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Pct. Of \$18,000,000 Total ...

Orange Awarded Hefty Share Of State Secondary Road Fund

Orange County will get \$3,000,000, or 1.332 per cent of the \$18,000,000 allocated to 22 counties of North Carolina for secondary road construction this fiscal year. This is an increase over the \$2,060,000 allocated for maintenance of secondary roads, which will bring the secondary road money to this year up to \$4,250,000. This is \$1,190,000 over last year's apportionment to Orange.

Highway officials said the \$18,000,000 allocation was distributed on the basis of each county's relative need as determined by a comprehensive study of all unpaved rural secondary roads in the state. The survey, which was conducted during the first five months of this year, included estimates of cost to stabilize every road to minimum standards and the cost to pave these roads serving more than 50 vehicles a day. Such costs in each county were totaled and compared with costs in all counties to secure a percentage of need for each county. Allocations were made strictly on the percentage of need in the county compared with total state-wide need. Thus a county with one per

cent of the state's need was given one per cent of the \$18,000,000 made available. Under the allocation method, Wilkes County, with 3.83 per cent of the total need, received the largest construction appropriation—\$608,900. Several counties received over \$400,000 for secondary construction, including Guilford, Randolph, Ashe, and Buncombe. Burke County came closest to having an "average need" for new construction with 1.01 per cent of the state need. Burke's share of the \$18,000,000 was \$183,400. Allocation to the counties from the \$24,299,585 maintenance appropriations was based on the number of miles of state-maintained secondary roads in each county. Some counties, where weather, soil, and other conditions bring traditionally higher maintenance costs, got additional maintenance money to enable engineers to maintain a uniform level of road service in all sections.

School Bus Repair Work Now Being Pushed

Mechanic H. H. Strayhorn, chief mechanic of Orange County's 62 school buses, is well under repair work and complete maintenance work on the school buses. Strayhorn and his crew of mechanics and helpers, checks every bus, makes necessary repairs and paints them if it takes about four days. Strayhorn's apparent there is little spare in getting the buses ready for school opening Sept. 2. Maintenance crew starts buses just as soon as they are rechecked for the summer. Buses are cleaned and checked for mechanical and faulty mechanical. The crew usually checks the motors, repairing when necessary. Next they check and repair steering. Steering comes from there every part of the bus is carefully checked.

transporting 3518 pupils daily. Cost of transporting a child for the entire year was only \$18.14. Both boy and girl student drivers are employed in Orange County, also five adult drivers. When Strayhorn took over as chief mechanic 30 years ago, local school bus transportation was handled by 10 Ford T-Models. Now have 62 buses, mostly Fords and Chevrolets. Three new ones will be added next year. He has seen the system grow from the old four-cylinder fleet to the most efficient school transportation system in the nation. Although there are two separate school units in Orange County, each operating under a board of Education and Superintendent, there is only one system of transportation. This system, under County Supervision, provides transportation for the students in both units.

Interstate 85 Paving All Set

Paving of a major link in the new Interstate Highway No. 85 in Alamance and Orange Counties is scheduled in the near future by the State Highway Commission.

Bids from contractors on 30 highway projects involving a total of 170 miles of roadwork in North Carolina counties will be opened next Tuesday in Raleigh. The proposals will be reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on the following Tuesday in Statesville.

Included in these projects is the 11.53-mile section between Highway 54 and Efland. This job will include grading and structures and construction of a rest area.



SHE LIKES WHAT SHE SEES — Miss North Carolina, Judith Ripstein, gets a peek at the early stages of creation of her Miss North Carolina gown at the home of designer Luther Self. The gown, of Cone Mills, will be modeled by Miss North Carolina at a luncheon in her honor given by Cone Mills on Monday at Greensboro Country Club. Cone Mills is furnishing the gown to the state. Coincidentally, both Miss North Carolina and the designer of her presentation gown are residents of Greensboro.

Vote Today On Wheat Quota Issue

Today is an important date for wheat growers.

It is the day eligible growers will vote on whether or not they want to use marketing quotas for the 1960 wheat crop. If quotas are approved growers may market penalty free wheat on all the wheat they produce within their acreage allotment, and also be eligible for the full level of price support authorized for 1960. But if growers with more than 15 acres of wheat for grain have more acres of wheat than the allotment calls for, the excess wheat will be subject to a marketing quota penalty. The penalty is set by law at 45 percent of the parity price as of May 1, 1960.

If quotas are not approved, marketing quota penalties will not apply, but available price supports will be 50% of parity, and acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1960 crop of wheat. Due to the fact that Orange County has less than 100 eligible voters, only one polling place has been designated for the County. Polls will be held at the ASC Office and will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. All eligible voters are urged to visit the County Office on Thursday, July 23, and cast ballots in this election.

Little League Picnic Is Set Here Tomorrow

All players, parents and families, officials and workers of the Hillsboro Little League will gather for a picnic Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Exchange Club Park. Parents are asked to bring food for their families and friends.

