

# MIRROR-HERALD

## \$6,368,748.15 And Tax Rate Unchanged

# 1977-78 Banner Year Budget Proposed

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The tentative 1977-78 city budget presented to the commissioners in a special meeting Wednesday totals \$6,368,738.15, which is \$66,372.74 higher than the previous 76-77 budget.

Mayor John Moss said the increase comes mostly in the general

fund, which contains the budgets for all of the city's administrative and service departments.

However, with an increase of over half a million to the city budget, the tax rate will remain the same, .65 cents per \$100 valuation, as it has for the past four consecutive years. Mayor Moss said this is essentially the same rate that has existed since

1964. An increase in the tax base has been met with a decrease in the tax rate.

"Taxes will account for \$536,835.04," the mayor said. "And we have a surplus of \$215,000 carried forward to the new fiscal year to permit the operation of the city and expenditure of the estimated budget of \$6,368,748.15."

With increases in every budget item submitted, the debt service fund is actually \$9,920 less than 9176-77. The decrease comes in the bond interest payments and fiscal agency fees.

In his budget message Wednesday Mayor Moss commented on a number of activities and facilities designated for the coming fiscal year, calling it "one of the most progressive years" in the city's history.

Planned is the Governmental Services Facilities Building (new city hall), the city's new public works building, expansion of the community center by 10,000 square feet and the Kings Mountain Depot Center.

This facility will house the aging program, the development office, the museum, community market and the Caboose Special activities meeting facility.

Also to be completed is the expansion of the water treatment plant from four to eight million gallons per day and expansion of storage facilities and extension of distribution lines. A general updating of the city's sewer system with additions and improvements to collection lines.

The gas and electrical departments will be upgraded and safety programs developed to comply with N. C. safety regulations.

Announced plans for beginning the master plans for the Deal Recreational Complex and Davidson Parks will begin in the coming fiscal year.

Expanded programming and purchase of new equipment is also in the budget for all major city departments.

"The new budget also provides for a personnel job classification program and a five percent cost-of-living increase for every city employee," Mayor Moss said.



HONOREE - Dr. Donald Jones is congratulated by KMSHS Principal Forrest Wheeler (at podium) and Mrs. J. L. Raymer, French teacher in photograph at right, is congratulated by a student after both retiring educators were honored during Awards Day Monday.

## Jones, Raymer Honored At Awards Day Event

Dr. Donald D. Jones, Superintendent of Kings Mountain District Schools for 10 years, was honored with a surprise presentation of the coveted Schuessler Award as the person contributing the most to education by the faculty of Kings Mountain Senior High School Monday.

The occasion was annual Awards Day at B. N. Barnes Auditorium and a presentation marked by nostalgia and farewell speeches by two longtime educators who are retiring.

Mr. Jones and his family are moving soon to Asheville where he becomes superintendent of the Asheville City Schools, his alma mater.

Mrs. Virginia Raymer, longtime French teacher at KMSHS, was surprised with the honor of having the annual, "The Milestones" dedicated to her and the presentation of a plaque and a dozen red roses.

Both presentations were preceded by numerous awards to outstanding students and announcement that 15 seniors had won scholarships totaling more than \$150,000.

The full listing of awards follows: American Legion Outstanding Senior Boy - Kevin Allison.

Outstanding Senior Girl - Robin Spears.

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## Tech \$5 Million Bond Referendum Is Tuesday

On Tues, June 7 Cleveland Countians will go to the polls to decide the fate of a proposed \$5 million bond referendum for Cleveland Tech.

Local voters in East Kings Mountain precinct will vote at the community center. In West KM at the National Guard Armory. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

If the funds are approved the money will be used for construction of new classrooms, library facilities, shops, offices and labs. A total of 92,000 square feet of space is proposed for construction.

