

Red Springs Budget Set At \$127,439.38, Levy Still \$1.60

RED SPRINGS — A \$127,439.38 budget for 1949-50 was adopted Friday for the Town of Red Springs by the Board of Commissioners, it was stated yesterday by Durham Ratley, town clerk.

The tax rate for the year was set at the same as last year with a change of 10c added to the General Fund, and a like amount lopped off the Debt Service Fund. During the past year 80c of the rate went to each of the financial branches. Next year 90c will be used in the general fund and only 70c will go for debt service.

The same schedule as 1948-49 was adopted for the business privilege taxes; \$1,000 was again appropriated from the general fund to the summer recreation program; and Durham Ratley, the new town clerk, was named tax collector.

It was announced at the meeting Friday that Mayor Hiram Grantham had been appointed to membership of the executive committee of the Robeson County Municipal association.

Budget Breakdown

The anticipated receipts of \$127,439.38 was expected to be derived from the following sources: \$88,034.30 from the public utilities operated by the municipality; \$19,625.16 from the 90c tax rate for the general fund, plus a balance of cash on hand at the end of the past fiscal year; \$19,880.02 from the 70c tax rate for the debt service fund, plus a balance of over \$9,000 in the fund at the end of the past fiscal year.

Expense Breakdown

The expenditures are anticipated as follows:

Administrative	\$ 6,146.92
Street Dept.	12,925.00
Fire Dept.	1,000.00
Police Dept.	9,755.00
Debt Service	19,880.00
(balance to be retained)	10,059.20
Electric utilities	58,674.12
Water utilities	8,864.00
Sewer utilities	10,293.82

Total expenditures planned for the year total \$107,659.44, with a margin of \$19,779.94 allowed for variation in revenue from the utilities, uncollectible taxes, water and light bills and other contingencies.

Still Two Vacancies

The Board of Commissioners is still functioning without two members. Present for the meeting Friday were: Mayor Grantham and the following commissioners: Duncan McGougan, Bart Lewis, R. D. McMillan, Jr., and James Owen. Mr. Owen was named to take the place of John McManus, who resigned because of ill health within a few weeks of the recent municipal election. Two others elected in May, Ed Eidenheimer and Leslie E. Baldwin, resigned the following week giving as their reason that they "had no voice in the town's management." Since that time there has been no selection for the two vacancies announced, though it is understood that a number of men have been interviewed relative to filling the commissioner posts.

Robeson Health King And Queen Receive Crowns

Madge Martin and Billy Byrd, both of Tolarsville, have been crowned king and queen of health by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, after an examination at the home demonstration office on Thursday, July 7. Winners in the junior contest were Alice Ray Britt of Barnesville, and Ezra Page, Jr., of Fairmont.

The senior king and queen will compete in the State Contest and take part in the Health Pageant in Raleigh, Aug. 1-6.

Local health winners competing in the county contest were Marcella Wilson, St. Pauls; Elaine Graham, and Hal Dixon Ivey, Orrum senior club; Patricia Sellers, Jimmy Oliver and Ezra Page, Fairmont; Betty Byrd, Madge Martin and Gerald Graham, Tolarsville; Mary McRae and John Herbert Fraser, Rowland; Betty Lou Butler, Parkton; Joyce Anne Edmund and Carl Branch, Long Branch; Sue Falls and J. E. Davis, Philadelphia; Margaret Cox and Richard Hord, Red Springs; Jean Cox, East Lumberton; Jean Hering, Billy Byrd, Barker Ten Mile; Betty Rose Taylor and Charles Calvin Ivey, Smith's; Daphne Phillips and James Branch, Allenton club; Hattie Lee Ford, South Robeson; Mary Ellis Byrd, Orrum junior club; Mary Dot Byrd and Wilford Hardin, Barnesville senior club; Alice Ray Britt and Ray Britt, Barnesville junior club; Margie Humphrey and Robert Lewis Rozier, Saddle Tree.

