

# \$7-Million Budget Is Adopted

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A record \$7-million budget was adopted by city commissioners Monday night for the fiscal year 1978-79 and the tax rate was left at 65 cents per \$100 valuation.

The budget projected revenues and expenditures remained unchanged from first reading through last prior to the adoption vote.

Mayor John Moss stated in his budget message that the 65 cents per \$100 valuation is continuing "for the fifth consecutive year . . . and is

essentially the same rate since 1964."

The increase in the budget figures is due mainly to the upgrading of the city's utilities. Expenditures for the water and sewer system are budgeted at \$607,724. For the electric and power system, \$1,748,850 and the

natural gas system, \$1,279,200.

Expenditures under general funds total \$1,908,003. Broken down, the expenditures include: Cemetery Dept., \$42,072; municipal administrative dept., \$158,344.61; sanitary dept., \$139,725; street dept., \$223,743; police, \$318,098.37; fire,

\$100,150; general, \$462,000; recreation, \$118,413.92; public works administration, \$83,394.60; garage-vehicle maintenance, \$39,509; properties and maintenance, \$77,941.60; and engineering-codes - inspections, \$41,621.

The new budget calls for payment

on bond principal of \$180,000 and on bond interest, \$149,745. Fiscal agency fees payments total \$600.

On capital improvements an expenditure of \$322,074.88 is included in the new budget.

The largest capital outlays in this section of the budget are under the utilities departments. Water and Sewer Dept. outlays total \$104,000 for materials, a lift station for the Northwoods Subdivision, a walkie-talkie and a one-ton service truck. The electric dept. outlays total \$80,000 and includes purchase of a line truck, a half-ton pickup truck, hand portable radio, meters and an electric meter tester. The gas dept. outlays total \$20,000 for an electric welder and trailer pipe, meters, fittings and valves and a desk calculator.

Two mowers will be purchased for the cemetery dept., a trash loading machine, 20-yard rear-end loading garbage truck and a half-ton pickup truck for the sanitation dept. and four new patrol cars for the police department.

A tandem wheel dump truck is one of the items to be purchased for the street dept. The fire dept. will purchase 20 pagers, one walkie-talkie and a mini pumper truck.

Outlay for the recreation dept. will be for a picnic building at Davidson Park, play equipment for both Deal and Davidson parks, baseball-softball field improvements at both Deal and Davidson and equipment for the Deal St. Community Center.

Under street improvements a total of \$112,000 is budgeted for curb, gutter and paving construction during the coming fiscal year. An additional \$100,000 is earmarked for resurfacing and repairing streets to insure maintenance for the approximately 54.4 miles of hard surface streets plus 5.7 miles of stone-gravel streets inside the city.

Other improvements to be undertaken in 1978-79 include seeking bids to enlarge the storage capacity for the Kings Mountain Water System by 2 million gallons per day.

Also during the new fiscal year the Governmental Services Facilities Building, the new city hall, will be completed and will house the fire department. This leaves the present city hall free for renovation to house the entire police department.

Also expected to be completed is the 10,000 square foot expansion of the community center and the beginning of the plan to expand the Deal St. recreational complex.

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An 8 Percent Increase

# Grover Budget Is \$124,037.75

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GROVER — The Town Board Monday night unanimously adopted a \$124,037.75 budget reflecting an eight percent increase over fiscal year 1977-78 while maintaining the same tax rate of .35 per \$100 valuation.

Action came after an hour public hearing on budget proposals which attracted about 30 citizens who made a number of suggestions which were incorporated into the budget.

Among them:

The Fire Department will get an additional \$1500 for a walkie-talkie and two air pack bottles; an addition of \$50 each was voted to Fire Chief Joe Boheler and Cemetery Supt. Glenn Rountree's annual \$50 allotment for travel expenses; an addition of \$150 to the rescue squad's \$150 allotment; and addition of \$750 to town hall expenses for roofing.

Comm. Tommy Keeter also suggested that a second policeman be added to the town's one-man police force and suggested \$10,000 from surplus monies of approximately \$15,000 be budgeted. He said that a second policeman would enable the department to maintain two shifts with the second policeman using the same car as Chief Lionel Barnes. The board agreed to investigate the possibility of supplementary aid from the state and report at the July meeting July 10th.

