

For 1977-78 School Year

Tentative \$1,395,793 School Budget Set

Cornwell  
Receives  
Eagle Rank

Mike Cornwell, 14, has earned an Eagle Scout rank. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Suman, Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, was presented the Eagle Scout rank Monday night when Troop 91 met at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Scoutmaster Tommy King said Mike completed requirements to earn the Eagle rank when he was 13-years old. Mike is the first scout in Troop 91 to earn the rank in five years. To earn the rank a Scout must earn 24 merit badges, nine skill awards and plan, organize and execute a community service project. Mike's project was to clean up the shores of Lake Davison (former city reservoir). The campaign produced three truck loads of debris. On hand for the presentation were Mike's parents, Scoutmasters O'Brien Brooks and King and members of Troop 91. The troop is sponsored by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.



BECOMES EAGLE SCOUT - Mike Cornwell, 14, was presented the Eagle Scout rank Monday night at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Suman, Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, Mike is shown here with his father, (left) and Troop 91 Scoutmasters O'Brien Brooks and Tommy King (right).

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved a tentative budget of \$1,395,793.06 for the 1977-78 school year. The budget is based on the amount of money expected from local funds and the 16 cents per \$100 valuation supplemental tax. The school system will also be receiving state and federal funds for special programs. Supt. Don Jones told the board the budget will be "somewhat flexible as you get into the final planning with the new superintendent." William Davis of Stokes County, who will become the new superintendent July 1 when Mr. Jones moves to the Asheville City Schools, was present at Monday's meeting and will return here for the June 13 meeting. The new budget, Jones pointed out, includes several increases and several decreases. Some of the bigger differences from the present budget include an increase of \$37,000 for the operation of plants (the increase is due mainly to increased utility prices) and a reduction of \$70,000 for plant maintenance. "The budget is basically the same as this year," Jones pointed out. "There's not a chance for many new programs but you will be able to work in some things that we'd all like to see." Jones said the 16 cent tax levy brought the school system \$260,000 for the current school year and predicted it would mean \$275,000 for '77-'78. The difference, he said, is due mainly because of the new Eaton Corporation and the new Foote Mineral plant. The board is authorized to go as high as 20 cents on the tax levy. The budget now must be approved by the Cleveland County board of commissioners.

Contract Awarded  
On Tennis Courts

Bradley-Jenkins, Inc. of Gastonia was awarded the contract Monday night for construction of tennis courts at Deal St. Park Complex and Davidson Park. The Gastonia firm was low bidder on the job with \$38,200. The job is to be completed within 75 calendar days. City Planner Al Moretz pointed out Monday night to commissioners that this contract does not include lighting for the courts. He also stated that the cost for the four tennis courts and the estimated cost for lighting are both well within the Community Development funds requested for the job. Mayor John H. Moss told commissioners Monday that there were two bidders on the job and that this was the second time the city had received bids on the tennis courts construction. The first time bids were received only two firms participated. Under the state statutes three bids must be received the first time. The second time around any qualified bid can be accepted. Commissioner James Childers voted against approval of the contract because there was no "penalty clause in the specifications." Prior to the vote Childers asked Moretz "What would we get into adding a penalty clause? I like the idea of a penalty clause. I also realize that these specifications were bid on without the clause." Moretz said the reason only two bidders had participated in the project was due to a heavy work load by the majority of construction firms. "There is quite a bit of tennis courts construction now. Most firms are gearing for the spring and summer months. To get you an answer to your question will take time. The problem with that is we may not be able to get the work done this summer." Bradley-Jenkins, Inc. holds demolition contracts for sub-standard buildings owned by the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission and the first phase (site preparation) construction on the new governmental services facilities building (city hall). A company spokesman said their crews will arrange schedule to do to the tennis courts construction in conjunction with the other work in Kings Mountain. The courts, two at each recreational facility, were designed by Gardner Gidley and Associates and is part of a long-term expanded recreational facilities plan for the city.

Democrats  
Scheduling  
Precinct Meets

Cleveland County Democrat precinct meetings are scheduled at 8 p. m. Thurs. May 5 and make-up dates at 8 p. m. Thurs., May 12. West Kings Mountain precinct Democrat will meet at the national guard armory on Phifer Rd. East KM Democrats will meet at the community center. At the meetings new precinct officers will be elected and delegates and alternates will be selected to attend the Cleveland County Democratic Convention in Shelby at noon, Sat., June 18. Charles Carpenter and Charles Moss currently serve as chairmen of West and East KM precincts, respectively. The precinct meetings were postponed until May in keeping with Gov. James Hunt's policy on energy conservation in February.

Depot Center Will  
House Bicen Museum

Monday night city commissioners voted to grant a request from the Kings Mountain Centennial Museum Gift Committee for two rooms at the new depot center. Mary S. Neisler, spokesman for the gift committee, made the request in a letter to the board. The two rooms will be used to house museum exhibits of an historical nature pertaining to this area. Mayor John H. Moss said in a meeting with the Centennial gift committee he learned local materials are being reviewed for possible inclusion as museum exhibits. "The understanding I have," the mayor said, "is the Centennial committee will set up the museum and manage it for a period of time, with set hours for the public to visit." The museum idea was mutually agreed upon by the city's Centennial commission following the completion of the 1974 celebration. Over

\$12,000 was left in the account when all debts were settled. This money was earmarked to establish the museum. The Kings Mountain Depot Center, according to Mayor Moss, is expected to be completed in the very near future. Much of the interior and exterior work has been completed. Currently, brick and wood structures are being constructed on the south end of the depot property to be used as an open air farmer's market.

