

BOARD STUDIES FIGURES NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Plan Same Tax Rate, But Budget Increases

The county board of commissioners met this week at Halifax and heard figures on the estimated county budget for the fiscal year 1941-42, as submitted by County Auditor C. S. Vinson.

The county tax rate of .65 per \$100 valuation will probably remain the same as last year with three changes in the amount of allotments for each department. Percentage for the county home and outside poor is increased from .095 to .09 cents for next year, funds for old age assistance cut from .0375 to .035 cents, and aid to dependent children decreased from .0225 to .02 cents of the total revenue based on the .65 rate.

An increase of appropriations over the 1940-41 fiscal year is included in the new budget for nearly every county department and activity except current expense and capital outlay for schools, which items are several thousands lower than this year.

The total increase in operating expenses of the county over the current year which ends June 30 is \$9,620.25 allotted in the general fund. The debt service outlay is set, and depends on the maturities falling due in any year.

Greatest increase is noted in the general fund which is estimated at \$105,620 for next year, as compared to \$95,379 of this fiscal year; \$34,120 for county home and outside poor during 1941-42, whereas the 1940-41 budget provided \$28,888; and health and welfare which is slated to receive \$41,039.25 in the new budget as compared with \$38,514 during the current fiscal year.

Funds for total county purposes during 1941-42 are estimated as follows: budget, \$367,370.25; outside revenue, \$172,370.25; tax levy, \$195,000; valuation of property, \$30,000,000; and proposed tax rate, 65 cents.

The fiscal year begins July 1, and the above figures are subject to revision by the county commissioners who must hear three readings of the budget before giving it final approval.

County Auditor Vinson said today that the increase in expenses comes in those departments "where you have to buy food, and essentials". He stated the increase in cost of living recently has caused an estimated 10 or 15 per cent increase in appropriations for those departments of the county affected, but the actual percentage of increase on items which must be purchased is even greater.

The Halifax accountant remarked that the budget has been "cut to the bone", due to the fact the Halifax Board of Commissioners did not wish to increase the tax rate which is set at the same figure as during the 1940-41 fiscal year.

KIDS ARE NUMEROUS FOR PLAY

The majority of children of Roanoke Rapids are being reached by the summer program of supervised recreation on the playgrounds here, Supervisor J. C. Hoyle said today, and between three and four thousand are participating in playground activities.

Rounding out its second week here, the program is now being directed by helpers who will be in charge for the rest of the summer or until the ten weeks is up.

At the John Armstrong Chaloner School playgrounds for Negro children, which open several days earlier than the white centers, Johnnie Newell and Helen Peoples are supervising the daily activities of around 400 children.

Between 800 and 1,000 children are engaged in the various forms of recreation at the Rosemary ground on 9th Street between Franklin and Rapids streets, where George Hayes and a lady working for the WPA are in charge.

Dan Cagle, Mrs. Lucy Mayfield Brown, and Miss Carry Bird are supervising the play of around 100 children who attend the Patterson playground daily.

An average of about 85 children attend the Central playgrounds daily, and activities are in charge of Nick Long and Miss Alameda Pleasant.

Bunker Hill has an average daily attendance of around 100 children, and Theron Harris and Miss Kathryn Thompson are supervisors.

At the Rosemary swimming pool the average daily attendance in hot weather is around 600, Supervisor Hoyle said, and Dan Cagle is the life guard on duty at all times the pool is open. Cagle, a graduate of the local high school and Davidson College, coached in Charlotte last year and is an accredited Red Cross life guard.

Showers have been installed at the pool, and every effort is being made to safeguard the life and health of those swimming there.

FIRE

A fire, believed to have been started from an electric motor, broke out this morning about 2:15 in the weave room of the Rosemary mills. When the loom caught fire, the sprinkler system was set off, and considerable damage was done by water.

CATCHER



GEORGE NETHERCUTT
Rated as the greatest catcher ever to perform for the University of North Carolina, George Nethercutt will be in action against the Romances here on Saturday night. He's a local boy, now in business in Raleigh.

