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Architect Declines To Guess High School Bid Date

Natural Gas Lines Will Be Increased

Local News Bulletins

CAR WASH
 The Grace Methodist Church MYF will sponsor a car wash Saturday from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. in the fellowship hall parking lot. Charge will be \$1.25 per car. Those wishing to have their car washed should bring their car by the church or telephone 739-5391.

SPECIAL SERVICE
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dunn and Frank Pace will conduct church services Sunday afternoon at 2:30, weather permitting, at the recreation park area off Dilling street.

LUTHER LEAGUE
 The Luther League of Resurrection Lutheran church, meeting during the summer in the homes of members, will gather Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dixon, Hillside drive.

CHURCHMEN
 United Lutheran Churchmen of Resurrection Lutheran church will gather Saturday at 7 p. m. at the church instead of Sunday for the regular meeting. Program will feature the discussion of application for charter membership in the new national organization of ULCM, official organization of the new Lutheran Church in America.

KIWANIS CLUB
 Kings Mountain Kiwanians will see a film on volcanic eruption Thursday night at night meeting at the Woman's club. The civic club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

METER RECEIPTS
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$190.90, including \$127.55 from on-street meters, \$46 from over-parking fees, and \$17.35 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reported.

SHUFORDS IN NEW HOME
 The Tolly Shuford family occupied its new residence on Fulton Road Saturday. The former Shuford home at the corner of King and Sims street was razed by fire several months ago.

JAYCEES TOUR PPG
 Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will tour the Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant outside of Shelby next Tuesday as program for the regular meeting. The group will eat at Bridges Barbecue following the tour.

NO PERMITS
 No building permits were issued by city officials during the past week.

HOKE HOME
 L. A. Hoke, who suffered a heart attack on June 22, was discharged from Kings Mountain Hospital Tuesday. He is recuperating at home, but is not yet allowed visitors.

OPTIMISTS MEET
 Members of the Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at the Cottonwood Restaurant on Highway 29.

No Major Surgery In Balancing Budget

Initially out-of-balance, on basis of departmental requests, about \$80,000, this year's city budget was balanced more simply than any in many prior years, without major surgery. Added was some \$7900 for increased pay to employees. Subtracted were two equipment items Superintendent Grady Yelton needs: a \$15,000 pay loader and a \$4,000 dump truck. The major balancing item was a \$77,000 surplus.

Bids Are Asked For \$40,000 In Additions

BY DAVID BAIITY
 The city gas system is advertising for bids for new line and regulator station additions expected to cost about \$40,000.

The additions will enable the city to provide more than double the present natural gas service to Bennett Brick & Tile Company, to increase service to Kings Mountain Mica Company's Patterson plant, and to handle the added demand on the system created by two new industrial customers, Craftsman Yarns, Inc., and Shannon Limited, Inc.

Estimates are that these expanded and added services will increase the system's industrial revenue this year by \$25,000.

Bennett Brick & Tile Company has an interruptible service contract. The other three buy "firm" gas, and Mayor Kelly Dixon told the board of commissioners Tuesday night that the system would not be able to supply the mica company on firm basis during the coming winter without a line addition. The same situation exists, he said, on serving the brick-making firm.

Cash for the project is available in the gas system's \$50,000 renewal and extension fund. W. B. Edwards, Jr., with Barnard and Burks, Inc., Consulting Engineers, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, outlined the gas line addition to the commissioners. The alterations will require some two miles of six-inch pipe and the erection of four regulator stations.

The alterations would include laying a six-inch booster line parallel to Gold Street from the York Road high pressure line to Cansler Street, subsequently following Cansler Street north to supply Kings Mountain Mica Company.

The line from Gold Street would then follow Sims Street, go north along Sims street to Mountain street, and west along Mountain Street, finally tying into the Phifer Road line to increase gas service to Bennett Brick and Tile Company.

The Sims Street line would also boost residential service capacity in that area.

