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Lenoir County Board Ignores New Hospital Seekers

City Budget in Fine Shape Six-Month Report Shows

City Manager Bill Heard is all smiles now that he has the six-month report of all city departments on his desk and finds the 1952-53 budget rocking along with an \$22,203.85 surplus, which is almost entirely due, Heard reminds, to the additional revenues that the city-owned light plant are pouring into the city's treasury. An anticipated \$1,000,000 income from the light plant was included in budget estimates but with six months gone by the plant has turned in \$943,014.24.

This is more than expected, Heard reminds, since two of the best "electricity" months are still left to be added to that six-month report.

At the end of December the city from all sources had taken in \$666,442.72 and had spent \$674,239.07. The total budgeted expenditure for the 1952-53 period was \$1,739,715.32.

Practically all city departments were running over their budgeted expenditures except the Recreation Department, which had a considerable six-month balance of some \$27,000.

Street, cemetery, police, fire and finance departments were all running over their budgeted expenditures due to the rapid growth of the town which has caused many new buildings to be added.



January Building Permits Report

City Building Inspector Deyo Southerland has reported that building permits for \$285,700 were granted in the city during the month of January.

This included 23 new dwellings estimated to cost \$254,300, nine renovated dwellings expected to cost \$11,000 three new commercial buildings valued at \$7,500 and three commercial renovations at \$11,500.

The 1952 corn crop was 44 per cent larger than the 1951

The Lenoir County Commissioners exhibited again Monday their "open mindedness" on the specific subject of the county's hospital building program. After listening with polite silence to proponents of a new hospital on a new site rather than a remodeled Memorial General Hospital the commissioners' No. 1 advisor then whipped a type-written resolution from his pocket calling for expansion of the 24-year-old hospital on Rhodes Avenue.

No answer to or consideration of the resolution passed by some 400 citizens from every part of the county was given by the commissioners. When Advisor, Attorney and Legislator Tom White pulled out his previously prepared resolution the long fight for better hospital facilities in Lenoir County was over and there was very little to shout about.

The commissioners had earlier refused to attend a mass meeting held on the subject of hospitals, they have not permitted those who wanted a new hospital on a new site to attend their semi-private meetings and Monday they again "listened" to the public but then did exactly what they had made up their minds to do well in advance of the meeting.

Spokesmen for the people who wanted a new hospital on a new site did an excellent job of presenting their side of the argument but with all the apparent effort of pouring water on a

Biggest Tax Lister Visits Williams



In the center above, Jack Bradley, tax executive of Wilmington, Del., who has the considerable task of listing Du Pont holdings for taxes, is seen chatting with Lenoir County Tax Collector and Supervisor Milton Williams at right and on the left W. E. Gladding, who will manage the local Dacron plant of Du Pont is seen with his best profile to the camera.

He had asked the county to share the cost of a sanitary sewer that has been run to a group of 45 houses that Curtis is building in that area. Curtis has already installed, would be the most economical and logical thing to do and in this light he further argued that the county should pay part of the cost of the sewer.



BOOTH SAYS HIS PIECE. School Superintendent Jean P. Booth and School Board

Chairman George Carter who were called to the meeting for comment on the sewer subject pointed out to the commissioners that they could do nothing until the county had an income tax. At that time only an option until July 1, 1953 was held by the county. After this observation the commissioners voted to buy the site.

The school officials would make no commitment to Curtis until their engineer had made a survey as to the suitability of connecting with the Curtis sewer line. The commissioners voted to approve whatever plan was agreed upon by Curtis and the school officials.

A number of minor matters were discussed during the all-day session and principal among these was a Chamber of Commerce request for \$30,000 to build a livestock pavillion for shows and sales and an additional \$5,000 a year to operate the pavillion.

A resolution was passed asking Attorney White to introduce a bill in the Assembly permitting the commissioners to grant \$5,000 to Pink Hill, \$5,000 to La-Grange and \$1,000 to Grifton for fire fighting equipment. White had introduced such a bill two weeks ago and it had already passed the house.

Southerner Tries Out Snow



Adjusting their packs before they try their wings at snow shoeing with full load in preparation for Exercise Snow Storm, the Army's winter training operation at Camp Drum, N. Y., are Sgt. Thurman L. Rouse (left), squad leader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert L. Rouse of Route 1, Kinston, and Pvt. Joseph C. Rittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Rittle of 18 North Union St., Shenandoah, Pa. Both are members of Company A, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Infantry Division.



CURTIS SEEKING AID

In other action Monday the board of commissioners purchased a \$45,000 school site of some 12.25 acres from Bill Herring just northeast of Kinston, for use presumably, as a school for Kinston children. This purchase came after Builder Robert Cur-



VICTOR . . . Marshall Alexander Papagos, leader of the Greek Rightist party, was a landslide victory in recent Greek elections over coalition of Liberals and Progressives.



This is a pictorial progress report on the new gymnasium and vocational workshop that is being built at Adkin High School. It will not be finished in time for use during the current school year but it will be ready by next fall for the 1953-54 school year.

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