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Board Adopts Final Budget; Tax Rate Is Not Changed

The aldermen adopted at their meeting this week the final budget for the next year (1952-53). The expenditures for general fund purposes are set at \$195,000, for debt service \$35,000, a total of \$230,000. Of the amount for debt service, \$24,000 is for payments on principal and \$11,000 is for interest.

The tax rate will be the same as it was last year: \$1.43 per \$100 of assessed valuations. Of this, \$1.10 is for the general fund, 33 cents is for debt service. The tax rate is based on assessed valuations of \$1 1/2 million dollars.

Handling of Court Funds

The aldermen directed the town manager, mayor, and judge of the recorder's court to confer with the county board of welfare and the county commissioners about the aldermen's reluctance to having the clerk of the court handle receipts and disbursements of payments levied by the judge of the recorder's court in family non-support cases.

Equipment Bonds

The aldermen authorized the issuance of \$12,000 in equipment bonds for machinery replacements and additions, including one fire truck.

They approved the appointment of Charles L. Edmonds to the police department staff. They received the auditor's report for May saying that the town's books were in good order and that all disbursements were based on proper vouchers. They were notified by L. J. Phipps, chairman of the town planning board, that there were two vacancies on the board, one caused by the expiration of Phipps's term and the other by William M. Cochrane's moving out of town. Granting a beer permit to M. M. Timmons (operating as the Port Hole). Received the fire department's report for the period May 21-June 23, showing eleven alarms answered and estimated property damage of \$350.00.

H. D. Strowd Is in Watts with Phlebitis

Assistant Postmaster H. D. Strowd is in Watts hospital with phlebitis (inflammation of the veins).

He was seized with a swelling of the ankle on Tuesday of last week. It grew worse, and on Saturday he was taken to the hospital.

Fortunately the swelling is confined to his lower leg. It is not nearly so serious as it would be if it were higher.

The cure will come through the reduction of the blood clots, and for that Mr. Strowd must stay in the hospital for perhaps two weeks. The latest news from him is that he is resting comfortably.

Release Bass Fingerlings

Game Protector Robert Logan, assisted by J. T. Howard, a member of the Orange County Wildlife Club, released about a thousand bass fingerlings in the Eno river above Hillsboro last week. The young bass had been sent here from a state hatchery near Morganton.

Sid Varney at Raleigh

Sid Varney, former University football and baseball star, is playing this summer on the Raleigh team in the Carolina League.

Iris Merritt Rehearses for Pageant



Miss Iris Merritt, who will represent Chapel Hill at the annual Miss North Carolina beauty and personality pageant next month in Winston-Salem, is shown here wearing a dress given to her by the Robbins Store and which she will wear in Winston-Salem. The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Merritt of the Pittsboro road, Miss Merritt was graduated this month from the Chapel Hill high school and has been busy practicing the dance number she will give at the pageant. She will be accompanied to Winston-Salem by several friends and members of her family and an escort from the Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the Miss Chapel Hill pageant in February. A trip to Atlantic City, N. J., to compete in the Miss America contest will be awarded to the winner of the Miss North Carolina pageant, which is sponsored by the state Jaycee organization. (This photograph of Miss Merritt was made by Francis Lavergne Johnson, Chapel Hill photographer.)

John Umstead Plans to Introduce Bill to Separate Prisons from Highway Department

John W. Umstead, jr., Orange county representative in the legislature, plans to introduce at the session this coming winter a bill to separate the State prisons from the State highway department.

Mr. Umstead was expected to sponsor this measure at the 1951 session. It was supposed to be a part of Governor Scott's program for improvement in the administration of State Departments. When the Governor decided not to support it Mr. Umstead, who felt sure it could not be enacted without the Governor's support, dropped the matter.

It is not known what position on prison reform will be taken by Mr. Umstead's brother, William B. Umstead, who will be Governor when the next legislature meets. The majority of the members of

Many Stores Will Have 2-Day Holiday

The following Chapel Hill and Carrboro Business establishments will be closed next week on both Friday and Saturday, July 4 and July 5:

Bank of Chapel Hill, Carolina Flower Shop, Carolina Sport Shop, Caston Motor Company, Chapel Hill Motors, Coman Lumber Company, Electric Construction Company, Fitch Lumber Company, John Foushee Real Estate and Insurance Company, J. B. Goldston Lumber Company, Hazzard Motor Company, Home and Auto Supply Store, Ledbetter-Pickard, Knight-Campbell Hardware Store, Jack Lipman's, Sol Lipman's, Little Shop, Orange Plumbing and Heating Company, Public Service of Chapel Hill, Town and Campus, University Florist, University Printery, Varley's Men's Shop, Wentworth and Sloan, and the Yarn Shop.

