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County Tax Rate Cut Another Two Cents

Increased Valuation Is Reason

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
County taxpayers got a 2-cent break on the tax rate today because of additional county-wide property valuation.

After receiving an up-to-date valuation report, County Commissioners voted to base the 1956-57 budget on 500 million dollars.

The additional 10 million dollars will mean about 2 cents less on the tax rate.

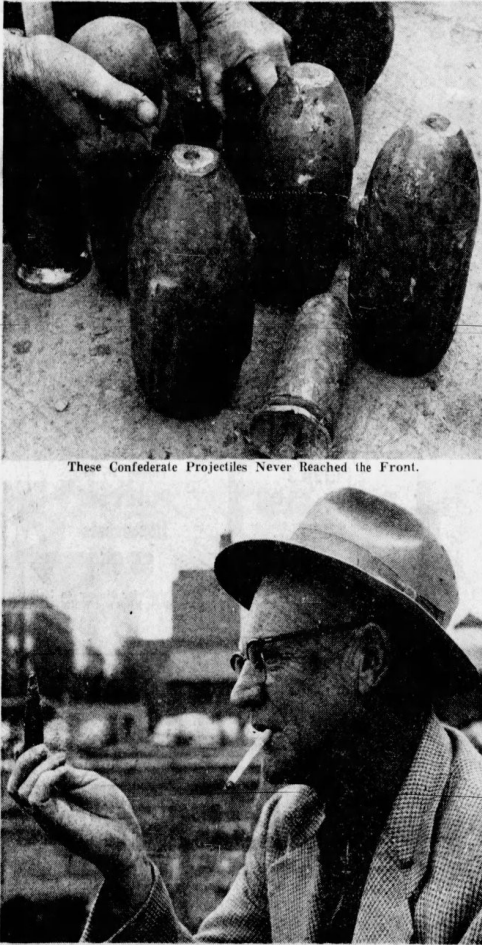
Additional valuations, included in the tentative budget, already have caused the rate to drop 3 cents from the 1955 rate of 98 cents per \$100 valuation.

Tax supervisor Rufus A. Grer reported new construction is up in Mecklenburg outside the city, but that there is not too bright a picture for the city.

His assistant, Robert N. Williams, said construction outside the city is up approximately \$20 million.

"Inside the city," he said, "there is going to be a considerable drop because inventories are moving outside the city."

Mr. Williams estimated new construction in the city will amount to \$13 million, but that there will be a \$1 to \$5 million drop in inventories for the city.



These Confederate Projectiles Never Reached the Front.

W. G. Hunnings Examines The Smallest Item Unearthed

Projectiles With A Past Unearthed In Charlotte

By JIM SCOTTON
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Guided missiles of another era have been discovered in Charlotte.

About 100 projectiles and cannon balls, apparently dating back to the days when Charlotte was an arsenal of the Confederacy, have been unearthed by workers at the site of the burned-out Southern Railway depot.

The missiles, ranging in size from a half-pound shell to a 50-pound cannon ball, were found about two blocks south of the E. Trade St. railway overpass, just about where the Confederate Navy Yard stood during the Civil War.

The first pieces were dug up last Thursday by a road grading machine. Two more cannon balls were found yesterday morning.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy was on the phone soon after the first discovery.

Mr. Stenhouse said the last time he believed any Civil War projectiles were found in Charlotte was about 20 years ago when he found one on N. College St.

He said that all kinds of ammunition were made at the E. Trade St. ordnance plant. A plaque now marks the site where the plant stood.

One woman who probably knows more about operations at the old plant than anyone else is Mrs. Grymes Caldwell who lives at 1816 Avondale Ave.

Her father, Richard M. Grymes, had charged of transporting the ammunition made here to the depot at Burlington, which then was called Company Shops.

The ordnance plant was moved here in 1862 after the Union naval bombardment forced it out of Portsmouth, Va.

The plant was still turning out cannon balls that would never get to the front of the day Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, made his last journey through Charlotte.

It was only a few weeks later that Union troops arrived and the ordnance plant closed down forever.

CC Apologizes To Democrat For Booming

Letter Delivered To Party Chairman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The U. S. Chamber of Commerce today apologized to Democratic national chairman Paul Butler for the storm of booms he received during a political debate at the chamber's annual meeting.

President Boyd Campbell sent a letter extending the chamber's "sincere apology" and "profound regret" for yesterday's incident.

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Three Hurt In Collision Paint Store Hit By Auto

Two automobiles collided at Trade and McDowell Sts. at approximately 7 a. m. today, injuring three persons and sending one of the autos crashing into the front of a paint and wallpaper store.

