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Seventieth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

## \$621,938 Budget Board Tentatively

POSTPONED

The Adult Fellowship sup-per, scheduled for Thursday by Central Methodist church, has been postponed due to the illness of the Class President Floyd Payne, at whose home the class was to meet Thursday evening.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mounatin District Boy Scouts will be held at Central Methodist church Thursday night at 7:45 p. m. Scout leaders roundtables are held at Shelby on the first Monday of each month or at Gastonia on the second Monday of each month.

Miss Martha Ann Baker, Miss Nancy Bell, and Douglas Elmore were among area students listed on the honor roll for the spring term at Appa-lachian State Teacher's college at Boone. These students maintained a "B" or higher scholastic average.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Stephen Edward Kesler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kesler, was listed on the Dean's list for the spring semester at the University of N. C., Chapel Hill. Students must maintain all B grades or bet-ter to qualify for the Dean's list. Mr. Kesler is a sophomore.

LODGE MEETING

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

KIWANIS CLUB

Rev. M. D. DuBose, Jr., pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their regular Thursday night meeting. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

## **Funds Needed** To Finance Band

The budget includes \$786 for new instruments, \$1,495 for trips, \$750 for band uniforms, \$1,000 Highway Projects Produce Upsets; for instrument repair and replacement, and \$150 for music.

"You can see that it is a vig."

U. S. 74 Project Is No Exception

orous and ambitious undertaking for the Kings Mountain Band Booster Club," Mr. Weir said. "It caused property - owner upsets, forts of the Booster Club and the band parents alone. We need your support to once again place the band where it belongs in the community."

This may changes have long widening." It was a statement inferentially confirmed last week both pro and con, and the proposal concerning U. S. Highway who remarked that he certainly wanted to be present, if and when the band where it belongs in the community."

Early contacts are being made for donation by the club so private citizens, businesses, and industrial firms may budget their donations for the fiscal year which begins in July.

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Public Works commission in committing funds for a U.S. 74 by pass of Kings Mountain.

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These same citizens were less. Donations may be sent to Mrs. happy when W. F. Babcock, di-Wanza Y. Davis, Treasurer of the rector of the commission, said no Presbyterian. But the ARP's rea-Carlon division of Carlton Mills

## Yost To Speak To Lutherans

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding and family are expected home from their vacation next week.

Mr. Yost will deliver the sermon at the 10 a. m. morning wor-

## Local News | Series Count Is 2-2; Juniors School Merger: Boards Didn't Bulletins Were At Newton Wednesday

### **Series Finale Sudden Death Game For Both**

BY NEALE PATRICK

Coach Fred Withers played a long shot in Newton Tuesday night . . . and he was Wright.

The Kings Mt. junior mentor by-passed his ace, Bobby Biddix, for the important must game pitching chores and instead nominated Jerry Wright who had been batted out of the box in two previous starts in the series.

The gamble paid-off as Jerry turned in probably his best pitching performance of the season, stopping Newton, 6-2, on five hits to square the best-offive series at two victories each The same two club were due to go back to Newton for the sudden-death fifth game Wednes. Rites Conducted den-death fifth game Wednesday night, with Biddix getting the pitching assignment in this

Newton won the flip of the coin as the site of the fifth game. The Otis D. Green Post will Baptist church. split the net gate receipts at the

Wright had been pounded off Philadelphia, Pa. the hill in each of the two previous games of the set, lasting less than two innings in the e-ventual KM. win last Saturday night, and less than three fram-es in the loss here Monday

But it was a different story Tuesday.

The Kings Mountain high product was "sharp" as they say in the pitching trade. He allowed only five hits, only two through the first six innings while his (Continued on Page Two)

### **Catholics Set Sunday Mass**

Kings Mountain Catholics will unite to participate in the Holy sacrifice of the Mass at the A-The mass, which is the second Sunday gathering for the congrecer. Burial was in Mountain Rest gation, will be held at 9 a. m. Facemetery. ther Clements invites all parish-ioners and visitors to join in the

Some citizens along the pres- sion on the U.S. 74 matter.

ly purchased.