To question from Quay Moss if policeman salaries were in line with deputies in the county, Mayor Bill McCarter replied in the affirmative. The Grover police budget totals \$13,670.40 for this year, excluding the addition of another officer.

Mayor McCarter, responding to questions about Grover's sewer system from Ray Cash, said that it will cost approximately \$108,000 for an addition to reroute its proposed sewer system to City of Kings Mountain treatment plant because the sewer system in the area of the Minette Mill and Grover Industries must be redesigned to separate the mill sewage from residential. Relating to drawings for the new system as far back as 1974, McCarter said that it was the board's original intention to treat waste at the mill system but that Grover's mills, Minette, Har-Ray and Grover Industries, were in process of expansion and had suggested that the town use the Kings Mountain facilities. Building of additional lines, engineering, and construction costs still amount to approximately \$108,000. Grover has applied for several grants, McCarter said. Overall cost of the sewer project, which began four years ago, is over \$1 million.

Replying to question of Ray Cash, Mayor McCarter estimated that cost of average expense to home owner to be hooked up to the sewer system would be minimum of \$8 per month "and could be lower." If a homeowner taps onto the line before construction gets underway, no tap on fee will be charged, explained McCarter, the owner incurring expenses from the property line to his residence.

Among other suggestions for which no action was officially taken but council members indicated the budget would "take care of" were:

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AREA'S FIRST FARMER AT FARMER'S MARKET — Timmy Huffman, 13, was the area's first farmer to begin business this week in the Farmer's Market at Depot Center, offering fresh garden vegetables to the

public. Pictured with Timmy are some of his first customers, front row, Alma Thornburg, Mabel Bridges, Josephine McAbee, Rosa Goins; back row, Beulah Houser, Sarah Crockett and Willie McSwain.

Photo By Lib Stewart

## 13-Year Old Businessman Opens Stand

Timmy Huffman, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Huffman of the Dixon Community, is the first area "farmer" to begin business in the Farmer's Market at the Depot Center.

Young Huffman was offering fresh green beans, onions, potatoes and squash at low prices to his first buyers, who were participating in the annual Senior Citizens program at the Depot Center.

Rev. Kenneth George, director of the city's Aging Program, said he expected the Farmer's Market to become a beehive of activity in weeks to come as farmers harvest tomatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupes, watermelons and other crops.

"We haven't had much rain lately," said young Huffman, "but we expect to have a lot more fresh produce to offer. He said his family expects to offer a variety of produce at the Market.

Timmy was on duty at 7:30 a. m. Monday morning and by lunchtime, when his father stopped by with a sandwich for lunch, was enjoying a busy morning.

Some of his first customers were Alma Thornburg, Mabel Bridges, Josephine McAbee, Rosa Goins, Beulah Houser, Sarah Crockett and Willie Mae McSwain.

"I'm gonna put up a big sign and start advertising," said young Huffman.

Other area farmers interested in using the Market to display and offer fresh farm products to the community are encouraged to contact Rev. George at Depot Center.

Young Huffman said prices are "much, much below" those on the grocery shelves. Fresh green beans, for instance, were going for 50 cents a pound.

## Hamrick Appointed As Judge

Gov. Jim Hunt today named George W. Hamrick of Shelby District Court judge for Judicial District 27-B which includes Cleveland and Lincoln Counties.

His term will begin July 1, 1978. Hamrick has been practicing attorney since 1958. He is also director of M & J Financial Corp. He is chairman of the board of Law Examiners Candidate Committee, and member and former president of the Cleveland County Bar Association and a member of the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Hamrick received his Bachelor of Science Degree and Law Degree from Wake Forest University.

## 4th Activities Planned

Fourth of July activities in Kings Mountain Tuesday will be an all-day celebration at the KKM Community Center under sponsorship of the Parks & Recreation Department. Entertainment for all ages is planned, including golf, softball, hole-in-one contests, diving, horseshoe tournaments, watermelon and ice cream feasting, sack races, greasy pole climbs, and swimsuit competition for young ladies, among other attractions.

## One Issue Next Week

Because of the July 4th holiday Tuesday, The Mirror-Herald will publish only one edition next week, appearing under date of Wednesday, July 5th.

