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City Limits 8,008

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City Budget Record \$890,000; Tax Rate Set At 85c

Welfare Board Adamant, To Close Branch Here

Capital Outlay Spending Set At \$183,000

Kings Mountain's ad valorem tax rate will be 85 cents per \$100 valuation for the current year, with the city anticipating record income and expenditures of \$890,000.

The city commission formally set the tax rate and adopted the 1964-65 budget Monday afternoon. The budget is a record one, though only about \$2,000 over the amended budget for last year.

The tax rate is predicted on an estimated total valuation of \$205 million and is designed to produce \$150,000 in revenue, based on estimated 90 percent collections during the ensuing 12 months. The rate reflects a \$25,000 paring of tax revenue.

Major items of anticipated income, as is customary, is from power and water sales, estimated at \$10,000. The city has an unappropriated surplus from the previous year of \$38,753, and expects to receive \$36,015 from Powell Bill gas tax funds for street work. It anticipates a profit of \$75,000 from the natural gas system, receipts of \$10,500 from court costs, \$9,289 from intangible taxes, \$5,800 from privilege licenses, \$15,000 from prior year taxes, and \$4,491 from franchise taxes. Street assessments are expected to return \$5,000.

The city will spend \$2,225 for debt service, including \$12,175 in interest, \$50 in bank fees, and \$30,000 principal. This year's payments will cut the city's bonded debt to \$460,000.

A total of \$183,022 is earmarked for capital expenditures, with \$84,498 for street department equipment paving and curb and gutter installations, and \$70,278 for water and sewer expenditures. The street department will buy a flusher and payloador, spend \$12,536 for paving, and \$50,462 for curb and gutter. The water and sewer department will buy a chlorinator, valves for filters for the filtration plant, sewer cleaning equipment, and spend \$15,928 for new water and sewer lines.

The electric department will buy a two-bucket sky worker, conventionally known as the "cherry-picker", while \$2550 is earmarked for office equipment, \$3985 for the police department including a new patrol car, and \$6000 for a land use survey.

The recreation fund will receive \$8,700, represented by the recreation tax levy.

Operational expenses by departments are estimated as follows: cemetery, \$10,288; administrative, \$23,973; sanitary, \$30,311; street, \$85,592 (includes and city court, \$69,116; fire, \$24,067; general, \$89,671 (includes \$13,832 employees retirement, \$12,500 general insurance); water and sewer department \$71,596; electric, \$238,511. Sales tax is expected to cost the city \$2,853.

Of the electrical department expense the city expects to pay Duke Power Company \$190,000 for power it resells.

Kings Mountain Lads Can Eat

Growing boys have good appetites.

This word comes from members of the Kings Mountain Optimist club, hosts to 96 Kings Mountain Little Leaguers on an over-night outing to Lake Norman Saturday.

Larry Adams, of the Optimist organization, reports a "clean-up" of the following foodstuffs by the 96 lads and 27 men who accompanied them:

Saturday supper — 15 watermelons, 500 hot dogs, 30 pounds of hamburger, 25 pounds of chili, and 200 pints of milk.

Sunday breakfast — 30 dozen eggs, 20 pounds of bacon, 100 wieners (the bacon proved insufficient), 25 loaves of bread and 60 gallons of Kool-aid.

Sunday dinner — 25 loaves of bread plus beef stew, the stew containing 40 pounds of stew meat, seven gallons of assorted vegetables, six bundles of carrots, and 20 pounds of potatoes.

And no reports, yet, of tum-mache!

BUILDING PERMITS

City building permits have been purchased recently by J. Wilson Crawford, \$14,000, for erection of a six-room residence at 108 Castlewood road, and by Crescent Hill Development Company, Inc., \$16,000, for construction of two eight-room residences on Waco road.

for seven visits of the Charlotte regional blood collecting unit. The bloodmobile will be in Kings Mountain four times this year, Mr. Mauney noted, and twice in Grover for No. 4 township citizens.

