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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Mayor To Recommend \$1,300,000 Bond Election

No Increase In Tax Rate Is Foreseen

By MARTIN HARMON

Mayor John Henry Moss will recommend Tuesday that the city commission call a special election for March 15 on the question of issuing \$1,300,000 in bonds for sewage disposal facilities.

The project, estimated to cost \$1,283,000, is expected to qualify for federal government grants of up to \$360,000.

Should the estimates be borne out in the bidding and the maximum federal grant of \$360,000 be obtained, the net cost to the city would be \$923,000.

The estimate provided by W. K. Dickson & Company, Charlotte engineering firm and long consultant to the City of Kings Mountain details these items:

- 1) Construction of an addition to double capacity of the McGill Creek treatment plant \$220,000.
- 2) Construction of a new plant on Pilot Creek, pump station, Kings Creek pump station and lines leading to these plants \$853,000.
- 3) Engineering fee (at 6 percent of construction cost) \$64,380.
- 4) Contingencies \$50,620.
- 5) Legal and administrative expenses \$20,000.
- 6) Land and right-of-way \$75,000.

On completion, Mayor Moss noted, the city's sewage lines would be able to handle up to six million gallons of affluent daily.

Treatment capacity of the expanded McGill plant, now overloaded, would be one million gallons daily, while the new plant is being designed to treat two million gallons daily. Both plants will be expandable.

Final plans for the project will be presented by the engineering firm to the board of commissioners at Tuesday night's regular January meeting at 6:30 p.m.

After board approval, the plans will be forwarded to the state stream sanitation committee in Raleigh for its approval.

The city won a year's moratorium from the state committee last spring on its contact which specified initially that final plans for the project be filed last April 1. The new deadline is April 1, 1966, and contract specifies that the new facilities be in operation not later than December 31, 1967.

Mayor Moss and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. have discussed the upcoming project with W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, who said the city's fiscal structure will offer no bar to the issuance of required bonds.

In turn, Mayor Moss pointed Wednesday to the city's current bonded indebtedness and said he is confident the city will be able to amortize current bonds outstanding (\$430,000 at June 30, 1966) and the new issue without increasing the 85-cent ad valorem tax rate.

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FIRST BABY AND PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Junior Oliver and their son, Roger Dale Oliver, Kings Mountain's First Baby of 1966, are pictured above as they "checked out" Monday at Kings Mountain hospital. Mrs. P. H. Wilson is pictured at the admitting office window. Young Oliver arrived just three hours and 53 minutes after the New Year Saturday and was the second baby born in Cleveland County, following the first arrival, a Negro girl from Bolling Springs, by 30 minutes. He is the sixth child of the Olivers. (Herald Photo by Paul Lemmons).

First Citizens Buys Lot, Opens Here January 21

First Citizens National Bank, which plans to open its Kings Mountain branch in the Morrison Building on West Mountain street on January 21, has purchased from Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., the lot between the A & P Tea Company parking lot and the W. L. Plonk residence on South Battleground avenue.

The transaction, confirmed last week by both parties, was completed last weekend.

Purchase price for the 100x220 foot lot, fronting both on Battleground and Cherokee streets was \$30,000.

Ostensibly, the lot was purchased for the eventual construction of a banking house.

When approval of a branch of First Citizens for Kings Mountain was granted, George B. Oadrick, vice-president, said the bank would open in temporary quarters and would subsequently build a modern banking house.

Richard E. Maxey, assistant vice-president who will manage the Kings Mountain branch, said this week the bank will open for business on Friday, January 21. He said citizens will be invited to inspect the bank's Mountain street facilities at open house the previous evening.

Mr. Maxey, at the Hickory branch the past three years, is now residing at the home of Mrs. Margaret Ward.

He has contracted with J. Wilson Crawford for the construction of a residence at the corner of Sherwood Lane and Roxford Road.

He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college and a native of Illinois.

Industry-Getting Firm In Meeting

Annual stockholder meeting of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., was held December 30 at City Hall.

Directors elected Fred W. Plonk, J. Wilson Crawford, Thomas A. Tate, Ben H. Bridges, Glee A. Bridges, and Bob Maner.