Had the accident occurred 30 minutes later, several employees of Devoe & Raymond's Paint Co., Inc. might have been seriously injured. Three plate glass windows were smashed at the store, located at 900 E. Trade St., a brick wall and display counter were damaged, and several chairs inside the store were crushed.

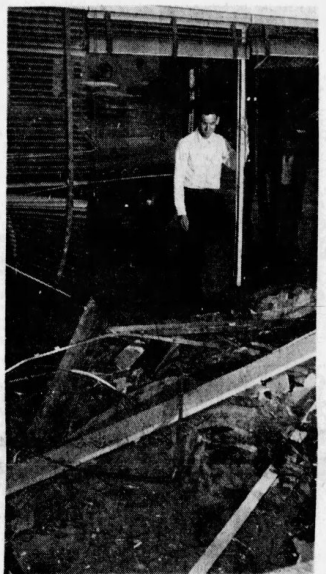
City Traffic Officer C. Q. James and T. W. Williams charged one of the drivers, V. W. Harris, 26, Apt. 3, 911 Spring St.—with failure to yield the right of way.

The officer said Harris' 1950 Chevrolet, being driven west on Elizabeth Ave., was attempting to turn left into S. McDowell St. when it collided with a 1936 Chevrolet, which was headed east on Trade St.

Fred Bozzer Jr., 51, 506 French St., was driver of the older model car which was sent bounding into the store front. Bozzer suffered a painful bruise on the left side of his head.

Thrown from Harris' car were Robert Lee Newman, 20, 2100 Gibbs Sls. and Betty Davis, Apt. 3, 1011 Spring St. All three of the injured persons were given treatment at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Investigating officers, estimated damage to the Devoe paint store at \$1,000. They said employees of the store and a group of painters normally gather in the main part of the store about 7:30 a. m., but luckily, the accident occurred too early to cause injury to any employees.



Auto Plus Paint Store Equals Havoc

Veterinarians
More Numerous
Than Patients

WASHINGTON — The Army's Veterinary Corps now has more men than horses and mules, including three horses on the retired rolls.

These statistics were presented to the House Appropriations Committee, which made them public today, during hearings on the 1957 budget.

Estimated manpower of the Veterinary Corps—466, of which 332 are assigned to food inspection for 100,000 horses owned by the Army—124, plus 3 in retirement at six cost to the government.

Number of Army mules—314.

Mayor Makes Pitch ABC Funds Asked For Juvenile Home

A pitch to use surplus ABC funds for a juvenile detention home was made today by Mayor Van Every.

And immediately the legality of such a proposal was questioned by the City Council and City Commission meeting on budget appropriations.

He asked that the boards consider setting aside half the surplus to "build and maintain a detention home for juveniles."

He called the lack of detention home facilities here a "serious problem" and said that it is "our responsibility for society that we do the correct thing."

Dewey, Cooper Urged To Run

WASHINGTON — White House aides were reported active today in conditions under which Sen. Dewey, Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Ambassador John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky to run for the Senate.

There is no evidence President Eisenhower himself has taken a hand as some GOP sources say he did in judging former Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay into Oregon's primary race.

But some party strategists said they were being approached by Eisenhower associates with suggestions that Dewey might be convinced he ought to undertake the New York senatorial race if certain conditions were met.

Rep. Taylor (R-NY) has predicted Eisenhower may ask Dewey to seek the GOP senatorial nomination. Dewey said he had heard of it. So did White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty. Dewey has said he has no interest in getting back into politics.

In Kentucky, GOP chances may have been heightened by the death of Democratic Sen. Alben W. Barkley. Thurston B. Morton, former congressman and former State Department official, is credited with a big lead for a GOP senatorial nomination there.

Youngsters Confined On S. Mint

By DICK BAYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Two "incorrigible" juveniles illegally ensconced in city jail, Charlotte officials are considering the need for local juvenile detention facilities.

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How's Your Memory?

Where do you find the story of the Prodigal Son in the Bible? For an easy way to remember, turn to page 1-B and see Sigmund Blomberg's "Improve Your Memory" column.

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Our Weather

Cloudy and cool today with occasional light rain. Cloudy and mild tonight and tomorrow with scattered showers or thunder showers. Clearing tomorrow afternoon.

Low this morning 53
Low tomorrow morning 60
High yesterday 66
High today 70
High tomorrow 73
Sunrise 5:32 a.m.; sunset 7:09 p.m.

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