Mohair Cuts City Water Usage

Less city water consumption by Margrace plant of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company reflects increased production by the mill firm's own system, a spokesman said Wednesday. The Margrace plant was billed for 4,340,000 gallons on July 1. The previous month's billing was for 6,020,000 gallons, while the May 1 billing was the highest of 1962 — for 7,516,000 gallons.

This firm protested bitterly when the city escalated basic water rates and increased its outside city surcharge from ten to fifty percent.

Water rates were an issue in last spring's city election. Asked how little city water the Margrace plant expected to use when its well system is completed, the spokesman said, "We hope none."

The Margrace plant is served by a line from the city which it installed at a cost of over \$15,000. Subsequently, the county reimbursed the firm for this outlay.

Legion Adjutant Is Graduate

Joe McDaniel, Jr., adjutant of Otis D. Green Post 155, has completed successfully a six-month correspondence course on the American Legion as offered by the American Legion Extension Institute. Courses of instruction included those on the Legion's internal organization, its Americanism program, its rehabilitation, foreign relations, legislative, economic, national security and national child welfare programs. He received notification of his successful examination and a diploma recently.



TEN YEAR AWARD WINNERS -- Employees of Foote Mineral Company who hold 10-year records without lost time accidents were presented 10-year-plus last week. E. R. Geter, left, presented awards to Warren Goforth, Converse Hutchins, Gene Whitworth, Tom Berry, Joe Jimson and William McDowell, in usual left to right order in photograph above. Not present for the picture taking were these recipients: Edward Brown, Oliver Armstrong and Robert D. Berry.

City Shows \$77,553 Surplus; Tentative Budget \$763,013

Surplus, Budget For 1962-63 Are New Records

By MARTIN HARMON
 Benefitted by a record \$77,553 surplus, the city commission has adopted tentatively a record budget for 1962-63 of \$763,013.

Of the total, \$168,839 is earmarked for capital outlay, more familiarly known as permanent improvements, including \$75,000 for the first phase of the projected \$335,000 rebuilding of the electrical distribution system.

Also included is a contingency fund for emergencies of \$8,054. Other capital expenditures budgeted are \$52,640 in curb and gutter installations, \$7,696 for street paving, \$14,303 for water and sewer installations, and \$19,250 for equipment.

Of the total, \$6,000 is budgeted for the recreation commission estimated receipts from the five-cent ad valorem tax for recreational purposes.

Debt service will claim \$45,363.50 of the total, including \$30,000 in principal payments, \$15,262.50 in interest, and \$100 in bank commissions.

General fund expenditures, including operational costs, salaries and wages, and power purchases from Duke Power Company, are estimated at \$534,733. It is estimated that Duke's power billings to the city will total \$150,000 during the coming months.

These are the anticipated expenditures by departments:

Department	\$ 9,804.18
Administrative	23,653.31
Department	84,948.60
Street Department	24,393.15
Sanitary Department	51,049.73
Police-Court	20,237.44
Department	59,850.18
Fire Department	61,699.77
General Department	199,097.00
Water and Sewer	
Department	
Light and Power	
Department	

City officials regard their estimate of income for the year as "conservative." Major portion of the income is expected to come, as usual, from sale of water and power and is budgeted at \$435,000, up

Contract Let For Air-Conditioning And Other Post Office Renovation

ATLANTA -- Contracts have been let for repair and improvement of Kings Mountain post-office. Major improvements will be installation of air-conditioning. Other projects contracted include fuel conversion, lighting and electrical improvements and other related work. Postmaster Charles L. Alexander said he had not received specifications on the work planned but understood the air-conditioning is the major portion of the work. The boiler is to be converted for consumption of oil, rather than coal. Contract was awarded Wilber, Kendrick, Workman and Warren, Inc., of Charlotte. The work is to be completed by late November. The professional services contract was let by the Atlanta Regional Office of General Services Administration, 1776 Peachtree Street, N. W., Atlanta 9, Georgia. That office will also solicit bids for the repair and improvement work at a date to be announced later.

