

Mayor Moss Presents \$12.5 Million Budget

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The fire department's total budget is up from \$140,903 to \$167,401, and that department will have one additional employee. Salaries will rise from \$85,628 to \$91,240, expenses for 20 volunteer firemen will rise from \$3,254 to \$10,000; group insurance from \$4,643 to \$8,500; and hose and nozzle expenses from \$2,071 to \$3,000.

Public Works Administration salaries will drop from \$48,664 to \$33,835, due to the elimination of one full-time employee and a shared secretarial position. The total budget of Public Works Administration will decrease from \$74,949 to \$66,404.

Properties and maintenance budget is up from \$71,710 to \$119,559, due mainly to the addition of three employees. Salaries will rise from \$53,068 to \$82,748.

The garage department budget is up from \$58,425 to \$77,207; streets from \$230,066 to \$271,489; sanitation from \$212,453 to \$231,438; recreation from \$112,426 to \$125,177; lake authority from \$20,948 to \$29,706; Neighborhood Facilities Center from \$44,993 to \$71,835; and cemetery from \$64,162 to \$70,127.

Capital projects, with last year's totals in parenthesis, include administrative \$3,800 (\$7,793); paving, curb and gut-

tering \$150,000 (\$24,264); recreation, \$7,500 (\$13,705); surface drainage \$20,000 (\$2,834); police equipment \$65,700 (\$34,292); fire equipment \$52,000 (\$10,500); street equipment \$28,200 (\$27,390); sanitation equipment \$20,000 (\$10,560); recreation equipment \$7,500 (\$1,819); general equipment \$48,210 (\$854).

The main capital project for the general department is a computer system (\$44,000) for the clerk's office, which Moss said will be "very valuable in maintaining records."

Capital projects for the police include a generator (\$6,000), two patrol cars (\$22,000), two mobile radios (\$5,000), two rotary lights (\$700), five walkie talkies (\$8,000), a truck for the animal control officer (\$8,500), a vacuum cleaner (\$500), one used highway patrol car (\$4,000), 20 pistols (\$5,500), and a radio antenna moved to the Citizens Service Center (\$5,000).

Capital projects for the fire department include \$11,000 for a chief's auto, \$6,000 for a pickup truck, \$6,000 for a front wheel drive truck, \$4,000 for a skid unit and \$25,000 for a 1,000-gallon pumper on a lease-purchase agreement. Moss said the pumper will allow the city to acquire a "Class Four insurance rating which will mean lower insurance costs for all citizens who own property."

Street projects include \$150,000 for paving, curb and guttering, \$25,000 for a motorgrader on a lease-purchase agreement, and \$3,200 for a bushhog.

The only capital project for the sanitation department is the purchase of two trash collection vehicles and containers (sway-type operation) at a cost of \$20,000.

Other capital funds include \$2,000 for garage tools; \$15,000 for recreation equipment and facility improvements; \$2,216 for Neighborhood Facilities Center equipment; \$1,500 for codes and inspections equipment; and \$4,210 for an emergency command post equipment.

Utilities budgets include \$1,296,353 for water and sewer; \$4497,073 for electric; and \$3,567,769 for gas.

Goals during the 1983-84 fiscal year, Moss said, include monitoring energy used in all city facilities in an effort to conserve energy; consideration of the construction of a hydro-electric plant at Moss Lake which would save at least \$250,000 a year in utility costs; submitting a Public Works grant application; and obtaining All-American City status.



ADMIRE FLAGS - Brandy Faucette, William Harrison and Damon Putnam, left to right, admire flags from different countries in Mrs. McDowell's classroom at North School.

Head Start Students Visit Zoo In Asheboro

At North School the Head Start children visited the N.C. Zoological Park in Asheboro and the Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, where students toured an Eastern Airline plane.

Activities involving the Kindergarten classes were planting seeds as Mother's Day gifts and visiting the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders. After viewing several farm animals, the students enjoyed a picnic and games at the farm.

