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State Board Permits Increase In Budgets

Some Special Charter Districts Allowed Fifty Percent Increase; Beaufort May Increase Fifteen Percent; Schedule Adopted For The Whole State

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Oct. 19.—Increases in school budgets above the State standard may range from 5 to 50 per cent, based on the number of teachers largely, in a schedule adopted last week by the State Board of Equalization.

Eight of the larger charter districts Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, High Point, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington and Winston-Salem, are permitted to increase their budgets 50 per cent over the State standard, contingent upon agreement of the school boards and the taxing authorities; seven others, Rocky Mount, Gastonia, Salisbury, Goldsboro, Leaksville and Wilson, may increase their budgets from local taxes 33 1-3 per cent; 23 others, which list includes Shelby, Reidsville, Lexington, Roanoke Rapids, Thomasville, Hamlet, Morganton and Mt. Airy may add 20 per cent.

The 60 remaining special charter districts in the State may add 15 per cent. Among these 60 are Rockingham, Kings Mountain, Hendersonville, Lumberton, Scotland Neck, Southern Pines, Beaufort, Red Springs, Aberdeen, Madison, Elkin and Vass-Lake view.

County system rural schools which participate in the tax reduction fund for the extended term, are limited to increases of 5 per cent, while those not participating in the tax reduction fund may increase their budgets 10 per cent. However, those rural system schools which have more than 30 teachers will be considered for this purpose as charter schools, taking their places in the proper four groups of charter schools, based on numbers of teachers.

In the rural schools, the salaries of agricultural and home economics teachers, when paid jointly by the district and the State, are not included as supplemental. In the charter districts general control, which includes salary and office expenses of the superintendent, is not included in the supplement.

The Board of Equalization adopted this percentage increase schedule to fit all cases, so it would not be necessary to take up individual budgets of the 98 charter schools and 946 taxing district schools, with resulting injustices.

New Bank Regulations

All commercial, savings and industrial banks in North Carolina are required to have in their files financial statements, appraisals of collateral and real estate and certificates of title by next February 1, under new rules and regulations issued by Gurney P. Hood, commissioner of banks, with the approval of his Advisory Commission, under authority given by the 1931 banking law.

While the new rules will require extensive additional work on the part of all State banks, they will make it much easier for the examiners to determine to status of any bank at any time and thus help produce stability and protect depositors. Banks are required to have on their files the following:

Annual financial statements properly certified from those directly liable to the bank in an amount of \$1,000 or more, which obligations are unsecured or secured only by endorsement.

An appraisal of all collateral to notes secured by real estate shall be made in writing by the executive or loan committee of the bank and attached to the note.

All real estate given as security to loans shall be appraised either by the executive or loan committee, or not less than three persons who are familiar with real estate values in the community, and the appraisal in writing attached to the note. This appraisal shall state the amount of priority, if any, on the property.

A certificate of title by a competent attorney shall be attached to each deed of trust or mortgage given as security.

Chain Store Tax Argued

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt pitted his wit and wisdom against that of John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for President of the United States in 1924, in argument last week before the U. S. Supreme Court in the important North Carolina "chain store tax" case, and is satisfied that he "held his own."

The tax law, enacted in 1929, imposes a \$50 tax on each store operated by the same management or ownership, above one. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (Continued on page eight)

Teachers Get Checks For Month's Salary

As stated in the News last week owing to some hitch at Raleigh the salary checks for the teachers in this county were not sent out. This situation has now been remedied and checks have been sent to all teachers in the county. Checks for rural teachers were mailed Monday but owing to the fact that the authorities at Raleigh had not allocated any funds for the special charter districts at that time vouchers for the Beaufort and Morehead City teachers were not distributed until Tuesday afternoon.

Salary vouchers for rural teachers in the county amounted to \$6900, those for Beaufort were \$2752 and for Morehead City they were \$2997. Superintendent J. G. Allen says that in making up the ratings of the teachers were entitled to a better rating than had been anticipated and a few were rated a little lower than expected. If any there be who do not understand their ratings they will be given that information by applying to Superintendent Allen. The check sent were for one month's salary. There is still due something on last year's pay roll and it is hoped by the Board of Education that this will be made up before very long.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

A small docket was disposed of by Mayor Taylor in the City Police Court last Friday.

Wright Stanley, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and was fined \$1 and costs.

Pete Davis, colored, charged with drunkenness said he was guilty and was fined \$1 and costs.

Two colored boys, "Lawyer" Hardesty and Julius Davis, charged with fighting were tried and as it seemed to have been of little consequence the case was dismissed.

