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School Budget Given Approval Of Commissioners

\$150,000 Included For New Buildings

The budget for the Southern Pines school district for 1948-49 received the approval of the county commissioners Monday afternoon when it was presented to them by Supt. P. J. Weaver. The budget estimates expenditures for the coming year at \$185,464, of which by far the largest item is \$150,000 for capital outlay, money pledged earlier by the commissioners to be used toward construction of a gymnasium, auditorium and cafeteria. Otherwise the budget is approximately the same as that of last year.

Debt service, responsibility of the county along with capital outlay, is \$2,165, with only two years more to go before the debt on the high school building is entirely cleared.

Current Expense

The current expense budget stands at \$33,299, itemized as follows: instructional services, \$21,130; administrative, \$2,000; operation of plant, \$2,400; plant maintenance, \$2,000; fixed charges (teachers' retirement, insurance, etc.), \$3,988; auxiliary services (library replacements and supplies, school-owned buses and station wagon, etc.), \$1,781.

The current expense budget is met partly by local funds, derived from the school supplement tax, which provides about \$16,500 to supplement teachers' and administrative salaries paid by the state. The rest is met by state and federal funds paying two-thirds of the salaries of vocational teachers, the county per capita tax which nets the schools some \$9,500 and a small amount accruing from back taxes.

Tight Budget

Budgeting is growing increasingly difficult for the schools. Superintendent Weaver said, as the tax supplement has remained unchanged for 16 years while expenses have leapt upward. Teachers' salaries are higher, costs of supplies and services have doubled or tripled, and funds which formerly offered the local schools much leeway now keep them in tight financial restrictions.

Hopes of having vocational work taught in the white high school, with other courses deemed desirable and important today, have had to be deferred again as it was seen that estimated revenue will barely cover the essentials. "The only way to make the money stretch farther would be to cut the teachers' salaries, and we are confident the people are with us in feeling that this is not the thing to do," Mr. Weaver said. "We do our best to secure good teachers, and to hold them by paying the most we can afford. Even so, most of them could make more money by going elsewhere."

Blue and White Plays Candor For First Game, First Win

Southern Pines High school helped Candor High inaugurate sixman football before a large crowd on the local school's gridiron Wednesday afternoon, and came off with a 32 to 0 win.

The score, however, doesn't give a true picture of the game as while Candor was outclassed in the scoring column, they made a real game of it, and in the first half put up a brilliant defensive battle to hold the Blue and White to a lone touchdown.

Clark at left end and Harris at center for Candor were in on nearly every tackle for their team, to slow up the Southern Pines attack, but in the second half, superior reserve strength

HOME GAME

First home game of the season for the Southern Pines High School football team will be with the Biscoe team, to be played here Wednesday beginning at 3:30 p. m. at the High School Memorial field. The complete fall schedule is expected to be ready for announcement next week.

NO LAKE

The Aberdeen lake, the county's recreation center for swimming, boating and picnicking, is no longer a lake, but a mud flat filled with stumps, since the breaking of the dam some time last Thursday night.

About 25 feet of the big dirt dam which has stood firm for many years was washed away in the night. The break occurred just as the prospect of the quarantine's lifting gave hope to the county's youngsters of getting in some swimming before the warm weather ends.

The lake belongs to the Shamburger family of Aberdeen, who have been most generous in dedicating it to use by the public free of charge. Whether the owners, the neighboring towns or some other agency have any plans for rebuilding the dam has not been learned.

Fishing At Camp Mackall Brings Federal Fines

Lakes on the Camp Mackall reservation have been extremely attractive to fishermen in recent months, it was shown in federal court at Rockingham last week, when 13 defendants were fined \$25 each for fishing and trespassing on government property.

They just didn't know they weren't supposed to do it, they said—but they learned.

Two of the fishermen were from Aberdeen. They were Lee Buchanan and Joe Marks, young men on vacation from college, who enjoyed a little fishing party May 29 at Broad Acre lake, on the reservation, until it was broken up by the state game warden and Capt. Paul Ward, post engineer.

Nine of the defendants, who fished in Gum Swamp lake in July, were from Hamlet and Laurel Hill. Two, who fished at Broad Acre in June, were from Hoffman.

One woman was in the Hamlet group. Though she was not observed to be fishing, only carrying a can of bait worms to her husband, she too was held to be guilty.

Arrests were made by U. S. Deputy Marshal John H. Stephenson.

James Artis Gilchrist, of Cameron, Negro liquor operator arrested near Cameron after an early-morning chase August 27, was fined \$800 and placed on probation for three years. Half of the fine was paid at this term of court, the other half is to be paid at the next term. Gilchrist was captured by county ABC officers, assisted by ATU officers and members of the sheriff's department, after he dared death by crashing his car at 70 miles an hour against the ATU car which blocked his path.

Herbert N. Cameron of Southern Pines and Mrs. S. L. Windham of Aberdeen were members of the federal jury for the term.

begin to tell and the locals showed over two touchdowns in the third, and added two more in the final period.