### **Privilege License** Purchases \$1956

City privilege license pur-chases totaled \$1956 through

The total of purchases was described as "satisfactory" by city officials, who anticipate this income category will return \$5500 to city coffers during the fiscal year just start-

Old licenses expired June 30 and state law requires new lic-enses be purchased during the month of July. Penalties apply after July 31.

## Marshall Gore's

Philadelphia surgeons had employed the heart-lung machine in eliminating the blockage.

late Mr. and Mrs. Christopher C. current season. Gore, and a member of Macedonia Baptist church.

Rev. E. O. Gore, of Vilas.

pastor, and Rev. Richard Spen-cer. Burial was in Mountain Rest The final rites were conducted meter net. merican Legion Hut this Sunday. by Rev. T. A. Lineberger, the

## Recreation **Finally Gets Meter Receipts**

The city recreation commission several recreation commissions have been seeking for years.

Omitted from the tentative budget of the city for 1959-60 is anticipated income from parking

Monday night, the commission willed the parking/meter business to the commission, which should mean about \$7,000 per year, or more, in gross revenue.

net" figure.

When the commission "willed" the meter take to the recreation group, it also bequeathed the Funeral rites for Marshall commission responsibility for su-Clay Gore, 49, Kings Mountain perintending the meters, keeping service station owner, were held them in good repair, and other Tuesday afternoon at Macedonia responsibilities attendant there-

Mr. Gore succumbed at Uni-versity of Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia Pa

week. Death was attributed to a man, the recreation commission merger election was correct. Mr. thinks it'll net about \$3,000 or Davis explained, and the attorbeen diagnosed as a partial blockage of the aortic valve. The Philadelphia Mr. Gore's heart ailment had more per year from this source. year it didn't. The Davidson pool, specializing in bond issuance. consists of two organizations, the elementary band and the begin-Mr. Gore was a native of Gasup to this year a consistent monton county. He was a son of the
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Baptist church.

the General Assembly passed a have to await the result of the law enabling the city to devote merger election." Georgia Pressley Gore, a son its parking meter receipts for Marshall Gore, Jr., and a brother, public recreation. Every recreapublic recreation. Every recrea-tion commission since has made Union Service an annual plea for the parking

Kings Mountain High School's Band needs funds to operate the band program again this year, Sam Weir, Jr., president of the Kings Mountain Band Booster Club pointed out this week.

Active palibearers were Boyd Montgomery, of Grover, and Cly. Montgomery of Gr Wed: jesday the recreation comwill get 10 percent of the \$20.80 take from off-street meters on the in the summer schedule of union Cherokee street lot. The ten percent is all the city has been get-ting, as 40 percent of the total has been going to the meter company to pay for the meters, installed in 1955, and the other half BY MARTIN HARMON
Presbyterian church opposes the to the property owners as rent.

## J. O. Pruitt **Dies Suddenly**

ly a lifelong Kings Mountain resident, died Wednesday morning of a heart attack at his home Mr. Pruitt had been in appar-

James Odell Pruitt, 49, virtual-

Kings Mountain Band Booster plans are "finalized" and that fi-son that the widening will speed at Crowder's Mountain. Club, in care of the Kings Mountain would await ARP plans for building a new Born in Cherokeee Fal Born in Cherokeee Falls, S. C.,

results of aerial and engineering church plant on property recent he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Pruitt. He was a If it would be more convenient, Conversely, others, principally Director Babcock has said he member of Chestnut Ridge Bapdoners will be contacted during commercial interests along King would be delighted to discuss the tist church.

the band drive this fall.

The Booster Club will meet July 20 and the public is cordially invited to attend. "We want to put Kings Mountain band back before the public eye where it belongs," Mr. Weir said.