The evening will be an occasion of recognition for those who have worked with the league this summer. Individual awards will be presented to the members of the first place ball club.

The activities will be concluded with an election of officers for the 1960 season. In addition to the numerous individuals who have worked with the league this year, 71 boys registered for play.

Tomorrow's Dairymen Will Be Using Head More, Hands Less

The dairymen of tomorrow will be using his head more and his hands less. He will stop carrying hay, silage, bedding, and milkers to his cows; and milk and manure from them.

And how can he do this? Guy Parson, dairy specialist at N. C. State College, tells how:

HAY—Store it on the ground and let the cows eat right out of storage. Ground level hay storage sheds are gradually replacing burdensome and costly overhead storage setups. When you put the hay overhead you make yourself lift and carry each ton two extra times.

SILAGE—Store it on the ground and self-feed. It is being done successfully with trench and above ground bunker silos. With a tower silo, you may want to consider a mechanical unloader that empties into a self-feeding bunk or onto a mechanized belt that moves the silage to the cows. This saves you handling each ton of silage three times.

MILKERS—Let the cows bring the milk to the milkers—and when they get there, let them stand up on a platform where you can work the easiest. Yet, use a milking parlor with elevated stalls.

MILK—Let pipelines carry the milk. By the pipeline putting the milk into a bulk milk tank, instead of a dozen cans, it will save you handling each pound of milk as many as five times. Is it necessary to carry 40,000 pounds when a cow give 8,000 pounds per year?

GRAIN—When possible have it over the milking parlor in a big bin. Gravity will bring it down to each feed manger where a metering device will measure out the correct amount for each cow. This saves you handling each 100-pound

bag of grain at least twice.

COW—To take the greatest advantage of these suggestions, your cows should be free to move. They should be housed loose in a pole type loafing shed. This will save you the work in unanchoring and re-anchoring your cows once or twice each day. Since research shows that cows produce (See TOMORROW, Page 8)

School Spending Up 49 Pct. In New Budget For County

Split Vote Okays \$.95 Rate; Final Approval Set Tomorrow

On a split vote of 3 to 2, the Orange County Board of Commissioners Monday night adopted a tax rate of 95 cents per \$100 valuation for the next fiscal year, including an unprecedented 49% increase in funds allocated for schools.

The new tax of 95 cents is an increase of 13 cents over last year's rate of 82 cents. An increase of 10 cents was added last year.

Also increased at Monday night's meeting by formal action was the 15 cents per \$100 valuation supplementary school tax imposed in the greater Chapel Hill school district, which now includes the Carrboro attendance area. The special school tax was increased to the maximum of 20 cents per \$100 valuation.

The increases came as the result of an intense campaign for increased school appropriations from Chapel Hill citizens, including both student school forces and leading businessmen of the community.

In approving the school section of the budget, the commissioners thus completed the major share of work on the spending document for the next fiscal year, because decisions on the school funds to all practical purposes established the tax rate. Final approval is expected to come Friday night.

In the new budget, in addition to the increased school funds, one step raises (about \$10 per month) have been approved for all employees under the classification system and two-step raises for Sheriff's deputies. Previously merit system raises have been provided for welfare workers and increases of 5% were included in the schools' budget for workers of that division.

Only decisions yet remaining before final adoption of the budget and taxing resolutions, are the increases to be given the elected officials and major department heads.

All salary increases which had been requested, if granted, however, affected the tax rate less than one-half cents, it was said, so this was not a factor in the increased rate. One cent was included as start of a fund for property revaluation scheduled to come in 1964.

The school budget of \$779,972 includes \$125,000 for a site and a six-room addition to the Glenwood school in Chapel Hill. Of its total budget request, however, the Chapel Hill School administrative unit was cut approximately \$18,000 in its current expense budget and about \$2,000 in its capital outlay budget. It is the closest Chapel Hill has come to getting its full school budget request. The budget as adopted includes provision for issuing \$56,120 in bond anticipation notes, above the 95 cents rate, to provide the school capital outlay request.

The following allocations were included in the approved school budget: for county current expenses \$138,177, for Chapel Hill \$93,101; for county capital outlay \$122,569, for Chapel Hill capital outlay \$224,235; for debt service \$201,910.

Commissioners Clarence D. Jones and Henry S. Walker voted against approval of the 95 cents tax rate and the finally approved budget for schools. Walker previously had moved to set the rate at 92 cents. Following the vote, Jones said he favored the 95 cents rate if the \$56,120 could be cut from the school budgets and the proposed sale of bond notes be eliminated.

Jones said he did not think "we can justify the need for 95 cents and the borrowing of \$56,120."

"I think we can cut \$50,000 without any hardship," he said.

Letters supporting the full Chapel Hill school budget requests were noted by Grey Culbreth, W. E. Thompson, Collier Cobb, John Foushee, Richard Jamerson, Crowell Little, B. L. Ward and George Simpson.