Most of the other stores will be closed Friday, July 4, but will be open Saturday, July 5. Most stores will be open all day Wednesday of next week instead of observing the usual mid-week half holiday.

Next Week's Issue

Because the Fourth of July falls on Friday this year and there will be no mail deliveries on the holiday, the next issue of the Weekly will be published one day earlier than usual. Ordinarily the paper bears a Friday date line. Next week's issue will be dated Thursday, July 3.

The printing of the paper is done the day before the publication day. That means that, by the usual schedule, the printing is done on Thursday and the copies of the paper for subscribers are taken to the post office Thursday night. If we were to follow our usual schedule the copies for subscribers on carrier routes would lie over in the post office on Friday and would not be delivered till Saturday. With the change in schedule the carriers will deliver the papers on Thursday, both in town and on the rural routes. If the schedule were not changed the subscribers on rural routes would not get their papers till Monday.

All persons who have news or advertisements for the paper, please take notice that the deadline will be one day earlier next week than usual. No display advertisements can be accepted after 3 p.m. Tuesday and no classified advertisements after 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Millers in Kyser Home

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kyser and their two daughters, Kim and Carroll, have gone to California for the summer. In their absence their home on East Franklin street is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Miller and their daughter Amy. The daughter is one year old today, June 27. Mr. Miller is a member of the University Library staff. The Millers have an apartment in Glen Lennox to which they will return in the fall.

An Editorial about Trees

The basic cause of the destruction of many good sound trees on the streets of Chapel Hill is that the decision about whether or not trees should be destroyed or protected has been left to too small a number of persons. In case after case trees have been destroyed without the great majority of the people's knowing anything about it until the irreparable damage was done.

I have lived a long time in Chapel Hill, from my birth to my 18th year and from my 38th to my present 69th year, 49 years in all, and so I have had a good opportunity to learn Chapel Hill people's opinions on a variety of subjects. And I am sure that a big majority of Chapel Hill people are very much distressed, to put it mildly, at the destruction of trees that has taken place in recent years.

Before they go ahead and order a tree cut down, or allow it to be cut down, the town authorities ought to make sure that the question of whether or not it shall be cut down gets a great deal more consideration than this question has been getting lately.

Take, for example, the cutting down of the trees in front of the school buildings last week. The aldermen agreed to this because they were asked to by the school board; and the school board agreed to it because it was recommended by the board's building committee. Of the three members of the committee, one did not take part in the decision. So, in effect, the decision to cut the trees down was made by two persons.

It is certainly not right that it should be left to two persons to make the decision on a question that is so important to all the people of Chapel Hill as is the question of the preservation or destruction of trees.

Calendar of Events

Friday, June 27, 7 p.m., Davie Poplar, Watermelon Festival.

Saturday, June 28, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., run-off primary.

Tuesday, July 1, 9 a.m., Opening of library in elementary school, for period to Aug. 20.

A gift to a friend: a subscription to the Weekly. See rates at top of page 2.

Chapel Hill Chaff

One day last week President Gordon Gray went out on the Farrington road (or Mount Carmel church road, as it is sometimes called) and walked over a piece of land he bought a few months ago. He didn't spend over ten minutes on his walk but that was long enough for him to acquire a large colony of chiggers (red bugs).

At a conference that he attended the next day his fellow conferees observed that now and then he would roll up his trousers and dab on his legs something out of a bottle. I heard about this and called him on the telephone to ask him what the remedy was. I do not happen to have been bitten by chiggers recently but I am always interested in what serves to kill them or put them to flight. Sometimes sufferers ask me for advice on this subject and I like to be able to acquaint them with the latest discovery.

Mr. Gray told me he had used a lotion that had come from Eubanks' drugstore and that he had also used with good effect some of his wife's nail polish, which, he said, sealed up a bite, cut the air off from the chigger in its lair under the skin, and so killed it. Nail polish contains collodion, which is well known as a sealer-up.

"Somebody told me years ago," I said to Mr. Gray, "that if you sprinkled some sulphur in your shoes and the cuffs of your trousers before you took a walk in the woods, it would keep the chiggers off. I tried it once and it worked fine."

"That's just what a man in the State forestry department said when I told him about these bites," said Mr. Gray, "and I'm going to protect myself with sulphur before I go out in the woods again."