Commercial interests along King would be delighted to discuss the problem with Kings Mountain who feel traffic is important to citizens as quickly as some information is in hand, meaning survey results.

Engineer Kemper thinks Kings Mountain, and Opal Pruitt, with the Mir Force in Biloxi, Miss., division engineer, recommended the widening of King street to four lane boulevard which is U. S. 74 East and the Abernethy Kings Mountain, and the widening of King street to four-lane boulevard which is U. Abernethy, Kings Mountain, and

the widening of King street to make it a boulevard twin to Gastonia's Franklin avenue.

The Herald learned Wednesday that some citizens opposing the widening of King are planning to circulate a petition opposing the widening of King.

Principal opponents to the widening of King are King street citizens with short draft front yards, venerable trees which would be cut on a 36-foot widening, and others who have valuable residential properties.

But these aren't all.

One proponent of the King widening, remarked recently, "T believe every member of the First both sides of the question.

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county board of education held its monthly session.

Hill Lowery, chairman of the Bethware district committee, said "No, we didn't go. We didn't The City Cooler have anything to take before them. I take it we're going to have to do some more checking for about a month before we go before the county bard."

The several school committees finally gets the financial bonanza and boards involved, including boards representing Compact, Grover, Bethware, Park Grace and Kings Mountain schools, have agreed on a political arrangement for administration of the merged district. The plan is for an initial and temporary board of nine members, from Kings Mountain and four from currently outside areas, with this number to be reduced to five for a permanent arrange-The gross, however, won't com- ment, including three from prepare with the more important sent Kings Mountain district boundaries and two from other district areas.

The committees had also agreed to hinge the vote on a concurrent successful bond election to provide funds to build a new township high school. Herein,

J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain at greements, said he conferred He had undergone a heart op ipates that the recreation direc with the attorney general's ofration on June 24 and the oper- or will double in brass during the ment on government was quite in order, but that his contention cessful to the point that Mr. Gore had expected to return home this and expense of paying the meter.

Week Death was attributed to a more than the content of the content o year) and from swimming fees. tity is definitely formed. In turn, In a good weather year, the Deal investors won't buy bonds withstreet pool returns a profit. Last out the approval of attorneys ed shortly. The group, which the federal government has in-

mented, "but the bond election pectively. It was about ten years ago that for a new high school plant will

Sunday night's union service will be held at First Presbyter-

## Just \$1,039,000

The City of Kings Mountain

million dallars?

How does it feel to owe

will know next June 30, for this year's debt service payment will reduce all of the city's bonded indebtedness to the cool million figure. As of July 1, 1959, the city owed \$1,039,000 in long term

bonded debt. During the coming year the city will reduce this debt exactly \$39,000, including \$29,000 in general ob-ligations and \$10,000 on the city natural gas system. This year marks the first payment on the \$400,000 in revenue bonds the city issued to build its gas system. Only the gas system is security for the gas system bonds, but the "full faith and credit" of the city is pledged to assure payment of the other bonds. City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel,

Jr., listed these bonds as outstanding on July'1, in addition to the gas bonds: water and sewer bonds \$507,000; recreation bonds \$130,000; street bonds \$2000.

The \$2,000 in street bonds, bearing interest at 1:75 percent, will be among the payments this year. It represents final re-payment of monies borrowed in 1946 for street im-The city's bond interest bill

for the year just beginning will be \$33,905 less by \$1672. 50 than last year's interest

# S & L Firms Plan \$1.50 Tax Rate; Spending Down Nothing happened last Friday concerning the proposed Number 4 Township school merger, as the county board of education half

It's likely to be cooler, shortly, at some spots in City Hall. The city commission will receive bids Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for a partial airconditioning system.

The proposed installation, expected to cost about \$3500, won't be any help to the spectators at recorder's court, for the courtroom isn't included in the several rooms to be air-

Malefactors will benefit on-ly slightly. Plans, drawn by Charles Harrison, Gastonia engineer, don't call for cooling the city cooler. However, a city official pointed out, a guy arrested in Kings Mountain during the summertime will have the benefit of cooling temperaltures while he's being booked at the city police desk.

