

# County Tax Levy Set At \$1.80 Per \$100 Valuation

## Final Road Paving Request Drafted; Map Is Prepared By Commissioners

County commissioners met Tuesday night to prepare the final paving requests for Robeson's part of the Scott road building program. At a hearing last week requests were heard from individuals and these requests were placed on the county road map. The highway commission then placed on the map roads which had already been requested prior to the vote on the road bonds. Each county commissioner was provided with a map and each commissioner put what roads he considered necessary in his district on that map. Last night the roads from the three sources were drawn on one map and that map will be submitted to the district commissioner for final decision as to which roads shall be paved. The roads to be selected at this time for surfacing will constitute two-thirds of the roads which will eventually be paved in the county under the \$200 million road program. A later problem will be set up for completion of the system. Highway Commissioner George S. Coble of Asheboro says that costs are expected to be lower than the estimates being used and that more than the estimated 267 miles of road will some time be built. This 267 miles is in addition to 52.6 miles already provided or under construction.

## Community Bible School Held At Red Springs

RED SPRINGS — One of the most successful Bible schools held in this community in recent years concluded last Friday, under the direction of Mrs. Estelle Robeson. The school was a community-wide affair and all churches of town participated. There were 14 teachers and 163 pupils, with the pupils coming from the following congregations: Chapel Methodist, 49; Jones Chapel Baptist, 51; St. James Methodist, 26; Presbyterians, 11; Johnson Chapel, 6; First Baptist, 17; Pilgrims Grove, 4. There were 70 boys and 98 girls enrolled.

Officers serving in the direction of the school were the Rev. R. P. Rhyne, the Rev. R. S. Canady and John W. Maynor.

Thomas Williams of the Holm Library of Wallace, Mrs. Mamie L. Turner, of the Dublin county department of education, and the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian Church, were among the visiting speakers during the week.

An impressive memorial service for little Patricia Anne Shaw, it was led by the Revs. Rhyne, Canady and A. M. Simpson.

All departments participated in the closing program which was held Friday, and at which a large number of parents were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holland and little daughter, Pat, have returned from a week's vacation at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. R. P. Edwards plans to attend the marriage of Miss Helen Leppard, in Rutherfordton next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holland and a party of friends from Lumberton spent the week-end at Myrtle Beach.

## Music Under The Stars Sundays At Armory Field

LUMBERTON — Starting Sunday evening, July 10, at 9:15 P. M., the Lions Club will present a recorded music program of classical and semi-classical works in the ball park at Armory Field. This program is to run every Sunday evening at the same time and place through the rest of July and August—weather permitting.

In sponsoring this program it is the Lions Club's desire to give the people of Lumberton, and outside, an amusement dividend, because of the excellent way the people of the city have responded heretofore in all the club's activities, making them successful. These summer programs are to be free of charge. These programs will be presented without benefit of the huge

## Earlys Entertain At Open House

RED SPRINGS—Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Early will be host to members of the First Baptist Church congregation at an open house tomorrow night at the Baptist parsonage. The invitation is for 5 to 7 P. M., and an invitation is extended to all members of the church and their families. The open house is partly to display the recently renovated and redecorated parsonage. The house has been painted throughout, floors have been refinished and the back porch has been rebuilt. The kitchen has been remodeled with built-in cabinets, built-in stove and an automatic water heater. An automatic oil furnace was installed Tuesday. The work was under supervision of Hartman Bailey and Murray McManus acting as a committee for the church deacons.

Assisting Rev. and Mrs. Early in entertaining will be Mrs. Tom Fry, Mrs. Graham Eubank, Mrs. Otto Hilliard, and Mrs. Hartman Baxley.

## Fairmont Mayor Hears Complaint On Dog Shooting

FAIRMONT—Mayor Pitt Fisher was the recipient of a lengthy telephone call Tuesday morning from a Raleigh representative of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who wanted the Fairmont town board to do something about the "dog situation" here.

The SPCA officer relayed a local complaint that Fairmont police officers are shooting stray dogs without killing them and allowing them to run around in an injured condition.

He suggested that the town provide a dog catcher and pound to keep stray animals but was told by Mayor Fisher that town funds were not sufficient to provide such services.

He agreed to relay the complaint to the town board and also to instruct the police department to be sure any dogs shot in the future are killed.

The town board a month ago ordered that all dogs found running at large during "dog days" be destroyed by the police department.

## Palmer Johnson Suicide Victim

FAIRMONT — Palmer Johnson, 39-year-old farmer of the White Pond section, was instantly killed last Thursday afternoon when he shot himself in the head at his home.

Relatives could give no reason for the act.

