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done now and do it, or do it 10 years or 15 years from now?" said Bob McRae, superintendent of Kings Mountain schools.

McRae said the schools are getting enough money from sales-tax revenue and the N. C. school facility fund to repay the \$30 million bonds over 20 years. But if they did the work bit by bit, waiting for that money, they'd be hit by inflation and the cost of maintaining old buildings, he said.

Cleveland County commissioners last year set aside 4 cents on the property tax rate, or about \$909,000 a year, for the building improvements. That would go toward repaying the county's \$10 million in bonds, County Manager Lane Alexander said.

"I can comfortably say that citizens can vote for these issues without fear of a tax increase," said Alexander in a meeting with local

civic clubs here recently. Alexander explained even though the bonds are to be repaid with monies already designated for construction, voters must authorize the county to levy taxes if necessary to repay the bonds as is required in all general obligation bond referendums and stated on the ballot.

Both issues must pass county-wide, county and school officials have pointed out.

All registered voters in Cleveland County will be eligible to vote in the special election. The ballot will contain separate questions on issuance of the \$30 million school bonds and \$10 million county bonds. The bond program is part of a five-year building program adopted by the county and the three school systems. If voters approve the bond issues, the \$30 million is part of a \$44.4 million five-year building program which would be divided as follows: \$18.22 million to Cleveland County Schools, \$4.95 million to Kings Mountain Schools and \$6.81 million to Shelby City Schools.

CC Lawyers Endorse Vote

Cleveland County Bar Association last week endorsed the April 18 bond referendum which seeks \$10 million for county government facilities and \$30 million for school facilities.

"We are proud of Cleveland County as a progressive community with a high quality of life and we are firmly convinced that our county services and public schools need more and better facilities in order to properly serve us and that such are involved in the quality of life of our community," said Clayward Corry, outgoing presi-

dent of the Cleveland County Association which passed unanimously a resolution of support at the recent meeting.

"After a lengthy discussion on effect of the bond referendum and the importance and significance it might hold to our community we voted to publicly support passage of the resolution," said Corry.

Kings Mountain civic clubs, the City of Kings Mountain, KM Board of Education and the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce are among local organizations favoring the bond issue.

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The budget also allows for an expanded reading program, a new teaching position to reduce the number of combination classes containing students of different grade levels, funds for the new indoor swimming pool and a capital improvements budget totaling \$307,492, an increase of 20.4%.

In his budget message to the board, Supt. Bob McRae said that additional funds are requested in the current expense budget to meet the rising costs of supplies, utilities, and personnel. Improvements include an additional local teaching position to reduce the number of combination classes in the system and funds to come closer to paying employees, both certified and non-certified, a fair wage. The overall increase is 13.1 percent.

"Our employees are dedicated, diligent people who have been asked to work for salaries that are too low. We need to increase our local effort to reward them rather than risk losing them to other opportunities as is more and more often the case," he said.

"In the years since 1980-81 our local allotment for construction and equipment has increased by only \$23,223. That level of increase cannot hope to keep up with the rising costs of capital outlay items. As an example, roof replacement at our high school would cost approximately \$500,000. There is no way we can hope to pursue an adequate program of preventive care, let alone a new project such as this at our current level of funding," he said, calling the projections a "hefty increase."

"Schools can't operate without copiers, lawn mowers, and vacuum cleaners. We stretch the use of these items beyond what it should be and simply must replace some of them at this time," he said.

The capital outlay budget projects spending of \$9,500 at Bethware; \$3,800 at Central; \$7,300 at East; \$12,600 at Grover; \$16,900 at KM Junior High; \$23,992 at KM Senior High and

for the curriculum area and facility and grounds equipment; \$24,600 at North; \$4,600 at West; \$4,000 at the finance office; \$8,300 for instruction supplies; \$5,500 for supplies and renovations in child nutrition services; \$30,000 for maintenance and replacement and repair of shop equipment; and \$156,400 district-wide for furniture, test scanners, renovation, and an activity mini bus, among other items.

No one spoke for or against the proposed budget during a public hearing.

In other actions, the board commended a middle school committee led by Mrs. Jane King, Director of Instruction, who outlined the goals, organization and proposed curriculum for the 6-8 reorganization when Central School and KM Junior High School are merged.

Mrs. King and the 18-member committee of teachers and staff, chaired by Central Principal Glenda O'Shields and KM Junior High Principal Jerry Hoyle, has spent many hours meeting and visiting middle schools in preparing written recommendations for the board's study, said McRae.

"A good middle school has a different feel when you walk into it and Kings Mountain is on the road to having that kind of situation which will be a great addition to our school system," Mrs. King said. Thirteen staff members have attended state conferences and visited numerous schools and their primary consideration was what is best for the middle school student, she said. Mrs. King invited the board to hear Dr. Nancy Farmer, of the State Department of Public Instruction, on April 24 from 3 until 5 p.m. who will be addressing the subject, "Whole Concept of the Middle School." Other members of the Middle School program committee are Mary Accor, Larry Allen, Karen Arrowood, Ann Bennett, Libby Blanton, Cindy Borders, Ethel Bumgardner, Doyle Campbell, Sarah Cole, Betty Corry, Betty Gamle, John Goforth, David Heffner, Joey Hopper, Jean Thrift, Laurie Whiteside, and Julia Wood.