First grade students have been concentrating on math, vowel tests, library visits, a book fair and field trips to the Fire Department, Police Department, Post Office and the Public Library.

Mrs. McDowell's second grade class won a set of flags from different countries by participating in a Home Reading Program Contest. Other second grade students enjoyed a "book

character" day during National Library Week, and a field trip to the Kings Mountain Heald. Students also gave a production of the play, The Gingerbread Boy.

Third grade students have been learning similes and metaphors in reading, division and multiplication, plants and stars, and computers. In addition they had a story book contest in the library and held May Day festivities.

Several community visitors included; Mr. Kings, Mrs. Mauney, Mrs. Greene, and Chip McGill for Miss Phifer's third grade students.

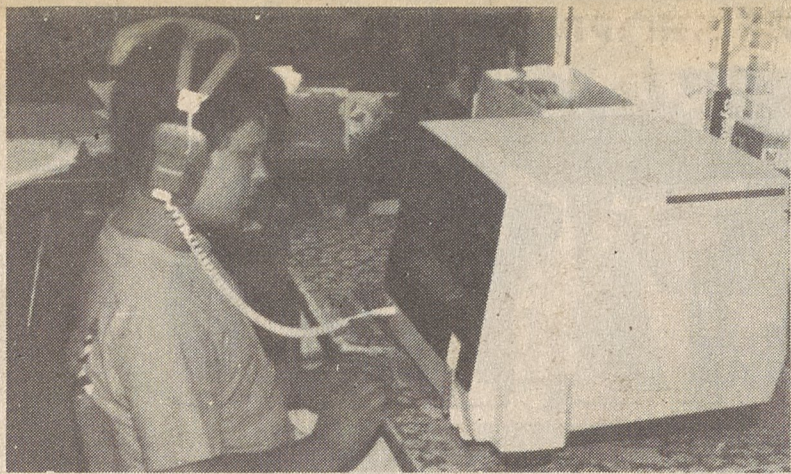
The emphasis for the fourth graders at North has been a study of North Carolina. A program was presented on April 28 at PTA which consisted of speeches and songs by the students of the history of North Carolina. Also during N.C.

Heritage week. Rev. Allen Jolly showed a slide program of all one hundred counties in the state.

Fifth graders have added a safety patrol program establishing school rules. The following students are the 1982-83 members: Peter Chen, Wayne Wood, Fran Williams, Christi Putnam, Authur Nanakornpanom, Leighanne Short, Paul Chen, Chip Parker, Angela Subler, and Rusty Wright. A second new program this year has been Fifth Grade Honor Students. The honor students are: Christi Putnam, Amy Scism, Lori White, Tracy Sullens, Susan Bridges, Becky Moskal, Leighanne Short, Fran Williams, Arthur Nanakornpanom, Danny Hughes, Kelly Ross, Chip Cash, Chad Bridges, Peter Chen, Lori McDaniell, Kim Wray, Stephanie Wilson, Carrie LaVere, Angela Subler, Daniel Honeycutt, Sandy Tesseneer, Paul Chen, and Denise Meeks.

A special recognition goes to Carrie Lynne La Vere who won the North School and Kiwanis Club Talent Shows. Fifth graders have participated in the Spelling Bee Contest, in which Jennifer Hamrick was the winner.

The Title I Reading Labs at North are involved in a contest in which students read a book and write a report. The winning class will receive a special treat at the end of the contest.



WORKING WITH COMPUTER - Billy McCutcheon is shown working with a Systems 80 computer at North Elementary School.

Miss Hord Is Honored

Miss Denise Hord Collins and Henry Alfred Badgett, III were honored at a wedding brunch on Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Smith.

Other hosts were Mr. and Mrs. David W. Hinshaw, Mrs. W. L. Mauney, and Ms. Joni D. Smith. Guests included the wedding party and families of the bride and groom.