Phifer Road Site Is Chosen By 3 To 2 Vote

BY DAVID BAIITY

Acting on a motion posed May 21 by Dr. P. G. Padgett, the board of education, by a 3-2 split decision, voted Friday night to purchase the Phifer-Neisler tract on Phifer Road as the site for the new consolidated Kings Mountain High School.

Voting for purchase of the site were Dr. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Lena W. McGill, and Holmes Harry. Opposing the action were Chairman Fred W. Plonk and Vice-Chairman H. O. (Toby) Williams.

Plonk and Williams, although opposed to the Phifer-Neisler site, pledged their support. "I don't approve of the decision made, but I will work to see that the best possible school is built there," Chairman Plonk said.

Following the decision, Chairman Plonk read a prepared statement listing his objections to the site. He stated:

"The State Division of School Planning considers it to be the least desirable of any of the sites that were considered.

The architects did not rate it as desirable as other sites.

"I feel that the cost of building and developing this site will cause the overall cost of the school to be more than any of the sites under consideration.

"The topography of this site will determine the type of building that will have to be built, and may interfere with the erection of the type building we should have, and

"I would like to see our money spent where it could readily be seen and where there are roads already built to take care of our needs."

Mr. Plonk's objections were echoed by Mr. Williams.

The board action followed an evaluation of a report from Earl C. Van Horn, consulting geologist, by architects Thomas Cochran and Fred Van Wageningen.

Geologist Van Horn was retained on Holmes Harry's substitute motion May 23.

At the May 21 board meeting the school trustees had indicated a 3-2 split decision on the Phifer-Neisler site.

At Friday's session the architects, using data from the Van Horn report, compared minimum grading costs of the Phifer-Neisler site and the Goforth-Plonk site.

Excavation cost of the Phifer site was estimated at \$25,600 as compared to \$7,722 at the Goforth-Plonk site.

Architects noted, by taking five feet off the crest of the principal knoll on the Phifer site, estimated excavation would amount to 2,000 yards of earth and 1,000 yards of stone, totaling \$10,500 for the school plant.

Excavation for a playing field was estimated at \$10,000 and for driveways and parking areas, \$3,000.

At the Goforth-Plonk site excavation for the school plant would have required moving \$300; and J. R. Davis, city attorney, \$1200.

City Budget Earmarks 22 Percent Or \$168,000 For Capital Expense

By MARTIN HARMON
 This year's city budget, as tentatively adopted, continues a policy of several years standing in devoting a sizeable portion of the total year's expenditures to long-term improvements.

This year the city expects to spend over \$168,000 — or 22 percent — of its budget in this direction.

Largest single item is \$75,000 for the first phase of rebuilding the electrical distribution system.

Equipment purchases will include a half-ton truck, backhoe and front-end loader, garbage truck, air compressor and jack hammer.

Water and sewer projects include:



PROMOTED -- Ollie Harris, Jr. has been promoted to vice-president of the real estate firm of Bob Harris Enterprises of Houston, Texas. Mr. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, and his wife and son live in Pasadena.

City Pay Hikes To Total \$7900

All full-time city employees, including hourly-rated employees and department heads, received minimum pay increases of not less than five percent, and estimated to require increased expenditures of about \$7900.

The increases, retroactive to July 1, were voted at last Friday's special session of the commission.

Lowest paid employees received the greatest increase, as the commission established a minimum wage of \$1.15 per hour. City Clerk Joe McDaniel said a few employees had been receiving \$1 per hour. The new minimum meets the currently basic minimum wage prescribed by the federal wage and hour law. The city, however, does not pay time and one-half for hours worked in excess of 40.

New annual salaries of officials and department heads are:

Joe McDaniel, Jr., city clerk and treasurer, \$4556.88 plus \$1,200.46 from the gas system, total \$5758.88.

