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City Board Tentatively Adopts \$557,721 Budget

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending, noon, Wednesday, totaled \$190.44, according to a report from City Police. The report said street meters accounted for \$156.67, while off-street meters returned \$33.77.

LIONS MEETING

J. W. Webster, delegate, will report to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night on the activities of the Lions International convention held last week in Miami, Fla. The club convenes at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

PEELER IMPROVING

B. S. Peeler, who has been seriously ill at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, was reported improving Tuesday, a member of his family said. Mr. Peeler's illness has been diagnosed as a cerebral thrombosis.

AT KING'S

Miss Carol A. Herndon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Herndon, is among the 145 new students enrolled at King's Business College in Charlotte. A 1956 graduate of the Grover High School, she is taking the general business course.

INDUCTED

William Eugene Sweezy, Gene Ashby Mauney, and John Lewis Blalock were among area men listed as inductees by Cleveland County Selective Service Board Monday. Henry Lewis Hindman, Jr., failed to report for induction.

MOOSE MEETING

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their weekly meeting at the lodge on Bessemer City road, at 8:15 Thursday night, according to Secretary Curtis Gaffney.

LEGION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall Friday night at 8 o'clock. Special membership cards will be given to all members with 5-35 years continuous membership.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Jane Ormand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloy O. Ormand, has accepted a position of the offices of the Employment Security Commission of Raleigh. Miss Ormand is a recent graduate of Lees-McRae Junior college at Banner Elk.

UNION SERVICE

Union service on Sunday night will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 8 p. m. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Douglas Fritz, pastor of the Resurrection Lutheran church.

NEW PASTOR

Rev. Carl Greene, of Raleigh, has assumed duties of pastor of East Side Baptist church on York rd. and his family have moved to the former residence of Rev. and Mrs. Don Wilson on York road.

City Shows Surplus: First Since 1951-52

The City of Kings Mountain will show a surplus for the year ended last Saturday for the first time since fiscal 1952, first year of the Garland Still administration.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham said heavy June expenditures had whittled the amount of the surplus but he was confident final figures would show the city operated well in the black.

A. M. Pullen & Company auditors have been at City Hall this week conducting the city audit, and Mr. Mitcham said he expected final figures by the weekend.

He also noted that accounts payable at year end will total not more than \$4,000, compared to last year's huge carry-over of \$38,857.94.

Two Executives Are Dismissed By Horvath Firm

Howard B. Jackson, merchandising manager, and Paul Mauney, purchasing agent in charge of yarn buying for Neisler Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, were relieved of their duties last week by Ernest Horvath, president.

William Ford, general manager of the Neisler division, merely confirmed the fact the two executives were no longer associated with the firm, and added that the dismissal notices were given by Mr. Horvath himself.

Neither Mr. Mauney nor Mr. Jackson announced their plans for the future, though Mr. Jackson remarked he expects to remain in Kings Mountain.

Mr. Ford announced that Mr. Jackson has been succeeded by Clarence Flowers and that Percy F. Dilling would assume the yarn buying duties of Mr. Mauney. He added that the Horvath interests contemplate centering yarn-buying for their chain of textile plants in New York in the near future.

Departure of the two executives marks a continuance of the shuffling and removal of executive personnel since the Horvath interests finally acquired the Neisler plants on December 15. It also completes the departure of the three executives who served as the management committee for the seven plants prior to the appointment of Mr. Ford as general manager. The other member of the committee was William McKee, of Chicago, Ill., who resigned several weeks ago.

Ella McDaniel Services Today

Mrs. Ella Jane McDaniel, 70, died at her home, 101 Parker street Wednesday morning following an illness of some three years.

Mrs. McDaniel was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Boone and the widow of the late James Otis McDaniel, who died in 1921. A native of Rutherford County, she was a member of Central Methodist church.

Survivors include four sons, G. F. McDaniel of Burlington, H. D. McDaniel of Kings Mountain, James Otis McDaniel of Gastonia; and Clemonsee McDaniel of Durham; a brother Clemonsee Boone of Radford, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Ware and Mrs. Charles Kennedy, both of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Central Methodist church this afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor, officiating. The body will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until it is taken to the church.