Industrial firms led area citizens in blood-giving last year with Carolina Throwing Company placing first for the highest percentage of donors at bloodmobile visits. The industrial firms will begin a new year and a new goal with Monday's first visit of the Red Cross bloodbank.

Prebytery Elects Dr. P.G. Padgett

Kings Mountain Layman Named Moderator

Dr. Phillip G. Padgett, Kings Mountain physician and elder in First Presbyterian church, was elected moderator of Kings Mountain Presbytery at the 165th summer meeting at Belmont Tuesday.

The new moderator will succeed Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, pastor of Belmont's First Presbyterian church, host church for the meeting.

Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of the local church, Elder Joe Thomson and Deacons Ben T. Goforth, Ben Grimes and Charles Neisler attended the meeting which included the adoption of a \$249,960 budget for 1964-65 on recommendation of the stewardship committee. Members of the budget and finance committees representing the various churches in the Presbytery gathered at 1:30 p.m. to make reports and present a budget.

The new moderator, a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and active in the Men of the Church of the local church, was elected following luncheon.

Delegates also heard a report that Kings Mountain Presbytery led the Synod of North Carolina in giving to benevolent causes on a per capita basis during the year 1963. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was also observed during the morning session.

Mrs. Walker's Mother Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Compton Hopper, 77, mother of Mrs. A. K. Walker of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. from Durham Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte, N. C. Interment followed in Oaklawn cemetery.

Mrs. Hopper, a resident of Charlotte, died Thursday in Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Dr. Kenneth Hollifield and Rev. C. B. Baker officiated at the final rites.

Other survivors include three daughters, two sons, one foster son, and two sisters.

Grace Davis' Father Passes

Funeral services for N. W. Davis, 81, of Troy, father of Miss Grace Davis of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday, July 19, at 4 p.m. from Ophir Methodist church in Troy, N. C. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Prior to his death, Mr. Davis had been in declining health for several weeks.

Other survivors include his wife, three sons, and two daughters.

New Blood Collection Year Starts Monday; Goal For Year 852 Pints

The Red Cross bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain for its first of six scheduled visits during fiscal year 1964-65 on Monday.

Blood Program Chairman Charles Mauney, beginning his second year as head of the program, noted that donors will be processed from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

Goal of six collections during the new year will be 852 pints of blood. Last year's goal, which was surpassed, totaled 857 pints.



WINS AWARD — Donna Ann Crawford is the recipient of the God and Community Award by Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Donna Crawford Wins Top Award

Donna Ann Crawford, 13-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawford and a Cadette Girl Scout, has been presented the God and Community Award by Boyce Memorial ARP church, of which she is a member.

Miss Crawford has completed Second Class scout requirements and has completed six church projects on assignment by the minister, Dr. W. L. Pressly, since May 1963.

The God and Community award is given to any girl of Protestant faith by the church on the fulfillment of religious standards established by the church. This is the first such award and first recipient in the local ARP church.

Miss Crawford, who will be 14 years old in September, became a Brownie scout seven years ago. A member of Troop 3 of which Mrs. D. L. Bennett is leader, she is a patrol leader and received the Curved Bar in scouting in January 1963. She has earned 23 proficiency badges and two challenges.

Miss Crawford's father has long been active in scouting. A Scoutmaster, he returned home Saturday after accompanying a group to the Boy Scout National Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pa.

Antioch Sets Homecoming Day

Homecoming Day will be observed at Antioch Baptist church Sunday.

Sunday will make the 151st anniversary of the Baptist church near Grover.

Following the Sunday School and morning worship hour, picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds. A song service will be featured during the afternoon.

Patrick Honored At Jamboree

Eagle Scout Larry Patrick was presented the silver-silver palm award in scouting at the sixth National Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania last week.

Scouts and leaders from each of the 50 states and 64 foreign countries, totaling more than 55,000 gathered during July 17-23 at the historic Valley Forge site to become a showcase of Scouting activities and to reflect a deeper understanding of America's heritage.

