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SIX PAGES THIS WEEK

## Education Board Trims Request By \$18,000

### Group Cuts Capital Outlay Portion After Board Of County Commissioners Request

The Orange County Board of Education, acting under instructions from the Board of County Commissioners, chopped its budget by over \$18,000 in the capital outlay division. About \$92,000 was left for capital outlay after the cut was made.

Cuts were made in the following places:

An original request for \$11,000 for new building and grounds work at the Carrboro Elementary School site was reduced to \$8,000.

A request for \$35,000 for the C. E. School Building was cut to \$25,000.

The request for Court House renovations was reduced by \$3,000. (The courthouse is being renovated to house the Board of Education as the court offices will move into the new court house soon.)

An Airman Parks School request was cut by \$2,000.

## Workshop On Leadership To Start July 18

CHAPEL HILL — A Workshop on Leadership Training for Community Education will be held at the University of North Carolina July 18-22. It was announced this week by Dwight C. Rhyme, assistant director, University Extension Division and Workshop Director.

The workshop will be sponsored by the North Carolina Woman's Council and the American Foundation for Political Education in cooperation with the N. C. State College Home Demonstration Extension Service and the UNC Extension Division.

Participants will attend group sessions where public speaking, human relations and program planning will be emphasized.

There will also be group sessions on "Leader Training in World Politics," "Citizenship Programs" and "Resources for Community Education Programs."

The workshop staff will be composed of Dr. Bernard H. Boyd, James A. Gray Professor of Biblical Literature, UNC; Miss Thelma Brummett, Public Relations Consultant, Chapel Hill; Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent; Russell M. Gruman, Director, UNC Extension Division; Dr. Guion G. Johnson, President, N. C. Woman's Council, Chapel Hill; Dean Elizabeth L. Kemble, UNC School of Nursing; Prof. Norman W. Mattis, UNC English department; Dr. D. G. Monroe, UNC Political Science department; Mrs. Carl Plonk, Asheville, president, North Carolina Division, American Association of University Women; Jerome M. Ziegler, director, Eastern Regional Office, American Foundation for Political Education, New York, and Mr. Rhyme.

Dr. Boyd, Mrs. Plonk and Dr. Monroe will be the principal speakers at joint sessions to be held each morning from 9 to 9:50 o'clock. Dr. Boyd will speak on "Responsibilities of Leadership" on Monday and on Tuesday Mrs. Plonk will discuss "How to Get and Keep Members." Dr. Monroe will lecture on "Parliamentary Procedure" at the Wednesday and Thursday joint sessions.

Registration will begin Sunday, July 18, at 3 p.m. in Cobb Dormitory. An informal reception will follow at 7 p.m. in the Monogram Club.

The program will conclude with a banquet in Lenoir Hall Thursday night, July 22, at 6:30 o'clock.

Three Orange County Women At Workshop

Three Orange County Home Demonstration Club women attended the State Music Workshop at Catawba College this week.

The women were Mrs. R. C. Minnis Jr. from Fairfield, Mrs. Paul Browning and Miss Polly Roberts, both of St. Mary's Home Demonstration Club.

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## Bullock Designated Airman Of The Month

Airman Second Class Luther Bullock Jr. has been named Airman of the Month at Fuchu Air Force Base, Japan. He also received the Good Conduct Medal for his three years service, two of which have been in Japan. Before being sent overseas he was graduated from the Air Force Radio School at Scott Field, Illinois. The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Bullock of Carrboro, he will be returned to this country sometime during the summer.

## Farmers In County Turn To Irrigation

Tobacco farmers in this drought-stricken county are planning to build more irrigation ponds to hedge against recurring dry spells, County Agent Don Matheson reported this week.

He said that farmers all over Orange County are talking up the idea of ponds and irrigation equipment as the second drought in two years continues to take its toll in leaf.

"There's just no comparison between the tobacco which has been getting water from irrigation systems and that which hasn't," the county agent reported. "Most of the county is pretty badly hit."

Matheson added that farmers are "seeing it for themselves" that the irrigation systems are paying off and "there is a great interest growing here in building more ponds. They're expensive but not as expensive as droughts."

However, he reported that one of the seven irrigation ponds in the county has gone dry. "I just don't know how much longer the rest will hold out. We've got to have rain soon."

He said Orange County escaped the devastating storm that hit two nearby counties Monday. "We were lucky on that score, but about everything that can happen has happened to this year's tobacco crop."

Matheson said if rain comes and continues for a while tobacco farmers here would get by with a 20 per cent loss. "Otherwise, I wouldn't say what the outcome will be."

He said that about the same thing holds true for the corn crop. The wheat crop is almost harvested.

On the streets here, talk centers on the weather.

"I've been looking up at them clouds all day—hoping and praying it would rain," one overworked farmer said. "Looked like yesterday it was going to rain for sure. Now look at them dark clouds up yonder. Bet it won't rain today either."

It didn't.

Who Picked The Pastels?

Even the County Commissioners had to take off a few minutes to walk through the new courthouse in Hillsboro this week.

This building is a curious combination of modern and traditional designing and features pink and green pastel walls inside.

