



RECEIVES AWARD - William Orr of Kings Mountain is pictured with the Victor J. Tulane Award which he was presented at last week's meeting of the Connectional Lay Council General Convention in Norfolk, Va.

William Orr Receives Victor J. Tulane Award

William Orr of Kings Mountain received the Victor J. Tulane Award at the Connectional Lay Council General Convention last week at the Omni International Hotel in Norfolk, Va.

Orr serves as president of the 919-member Lincolnton District Lay Council. He is regional director of the Connectional Lay Council and a member of Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

The theme of last week's

convention was "Enthusiastic Witnessing-Purposeful Action." It was well-attended by Zionites from all over the world.

Orr is the first layman to receive the Tulane Award, which is given for meritorious service to the Lincolnton District and Connectional Lay Council. The award was presented by by Bishop Arthur Marshall, chairman of the Board of Lay Activities.

Jim Childers Announces For City Commissioner

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chase of an additional water storage tank, and the initial study of the hydroelectric project on Moss Lake were among other city projects in which he was involved. He was also a member of the city's personnel policy committee which was established and heard employee complaints and grievances.

Childers made the following statement:

"In announcing my candidacy for the District 6 Commissioner, there are several programs that I feel need to be accomplished. Some can be accomplished in a short period of time, others are future planning.

The present needs that I feel need to be met is re-surfacing of City Streets. There is \$172,000.00 in the current budget for curbing, gutter, and paving. I feel the needs should be studied as to where the \$172,000.00 will be needed and re-surface those streets now.

"I feel the Personnel Committee should be re-established. This committee can hear employee complaints and grievances, study the table of organization, make recommendations to the entire board for their decision, and up date the pay plan, which has not been updated since its adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

"Another project that can and should be completed in the immediate future is completion of the walking and exercise track.

"Replacement of bad and deteriorated sidewalks can be accomplished in the immediate future.

"Some of the long range plans I feel need to be made is the follow through of the plans and actual construction and operation of the Hydro-Electric Generating Plant.

"The only way the city can grow is through annexation. I am in favor of making a firm decision of the area to be annexed, make that decision public, so that those involved can be informed. Once the decision is made, make the necessary plans for orderly annexation and bring that phase to a conclusion.

"At the present time there is between 100 and 125 burials a year in the cemetery and with less than 500 grave sites remaining to be sold, I feel the recommendations as presented to the Board of Commissioners by various cemetery Study Committees should be taken off the shelf and given some study, and plans developed to enlarge the cemetery, either by purchasing additional property or expanding onto property owned by the City.

"These are only a few of the things I feel need to be done both immediately and for the future. It will take unknown hours of study and planning in order for these things to be accomplished. If elected to the office of District 6 Commissioner I will be willing to spend what ever time it takes to see these projects through."



TO SING AT KMHS - The McKameys, one of the top gospel groups in the nation, will be in concert Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium. The Songmasters of Gastonia will also sing. Advance tickets may be purchased at WKMT Radio.

Lawson Brown, Ex-KM Principal, Dies

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him negative." Dr. Brown served as Davidson County Superintendent for 26 years after serving as principal at Kings Mountain High School from 1956 through 1959.

When he arrived in Lexington, the Davidson County unit had 10,500 students and 350 professional personnel. Today, the system has an enrollment of 16,500 with almost 900 staff members.

Dr. Brown, 62, was a native of Chadburn in Columbus County and was the son of the late Luther Lawrence and Margaret Radcliff Brown. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, where he was a former deacon, and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army.

He began his career in education in 1950 as a teacher in McDowell County. He

graduated from Western Carolina University and played professional baseball in the Western Carolinas League during the summers of 1948 through 1952. He served as league president in 1953. He received his masters degree from Peabody-Vanderbilt University, and doctorate from Duke University. He was previously a

YMCA director and former little league commission chairman.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, E. Lawson Brown Jr. of Burlington and John Bennett Brown of Lexington; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Singer of Raleigh and Miss Holly Brown of the home; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, by Dr. James H. Grant Jr. and Dr. Richard Sommers. Burial was in Lexington City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Davidson County Schools-E. Lawson Brown Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1229, Lexington, N.C. 27292.



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