IT'S A BOY

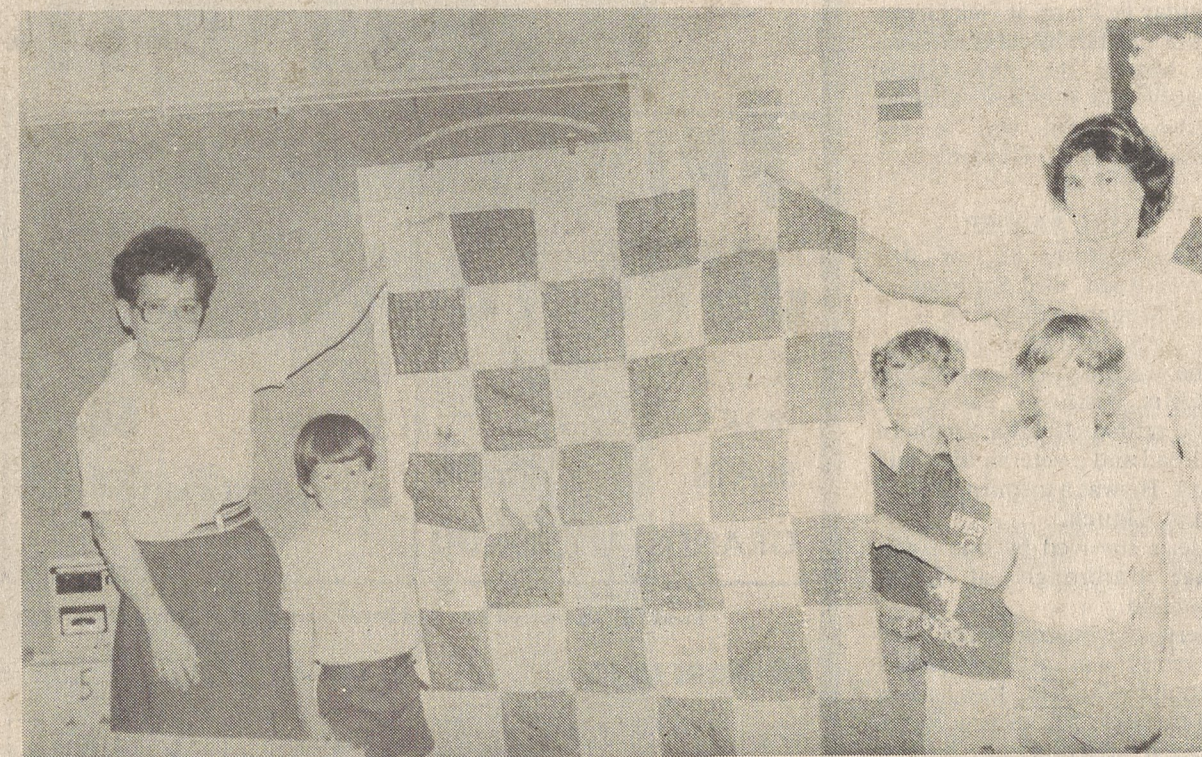
Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Bailey Haskins Sr. of Grover announce the birth of a son, Anderson Bailey Haskins Jr., May 21 at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. He has two brothers, Lane, 13, and Mark, 10. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wilson of Grover and Hattie Haskins of Kings Mountain.

BREAKFAST

The Kings Mountain Association of Educators will hold their end-of-the-year breakfast Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. at the Kings Mountain Junior High School cafeteria. Retiring teachers will be honored and officers installed for the 1983-84 school year.

THORNBURG HERE

Lacy Thornburg, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will be at the Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain Saturday from 7-9 a.m. The public is invited to stop by and meet him. Les Roark of Shelby is Thornburg's campaign manager in Cleveland County.



TEACHER RETIRES—Edie Bridges, left, first grade teacher at West School, is retiring. She was surprised Tuesday when her students presented her a hand-made quilt which contains a portrait of each child.

