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## County Budget Approved For 1948-49; Tax Rate Remains At \$1.55 Per \$100

### Increases In Education, Welfare, Health, Register Of Deeds

LUMBERTON — The board of county commissioners in regular session Tuesday (delayed one day by the July 4th holiday) approved the county budget for 1948-49. Increases were made in the budget for schools, for the welfare department, for the health department, and for the Register of Deeds. Other differences between this and the previous year's budget were minor. The tax rate remains the same and the total levy will gain by \$1.55 per \$100 valuation.

The budget for the Board of Education was increased from the 1947-48 total of \$220,960, to \$314,000 and the increase came from items all through the budget created by increasing costs and by an increase in the number of students.

The budget for the welfare department rose from \$73,075 to \$94,838 and is accounted for by very much expanded activity on the part of this department and by the necessary increases in grants of assistance.

The county health department budget was increased \$400, from \$36,020 to \$36,420. The budget of the Register of Deeds is \$18,030 more than last year; this increase is largely accounted for by \$15,000 which is set aside for the re-indexing of the county records. The total cost of this re-indexing will be \$45,000 payable over the three years the job will take.

The total general fund budget amounts to \$407,710.50; for debt service \$138,000; for sinking fund \$33,029.50; for board of education \$314,000; for school debt service \$100,000.

The tax levy is distributed as follows:

COUNTY WIDE LEVY	
General Fund	15
For Relief Fund	.05
Pensions	.01
Reg. & Aid to Old Age	.09
Reg. & Aid to Dep. Children	.06
S. S. Adm. Cost	.04
Health	.14
County Debt Service	.32
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### SCHOOLS

Current Expense	16
Capital Outlay	.28
School Debt Service	.25

## Bur-Mil Group Meets Last Week

A meeting of the supervisors' management group from the eastern area of the spinning division of Burlington Mills, was held Tuesday night, June 29, at Breese Landing, near Fayetteville. Dinner was served and a program followed. J. C. Cowan, Jr., of Greensboro, president of Burlington Mills, was the principal speaker.

Plans represented at the meeting, where about 70 persons were in attendance, included the Lakeland mill at Fayetteville; Robeson and St. Pauls Mills at St. Pauls; the Smithfield Manufacturing company at Smithfield; and the plant at Oxford. Olin Shedd of Fayetteville is group manager for these five plants. The supervisory group from all the plants was on hand.

Attending the meeting from the Greensboro executive offices of Burlington Mills, in addition to President Cowan, were Arthur Burnet, division manager of spinning for Burlington, and Tom Foster of the personnel staff.

At the program which followed the dinner, Group Manager Shedd presided. He presented Division Manager Burnet, who in turn introduced President Cowan.

Following the brief addresses, a premiere showing in the eastern group area was given to the new Bur-Mil motion picture, "The Fabric Of Our Lives," which has been made with color and sound for showings to the 25,000 employees of Burlington Mills and before civic clubs, community groups, and organizations — on request. The film was made in Burlington Mills plants and in the Greensboro and New York offices of the firm and shows the beginning, the growth, and the present status of Burlington Mills.

In his remarks, President Cowan traced the growth of the spinning division as a part of Burlington Mills and reviewed the Burlington Mills story. He told those present that the spinning division has done an outstanding job in connection with the men's wear program and in the production of sun rayon suits.

### Fans Play Ball

LUMBERTON — The folks from the woods and bottom lands of Columbus county don't just go to a ball game to see the boys play—they watch harder than most clubs play. When 200 Columbus folks came to the Legion Junior scrap at Armory Field last night they made a noise like 200 June McIntyres; June was there too—so lost in admiration of all that lung-power that he didn't make a sound—just sat there watching the visiting spectators with his mouth hanging open.

Maybe it's that they don't have enough baseball in Whiteville and they're just not used to the game. Whatever it is, Brooklyn's Dodger fans could take lessons.

If such a tumult can be justified, it was last night. Good game! Lumberton 3-2 with the winning run in the 10th.

## Funeral Services Murdock McLean Held Tuesday

MAXTON — Funeral services were held for Murdock McLean Tuesday morning from the St. Paul Methodist church in Maxton. Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor of the church, was assisted in the service by Rev. W. L. Clegg, a former pastor. Masonic rites were conducted by Morris Peters, Red Springs.

Mr. McLean, aged 63, died at his home near Maxton Sunday afternoon after an illness of several months. He was a prominent farmer, a member of the church from which services were conducted, and a member of Maxton Lodge 417, AF&M. He was a son of the late James C. and Mary Blue McLean.