Following the meeting, the directors re-elected Mr. Crawford president, Mr. Plonk vice-president, and Ben Bridges secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Bridges' report showed assets to total \$30,815.37, including \$30,630.54 in savings and loan shares. Mr. Bridges noted the savings and loan shares are pledged in endorsement of a loan on a new industrial building and that the total is subject to income taxes which last year approximated \$270.

President Crawford reported that the officers are now discussing a project with another industrial prospect.

There is \$22,810 in capital stock outstanding, with par value \$10 per share.

Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., was organized in 1957-58 for the purpose of encouraging industry to locate in the Kings Mountain area. It was instrumental in obtaining for Kings Mountain what is now Barwin Knitting Mills, Duplex Shannon, Ltd., and K. Mills, Inc.

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TAX LISTING BEGINS — Tax listing began Monday for both city and county at City Hall courtroom. Getting the chore done as early as possible are left to right, Cameron Ware, listing his properties with Mrs. Charlie Ballard (leaning over desk), an unidentified Negro lady, and N. F. McGill, who is talking with Robert S. Gidney, county tax collector, and L. L. Benson (seated), Number 4 Township tax lister. (Herald photo by Paul Lemmons).

Mrs. Herndon Acquires Two Battleground Lots

Mrs. J. E. Herndon has acquired via trade and other consideration the South Battleground avenue properties of C. H. (Cat) Houser, owner of Mountain Lane Bowling Center, and the adjoining vacant lot of W. B. Logan.

Both properties aggregate 100 feet fronting on Battleground and with depth of 240 feet. The Logan lot provides half of an 18-foot alley with Fred W. Plonk.

Mr. Houser has leased his former property for five years and will continue to operate Mountain Lane Bowling Center.

Sale of the properties was made to First Union National Bank, which immediately conveyed the property to Mrs. Herndon as part of the transaction whereby the bank acquired from Mrs. Herndon the 100x120 foot lot occupied by the former Gamble Service Station, where First Union National will soon begin construction of a new banking house.

Razing of the service station is scheduled to begin this week. R. S. Lennon, vice-president and manager of the Kings Mountain branch said Wednesday.

Mrs. Herndon also owns adjacent property south of the bowling center property, including the lot rented by Dixie Cabs, and the building occupied by Bridges Radio & T.V., B. F. Maner Insurance Company, and Blackmer & Company.

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Most Are Electing Percentage Option

Among the busier places in town Monday and daily since is City Hall courtroom where city and county tax listing began Monday.

L. L. Benson, Number 4 township tax lister, and Mrs. Steve Harmon, city tax lister, reported listing going at a brisk pace.

Mr. Benson noted Wednesday that virtually all citizens are availing themselves of the "ten percent" option in listing their household properties.

Under this option a citizen's household goods are listed at ten percent of the value of his dwelling, less value of the lot or tract on which the dwelling is erected.

For tenants who rent their dwellings, the figure is ten percent of the value of the dwelling or six times the monthly rent. This figure is subject to the \$200 statutory deduction.

The alternative is to itemize all household goods.

Listing is underway daily at City Hall Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and will continue through February 1. On Saturdays, Mr. Benson and his assistants, Mrs. Charles Ballard and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., will be at R. E. Hambrick's Store in Grover to accommodate citizens in that area.

Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday he had analyzed several listing reports and compared household properties totals with those of last year, where the "ten percent" option was elected.

Largest differential found in the several comparisons will amount to an increased city tax bill of \$13.01 for one individual. One citizen will pay the city \$2.03 less than last year, another \$3 cents more, on basis of the 85-cent per \$100 valuation tax rate.

"Most show very little variation," Mayor Moss said.

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CHAIRMAN — Bennett Masters heads the Kings Mountain March of Dimes campaign now underway.

Masters To Lead March of Dimes

The 1966 March of Dimes campaign is underway in Kings Mountain.

Bennett Masters, Kings Mountain mortician, will serve as community campaign director and Miss Jackie Blanton, East school teacher, will head the Mother's March on Birth Defects.