Mrs. Bridges Retires

Mrs. J.C. (Edie) Bridges was honored by her last first grade class at West School Tuesday. She is retiring after teaching first grade at West for 25 years.

Mrs. Bridges, the first Teacher of the Year in Kings Mountain, was surprised by a special retirement gift from her class. Her 1982-83 first graders, under the direction of grade mother chairman, Beth McIntyre, and the

help of other grade mothers, designed a quilt with each child's face on it. During one day in February, the children each created their own portrait and transferred it onto the fabric squares which were later assembled into a quilt by Mrs. McIntyre's niece, Mrs. Laura Ann Hayes of Charlotte.

Mrs. Marilyn Rhyne, Mrs. Bridges' classroom aide, also

presented her with a beautiful cross-stitch coordinating pillow.

Mrs. Katie Ingram presented her with a home-made cake as a token of thanks for teaching all four of her sons.

Mrs. Bridges is the mother of four children, and has five grandchildren. She and her husband are active members of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.



RECEIVES AWARD - Mark Bibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenzie Bibbs of Kings Mountain and a seventh grader at Bessemer City Junior High School, receives an award from Mrs. Rebecca H. Rhyne, Chairman of the Gaston Soil and Water Conservation District, for finishing second in the recent Area VIII Conservation Public Speaking Contest in Statesville.

Students Make Rockets

Miss Karen Burton's fifth grade class at West Elementary School has been studying the Solar System in science. The students have studied about planets, stars, and galaxies. In order to motivate her students in this area of study, Miss Burton shared the idea of making rockets. She had made a rocket of her own in a graduate class she was taking.

According to Chad Plonk, a student in Miss Burton's class, "everyone is the science class had an opportunity to make a rocket." He discussed how the rockets were constructed. "Each student brought a tissue paper tube, rubber bands, string, and plastic bags. Miss Burton provided the rocket engines."

Chad further stated, "we painted the tubes and attached the tail fins. Next, we made the parachute out of plastic and hooked it up to the tube. Then we made engine mounts so the engine would fit into the tube. We stuffed the tube with a flameproof tissue paper and hooked igniters to the engine." "Each one of us shot our rockets off individually. We placed them on a rocket launcher and used a control to launch them. Our classmates did a count down for us."

Approximately 48 students made a rocket for launching.

Park To Be Renamed

The city board of commissioners Monday night approved renaming the Deal Street recreation complex Commissioners Memorial Park and approved a plan to develop remaining land owned by the city in that area.

An appropriate plaque will be purchased and erected at the complex honoring the 125 citizens who have served as commissioners during the 109-year history of the town.

Ralph Johnson of the W.K. Dickson Company, the city's consulting engineer, suggested that the city construct a running and walking track, picnic tables, benches and shelters, and landscape the undeveloped area, which lies north of the tee league ballfields off Ridge Street.

Johnson said a one-fourth mile track could be constructed "and used by the young and old alike and would be one of the better investments for the total use of the facility."

The park at present includes the community center, four ballfields, swimming pool, four tennis courts, a miniature golf course, mini-park, and two parking lots which are in the process of being paved.

Johnson suggested that the city construct four volleyball courts, a shuffleboard court and horseshoe pits between the two existing ballfields on the north side of the complex.

The board did not discuss funding for the project but approved the concept.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Awarded a bid of \$6,762.31 to Tindall Ford of Gastonia for a small pickup truck for the police department.

*Approved re-advertisement for bids for a pickup truck for the water and sewer department.

*Awarded a bid of \$10,858.69 to Tindall Ford for a pickup truck for the electric department.

*Approved re-advertisement of bids for a trencher for the gas department.

*Approved presenting certificates of recognition and certificates of appreciation on various occasions.

*Approved a resolution of appreciation and commendation for 30 years of service by Grace Wolfe of the city clerk's office.

*Appointed Don Adams and W.S. Biddix to the Planning and Zoning Commission.