Among the many new hormone or growth regulating chemicals is one that makes transplants sturdier, with shorter and thicker

VIDEO IS HERE

LUMBERTON—At last one television receiver in Lumberton is ready for the first regularly scheduled broadcast from Charlotte's WBTV tomorrow. Charlie Pait completed installation of a 55-foot television aerial atop his store on South Chestnut Monday and received clear test programs from Charlotte Monday night. A program was also received from Houston, Texas, a station which has been consistently received for a week or more even with a simple FM aerial. Freak signals from Memphis, Baltimore and Dallas were also received with the image faint and jumpy and the sound almost inaudible.

Installation of the aerial was an all-day job. Its peak is 81 feet above street level; the direction in which it points is controlled electrically from the receiver. A power booster on the electric supply was necessary for images.

WBTV, a subsidiary of WET in Charlotte, plans no local programs immediately. That calls for expensive cameras and other equipment and enlarged studio space not yet available.

Eventually the station plans to install relay transmitters to beam its broadcasts throughout the Carolinas.

Another telestation is getting ready to begin broadcasting at Greensboro, N. C., and applications are in for TV permits at Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville, Winston-Salem as well as Charlotte.

Five Army Branches Open To Enlistees

Sgt. L. S. Morrison, recruiting officer for Robeson and Hoke counties, states that five branches of the army are now open for enlistment of men.

Field artillery, armored cavalry, coast artillery, engineers and the infantry, all of which except the infantry have been closed for the past nine months.

Sgt. Morrison is at the Red Springs Post Office each Tuesday morning from 8 to 12, and is at the other recruiting centers in the county at his regular times.



O. L. HENRY WAS TOASTMASTER at the opening banquet of the annual convention of Rotary Club presidents and secretaries, which was held at Wrightsville Beach Monday night. Mr. Henry is past district governor and past president of Lumberton. Maynard O. Fletcher of Washington, N. C., past district governor of Rotary International, was principal speaker. The first business session of the meeting was held Tuesday morning and conferences on Rotary matters continued through the day. H. A. "Ham" Marks of Wilmington, district governor, led the Tuesday sessions.

Carolina Issues New Directory

RED SPRINGS—Telephone customers in Red Springs, Maxton and Raeford this week are receiving new telephone directories. There have been a number of changes in numbers, especially in Red Springs and R. M. Gupton, local manager, uses all users of telephones to refer to their directories before making calls. He states that there are now 720 telephones in service in Red Springs, 516 in Maxton and about 410 in Raeford, with many new phones being installed each week.

The new directory is not entirely complete due to installations since the book went to press, so users will find it necessary at times to inquire of information for recently installed numbers.



Architect's Drawing of Southern Bell Telephone Building

Work Begun on Phone Building; Hector McLean Breaks Ground

LUMBERTON — Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company building were held yesterday morning on the site at the corner of Fifth and Cedar streets. The first spadeful of soil was turned by Mayor Hector McLean following a breakfast for telephone company officials given by the Chamber of Commerce.

The building, which will be a modern structure of two stories, will be the center of the company's \$900,000 expansion program in the Lumberton area. Here will be housed the equipment for a new exchange with the latest dial telephone installation to care for the local telephone service and long distance toll center for the entire area.

H. E. Stacy, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided both at the breakfast which was held at the Lorraine Hotel, and at the ceremonies on the new site. He presented P. R. Ovell, of Hamlet, group manager, W. A. Stewart of Lumberton, plant superintendent, L. E. Eisenhardt, manager of the Lumberton area, T. A. Morris, of Hamlet, former group manager, and E. A. Clements, of Raleigh, district manager and director of public relations for the company in North

Carolina. Mr. Clements told the group of businessmen attending the breakfast that plans made about a year ago for the expansion of the Southern Bell's facilities here were about to be transferred into action and that the day marked the beginning of a period of expansion and development of telephone facilities throughout the area. He stated that while present demands for service included applications for about 500 additional phones to the 3137 now in service here, one of the main areas of expansion would be the extension of service to all rural areas where the people were willing and able to pay for the service.

