

County's New Budget Largest Ever, But Increased Revenue Is Available Without Raising Orange's Tax Rate

Draft Registration Dates Established; Starts August 30

Plans for registering men 19 through 26 years of age for service in the Army under the provisions of the Selective Service Act in Orange County had not been formulated Wednesday as President Truman announced plans for the start of registration of the eligible men on August 30.

The plans announced by President Truman were of a general nature since the actual registration will be made by local units in a manner similar to the draft registration prior to the last war.

About 9,600,000 men in the United States will report for registration in the first peacetime Selective Service law. In excess of 3,000 men registered in Orange County last time.

The roll call will start with 25-year-olds and proceed downward by age groups until September 18, when youths who turned 18 on or before that date will register.

Youths who become 18 after September 19 will be required to register within five days after their birthdays.

Under the law, only those 19 through 25 may be inducted for 21 months of military service. Eighteen-year-olds may escape the 21-month hitch when they reach 19 by volunteering, starting tomorrow for 12 months service and thereafter signing up with an active reserve.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, said Selective Service officials are undecided whether to start the draft in the 25-year age group or to use a lottery system similar to that of World War II.

If the age-group proposal is adopted, men probably would be called for induction in the order of their birthdays.

Under the more complicated lottery procedure, each eligible man would be given a special number on registering and the order of induction would be determined by a drawing.

Hershey said 13,000,000 registration cards are being printed and that after the initial registration about 100,000 men a month are expected to become eligible.

Control To Be Localized
Truman's proclamation was in general terms, since the 4,000 local draft boards will administer the law and handle the registration that still must be set up.

But it specifies that all male citizens and other male residents in the United States, its territories and possessions must register if they are in the 18-25 group and were not specifically exempted by Congress. Members of the armed forces, West Point cadets and Naval Academy midshipmen were among the groups granted congressional immunity.

For the most part, each man will be registered in the area in which he has his permanent home or in which he may happen to be on the day set for registration of his particular age group.

The exact locations will be announced locally well in advance of Registration Day. Schools and other public buildings probably will be used, as they were in World War II.

Classifications Given
Truman listed 10 age classifications and ordered registration to be held between 8 A. M. and 5 P. M. on these dates:

- 1—Those born in 1922 after August 30 will register on Monday, August 30.
- 2—Those born in 1923 register on August 31 or September 1.
- 3—Those born in 1924 register on September 2 or September 3.
- 4—Those born in 1925 register on September 4 or September 7.
- 5—Those born in 1926 register on September 8 or September 9.
- 6—Those born in 1927 register on September 10 or September 11.
- 7—Those born in 1928 register on September 13 or September 14.
- 8—Those born in 1929 register on September 15 or September 16.
- 9—Those born in 1930 after September 19 register on September 17 or September 18.
- 10—Those born on or after September 19, 1930, will register within five days after their 18th birthday.

Truman must take two additional steps before the registration can start—appoint the 48 state draft directors and name members of the 500 local boards. Most state governors already have nominated their board members and the names are on the President's desk waiting his approval.

Orange County's budget—tentatively adopted two weeks ago by the commissioners—is the largest ever proposed for the county, but the revenue is available for two reasons—and neither is by an increase in the tax rate.

The tax rate in the new budget remains the same as it was last year—85 cents on the \$100 valuation. And is three cents less than it was in 1946.

Last year when the budget was adopted, only \$2,500 was budgeted for revenue from beer and wine sales in North Carolina. A total of \$8,500 was received. During the year the county sheriff's department in conjunction with the S.B.I. confiscated a large amount of liquor and two trucks. Sale of the ABC liquor and the two vehicles resulted in \$11,000 in round figures being added to the county's treasury.

This \$11,000 plus the \$6,000 surplus from the beer and wine revenue gave the county \$17,000 more revenue last year than was expected.

Then during the year real estate and personal property valuations on the tax books increased \$1,973,930 over the previous year's figures. On a basis of an 85-cent tax rate this will bring in \$1,678,400 in new revenue not received last year from ad valorem taxes.

Also, during the year, the county estimates on receiving \$11,500 from the beer and wine taxes in North Carolina.

So, as a result, all those increases in revenue makes it possible for the county to enjoy a larger budget at no increase in the tax rate.

Those increases in property valuations draw an interesting picture.

Following are the increases made in the different townships during the year:

- Bingham, white, \$86,164; Negro, \$407.
- Cedar Grove, white \$92,304; Negro, \$23,631.
- Little River, white, \$863,269; Negro, \$3,838.
- Checks, white, \$184,066; Negro, \$17,310.
- Eno, white, \$65,853; Negro, \$11,887.
- Hillsboro, white, \$248,840; Negro, \$38,755; corporations, \$9,483.
- Chapel Hill, white, \$722,256; Negro, \$48,221; corporations, \$368,800; fraternities decrease of \$1,000.

