

## No Speakers At Budget Hearing

### To Be Approved Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain City Council is ready to adopt a record \$17.2 million budget Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The budget calls for no funds for extensions outside the corporate limits but limits spending to improving the existing systems. A big slice of the budget pie allocates funds for capital improvements.

"I think you can see that our emphasis this year is on improving the existing systems," said City Manager George Wood in presenting a review of the proposed

budget at a public hearing Tuesday night.

The city tax rate will go down one cent. No changes are anticipated in the gas, water, sewer and electric rates.

"We have been aggressive in allocating funds for expansion of our utility systems," said Wood, who said the No. 1 priority of the administration is to replace water and sewer lines on Bridges Drive where the ex-

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No one spoke in favor of and no one spoke against Kings Mountain's proposed \$17,239,608.00 budget Tuesday night as City Council conducted a public hearing attended by 20 people, all city employees and the media with exception of one citizen, Grady Howard.

"It's very prudently put together," said Councilman Humes Houston after the presentation by City Manager George Wood. "It's the best explanation of a budget I've ever seen," said Mayor Kyle Smith.

Wood distributed copies of the 1989-90 budget to the mayor, six Council members and media last week and placed a copy for citizens to review in the office of City Clerk-Treasurer Marvin Chappell at City Hall.

During his presentation, Wood said the budget is

\$1.6 million higher than last year due to projected increases based on increases to the city's debt service, electric, and natural gas funds.

The budget provides for a one cent decrease in the tax rate due to the octennial revaluation by the County.

City employees will receive a 3.5% cost-of-living adjustment. The budget reflects the first full year of funding for the new Personnel Classification and Pay Plan that was implemented in September 1988. The 3.5% pay increase will become effective July 1, and each full-time employee will be eligible for a 2.5% merit increase on his anniversary date during the year.

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## Mrs. Bias To Speak Saturday

Lonise P. Bias, mother of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, who died of cardiac arrest induced by cocaine intoxication on June 19, 1986, two days after being drafted by the Boston Celtics, will speak Saturday at 8 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium in Kings Mountain.



MRS. BIAS

Mrs. Bias is scheduled to speak at the first annual celebration of the Partners With Kingston Youth in Shelby from 4-7 p.m. David Swann, Substance Abuse Director for Cleveland County Mental Health, arranged the programs.

Mrs. Bias, a nationally-known speaker, has turned her personal loss into an opportunity to help others, and she tours the country addressing the issues of drugs, alcohol, family, hope and love. She challenges youth and adults to wage war against substance abuse and she addresses the issue of peer pressure in an attempt to instill hope in the lives of young people. She has lectured before statesmen, community and church organizations, the military, universities, and private and public institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has appeared on numerous television shows, including Sally Jesse Rafael, Dr. Robert Schuler, The CBS Morning News, and the 700 Club. She has received many awards, including the Boston Herald Community Service Award, the International Women in Leadership Award, Christian Excellence Award in Presenting Drug Awareness, Sojourner Truth Award, Soya Humanitarian Award, the Giant Steps Parent Award, and many other Distinguished Service Awards.

Before taking on this mission, Mrs. Bias was employed by the National Bank of Washington. She is a native of Washington and was educated in the public schools of Washington, D.C. She studied religion at the District of Columbia Bible Institute. She is a member of the Africa Methodist Episcopal Church, which she has served as Stewardess, Missionary, Youth Advisor, and choir member. She is married and has three children.

Swann said Mrs. Bias was sought to speak at the Kingston celebration, and then when he learned that her flight out of Charlotte back to her home in Hyattsville, Md. would not be until 10:15 p.m., she agreed to also speak in Kings Mountain.

Her speech in Kings Mountain will be free and open to the public.

## Man Killed Monday In Robbery-Assault

One man is dead and another man is hospitalized with injuries after an alleged robbery and assault Monday night at a private residence.

Det. Lt. Richard Reynolds said Kings Mountain Police were called to the home of Gene Goins and Angela Wallace at 305 1/2 East Parker Street Monday night at 9:34 p.m. and found William Earl Brackett, 24, of Clarksville, Ga., formerly of Kings Mountain, dead of gunshot wounds and Gene Goins, of 305 1/2 E. Parker Street, injured. Goins was admitted to Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Brackett allegedly came to 305 1/2 E. Parker Street demanding money at gunpoint and a scuffle ensued.

Kings Mountain Police called the SBI into the investigation which is continuing. Reynolds said results of their investigation will be turned over to the District Attorney for review.