A son of Warren Johnson and Wincie Barfield Johnson, he is survived by his wife and one daughter.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from White Pond church with Rev. Elliott Britt officiating. Burial was in the Horne cemetery.

The cancer death rate has doubled in the last 45 years.

## Maxton ALA To Entertain Vets At Fort Bragg

MAXTON—Plans were made by members of the Maxton American Legion Auxiliary to put on an entertainment for the veterans in the hospital at Ft. Bragg on Friday evening. Mrs. Glen Crofton, chairman of the rehabilitation department, is in charge of arrangements, which were not quite complete. However, a program of music by Miss Mary McQueen's Glee Club, several dance numbers, and skits from the Lion's Club minstrel will be features of the entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

Miss Ann McLeod and Miss Betty Evans were chosen by the club to attend "Girl's State," which will be held at Woman's College, Greensboro, during this month.

After the business, the hostesses, Mmes. Glen Crofton, Rufus Knight and Wilbur McRae, served delightful refreshments.

## METHODIST PICNIC IS HELD FRIDAY

MAXTON—As a climax to the three meetings on the subject "Beautify Your Church," which were held at St. Paul's Methodist Church here this week, a picnic was enjoyed on the church lawn Friday evening by a large group of the members.

After the picnic, the Methodist Youth Fellowship presented a service on "The Meaning of Worship," which was led by the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Cuthrell. Taking part in the program were Misses Katherine and Lena Carter, Sarah Lee Duncan and Amos Biles.

## Maxton Softball

MAXTON—Softball schedule of games to be played for the next week in the Maxton league are as follows:  
Thursday, July 7—Wiley Steed vs. Maxton.  
Friday, July 8—High School vs. Maxton.  
Tuesday, July 12—High School vs. Wiley Steed.  
Scotland County League  
The Maxton team playing in the Scotland County Softball League will meet Morgan Mills team at Maxton on Monday night, July 11. Maxton will play the Laurel Hill team on Wednesday night, July 13, at the Maxton field. Alton Greene is manager of the Maxton team.

## Joint Outing To Be Held

LUMBERTON — The Koinonian Bible class of the First Baptist Church will enjoy their annual picnic on Tuesday, July 12, at 6 o'clock at McMillan's Beach. This year, they will be joined by the Young Men's Bible class and their families and guests.

All members of both classes, their families and guests are cordially invited. Mrs. Lawrence Prewatte is chairman of the food committee and serving with her are Mrs. William I. Potter and Mrs. C. P. Osborne.

Some men get more fun out of grinding their axe than in burying the hatchet.

No powder was ever invented that could make as loud an explosion as that founded on a man's coat lapel.

## Lumberton Lions To Give Sunday Entertainment

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spotlights. The moon and the stars alone will set the mood. Those interested in relaxing and enjoying good music are asked to come, bringing with them their pillows and/or blankets, sit around in the outfield or in the grandstand, and get into the mood of the music.

No sodapop or other confectionery will be sold. Those attending will just have to come with the idea of enjoying a carefree hour and a half of music and quiet conversation.

Lion Robert MacLeod is in charge of these programs, and he urges anyone who has classical or semi-classical records and would like to help out with these programs by lending same for one performance to please call him at telephone 95 or 1140.

All damaged records will be replaced by the Lions Club.

## Caught By Cops When He Stopped For Beer

FAIRMONT — Clyde Inman of Norfolk, Va., celebrated the Fourth of July by taking on a tank of gasoline at a Fairmont service station and driving off without paying for it. It was only a matter of seconds before he found out that he had made a mistake. Rural Policeman Lee Shepherd, who was standing at the Von Bass service station when the Norfolk man drove off without paying, gave pursuit, siren screaming. Hearing the excitement, Highway Patrolman Charlie Phillips joined in the chase. It turned out, however, that neither the patrol's Buick nor the rural policeman's 49 Ford could catch the 41 Ford they were chasing. He gave them the slip. The chase apparently was a hot one for Inman stopped at a filling station several miles across the South Carolina line for a cold beer, and it was while he was thus engaged that Phillips came upon him. Since it was in South Carolina, a S. C. patrolman was summoned and Inman was talked into returning to Fairmont to face 6 charges, as follows:  
1. Reckless driving.  
2. Speeding.  
3. Driving drunk.  
4. No driver's license.  
5. Failing to stop at the sound of a siren.  
6. Trying to defraud Von Bass.

Pleading guilty to all six charges before Recorder Ray Lewis Tuesday morning, Inman was given his choice of 13 months on the roads or paying fines and costs totaling \$362.

He had been unable to raise the fine Tuesday afternoon.