IN NEW QUARTERS

The Kings Mountain office of the North Carolina Employment Service occupied its new quarters in the Plonk Building on Railroad avenue over the weekend. The moving was completed in time for the branch to handle "business as usual" on Monday. F. L. Ware, manager, reported. The office had occupied the Bridges Building on Railroad avenue, since it opened here in 1945.

Neisler To Manufacture Quality Pile Fabrics At Pauline Plant

Pauline plant of Neisler Mills division, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, now being stripped of machinery, will be outfitted with 60 looms for the manufacture of top quality pile fabrics, it was announced by William Ford, general manager.

"The installation job cannot be accomplished over-night," Mr. Ford stated, "but when it is completed we will need more people than we have previously employed at the Patricia and Pauline plants."

Mr. Ford said the finished product would be the "Tiffany" of the fabrics trade. The product will compare to that produced by Neisler's Ellenboro plant (which has 39 looms), but will be

Herald Open House To Be On Friday

Public Invited To Inspect New Facilities

The Kings Mountain Herald will hold open house in its new building at 206 South Piedmont avenue Friday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

The public is invited to attend. Invitation to attend to the readers of the Kings Mountain Herald is published in today's issue, Page 3, Section B.

No formal invitations have been mailed to any person in Kings Mountain, though several invitations have been mailed to friends of the Herald and newspapering neighbors in cities throughout the state.

Refreshments will be served. Mrs. I. Ben Goforth, Sr. will serve as cateress.

Section B of today's edition, as well as some pages in Section C are devoted to the history of the Kings Mountain Herald and its predecessors. Details of the journalistic history of Kings Mountain, which began with the Kings Mountain News in 1889, together with pictures of many former publishers and features of today's 12-person staff are included in this special section.

Martin Harmon, Herald publisher, said "We cordially invite our readers to inspect the new Kings Mountain Herald building. We have looked forward to the formal opening of the new building for many months and we want our friends and neighbors to inspect our new facilities."

City Gas Budget Set At \$108,654

A tentative budget of \$108,654 was adopted by the City Board for the City of Kings Mountain Natural Gas System last week.

This budget was prepared by Bernard & Burke of Baton Rouge, La., the city's gas engineers. Gross gas sales for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, showed a total of \$88,798.39, according to a report given the board. Gross revenue for the year, which includes gas tap fees, was \$97,778.77.

Anticipated income for the fiscal year just started is set at \$108,654, with \$42,447 being estimated for residential sales. Commercial sales are expected to bring in \$13,748, while industrial sales will approximate \$47,053.

Anticipated expenditures shows the city expects to spend \$51,182 for gas purchases; \$8,700 for labor and superintendent's salary; \$1,260 for administrative salaries; \$2,000 for engineering fees; \$1,100 for insurance; and \$1,000 for truck and equipment operation.

According to the estimated budget the city should make a net profit, before debt service, of \$37,512. Debt service and interest will take \$14,312 of this figure leaving a total net profit of \$23,500.

LODGE MEETING

Regular meeting of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by James Simpson, secretary.



ON HOSPITAL BOARD — Howard B. Jackson was appointed this week to a three-year term of office on the county board of hospital trustees, representing Number 4 Township. He succeeds W. L. Plonk, retiring on completion of a three-year term.

Jackson Named Hospital Trustee

Howard B. Jackson of Kings Mountain was appointed to the Cleveland County Board of Hospital Trustees this week, succeeding W. L. Plonk, whose three-year term had expired.

Mr. Jackson joins R. Burris Keeter and Lewis Hovis as No. 4 Township trustees. Other trustees named included Joe Whisnant of Shelby, who succeeded Jack Dover III; Oras Bibberstaff of No. 3 Township; Mrs. Daisy Deberry of No. 7 Township; and A. A. Parker of No. 11 Township.

Mrs. Deberry is the first woman to ever have been appointed to the hospital board.

Members whose terms expired included Mr. Plonk, retiring vice-chairman, Mr. Dover, A. L. Carlton, Robert Beam, and Carver Bridges.

