

## Commissioners Give Final OK To Budget, Set Tax Rates

The Orange County Commissioners Monday night gave final approval without change to the county's new \$1,039,181 budget, tentatively adopted on July 5.

The 20-day public inspection period brought forth no reaction leading the Commissioners to alter the original document.

Formal passage of the budget resolution also set the 72 cents per \$100 property valuation and valorum tax and included further action levying the 15 cents Chapel Hill Special School District tax, the 10 cents per \$100 special Chapel Hill Fire Protection District tax, the dog and poll taxes, which remained the same.

The ink was barely dry on the signature validating the resolution, however, before the Board had dipped into emergency reserves and raised the salary of an employee who had threatened to accept a better offer and acceded to the request of still another who wanted a study made to determine if she is entitled to a job reclassification in accordance with the provisions of County's Employee Classification System, adopted two years ago.

Frank Maddry, collector of delinquent taxes, had said he would take a proffered guard post at Memorial Hospital at \$270 per month unless his present salary of \$250 was raised to that amount. Without dissent and with a minimum of discussion, the Board voted unanimously to grant the \$20 per month raise to match the other offer and relieved him of a recently imposed additional duty of collecting delinquent court fines and costs. In addition to his salary, he receives a \$110 per month car expense allowance. He has been on the county payroll intermittently since 1928. It was pointed out.

Mrs. Virginia Teer, accounting clerk in the office of County Accountant Sam Gattis, appealed to the Commissioners for a reclassification of her job, maintaining there has been a change of duties sufficient to justify a reclassification in accordance with the county's classification system. The board instructed Gattis to obtain the services of Institute of Government Officials, or other competent personnel outside the county's employ, to interview Mrs. Teer and determine if her claim for reclassification is justified. She now receives \$3,000 per year.

## Caswell County Joins 4-County Health Unit

Caswell County joins Orange, Person, Chatham and Lee today in an enlarged district health department under the supervision of Dr. O. D. Garvin.

The decision to permit Caswell to join the four county health unit was made recently at a meeting in Chapel Hill of the District Board of Health, attended by State health officials and Caswell representatives. Membership on the district board includes among others the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of each participating county. The change is effective today.

Caswell has previously been associated in a Health District with Rockingham, which withdrew from the set-up to become a district unit itself, leaving Caswell stranded without a working agreement.

Caswell brings into the district its staff of two nurses and an office clerk. Its financial contribution to district operations for 1957-58, already included in the county's budget, will be \$21,000, only \$4,000 less than Orange's for the current year.

## Bids Below Expectations For Local Job

The H. F. Mitchell Construction Company was the low bidder among 11 seeking the contract for a new 12-classroom addition and gymnasium at Central High School in Hillsboro.

Bids for the project were opened at a meeting of the Board of Education in the old Courthouse last Thursday afternoon. The proposals will be considered and contracts awarded at Monday's meeting of the board.

Low bids and the architect's fee for the project totaled \$266,094 and inasmuch as this was well within the funds allocated for the project no delay is foreseen in awarding the contracts. The project calls for two separate buildings, one the classrooms and the other the gymnasium. Officials hope work will get underway shortly with an effort being made to get into the gymnasium by late Fall and the classroom addition by the Fall of 1958. No additional heating plant or major sewage facilities are required for the new buildings.

The Mitchell company's bid for the general contract was \$198,832, several thousand dollars below the next two bidders, both from Graham, E. A. Braxton & Sons, \$204,000 and Holt Construction Co. \$206,400. Riddick Plumbing Co. of Sanford got the plumbing contract at \$13,475, the heating portion of the contract went to R. A. Suggs Plumbing & Heating Co. of Durham for \$27,677 and the electrical contract low bidder was Lovette Electric Co. of Durham, \$12,238.

## Two School Principals Leave Jobs In County

### \$75,000 Being Spent In Phone Expansion

The Morris Telephone Company plans to spend approximately \$75,000.00 to improve and expand its facilities in Hillsboro, it was learned today from W. R. Murray, General Manager for the Company.

Additional central office equipment has been installed and additional cable installations are almost complete.

