## No Tax Increase Planned

## Summary Of 1956-57 Town Budget

for Southern Pines has been pre-pared by Tom Cunningham, town and in nearby industry. department by Cunningham said the budget Debt Service pared by Tom Cunningham, town

erations and spelled out the various needs for the coming year. He ing year except for major capital May 1, 1956. Interest payments said the budget was prepared and long range expenditures. with four paramount objectives in mind:

sential services at the highest pos- ly as a result of the increased amount of \$15,645. sible level and continuance of ex- growth of the town, and subseisting programs at the same level quent assessments. increasing population without any down slightly from last year since increase in the real property tax the sale of a large piece of proprate or service charge rates.

2. The equipping of town forces with the best possible the year. sponsibilities smoothly, efficiently for next year was noted because equipment to perform their reand with maximum economy.

concerned and to continue the ly \$33,000. firm policy of the Council to remove from the tax dollar costs, those expenses that are for the peculiar benefit of individual citizens and property owners.

4. The paying of a reasonable ed to be \$308,884. living wage for municipal employees, to reward and recognize ningham's budget message. faithful and long service, and to EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTmaintain a competitive position with the increased costs of per-

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provides for no tax increases. He said the town would, if the budget coming year are up \$10,000 as the gone over each of the town's op- were adopted, probably not have result of maturities on the recent

the ad valorem tax rate would be in general accounts for the over-1. The maintaining of all es- up approximately \$5,000, primari-

Revenue, however, will be erty (the May Street Community Center) was consummated during shares of five persons salaries.

One big reduction in expenses nd with maximum economy.

3. To hold the line as far as of the new bypass being constructed this year and for which the present ad valorem tax rate is the town had to pay approximate- International City Manager's As-

> ed to be \$310,914, Cunningham said, while expenditures during the same fiscal year are anticipat-

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The 1956-57 operating budget sonal services in nearby towns my budget for the coming year department by department.

Principal payments during the proximately \$2,000 to purchase He noted that collections from year will amount to \$6275. This

General Administration

With the exception of salary increases, this department remains substantially the same during the coming year. Personal service expenses amounts to proportionate The large unclassified expense in this department consists primarily of dues paid to the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Institute of Government, and the sociation Management Information Service.

Fire Department The Fire Department utilizes about 1 1-5 man years of personal services. A reduction in the expenses of the fire department during the coming year is realized in the amount of approximately \$7200, since during the current fiscal year we purchased the new 1955 American La France 500 gallon per minute pumper.

Police Department The \$2400 increase in this department is represented almost entirely by salary increases. Personal service expenses are attributed to nine full time personnel and one proportionate salary person. The department consists of six uniform police officers and the Chief of Police. Southern Pines is one of the

few municipalities between 4,000 and 30,000 population in North Carolina which works its officers more than 18 hours per day. Included in this Police Depart-

ment budget are funds for a new police car. Cemetery Department

This department is approximately the same for the coming

**Building and Safety Inspection** This department represents 4-5 of a man year of personal service performance. There is an approximate \$1300 reduction in this department since during the current year an automobile was purchased for the Safety Engineer.

Sanitary Department As far as we are able to determine, the personal services expenses in this department are broken down as follows: approximately six man years of labor for garbage collections from the residences and businesses; approximately two man years of labor for yard rakings and tree trimmings; and approximately four man years of labor for street sweeping.

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to replace the tractor at the sanitary landfill. With these funds it Street Department is planned to purchase a smaller and more flexible piece of equipment of a less specialized nature. This purchase will be coupled bor. with an expenditure in the Street

tilt type trailer.

an item in the amount of \$8,000 operate them obviate the necessity of their early retirement.

> Personal service expenses in this department amount to approximately six man years of la-

The cost of supplies and mat-Department in the amount of ap- rials in this department consists primarily of stone, asphalt, cement, etc. This item has been Repair bills on the International progressively reduced following tractor at the sanitary landfill this our policy to contract with the year will amount to a whopping State Highway Department to year will amount to \$6275. This in general accounts for the overall increase in debt service in the these pieces of equipment are over five years old and it is my opintaining six trucks, various pieces ion that the expense involved to of street maintenance equipment,

and the Traxcavator Loader. It has been our policy in the \$2500 is included in this budget past and, I believe it to be a and will be set aside for the sound one, to replace one truck a Council's discretionary beautificayear in order to maintain our fleet tion improvement of the new U.S. on a five or six year replacement

\$2500 is included in this budget (Continued on page 11)



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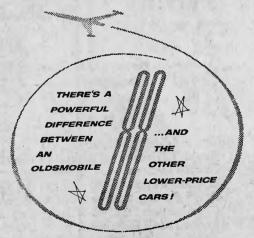
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