## H. F. Carter Head Of Methodist Men

MAXTON—Henry F. Carter was elected president of the Methodist Men at a meeting held last Friday evening for the purpose of forming the organization. Other officers are Tracey Watson, vice-president and C. H. Whitlock, secretary - treasurer. Meetings will be held each month for the purpose of promoting fellowship and the material and spiritual program of the church. A fish fry was enjoyed after the business of the meeting was transacted.

## Mrs. L. J. Tucker Hurt In Auto Wreck

MAXTON—Mrs. L. J. Tucker received numerous bruises and minor injuries Sunday when the car in which she was returning from Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bramble and their son, Hensdale of Fayetteville, was struck by an automobile, which was said to be attempting to pass a truck. All of the occupants of the car were carried to a Monroe hospital, where they were examined, and found to have been bruised and badly shaken up, but not seriously injured. Mr. Bramble's car, a new Packard, was badly damaged. Mrs. Tucker remained with the Brambles in Fayetteville for several days, but has returned home, and her daughter, Miss Elise of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive this week to be with her.

## Lions Install Fink As President; District Governor Conducts Ceremony

By Robert G. McLeod  
LUMBERTON — On Thursday evening, 30 June, in the den of the local Lions, Lion Jeff Wilson, district Governor elect of District 31-B and Director, Division of Highway Safety, installed the lions who will govern the club for the ensuing year. And as outgoing President Bernard Redmond said in introducing him, "Fellow Lions, the gentlemen about to install each of you can give the first-hand information about your respective offices, for he has held every office attainable in his home club of Biscoe.

Lion Wilson is the son of Mrs. Flora Prewatte Wilson, formerly of Lumberton, and the nephew of Dick Prewatte. The following officers were installed for the coming year: president, Bernard Fink; first vice-president, J. D. Peacock; second vice-president, Charles N. Driver; third vice-president, Jack Coffey; secretary, Linton Daniels; treasurer, Paul Blake; trustee, "Gump" Bakker; lion emeritus, Vincent Redmond; directors for one year, E. J. Britt, Jr. and Crump Blake.

Before being installed as the new president, Lion Fink was presented with the club's annual achievement award, the pin, and talking being given by Past President Henry Leckie. Immediately Past-President Bernard Redmond was presented the ten-year perfect attendance pin, ten-year Monarch pin, and the past-president's pin by Lion Wilson. Lion Wilson also presented the secretary's pin to Lion Daniels and the treasurer's pin to Lion Blake.

The attendance committee was very happy over the fact that 56 of the 76 active members of the club were awarded perfect attendance pins for the past year. Lions Charles Driver and Robert McLeod were presented key awards. These are given to the lions who sponsor at last two new members.

LITERATURE FIGHTS CANCER  
More than 45,000,000 pieces of literature were distributed by the American Cancer Society during its 1947 campaign for \$12,000,000.

Sixty cents of each dollar raised by the American Cancer Society remains within the state for service and education.

Cancer will kill more than 94,000 men in America this year.



B. E. LITTLEFIELD has had a hard time of it so far. He took over as Superintendent of Schools on July 1, took half a day off Saturday and the office was closed all day Monday for the Fourth of July. The new superintendent, who assumes the office held by the late Clyde L. Green, got down to work in earnest Tuesday, though, as he and the board of education went over school building plans with architects, and as he took his first steps toward reorganization of the school administration.

## Maxton Lions Install Officers

MAXTON—The Rev. H. G. Cuthrell officiated at the installation of the new officers of the Maxton Lions Club on Tuesday evening, June 28th, in the dining hall of P. J. C. James Drennan is the new president and Kenneth Welsh is the retiring president. A complete list of the new officers was published in a recent issue of the paper.

## Maxton Board Approves Budget

MAXTON—The principal business transacted at the meeting of the Maxton town board on Tuesday evening was the approval of the tentative budget, which has been set up. This will be published in an early issue of your paper, but in the mean time Mr. C. H. Whitlock, town clerk, states that anyone who is interested in looking over the budget may call at the town office and see it.

Another matter of interest was the decision of the board to place a stop sign at the entrance of the alley between the town office and Austin Drug Co., for the protection of pedestrians, as Mr. Whitlock states that he has witnessed many narrow escapes from injury of children and others, as trucks and cars come out of the alley without stopping.

Mrs. C. K. Parrish and sons David and Johnny are spending two weeks with her son, Rev. Chas. Parrish and Mrs. Parrish.

## School Maintenance Dept. Set Up; 3 Instruction Supervisors Named

B. E. Littlefield, county school superintendent, has announced the organization of a Maintenance of Buildings Department, the appointment of two new supervisors of instruction, and the reappointment of Mrs. Ethel T. Harwood as associate supervisor of instruction for Negroes.