All offices are to be cooled, including the office of the mayor, the city clerk, the tax collector, the police chief, the police desk sergeant, and the gas superintendent. Also on the list for cooling: the mayoral

## **Plan Concerts**

Members of the City School's summer band program will be showing what they have learned shortly. The group, which four percent or better. Meantime, ed to \$51,307 expended in fiscal

p. m. on the front lawn of Cen- able on federal obligations. tral High school. There will be

band include: Susan Plonk, per cent per year. flute; Lawrence Mauney, Lyn Buzzy Shuford and Eddie Glad. shares.

Ware, Gail Heavner, flute; Bren- to holders of full-paid shares. | collection of \$15,000 from prior Marsha Ballance, clarinet; Mary counts of approximately \$9,500 perty owner share of street im-Ann Morrison, Mary Jo Hord, al- to holders of First National Bank provement costs. to clarinet; Wanda Adams, bass savings accounts upped the total Other anticipated income iclarinet; Erving Jones, Barbara past the \$100,000-mark for semi-tems fall well below the five-fig-Plonk, James Flowers, Edwin annual dividends by Kings ure class. Among them: \$6,500 Ware, alto saxophone; Mike Al- Mountain financial firms. brecht, Charles "Speedy" Ramsey, Sandy Manuey, Leslie Joy, \$94,003.50 compares with the ment), \$5500 in privilege license

### **Firms Anticipate Four Percent Annual Rate**

Kings Mountain's two savings and loan associations acted last Friday to boost their dividend payments on savings to four percent per year, an increase of one half of one percent from the 3.5 pended \$663,005. Mr. McDaniel percent the associations have pointed out his totals are prepaid since January 1, 1957.

The resolutions of the two boards of directors read that the plan are for capital outlay, this firms "anticipate" paying divi- year's anticipated expenditure of

A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association, and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, noted that there is little doubt the only minor anticipated changes, directors will declare dividends at up or down, in anticipated spenthe four percent rate.

that the State Commissioner of trical department's spending Insurance, which has supervisory budget of \$169,285 is up \$10,000, jurisdiction over savings and loan most of the amount to go to operations, frowns on firm dec. Duke Power Company for anticiarations on future dividends. pated increased purchases for

The local associations followed power. quickly the action of Shelby associations in making plans to up the dividend payments.

big city banks gradually increasing the "prime" rate for short term credit to from 4. to 4.5 per-term credit to from 4. to 4.5 per-term credit to from 4. to 4.5 per-term credit to from 5.000 carryover from fiscal 1958. have been "slow" and, in some veterans to 5.25 percent. Presi-

p. m. on the front lawn of Central High school. There will be no admission fee and the public is invited.

Members of the elementary hand include: Susan Plonk between the percent per year.

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Home Savings & Loan districlarinet; Spencer Moore, bass cluding \$24,954 to holders of op-clarinet; Mike Goforth and Jer. cluding savings accounts, and

Kings Mountain Savings & Next in the income category Loan association distributed di- is the Powell Fund rebate from Those performing in the be-cluding \$20,982 to optional sav- ion hopes this source will hold band will be: Eleanor ings acount holders and \$21,989 its own at \$32,000. It anticipates

Summitt, Lynda Mauney, A payment on savings ac. year taxes, and \$12,000 in pro-

## City Commits For Appropriation Of \$20,000 To Construct Armory

Tuesday afternoon, committed an appropriation of \$20,000 for the building of a National Guard Armory here.