A tentative schedule calls for

students to change classes more frequently in the eighth grade and allows blocks of time for small groups using a team approach.

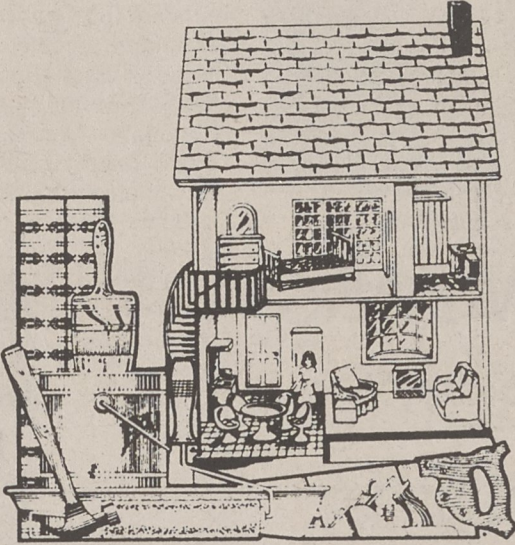
Mrs. Betty R. Gamble, Director of Vocational Education, presented a \$978,648 budget which was approved. A total of 1,473 students are involved in vocational programs in grades 7-12.

The board approved the annual state-funded remedial summer school which will be held for grades 1-7 at West School and grades 8-12 at Kings Mountain Senior High School June 19-July 21. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided at West School. Transportation will be provided.

The board also approved a tuition summer school at KMSH June 19-July 21 for grades 9-12. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and at least 20 students are required to offer the class. The system will not provide transportation.

Board members signed a proclamation urging a Smoke Free Class of 2000, which inaugurates a 12-year anti-smoking awareness campaign with the first grade. Health Coordinator Cindy Borders said that special instruction will be given all first graders in Cleveland County schools April 24-28 and a Smoke Free celebration will be held at Cleveland Mall on May 12 at 7 p.m. to launch the emphasis.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

a. To vote IN FAVOR of an order, complete the arrow at the right of the word "YES."

b. To vote AGAINST an order, complete the arrow at the right of the word "NO."

c. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

d. Mark only with pen provided by precinct official.

TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW

TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR CHOICE, LIKE THIS

Shall the order adopted on February 6, 1989, authorizing not exceeding \$30,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school facilities, remodeling, enlarging other school and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school facilities, acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor in order to provide additional school facilities in the Cleveland County School Administrative Unit (\$18,228,869), Kings Mountain City School Administrative Unit (\$4,952,761) and Shelby City School Administrative Unit (\$6,818,370) in order to maintain the nine months' school term in said County as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

YES
NO

Shall the order adopted on February 6, 1989, authorizing not exceeding \$10,000,000 County Building Bonds of the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing, renovating, expanding and remodeling buildings and ancillary facilities for use by the court system and agencies, departments and bureaus of the County government and acquiring any necessary land, equipment and furnishings in connection therewith, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

YES
NO

April 18, 1989
Cleveland County
North Carolina

Chairman: Cleveland County Board of Elections

KM Weather

	APR. 5-11	YEAR AGO
Total Precipitation	1.27	.87
Maximum One Day	.54 (8th)	.81 (11th)
Year To Date	14.45	8.38
Minimum Temperature	30 (11th)	34 (8th)
Maximum Temperature	68 (4th)	87 (5th)
Average Temperature	48.1	61.0
*Frost last night.		

In Math Fair

Twelve students from Kings Mountain participated in the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics Western Region Mathematics Fair at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on March 23rd.

Winners were: Grades 6-8 General Math, 3rd place Courtney Goforth; Grades 9-12 General Math, 1st place Debra Parizo, 2nd place Angie Hamrick, 3rd place Angela Carrigan; Grades 9-12 Geometry, 1st place Laura Beth Moss.

Others participating were: Sheree Freeman, Laura Smith, Michael Humphries, Hart Wells, Miranda Smith, Will Eskridge, and Leanne Farris.

Wins Drawing

Nancy Landers won two weeks in a row in the Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics drawing among knitters with perfect attendance.

President Claude Suber said \$50 cash prizes are given on each shift after a drawing among eligible employees who qualify by working required hours.

Winners last week of \$50 cash prizes were Pat Mathis, Angela Medlin and Nancy Landers.

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Man Charged

Wendell Gale McAbee, in custody on sex charges, was arrested Thursday in the Cleveland County Jail with 11 additional counts of having sex with three 11-year-old girls, deputies said.

Sgt. David Luckadoo of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department said investigators seized five videotapes from McAbee's car. "The charges are the result of what we saw on the videotapes," he said.

The new charges include first degree statutory rape, first-degree statutory sex offense and crime against nature.

Luckadoo began investigating the charges after two of the victims told their elementary school guidance counselor about the encounters.

Statutory rape and statutory sex offenses refer to sexual activity with a child under 13 without physical threats.

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