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School Needs Are Largest Expense Of County Budget

Debts Are Reduced; Total Requirements Estimated \$809,381

Moore county's annual budget, presented by the county commissioners to the public this week and published in full elsewhere in this issue, shows the effects of rising costs and the greatly increased postwar demands of the county's school system.

The total budget requirements of \$809,381, as compared with last year's of \$575,614, include \$548,005 for the schools. Last year's school expenses were figured at \$366,435.

School Expenses

School expenses include current expense, capital outlay and debt service. Of these by far the largest this year—in fact, the largest item of the entire budget—is that for capital outlay, \$414,032, with the building of the new Vass-Lakeview school, and new building or remodeling in connection with practically all others of the county, pushing it up to the highest point in years.

To meet this enlarged budget, county taxes have been upped from \$1.25 per \$100 valuation with 71 cents out of each dollar going to the schools. Last year, the school's share of each tax dollar was 36 cents.

Other budget items for 1947-48, compared with those of 1946-47, are: county—general and courts, \$98,255, \$85,160; health, \$47,037, \$37,877; welfare, \$39,899, \$36,597; poor, \$20,000, \$16,500.

Debts Reduced

The county debt service department shows an interesting reduction; with 1947-48 figures preceding those for last year; court house bonds, \$7,170, \$8,066; funding bonds, none, \$6,292; road and bridge bonds, \$18,360, \$18,727.

The total tax levy is estimated at \$298,616 on a property valuation of \$24,000,000, with \$25,754 as the estimated uncollectable taxes, commissions on collections and discounts to taxpayers.

Estimate of revenue from other than tax levy sources is \$536,519. The total estimated intake—\$809,381, to finance the growing business called Moore County for another 12 months.

O'Callaghan Elected By Catholic Group

L. V. O'Callaghan, who headed a delegation of local Catholics at the annual laymen's retreat at Belmont Abbey last weekend, was elected vice president for the eastern district of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Retreat association.

George L. Gettier of Charlotte was named president of the association, at elections closing the three-day retreat conducted under direction of the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, bishop of the diocese of Raleigh.

"Having Wonderful Time"—Young 'uns Busy With Eventful Summer Program

The series of baseball games for both the older and younger boys, a feature of the town's summer recreation program, is continuing at full speed ahead, with teams from other nearby towns furnishing the opposition to keep things interesting.

The older boys' team (14 years and up) after defeating the Raeford team twice last week (8-4 Monday, 7-5 Friday) had the tables turned Tuesday when Raeford took the game 16-10. A highly exciting game with Laurinburg played here Monday afternoon was ended by rain in the 12th inning leaving the score tied 7-7.

The younger boys, from eight to 13, are really playing some fast ball, according to the summer director and coach, A. C. Dawson. They are enjoying jaunts out of town as well as playing host to visiting teams. The youngsters won two games with Pinehurst this week, 10-4 Monday at Pinehurst, 13-6 Tuesday here.

"Flying Disc" Breaks Loose To Cause Havoc, Kill Chickens At Manly Home

A "flying disc" got loose in the yard of Herbert Williams at Manly Wednesday morning, for a wild moment of pandemonium in which miraculously, no one was hurt.

No one, that is, except two chickens, who were neatly halved by the projectile—no superhuman manifestation, but a buzzsaw which broke loose from its mandrel to cut capers at top speed about the yard.

Ray Williams and Richard Fry were operating the motor-driven woodsaw when the disc flew off, sailed within a hairs-breadth of Ray, climbed a four-foot pile of wood, bounded six feet in the air

to clip a few leaves and figs from some fig trees in its path; flashed about 75 feet across the yard through a group of children, who scattered out of its path; went through a wire chicken fence, sliced one hen in two lengthwise, another in two crosswise; cut through the side wall of the hen house as if it had been made of cheese, bounded up to strike the other wall about eight feet off the ground, then fell back, its speed and power spent at last.

Eight or 10 children were in the yard. A slight deviation in the path of the disc would have made this a far sadder story.

County Veterans Announce Plans For Victory Anniversary Celebration Here

MULE RIDERS

Mule riding is an extremely hazardous occupation in Moore county, especially around Vass, if a report on two recent accidents is any indication.

