

Council To Consider Increase In Water Rates

City Budget Carries Cut \$7,430 Under Last Year

Total This Year, Exclusive of Waterworks, Is \$166,417, Against \$173,848 Past Fiscal Year; Tax Values Estimated at \$6,500,000, Off \$500,000

Prospective cut of \$7,430 in the City of Henderson budget for the fiscal year 1938-39 appeared in the tentative budget introduced at the monthly meeting of the City Council Monday night.

The total proposed budget for the coming year was \$166,417.21, including \$92,733 for the general fund and \$73,684.21 for debt service.

The figures do not include water works items, except the debt service for that department.

Tax values for the 1938 listings were estimated at \$6,500,000, which is, roughly, half a million dollars less than the nearly \$7,000,000 valuation in 1937.

MEETING SET FOR NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Mention Made of Desirability for Reserve Fund for Department

A meeting of the Henderson City Council has been called for Friday night of this week to consider increasing the water rates charged consumers.

During the brief mention of the water department finances Monday night, something was said of a reserve fund for the department, and it was presumed that may be one of the grounds for the proposed increase.

It was recalled today that the water department once had a reserve, which was expended.

Those who have learned of the likelihood of an increase in water charges have been bitterly opposed to it.

Plans of those advocating the increase were not revealed at the meeting Monday night, but it is understood a full and free discussion is in prospect for the special meeting set for Friday.

Council Orders Property Sold For Taxes Sept. 12

Votes for Police Court To Be Held Every Morning Instead of Three Times Weekly; Clerk's Office Hours Changed to One Hour Longer

Sale of property for delinquent tax accounts was ordered by the Henderson City Council Monday night to be held on the second Monday in September, after due advertising four weeks prior thereto.

The Council also voted that city police court be held every morning in the week, except Sunday, instead of three times a week custom in vogue for the past several years.

The Council also ordered that the city clerk's office and the water works office be open each day of the week from 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m., instead of closing at 5 p. m.

The Council also voted to transfer the burden of the debt service of sewerage bonds from the city general fund to the water works department.

Instructions were voted to the city attorney to bring suit at once against property owners living outside the city limits who are served by the city sewer service, where those property owners are unreasonably in arrears in their payments of the sewerage fee of \$2.50 per month.

The question of how to distribute the proceeds from the sale of city

cemetery lots came up, and it was decided to leave the matter to the two members of the council—Alderman D. C. Loughlin and M. Y. Cooper—who are members of the city cemetery committee, the other three members being citizens.

Mayor Powell announced appointment of the same city censorship committee to serve during another year, these being C. M. Hight, member of the Council; Rev. I. W. Hughes and J. C. Kittrell.

A mass of other detail was transacted by the Council, consisting largely of routine, including adoption of an ordinance changing the name of Railroad street to Dorsey avenue.

A petition was received from colored citizens of Merrimon street asking for two street lights. It said, "some one is throwing bricks in our houses at night and we can't see who it is."

Petitions were received from Henry A. Dennis and Eric G. Flanagan, the latter representing the vestry of Holy Innocents Episcopal church, asking that the city pave the block of Pettigrew street between their properties and from Chestnut street back to Walnut street.

An ordinance was amended fixing fees for electrical inspection on a sliding scale based on the number of outlets. The electrical inspector will get one-half of the amount, the rest to go into the general fund.

M. N. Jordan asked to be relieved of water charges for a period of 11 months when he was living outside the city and his house was not occupied. The amount assessed was \$22.50, which was allowed.

J. G. Tolson asked the Council to rebate his taxes for the People Drug Store as a result of his recent fire. The board took the view that the property was listed as of April 1, and ordered the petition received and filed.

Application of the new Carolina restaurant on Garnett street for on premises beer and wine licenses was granted.

Mayor Henry T. Powell, as manager, presented the monthly filter report and balance sheet for the water works department, which were received and filed.

Alderman M. W. Wester, supervisor of finance, submitted the annual city audit as recently completed by Walter Charley & Company, of Charlotte, which was received and filed.

FOUR NEGROES HELD IN CHICKEN THEFTS

Quartet Taken In Raleigh by Police Authorities Returned Here For Trial

Four Henderson Negroes were captured in Raleigh this morning by Raleigh police, and returned here by Sheriff J. E. Hamlett and J. W. Hayes to answer charges of theft of chickens.

The four are Furman Faris, Lewis Haywood, Garland Burt and Jasper Jones.

chickens. Owners of the chickens were not given by the sheriff, pending further investigation. The Negroes were offering the chickens for sale in the Capital city.

AROUND TOWN

License Issued—A marriage license was issued yesterday at the Vance Registry to a colored couple, John Henderson and Alice Talley, both of route 2, Henderson.

Deed Recorded—A lot on the Oxford Road changed hands yesterday in the only realty deed filed with the Vance Registry. W. M. Burwell and wife sold the lot to Vergie Hayes for \$10 and considerations.