Southern Pines threatened early in the first quarter after a punt exchange to drive to the Candor 7. Page whipped a pass to Baker for 20 yards, and Mattocks skirted his right end for 25 yards to the 7 yard stripe, but the Candor defense stiffened and they took the ball on downs. Wyatt, on the first play from scrimmage, hit hard on a smashing tackle by Baker, who was through fast, but fumbled, Newton recovering on the 7. Newton then skirted right end for a touchdown but Southern Pines drew a holding penalty back to the 22, and then Candor recovered a Blue and White fumble on their 30. Failing to gain, Wyatt got off a high spiral to Mattocks on the Southern Pines 20. Mattocks gathered the ball in, spun loose from a tackler on the 25, veered sharply to the right side lines and, picking up blockers on the 40, raced 60 yards for a touchdown.

Newton's attempted placement

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At YDC County Convention



It's all smiles as Retiring President Hubert McCaskill (right) congratulates newly elected president Lamont W. Brown, with Rep. C. B. Deane (center) happily looking on. (Photo courtesy Sandhill Citizen)

Deane Announces Congressional Rally Will Be Held At Carthage October 11

LETTER FROM HOME

Send The Pilot to that boy or girl who goes off this week to school or college. It will be like a letter from home, carrying the news of the doings of their friends here, the high school games, the events and incidents which mean a lot to them because they happen at home. The Pilot offers a special "college subscription" for nine months for \$2, especially for these young people. Enter that boy or girl's name at the Pilot office any time during September.

Judge Finds Bond Issue Election Was Legally Held

Pinebluff Citizens Will Push Matter To Supreme Court

Judge Don F. Phillips, in a hearing held at Rockingham Saturday, upheld the validity of the \$375,000 bond election held in Moore county August 24 for new school buildings in the Aberdeen district.

He dissolved the injunction brought by a committee of citizens from Pinebluff, which has prevented certification of the election, and refused the complainants further injunctive relief against issuance of the bonds. The complainants through their attorney, H. F. Seawell, Jr., filed notice of an appeal to the supreme court, and were given 30 days in which to perfect it.

The county commissioners, in a special meeting at Carthage Monday, certified the election. Concerning the issuance of the bonds pending the appeal, there appeared to be some doubt and the county attorneys, U. L. Spence and M. G. Boyette, said they are making inquiry of the county's attorneys in New York concerning the advisable procedure.

Attorney Seawell indicated that he would secure a supercedis order to prevent issuance of the bonds until the supreme court makes a decision. If the appeal is taken as planned, the case will probably be reached early in December, he said.

Arguments hinged on the legality of the election's "yes or no" vote as against a vote against the registration, which complainant contended should have been the procedure.

The case was presented by means of the reading of all legal papers connected with the case, affidavits of officials, the reading of constitutional passages and notes and the citation of precedents, for a hearing which consumed more than two hours. Many Pinebluff citizens were present in the courtroom; also representatives of the county board of commissioners, board of education and board of elections, named as defendants in the action; and representatives of the Aberdeen school board.

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Chamber Studies New Budget, Plans Dinner Meeting

Rotation Vote Will Be Submitted To Membership

Chamber of Commerce directors, meeting at the Community building Tuesday evening, heard the presentation of an estimated 1948-49 budget, made initial plans for the annual membership meeting in the form of a dinner, and approved a slate of nominations for the election of a new board of directors.

Heke Pollock, vice chairman, presiding in the absence of Chairman John S. Ruggles, presented a proposed amendment to the constitution by which directors will be rotated throughout the membership, with half to be chosen from the old board, half from the rest of the membership for staggered two-year terms. If the amendment is passed, rules for the first election will provide for the choice of eight of the old board for one-year terms, seven new directors for two-year terms, for the constitutional total of 15.

Nominations presented by A. A. Howlett, nominating committee chairman, included the following new names in addition to the present directors: Wallace W. Simpson, Nolley Jackson, Chick Holliday, Virgil Clark, Alton Clark, H. L. Hoffman, W. E. Blue, Morris Johnson, Harry Lee Brown, Leon Talton, Bryan Poe, Carlton Kennedy, Miss Katherine Wiley, Charles Stitzer, C. S. Patch, Jr., Graham Culbreth, Ray McDonald, W. L. Williams. Removals from town have left the present board with only 12 members, as follows: John S. Ruggles, Hoke Pollock, Herbert Cameron, Lloyd Clark, Miss Jean Edson, A. A. Howlett, J. T. Overton, P. J. Weaver, John E. Cline, A. C. Reed, L. T. Hall, L. D. McDonald. Additional nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Aside from the fact that the meeting will be a dinner, with invited speaker, and will be held early in October, plans for the event were left in the hands of

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Author's Parents Are Movie Guests



Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Wellman of Pinebluff were guests of Charles W. Picquet, left, Carolina Theatre manager, last Thursday afternoon at the matinee showing of the film, "Walls of Jericho," made from the 1946 best-selling novel written by Dr. Wellman's son Paul.