Valuation on public service corporations in Orange County have not yet been received from the state office. By taking the value on public service corporations last year, the total property valuation in the county is \$27,218,973.

Sale Of Flue-Cured Tobacco Starts On Georgia-Florida Belts July 22

Sales for the 1948 flue-cure tobacco crop will begin Thursday, July 22 on the Georgia-Florida auction markets.

The estimated production for this particular type will amount to 103,500,000 pounds. This indicates the crop will be considerably smaller than last year when producers sales totaled 156,190,825 pounds and brought an average of \$38.06 per hundred. The estimate is also the smallest released for any crop since that of 1934.

The principal reason for the smaller production is because of a 27½ per cent reduction in the acreage from the previous season.

A contributing factor is a decrease in the average yield per acre. Total flue-cured production for 1948 has been estimated at 888,500,000 pounds as compared with producers sales totaling 1,304,605,314 pounds in 1947.

The Georgia-Florida crop was produced under adverse growing conditions. In the beginning there was an abundance of healthy plants and a large number of farmers set out tobacco earlier than usual. The crop was off to a good start, but early in the growing stage a prolonged period of dry weather set in. This resulted in many of the plantings not being able to fully utilize their fertilizer and also caused the tobacco to ripen prematurely. The overall picture, judging from leaf already harvested and cured, portrays a spotty crop. The tobacco in some sections is not up to expectations, notwithstanding large proportions of good qualities. Primings and lugs are cleaner, being somewhat freer of sand than usual. There is still a large amount of tobacco in the fields. At the present time heavy harvesting and curing is in progress and this will continue well into next month. Regular showers will help these remaining crops, but heavy rains would be more detrimental than beneficial.

Commodity Credit Corporation

\$1.63 Tax Rate For Chapel Hill Stays Same Under New Budget

Although the cost of labor and practically all services have increased during the past year, Chapel Hill's tax rate, now \$1.63, will not be raised, according to a tentative budget adopted by the Board of Aldermen for 1948-49.

Salaries of several of the town officials and of most of the policemen, firemen and members of the labor force were increased on an average of from seven to 10 per cent under the new budget, which calls for a total expenditure of \$118,084 as compared to a budget of \$100,547 last year.

A report by Manager G. W. Ray showed that last year's budget was underspent by \$3,973. The town on July 1 had an operating surplus of approximately \$20,000.

A total of \$68,200 is expected to be raised through ad valorem taxes, as compared to \$67,330 during the past year. A total of \$20,000 is set aside for maturing bonds. The contingency fund is set at \$7,000. Wages for the labor force constitute the biggest single item in the budget, the amount for this purpose being set at \$28,750 as compared to \$25,659 last year.

The Board announced some of the money (\$35,000) provided for in the recent bond election for streets will be used to improve the sidewalks too. There will be a saving in the funds appropriated for street work, due to the fact that the State Highway Commission has used some of its funds allocated to Chapel Hill to seal coat several of the streets.

Of the \$1.63 tax rate, \$1.10 will be for current operating expenditures, 33 cents for debt service and 20 cents for schools.

Specialist To Visit C. H. Curb Market

Miss Myrtle Murray, Specialist in Home Marketing, from Texas will be in Chapel Hill this week to visit the Curb Market. This is one of six markets she plans to visit while in N. C. Miss Murray is interested in housing of the market, rules and regulations. She will be accompanied by Miss Willie Hunter.

Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan, N. C. Extension Specialist in Marketing said of the Chapel Hill Market, "I feel you have one of the nicest representative markets in the state under very trying conditions." The market is the third largest in the state.

Pressure Canner Clinics Are Set

In answer to requests by pressure canner owners to have their canners tested, two clinics have been scheduled. The first will be held Tuesday morning, July 27, in Carrboro at Neville's Gas Station. The second will be held Wednesday morning, July 28, at Cole Motor Company in Hillsboro. Both clinics will be held between the hours of 9-12 o'clock. Each pressure canner (not pressure sauce pan) will be checked for steam leakage, pressure gauge accuracy, and proper exhaustion of the pet cock.

Please clean the canner thoroughly before bringing it in.

176 Names Verified On Wallace Petition In Orange County

A check of 288 names on the Progressive Party petition asking for the name of Henry A. Wallace to be placed on the ballot in the November election has been made by Mrs. Iris Cates under the direction of the Orange County Board of Elections, R. O. Forrest, chairman, said this week.

Of the 288 names checked, a total of 176 were found to be good petitioners. The remaining petitioners were either not registered or had voted in the first primary in May, Forrest said.

Forrest pointed out that those 176 people were now registered as members of the new Progressive Party and could not vote in either the Democratic or Republican primaries.

A lot of people didn't know that fact when they signed the petition, he said.