Hold-over trustees are Mr. Keeter and Mr. Hovis both of No. 4 Township; Lowery Austell and Dr. Fred Falls, both of No. 6 Township; Hugh Davis of No. 5 Township; Ed Cook of No. 10 Township; Blaine Baker of No. 9 Township; W. H. Covington of No. 8 Township; and Ladd W. Hamrick of No. 2 Township.

Trustees are appointed for three-year terms, with one-third of the 15-man board being appointed each year. Under the present system three trustees are named from each township in which a hospital is located, and one trustee from each of the other townships. No. 4 Township, Kings Mountain; and No. 6 Township, Shelby, are the two townships having three representatives on the board.

Appointments to the board are made by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Jackson, until last week a Neisler Mills executive, is a partner in Carolina Throwing Company, stretch yarn making firm. He was first president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, and is a former president of the Kings Mountain Country Club. He is a member of First Presbyterian church. He is the son of Mrs. W. T. Jackson and the late Mr. Jackson He and his wife live at 402 W. Gold street.

Dixon Revival Begins Monday

Revival services and the annual Vacation Bible school will begin Monday at Dixon Presbyterian church. Rev. Henry L. Reaves of Florence, S. C., will conduct the services nightly at 8:15, preaching for all services through the closing meeting on Sunday, July 15.

Who will preach for the Sunday pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover, from 1938-1940. During World War II he served as chaplain in the United States army. He is now serving as pastor of Hopeville and Bethesda Presbyterian churches in Fla.

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Mauney Objects, But Board Affirms Collection Plans

In spite of tart protests by J. E. (Doc) Mauney, the city board of commissioners last Thursday instructed Mayor Glee A. Bridges to proceed with the collection of all street assessments which came due on July 1.

Means of collection, City Attorney J. R. Davis said, will be filing of suit to obtain judgment against the owners of property. The board action was taken on motion of Sam Collins seconded by J. H. Patterson. The motion didn't mention Mr. Mauney's assessments specifically, also appeared at the meeting.

J. E. Mauney told the board he didn't feel he owed assessments of \$213.50 on Dilling street, due to the fact the work had been approved as a WPA project in 1937. He said he didn't object to paying the Grace street assessment, but felt the interest involved over nearly three years should be waived. He contended the original Grace street paving "wasn't any good" and that he was not willing to pay, since the street had been recently blacktopped.

J. E. Mauney who owes \$88.16 in assessments on Dilling street, indicated concurrence with the J. E. Mauney position, but made few comments.

J. E. Mauney acknowledged that the Dilling street paving had been re-petitioned in 1950, with property owners agreeing to pay their regular share of cost.

He told Mayor Bridges his plea compared to the re-imbursment Mr. Bridges was paid by the city several years ago, for sewer and water line installations on Landing street.

The Mayor didn't agree. He told the Messrs. Mauney that all other persons assessed on Dilling street had paid the city, with accrued interest, and noted that the WPA project (which provided free paving) was not completed, since the paving was never done under that project. Both agreed the money exhausted before the paving was done. Attorney Davis pointed out no complaint was voiced at the hearing when the paving scroll was approved.

J. E. Mauney departed with the sarcastic suggestion that the city go back to 1937 and charge interest from that date. "That seems to be what the city's most interested in. When I give somebody something I don't come around trying to get paid for it," he commented.

The action was the final one of Thursday night's special session and was taken some two hours after the discussion early in the meeting.

City Commissioner T. J. Elliott supported the contention of

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Three Cline Tracts Sold

Three tracts of the A. E. Cline Estate have been sold, and the remaining three will be re-sold at public auction on July 21, according to legal notice published in today's Herald by J. R. Davis, Trustee.

The three tracts to be re-sold are:

A five-room house on Carpenter street, on which bid of A. H. Patterson was raised by Warren Reynolds, with bidding July 21 to start at \$1879.50.

For a duplex house at the corner of Carpenter and Parker streets, also raised by Warren Reynolds, with bidding to start at \$3885.

A six-room house on Parker street, raised by J. E. (Doc) Mauney, on which bidding will begin at \$1585.50.