J. T. McRaney, long associated with the schools, has been named head of the maintenance department and E. E. Willis will be his assistant. They will be responsible for upkeep of school buildings, and the hope is that their department will prevent deterioration of school properties. Only one supervisor of instruction has heretofore been available, but more have been authorized. Head of the group will be Miss Margie Casdwell, who has held a similar position in Dillon (S. C.) County for the past two years. As an associate she will have Mrs. Emily Butler, a teacher for many years in the Lumberton city schools and a native of Maxton. Instructional supervisors are paid by the state for ten months. Their duties include elementary teachers and their function is to "inspire and instruct" according to Mr. Littlefield. Supervisors will assist elementary teachers and coordinate teaching in the county, and again according to Mr. Littlefield, "might better be called helping teachers."

## Valuation Raised By \$6 Million; Tax Rate Increased From \$1.55

A record total of \$25,728,000 was raised in the 1949 March of Dimes to continue the fight on polio, it was announced today by Mr. E. A. (Pete) Sundry, chairman of the Robeson County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The comparable figure for last year was \$21,600,000.

Half the sum raised after expenses will be used by national headquarters to support its research, professional education and training programs, and to supplement resources of its local chapters in epidemic emergencies. Chapters retain the other half to pay for care and treatment of polio patients and epidemic aid.

## County Budget Shows Increase In All Departments

Robeson County Commissioners meeting Tuesday set the tax levy for 1949-50 at \$1.80 per \$100 valuation. This figure compares with \$1.55 per \$100 for the year just past. At the same time the budget for the coming year was approved: General Fund, \$443,202.00; County Debt Service \$275,368.81; School Current Expense, \$279,667.00 (including \$57,067 from State and Federal Govt.); School Capital Outlay, \$12,400; School Debt Service, \$266,243.11. The total budget amounts to \$1,321,880.92.

The tax levy for school purposes for 1949-50 will amount to 84 cents, a rise of 15 cents over last year's 69 cents. The county-wide levy was raised to 96 cents, ten cents higher than before. The school current expense levy rises from 16 cents to 29 cents and the school debt service is 6 cents higher than last year's 23 cents. The capital outlay levy is reduced by four cents.

## \$550 Received In Library Drive

MAXTON—Mrs. R. M. Williams, chairman of the drive for funds with which to continue operation of the Gilbert Patterson Memorial Library here, reports that to date \$550.00 has been collected by the corps of workers, who have been soliciting for this cause. It is necessary that the goal of \$700 be reached in order to maintain the work, and all those who wish to add something to their contribution, or any who may not have been contacted, are urged to contribute as soon as possible. The library means a great deal to Maxton, and the committee will be glad to receive any amount will be given during the week.

## FEW CONTEST VALUATIONS

Approximately a dozen taxpayers appeared before the equalization board meeting in the grand jury room Tuesday morning, asking revision of the value placed on their property. A scheduled afternoon meeting to continue the hearings was found unnecessary.

Conferring briefly with county commissioners following the hearings, Avery M. Powers and I. P. Graham, assessors, declared that they believed a review of the cases not finally settled in the morning could be decided amicably or reinvestigation by them. It appeared likely that the revaluation and equalization job would be done amicably with an absolute minimum of discontent.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther McNeill, Jr., over the weekend were her mother, Mrs. Lindsey Weaver of Daytona Beach, Fla., her brother, Lindsey Weaver of Rock Hill, S. C., and his fiancée, Miss Clairene James of High Point.

## School Building Estimates High; Plans Revised

The county board of education meeting Tuesday in the court room went over preliminary drawings of three new school buildings with architects, and found that every case estimated costs far exceeded the proportionate part of the \$3 million bond issue set aside for them.

The St. Pauls white school was the only plan on which the architect was authorized to proceed. Detailed plans will be made for that location, including additions and renovation to the present plant. The cost estimated by the architect is \$210,000; this figure may change considerably when bids are let.

Plans for Magnolia and Oak Ridge were returned to the architects for revision. Preliminary drawings and estimates were so far above the amount available that major changes in plans will have to be made before final specifications are drawn.

Members of the board of education expressed grave concern over the fact that construction costs are so much higher than expected. The sheriffs department increase was almost entirely in the retirement item which amounts to an estimated \$3328. Other increases were relatively small and all represented actual needs taking less years expenditures as a measure.

Retirement was again the big increase item on the County Manager's budget, amounting to \$600. A \$300 increase in clerical salaries was noted and other small increases of \$25 to \$100 were made in office