Crime Contributes To County Schools

The price for crime added $41,903 to the county's schools during the past 12 months.

Fines levied in the courts and bond forfeitures are paid into the county school fund. Each month, the office of the Clerk of Superior Court totals the amount collected from persons convicted of a crime and fined and pays the sum to the county, to be placed in the school fund. The court costs are paid to the state, county and arresting officer to cover the administrative costs incurred in an arrest.

Of the $405,306 budgeted for the schools from local funds, a total of $35,000 from fines is figured into the budget. The additional money includes $9,500 from intangible taxes for current expenses; $213,193 for current operating expenses; $56,613 for capital outlay and $91,000 for debt service.

State and federal aid make up the remainder of the school budget. Besides paying teacher's salaries and transportation costs, which are not figured into the county budget, the state pays $3.50 per pupil, or about $17,000, for instructional material. Federal funds will amount to about $350,000 this year.

Fines for the month of July totaled $4,085. The largest amount of money was paid into the court in May and totaled $5,255. The amount paid in August, 1969 was the least paid to the court, a total of $2,066.

Fines for the past twelve months were: July, $4,085; June $3,370; May $5,255; April, $3,760; March, $3,365; February, $4,000; January, $2,263; December, $3,443; November, $2,444; October, $4,331; September, $3,521 and August, $2,066.

Jury Hears Three Cases In Civil Court Session

After a lengthy trial in District Civil Court that lasted most of Monday and part of Tuesday, a jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendent in the case of T.B. Upchurch, Inc. vs Taylor Wilkes Helicopter Service Incorporated.

Six cases were set for trial and five divorce cases were scheduled for the civil court session which began Monday. Judge D.B. Herring, Jr. is presiding over the session.

A jury granted an absolute divorce in the case of Charles R. Barfield vs. Josephine Byrd Barfield and three other divorces were granted in non-jury hearings Monday. They were Lucille Hubbard vs. Lawrence L. Hubbard, Wilford Lockear vs. Vernie Mae Locklear and Larry Montague vs. Sylvia Lester Montague.

A case docketed for this term, Bobby Jacobs vs. Jennifer Locklear Jacobs was not tried.

Another civil case was set to go before a jury. Woodrow Wilson and wife, Annie J. Wilson, vs. Elvinia Elaine Meekins, and trial was continuing Wednesday.

The case of Sandhill Pulp and Timber Company vs. Union Camp Corporation was continued.

Other non-jury cases scheduled for this session are Globe Furniture Co., a Division of Burlington Ind., Inc. vs. James Irvin Smith and wife Martha Smith, T/A Smith's Wholesale Furniture Company; Southeastern Silo Co. vs. Fred A. Wright and wife Hazel Wright and Columbia Nitrogen Corp. vs. R.E. Epperson.

Homemakers Plan Old Salem Tour

A tour of Old Salem is planned for Sept. 29 by the Hoke County Extension Homemaker.

There are still seats available on the charter bus, Mrs. Ellen Willis, home economics agent said. Non-club members may also sign up for the tour.

For details, call Mrs. Willis at 875-2162.

Mrs. Willis also announced plans for a workshop on refinishing old trunks if there is enough interest in the project.

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There are about 75 members in the three clubs Miss Hall estimated

The number of hours she works each month has been reduced to save salary costs, she explained and her salary has been cut by about one - fifth. In July, she received only a partial pay.

"I am supposed to work 50 hours a month. The director, Jim Fout, said to just quit work for a month or two, but I would rather work fewer hours and still try to keep things going." she said.

There will be fewer field trips, such as luncheon at the Shaw House in Southern Pines or picnics at nearby lakes because the travel and refreshment funds are limited. Programs on crafts will have to be curtailed because there are less funds with which to purchase supplies. Equipment maintained for the programs in the four counties probably can't be used because of the expense involved in picking it up and delivering it to Carthage, where it is kept at the central office.

"The county has had the advantage of this program free for the last three years, but when it comes time to put up some money for the benefit of its older citizens, it won't do it," Miss Hall said quietly.

The program at the Raeford club this month was very inexpensive, she pointed out. Members wore old costumes and Jubilee costumes and Theresa McBryde modeled a new fall outfit. The three clubs will have to dip into their own resources more than they have in the past, she said, and concentrate on providing the best programs they can for the least money.

Seven Amendments Slated For November 3 Ballot

When North Carolinians enter voting booths November 3, they will face seven important issues of constitutional reform alongside the names of candidates for local, state, and national offices.

Although little popular attention has been paid to the fact to date, the N.C. Constitution stands to undergo its most extensive overhauling since it was written in 1868.