Miss Maggie McLean and Mrs. Robert W. McCutcheon of Bishopville, S. C., both sisters, survive at do seven nieces and nephews. Active pallbearers were E. P. Williams, J. G. Gainey, C. A. Hasty, J. L. Pace, Ernest Smith, and F. C. Frustick. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. L. B. Martin Sr., Dr. E. F. Ford, C. L. Green, R. P. Edwards, J. E. Stansel, C. J. Cottingham, and Lawrence Jones. Flowers were in charge of Miss Carrie Lee Shaw.

## Red Springs Officer Charged With Assault

LUMBERTON — Mrs. Minton Johnson of Lumberton indicted her husband, a Red Springs police officer, Tuesday charging assault on their 12-year-old son, Albert at their home in Lumberton.

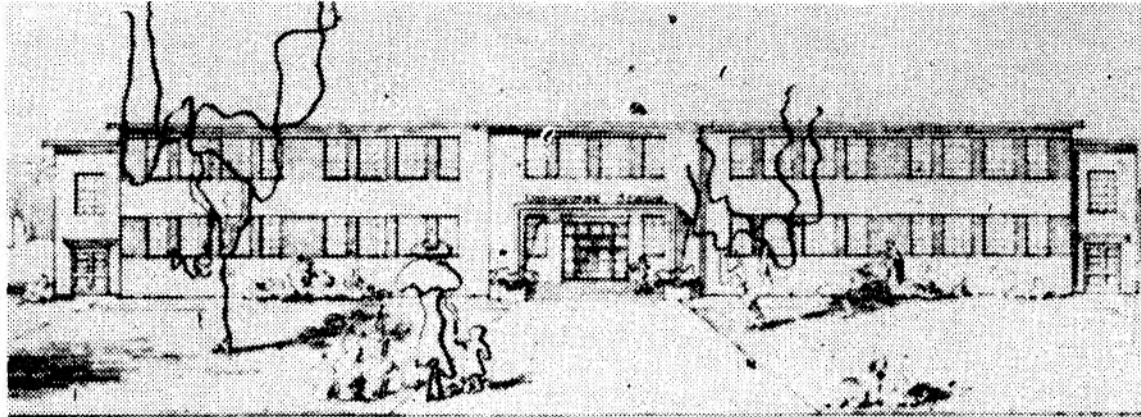
The mother said that the child required medical attention after the beating his father administered with a leather belt. Chief Floyd Whitman of the Red Springs police stated today that Johnson had been employed four days ago on a temporary basis pending an investigation of references, and was not a regular member of the force. He added that all new members of the force were employed on a trial 30-day basis to give time for a thorough investigation. Johnson was recently employed by the town of Marion, S. C., and prior to that time had been a member of the county police department under former Sheriff Clyde Wade.

## Joseph Mitchell Has New Book

FAIRMONT — Joseph Mitchell has delivered to his publishers the manuscript of his new book, "Old Mr. Flood." Mr. Flood is a short story character developed by Mitchell; he is a retired house wrecking contractor, in his middle nineties, who makes his home in a New York waterfront hotel. Mr. Flood is a self-styled vegetarian and plans to live to the age of 115, while retaining his title as Honorary Mayor of the Fulton Fish Market. Except for a daily quota of a loaf of Italian bread, Mr. Flood has eaten little of anything but fish since 1855. Mr. Flood believes that fish is an elixir and responsible for his long life.

Mr. Mitchell's previous book—"McSorley's Wonderful Saloon"—sold more than 300,000 copies. Joseph Mitchell is a native of Fairmont and a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Mitchell. He has achieved fame for his ability to interview and to put in print scores of highly diverting characters in New York life.

North Carolina leads all other states in the nation in the number of sawmills in active operation. The total in 1946 was 4,396.



THIS BUILDING AT THOMPSON INSTITUTE SCHOOL was authorized Tuesday by the board of commissioners when they withdrew \$218,894 from the county's capital reserve fund for the use of schools. The total sum is to be used in the construction and improvement of schools in Rowland, Maxton, and Lumberton. The picture above is the architect's conception of the building in south Lumberton for which \$100,000 of the total is earmarked. This building will be erected on the Thompson Institute property for the use of negro pupils. The old building on the site will be remodeled and used for auditorium, recreation and vocational training. The \$118,000 allocated to Maxton and Rowland will be used for improvements and additions to the white schools there.