The city leased the depot and property from Southern Railroad and has spent almost one year renovating the depot for use as a community center. In other action Monday the board authorized North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and Alexander Realty Co. (of Kings Mountain) to build 12 single bedroom apartments for the elderly-senior citizens at the corner of Gantt and Morris Sts. Commissioner Corbet Nicholson asked if the property was zoned to allow such construction and Commissioner James Childers asked if there had been any objections from the present residents of that area. Mayor Moss said he did not know the zoning status of the property and that he had not heard any complaints registered concerning the apartment construction.

Driver's Ed  
Program Set  
For Summer

Summer Driver's Education program at Kings Mountain Senior High School begins May 9th and interested students should contact Bill Cashion for registration. Classwork for the course will be held from May 9 until May 27 from 8 until 8 p. m. at the school.

"This, however, is the first step in a lengthy process," the mayor said. "After all of the proper steps are taken and if construction is approved, the apartments will be eligible for subsidized rents under Section 8 of the new construction for the elderly guidelines." Authorized advertising for bids on a 14-foot van for use by the Kings Mountain Crime Prevention Bureau. Specifications for the vehicle have been approved by LEAA. Bids will be opened at 3 p. m. at city hall on May 6.

Authorized advertisement for a public hearing on a request from J. E. Herndon and William M. Herndon for the city to annex approximately 72.7 acres of land bordering Edgemont Dr., Waco Rd. and Dover Heights and contiguous with the present city limits. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p. m. at city hall on Mon., May 9, which is the regular commissioners meeting.

Forwarded a request from Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch to rezone her property on Cherokee and Falls Sts. from R-6 (multi-family residential) to GB (general business) to the zoning and planning board.

Awarded contract to Harco Corp. for gas cathodic protection equipment as recommended by Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. for \$6,658.04.

Piedmont  
Baptist To  
Celebrate

Piedmont Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming Day on Sunday at special services. Rev. James (Buddy) Williams, a former pastor, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock worship hour and picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds at 1 p. m. A gospel sing will be held after lunch and the interested community is invited to participate in all activities of the day. Rev. Ansel Center is pastor of the church.

Seven KMers Are  
Named 'Outstanding'

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced today that seven Kings Mountain men have been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of outstanding young men of America. Selected for honors are William S. (Corky) Fulton III, W. Kemp Mauney III, Alvin Bruce Moretz, Joseph Alexander McCallum, James Philip Sotelo Jr., Gary Russell Sugg and James Preston Tate. The Outstanding Young Men of America Program is co-sponsored by the United States Jaycees and numerous other leading men's civic and service organizations throughout the nation. Serving as chairman of its 12-man Advisory Board is Doug Blankenship, U. S. Jaycee past

president. In every community there are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation. The seven KMers, along with approximately 11,000 fellow Outstanding Young Men from the United States, will be featured in this prestigious annual awards publication.

May Day Festivities  
Will Begin Tuesday

Kings Mountain area elementary schools are readying for their annual May Day celebrations which begin Tuesday with a 1 p. m. program at East School. Other programs will be held at North on May 5 at 1 p. m., West on May 10 at 1 p. m., Bethware on May 12 at 12 noon and Grover on May 27 at 9:30 a. m. All students in the elementary schools, grades kindergarten through five, will be participating in the celebrations. May Queens, maids of honor and attendants for grades three through five were selected by a vote of the student bodies. The May Courts for each school include: NORTH: Queen Rainey Haigler; Maid of Honor, Terry Welch; Attendants from grade five, Gail Stamey, Carla Adams and Jill Plonk; Attendants from grade four, Edna Logan and Shannah Smith; Attendants, from grade three, Amy Austin, Susie Moore and Julie Barrett; Flower Girl, Tracy Smith; and Crown Bearer, Todd Reynolds. EAST: Queen, Pat Davis; Maid of Honor, Paula Green; Fifth Grade Attendants, Beth Lineberry and Tina Linderman; Fourth Grade Attendants, Lisa Gsellmarm and

Angela Blackwell; Third Grade Attendants, Lee Ann Wilson and Patricia Jeffries; Flower Girl, Elizabeth Owens; and Crown Bearer, Jamie Grigg. BETHWARE: Queen, Lisa Wright; Maid of Honor, Dana Blalock; Fifth Grade Attendants, Marisa Dixon and Leslie Thompson; Fourth Grade Attendants, Brenda Green, Lisa Stacy and Karen Penner; Third Grade Attendants, Beth Webster, Sally Frank and Lisa Cash; Flower Girl, Allyson Bumgardner; and Crown Bearer, Matthew Holcomb. WEST: Queen, Pam Morrow; Maid of Honor, Deda Smith; Fifth Grade Attendants, Debbie Whetstone and Melissa Morrison; Fourth Grade Attendants, Julie Yarbro and Leigh Anne Odell; Third Grade Attendants, Lisa Buchanan and Julie Yarbro; Flower Girl, Jenny Wood; and Crown Bearer, Billy King. GROVER: Queen, Toni Camp; Maid of Honor, Jada Ellis; Fifth Grade Attendants, Tammy Van Dyke and Sonya McClain; Fourth Grade Attendants, Joanna Boheler, Pandora Leach and Evelyn Roberts; Third Grade Attendants, Lisa Sorrells, Sandy Batchler and Tammy Watkins.