Patrick, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Patrick, was a Junior leader representing Piedmont Council at the Jamboree.

Making the trip from Kings Mountain were Scoutmaster Don Crawford and Boy Scouts Tommy Bridges, Corky Fulton, Mike Hoyle, Jeff Mauney, Charles Padgett, Larry Patrick and Pat Chesaire.

K Mills Equipment Will Be Installed



HONORED — Carl B. Moss, former Kings Mountain resident, has been chosen for the 1965 Jaycee edition of "Young Men of America."

Moss Named To Honor Group

Carl B. Moss, Dean of Students at King's College, Charlotte, who was graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1950, was one of the five-King's College graduates chosen for the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," published by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Selections for "Outstanding Young Men of America" were made by a 13-man national board of editors among young men between the ages of 21 to 36 who "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

Mr. Moss after his graduation from King's College enrolled at Bowling Green College of Commerce at Bowling Green, Kentucky after serving two years in U. S. Army Finance Corps. He was graduated from Bowling Green in 1956 with a BS degree in accounting.

In August, 1956, he became an instructor of accounting at King's College, and in September, 1958, he was named Dean of Students. He was founder of the King's College chapter of the Phi Theta Pi national commerce fraternity. In 1962, he was co-chairman of Colleges and Private Schools Section of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg United Appeal. He is now serving a second term as Director of the North Carolina Association of Business Colleges.

He is married to the former Miss Jean Owens of Kings Mountain and they have a son and two daughters.

\$270,490 Gas Sales Expected

City natural gas sales for the year starting July 1 are expected to total \$270,490, provide a \$75,000 profit for general city expenses, and leave \$8,775 for new line installations.

Meantime, the city instructed its engineer, Barnard & Burk, Baton Rouge, La., to project income on basis of a \$25,000 overall cut in rates. City Clerk Joe McDaniel said the new rate schedule — to benefit largely residential gas customers — is expected within a short time and is to be instituted by October 1, usual start of the heating season.

The city anticipates sales to residential customers of \$97,048; to commercial customers, \$76,845; public building sales of \$10,381; and industrial sales of \$84,215. It expects \$2,000 in miscellaneous revenues.

Major cost of the system will be purchase of gas from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation. The city expects to pay Transco \$161,399. The cost of labor is guessed at \$10,000, other salaries at \$62,755, supplies at \$25,000 and engineering fees \$1800.

The system has cash-in-hand for paying remaining outstanding bonds and will call these bonds for payment as of October 1.

The distribution system was built in 1954 after issuance of \$400,000 in gas system revenue bonds. The system served its first customer January 15, 1955.

TO PRESBYTERY
Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor, and Elder Joe Thomson represented First Presbyterian church at the summer meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery in Belmont Tuesday.

Commission Action, Citizen Pleas Ignored

Protests of Kings Mountain area citizens and a recommendation by the county commission for reconsideration on closing the Kings Mountain branch of the county welfare office proved unavailing Monday night.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain member of the five-person board, left the meeting before it ended. The result, when newly-elected Chairman A. L. Warlick invited a motion on the matter, was that no motion was made.

The lack of action has the effect of leaving the matter as was: the Kings Mountain office will be closed within 90 days, actually as quickly as the county welfare department transfers its quarters from the Masonic Building in Shelby to the new county office building.

The question concerning the Kings Mountain branch, Mrs. Mauney said, was the last item on the meeting agenda and was not reached until 10:15 p.m. She renewed her plea that the closing be deferred, presented petitions opposing the closing by more than 600 Kings Mountain citizens, then left to discharge a family responsibility.

Mrs. Mauney said Welfare Superintendent Ben Carpenter had apologized for listing the Kings Mountain office matter last on the agenda, indicating its piling was inadvertent.

