

City Tax Rate For Henderson Remains At \$1.20 Figure

TO RAISE \$14,000 LESS IN REVENUE

Property Value Reduced \$400,000 To Approximately \$6,700,000

BUDGET TOTAL \$139,039

\$51,446 of This For General Purposes And \$87,590 For Bonds And Interest; Donations Are Kept Same

The tax rate for the city of Henderson was fixed by the City Council at an adjourned meeting last night at \$1.20 on the \$100 valuation, the same figure as last year. The new rate will raise \$14,000 less revenue than last year, which is offset by reduced municipal expenditures and budgets. The property valuation for the city was reduced in this year's assessments by approximately \$400,000 and stands now at an estimated figure of \$6,700,000, which was the basis for the tax rate.

A resolution was adopted fixing donation appropriations the same as last year, but setting forth that the Council takes the position that these items should be considered for adoption each year, and that the Council recognizes no obligation to continue them indefinitely at the same figure as for several years in the past. It notified all interests to that effect. A petition bearing a number of names was presented arguing that the customary \$3,000 appropriation for the H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library be not cut.

General fund expenditures for the year were adopted in the budget at the figure of \$51,449, compared with \$63,111.86 last year, and debt service, including interest and principal on maturing bonds was fixed at \$87,590, compared with \$89,722.50 last year. This year's budget is \$139,039, compared with \$152,833.36 last year.

Estimated revenue from taxation was placed at \$35,313, and from other sources at \$13,136, a total of \$51,449, which balances the budget.

Money needed for maturing bonds during the year will be \$43,000, and for interest on outstanding bonds, \$42,927.50. Interest on borrowed money, estimated, was put at \$1,500, and \$182.50 was included as fees to New York bank for handling coupons. These items make up the debt service total of \$87,590 in the budget.

MRS. E. A. SMERDON DIES AT HER HOME

Had Been Ill Past Week of Pneumonia; Funeral This Afternoon

Mrs. Lettie Sarah Smerdon, 58, widow of the late Arthur E. Smerdon, who died July 7, 1928, died at her home at 151 Burwell avenue Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, after an illness of a week with pneumonia and complications. She was a native of Vance county, having been born here September 2, 1874, and having made her home in the city practically all life.

Mrs. Smerdon was the daughter of William Fox and Mary Emma Blatcher Fox, both natives of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, who moved to this city many years ago, and both of whom have been dead a number of years.

Mrs. Smerdon, who leaves no children, was a member of the Methodist Protestant church in this city 40 years and during that time was active in its work, and a faithful and loyal member.

Surviving are four brothers, W. S. Fox, J. B. Fox, S. G. Fox and Asa A. Hardee, and one sister, Mrs. E. G. Finch, all of Henderson.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the Methodist Protestant church, and interment was by the side of her husband in Elmwood cemetery here. Dr. L. W. Geringer, pastor of the church, was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of Holy Innocents Episcopal church.