### SAMPLE BALLOT SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM County Of Cleveland, North Carolina

June 7, 1977

Instructions

- To vote in favor of the order make a cross (X) mark in the square to the left of the word "YES".
- To vote against the order make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the word "NO".
- If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

YES

NO

Shall the order adopted on April 18, 1977, authorizing not exceeding \$5,000,000 Technical Institute Bonds of the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing additional instructional, student, faculty and administrative facilities, including buildings and parking and other related facilities, for Cleveland County Technical Institute and acquiring necessary equipment and any necessary land and rights of way therefor, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

*Rene W. Duke*  
Chairman of County Board of Elections

## Sixth Graders Enjoyed Trip To Raleigh

Sixth graders participated in history at the Capitol recently.

According to the 32 excited youngsters who boarded the school activity bus last week for Raleigh, Thursday was no ordinary school day.

Departing from Central School about 7 a. m., "it seemed to take forever," according to one passenger, to reach Raleigh. After a brief stop in Asheboro for refreshments, the class continued the trip to Raleigh, arriving about 11:15 a. m.

First stop on the itinerary was a tour of beautifully-refurbished Governor's Mansion with its priceless antiques and works of art. The guided tour furnished a history lesson itself.

## Chamber Banquet Set Monday Night

The annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association banquet is scheduled Mon., June 6 at 7 p. m. at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Mayor John H. Moss is the guest speaker. Following the banquet officers and directors for the coming year will be installed.

## Bloodmobile Visit Is Next Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain for a one-day visit Monday and donors will be processed from 10:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

"Blood is desperately needed," said Sandy Mauney, spokesman for the Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter.

Goal of the regional collection is 150 pints of blood, said Mauney.

## Students Respond To 'Disaster'

Disaster Day was Wednesday on the campus of Central School as 46 seventh grade girls put into practice what they had learned since January in basic first aid classes.

Visitors to the campus were a bit surprised at first to see students being treated in various sections of the school for broken bones, choking, broken legs, suspected

neck and back injuries, and severe bleeding.

Other students were being strapped on spine boards in the hallway as rescue teams hurried about to treat the injured.

The Disaster Day simulation was all a part of the extensive training the young people have undergone, completing a two-year course in

basic first aid during a period of nearly five months.

The "victims," all students, were tagged by instructors Sarah Whetstone, Pam Sayers, Steve Moffitt and Phil Weathers, and then the rescue teams were alerted as to their whereabouts so they could treat them. Instructors stood by to grade the students.



Photo By Lib Stewart

DISASTER DAY - Tillie Watson, left, Roberta Young, Sonya Smith, Becky Bates and Paula Weldon place Pam Bridges on a spine board during D-Day at

Central School Wednesday, as 46 seventh grade girls put into practice what they had learned since January in basic first aid classes.

## Brian Bickley Golf Benefit Next Saturday

Entries for the Brian Bickley Golf Benefit must be received by Wed., June 8 in order for eligibility in the Sat., June 11 tournament at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

All profits from this tournament will be donated to the Brian Bickley Fund at the First Union National Bank of Kings Mountain.

The tournament is open to the public and men and women golfers are urged to participate. The format for the tourney will be the Calloway flighted system in which everyone has an equal chance to be a winner. The tournament committee also urges all entries to indicate whether or not they have a golf cart they can supply or will they wish one from the club.

Numerous prizes will be awarded such as merchandise, golf balls, and equipment. Prizes will be awarded for low score, high score, low total putts, high total putts, longest drive on number 2, shortest drive on number 1, closest to the hole on all par 3's and many others.

In order to enter, each person must contribute \$20 or more. This

donation includes green fee and refreshments (sandwiches and drinks.)

Send entry fee along with completed entry form. Entries must be received before Wed., June 8. Submission of entry fee

automatically qualifies you for the tournament.

All participants are to report to Kings Mountain Country Club at 9 a. m. Sat., June 11 and check in at the scorer's tent for a shotgun start beginning at 9:30 a. m.

### ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Playing partner preference (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check or money order in the amount of \$20 or more made out to Brian Bickley Benefit Tournament and mail to Box 1062, Kings Mtn., N. C. 28086.

All entries must be received by Wed., June 8.