SCHOOL BONDS THE CAUSE Hoke Board Votes 10-Cent Tax Hike

Hoke County Commissioners this week approved a record \$854,311,92 budget -- \$85,568.39 higher than the current budget -- and raised the tax rate 10 cents to \$1.38.

It was the first tax increase here since 1963 and was made necessary by a \$600,000 school bond issue approved last summer to replace burned-out facilities at J. W. McLauchlin School.

The school budget for 1967-68 was put at \$517,946.92 -highest in Hoke County history. It includes capital improvements, debt service, and current expenses.

That figure is about \$98,000 more than the 1966-67 school budget,

It also was made larger by the approval of an additional \$100 per year supplement for teachers, which added some \$20,000 to current expenses.

Actually, the \$336,365 for the general fund, special funds, debt service funds, welfare funds, health fund and county poor fund is \$13,077.47 less than appropriated for those items last year.

Savings on that side of the ledger were made in spite of general salary increases for county personnel and major adjustments for several department heads and other administrators.

The tax increase was minimized by a whopping \$2 million increase in assessed valuation, according to County Manager T. B. Lester Jr.

The budget is based on a \$39 million assessed valuation, up \$2 million from last year, and the \$1.38 tax rate (per \$100 valuation) is based on anticipated 90 per cent collection of ad valorem taxes.

The entire 10-cent tax increase is charged against the school budget, which will devour 85 cents of each \$1.38 collected in taxes.

Distribution of other funds total the same as in the 1966-67 budget -- 53 cents -- although the proportion of various departments is different than a year ago.

Salary increases for county employes ranged from \$120 per year to \$1248 -- but generally were in the neighborhood of \$300.

Biggest salary increases went to employes of the welfare department, whose rate of pay is determined at state level.

The state scale made mandatory a \$1,248 increase for the director; increases of \$768 to \$1,212 for case workers (5), and raises of \$384 to \$420 for clerks (3).

Total salary increases in the welfare department amounted to \$7,834.

The various funds were approved as follows (1966-67 in parentheses):

GENERAL FUND -- Administration, \$8,433.16 (\$8,421.52); tax listing, \$8,723.54 (\$7,805.74); tax collector, \$12,665.24 (\$9,654.52); elections, \$7,100 (\$8,133); law enforcement, \$45,-914 (\$38,203.51); library, \$7,180 (\$6,626); office building, \$2,933.56 (\$3,432.10); courthouse and grounds, \$7,203.54 (\$6,-438.40); register of deeds, \$10,077,57 (\$11,020.24); coroner, \$158 (\$158); forest fire control, \$9,656.65 (\$6,726.65); jail, \$5,485.65 (\$4,762.58); superior court, none (\$3,235); clerk of superior court, none (\$9,946.75); recorder's court, none (\$3,972.77); county aid, \$7,190 (\$3,557); contingency, \$4,000 (\$4,000); justice of peace, none (\$1,024); Civil Defense, \$9,-232,61 (\$8,485.14).

SPECIAL FUNDS -- County accountant, \$18,293.40 (\$15,-819.46); farm demonstration, \$14,429.06 (\$12,609.93); veterans service officer, \$6,123.96 (\$5,483.36); rural fire departments, \$2,000 (\$1,000); revaluation, \$3,510 (\$3,330).

DEBT SERVICE -- Debt service, \$10,052.50 (\$3,375).

WELFARE -- Administration, \$68,750,75(\$53,058.68); public assistance, \$35,495.74 (\$30,835.23); general assistance, \$4,500 (\$5.000).

HEALTH -- Health, \$54,467.60 (\$46,906.40).

COUNTY POOR -- County poor assistance, \$25,833.86

SCHOOLS -- Current expense, \$357,639.42 (\$282,233.06); capital outlay, \$50,350 (\$47,400.50); debt service, \$109,957.50 (\$89,667.50).

The tax rate distribution (dollar portion of the \$1.38 tax rate) is as follows (1966-67 figures in parentheses):

General funds, .057 (.119); special funds, .116 (.104); debt service fund, .016 (.010); welfare administration, .063 (.052); welfare public assistance, .094 (.085); welfare general assistance, .008 (.010); health fund, .120 (.104); county poor. .043 (.046); jail fund, .013 (none). Total, 53 cents.

School funds -- Current expense, .470 (.414); capital outlay, .100 (.090); debt service, .280 (.246).

Salaries were listed by Lester's office as follow per year increase in parentheses):

Tax collector -- Archie Byrne, \$5,300 :\$360); Elizabeth Livingston, \$4,250 (\$480).