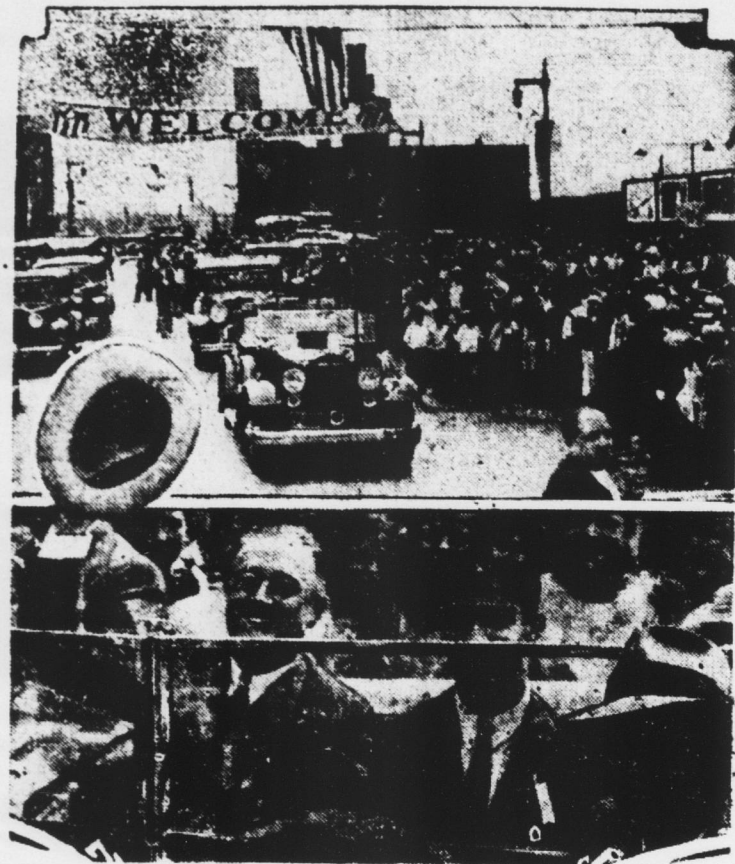
Funeral services were announced as follows: Active, C. L. Finch, A. J. Finch, Edwin Finch, Henry Fox, J. B. Fox, Jr., Samuel Fox, Jr., H. W. Anderson, W. D. Payne, and Charlie Hight, all nephews; honorary, Smerdon Parrish, R. W. Dixon, Dr. R. T. Upchurch, Dr. W. H. Furman, Dr. A. P. Newcomb, J. S. Evans, Benjamin Hicks, R. S. McCain, M. J. O'Neil, George B. Harris, L. R. Gooch, J. B. Hicks, H. O. Faulkner, Dr. F. R. Harris, J. B. Burchette, E. T. Joyner, George A. Harris, W. P. Gholson, H. A. Grissom, G. W. Adams, C. W. Finch, A. A. Bugn, Dr. S. R. Watson, S. R. Harris, Sr., E. C. Kittrell, Eugene Faulkner, J. M. Batty, M. C. Miles.

Miss Royster Much Better. Miss Agnes Royster is said to be greatly improved today although she is not able to be out of bed at her home on West Chestnut street. Miss Royster underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago at Marj Parham hospital.

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Aggregate County Debts \$1,009,384 On June 30

\$965,300 Is Bonded And \$41,084.76 Is In Form Of Current Liabilities; Countywide Sinking Fund \$85,433.86, and Subdivisions Sinking Fund \$14,395.39

The total bonded debt of Vance county and of its township and district sub-divisions on June 30, 1932, was \$965,300, and additional current liabilities amounted to \$41,084.76 on that date, making an aggregate of \$1,006,384.76, it was shown in an exhibit completed today by G. W. Adams, county accountant, to be forwarded to the State Board of Assessments in Raleigh. Against this outstanding debt is a sinking fund of \$85,433.86 in the countywide fund and an additional \$14,395.39 in the fund for the various sub-divisions.

Interest rates vary from four to six percent, most of it being in those amounts, with a few issues carrying 4 1/2 and 5 percent.

The bonded debt of the countywide unit is \$335,000, and the amount outstanding is \$335,000, with a sinking fund of \$85,433.86 offsetting a part of the total. The bonded debt of the various sub-divisions is \$493,000, and the amount outstanding is \$530,300, the latter figure being larger than the former due to loans from the State literary fund. The figure also includes Townsville railroad bonds of \$91,000 outstanding, but most of the other part of the debt in this division is for various school purposes. All of the current liabilities items of \$41,084.76 are under the head of the various sub-divisions, and all of it is listed as having been incurred in 1932, and all of it due in 1932, most of it in September, except four notes aggregating \$20,000, and of which \$5,000 is due this year.

Township debts are listed against only four of the nine townships, Henderson, Kittrell, Middleburg and Townsville.

Countywide bonds outstanding are made up of \$200,000 road improvement securities issued in 1913, half of which is due July 1, 1933, and the other half July 1, 1953, with \$85,433.86 in the sinking fund against this obligation; \$50,000 road bonds issued July 1, 1915, half of which is due July 1, 1935, and the other half July 1, 1955; \$24,000 outstanding from a \$30,000 issue September 1, 1921, for county home equipment, these running serially; \$13,000 of a total issue of \$5,000 September 1, 1924, serial bonds for hard surface roads; and \$18,000 of a total of \$20,000 dated March 1, 1928, in roads, bridges and funding bonds. The latter three issues are in serial form. All but the latter \$18,000 item bear interest at the rate of five percent, the exception being 4 1/2 percent.

MORE DEPOSITS IN BANK ARE PLEDGED

Percentage Rises Slightly, But Number Have Not Yet Signed Up

Additional deposits in the First National Bank were reported today to have been signed toward the goal sought, and increases the figure slightly above that reported yesterday for the end of the week.