## Bodies Of Several War Heroes Soon To Arrive In U.S.

RED SPRINGS — Families of several men from this section who died in service have been notified that the remains of these heroes are now enroute to the United States for burial.

Among those expected to arrive within a few weeks are: Staff Sgt. Frank Humphrey, who served with the air forces from Philadelphia, the son of Mrs. Hattie Humphrey of Fayetteville; Sgt. Henry Ervin Deaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Deaton of Red Springs; Sgt. James E. Douglas, son of Frank Douglas and the late Mrs. Douglas of the Mt. Tabor community; Gaston Dunn (no rank given), son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn of Lumber Bridge; and Pvt. Violet Locklear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Locklear of the New Prospect section.

## Two More Polio Cases Reported

Two additional cases of poliomyelitis have been reported in Robeson county, both children became ill on Sunday and were hospitalized Monday. Oscar Simpson, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Simpson of Lumberton has a mild case and was carried to James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington. Dolly Payne Owens, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Owens, who live between Rex and Lumber Bridge, has been hospitalized at Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville.

These cases bring the total reported in the county to 6.

## SE District NCEA Meet In Lumberton

Lumberton will be host to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in the Southeastern District on October 15, according to a schedule of state meetings released by the executive secretary of the group, C. H. Pinner, Tabor City, is president of the southeastern district. Mrs. R. R. Christie, Wilmington, is vice president.

## DDT Service Planned By Health Dept.

LUMBERTON — The County Health Department in cooperation with the officials of the city of Lumberton will begin a DDT spray service in the river overflow areas of Lumberton on Monday, July 13.

Spray will be applied to the interior of houses in the area for the control of mosquitoes and flies.

There will be no charge. Occupants of houses in the area will be called on the day before the spraying crew expects to reach the houses to assure cooperation.

## Waccamaw Bank In New Home

FAIRMONT — The Waccamaw Bank and Trust company opened its doors for the first time this morning—ready for business. What a new home!

The Chamber of Commerce was the first depositor in the new edifice, the deposit being taken by Mrs. Ethalyn Davis. W. L. Jones, owner of Jones Radio Service, was the second depositor of the day. Business was really booming, and interested friends were dropping in to view the completed building, the most modern of its kind in this section of the state.

## Juror List Given For Civil Court

The list of jurors for the one week term of civil court beginning July 12 has been named by Sheriff Willis C. Britt. Jurors are Dozier Pitt, E. Lumberton; John H. Taylor, Lumberton; G. E. Thompson, Britts; Walter Blackmond, E. Lumberton; John Smith, Wisharts; Wellington Wishart, Lumberton; Aaron Penny, W. Lumberton; J. B. Biand, Lumberton; Francis L. Bowen, Lumberton; B. C. Britt, Lumberton; V. D. Baker, Lumberton; Robert H. Carr, Lumberton; Nash B. Kinlaw, Lumberton; D. B. McNeill, Lumberton; H. H. Memory, Lumberton.

## Inspection Lane In New Location

RED SPRINGS—Mechanical Inspection Lane No. 28 of which Jurney Edgerton is supervisor, will be in Red Springs July 15, 16 and 17. Mr. Edgerton states that the lane will be located on Fifth Avenue next to the home of Dr. H. H. Hodgins, instead of the old Maxton road where it was set up when here previously. The lane is in Lumberton, next to the Fair Grounds, this week and will remain there through July 13. It will be located in St. Pauls July 20-22, and then will be at Rowland July 24-27, Mr. Edgerton stated.

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## RS Town Board Approves Budget Of \$123,814.32

RED SPRINGS—The Board of Commissioners of the town approved a budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year of \$123,814.32 at its July meeting Tuesday night. This is an increase of \$9,814 over the previous year's budget.

Also approved was the reduction in the tax rate from \$1.80 per hundred to \$1.60, and acknowledged was the prospect of a \$14,000 surplus from last year's funds. The condensed form of the budget will be published next week.

### DDT SPRAY

Alleys, outbuildings, kitchens and other buildings in town are to be sprayed with DDT within a few days, it was stated today by Reece Snyder, town clerk who explained that the spray materials were now enroute and should arrive this week. Trained spray operators have been secured to apply the insect poison. No charge will be made for spraying within the town limits and persons living near the town but outside the corporate limits may have their premises treated for insect control for a \$3 fee which covers cost of materials and labor.

### GARBAGE

Another service being made available to persons residing outside the corporate limits but near town is a garbage collection service. Wet garbage will be collected for 50c per week, with the charges being billed on monthly utilities statement. Those desiring this service may secure same by applying at City Hall.