Installation of lines and telephones have just been completed into the Mountain View Estates subdivision and into an area north of Fairview now heretofore served and lines are being pulled to the Hillsboro Water plant area this week to serve that section. In addition the number of people on many multi-party lines are being cut down to provide improved service. Two pay stations location at the Hillsboro Town Hall and at Dud's Tavern are other new facilities recently installed.

Mr. Murray pointed out that the rapid growth of Hillsboro in recent years has brought about a tremendous demand for telephone service, and that the new construction project is in keeping with Morris Telephone Company's plans to provide for the full telephone service needs.

"Morris Telephone Company has added a total of 871 telephones in Hillsboro area in the past ten years. We are making every effort to meet the full telephone service needs as rapidly as possible. The current improvement and expansion program will be a major step in that direction," Mr. Murray said.



**BEATING THE HEAT**—Little Miss Rachel Alford, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Alford of Carrboro employs the outdoor tub in trying to beat the heat. Envious?

## Successors Not Yet Found; Expected Soon

Late season resignations last weekend left the Orange County School System with two more principal vacancies which had not been filled yesterday afternoon.

Fred Rogers, first principal of the new 12-teacher Cameron Park Elementary School, submitted his resignation to Superintendent G. Paul Carr Saturday and announced his acceptance of the principalship at Elkin High School. The Surry school is a 20-teacher unit and pays a \$50 supplement to the principal.

Jesse L. McDaniel, Aycock School principal for the past two years, resigned Friday to become principal of the Creedmoor School in Granville County, a 25-teacher union school.

Superintendent Carr said he had several prospects for the two posts and expects to have them filled in the next few days. Another principal vacancy still exists at the Efland-Cheeks Elementary School.

Rogers served as principal at Efland prior to his one-year tenure at Cameron Park. He came to Orange from Bladen County and has an M. A. degree in education from the University at Chapel Hill.

McDaniel has a six-year record as a principal, coming to Orange from Bertie County. He has an M.A. degree from East Carolina College at Greenville.

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**RAY RECUPERATING**

County Commissioner Dwight M. Ray of Carrboro, who recently suffered a heart attack, returned to his home on Smith Level Road earlier this week and continues to improve, according to informants.

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## Health Fair Plans Revealed At Buckhorn

Buckhorn Grange will present a Health Fair in the Buckhorn Community Building and adjoining grounds and recreation field Saturday, August 17. Mrs. Edna Holmes, Chairman of the Grange Health Committee announced today.

This will be the first time such an event has been held in this part of the state.

The University of North Carolina's School of Health Education is assisting the Grange in planning and presenting the Fair.

The response to the proposal for a Health Fair has been enthusiastic, Mrs. Holmes reports. A large number of companies, organizations, and agencies in all fields connected with health are preparing demonstrations, exhibits, and displays of the many different phases of health and safety. Some of them will make their services available free during the afternoon at the fair.

The Fair will open at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The public is invited to attend to see and hear many of the latest developments in the field of personal and public health.

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## Nancy Roberts Serves On Staff Of 4-H Daily During Big Week

The week of July 22-27 was a most enjoyable week for about 1200 4-H boys and girls from every point in North Carolina. The club members and their agents assembled on the North Carolina State College Campus, Monday, July 22 for State 4-H Club Week. Everyone, after registration, went to their dorms to set up their living quarters for the week.

Some of the highlights of the week were the State Dress Revue on Wednesday night, the State Health Pageant on Thursday night, the Talent Parade on Friday night, and of course many demonstrations given during the week.

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**NANCY ROBERTS** be on the "Clover Leaves" newspaper staff. The "Clover Leaves" (See 4-H, Page 3)

## Water Inventory Body Sets Meeting August 29

An Orange County water problems inventory meeting will be held at the courthouse in Hillsboro, August 29th, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., it was announced today by Don Matheson, chairman of the county inventory committee.

Plans to hold the meeting, which will climax the month-long water problems study in Orange County, were made by the committee when it met last Thursday. Other officers elected were Thomas D. Rose, Town Manager of Chapel Hill, Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. Richmond Bond of Chapel Hill League of Women Voters, Secretary.

Matheson said his committee's efforts during the period leading up to the meeting would be aimed almost entirely at explaining the types of water problems that are to be reported, and the procedure his committee will follow in recording the problems.