One occurred Monday morning near the A. V. Autry farm, about two miles north of Vass, when Ed McPhatter, Negro worker on the Autry farm, fell or was thrown from his mule on the highway, to be struck by a car and dragged several yards. He suffered some fractures, bruises and lacerations and is now in the Moore County hospital.

A delayed report on another accident showed Tula Ray Baker, white farmer of Vass, Rt. 2, to have suffered the same kind of accident June 19. His leg was broken and he was otherwise painfully hurt, and remained at the hospital until this week. Identities of the drivers of the two cars involved could not be learned. No arrests were made.

Local Golfers Play Picked Bragg Team

A dozen players of the Southern Pines Country club took a beating at golf Wednesday afternoon, but reported a wonderful time in which they were privileged to play against some of the best golfers now wearing the uniform of their country.

Played at Fort Bragg with a picked group of both officers and enlisted men, the match ended with a score of 15 1-2 to 2 1-2 for Fort Bragg. The army folk will play a return match on the Southern Pines course August 6.

Wednesday's match was by way of a warm-up for the Fort Bragg players for a forthcoming match with Fort Benning. Included in the army team were several amateur champion and other top players of the west and midwest, who declared they are looking forward to a bout on the local greens.

Softball Game

The older girls' softball team is practicing and has arranged an engagement to play the Pinehurst girls Tuesday evening on the Pinehurst field.

Pingpong is another absorbing sport for the young people, and one with which the rain does not interfere. Besides numerous local events the Southern Pines boys had a match with Aberdeen on the local tables last Wednesday, with Aberdeen winning 5-2 in a series of five single and two double matches. A return match at Aberdeen is being arranged.

The Wednesday morning golf class, with a dozen boys and girls, is getting along fine, Director Dawson reports. All the young people also enjoy the swimming parties held each week, with the school bus — also the station wagon if needed — leaving the Civic club loaded at 2:30 p. m. Thursday to return late in the afternoon.

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"NO COMMENT"

The announcement of R. L. Fritz, president of the state NCEA organization, that he was endorsing the candidacy of Charles Johnson for governor came as a complete surprise, this week said A. C. Dawson, NCEA vice president and member of the Southern Pines school faculty.

As to what he thought of the move, its effect on NCEA and the voters in general, also as to whether he intended to follow suit, Dawson said simply, "No comment."

Large Speedboat Events Planned For Next Month

Two more speedboat race events scheduled to be held at Crystal lake, Lakeview, this summer, one August 17, one August 31, it was announced by Jimmy Allen, promoter, following the success of the initial event July 13.

Allen, proprietor of the lake, is arranging for the appearance of many more drivers and their boats at the later and larger races, and plans to continue them in future summers, to make Crystal lake one of the top centers for this type of sport in the state.

The August 17 race will present 50 or 60 drivers of this and nearby states, the list to be announced in a week or two, and the August 31 event will really make speedboat history in the section.

Sanctioned by the American Panelboard association, it will bring to Lakeview drivers of national repute from Norfolk, Baltimore, New Jersey and many other distant places.

According to drivers from Charlotte, Trinity and Wilmington who raced here July 13, Crystal lake is the best for the purpose they have seen. "It's not too large, not too small," one of them is quoted as saying.

It is big enough for a mile-long course, yet small enough for the water to remain smooth. In some of the larger lakes ordinarily used for race sites, the water becomes choppy and top speed cannot be attained.

On Crystal lake July 13, one driver, Sweeney Prosser of Charlotte, reached a speed of 64.6 mph with his hydroplane. This, it seems, is the next thing to flying, equal to 120 miles or more on land.

With a crowd of more than 3,000 at the first race, Allen anticipates 10,000 or more at the later events, with prizes correspondingly high and attractive to the top drivers of the land.

Town Team Drops To Second Place

By Bob Henderson

Southern Pines Town team dropped two games this past week and went back into second place in the Peach Belt League.