Eastern Star Unit Feted By Officers

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Studebaker, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Hillsboro Chapter No. 180, Order of the Eastern Star, served a barbecue supper at the Masonic Hall Thursday evening, to 48 members of the chapter.

After the supper all assembled in the Chapter Room for the regular meeting. A program centered around the theme, "Being Loyal Eastern Stars," was presented.

At the next meeting, August 5, 22 Past Matrons and 19 Past Patrons will be honored by the chapter.

Eastern Star friends are always welcome. The meetings are the first and third Thursdays at 8 o'clock.

White Cross News

Miss Lydia Teer is at home after attending the summer school at W. C.

Revival services are being held in Bethlehem Presbyterian Church this week. The meeting will close with the service Sunday night. The Rev. Mr. Boyd of the Burlington Church is assisting the minister, the Rev. L. T. Edgerton.

Mrs. Charles Stanford and her children, Donald, Bill, Jean and Jane, drove up to New York City for their vacation. They were joined by Charles Stanford Jr. of Staten Island and had a week of sight-seeing. Among the many things that they saw were the sailing of the Queen Mary, where Clark Gable, Kay Kyser and wife and Paul Kelly were aboard ship. Charles Jr., returned to Chapel Hill with his mother for a few days.

Jim McIver is at Kure Beach for a week's vacation.

Charles W. Stanford and sister, Mrs. Jeanette S. Blair spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Brownscombe at Camp Lejeune. While there they visited the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Jones of Bramwell, Va., who are at their summer cottage at Morehead City. While in Morehead City Mr. Jones christened little Evelyn Carol Brownscombe at the Presbyterian Church. She wore the long dress of Jeanette Stanford Blair in which she was christened when she was a baby.

Jehlie Morrow was buried at Bethlehem Church on Sunday afternoon.

Charlie Teer is at home after an operation at Watts Hospital.

Tobacco Farmers View Experiments At Oxford Station

One hundred tobacco farmers, including veterans from Aycock and Hillsboro schools, visited the Tobacco Experiment Station at Oxford last Wednesday and spent the afternoon studying many interesting experiments. This station, several years ago developed the wilt resistant Oxford 26 variety, which has meant a saving of millions of dollars to the tobacco farmers and is still at work trying to perfect a broad leaf wilt resistant variety which will be more than the 400 strains. Realizing that many farms are now infested with both Granville wilt and Black Shank, they are attempting to breed a variety of tobacco which will be resistant to both of these dreaded diseases. The station has some promising crosses growing this year and hopes to be able to make available some seed of this resistant variety next year.

A variety test was observed which indicated that the broad leaf varieties such as Bottom special, 402, 500, and yellow special gave the highest yields per acre and also returned more money per acre than any of the rest. A fertilizer test indicated that about 1,000 pounds per acre of fertilizer was the most profitable application. Where more fertilizer was used, the increase in yield did not pay for the extra fertilizer. Another test was observed which indicated tobacco topped high made more money per acre than either low topped or tobacco which was not topped at all. It was interesting to note that tobacco which was not topped at all returned more per acre than low topped tobacco.

Pulling the suckers which grow between the leaf and stalk take a lot of labor. A hormone has been found, which when painted on the broken end of the stalk, when topping the plant dries up these suckers without apparent injury to the rest of the plant.

The farmers were interested in the study being made of the effect of phosphorus fertilizer on tobacco plants. This phosphorus has been made radio active and its course through the plant was determined by using the same type instruments used to measure atomic energy.

Curing barn construction and methods of curing afforded more new ideas than any other experiments. Two barns similar in every respect except the insulation of one with fire resistant cotton, and the use of better ventilation saved 1,169 pounds of stoker coal in a total of four curings. During the yellowing period of curing four ventilators six feet long were opened about two inches or a total of four square feet of opening. These ventilators were closed when the tobacco was yellow and it was desired to kill the leaf.

Many types of automatic curing systems were seen being tried out. Perhaps the two most promising were a jet oil flues and a stoker flues both of which were new and still in the experimental stages. Both of these systems have cured tobacco at very low costs.

NAVAL RESERVE CRUISES
ARE CANCELLED IN N. C.
All training cruises for all enlisted personnel of the Naval Reserve in North Carolina have been cancelled because of the polio situation, it has been announced.

First Polio Case Develops In Hillsboro; County Health Director Asks Parents To Use Caution In Children's Movements

Dr. O. David Garvin, Orange County Health Department director, issued a special appeal Wednesday morning for all parents of children in Hillsboro to use caution in allowing their children to follow other than their normal pursuits.

Polio Cancels Many 4-H Events

Due to the polio epidemic the following 4-H activities have been cancelled: 4-H camp, 4-H county picnic, 4-H short course, dress revue and health contest.

The summer activities in the county have been cancelled upon the request of Dr. O. David Garvin, County Health Officer, and L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader.