Mrs. Houston Wolfe, assistant city clerk and treasurer, \$3560.54 plus \$520 from the gas system, total \$4080.54.

Grady Yelton, superintendent of public works, \$5779.12.

Hunter Allen, electrical department superintendent, \$5136.76.

Corbett Nicholson, gas system superintendent, \$5240.

Paul Sanders, acting police chief, \$4494.93.

Sam R. Suber, cemetery superintendent, \$3940.58.

Unaffected by the increase were the salary of Mayor Kelly Dixon, who receives \$4200 from the city, \$1200 from the gas system and \$600 in expenses for a gross of \$6,000 per year.

Other unchanged salaries are: Jack White, judge of recorder's court, \$2100; George Thomason, solicitor of recorder's court, \$1200; J. Pat Tignor, fire chief, \$3300; and J. R. Davis, city attorney, \$1200.

Survey Results Awaited To Map Site Topography

By MARTIN HARMON

Architects commissioned to design and superintend construction of the new area high school on Phifer Road decline to estimate a possible date the board of education may receive bids.

Thomas W. Cochran of Architects Associated, Shelby, said Wednesday, "We will do our best to comply with the original aim (for occupancy). Naturally we're pessimistic." Mr. Cochran referred to the fact it has been four months since citizens voted the monetary requirements and selection of the site.

He had remarked earlier to the receiving of bids question, "I wish we knew; we haven't even started yet."

He explained that architectural work couldn't begin until the Phifer Road site is surveyed and the school site boundaries established.

"The whole area must be mapped topographically. We'll do that as quickly as we get the surveyor's report on the boundaries," Mr. Cochran added.

He guessed that sketches will be ready for presentation to the board of education in two to three months.

Original aim of the board of education, after the \$1,100,000 borrowing authority was approved by district citizens on March 10, was occupancy for the school year beginning September 1963.

Stating that a major consideration is supplying the building required (1200 students) within the limit of available funds, Mr. Cochran said, "I've built 15 schools and haven't missed yet."

Before he and Fred Van Wageningen joined another group of architects in forming Architects Associated, the firm of Van Wageningen and Cochran were architects for Kings Mountain's North elementary school. Among other local buildings designed by the firm are the clinic of Dr. P. G. Padgett, the Herald building, the Woman's Club addition, and the residences of Dr. Paul E. Hendricks and O. W. Myers.

Schools List 14 Vacancies

Two teaching vacancies in the city schools system were filled this week, leaving 14 still open, Supt. B. N. Barnes said Wednesday.

Employed Friday was Mrs. Carlton M. Millinax, of Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. Millinax will be girls' physical education and science instructor at Kings Mountain High school.

A 1962 graduate of Limestone College, she holds a B. S. degree in physical education, minor in science. She had previously graduated from Gaffney Senior High school.

While at Limestone College, Mrs. Millinax was editor of "The Lantern," the school newspaper, a member of the publications council, vice-president of the athletic association, a member of Chi Beta Phi honorary scientific fraternity, a member of the legislative council, and a member of Chi Delta Phi honorary literary society.

Miss Sylvia Annette West, route 2, Kings Mountain resident, was employed early this week as teacher of eighth grade at Kings Mountain High school.

She is a 1962 graduate of Western Carolina College and did practice teaching in the Waynesville city schools.

She is a graduate of Grover High school. (Continued On Page Eight)

New Quarters Here For Job-Seekers

The Employment Security Commission headquarters on Thursday is being moved from City Hall courtroom to the National Guard Armory, effective next Thursday, July 19th.

Buell A. Bailey, manager of the Shelby ESC office which furnishes line-art service in Kings Mountain one day a week, said that claimants should enter the Armory at the front entrance and they will be served in the Drill Hall.

Citizens seeking employment and/or filing claims for unemployment compensation are asked to note this change. Mrs. James Gibson and Mrs. Marion Dixon, both of Kings Mountain, man the ESC office here on Thursdays.

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