The movie was especially interesting to Dr. Wellman, as he visited his son in Hollywood while it was being made, met all the actors and saw many of the scenes being shot.

Two other Wellman sons live in Pinebluff, while one is with the State department in Washington, D. C. Milton Wade Wellman, brother of Paul, is also a writer. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

POLIO BAN LIFTED, SCHOOL BEGINS

FUNERAL FRIDAY



REEFUS MORRISON
Reefus Morrison

Succumbs In Richmond Hospital

William Reefus Morrison, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison of South Bennett street, died at 3 a. m. Wednesday at the McGuire General (Veterans) hospital at Richmond, Va., where he had been a patient since last November.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Friday at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Dr. T. E. Davis, and the Rev. J. Lamar A. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church. Pallbearers will be Harold Dutton, Clyde Morrison, Curtis Morrison, Frank Nealey, Eugene Clark and Fred Hall.

Graveside services at the family plot in Mt. Hope cemetery will be in charge of a complement from Fort Bragg, who will accord the young army veteran full military honors.

He had been in failing health for an extended period before his death, and before being transferred to the McGuire hospital had been in the Veterans hospital at Fayetteville. His condition became critical only a few days ago. He was born in Moore county May 11, 1922, and attended the Vass-Lakeview and Southern Pines schools. He was a student for three years at the Southern Pines High school.

He entered the army in the spring of 1942, was sent overseas in November, 1943, and was with the Ninth army in England and during its course of battle across France, Holland, Belgium and into Germany. He was discharged in November, 1945.

Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Sgt. Leonard A. Morrison, of Maxton and David Morrison, of Southern Pines; and two sisters, Mrs. William E. Bushby and Mrs. Charles Hornaday, of Southern Pines.

Vass-Lakeview School Opens In New Building

Vass-Lakeview school at Vass opened in its spacious new building Wednesday with an initial enrollment of 492-96 in the high school and 386 in the elementary.

Formal opening exercises began at 9:30, with many parents of the pupils, former students, and other friends of the school present to see it off to a good start.

As Mrs. W. E. Gladstone played a march, pupils began filing in, filling row after row of chairs, until a number of the visitors moved from their seats to the sidelines, waiting to see if there would be any chairs left for them. One visitor was heard to remark: "I didn't know there were this many kids in Moore county!"

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Sunday Schools, Other Youth Activities Resume

First-Day Enrollment 630 At Local Schools

THE LIFTING of the quarantine as scheduled Tuesday at midnight, by decision of the county board of health, brought a rush of activities this week, the major one being the opening of schools here and in the county Wednesday morning.

Sunday schools will reopen here Sunday, except at Emmanuel Episcopal church, where the summer recess will last as usual until the first Sunday in October.

Activities involving attendance of children and youths are also in most cases resuming their programs, and once again the young people are flocking into the movie shows.

Confidence of the board of health that the polio epidemic is over was bolstered this week by an absence of any new cases.

All schools were undersold to have opened Wednesday except at Aberdeen, where repairs found necessary at the high school necessitated postponement of the opening date for one week.

Teachers' meetings were held at the Southern Pines and West Southern Pines schools Tuesday morning and the next day 630 youngsters trooped to school.

Elementary School
In Southern Pines, the elementary grade children who had formerly gone to school in three different places—the high school building, the home economics building (unused so far for this purpose) and the primary school building—were all together for the first time in years, in their

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Safety Council Will Be Formed

Town officials, law enforcement officers and representatives of civic organizations, newspapers and radio stations of the county have been invited to attend a meeting to be held tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the courthouse in Carthage, to secure sponsors for the National Safety Council's "Operation Safety" program for the prevention of traffic accidents.

All other persons interested are invited to attend, according to O. D. Griffin, of Southern Pines, representative of the State Highway Commission, who has called the meeting and will be in charge of it.

Mr. Griffin is safety director in charge of the school bus driver training program for the counties of Moore, Lee, Harnett, Scotland, Hoke and Richmond. Cumberland is soon to replace Richmond in his district.

"Operation Safety" has already been inaugurated in Harnett county, Mr. Griffin said this week. A thriving program is under way in Cumberland.

The program is being inaugurated throughout the state in recognition of the fact the percentage of accidents on North Carolina highways, most of them preventable, is unusually high. Means will be sought of lowering this percentage through cooperation of community and county agencies.

Without such cooperation, Mr. Griffin emphasized, law enforcement officers cannot stem the tide, but with all working together traffic accidents may be appreciably cut with a resultant saving of life, limb and property.

Mr. Griffin is at present working with authorities of this and other municipalities of his district toward having automobile driving taught in the high schools. The shortage of available qualified teachers is hampering this program, which is under way in many parts of the state, and an effort is being made to work out a plan of parent-teacher cooperation.