Last time the city used formula for issuing bonds was in 1950. The county recently used the same formula in issuing Police Force

Capt. Humes Houston, command- school bonds. it was previously below Mountain on the armory priority the building formula. list, He told the board that Statesville was escalated because local county will cooperate. Mayor Glee city commission accepted the res-

the federal government share in or to do its part. costs of the structure. The city commission had one ed with Fitzhugh Rollins, county which is required of police offi-"if" in the Tuesday appropria- board chairman, Tuesday, and

tion. With a budget already form- that Mr. Rollins indicated the ulated and reasonably tight, the county board would do its best board said it would provide the to participate. ernments can issue bonds, with mory projects with National turn to the police department several works ago.

ing officer of the Kings Mountain The city commission indicated join the police department as

ville is getting an armory, though when a national guard official shift operator of the water filter Kings came here to outline details of plant.

\$20,000 city share provided it Capt. Houston noted that Ma-

thirds the amount of the previous Armories, while built for the Mr. Ware's return to police du

# BY MARTIN HARMON

The city board of commissionrs met briefly Monday night and tentatively adopted a \$621,-938 budget for the 1959-60 fis-

Concurrently, the commission tentatively set the tax rate at \$1.50 per 100 valuation, same rate in force during the past year. Of the total five cents is levied for recreational purposes.

This year's budget will be less by \$42,000 than that amount of money expended during the past liminary and subject to audit.

Major cuts in the spending dends on savings at the December \$77,902 being some \$32,000 less 1959 dividend declaration. and for streets, the \$93,045 anticipated expenditure for this year being less by \$16,000 than the amount spent last year.

Otherwise, there are few and ding with the exception of the They pointed out, however, electrical department. The elec-

Principal reason for the downward trend in expenditures, board members have indicated, The increase stems largely is the lower cash-surplus carryfrom continued increase in charg- over from the past year. Mr. Mces for borrowing which has seen Daniel records the cash surplus

Debt service will cost the city

### REVENUES

revenue, as usual, will be sale idenit Eisenhower has asked Con- of water and power, with power The concerts will be held at 7 gress to raise the maximum pay- the major money item. Budgeted

Next, again as usual, is the in-Cheshire, and Kathy Martin, buted \$51,030.74 on June 30, in-come from ad valorem taxes, which, the commission estimational savings accounts, and tes, will return \$150,000 this \$26,075 to holders of full-paid year, aided and abetted by a shares.

vidends totaling \$42,972.76, in the state gas tax. The commiss

The savings and loan total of rebate from the state arrange-Tony Alexander, cornet; and \$87,373.96 the two firms paid fees, \$9500 in court costs, and Gene Gann, trombone. last December 31. (municipalities get rebates on the state gasoline tax, on appli-

Mr. McDaniel said it is possible the board of commissioners may do some minor re-shuffling figures before it finally adopts The city board of commission- fiscal year, as the city's net debt the budget prior to July 28, maners, at a brief special session retirement last year was \$30,000. datory date to final adoption. datory date to final adoption.

Ralph (Babe) Ware will renational guard unit, Co. D, 105th intent to cooperate in the build quickly as a replacement is em-Engineers, told the board States ing of an armory two years ago, ployed for his position as second-

It is also anticipated that the police force Monday night, as the Mr. Ware was named to the appropriations had been made.

Under the armory building fortwo years ago, and the county Garland Henson. City officials mula, cities, counties, state and board indicated it would endeav- said they understood that Mr. Capt, Houston said he had talk-to move within the city limits. Henson didn't find himself able

Mr. Ware has been a city employee for nine years. He spent a year with the sanitary departcould issue bonds for the purpose. jor Pegram, of Charlotte, battal. ment, five as a policeman, and the Herein, another legal formula is liton representative, was to be in involved. City (and county) gov. Raleigh Wednesday to discuss ar.

year's net debt retirement, provided enough citizens don't formula displayed for the City of Kings Mountain could Guardsmen, are available for Warren G. Ellison or John Robbs, issue \$20,000 in bonds during the rent for public functions.

# Rev. John L. Yost, Jr., pastor of Hickory's Holy Trinity Luther-an church, will fill the pulpit Sun-day at St. Matthew's Lutheran