NEGRO DIES

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rell) hit the man who hit him (Jarrell) with a beer bottle during that altercation. Jarrell did not state to his employer the name of the man who hit him, but Junius Garner admitted that Jarrell hit him.

Deputy Walker was assisted in the investigation by Deputy Sheriff C. F. Gray, also of Roanoke Rapids.

Funeral services for Jarrell were held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and burial was in the family cemetery near Thelma.

QUOTA PASSED

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to do their part, they have really shown a fine spirit of cooperation and generosity in this instance. Each member of the committee is deeply grateful for what has been accomplished, and we wish it were possible to thank each contributor personally."

"I also wish to publically thank each of those local and township assistants helping the Halifax County committee in raising the funds for the United Service Organizations," he stated.

The quota for the county was set at \$1,750, plus local expenses in connection with the drive, and \$2,383 has already been turned in to the Halifax committee from Roanoke Rapids, Littleton, Weldon, and the town of Halifax. Other townships have been heard from, and while a final report has not been received, they are all expected to exceed the quotas assigned.

Due to the fact Roanoke Rapids contributors were so numerous and generous, the local committee did not give any USO pins or certi-

ificates, since they felt the majority of citizens donated. One of the local committeemen remarked that it would be easier to distinguish those who didn't give with a button than it would have all who did contribute to the USO.

Appointment Postmaster Confirmed

The appointment of Perry C. Milliken as postmaster at Halifax has been confirmed, it was learned here today, and it is his second appointment as postmaster of the third class post office service approximately 4,500 patrons in the town of Halifax and on two rural routes.

Postmaster Milliken was acting postmaster at Halifax from July 19, 1936 to March 23, 1937, when he received his first appointment as regular postmaster. The appointment was for four years, but the appointment just confirmed is not limited since postmasters are now classified as Civil Service employees.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Stephens

Mrs. Annie J. Stephens, 44, wife of the Rev. W. R. Stephens, of Whitakers Baptist Church, died last Thursday afternoon in a Rocky Mount Hospital. Funeral services were held in the Whitakers Baptist Church Saturday a.m. at 10 o'clock, and burial followed in the Calypso Cemetery at two o'clock that afternoon.

Survivors are her husband, one daughter, Miss Laura Gordan Stephens; three brothers, Dr. Wilter N. Johnson, of Mars Hill, Rev. E. N. Johnson of Fair Bluff; Rev. L. L. Johnson of Magnolia; four sisters, Mrs. D. S. Matthews, of Rose Hill, Mrs. Mary Foy Dobson, Miss Ruby Johnson, of Asheville, and Mrs. N. F. Downing, of Fayetteville.

APPOINTED

J. T. Chase, Vice-President of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, was in Raleigh Wednesday. He attended the first meeting of the North Carolina Council for National Defense. Mr. Chase was appointed to serve on this important Council by Governor Broughton.

County Wants Bids Hauling Limestone

Plans are now being worked out whereby ground limestone, which is furnished as a Grant of Aid under the AAA Program, will be delivered to farm yards in the county under the AAA Program for 1942. The cost of delivery will be included in the cost of the material and no cash collections will be required from the farmers. In order to complete arrangements for this, it is necessary to secure a local trucking concern to bid on the cost of trucking the lime from the railroad stations to the farm. Bids are now being accepted at the County Office for this hauling. Any person interested in bidding on this work can secure forms from the County Office at Halifax. These bids should be filed in the County Office by Monday, June 23.

Jarrette White Dies In Chicago

Jarrette Andrew White, 37, formerly of Whitakers, died at his home in Chicago. He was the son of Jarrette White, and the late Cornelia Moore White of Whitakers.

Funeral services were held in the home of his sister, Mrs. Ernest B. Draughan, near Whitakers, last Friday afternoon and burial followed in the Whitakers Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary Louise Johns, of Winder, Ga., one son, Jerry White, his father and sisters; Mrs. C. R. Shuler, and Miss Annie Laura White, of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Draughan.

NOTICE

The \$10,000.00 show window at the M. T. Mart store, 923B Roanoke Ave. will be unveiled Friday evening, June 27th, at 7 o'clock and will remain open for about one hour; come out and see how near you guessed the contents.

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