He estimated that within a year the entire plant would have been transferred to their new building and that the company would then be able to extend its service wherever there was a demand. He reviewed briefly the 40 year history of its operations here, having purchased the Lumberton Telephone company from the late A. E. White in 1909. At that time there were about 100 phones in operation with No. 1 in the name of John H. Wishart, who incidentally still has No. 1.

At the ground breaking ceremonies Mayor McLean stated that

Charlie Hall Post Installs Legion And Aux. Officers

RED SPRINGS—Fairley Morris, of Maxton, 13th District Commander of the American Legion installed the new officers of Charlie Hall Post and Auxiliary unit of the Legion here Monday evening at a joint meeting.

Mrs. R. D. McMillan, Jr. is the new president of the Auxiliary and Jack B. McCloskey is the new commander of the Legion Post.

Other officers of the Legion are: Sam Laney and Warren McNall, vice commanders, Loren Epton, adjutant, Martin McKinon, service officer, and Johnny King, Sgt.-at-Arms. Other officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. J. D. McCracken vice president, Mrs. John Q. Adams, secretary, Mrs. I. P. Ray, treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Rakestraw, chaplain, and Mrs. Ferris Love, historian.

Committee members of the post are as follows: Membership: Morrison Peterson, R. D. McMillan, Jr., and Sam Thomas.

Program: Dan Klarrp and James McDonald.

Americanism and National Defense: George Forlines and W. R. Pulkock.

Child Welfare: Neill Clinton; Employment: J. E. Campbell; Boys State: E. H. Alexander; Athletics: R. H. Cathey; Publicity: Donald Cox; Oratorical contest: Jack Beverly; Boy Scouts: John Graham.

Commander McCloskey announced that the program committee was a new one for the Post, and that it was named in order that at least a 15 minute program on the work of the Legion could be presented at each meeting throughout the year.

Ernest McGougan Takes Wildlife Commission Oath

Ernest McGougan, Lumberton, was among the four new members of the N. C. Wildlife Commission who took the oath of office Monday morning. Chief Justice W. P. Stacy administered the oath of office.

Following the meeting the commission chose as chairman Frank T. Erwin of Durham. D. K. Sing of Charlotte was named vice-chairman. Secretary of the group will be G. E. Beal of Red Oak who succeeds Harry A. Green of Raeford and formerly of Lumberton.

Tobacco Control Referendum Planned At Big Rally Monday

Patrolman Recovers Three Stolen Autos

RECREATION

SOFTBALL

Thursday the National Guard found a bulls-eye target against the High School and walked away with a 20 to 12 score. Friday the Preps won high scoring honors for the season with a 31 bracketed against a hapless Methodist team and edged the High Schools out of first place by the margin of several percentage points. The Preps got six hits and seven runs in the opening inning and Buck Hutson and Sluggie Martin each got five for five for the Preps. Sluggie Watts hit three for four for the Trinity team.

The Rounders and the S-g Macs fought one out on Friday that went to the Rounders in the final frame by a 13 to 12 score, coming from behind a 12 to 8 score. Wade Davis and Allen Warren each had three for four, and White Collins and Ed Norris collected homers to about balance batting honors.

Monday the National Guard took the Preps by a 6 to 5 score and took them out of first place which they had gained Thursday. Outhit by a 16 to 5 count, the Guard put together two walks and five hits to score five runs in the 7th inning, to win their fifth straight.

The Rounders and the Methodists had another of those 13 to 12 games Monday. The Rounders again came from way behind to win the traces in the final frame. Friday games:

High School vs. Sing Macs at No. 1 field.

Methodists vs. Baptists at No. 2 field.

Rounders vs. National Guard at No. 3 field.

JUNIORS

The Mill Scouts took the Combination Juniors for a 22 to 17 scoring jamoree in the only Junior league baseball game of the week. Earlier the Town downed the Mill Scouts 8 to 2; Pembroke won 11 to 6 from the Mill and the Combination team scored a 10 to 6 victory over the Town. Games Wednesday:

Town vs. Pembroke Scouts.

Mill vs. Combination.