Three tracts, including two business properties, were not raised, and have been confirmed. They include:

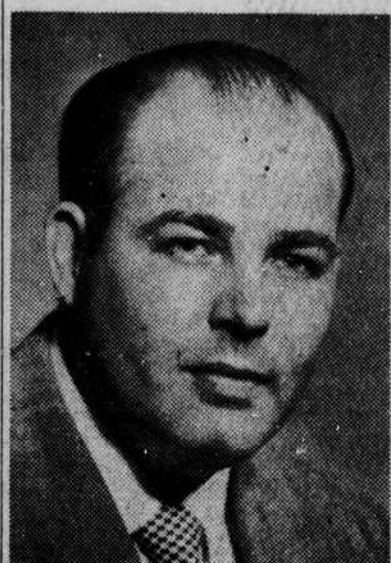
The building on North Piedmont avenue occupied by Weaver's Cleaners, purchased by Fred Weaver, owner of the cleaning establishment, at \$2840.

The building on North Piedmont avenue occupied by Dilling Heating Company, purchased by Mrs. Edith Cline, widow of the late Mr. Cline, for \$2640.

The five-room house of Carpenter street, for which Grady Yelton was high bidder at \$1925.

The confirmed tracts brought a total of \$7405, while the tracts to be re-sold currently have an aggregate bid of \$7350.

Senate Confirms C. L. Alexander



CONFIRMED — Charles L. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Alexander, was confirmed by the United States Senate on Friday as permanent postmaster for Kings Mountain. He will succeed Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir.

C. A. Oates Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. for Charles Addison Oates 91, of 700 East King street, who died at Kings Mountain Hospital Tuesday morning, following an illness of several years.

Mr. Oates, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was a former superintendent of Phenix Mills. Later he was engaged in the crushing and selling of stone for construction purposes. He was a member of First Presbyterian church, and was a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Laura Mae Morrison Oates; two sons, Rufus Oates and Charles Oates, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. B. A. Hoyle of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Maude Steele of Charlotte; a sister, Mrs. Fate Lackey of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the home, with the Rev. P. D. Patrick, the Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, and the Rev. Yancy Carter officiating. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Privilege Licenses Due, Clerk Reminds

City privilege licenses are due and payable during the month of July, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reminded business firms this week.

He noted that the licenses are payable at net throughout the month of July, but that a penalty of five percent per month applies after July 31.

Virtually all business and industrial firms are required to buy privilege licenses by city ordinance.

Craftspun Reports Business Up, Suspends Second "Vacation" Week



Craftspun Yarns, Inc., will resume operations Monday morning at 6 o'clock—cutting short by a week its previously scheduled suspension of operations.

G. C. Kelly, general superintendent, made the announcement. "We have received a good order," Mr. Kelly said and added, "it looks like business is going to move up a bit."

The firm paid holiday bonuses of two and four percent, to its employees, varying on length of service, and had planned to allow its employees to draw unemployment compensation during the second week.

Notice To Take Postmaster Post Not Yet Received

Charles L. Alexander, confirmed by the United States Senate as postmaster of Kings Mountain last Friday, was still awaiting formal notification yesterday on the date he will assume the duties of the office.

Mr. Alexander said the only notice he had received, outside of the press, was a letter of congratulations by the National Association of Postmasters.

He will succeed Acting Postmaster W. T. (Ted) Weir, who succeeded W. E. Blakely on January 15, 1955.

Mr. Alexander placed third in a civil service examination for the position last May to become eligible for the appointment. He was recommended by the Number 4 Township Republican Executive committee in December and was nominated for the position in February by President Eisenhower. Other eligibles were Millard A. Prince, who placed first on the examination, and Yates Harbison, who placed second. All three are registered as Democrats, though Mr. Alexander is a practicing Republican.

He resigned from the township Republican executive committee, which now includes W. A. Williams, Grady Howard, and C. P. Goforth to take the postmaster examination.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Alexander has been an employee of Elmer Lumber Company, serving as draftsman and estimator and also handling clerical duties. He is a veteran of World War II, having served 46 months as a navy yeoman, both ashore and at sea. He is 35, a member of Macedonia Baptist church superintendent of the adult department of the Sunday school, and church treasurer. He is a past director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, he attended Blanton's Business College of Asheville for two years. Mrs. Alexander is the former Ruby Moss.