Committees who are working on depositors are making an effort to get the task completed by the end of the month. They have less than 15 percent of the total deposits invited yet to be signed.

It has been announced by the committee that the bank can open in two weeks after the last deposits are pledged to the new agreement.

ASK HARD SURFACE OF LOUISBURG ROAD

Delegation In Raleigh Today Appearing Before Highway Board

ALREADY MAINTAINED

State Took It Over For Upkeep Before Assuming Responsibility For All County Roads Over The State

A delegation including members of the Board of County Commissioners, the county attorney and several citizens appeared before the State Highway Commission in Raleigh today and asked that body to hard-surface the highway from Henderson to Louisburg by way of Epsum. The money, or part of it, would come from Federal aid funds advanced to the State by the United States government by way of road work for the relief of unemployment.

This highway, which is a distance of approximately 20 miles between the two countyseats, has been under State maintenance for several years, having been taken over by the highway commission prior to the legislation of the 1931 General Assembly placing all public roads throughout the State in charge of the State Highway Commission.

The road has already been graded and in many places has been straightened out to eliminate dangerous curves and narrow roadway. Gravel was hauled to various points along the route more than a year ago for the purpose of building tar and gravel surfaces, but the work has never gone much further than that. In view of the several millions of dollars advanced by the Federal government at this time, it is the hope of the local governing authorities that an allotment from it may be had for the purpose of paving the entire distance between the two towns, which carries a heavy traffic, and which is an important artery of travel from this part of the State to the east.

Franklin county authorities are understood to be cooperating in the effort to obtain the cooperation of the State Highway Commission, and a delegation from that county has already appeared before the commission in behalf of the project.

Tired After Stratosphere Trip



Worn out by the strain of their 12-hour flight in the stratosphere, more than ten miles above the earth's surface, Professor Auguste Piccard, Swiss scientist, and his assistant, Max Cosyns, are shown stretched out on the ground beside the gondola of their balloon soon after it had landed near Lake Garda, Italy. Piccard is on the left, while Cosyns reclines against the aluminum ball to protect their precious instruments.

TEMPERATURE HITS 100 DEGREE MARK

City Experiencing Some of Hottest Weather of Summer This Week

Henderson and this section sweated today in one of the hottest days of the summer, with the thermometer registering 102 degrees at 1 o'clock this afternoon, with every prospect that it would climb slightly higher by mid-afternoon. Only one or two other days this summer, those during the hot season of July, have brought mercury readings as high as that of today.

The minimum last night was 71 degrees. On Monday the maximum temperature was 100 degrees, and on Sunday it was 99, the peak having steadily climbed from day to day for the three-day period.

There was some prospect of thunder showers for the afternoon in fact that the skies were overcast with heavy clouds, but there was no certainty of that sort of relief.

REV. B. T. WILLIAMS TO RETURN TO WEST

Former Methodist Pastor At Mill Churches Visiting In City Before Returning to Old Home

Rev. Ben T. Williams, former pastor for two years of City road and White Memorial Methodist churches in this city, is in the city on a week's vacation prior to returning to his home in Colorado, where he will join a Methodist conference and take up active pastoral work.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of Duke University, and during the summer has been engaged in evangelistic work in various parts of the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference. He was pastor here two years, taking other work at the annual conference last fall, when he was succeeded here by Rev. M. W. Warren at the mill churches.

Smoked glasses or the shaded portion of a photograph negative are favorite methods of watching the solar phenomena.

Eclipse Of The Sun Will Be Seen Here

The eclipse of the sun, which will be total in parts of the north-eastern section of the United States, will be visible here tomorrow afternoon, and it is estimated will be approximately 85 to 90 percent total. In New York, the eclipse will be 95 percent total, and it is not believed there will be a variation of more than 10 percent at the most at this distance from that city.

In New York the eclipse will begin at 2:25 p. m., standard time, and the maximum obscuration will be at 3:34 p. m., with the eclipse ending there at 4:39. This time, in

all three instances, will apply here, it is thought, as to the degree and progress of the obscuration of the sun.

Scientists say this will be the last eclipse of the sun visible in the United States until 1961, or 29 years hence. It will, therefore, be the last eclipse many now living in this country will ever see. For that reason, nearly every one is expected to make preparations to view the phenomena.

Indications at this time are that the weather will be clear, in which event there should be opportunity for perfect viewing of the eclipse.



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