Other members of the welfare board are Carlos Young, Shelby, Ralph Elliott, Sharon community and Wayne Caudill, Shelby, recent appointee succeeding former Chairman Emmett Matthews. Mr. Matthews' final term had expired June 30.

Carpenter was quoted by Harold Davenport in the Gastonia Gazette of Saturday as saying he believed the action of the county commission did not imply endorsement of keeping the Kings Mountain office open.

Reaction of citizens here varied from anger, to disappointment, to surprise, and resignation. "What did you expect?", one commented. Carpenter had recommended the closing, contending supervision of the three-person Kings Mountain branch posed administrative difficulties. He also said the case load was insufficient to justify a branch here.

Cost of the office was estimated at not more than \$1200 per year, perhaps less, and the city has furnished utilities free.

No firm date has been set for the closing of the branch here.

FROM CONVOCATION
Teresa McDaniel and Carolyn Heavner will return Friday from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, where they attended the five-day National Convocation of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Miss McDaniel represented Central Methodist church and Miss Heavner represented Grace Methodist church.

\$85,000 City Street Improvements Scheduled During Current Year

During the months ending next June 30, the city anticipates approximately \$85,000 for street improvements.

Scheduled for paving are:

Meadowbrook Road — End of Curb to Hawthorne Road
Cranford Drive — Third Street to Fairview Street
Webb Street — Woodside Drive to Linwood Road
Roxford Road — Sherwood Lane to City Limits
Shockley Street — Second St. to First St.
Boyer Street — Linwood Road to Groves St.
Owens Street — York Road to Bend in Street
Alexander Street — Fulton St. to Lackey St.
Sipes Street — Goforth St. to Edgemont Dr.
Fourth Street — Cranford Drive to Dead End
Laura Street (K Fabrics)
Resurfacing of these streets is scheduled:
Hill Street — Clinton Drive to

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB
Kings Mountain Kiwanians will view a movie, "Appointment in Arusha", a hunting expedition to Africa, at Thursday's meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$172.90, including \$124.90 from on-street meters, \$32 from over-parking fines, and \$16 from off-street meters.

AT CONFERENCE
B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, is attending the annual conference of North Carolina school superintendents at Mars Hill college. He expects to return to Kings Mountain Friday.

FROM CAMP EASTER
Jane Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Yates, has returned from a week's stay at Camp Easter in the Pines in Southern Pines. Five Cleveland, County youngsters attended the camp for crippled children, returning to their homes Friday. Jane is a former State Easter Seal Child.

HOSPITALIZED
John H. Moss, president of Western Carolina League, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital where he is recuperating from pneumonia.

FAIR BARBECUE
The annual Bethware Fair barbecue, which heralds the opening of the 1964 Fair, will be held August 18 on the grounds of Bethware school. Plans are underway for the event by the Bethware Progressive club.

YOUTH WEEK
Youth Week activities are continuing through Thursday at Central Methodist church. Howard Bryant is chairman of the week of activities for youth of the church.

ATTEND MEETING
Miss Helene Logan, Junior Past President, and Miss Ann Lee of Lawndale, President of Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, attended the ADK Southeastern Regional Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, last week.

OPTIMIST CAMP-OUT
Kings Mountain Optimist club was host to the eight Little League baseball teams at a weekend camp-out Saturday and Sunday at Lake Norman. The group returned home Sunday afternoon.

Privilege Tax Due Saturday

Deadline for purchase of city privilege licenses without penalty is Saturday.

State law requires a penalty of five percent per month be assessed late purchasers.

Receipts Wednesday morning totaled \$4177.75, indicating only about two-thirds of business firms have purchased the licenses.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said second notices have been mailed.

Here's Where City Tax Money Will Go

Here's where your city ad valorem tax money will go this year:

A total of 15.1 cents accrues to the general fund, for general expenses incident to operating the city government; 2.4 cents accrues to the debt service account to discount outstanding bonds and pay interest; 42.5 cents is levied for permanent improvements; and five cents for maintaining a recreation program. The total: 85 cents per \$100 valuation.