Law enforcement -- Dave Barrington, \$7,000 | 31,000 .. Jesse Lee, \$5,380 (\$300); Alex Norton, \$4,700 (\$300). Retert Jones, \$4,600 (\$300); Harvey Young, \$4,600 (\$300). James Adams, \$3,900 (\$300); Beatrice Herbin, \$1,500 (\$300)

Register of deeds -- J. E. Gulledge, \$5,700 (\$300).

Civil Defense -- Alfred Cole, \$3,100 (\$300); Laura Morris, \$3,588 (\$336).

County accountant -- T. B. Lester, \$10,000 (none,; Louise Parker, \$5,000 (none).

Farm Demonstration (county's portion only) -- Wendell Young, \$2.844 (\$240): Talmadge Baker, \$1,470 (\$240); Alice

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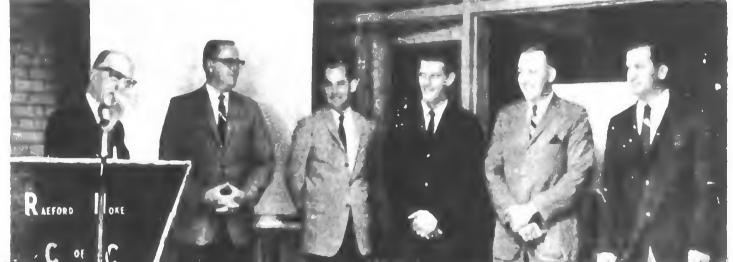
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Local Chamber Members Told: **'Keep Up With Changing Times'**



BY JTM FAYLOR

Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce was challenged this week to keep pace with a changing world, or progress will pass it by.

Frank Melton, regional director, United States Chamber too-small, dilapidated chamber of Commerce, sowed these seeds at the annual chamber apt to be the same way." meeting at Hoke High School. He was principal speaker.

with their wives and guests, accompanying carrative. gathered some 150 strong to hear Melton and to see new ofinto three phases: ficers and directors installed. Dr. Robert G. i ownsend, out- Liminerc. -- in organisation of business and professional. going president, presided at the beginning of the meeting and people who work through comlater turned the gavel over to mittees to accomplish pre-de-Wyatt Upchurch, new president. R. B. Lewis, a charter member of the chamber, installed officers. They included Upchurch; Nelll McDonald and Younger Snead Jr., vice presidents; Franklin Teal, secretary, and Charles Hottel, treasurer.

directed to the champer office. on Main Street. I was shocked, really, more than surprised. "You have no idea how much you can tell about a town by its chamber of commerce facilities. If you have a rundown,

when I arrived in town and was

office, the town is pretty much Melton showed a series of color slides about chamber op-Chamber members, along erations and stals, giving the

The presentation was divided

Free Courses Set

For Hoke County

technical institutes.

be hired from Hoke County

and all equipment and facili-

Two nine-month stenographic

courses will be taught, one to

succeed the other. The course

will be completed in nine months

without cost and the student may

even receive subsistance pay

taking this training are: 1.

Should be a high school gradu-

ate or equivalent. 2. Should

possess qualities in appear-

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Qualifications for students

ties will be leased here.

while learning.

Free schools for stenogra- munity Colleges in Raleigh. The phers and mechanics are scheduled to begin in Raeford on June 19. Applications are now being received by James R. Attaway at the Community Action Program office in the county office building.

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A total of \$130,728 has been allocated to Hoke County for conducting the training programs. Facilities have been leased for both schools.

The stenographic course will be taught in the McPhaul building on Elwood avenue, formerly occupied by Griffin's Fabric Shop. The course for mechanics will be taught at Billy Monroe's Garage on Highway 401.

Attaway emphasized that the educational program does not come under the Office of Economic Opportunity but is financed by Manpower Development and Training Act, a subsidiary of the United States Department of Labor. It is a program parallel to OEO. Attaway is, however, assisting in making necessary preparations.

Funds are distributed through the State Department of Com-

program is administered by The two Hoke County schools will be under the direction of Director Van of the Sampson County Technical Institute in Clinton and Assistant Director Porter. All instructors will

INSI'ALLED -- R. B. Lewis, left, charter member of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, was installing officer Tuesday night when new officers were installed at the chamber's annual meeting at Hoke High School. They are,

from right: Wyatt Upchurch, president; Neill A. McDonald and Younger Snead Jr., vice presidents; Franklin Feal, secretary, and Charles Hottel, treasurer.