At Hamlet last Sunday afternoon veteran pitcher Frank Lovering held the locals to five well scattered hits and Hamlet defeated Southern Pines 4-1. Chan Page was the losing pitcher. This game put Southern Pines and Laurinburg in a tie for first place in the league.

On Wednesday afternoon the Waverly Mills team of Laurinburg played Southern Pines here. Curt Ramsey, Laurinburg manager, elected to pitch Big Archie Evans. Evans pitched a fine ball game, allowing only two free walks, seven hits and struck out nine men. Nelson Cooper was the Southern Pines pitcher and he struck out seven men. Cooper pitched a fine game but did not have the usual good fielding backing. Southern Pines committing five errors in the field.

Southern Pines goes to Raeford Saturday afternoon. Game time is 3 p. m. Southern Pines plays Aberdeen here Sunday afternoon to make up the game rained out last Saturday—game time 4 p. m. Next Wednesday Laurinburg returns here, game time 4 p. m.

R. F. Stewart Hurt In Auto Accident Below Aberdeen

Pinebluff Leader Seriously Injured In Crash With Moon

Robert F. Stewart, leading Moore County citizen and former mayor of Pinebluff, is in the Moore County Hospital as the result of an automobile accident which took place just below Aberdeen on Route 1, last Thursday night, July 17th.

The accident, which occurred at about 9:30, involved the car Stewart was driving and one driven by Lynwood Moon, nephew of G. C. and Leon Seymour of Aberdeen.

Stewart, at the wheel of an Oldsmobile belonging to the Fletcher Cochrane Company, peach salesman, by whom he was employed, was returning to Aberdeen to report on a shipment of peaches from Marston; the Moon car was following another driven by Zane Burns, travelling South. While accounts of the accident differ, one report states that the Moon car was passing a bus on a curve on a hill at the time. The Stewart car was forced into the ditch, striking several trees, and finally overturned, pinning the driver underneath. The Moon car spun around and stopped, facing the reverse way.

Among those to arrive at the scene was Ollie Adcox of Pinebluff who reported that there was a strong smell of gas and the car was smoking. Stewart was conscious and directed his rescuers in lifting the car and extricating him.

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Midsummer Brings Showers, Storms, Low Temperatures

With almost every day bringing its showers or thunderstorm, and temperatures hovering at extreme lows for July, town and country dwellers alike are voting this one of the most unusual midsummer seasons in memory.

Though in a few scattered sections of the county little rain has been reported, in general it has appeared as if all the rain that was saving up during the spring and early summer drought had decided to descend torrentially.

There has still not been too much rain for the suffering tobacco and corn, which are responding wonderfully to the downpour, County Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr., said this week. Alternating with sun, and with cool weather prevailing, conditions have been ideal to catch up on drought-delayed farm work.

Weeds and grass, however, are growing apace, and a number of town dwellers are reported to be giving up their gardening in disgust.

The weather has called for blankets at night, and some "winter residents" who elected to stay in Southern Pines this summer for the first time in many years are saying, "Why did we ever leave?"

Electrical disturbances have accompanied several showers, and Monday night caused a good deal of switch trouble in the local telephone system, which, however, was repaired by Tuesday morning.

Boy Scouts Leave For Washington Weekend

Ten Boy Scouts of Troop No. 73, sponsored by the Southern Pines Rotary club, will leave by train tonight (Friday) for Washington, D. C., where they will spend the weekend seeing the sights, having fun and gathering information in the capital city.

They will be accompanied by their assistant scoutmaster, Carlton Kennedy.

The group will stay at the Commodore hotel, will visit North Carolina representatives in congress and will return home Sunday night after seeing the American League game between Washington and Cleveland.

Albright, Candidate For Governor, Addresses Veterans Meeting Here

SPEAKER



R. MAYNE ALBRIGHT

County Golfers Meet Next Week In Annual Play

Qualifying Rounds Are Now Under Way

Qualifying rounds are in progress this week, Wednesday through Sunday, at the Southern Pines Country club for the annual Moore County Golf tournament, which will be held on the local club course starting Monday of next week.

Playing two matches a week, these with the semi-finals and finals will occupy almost a month, with first, second and consolation prizes to be awarded in each of two flights, and a championship trophy.