The clerk states that privilege licenses for the new year are now due and payable at City Hall.

## Huntley Inducted Rotary President

LUMBERTON—L. J. Huntley was installed as new Rotary president at the club's dinner meeting Friday night. He succeeds B. E. Lohr in the post, who was presented a gift from the club by Dr. Gates McKaughan.

Appointment of program chairman was made for the year; C. E. Sullivan, W. D. Reynolds, R. A. McIntyre, and Sam Miller were named. Other major committee appointments were Dr. L. R. Hedgeth, community service; John Luther McLean, club service; Fred Lennon, vocational service; E. M. Johnson, international service.

## To Effect 25% Economies In School Modernization

### Ann Hale Brown Just Leads In Baby Contest

### Stephen Chason Second, Ann Malloy In Third Place

TUESDAY'S HONOR ROLL  
1. Ann Hale Brown  
2. Stephens C. Chason  
3. Ann Malloy  
4. Susan Singleton  
5. James Malcolm Varnum  
6. Betty Jean McNeill  
7. Barbara Jean Dudley  
8. Carolina M. Bardell  
9. Richard Watson  
10. Marsha Lee Spivey  
11. Donna Jean Beacham.

Today's tabulation of the votes in the Popular Baby Contest saw Ann Hale Brown, just managing to hold her position at the top of the Honor Roll with Stephen C. Chason climbing from fifth place to second and Ann Malloy from fourth to third.

Most of the leading candidates made a determined effort to better their standing with Stephen Chason and Ann Malloy making the biggest drives for top positions. Subsequently their climb to second and third place. However, as happens so many times in contests of this kind, everyone gets imbued the same week with the idea of heading the Honor Roll, and each contestant stepped up materially in votes, bunched closer together at the top and now today, with but a little more than a week to go to the final count, it is almost an impossibility for anyone to pick the three top winners out of the first seven.

Friday evening at 5:00 o'clock the second period in the contest ends and then down go the votes to "Final Final" lowest votes. The winning of the prizes is now up to the contestants that will work with redoubled effort. There will be no more bonus vote offers to help. All subscriptions and coupons MUST be in the ballot box by 5:00 p. m. Friday if they are going to be tallied at their Second Period values. Any and all turned in after that time will be counted in the Third Period.

Now, right now, while the vote schedule is still high is the time to realize on all those promises of subscriptions that people have made the various contestants. Get them in while they will count 7,500 votes, Saturday they will be worth only 5,000. Friday night's Honor Roll will be posted in the Citizen window following the tally.

The next tabulation of the votes will be held Tuesday evening at 5:00 p. m. and from that time until the contest closes, Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock the ballot box will be locked so that no one will know the voting strength of the various candidates until the box is opened by the group of local businessmen who will act as judges, tally the votes and award the prizes. As close as the top candidates are to each other now, the winners will be the workers from now on!

### Trudy Walton Sails Friday For London

LUMBERTON — Miss Gertrude Walton sailed Friday from New York for London where she has been assigned to the United States embassy by the state department. Trudy left a position as editor of the Hometown Papers last December to take a post with the state department's Office of Information and Education in Washington, D. C.

Howard Hasty, student at State college summer school, spent the week-end at home.

### Pictures Prove It

It took a long time for the tale to get from Columbus to Robeson but it's a good one and is scheduled for the next issue of Field and Stream.

Robson Sanderlin, Council Station farmer and sawmill operator, was fly fishing two weeks ago in Black River. On his fly line he had a six pound leader; and he actually landed that 12 1/2 pound rock that struck his fly.

With Sanderlin was a companion who took movies of the mile and a half chase and of the prize when it was landed. They claim the fish wasn't actually caught, but that they had to chase it down. And they say that Sanderlin kept shouting "Paddle man, paddle."

## Car Inspection Rules Tighten

The State Department of Motor Vehicles announced today a new set of rules and regulations, effective immediately, designed to speed up the mechanical inspection program of vehicles.

The regulations set five deadlines for the remainder of 1948 during which various models of vehicles must be presented for inspection.

The new rules were made necessary, according to Arthur T. Moore, director of the department's mechanical inspection division, because at the end of June only 250,185 of the state's 862,252 registered vehicles had been inspected.