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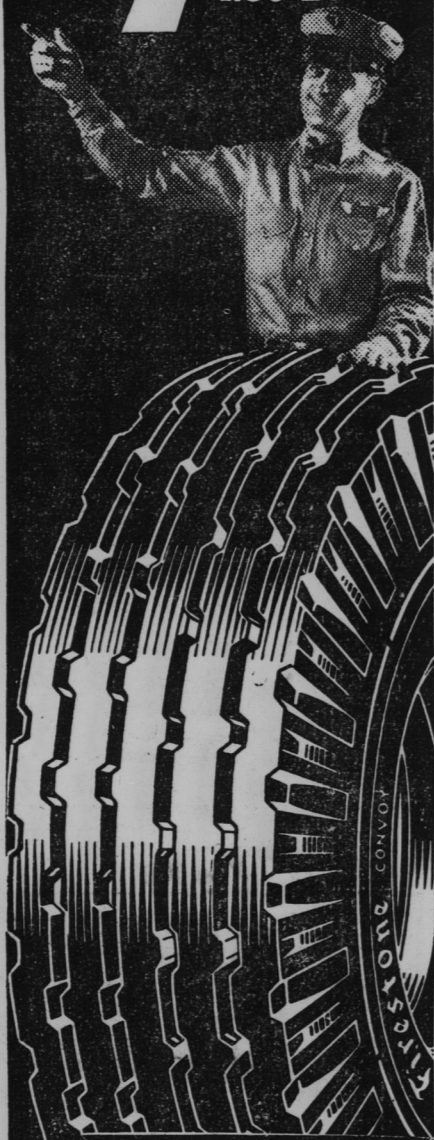
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FEW CHANGES FOR CITY'S SALARIES

Several Policemen Raised Slightly to \$420 Aggregate Annually

Salaries of city employees were agreed upon by the City Council Monday night without any reductions made for any employees, and slight increases for five policemen, amounting in all to \$420 annually.

Four policemen were raised \$60 each to a total of \$1,200 and one was raised \$60 to \$1,320 annually.

When the board came to the question of fixing salaries, a recess of 45 minutes was taken, during which time an executive meeting was held, which lasted more than an hour. Only members of the Council attended that session, even the mayor, the city clerk, the assistant city clerk and the city attorney all retiring to leave the seven members to their own deliberations.

In times past salaries have been fixed when the new city board organizes the first Monday in June after the election early in May. At that time the matter was deferred until the regular June meeting.

When the matter was carried over until an adjourned meeting lapsed for two weeks later, at which time a further postponement resulted until the regular July meeting.

There was some talk even then of deferring the question still further, but finally the idea of setting salaries Monday night prevailed. A committee had been appointed several weeks ago to make recommendations to the Council for a salary scale.

A meeting had been held, but no agreement reached, and one member of the committee had been absent later, with the result that the other two were in disagreement. The committee consisted of Aldermen M. W. Wester, T. W. Ellis and M. Y. Cooper, the latter being absent.

ROANOKE RAPIDS MEET POSTPONED

The trip which the Henderson Lions Club was scheduled to take Wednesday afternoon to Roanoke Rapids has been postponed because of bad weather. Instead the local club will have its usual luncheon meeting at 7 o'clock at the Capitol Cafe.

The Henderson Lions had planned to meet the Roanoke Rapids club in a softball game, and afterward they were to have a joint luncheon meeting.

68-lb. Pumpkin Grown A pumpkin grown by Charles D. Allen, on the Raleigh road, is being displayed in the window of Allen's Barber Shop. It was said the pumpkin weighs 68 lbs.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

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- 1. To which race do the Hawaiians belong? 2. How soon after it is rendered, does a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court become effective? 3. What is a helicopter? 4. Who won the 1938 National Intercollegiate Golf Championship? 5. What is the fruit of the oak tree? 6. What sport is nicknamed the "sport of kings?" 7. Name the important British island possession off the south coast of Africa. 8. For what state is "Empire State" the nickname? 9. What is the hold of a ship? 10. Did Switzerland maintain neutrality during the World War?

TO TEST SCALES OF GINNERS IN VANCE

County To Be First in State To Be Visited in Two-Year Project

Ginners' scales in Vance county will be the first tested in a two-year program to be launched immediately by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture to determine the accuracy of a cotton gin and other heavy duty scales in the State, according to announcement today by C. D. Baucom, weights and measures chief of the department.

After Vance county ginners' scales have been tested, adjoining counties will be visited as rapidly as possible, it was stated. The testing began this week, following completion of a special truck to carry the 11,000 pounds of test weights necessary in the work.

Fred P. Johnson, gin inspector to the department's warehouse division, said that "the scales testing work will be kept as far ahead of the ginning season as possible."

"We are making these tests, not with the view of inconveniencing the ginners, but solely to aid them in securing correct scales," Johnson added. "Often as not, incorrect scales are in favor of the farmer, and therefore, it is as much benefit to the owner as to the grower to have scales in repair."

Ten Vance People In Summer School For Wake Forest

Ten Vance county people are students in the Wake Forest College summer school, according to an announcement from the college. They are: Mrs. Mary Shepherd Bass, W. R. Turner, Jr., Elsie M. Woolard, H. A. Newell, Jr., W. H. Furman, Jr. and Frances Boyd all of Henderson; Susie H. Alston and Belle C. Graham, of Townsville; Mrs. Ruby O. Langston, J. Kittrell, and E. O. Young, Jr. of Middleburg.

Enrollment at this session of the Wake Forest summer school is 2,002, made up of students from 20 states, 95 North Carolina counties, China and Brazil. Sixty-seven colleges are represented. Men and women are about equally divided.

Recreational Program Suspended The recreational program, under the supervision of the Recreational Project, WPA, will be suspended this week, Mrs. W. D. Payne, head of the project, is attending a conference in Chapel Hill.

Claim Votes In Sampson Are Illegal

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tions board, said at the luncheon recess this afternoon that study had been made of data in each of the numerous protests before the board involving both the first and second primaries. The study was still underway on the protest against the abeyance vote in Davidson county in the vote in the second primary in the Congress race for the eighth district.

Advertisement for Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company, featuring a building illustration and text: "Second Oldest Southern Life Insurance Company", "To the Policyowners of the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company", "Because of your natural interest in the Company that guarantees your protection, you will be pleased to learn that..."