Suspended Terms Given Five Men On Affray Charge

At the July 20 session of the Recorder's Court in Chapel Hill five Negroes of Chapel Hill and Durham, Bonnie Atwater, Theodore Winston, William Jenkins Jr., Alvis Whitted, and James R. Crawford, were charged with engaging in an affray, but without deadly weapons. A one month's sentence on the roads was suspended by Judge Henry Whitfield on the conditions of three year's good behavior and payment of the full court costs by each defendant, as if each were a separate case.

John K. Powell, resident of Danville, Va., speeding, costs.

Hubert H. Redmon, speeding, costs.

Lonzo Lowery, Negro, resident of Norfolk Va., no driver's license and failure to transfer title, four months sentence suspended on condition defendant not operate vehicle on North Carolina roads without proper title and license, and on payment of costs.

Henry K. Williams, resident of Florida, speeding and running through a red light, \$15 and costs.

Bobby Marks, resident of Durham, reckless driving, prayer for judgment on payment of costs.

Leslie J. Bolton, resident of Greensboro, speeding, \$25 and costs.

Thomas Martin, resident of Sanford, driving while drunk, \$100 and costs.

Ernest Farar, Negro, drunkenness, costs.

Robertson Pendergrass, driving while drunk, \$100 and costs.

Marylin J. Clarke, Negro, drunkenness, \$25 and costs.

Rob Browne, Negro, drunkenness, costs.

Johnnie Barbee, Negro, larceny of hog valued at \$100, bound over to the next criminal term of Orange County Superior Court on \$150 bond.

Mrs. G. W. Norman, resident of Greensboro, failing to stop where school bus was discharging children, \$5 and costs.

Sam W. Wade, Negro, resident of Durham, permitting an unlicensed driver to operate his motor vehicle, prayer for judgment on payment of costs.

Mildred Louise Thompson, three-year-old daughter of E. H. Thompson of West Hillsboro, was admitted to Duke Hospital in Durham Tuesday afternoon suffering from polio. First reports on her condition said it was "good."

Although a number of cases have been reported from Chapel Hill and a tight quarantine has been placed on the activities of the children there, this was the first case in Hillsboro.

The discovery of this case, Dr. Garvin said, is nothing for parents to become alarmed over. But it would be a good idea to practice caution in the movements of young children, he stated.

He urged that the following rules be observed:

Call your doctor if you note such symptoms as headache, nausea, a cold, upset stomach, muscle soreness or stiffness or unexplained fever.

Avoid new contacts if infantile

Arrangements can be made with the Orange County Health Department office in Hillsboro to have your home and premises sprayed with DDT to combat flies, mosquitoes and other insects in the fight against polio.

If as many as 15 families in Hillsboro and vicinity desire the service, the Health Department will bring over from Chapel Hill its portable equipment and do the spraying for a nominal cost of approximately \$1.

Citizens of Hillsboro interested in the service should be called in the Health Department, dial 4161, and give your name to either Mrs. Wilson or Miss Surr.

Spraying will be done as soon as 15 families request the service.

paralysis seems to be spreading in the community. Try not to mingle in crowds. Danger points are trains, buses, boats, and beaches.

Do not get overtired, as extreme fatigue lowers resistance.

Avoid chilling. Do not stay long in very cold water.

Be careful about cleanliness. Wash hands before eating, keep insects away from food, and cover garbage pails.

Consult your family doctor as to the advisability of removal of tonsils, adenoids, or other mouth and throat surgery during the usual epidemic months.

If there is a diagnosis of polio by your family doctor, contact the local chapter of the National Foundation located in Chapel Hill. Gordon W. Blackwell is chairman of the local chapter; David O. Garvin is the medical advisor. Costs of treatment will be paid, in whole or in part, if you cannot meet the cost.

Dr. Garvin said that he was not going to issue a quarantine notice in Hillsboro as has been done in Chapel Hill, but that he would urge children under 16 years of age not to attend picture shows or other large gatherings of people.

In Chapel Hill a quarantine has been placed on the movements of the children there and even newsboys are required to have permits to carry their regular routes.

Swimming pools have been closed and picture shows have been asked not to sell children 16 and under tickets.

Street Blocked Here On Two Occasions

Traffic was blocked for a while on Churton Street in Hillsboro Tuesday on two occasions.

Early Tuesday morning all traffic was routed around the courthouse while town workmen cleared dead branches from the trees bordering the street on the courthouse side.

Later in the day a large trailer disengaged itself from a tractor pulling it and blocked traffic until it could be moved to King Street next to the agricultural building.

Ladies Night Is Planned By Club

The Hillsboro Exchange Club will have its Ladies' Night meeting Thursday, July 22, at 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. I. E. Birdseye will be the speaker and special music will be rendered by Mesdames John Billy Dixon and Robert Copeland accompanied by Mrs. Scott Cates.