The new requirements require that:

- 1—All motor vehicles of year models up to and including 1936 and vehicles of year models 1947 and 1948 must be inspected by August 31.
- 2—Year models 1937 and 1946 must be inspected by September 30.
- 3—Models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944 and 1945 must be inspected by October 31.
- 4—Models 1940 and 1942 must be inspected by November 30.
- 5—Models 1941 and 1949 must be checked by December 31.

## RS Lions Install New Officers At Ladies Night

RED SPRINGS — Officers of the Red Springs Lions club were installed Wednesday night at the summer Ladies Night program, which was held at Freddie's supper club at Lumber Bridge. J. F. Sinclair, deputy district governor, was the guest speaker and had charge of the installation ceremonies.

Leslie E. Baldwin was installed as president to succeed Waverly S. Barham. Other officers inducted into position were: William T. McGoogan, Charles Gardner and William C. Lenoir, vice presidents; Jasper Culbreth, secretary and treasurer; H. E. Skipper, tail twister; Galen Harris, Lion tamer, and Mr. Barham, Walter Spivey and Reece Snyder, directors.

Barbecued chicken dinner and trimmings were served to forty-two members and their guests, after which Mr. Sinclair made a humorous talk.

"Changing Times" is the 1947 annual report of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, has just been published. Copies are obtainable free from the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh.

## \$3 Million Bond Estimated Sufficient For County Education Needs

### SCHOOL BOARDS, COMMISSIONERS REACH INFORMAL DECISION

### Commissioners Await Formal Requests From School Groups

LUMBERTON.—In a joint meeting Tuesday afternoon here, the Robeson County Board of Education, the school boards of the three special charter districts (Fairmont, Red Springs and Lumberton) and the county commissioners informally agreed that it is practical to specify improvements of county school needs placed at four and a half million dollars by the recent survey of the county educational facilities. The proposed revision would lop 25 per cent from the original figure and would reduce the necessary bond issue from four million to three million dollars.

Next step toward putting Robeson's school system on a par with the state average will be requests for specified improvements by the special charter districts to the Board of Education and by the latter to the Board of commissioners asking for a bond issue vote. The county commissioners then will call for an election on whether the county shall issue the bonds.

**COST AND ESTIMATE**  
The reduction in estimated cost will be effected by certain revisions in the recommendations of the survey committee, by economy in construction and by the disposition of some properties which now belong to the school system. The survey report handed the county commissioners last month by the committee of educational experts detailed the needs of each school in the county and estimated the cost of supplying those needs. These figures were only estimates and in round figures and county and school officials believe that the needs of the school system can probably be satisfied for less money.

It is generally supposed that \$25 million of the states surplus will be made available to counties for educational purposes by the next legislature; Robeson's share of this would probably be near half a million, and if and when made available could be used if the proposed \$3 million proved less than adequate to meet the county's minimum needs.

Of the total expenditure contemplated the county has available \$500,000; this would reduce the bond issue necessary if the survey committee's estimate were used, to \$4 million; the 25 per cent revision in this estimate by school and county officials brings the proposed bond issue to \$3 million.

The review of the county school system was requested by school authorities and interested citizens in the knowledge that Robeson's educational standards fall far below the state average. The survey group was asked to make recommendations which would bring the schools to the level of the average; even the proposed expenditure will not make Robeson's schools superior to those in the majority of the state's counties.

## Colonial Mills Earn \$5.62 Per Share

Colonial Mills, Inc., announced consolidated net earnings of \$4,517,759 on net sales of \$21,540,000 for the six months ended May 31, 1948, after taxes and all other charges and after special provision for amortization of postwar construction and machinery costs in the amount of \$700,000. This net profit is equivalent to \$5.62 per share on the 795,000 shares of \$5.00 par capital stock outstanding. This compares with a net profit of \$3,384,915 after taxes and all other charges on sales of \$17,012,534 for the comparable six months of last year which was equivalent to \$4.26 per share on the same shares.

The net earnings for the quarter ended May 31, 1948 totaled \$2,225,530 after taxes and all other charges and after special provision for amortization of postwar construction and machinery costs in the amount of \$350,000. This net profit is equal to \$2.80 per share on net sales of \$10,847,628 as compared with the profit of \$1,756,967 on net sales of \$8,354,413 or \$2.21 per share on the 794,922 shares for the same quarter last year.

Spring harvest of North Carolina's cabbage crop ended June 2.

## CHIEF CONTENDERS FOR TOP PRIZES IN POPULAR BABY CONTEST



ANN HALE BROWN



Stephen C. Chason



Ann Malloy



James Varnum



Betty Jean McNeill