Businesses, other organizations, and individuals wishing to know more about the inventory are asked to contact the chairman or a member of the committee. The county group has been provided with a standard outline for recording the problems as they are reported. More than 24 categories of water problems are listed in the outline, along with explanations and examples.

Matheson said considerable work has gone into the preparation of the material to be used in this inventory and it is extremely unlikely that any significant type of problem has been overlooked.

## 42 Negro Pupils Seek Transfers In Caswell

The Caswell County Board of Education has received requests from 42 Negro pupils for transfer forms in order that they might seek to attend white schools in Caswell County.

The requests for the forms were made by the parents of the pupils who will supposedly ask for reassignment to specific schools in the county.

The same pupils made similar requests earlier but were told at that time by the board that the applications could not be made until the board had made assignments. The board announced its assignments last week and gave pupils 10 days to apply for reassignment.

## Young Democrats Invited To Rally At Lumberton

Miss Betty June Hayes, of Hillsboro, State YDC National Committeewoman, announces that the first Young Democratic Club Rally of the season will be held in Lumberton at the Lorraine Hotel this Saturday.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m., followed by committee meetings and a banquet which will begin at 6:30 o'clock with the address being made by Senator Olin D. Johnston from South Carolina.

All Y. D. C. members of Orange County are invited to attend.

## Availability Of Small Grain Loans Is Told

Producers of small grains—wheat, oats, barley, and rye—are reminded to keep in mind loan rates and the availability of loans through the ASC Office.

Donald V. Roberts, County Office Manager of the Orange ASC Committee, brought out the fact that current prices on most markets for small grains are below the applicable loan rate. With a support rate in this State of \$2.21 on wheat, local market prices in some areas are as low as \$1.90 per bushel. On oats, with support at 72 cents per bushel, local prices are running from 50 to 70 cents.

This is about the same picture that prevails during the height of the harvest season on just about every commodity under support. "That's why price support loans are made available to farmers—to permit farmers to store their grain instead of dumping it on the market as soon as it is harvested.

ASC's price support programs in general, in addition to providing for orderly marketing of grain, also provide a dollars and cents minimum or support price for certain grains. This "minimum price" enables farmers to know at the time of planting that they will at least get their cash investment back out of the crop. The minimum price also encourages enough farmers to plant in order that there might not be a serious scarcity on the market which would cause inflationary prices to consumers.

Every year farmers lose money in this State by not using their price support programs as they were intended to be used. ASC County Offices in every county in the State are glad to give out information on loan rates, availability of storage, and eligibility requirements for price support.

## Measures 125 Feet High . . . Big Pecan Tree—Perhaps Tallest In County, Still Bearing As It Nears Four-Score Age

Hillsboro's biggest and tallest tree—undoubtedly one of the County's largest, too—is still bearing as it nears the estimated four-score years age.

Though some limbs and leaves appear to be withering, the majestic old pecan tree in the back yard of the David E. Patterson residence shows promise of bearing a fair-sized crop of nuts again this fall.

**Four Feet Thick**

The tree was measured to be 125 feet tall about 10 years ago, and seems to have grown some since then. About four feet in diameter, it's believed to have been planted in the yard, along with another different variety of pecan sapling, in the early '80's.

The other tree, scarcely half its size, stands alongside Mrs. Patterson's kindergarten house a few yards away from its towering companion. It bears a long, paper-shell pecan. While it's a good nut, Mr. Patterson says, it scarcely compares with the rich, chunky thick-shelled product of the big tree. "Everybody says they're the best nuts they ever ate," said Mr. Patterson.

Some seasons the crop off this single tree has been as large as nine bushels, while other years it's been as small as a peck. It's understood that it was sent from Alabama to Hillsboro's James Webb family, which built the large frame post-Civil War house. The Pattersons bought the home and moved into it in 1919 following Mr. Webb's death. "An old colored man once told me that his brother had planted every tree in this yard," said Mr. Patterson.

the latter tree blew down in a storm several years ago.

In all its years the big pecan has never been struck by lightning. "The neighbors said that during Hurricane Hazel it looked like it was going all to pieces," Mr. Patterson recalled. "But all that blew off of it was a mess of small limbs and twigs."

