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After Operating Costs

New Water, Sewer Rates To Produce \$355,000 'Profit'

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Increased water and sewer rates for Charlotteans will bring in \$355,000 more than is needed to put the system on a self-sustaining basis.

The "profit" on water and sewer will be used by City Councilmen to help keep the tax rate down.

In a budget session last night, the council voted to increase city water rates by 10 per cent and double the sewer charge.

OUTSIDE RATES

Rates for city water users outside Charlotte — already double the in-city charge — will remain the same. Perimeter residences will begin paying the increased rates when they come into the city Jan. 1.

George Livingston, acting city manager and municipal accountant, said the increase will add \$18,026 in revenue for 1959-60 city budget. Of this amount, \$20,447 will be used to put water and sewer on a self-sustaining basis, Mr. Livingston said.

This leaves the council with \$355,000 to add capital outlay and other items to the city budget without increasing the tentative tax rate.

Council action means an across-the-board 10 per cent increase for city water users inside Charlotte. Their sewer charges will go up 25 per cent to 50 per cent of the water bill.

TO COVER COST

At the same time councilmen approved these increases, they gave their okay to increases for water service connections. These increases will not mean a profit for the city, but will cover actual cost for installation of water meters and services.

Walter Franklin, Water Dept. superintendent, told the council the city lost \$40,000 on installations of water meters and services through May 31.

Cost of a three-fourth inch tap with a five-eighth-inch meter on an unpaired street within the city will be increased from \$50 to \$75 to meet rising costs.

A paving tap inside the city on unpaired streets will go from \$25 to \$45.

Everything else is cost plus on paved streets, Mr. Franklin said.

THE EFFECT

Here's the way water rate increases will affect Charlotteans.

A family using 300 cubic feet of water now pays the minimum charge of \$1 per month. The 25 per cent sewer charge brings it to \$1.25.

Beginning with all bills that will be rendered on or after Sept. 1, this same family would pay \$1.50.

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AP Photo

Hoffa, appearing before racketeers investigators today, tells senators he did not try to rig monitor board membership.

Strike Against Steel Industry 'Inevitable'

Midnight Deadline Approaches

NEW YORK (AP) — A steel strike at midnight loomed inevitable today with union and industry negotiators going through the motions of fruitless last-minute bargaining sessions.

The chief industry negotiator, R. Conrad Cooper, said there was no change in the bargaining stalemate.

However Cooper and steelworkers union president David J. McDonald kept talking with fellow negotiators about a possible new contract.

Cooper said the process of closing down the industry in advance of the expected midnight walk-out was already well along.

McDonald and Cooper shook hands and willingly posed for a news photographer before starting their final round of sessions.

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Lost Man Found On Death Bed

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) —

For 37 years two brothers sought a missing third brother. Yesterday they found him a few hours before he died of burns.

The long search by the two brothers from Oswego, N. Y., ended at the death bed of Howard Pecky, 39, of Manchester. He died at Putnam Memorial Hospital here of burns suffered a week ago when fire swept a Winhall cabin.

Pecky rallied briefly just before his death and was able to recognize his brothers, Francis, 65, and James, 47.

The brothers said they had not seen Howard since 1922 when he walked away from their home after a family squabble, vowing "never to be heard from again."

No until death and pain closed in on him did Howard break that vow. Then he told police that he came originally from Oswego. Police of that community were notified and they located the brothers to finally bring about reunion.

Manchester residents knew little of Pecky's background or past.

Employment At New High

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Employment surged to a record high of 67,342,000 in June. A gain of 1,288,000 was built on strong factory hiring and seasonal rises in farming and construction.

The Labor Department reported that unemployment rose simultaneously by 593,000 as two million students and new graduates flooded the job market.

As a result unemployment remained at 4.9 per cent of the civilian labor force, after allowing for seasonal fluctuations.

But the steep climb in employment — a gain of 4,600,000 since February — has seldom been matched in history. It, at tested to the force of the business recovery, department officials said.

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—OKAY, WE GOOFED—

Hey, Fans! Jumble's Back

Oops!

We jumbled the signals on "Jumble," the cartoon puzzle that once appeared daily in The Charlotte News. We let it out, thinking our readers no longer cared for the puzzle.

Our mail proved we were wrong. So we're putting it back. Today, the cartoon appears on Page 1. Tomorrow you'll find it on the inside of the paper, just where it has been for so many years.

Suits lead the fashion field for all and Marie Adams, women's editor of The News, reports on the collections being shown this week in New York. Styles range from little "smoking jacket" suits to evening costumes with lavish fur trimmings. The story is on Page 1B today.

Don't put that umbrella away. It's going to continue to rain here all this week, the weatherman says, and the farmer has a new problem. His crops were drying up and early corn took a beating. Now his crops are sprouting but the wet weather brings a threat of "hail" weevil. See page 1B for complete details.

Jumble

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

A HERO OF THE AIR!

Cartoon Clue

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Arkansas Board To Visit City

A delegation from the Little Rock, Ark., school board is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow to discuss North Carolina's pupil placement law.

Everett Tucker Jr., president of the Little Rock board, told the Arkansas Democrat today that plans reservations have been made for three men.

They will leave Little Rock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Tucker said a conference is scheduled in Charlotte tomorrow with Dr. E. H. Garinger, city superintendent, the city school board attorney, and as many members of the city board as can attend the meeting.

Similar arrangements have been made for Thursday in Norfolk, Va., Mr. Tucker said.

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Humphrey Off And Running

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Anti-Mixers Plan Resistance

LITTLE ROCK (AP) —

A segregationist leader said today Little Rock schools will never be integrated "because the people are not going to put up with it."

Amis Guthridge, attorney for the segregationist Capital Citizens Council, said the group will resist any future school integration with everything at its command.

"We don't mean in the courts, we mean by action," added Guthridge, an official spokesman for the Council.

When pressed, Guthridge said it was possible "such things as public protest rallies" might be included.

The school board intends to open Little Rock's four public high schools in September. Gov. Orval E. Faubus kept the high schools closed during the 1958-59 school year to prevent integration. Last month a federal court struck down the state school-closing law used by Faubus.

Guthridge's statement came as the school board prepared for a meeting tonight to fix high school registration dates and discuss the Arkansas' pupil placement laws.

His announcement of an all-out fight against integration was the first major statement made by the group since May 25, when voters recalled three Little Rock School Board.

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