William Woodard of Robbins will be the defending champion, and he will have to match his skill against some superlative players. Indications are that most of the players of previous seasons and some new ones will be in the field.

All amateur male players who have been Moore County residents for six months or longer are eligible, with entries to be made to Bill Schappa, at the Country Club golf shop. Schappa, with Russell Birch, Barrett Harris and Will Wiggs of Southern Pines compose this year's tournament committee.

Entry fee is \$2, and through courtesy of W. W. Sherman, club proprietor, all entrance money goes toward the prize fund with greens fee waived.

The tournament is traditionally held on alternate years at Pinehurst, but a shift in schedule two years ago, by which Pinehurst was the tournament site for two successive years, has brought it again this year to Southern Pines where the play was held last year. In future it is hoped the alternating schedule can be maintained.

Patty Dupree Home From Hospital; Polio Precautions Urged By Butler

Members of little Patty Dupree's family went to Durham yesterday to get her, and bring her home from Duke hospital, where the 11-year-old girl, stricken with polio, has been a patient for the past two weeks. Patty is reported to be greatly improved, and further treatment will be given her at her home here.

She will have to go back to the hospital for a check-up in three weeks.

Favorable reports have also come from Moore county's other polio victim of this year, Herbert McLaughlin, small Negro boy from the Eastwood community. Herbert has been at the Gastonia Orthopedic hospital for some three months.

A third victim, stricken in girlhood, is reported showing improvement after 15 years of treatment for the crippling effects of the dread disease, Miss Mary McNeill of Robbins, a patient at Dr. Wheelon's Orthopedic hospital in Richmond, Va., is

Tells VFW Political Participation First Duty Of Citizens

World Government Called Essential To Survival

An independent democrat delivered to a group of North Carolina voters Monday night as important and impressive an address as one is likely to hear in the political field.

The speaker was Wayne Albright, candidate for governor in 194, and the group was the Southern Pines John Boyd post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, C. S. Patch, Jr., Commander.

A Raleigh attorney, 37 years old, Albright headed the North Carolina State Employment Service (part of the time the U. S. Employment Service) both before and after four years of service in the army. Last October he became an organizer and North Carolina director of the World Federalists, a post he recently resigned to devote his full time to his gubernatorial campaign.

About thirty-five veterans and guests heard the young candidate, himself a veteran of the last war, describe conditions in the state, the nation, and the world, and the things he thought should and could be done to make them better. His speech ranged all the way from North Carolina health and educational problems to the place our nation holds in the world, and in everything he said there was evidence of clear thinking and practical politics, along with the vision and idealism of the born leader.

Albright described his return to North Carolina, after his war

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Aberdeen Lake Water Found Unusually Pure

A report from the state department of health shows the water at Aberdeen lake to be unusually pure and clean, with no characteristics that would make it unhealthful for swimming, according to information received by Paul C. Butler, chairman of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club committee for the lake.

Two samples of water, one from the swimmers' section and one from the head of the lake, were taken to the state department by O. D. Fulp, county sanitary inspector who is now at Chapel Hill taking a health and sanitation course.

One state health official volunteered the information that "many wells regularly used do not have water as pure."

The campaign in county communities for \$1,000 for the life-guard and water safety equipment at the lake is progressing nicely, Butler said. Carthage has given \$75, Southern Pines \$225, Aberdeen more than \$200 and additions to the fund are to be made by Pinehurst, West End and the Sandhills Kiwanis club.

walking on crutches after spending many years in a wheelchair, and may soon be actually walking, with the aid of braces.

Danger Season

This is the time of year, suggests Paul C. Butler, chairman of the Moore County chapter of the Infantile Paralysis' Foundation, to take special precautions and heed the danger signals which nature flies.

Instructions from the Foundation for prevention of the spread of polio, if it should break out in a community, are—try not to mingle with crowds unnecessarily; be watchful for early symptoms—headache, unexplained fever, even a cold or upset stomach; call your doctor immediately if any of these symptoms appear.

Though polio may break out any time, June through September are the worst months, and during these months remember: don't get overtired—extreme fatigue makes you an easier victim; (Continued on Page 8)