The old Webb tree took second place to a huge water oak on the old Ruffin homestead in Hillsboro until



**BIGGEST TREE**—David E. Patterson of Hillsboro, and two boys standing with him, are barely visible in front of the 125-foot pecan tree—said to be the largest tree in Hillsboro—which is in his back yard. Roland Gdiuz Photo

## Confidence Voiced By John Umstead In Move To Rescind Medical Ruling

Chapel Hill's John Umstead, Chairman of the State Hospitals Board of Control and champion of North Carolina's mental hospitals program, was confident today of the rescinding of a newly-announced regulation which would seriously affect this program.

Under terms of a decision by the State Board of Medical Examiners the special licenses issued to foreign doctors educated at institutions not recognized by the American Medical Association would not be renewed after July 1, 1958. This would eliminate more than two dozen persons currently on the staffs of state hospitals, and affect six at Chapel Hill, according to Mr. Umstead.

Affected locally would be two per-

sons high up on the faculty of the UNC Department of Psychiatry, and four psychiatry staff residents, some in training here and some detached to state institutions. Mr. Umstead said. Unless they can secure necessary credentials of certification of their education, they would not even be allowed to take the state medical board examinations again, he pointed out.

The veteran Orange County legislator is being joined in his campaign by Dr. Stuart Willis of Chapel Hill, head of the State's sanatoria system in which several more foreign-educated doctors who would be caught by the new ruling are employed.

The Medical Examiners Board met at Blowing Rock Monday to

pass on persons who recently took exams for licensing. It is expected to discuss its ruling and the future it has caused. "They wanted me to come up and talk to them," said Mr. Umstead. "But I don't have anything more to say."

**Receiving Many Letters**

Since the ruling was announced last week, he said, he's received between 200 and 250 letters from persons across the state who joined him in his opposition to it. "And I haven't received the first one yet that agreed with the Board. We've already lost four persons from the state hospitals staff just since the ruling came out," Mr. Umstead declared.

If the Board doesn't rescind its (See UNSTEAD, Page 3)

## Raleigh Roundup

One of the banking firms in Raleigh is planning to expand its business and various types of services to grow upon the Raleigh building.

The Wachovia Bank Building here. It no longer receives attention to its physical foundations permitting its roof to be replaced.

It is no doubt come as the officials, but the here and they are and growing on the make matters worse the bankers organization Carolina is doing no.

The N. C. Bankers Association in nearby Capitol and five floors higher, of the bankers group pick his head out the could do a real service his most loyal member is hoped that Jesse works for the Bankers and is a newly elected Raleigh City Council one full sweep come of Wachovia and take preventing grass on Raleigh buildings.

In Paris . . . The modern super man and his wife are casing their cart along by bins and displays. up a tomato, looks at it and it to his wife. "It," he says.

"What I thought," says "It's getting so tomatoes, cantaloupes, and smell like perfume."

It is because woman of, must gently, rub at all vegetables whether going to buy them or the perfume they have and is stronger than scent, smell, or odor with the vegetables. Evening in Paris to other varieties . . . in every store.

Although cars surprisingly well for this year, June sales of new cars in North Carolina were short a month in 1956.

An interesting fact is that continued to fall behind Plymouth seemed to have a down third-place post-car registrations.

Cars continued to show growth, selling 83 in June compared with only 39 last year.

The figures, in alphabetical order, and for the month of June, 1957, are: Buick—3,712-575; Chevrolet—2,917-156; Chrysler—2,581-500; Ford—2,581-500; General Motors—3,000-150; Lincoln—1,916-700; Nash—1,110-700; Oldsmobile—3,244-467-591; Plymouth—4,409-531; Pontiac—2,827-448-531; Willys—20-3-6; and 83-39.

You will note cheaper cars, as a rule, goes for the Chrysler which will go into the 1958 a very few changes. In Edsel dealers have chosen throughout the ad can hardly wait to get cars promised them in month. Keep an eye on the for 1958.

Biggest change models will be in the Chevrolet gear shift will be in the of the steering column where the horn was on grand-daddy, the Model T. In the situation the most of successful 1957 models. CHANGES IN THE 1958 ROUNDUP, page 2)