Rupert Jernigan at Eubanks' drugstore, who mixes up the anti-chigger stuff, tells me he calls it simply Chigger Lotion. "I wanted to call it Chigger Digger," he said, "but a man in Winston-Salem

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Proposal for Sewer Hook-Up Leads Aldermen to Consider Practicability of Annexing Greenwood, Glen Lennox, and Oakwood-Rogerson Drive Area

Hearing on Zoning Will Be Put off Till Fall

At their meeting Monday evening the aldermen received a resolution from the Community Council and a petition from residents outside of Chapel Hill asking approval of the proposed zoning ordinance for the country around Chapel Hill.

L. J. Phipps, chairman of the commission that prepared the ordinance, explained to the aldermen that in its present form it contained changes made in response to various objections to the original measure. A considerable number of country people who opposed the ordinance in its first form approve the revised version.

Under the law a public hearing must be held before the ordinance can be enacted. The aldermen decided not to hold the hearing till fall. The date, when set, will be published in this newspaper.

Resuscitator Ready For Use by Anybody

Here is something that ought to be known to all the people in Chapel Hill but probably is unknown to a good many: the town government has a resuscitator that is ready for use at any time by anybody who needs it.

A resuscitator is a machine for restoring breath to persons who run the risk of death from drowning, from the inhalation of smoke, or from any other accident that has stopped the flow of air to and from the lungs.

The resuscitator stays in a truck at the fire engine house and so is ready to be taken out on instant notice. Whoever wants it should call the fire department, telephone 4666.

The firemen have been trained in the use of it by an instructor from the company that sold it to the town and also by life-saving experts from the University's department of physical education.

Mercury Rises to 99; In 90's Many Days

Chapel Hill's high point in temperature for the year so far was 99 day before yesterday, June 25. That is the official figure from the U.S. weather bureau station at the filter plant at Carrboro.

When I called Max D. Saunders, custodian of the station, at 11:30 yesterday morning, June 26, the temperature was 95.

The record shows that in the 15 days, June 12 to June 26 inclusive, the mercury went up into the 90's on 12 days, to 89 on two days, and, on the coolest of the 15 days, to 87.

In the 11 days ending yesterday the maximum was 90 on one day, 91 on one day, 93 on three days, 94 on two days, 95 on three days, and 99 on one day. (That is counting yesterday's 95 as a maximum; the mercury may have risen after Mr. Saunders gave me this figure.)

Moving into New Home

The Thomas Carrolls, the Henry Clarks, and the Gerald Barretts will soon move into their new homes in the Mason Farm road area, south of the village.

At their meeting this week the aldermen voted, on motion of R. B. Fitch, to direct Town Manager Thomas D. Rose to compile data on the revenues and expenditures which would result from the annexation of Greenwood, Glen Lennox, Oakwood Drive, and Rogerson Drive.

The decision to inquire into the practicability of annexing these areas grew out of a petition from residents of Oakwood and Rogerson Drives for permission to connect their homes with the town sewer system. The reason for the petition was that many of the septic tanks attached to the homes had begun to overflow. The health authorities, after making a careful survey, declared that the overflowing of the tanks was definitely a menace to health.

Philip Green, appearing before the aldermen this week as representative of the Oakwood Drive and Rogerson Drive residents, said the residents would stand the cost of making all the necessary connections if the town would let them use its disposal system.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. Fitch expressed the opinion that the use of the town's facilities by outside communities was not, in the long run, a satisfactory solution of the municipal service problem—that a much better solution would be for suburbs needing sewage disposal and other services to be taken into the town. The other aldermen agreed with Mr. Fitch in this. But they all realize, of course, that the annexation of any suburb depends both on financial factors and on the wishes of a majority of the suburb's residents. The study to be made by Town Manager Rose is just a preliminary; it is

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Grays Will Sail for Europe Next Tuesday

President and Mrs. Gordon Gray and their two older sons, Gordon and Burton, will sail from New York on the Queen Elizabeth this coming Tuesday, July 1.

They will go first to Paris for a little over a week and will do sightseeing in and around the city. Their next base, from which they will go out on short trips, will be Lucerne, Switzerland. Thence they will go to London and they will move about some in England.

Mr. Gray will fly back to the United States on the first of August so that he will be in Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and Greensboro for the visits of the Advisory Budget Commission to the three institutions in the Greater University. Mrs. Gray and the two boys will stay in London till August 7, when they will sail for home on the Queen Mary.

Boyden, the third of the four sons, will be at Camp Yonahooka near Linville for the next two months. The youngest, Bernard, will be with his grandmother Gray at Roaring Gap until his mother gets back home.

Bake Sale Today

The Women's Fellowship of the United Congregational Christian church will hold a bake sale today (Friday) at the Carolina Drapery Shop. The shop is on West Franklin street opposite the bus station.