Money raised in the drive will be used by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to fight birth defects throughout the nation, it was announced by Fred Flowers, Cleveland County chairman in the drive, and J. O. Harris, chairman of the Cleveland County March of Dimes organization.

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Bridges To Head Kiwanis Club

Glee Edwin Bridges, Kings Mountain hardwareman, will be installed as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the civic club's Thursday night meeting.

Jim Maiden of Asheville, a former lieutenant governor of Carolina District of Kiwanis International, will conduct the installation rites, assisted by outgoing President W. S. Fulton, Jr.

Wives of Kiwanians will be special guests.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Other officers to be installed will be: Dan Finger, first vice-president; Joe Neisler, Jr. second vice-president; James E. Amos, secretary; and John L. McGill, treasurer. Both Mr. Amos and Mr. McGill were re-elected.

New directors will be Don W. Blanton, Harold Coggins, W. G. Crantham, Paul Ham, Hoyle D. McDaniel, Harry Page, and Dr. Frank Sincov.

Mr. Bridges is a Kings Mountain merchant, partner in Bridges Hardware Company. He is a past president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

325 Motorists Buy Auto Tags

Sales of 1966 city auto tags totaled 325 Wednesday.

Again this year, price of the tags remain the same — \$1 — and the city has designated the Lions club as franchised dealer with the city and civic club splitting the net profits.

The tags are on sale at City Hall courtroom.

Lion Sam Weir is chairman of the tag sale committee and other members are George Thomas and Willie Williams.

Roger Dale Oliver Year's First Baby

Kings Mountain's First Baby of 1966, who arrived just three hours and 53 minutes after the New Year, has a name which his mother chose more than 18 years ago.

Roger Dale Oliver, weighing in at Kings Mountain hospital at eight pounds, five and a half ounces, is third son and sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles unior Oliver of 831 Church street.

Mrs. Oliver, the former Louise Blackwell, had always wanted to give the name "Roger Dale" to one of her children.

Instead, she said she named her first-born Ronald (now an 8-year-old Army Private stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.). Her second child was a girl, Gloria Jean, a 16-year-old high school student; her third, a girl, Kathy, 14-year-old Junior high school student; her fourth, a girl, Donna Jill, 11-year-old East school student; and her fifth, a son, eight-year-old Ricky Wayne.

The newest member of the Oliver family has black hair and brown eyes like all his older brothers and sisters.

"It just seemed the right name," Roger Dale," Mrs. Oliver said Monday as she and the baby were preparing to leave the hospital.

And Mrs. Oliver said she could hardly wait "to get home".

The older Oliver children were so excited about the new arrival Monday they didn't want to return to school, Mrs. Oliver said.

Especially young Ricky who hadn't yet been able to glimpse his baby brother.

Roger Dale Oliver arrived just 90 minutes after Cleveland County's first baby, Martha Regina Littlejohn of Bolling Springs.

The third baby of the year was

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PROMOTED — Hilton L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr. has been promoted to vice-president and manager of the Fayetteville Southern National Bank.

Jack Ruth In New Post

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Cleveland Doesn't Join Catawba; House Re-districting Is Revamped

By MARTIN HARMON

An enterprising reporter of the Hickory Daily Record began doing some checking on county lines and found that the sign in northwestern Cleveland County, announcing the Catawba line is in error.

Actually, one must travel along the road three-quarters of a mile through Lincoln county before reaching Catawba.

That is the reason, Senator Jack White said Wednesday, the joint Senate-House committee on Congressional re-districting had to junk its first re-districting plan and recommend another.

Counties within a Congressional district must be contiguous, the

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legislators feel.

It was the plan finally adopted by the committee by a 15-8 vote, which caused Senator White to vote a loud "nay" as he joined the minority.

The plan may be adopted as is or could be amended, the Senator thinks.

Rutherford county particularly is unhappy to leave its longtime Congressional neighbors, Gaston and Cleveland county to join the 11th district, Senator White says, and bombarded the committee with telegrams of protest.

Public hearing on the proposal has been called for Monday at

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