BARNEY AND FLAT NOSE  
To Perform In Downtown KM Saturday

## Flat Nose Coming Back

Barney Odum and his world-famous, tree-climbing dog Flat Nose will be in downtown Kings Mountain Saturday to entertain the public from 4-5 p.m. in front of Plonk Brothers.

Barney and Flat Nose are being brought to town by Carl Plonk of Plonk Brothers and their manager, David Godbold of Elizabeth

Weaving in Grover. The show will be free.

Flat Nose will be "autographing" T-shirts of himself and will also visit some other stores in the downtown area. "And, if we can get a tree up in time, he'll climb a tree," Godbold said.

Barney and Flat Nose, who reside near Darlington, S.C., have

become famous world-wide during the last year. Godbold, who doubles as a talent scout and agent, had known of the pair for years and they were the first act he recruited. They've appeared all over the United States, recently completed a successful tour of Japan, and have been on many major television

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RECEIVES AWARD—Delora Lovelace, bus driver at East School, receives award for driver safety from Mike Royster of the N.C. Petroleum Marketers Association at Monday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Education. Lovelace had driven for 11 years without an accident. See story on page 13-A.

## KM Schools Open Bids For Project

Kings Mountain District Schools Tuesday opened bids for additions and alterations at Kings Mountain Junior High School, and during the next week will open bids for the remainder of work necessary to bring the school into a Middle School-High School organization.

Bids were opened Tuesday for construction additions and renovations to the existing junior high facility, as well as plumbing, heating and air conditioning. However, only one bid for electrical work was received and that work will have to be re-advertised.

Bids for construction of a new classroom wing at the junior high will be opened today. Bids for new construction and renovations at the senior high will be opened on Tuesday and Thursday of next week.

Supt. Bob McRae, at Monday's meeting of the Board of Education, said he hopes the board can start awarding at least some of the bids at the next board meeting on July 3.

Bids received for alterations and additions at the junior high Tuesday ranged from \$529,741 to \$609,000. Bids for plumbing ranged from \$33,859 to \$48,000, and bids for heating and air conditioning ranged from \$74,800 to \$105,495.

Base bids on the general contracting included: Beam Construction, \$609,000; Hunter Construction, \$529,741; T.C. Strickland Jr., \$580,375; and A.A. Ramsey and Son, \$549,880.

Bids for plumbing included: Gastonia Plumbing and Heating, \$43,872; Ben T. Goforth Plumbing, \$33,859; and Hoyle Plumbing, \$48,000.

Bids for heating and air conditioning included: Butler Air Conditioning and Heating, \$74,800; Southeastern P.H. and Air Conditioning, \$92,998; and Triangle Contractors, \$105,495.

In another matter Monday night, the board approved a bid of \$100,085 from Napry Environmental Company for asbestos removal at North School. Six bids were received and Napry was the lowest.

McRae said work will begin immediately and should be completed within three weeks. About two-thirds of the old building which includes the gym and several classrooms will have asbestos removed.

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## Pioneer Motor Bearing To Locate Near Grover

Pioneer Motor Bearing Company has announced that it is building a new manufacturing and repair facility off Highway 29 South near Grover, which is scheduled to open in January 1990.

David Jochner, sales manager for Pioneer, made the announcement in conjunction with the announcement that Pioneer has signed a licensing agreement with Westinghouse Electric Corporation under which Pioneer will become the exclusive authorized repair organization for certain Westinghouse babbitted products.

Pioneer operates a plant in San Francisco, California. The company is a leading supplier of babbitted products for rotating and reciprocating machinery used in steam turbines, gas turbines, compressors, gearboxes, pumps and large electric motors and fans. Pioneer has complemented its new, bearing manufacturing business by providing high quality babbitted bearing repair services for almost 70 years, said Jochner.

The new plant will be constructed on 10 acres of land off Battleground Avenue near Grover. The plant will employ 10-20 peo-

ple initially to supply bearings for Westinghouse.

Gene White, Planning Director for the City of Kings Mountain, said that the company's location here was a joint effort of the city, Gaston County Economic Development Commission, Gaston and Cleveland Counties. Cleveland County will pay for the installation of water and sewer lines to serve the new industry which plans to buy water and sewer services from Kings Mountain. "Pioneer is a clean industry with little or no effluent," said White.

Jochner said customers working with Pioneer have the advantage of dealing direct with the shop repairing their bearings. "At the same time, they know we have the support of the original equipment manufacturer," he said.

Under the license approved this week, Pioneer becomes the authorized repair organization for all Westinghouse babbitted products designed for land based steam turbines over 60 MW which are installed in the United States. Pioneer will have the right to mar-

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