

stand with schools to be a main target of cuts. While the board will meet again on the matter next week, indications are that the tax rate will be about \$1.06 on an expenditure of \$3,900,000. The expenditure compares with \$3,082,000 under the present budget.

The budget calls for \$2,153,530 for schools. Initial cuts have lowered that figure to approximately \$1,740,000 with emphasis only on needed classrooms according to Commissioner Ira Ward who questioned school men at one point. The amount requested is almost double that of the current fiscal year.

However, additional classrooms, because of integration, must be added.

Overall, the 1968-69 budget calls for an expenditure of \$3,891,320. This compares with the current \$3,082,405. Anticipated tax revenues remain virtually the same.

The proposed new rate would be slightly above that of the current \$1, according to Sam Gattis, county manager.

In other matters Monday, the board received initial proposals for the North Central Piedmont Resources Conservation and Development program. Some 30 projects for Orange County are involved.

They include eight impoundments on the Eno River, at a cost of \$1.75 million.

A final draft is scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. with commissioners present in the office of Quentin Patterson.

Commissioners had drawn an ordinance covering ambulance service. It makes a criminal offense of refusing to pay for service when possible and for giving false names. A penalty of up to 30 days in jail is provided.

W. F. Kutz, Chapel Hill realtor, invited commissioners to inspect roads in the Chapel Hill area because of litter deposits there.

A report was received showing Recorder's Court brought in \$3,585.02

Compton Heads ABC Officers

Burch C. Compton, chief of Orange County ABC police, was elected president of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Enforcement Officers Association at their annual convention which was held at Carolina Beach June 25-27.

Previously, Compton has held the offices of secretary-treasurer, and vice-president of the association.

who resigned.

Lloyd Ostermann, regional librarian, heard. He presented a budget asking for \$18,663 from Orange, an increase of \$360 from last year, pointing to increased circulation.

Rural Firemen Receive Aid, Boost Town

The new Hillsborough or Northern Orange Rural Fire Department made a request for city service Monday night and then reciprocated by giving the town a boost.

A group, headed by Marshall Cates, appeared to ask the town to aid in the costs of a communications systems for the new department, one which could also be used by the city. The Town Board of Commissioners agreed to the cost to Hillsborough of \$750 and also specified that a radio system be added to at least one town fire vehicle at the outset.

"We appreciate all the rural firemen have done," Mayor Fred Cates commented. "We have talked this thing for a long time and it is being done. It is good for our town."

Marion Clark reported that a new fire truck has been ordered and that \$22,375 has been raised. This is above the goal of \$21,000 set originally.

Clark said that \$14,000 has been spent for the truck and the balance on equipment and outfitting a tanker.

Madison Cates said the radio system "will be new and high frequency." Chief George Gilmore said there would be no interference with the system, that "there will be no other like it within 70 miles of Hillsborough."

The board was invited to attend a special dedication ceremony scheduled for the Exchange Park at 7 p.m. July 25 with a leading Durham fireman as speaker. There will be a picnic served.

Clark said that a total of \$1,200 will be spent for the department communications equipment which, Madison Cates said, "will help put the town in good shape for a long time to come."

IN CONTROVERSY—Nearing completion is this unit of the Orange-Alamance Water System on the Eno River. Orange commissioners, however, are objecting to expansion plans in Alamance County using more of the Orange water.

Commissioners also storage tanks such removable ladders.

Mebane Firm Plans Plant For Orange

Apparels Inc., a Mebane firm for the last 22 years, this week revealed plans to relocate in Orange County with a plant slated near the industrial park in the western area of the county.

The matter came to light when the Orange County Board of Commissioners was asked for 400 feet of water line and 1,800 feet of sewage lines in Cheeks Township.

The commissioners asked that the Orange-Alamance Water System plan for the service.

W. H. Mayfield, firm president, said that Apparels would erect a 40,000 square foot plant which would employ 250 persons. At present the dress company has 100 workers.

May also said he hopes to have the new plant ready for occupancy by next Feb. 1 "but we have not gone into final construction plans and have not hired a contractor. We will do that immediately."

The company produces children's dresses of several different brands up to size 14, according to May.

Patrol Seeks Applications

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol is seeking applicants for a basic training school which will begin Sept. 8 at the University of North Carolina's Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Maj. E. W. Jones, who heads the patrol's training and inspection division, says there are openings for 40 men in the 14 weeks of school.

In order to qualify for employment by the patrol, a young man must be between 21-30 years of age, a United States citizen with a high school diploma, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 160, pounds, and be able to pass a rigid physical and mental examinations.

Telephone In Town Board

The Hillsborough Town Board of Commissioners, to a man, Monday night aired dissatisfaction with long distance and other telephone service being rendered this area.

The board voted to have Lucius Cheshire, town attorney, draft a formal protest and to have it filed with the State Utilities Commission.

Dr. Robert Murphy opened the issue with a discussion of difficulties in calling long distance and getting ambulance service. He asked protest to the PUC. He let it be known his criticism was directed not to Central Telephone, which serves Hillsborough directly, but with General Telephone whose lines are used.

Dr. Murphy also renewed an old argument for direct dialing involving Durham and Chapel Hill. This issue was defeated by a few votes several months ago due to, many people believe, lack of proper publicity on rates.

Mayor Fred Cates pointed to

Free Show, Fireworks

"The Stars and Stripes Forever," a gate pyrotechnic American flag ground display, will be the climax of the free fireworks show at Thursday's 16th annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration in Kenan Stadium, Chapel Hill.

The traditional benefit event, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Field Service, will begin in mid-afternoon with concessions and games staged by local civic groups, and feature a fried chicken picnic dinner and several entertainment events and contests. Roland Giduz, coordinator for the affair, emphasized that there will be no general admission charge, but that tickets for the picnic dinner are on sale now. He encouraged the public to buy tickets in advance to facilitate ordering the meals ahead of time. They (tickets) are available at sidewalk tables in downtown Chapel Hill and Eastgate Shopping Center and through the offices of The Chapel Hill Weekly and The Triangle Pointer.

The half-hour fireworks show, to be set off at dark—between 8:30 and 9 p.m.—will feature 116 separate aerial display salutes, some in two and three stages. The grand finale Stars and "Stars and Stripes" will be fired on a 14-foot pole in the ground. The Chapel Hill Rotary, East Chapel Hill Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs, in cooperation with the Fire Department, are sponsoring the fireworks show, for which an intermission silver offering will be taken.

Commissioners Oppose Water System Expansion

The Orange-Alamance Water System, just beginning into a fluid asset, ran into a wall at the hands of the Orange County Board of Commissioners Monday

Stewart said the areas covered should be urbanized and, thus, not handled by the water system. He also voiced objection to a request for \$650,000 for

and that is just enough for needs." Commissioners, in general, opposed any expansion "for industries of another county."