The range of issues will be broad. One "amendment" would generally update the document's wording.

Another amendment proposes new rules for official decisions about state and local governments' taxing and borrowing procedures.

Two amendments would affect the executive and legislative branches of state government. Another involves state funds for "worthy and needy" college students in the state.

And two amendments directly affect the voter-taxpayer.

Proponents of the changes say they are designed to give the state a modern charter of legal principles and practices without jeopardizing traditional protection of citizens' rights. No significant opposition to the amendments has arisen.

The proposed changes fit a pattern in North Carolina that finds its beginnings with the state's first Constitution of 1776. That one was written by a convention, and thought it was never submitted to a vote of the people it carried a Declaration of Rights that is retained in the editorial revision on Novembers' ballot.

The original document was amended in 1835 to make the governor subject to popular election (the General Assembly had picked previous governors) and to make the General Assembly more representative of popular interests.

In 1868, during Reconstruction, the state's second Constitution was written. It received the approval of the people in a statewide vote. The U.S. Congress also approved it, which was necessary for North Carolina's re-admission to representation in Congress.

Since then, the people have voted 97 times on amendments, approving 69. During the 1960's ten amendments, including one on extensive judicial reform have been approved and only one has been rejected.

The amendment on November's ballot for editoral revision of the Constitution would change 1868-vintage wording and make it understandable to present-day readers.

Obsolete references that might mislead the unwary reader have been taken out. No controversial additions have been made.

The editorial changes and three of the other amendments appearing on the ballot were results of the year-long work of the 25-member State Constitution Study Commission, appointed on the initiative of former Gov. Dan K. Moore.

Under the chairmanship of Emery B. Denny, former Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, the commission comprised a membership of lawyers and businessmen, farm and labor leaders, two Negroes, two Republicans, and former Gov. Luther Hodges.

Other amendments proposed by the Study Commission that will be on the ballot are:

--An elimination of the present Constitution's statement on the minimum exeptions for state income tax. This would place establishment of minimums in the hands of the General Assembly, which has general responsibility for levying the state tax.

The maximum of 10 per cent on state income tax would not be changed, but the amendment would make possible the eventual simplification of state income tax forms.

--A requirement that the General Assembly reduce the number of state administrative departments to not more than 25 by 1975.

Also, the governor would be authorized to reorganize state agencies with an eye toward making the executive branch of state government more managble. Such agencies now number more than 200.

--A change in the distribution of "escheats," the legal term for property acquired by the state from persons who die without heirs or other lawful claimants to their property.

Although the amount derived from escheats fluctuates each year, it would be used to establish a scholarship fund for "worthy and needy students" at each of the 15 state-supported institutions of higher learning.

Past escheats, which since 1789 have accumulated $5.5 million in principal, earning about $180,000 a year in interest, would continue to benefit needy students on the six campuses of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

A fifth proposal on the November ballot originated with the Local Government Study Commission. The most extensive single-purpose amendment on the ballot, it received the stamp of approval of the State Constitution Study Commission.

This amendment would make substantial changes in present constitutional provisions for state and local government taxing and borrowing procedures. Among the most important features of the amendment are those that would authorize the General Assembly to enlarge the powers of the city and county governing boards to finance needed services.

Old restrictions, including several barriers to effective city-county consolidation, would be lifted, and the General Assemby clearly designated as the proper body for initating iniform, statewide fiscal policy.

The capitation, or "poll," tax would be abolished. Unchanged would be the present "two - thirds limination" on governmental borrowing and present provisions for classification and exemption of property.

Two of November's proposals were originated by legislators during the 1969 session of the General Assembly.

Sen. Herman A. Moore of Mecklenburg sponsored the amendment that would allow the General Assembly, upon petition of three-fifths of the members of each house, to call itself into special session.

This power now rests solely with the governor, acting with the advice of the Council of State.

Rep. Henry Frye of Guilford proposed an amendment that would erase the constitutional requirement that each person wishing to register to vote be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in English.

This literacy test has already been eliminated in 39 N.C. counties, containing 42 per cent of the state's 1960 population, under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. And 1970 amendments to the federal law abolish all use of the literacy test as a requirement for voting for a five-year period after January 1, 1971.

Consequently, elimination of the literacy test from the N.C. Constitution would be mostly of symbolic value.

Each of the amendments on the ballot has been approved by a three-fifths vote of both houses of the General Assembly and requires for its adoption a simple majority of those who vote on it in November. This method of amending the state Constitution has been used consistently since 1875, when the last constitutional convention was held.

On the November ballot, if an amendment is approved it will become a part either of the present Constitution or the revised Constitution, depending on the fate of that proposal.

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