George Smith of Hillsboro appeared in behalf of increased appropriations for the Sheriff's department, calling it "a shame and a disgrace" that county officers receive such small pay in comparison to similar jobs in nearby counties.

Hall Going To Mt. Airy ...

Paul Cook Resigns As Deputy To Become Beer, Wine Officer

Orange County Sheriff's Deputy W. Paul Cook has resigned his job, effective Aug. 1, to become Beer and Wine Inspector for Orange County.

He will succeed Dick Hall, who has been transferred by the state to a similar post in Mt. Airy.

Cook, of Carrboro, joined the Sheriff's Department two years ago under the late Sheriff Odell Clayton. Prior to that time he had been a fireman in Chapel Hill.

The son of Mrs. Manley Snipes of Orange Grove, he is married and now lives in Carrboro.

His resignation will leave Sheriff Buck Knight with only five deputies out of his normal quota of seven. The two new men are expected to be hired in the near future, he said. One will replace Cook and the other, Sheriff Knight himself, since no replacement was hired for him when he took over the Department on the death of Sheriff Clayton last winter.

Father Of Five Succumbs To Auto Exhaust Fumes

Exhaust pipe fumes from his automobile snuffed out the life of Daniel Wesley Hill, 29, of Old Highway 86 south of Hillsboro, early last Saturday evening.

The coroner's verdict in the case was that the death was a suicide. The victim was found in his Ford auto, with the motor running, about 8 p.m. Saturday, by his father-in-law, H. A. Scarlette of Hillsboro.

It was reported to Sheriff Buck Knight that Hill had recently lost his job and had gone to Chapel Hill and Carrboro last Saturday looking for new employment. His family—a wife and five young children—had gone to have supper with her parents in Hillsboro. They left a note for Hill to come and join them after he got back.

Law enforcement officers said that Hill had driven his auto into a garage shed, extended a rubber hose from the exhaust pipe into the trunk, and left the motor running. The fumes quickly seeped from the

trunk through a makeshift fiber back seat shelf in which holes had previously been drilled.

Beside him on the front seat of the car was a Pepsi Cola, cigarettes, and a 22 pistol.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Carrboro Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. G. V. Vaughn and the Rev. Henry Stokes, Church Pastor. Burial in Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro followed.

Pallbearers were A. C. Poe, James Jones, Larry Riggsbee, James Yates, Ollie Clark, and Bert Williams.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ada Jane Scarlette; three daughters, Barbara, Anita, and Judie; two sons, Daniel and William; his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hill of Carrboro; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Clark Jr., Mrs. Lindley Zachary and Miss Eva Mae Hill all of Carrboro; two brothers, William Collier Hill of Akron, Ohio, and Vernon I. Hill, Greenwood, S. C.

Leaf Support Rates For 1959 Are Higher Than Last Year

The support rate for the 1959 crop of flue-cured tobacco was set at 55.5 cents a pound Friday by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is an increase of .9 of a cent over the support rate for 1958.

In issuing the support rate, the Department estimated the flue-cured crop at 1,082,000,000 pounds, with North Carolina's share slightly smaller. The chief decrease is expected in the huge Eastern Belt which produces about half of the Tar Heel leaf. Drought conditions over the state during June and the early part of July is expected to reduce the poundage as much as 150 pounds an acre on the average.

The price support average is 90 per cent of parity as of July 1. As in recent years, it will not apply to Coker 139, Coker 140, and Dixie Bright 244, so-called "blacklisted varieties" which have been discontinued to one-half the support rates for comparable grades of other varieties.

Last year North Carolina's flue-cured leaf brought an average of 58.2 cents per pound or about 96 per cent of parity. Tobacco specialists predict that this year's crop will average 58 to 60 cents a pound.

Woman Dies When Struck By Train Here

Mrs. Vella Rosenbaum, 37, of West Hillsboro was killed by a train Saturday morning around 10 o'clock while crossing the tracks.

It is reported Mrs. Rosenbaum had left her two children ages 8 and 10 at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Williamson while she carried lunch to a lady working at a mill located on the other side of the track.

Allen Walker, coroner, ruled the death accidental.

Mrs. Rosenbaum has been a resident of Hillsboro for about a year coming here from Richmond Co.

Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Church of God by the Rev. W. S. Williamson. Graveside services and burial were held at 3 p.m. at Morine Cemetery near Wadesboro.

Surviving are her husband, John C. Rosenbaum, a daughter, Barbara, and a son, Harvey, all of Hillsboro; and a brother, Joe R. Watkins of Washington, D. C.



SCHOOLS TO BE BIG SPENDERS—School administrators of Orange County will have the responsibility of spending almost half again more during 1959-60 than was appropriated in their budgets last year. Above—some of the key men who'll be charged with these duties—are Chapel Hill School Board members being sworn in to their jobs by local Recorder's Judge William S. Stewart. Taking oaths are Board Chairman, Grey Culbreth (left), Superintendent Joseph Johnston, and (right) the Rev. J. R. Manley.