Games Thursday:

Pembroke vs. Combination.

Mill vs. Town.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

In the only game Tuesday the Sing Macs pushed over tally in the last half of the 7th to break a 7-all tie to keep the luckless Baptist still in the winless column for the season.

Standings:

	Won	Lost
High School	7	2
Preparation	6	2
Nat. Guards	6	4
Rounders	5	4
Sing Macs	3	4
Methodists	2	6
Baptists	0	6

TO PAGES LAKE

The Juniors of the baseball league will have an outing at Page's Lake this afternoon and Bob Van Hoy, recreational director, states that about 35 boys are expected to make the trip.

TRIPLE HEADER

Friday night's double header between the Robins and Sanford, will have an intermission period in which two of the Junior League teams will play a three-inning game. The Presbyterian Juniors versus the Mill Juniors will endeavor to show some of their elders just how baseball is played during the rest period between the two week circuit teams.

Charlie Willis Dies At Boston Wednesday

RED SPRINGS—Funeral services for Charles D. Willis, Jr., aged 2-1/2 years, will be held this morning (Thursday) at Boston.

The young son of Charles D. Willis and Emma Brown Grantham Willis of Wakefield, Mass., Charles, died early Wednesday morning at Children's Hospital, Boston, after an illness of four months.

Mrs. Hiram Grantham of Red Springs has been with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willis, for the past three weeks, and will be accompanied home by Mrs. Willis and her infant child.

NO FLOWERS

The family requests that no flowers be sent, explaining that in lieu of flowers those wishing to do so may make contributions to the Children's Medical Center, 300 Longwood Avenue, in Boston, Mass., in memory of their son.

Bill McGougan Installed Head RS Lions Club

RED SPRINGS — William T. McGougan, postmaster, was installed as president of the Red Springs Lions Club at the club's annual Ladies' Night and installation dinner which is held each year at Marshburns Hotel at White Lake.

Zone Chairman H. M. Leekie, of Lumberton, head of District 31-B, was in charge of the installation ceremonies, and he was assisted by J. D. Peacock, also of Lumberton, who is vice president of the Lumberton club. Leslie E. Baldwin is the club's retiring president.

Officers inducted into office besides Mr. McGougan were: Jasper M. Cuthbert, secretary-treasurer; Murphy McNeil, R. E. McCracken and H. E. Skipple, vice-presidents; Charles A. Gardner, and Jack T. Beverly, directors; Robert R. Horton, Lion-tamer and William C. Lenoir, Tail-walker.

4 Theatres Vie For Patronage In Red Springs

RED SPRINGS—For years this town struggled along with but one motion picture house, and the old Red Springs Theatre appeared to be about all the town needed. Now it boasts of two full-fledged movie houses, and two modern drive-in film theatres.

The Red Springs Theatre still operates at the old stand in the 100 block of South Main, and in the 100 block of North Main the new Center Theatre is now in operation, under the same management as the McSwain brothers.

Out on Fayetteville highway near the Johnson pecan grove is the new Red Springs Drive-in Theatre, which opened last week under the management of Carl McIlwaine and Paul Horton, who are also operators of the Westside Theatre at Pembroke. And on Raeford highway is the new Airport Drive-In located across from the weeds and grasses of the Red Springs Municipal Airport. It opened Saturday.

Both the theatre buildings have air-conditioning, and all the theatres are vying for patronage with a generous lot of first-run features. The McSwain drive-in has a loud speaker system for its sound, and its pictures are projected upon a screen which towers about 40 feet above the adjacent highway, and there are parking slots for approximately 200 cars.

McIlwaine and Horton have installed individual car speakers and a completely new Simplex projection outfit, with dual-channel sound system. They have arranged seven parking ramps which will hold 200 cars, and have 200 individual speakers. Their screen is 45 by 44 and has a picture 40 by 30. Mrs. Jerry Hansen is box office manager and her brother, Harold McEachin is projectionist. Eibert McPhaul, Jr., has charge of a concession stand which features pop and crackers. Rest rooms are being completed this week.