MALCOLM MCCOY

Three Get Life Terms In McCormick Murder

ance that would be acceptable to employers. For the Auto mechanic's course, the applicant should be a male who has completed the eighth grade and is over 18 years of age. This course is pointed directly at high school drop-outs without a salable

Three young Hoke County Ne- worth, 23, King David Purcell, ing when his son, Fred Mcgroes convicted of brutally 19, and Landon Johnson, 17, Cormick, stopped to check his slaying a 77-year-old Duffy's Station man on the night of December 18 were sentenced

in Hoke Superior Court last week to life imprisonment. Only recommendations of mercy averted the death penalty for Robert Lee Hollings-

C. Fathing of Lenoir charged murder; not guilty. The trio was convicted of

slaying Neill Archie McCorfour-room house in the Duffy's Hollingsworth, Purcell and station section, and of robbing him of \$67. McCormick's body was found some 24 hours after the slay-

Ironically, Fred McCormick Dave Barrington arrived and

doorway between the living room

A star witness for the state--Johnson--was Malcolm McCoy, 17, who was given a life term after he pled quilty of first See MURDER, Page 11

Blood Bank Short

ted on recruitment of blood donors for the Friday, May 19 visit here of the Red Cross bloodmobile. This will be the final Hoke county bloodmobile visit for the Red Cross year, and the local chapter is behind in its quota according to Ed Roach, Blood Program Chairman.

The bloodmobile will be stationed at Hoke Civic Center Friday from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Donors may call at any time during these hours.

Local physicians and nurses will assist the Red Cross medical staff in examing donors and taking the blood. Raeford Jaycees are sponsoring the visit and womenfolk of the town will

assist in the clinic. Donors receive credit for each pint of blood given. Their credit card provides them and bile visit.

Efforts are being concentra- their immediate families with protection in case they should need a blood transfusion in the following six months. This means that they will receive the blood without being asked to replace each pint. A similar type of credit is extended to participating industrial and

commercial firms. Everyone who receives blood and is not covered by a credit card is expected to secure replacements for each pint received. There is no charge for the blood, other than the charge made by the hospital for the expenses of the program, but donors are expected to find replacements.

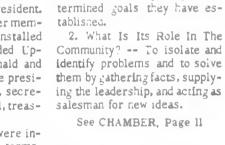
Everyone who has received blood through the local Red Cross chapter is asked to make a special effort to find replacements by the Friday bloodmo-

Four new directors were installed for three-year terms. They are Ralph Barnhart, Younger Snead Jr., Franklin Teal and Charles Hottel. Outgoing directors are J. H. Austin, Archie Howard and Ed Murray.

"These men are leaders because they want Raeford and Hoke County to be the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family," Lewis said. He also praised James Fout, chamber manager, saying: "We're really lucky to have a man like Colonel Fout. (Fout is a retired Army lieutenant colonel).

in an audience participation question-answer period, Melton was asked what the local chamber of commerce needs do to get a sound program on the planning boards. "You might start with doing

something about your champer headquarters," Melton said. "I must say that I was surprised Broadway musicals.



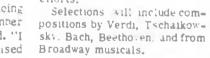
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Band Concert Set Friday

Three bands in the local pub-lic school system will give a concert tomorrow night at Hoke High School gym, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Several selections each will be played by the high school band. Raeford Elementary School band, and the fifth grade band, all under direction of Jimmy James, band director.

"This concert represents the high point in our work for the year," James said. "We hope everyone will be on hand to hear all three or these groups perform and to encourage these boys and girls in their musical efforts."





EXECUTIVES -- Shown here are the incoming and outgoing presidents of Reclord-House Chamber of Commerce, who flank Frank Melton, district manager, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who was principal speaker at the annual meeting. Dr. Robert Townsend, left, outgoing president, was succeeded by Wyatt Upchurch, right.



QUIT PEEKING -- Howard Hales, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hales, looks as if he wishes the cameraman would go away while he gasses up a State Highway Patrol car at his uncle's service station. The scene was not posed and was photographed Thursday night.

after the jury of seven men father's house when he passed and five women found them after dark and saw no lights guilty of first degree murder. burning. The week-long trial came to a dramatic close late Friday did not know his father had afternoon when Judge James been murdered until Sheriff the jury and told its members entered the house. Fred Mcthey should return one of three Cormick had shined his flashverdicts: Guilty of first degree light beam into the house and murder; guilty of first degree did not enter after he saw his

murder with recommendation of father's inert body lying in a and hall. mick, who lived alone in a and the principal accuser of