Josephus Skarren charged with an assault upon his wife said he was guilty and was bound over to Recorder's Court under a \$100 bond.

Lilly, Bailey, colored, was tried upon the charge of making a forcible trespass into the home of Hettie Ann Rhodes. The principal witnesses against her were her husband Matthew Bailey and Hettie Ann. It seemed to be a case of jealousy. The action was dismissed.

Howard Rhodes, colored, on the charge of an assault upon George Johnson with a bottle was sent over to Recorder's Court.

SURVEYORS AT WORK ON BOGUE BANKS TRACT

As the result of the sale of the tract of land on Bogue Banks recently by H. C. Jones to Durham interests a survey has been made to determine the boundary line between the Fort Macon reservation and the Jones property. State Forester J. S. Holmes of Raleigh accompanied by engineers Oxley and Riley of the University of N. C. have been here this week making the survey. The State owns 400 acres in the Fort Macon reservation and this is to be used for a public park.

A force of men has been at work this week laying out streets on the property bought by Messrs. G. W. Carr and Roland McClamroch of Durham. The report is that a number of summer homes will be built there and that work on them will start in the near future. It is expected that a colony of rather large proportions will be established on this tract.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Vida May Merrill Gillikin, wife of Wayland Gillikin, who died Saturday afternoon at Potter Emergency Hospital after an illness of several weeks were held from her father's home on New Bern Road Sunday afternoon. Interment was in Tuttle Grove Churchyard.

Mrs. Gillikin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerney Merrill. Her husband, Wayland Gillikin is connected with the Coast Guard service at Fort Macon.

A high speed telegraph printer using Japanese ideographs has been invented by an engineer in Japan, being about one fifth more complicated than machines using European characters.

THOMAS A. EDISON IS LAID TO REST

Vast Crowds Pay Tribute To World's Greatest Inventor

WEST ORANGE, N. J. Oct. 21—This is the fifty-second anniversary of the incandescent light—and the funeral day of the man who invented it.

With the first wisps of today's dawn, the body of Thomas Edison was moved from the vine-wreathed laboratory where in life so many masterpieces of his genius were created.

The bronze casket was taken, under escort, to Glenmont, the Edison home, for private funeral services at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Only the closest friends were invited to join the family, yet the list of mourners numbered more than four hundred.

The burial at Rosedale cemetery was, like the service at the home, arranged to avoid ostentation or pomp.

President Hoover, pressed with affairs of state and with preparations for the arrival at Washington tomorrow of the premier of France, was unable to attend the funeral of his friend. Mrs. Hoover, however, traveled from the capital for the services.

Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, the two survivors of a famous triumvirate, arrived late yesterday.

Twenty-five thousand persons passed by the bronze casket in the half-light of the laboratory yesterday. Other thousands had preceded them Monday. Mr. Firestone, came with Mr. Ford to say the last "goodbye" to their friend and comrade, was among those who stood, for a misty-eyed moment before the bier.

Mr. Ford did not enter the room in which the body of the inventor lay. He wanted no sight of death, he said, to cloud the memory of his last sight of his friend—there in the library a few feet away.

The Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Herden, a former Methodist minister and a friend of Mr. Edison, planned only an informal funeral service at the home. There was a prayer and the reading of the nintieth psalm—"The days of our years are three score and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

There was nationwide response to the suggestion by President Hoover, in a statement yesterday that all electric lights be turned off for one minute at 10 o'clock eastern standard time tonight—crystallizing the attention of 120,000,000 people upon the vital part in their lives of a single Edison invention.

The honor guard maintained by Edison employes at the inventor's bier was replaced last night by details from the army, the marine corps, the national guard by the Rev. Arthur H. Brown of the Methodist church of Orange, at Mrs. Edison's request.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

International Public Utilities Corp. to Tide Water Power Company, 3 tracts Morehead Township, for \$10.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Mrs. G. Taylor, (29 lots, 1 tract Morehead Township, for \$100.

H. C. Jones and wife to Geo. Watts Carr et al 100 acres Bogue Banks, con. \$100.

James E. Wade and wife to Ion Lewis, tract Harkers Island, con. \$100.

W. W. Lewis and wife to Mary Merrill, 40 acres Beaufort Township, con. \$10.

Sunie B. Hornaday and husband to Gladys Gibbs, 4 lots Beaufort, con. \$10.

BIG BANKING CORPORATION FORMED TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY

BIG BANK—14 Double GREENSBORO, Oct. 21—North Carolina today had taken her place among those states which have joined with President Hoover's national credit corporation in an effort to relieve the country's stringent economic situation.

Bankers of the state, in session here subscribed \$2,625,000 toward the \$500,000,000 being raised by the national corporation for the purpose of credit expansion.