General Manager Darrell Austin said that this policy will benefit both subscribers and advertisers. Mail subscribers will receive their paper on Wednesday morning. The Mirror-Herald offices on S. Piedmont Ave. will be closed on Thursday, July 6th.

The following deadlines will be observed for next week's edition: Social deadline for news of weddings, etc., is Friday at 5 p. m.; news deadline is Monday at 3 p. m. and advertising deadline is Monday at 3 p. m.

"We appreciate the community's cooperation," said Mr. Austin.

Events begin at 10 a. m. and close at 10 p. m. with a big fireworks display. Awards will be presented at 9 p. m.

The Calendar of Events:  
10 a. m.-12 noon — Putt Golf Tournament. Age groups of 8-13, 14-18, and over 18. Entry fee is 50 cents.  
10 a. m.-12 noon — Free Throw Contests. Age groups of 8-10, 11-13, 14-16 and over 18. Entry fee is 25 cents.

10 a. m.-3 p. m. Volleyball Tournament. Teams will consist of six members with three males and three females. Entry fee is one dollar per team.

10 a. m.-6 p. m. — Hole-in-One Contest. Entry fee is 25 cents.

10 a. m.-2 p. m. — Open Tennis Tournament. Entry fee: singles, \$1; doubles, \$2.

10 a. m.-3 p. m. — Firecracker softball classic at Deal Street Park.

10:30 a. m. — Diving Contest at Pool. Div. I — 6 to 9 years; Div. II, 10 to 12 years; Div. III, 13 years and up.

11 a. m.-1 p. m. — Horseshoe tournament. Entry fee, 50 cents per team.

11:15 a. m. — Penny Diving. Pool, six years to 10 years old.

11:30 a. m. — Watermelon Dive. Pool, 10 years and up.

11:45 a. m. — Floating Contest, Diving Well, 10 years and up.

12 noon — Special feature — Scuba Diving Presentation.

1 p. m. — Free Style Swimming Contest. Div. I — six years to nine; Div. II, 10 years to 12; Div. III, 13 years and up.

1 p. m. — Watermelon eating contest, entry fee 25 cents.  
1 p. m. Ice Cream eating contest, entry fee 25 cents.

1:15 p. m. Ice "sitting" contest. Free.

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## Center Dedicated July 2

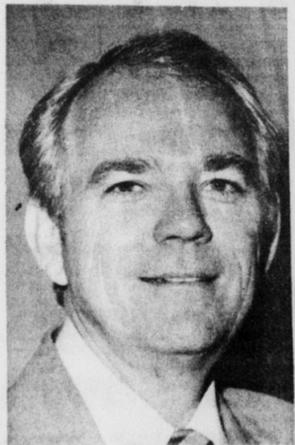
Dedication ceremonies and open house for the Kings Mountain Citizens Service Center are scheduled at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, July 2.

The center is located at 1013 N. Piedmont Ave.

Speaking Sunday will be Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, Sen. Helen Rhyne Marvin of Gastonia and County Commission Chairman Jack Palmer of Shelby. Also District One Commissioner James Childers, who served as chairman of the building committee for the Citizens Service Center.

Sunday's invocation will be delivered by Howard Jackson of the water and sewer department and the benediction by Fred Watson of the street department. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies will be handled by the city's two oldest public works employees.

The center is dedicated to the service of local citizens, with operations beginning Monday, and the public is invited to attend Sunday's program.



JOSEPH R. SMITH  
... of Kings Mountain

## Smith Elected To Post

Joseph R. Smith of Kings Mountain has been elected president and managing officer of First Stock Savings and Loan Corp. of Gastonia.

Prior to taking the executive position at First Stock, Smith was vice president of finance for Foust Textiles for four years. Before this position he was executive vice president and managing officer of Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association.

A Florida native, Smith is a former president of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, former president of the KM Jaycees and presently serves as chairman of the Cleveland County Shelter Home.

Smith and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of three children. They are members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church where Smith serves as superintendent of Sunday School.

Located in Gastonia's Akers Shopping Center, First Stock Savings and Loan Corp. is the first stockholder owned S&L chartered in North Carolina. The corporation has assets of \$3.7-million.