Standing in the big new court room the other day, one of the commissioners remarked, "Best looking court room I've ever been in." The others with him agreed. Decorated in pink

## Commissioners Set 62-Cent Tax Rate, Give New Budget Tentative Approval

### 62 Percent Of Budget Marked For Schools; \$37,500 Interim Appropriation Is Granted

HILLSBORO — The Board of County Commissioners this week set a tentative tax rate at 62 cents per \$100 property evaluation and decided to adopt its proposed budget on July 26.

Meantime, the county will operate on an interim appropriation of \$37,500 which was made at the request of County Accountant Sam Gattis. The money will serve county needs until the proposed \$806,095 budget is adopted.

The 62-cent tax rate went to the limit set by the commissioners, who had been considering a rate between 57 and 62 cents.

Last year the county tax rate was \$1 per \$100 evaluation, but since that time a revaluation of property has been made for the purpose of equalizing the tax load, according to the board. On the basis of the previous evaluation, it would have taken a \$1.16 rate to raise the full amount.

Commissioner Sim Efland suggested that the rate be cut to 60 cents, but Chairman R. O. Forrest said that every penny reduction under the 62 cent level would mean a \$7,000 cut in funds. "I personally think," he said, "that we cannot afford to cut it. I will have to go along with the 62 cents."

Forrest said that over 62 per cent of the budget is now going to the schools. He said that it is the "highest they have ever gotten." Last year the schools received 52 percent of the budget.

Last year's tax budget was \$360,609, while this year's budget is \$397,902. This represents an increased tax budget of \$30,000.

Schools last year got \$114,000 for current expenses and \$116,000 for capital outlay. This coming year the budget provides for \$121,000 current expense and \$138,000 capital outlay.

County Accountant Gattis explained that last year's \$116,000 for capital outlay was not really \$116,000 but \$91,000, in effect, since \$25,000 had been carried over from the previous year's obligations.

Last year's total budget was \$782,000 as compared to this year's total budget of \$806,095.

The board also discussed, without taking any definite action, a blanket bond plan for county employees not covered by statutory bonds. Gattis told the board that the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill had suggested the blanket plan as protection for both the bonded person and his agent.

Gattis pointed out that county officials are often held financially responsible for acts of their agents and that this plan would protect them as well as the county.

"I don't think we should use taxpayers' money to protect anybody except the county," Commissioner R. J. M. Hobbs said.

Commissioner Efland agreed with Hobbs.

Final action on the matter was referred to a later meeting to make time for considering the Chapel Hill school budget.

The board trimmed the Chapel Hill school supplement to a 12-cent per \$100 rate, despite a drive by Chapel Hill school people for retaining the full 20c rate. The supplement will give Chapel Hill \$34,800 on the 12-cent basis, most of which is used to supplement teachers' salaries.

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## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

They weren't much about it for publication early last week as Raleigh temperatures humbly hovered around a hundred, several dozens were desperately searching for some means of bringing air conditioning into at least some of their homes.

As a hard road, for last Friday the first work day this week that has seen the mercury rise to more than 100—Gov. William B. Umstead called for lightening of spending so there would be enough money for appropriations for this year.

At the next Legislature we have to decide whether to raise taxes or reduce spending. "It's perfectly apparent," he said, "that one of these steps must be taken."

It looked like no air conditioning for many an office here while. Meantime, however, there is air conditioning in the Governor's office—put there by his predecessor—and in about a dozen other special places on the Square.

And, just the Governor's office winning to a good 75 feet above the ground on the neatly mowed lawn is one of the finest in the Square. It is a Cuthbert tree, is so labeled, is about 10 feet in diameter at the base, is made many a Governor as a ditto—even before the days of air conditioning.

We have been up for upwards of a million dollars to keep warm in winter, the right housing, we well conquered cold weather conditions of years ago. But we have been spent right here in the search for the most perfect comfort in your room or bedroom and thus the money you have been around for a lot of clapping an effort to keep cool.

Other thing: I don't have air conditioning in my car, but I rode recently that does have air conditioning in a word or two how nice it is, but I will say I'd rather have that cool air in my flyover than all the signals, radios, back-up lights, rubber cushions, back-pilgrimage lighters, squirting water, and seat covers you can get at me.

As you can see, I'm all-out for air conditioning—especially about this time of year.

Sam Smith is chief budget officer for the Highway Commission. He is a easy-going individual—but by all means more influence on the rank and file of high employees than anyone else—probably has more friends than anybody else.

Times past, I have gone for a walk without even thinking of Sam. However, several days ago Sam lost his wife. She had become ill, went to the hospital for a checkup, and died thereafter.

Sam and his wife were devoted to each other. They were together almost constantly. He was not on his job. Now it isn't a day that passes that I don't think about Sam and sympathize with him. When I see devoted people no longer together, nothing else makes me so sad as to see Sam now moves around in the Governor Umstead has extended his sympathy to Sam—and so have hundreds of people, including the great majority of the small.

These words prove ineffectual when Sam goes home each day.

This is a little about little Ray Matulewicz, who came out of the moun-

tain of Pennsylvania and boxed with Warren at Duke University in the middle 30's. He was a member of the 1935-36-37.

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