At the same time the bankers passed a resolution indorsing the plan for holding cotton off the market until prices recover, and urging decreased acreage in "money" crops and greater emphasis on food crops.

The organization formed here yesterday is to be known as the National Credit Corporation No. 5 of the fifth federal reserve district. Mem-

CRIMINAL CASES RATHER NUMEROUS

Mallison Given One Year; Criminal Trials Still In Progress

A one week's term of Superior Court convened here Monday with the calendar arranged for three days of criminal and three days of civil cases to be tried. Present indications are that the criminal side of the docket will run over into Friday and that therefore not much time will be left for civil matters.

Judge Clayton L. Moore who has held one regular term of court here before and one special term, is presiding over the court. Solicitor David M. Clark is prosecuting the docket for the State. There have been several jury trials, some submissions and some cases have been continued.

W. Ulrich Mallison of Morehead City charged with embezzlement offered a plea of nolo contendere thru his counsel Luther Hamilton, which plea was accepted and the defendant given one year in the penitentiary. Quite a number of the leading citizens of Morehead City made talks in behalf of the young man. It appeared that he had led an exemplary life with the exception of the crime of which he had acknowledged his guilt. It was said that the salary he made was small and that he had yielded to temptation perhaps for that reason. When the Marine Bank was audited he told the auditor of his shortage and made no effort to conceal anything. The amount of Mallison's defalcation was \$10,400 which is said to be secured by a satisfactory bond.

The trial of Elbert Gillikin, 17 year old youth of the Otway community, on the charge of slandering Kathleen Simpson ended in a verdict of not guilty directed by Judge Moore. The warrant charged that he had made an unprintable statement about the girl who says she will be fourteen years old next January. Attorney C. R. Wheatly who represented the defendant, made a vigorous attack on the girl's reputation. The defendant Gillikin denied that he had made the remarks about the girl as alleged, however several witnesses testified that he did so.

The case of Lee Fulcher of Wildwood who was tried on the charge of hitting William Hobbs on the head with a club consumed considerable time. A young may by the name of Marion Best was also indicted for the alleged offense but he had run away and could not be tried. The verdict of the jury as to Fulcher was, not guilty. Fulcher's defense rested mainly upon an alibi. He proved by several witnesses that he was at home when Hobbs was assaulted.

Duffy Arnold, one of two youths who several months ago stole a car that belonged to J. F. Duncan, was given his freedom by Judge Moore with the understanding that he would go and live with his uncle in Craven county. The boy had been in jail here about three months and was given

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MRS. MAXWELL SUFFERS INJURIES FROM BAD FALL

Mrs. C. S. Maxwell sustained a painful injury to her right foot Tuesday night on her way to her car at Mr. Charlie Thomas' home on Turner Street. It is thought that she stepped on a rolling stone which caused her to fall, giving her ankle a severe sprain, and hurting her shoulder. She is at Potter Hospital and getting along nicely.

Cod liver oil is said to be good for making hens lay.

CITY LIGHT PLANT HAS AN ACCIDENT

Engineer Hamilton Badly Hurt; House And Machinery Damaged

A gas explosion that occurred at the Beaufort Water and Light plant Sunday afternoon seriously injured the chief engineer of the plant Roy Hamilton and did considerable damage to the building and machinery. Mr. Hamilton suffered a compound fracture of the right arm and his right shoulder was also injured. He was taken in the ambulance of Adair and Rice to the Morehead City hospital and on Monday he was carried to Duke University hospital at Durham.

The accident seems to have been caused by an explosion of gas in the exhaust pipe, just as the 600 horse power generator was being started for the night's run. The concrete floor of the room next to the engine room was ripped up, the intake manifold was damaged and a lot of window glass broken. The engine itself is said to be uninjured. There was no one in the building at the time of the accident except Mr. Hamilton and his assistant William Lupton. Mrs. Hamilton was standing just outside the door. Mr. Lupton and Mrs. Hamilton escaped any injury.

Representatives of the Fairbanks-Morse Company, the builders of the machinery, and the Tidewater Power Company were here yesterday examining the plant and checking up on the damage done. They stated to a reporter for the News that they were not prepared to say what it would cost to repair the machinery. Estimates made by outsiders, or rather guesses, run from \$1000 to \$1500 damages. The Tidewater Power Company recently contracted to buy the water and light system here but as they have not yet taken charge of it lawyers say the town will have to stand whatever loss the explosion caused. The Tidewater Company is supposed to take the plant over between now and the 15th of November.

