schedule

The City board of commissioners awarded contract for a number of hydrants and related equipment to Grinnell Company \$2,485, less two percent discount for ten-day payment, on low bid Monday night.

Only other bidder was Tidewater Supply Company.

The board also deferred for further study, with probable action at a special meeting Friday, adoption of the 1954-55 privilege license ordinance. City Attorney J. R. Davis, absent to attend another meeting, Commissioner J. H. Patterson, and City Clerk Joe Hendrick were named as a committee to make recommendations on tightening provisions governing peddling, after J. H. Lewis, Merchants Association president, had made suggestions concerning several sections of the ordinance. Question of legality of phrasing and taxing arose, and the city clerk noted an ordinance now on the city books prevents order-takers from accepting deposits prior to delivery of merchandise.

In another action, the board voted to suspend pay of Mrs. Sinclair Bridges as keeper of the City Lake, effective June 30. Commissioner J. H. Patterson and Mayor Glee A. Bridges said budget study had revealed payment of \$2,340 in salary to Mrs. Bridges, plus free house rent and expense for building and maintaining boats, against return during the past year of less than \$500 from sale of fishing permits. The board action provided that Mrs. Bridges be offered continued rental if she wished to continue



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Mauney Installs Lions Officers

Officers of Kings Mountain Lions club for 1954-55 were formally installed Tuesday night by D. R. Mauney, of Cherryville, past district governor.

Mr. Mauney charged the officers with their particular duties, praised the club for its long record of service, and told the members of the club it is their duty to cooperate in forthcoming activities of the club.

Jacob Cooper, incoming president, commended Retiring President Ollie Harris and the other officers and directors for their work during 1953-54 and said, "I want all of us to show the enthusiasm and interest to make our club go forward on the base that has been built."

Other officers are: Dr. Nathan H. Reed, George Thomasson, and Martin Harmon, vice-presidents; Hubert Davidson, secretary; John H. Lewis, treasurer; J. W. Webster, Lion Tamer; David L. Saunders, Tall Twister, and Sam Stallings, assistant Tall Twister; Jim Rollins, Edwin Moore and Gene Timms, directors; and Charlie Moss, Clyde Wheatstone, and Leonard Smith, holdover directors.

Prior to the installation, Joe Hendrick, retiring treasurer, Continued On Page Eight

1954-55 Estimate Up By \$45,000 Over Last Year

The city board of commissioners Monday night tentatively adopted a \$472,431 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, an increase of \$45,128.50 over the budget finally adopted for fiscal 1953.

The board also set permanently the 1954-55 tax rate at \$1.70 per \$100 valuation, which had previously been adopted tentatively.

Estimates of expenditures for the coming year are increased in almost all departments. The only declines anticipated are in the cemetery department, off \$350, and in estimated expenditures for equipment known as capital outlay, set at \$20,562, off about \$13,000 from last year.

While administrative costs, at \$16,229, are estimated to increase only slightly, the commissioners expect to spend \$10,000 more on streets than last year, or a total of \$81,500. The board estimates the sanitary department operation will require \$20,500, up \$3,000, and anticipates spending \$51,764 for water and sewer service, up \$5,000.

Police protection is expected to cost the city \$12,000 more than was estimated for 1953-54, or \$48,414, and fire protection, at \$17,070 is estimated to cost \$2,000 more.

General department expenditures at \$53,477 are up \$8,000 from last year's estimate, while light and power department expenditures are estimated to require \$113,390, up \$11,000.

Debt service costs will be \$58,750, an increase of \$16,350. Estimates of anticipated revenue show that a major portion of the increase is expected to accrue from increased ad valorem taxes. The commissioners expect to receive \$150,000 from this source, compared to the \$112,000 actually collected thus far in 1953-54, and also anticipate slightly more income from old taxes, at \$5,000 up \$5,000 from last year's estimate.

The board anticipates an increase in utilities receipts of \$10,000, for a total of \$240,000, and an increase of \$1,000 to \$27,000 from the state's Powell Bill street aid.

The board cut its estimate of receipts from sale of auto tags to \$1,000, off \$100, and cut its estimate of receipts from privilege license sales by \$500 to \$5,000.

Among other major revenue items anticipated are: sale of cemetery lots, \$3,000; intangible tax refund from North Carolina, \$4,200; parking meter receipts, \$7,000; franchise taxes from North Carolina, \$3,200, and parking space rentals, \$75. Court costs again are expected to return \$6,500 to the city treasury.

The board thinks it will receive only \$2,500 from street-paving assessments, exactly half its guess for the past year.

Bell Seeking Rate Increase

The North Carolina Utilities commission is hearing currently a plea of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company for a \$1,778,000 rate increase in North Carolina.

The case is a continuation of an original Bell request for a \$3,426,000 increase in rates, of which the commission allowed \$1,648,000 effective April 1953.

The original commission decision was appealed, both by the North Carolina attorney general on behalf of the citizens of North Carolina, and by Southern Bell. After a series of travels through Superior Court, the North Carolina Supreme Court remanded the Bell appeal to the Utilities commission.

Floyd Farris, of Shelby, Bell manager for the Shelby and Kings Mountain exchanges, said he could not guess what effect, if any, a favorable decision would have on Kings Mountain exchange rates. Mr. Farris said the rate schedule is worked out by the Utilities commission after consultation with Southern Bell. If the increase is granted, the monthly rental rates could be raised, and intra-state toll charges raised, or increases could apply to some exchanges and exclude others.

ATTENDING CONVENTION
Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., is attending the annual convention of the North and South Carolina Law Enforcement Association at Greenville, S. C., this week.