More than two and a half million cows are now enrolled in artificial breeding associations throughout the country. Wisconsin leads in state enrollments with nearly 421,000 cows signed up. New York is second and Pennsylvania third.

The offices were rented because of the inefficiency arising from the crowded quarters allotted the school system in the Court House and because of the necessity of having school offices in the City of Lumberton. A move to the new quarters will be made as soon as the building, to be occupied by Colonial Stores, is completed.

Magnolia school plans approved were revised preliminary sketches. The finished plans will include space for 11 class rooms, and auditorium, and a cafeteria. Final plans were approved for Long Branch and Proctorville schools and contracts on these projects will be let on July 22.

7-Year-Old Is Killed By Car Near Fairmont

FAIRMONT—A 7-year-old Indian boy was instantly killed Tuesday night at 7:45 when he was struck by an automobile in front of his home on the McDoald road several miles from Fairmont. The victim was Danny Walter Freeman.

Highway Patrolman C. E. Phillips reported that Warren Alfred Lewis, 25, white, of near Fairmont was the driver of the car which struck the lad. Lewis was placed under \$1,000 bond pending the outcome of an inquest to be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Fairmont courtroom.

Patrolman Phillips reported that reports differed as to how the accident had occurred.

The officer quoted Lewis as saying that he was going about 40 miles an hour, and that a passing truck had thrown up such a cloud of dust that he did not see the Indian boy until he was right at him.

Phillips said other witnesses told him that the death car was traveling at least 60 miles an hour.

The little boy had gone across the road from his home to take some matches to his grandfather

Vote On 3-Year Control Program Saturday, July 23

One of the most representative groups ever to gather in the Robeson County Court House met there Monday night to prepare for the July 23rd referendum on the continuation of tobacco acreage control. A delegation was present from every community in which a polling place will be set up, and interest in polling the largest possible percentage of growers was enthusiastic.

Market's quotas are designed to furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and help them obtain fair prices for the tobacco they produce.

The referendum is being held in accordance with the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which directs the Secretary of Agriculture to call for a referendum to determine whether growers want quotas continued. Growers may vote for quotas for three years beginning with the 1950 crop; may vote for quotas for 1950 only; or may vote against quotas.

Marketing quotas will be in effect if approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum. A grower is any person who has an interest as owner, tenant, or share cropper in the 1949 crop of flue-cured tobacco. No producer, however, is entitled to more than one vote, even though he may have been engaged in production of flue-cured tobacco in two or more communities, counties or states.

Under the law, price support loans at 90 per cent of parity will be available on the 1950 crop of flue-cured tobacco if producers approve quotas in this referendum. Regardless of the outcome of the referendum, price support loans at 90 per cent of parity will be available on the 1949 crop as protection to farmers.

Production Marketing Association Secretary Hilbert Lovette chaired the meeting and explained the procedure for voting to the group. He introduced Carl D. Eunn, district field man for PMA who explained in detail the purpose of controls and who led a discussion in which the audience took part.

County Agent Otto Owens presented M. A. Morgan, field representative of Tobacco Associates, Inc., who cited progress made in tobacco production since controls were instituted, with particular emphasis on the growth of the export market which, he said, is now five times what it was in 1931. When foreign markets are expanded, he said, competition is increased and the auction price stays up. Tobacco Associates is supported by a payment of ten cents per acre made by growers, and Mr. Morgan says that the fact that producers are thus trying to help themselves makes legislators more prone to give government help to the tobacco program.

Will Currie, field representative of the National Cotton Council gave a short talk explaining what his organization is doing in four fields: (1) cutting production costs, (2) increasing sales of cotton materials, (3) increasing foreign trade, (4) finding new uses for cotton through research.

Following the meeting community committeemen of the PMA met to plan balloting procedure.

The "saw pack" method of canning tomatoes has several advantages over the "hot pack" method, say food specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The main advantage is that raw-packed tomatoes hold their color, shape and fresh flavor better.

The federal will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Fair Point Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. J. C. Chavis officiating.