Mr. Weir is a Kings Mountain merchant and coal dealer.

Mr. Weir, who likewise said he had received no notice as to when he would turn over to the postmaster duties to Mr. Alexander, said the position is paying him \$5904 per annum. He said he understood the position, on permanent appointment would pay \$6029 per annum.

OSBORNE BETTER

W. F. Osborne, who suffered a heart attack early Monday, was reported much improved Wednesday. He is a patient at Kings Mountain hospital.

Cotton Bloom Derby Was Neck-and-Neck

Is cotton blooming? You bet. The Herald has witnessed since Saturday the hottest race in years among area cotton growers to report the first bloom found in the cotton fields.

Ned Dye, Negro farmer of the Compact community, reported first to the Herald, producing a bloom Saturday morning from a field planted April 16.

He was closely followed by George Moore, Negro farmer on the D. R. Hantrick farm, who produced a bloom from a field planted on April 26.

On Monday came four more bloom reports, from Leroy Webster, of route 1, who found his bloom that morning on his farm behind Crowder's Mountain, Merle Seism, route 1, who found a bloom in his 12-acre tract, from Edward Reynolds, tenant on the Wayne Ware farm who found his bloom shortly after noon Monday, and from S. T. Childers, of route 2.

HOSPITAL GIFT

Dr. Paul Hendricks and Dr. Paul Nolan, Kings Mountain physicians, have donated a patient lifter, hydraulic apparatus designed to assist the hospital staff in patient lifting from hospital bed to chair, according to announcement by Grady Howard, business manager.

Tax Rate Same; Budget Is Up Nearly \$50,000

The city board of commissioners tentatively has set the 1956-57 tax rate at \$1.70 per \$100 valuation — same rate prevailing last year — though its tentatively adopted budget of \$557,721.50 is nearly \$50,000 more than last year's.

The tax rate will include \$1.65 general levy, plus five cents for recreational purposes. Also tentatively re-adopted was the \$2 poll tax on men between the ages of 21 and 50.

The actions were taken with a minimum of discussion, though Commissioner Sam Collins after complaining about the "city's \$195,000 annual payroll," abstained when the budget-adopting motion was passed. However, he made the tax rate motion.

Commissioner Collins noted that the city payroll is \$60,000 per year higher than its estimated tax receipts for the year just beginning. "That's \$60,000 dead-weight, it's not right, nor good business," Collins said.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges replied that Monroe had a garbage collection fee, and Commissioner W. G. Grantham commented, "Our trash man gives his time away." He indicated he favored continued free garbage pick-up.

Mr. Collins further commented that it appeared the city now owned "about one vehicle per employee," before the budget motion was offered and carried 4-0.

Though the budget is up \$50,000, a total of more than \$27,000 is earmarked for the North Piedmont avenue paving-curb project as both outgo and income. The State Highway Department will reimburse the city for this work.

Comparisons to last year's finally adopted budget show increased appropriations (in round figures) for these departments: administrative \$3,000, police \$5,000, light and power \$4,000, and capital outlay up \$66,000 (including the N. Piedmont job). In addition, the budget labels \$10,442.70 as a contingency fund, an item completely missing from last year's budget.

These departments have lesser appropriations: cemetery by \$900, street by \$6,000, water and sewer by \$5,000, recorder's court by \$2,000, and debt service by \$16,000. City Clerk Gene Mitcham explained that a surplus has accrued in the debt service account.

Listed as other anticipated capital expenditures are purchase of a police car, public utilities for Loom-Tex and Sadie communities, a sewer pump to serve Bennett and Owens street residents, balance due on the city's motor grader, a radio for the fire truck, engineering fees, and \$5800 for paving, sidewalks, and guttering.

The city budget anticipates it will have the usual two major sources of revenue, expecting \$292,000 (or more than half its income) from sale of power and water. Next biggest revenue account is expected to be current year taxes, at \$148,300, or 95 percent.

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