PHOTO GUESSING CONTEST ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION

An exhibit of photographs in B. A. Bell's jewelry store is attracting a good deal of attention this week. It is a unique exhibit consisting of photographs of male citizens of Beaufort and elsewhere. Most of the pictures were taken during childhood and the problem is to guess whose pictures they are.

Some of the photographs are comparatively recent ones but others date back to as much as fifty years ago. As a person's appearance changes a great deal from childhood to manhood and beyond that period it is no easy matter to get the names correctly but some of the guessers say they are doing pretty well at it. Mr. Bell is offering a prize of five dollars in gold for the best list of answers which in these times is quite a consideration.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Thomas E. Butt, Bonnerston, N. C. and Margaret V. Bailey, Morehead City, N. C.

Ulysses was the craftiest of the Greeks, the man to whom they appeal for wise advice.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide

Friday, Oct. 23

5:57 a. m. 11:33 a. m.

6:14 p. m. 12:01 p. m.

Saturday, Oct. 24

6:33 a. m. 12:07 a. m.

6:51 p. m. 12:41 p. m.

Sunday, Oct. 25

7:07 a. m. 12:38 a. m.

7:25 p. m. 1:15 p. m.

Monday, Oct. 26

7:38 a. m. 1:11 a. m.

7:57 p. m. 1:49 p. m.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

8:09 a. m. 1:43 a. m.

8:30 p. m. 2:25 p. m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

8:41 a. m. 2:13 a. m.

9:01 p. m. 2:25 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 29

9:14 a. m. 2:49 a. m.

9:38 p. m. 3:38 p. m.

Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

John W. Davis, defeated Democratic presidential candidate in 1924, will head a nation-wide committee of prominent party men and women to handle the Democratic 1932 campaign. Announcement of this, a new departure in Democratic methods of conducting national campaigns, was made by Jouett Shouse, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee. More than 500, including most of the party's "big wigs," will assist Davis. Committeemen and women are listed from every State. Others include potential presidential candidates. Governor Roosevelt, New York, Newton D. Baker, Ohio; Governor Ritchie, Maryland, and still others not so prominently mentioned as party prospects.

Republican National Committee leaders are giving consideration to raising funds for the 1932 campaign and it was disclosed that the subject will be discussed when the National Committee meets here in December. Republican national headquarters made no comment on the Democratic drive for a \$1,500,000 fund but it was pointed out that the Republicans were not handicapped by a huge deficit and, besides, that something had already been accomplished through the new '32 Clubs, intended to arouse interest in the re-election of President Hoover. These clubs, though not sponsored by the Republican National Committee, have been launched for the purpose of lining up Hoover supporters and also for bringing into the Republican national treasury a continual stream of dollars.

Ex-President Coolidge's article in the Saturday Evening Post setting forth reasons why he should not be a candidate for the Republican nomination in 1932 has established a precedent which will be referred to in the future like decisions of the United States Supreme Court. In general it means that it is better for a party to renominate its President for a second term than it is for it to seek its way out of difficulties by refusing him a renomination and preferring some one else who seems to be stronger.

A study by the veterans' administration shows only 7 per cent of the war veterans who borrowed on their bonus certificates used the money "in such a way as to receive no practicable benefits therefrom." The average per cent of veterans obtaining loans for personal and family needs was 65 per cent; one-fifth of the borrowers utilized loans for investment, while 8 per cent bought automobiles, "purpose undetermined." These figures, along with others showing 32 per cent of the 2,000,000 veteran borrowers are out of jobs, were given to Representative Patman, Democrat of Texas, by Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs.

President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson have expressed the common hope that the fullest exchange of views on every subject will be possible in the forthcoming visit of Premier Pierre Laval of France. This statement was intended to controvert the rumors appearing in the French press that a "cut and dried program" will be handed to the French Premier for his acceptance or rejection. It was stressed in an official announcement of the State Department that the United States regards Premier Laval as a guest of the Nation. In that capacity he would naturally be treated with all the consideration and courtesy that a guest receives from a host. Therefore the initiative for discussion will always be given M. Laval. He will be invited to unfold the ideas of his government on any and all the political and economic questions that are of common interest to the United States and France. The more pressing problems of war debts, reparations, gold standard, disarmament will undoubtedly play a prominent problem in the discussions.

State Department officials appear somewhat disconsolate over the results of their venture into the realms of high-powered international diplomacy under the guidance and with the cooperation of the League of Nations. Two days after the United States had put forward a precedent-making offer of full cooperation with the League, thereby risking a storm of Senatorial criticism, Secretary Stimson was still in doubt as to whether his representative at Geneva, Prentiss B. Gilbert, would sit on the Council.

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