

North Vegas To Lose School; County Salaries Face Slash

Budgets of County, City and School District are Pared; Searchlight, Indian Springs Road Maintenance Is Turned Over to the State

THE proposed school for North Las Vegas, originally contemplated a year ago, and included in the proposed budget for the coming school year, was caught in the jam of necessity for tax reductions all along the line yesterday afternoon, and when the pruning knife had completed its deadly work, this item was slashed from the grammar school budget as the tax rate was cut from 35 cents to thirty and one-half.

This was the outstanding result of the general paring of budgets yesterday when the county, city and school boards gathered at the courthouse to adjust a \$5.39 tax rate down to a \$5.00 one, necessitating serious cuts in every department.

THE COUNTY road fund suffered the heaviest blow, being dropped eight cents, and maintenance of the Searchlight - Indian Springs highway turned over to the state highway department, where District Attorney Harley A. Harmon ruled it rightfully belonged.

The indigent fund was cut four cents, and the city took a slash of nineteen cents on its proposed total budget requirements of \$1.50.

Decision to eliminate the proposed North Las Vegas school construction from the grammar school budget was reached after considerable discussion by the combined groups representing all three departments of government, when it appeared to be a choice between that expedient and half-day school sessions in the grammar school, although Superintendent Maude Frazier pointed out that if congress fails to vote the relief funds requested by Nevada representatives in repayment of the local school district for caring for Boulder City school children, that the half day session may have to be resorted to next year in order to stay within the grammar school budget.

SLASHING OF the general fund of the county may mean a general ten per cent cut in salaries thruout the entire courthouse, according to the commissioners. This plan has been under consideration for several weeks, it is stated, and calls for a voluntary acceptance of the reduction by all county officials, and an order from the board making a similar cut effective in all other departments.

The budget as adopted at yesterday's meeting is still tentative, it was pointed out, and is subject to revision between now and August first, in the event new developments make possible a resumption of the rates requested originally by the various departments.

BY THAT TIME, it was pointed out, the litigation in connection with Boulder Dam tax situation will be settled, and congress will have passed whatever legislation it intends to pass in this connection, with the result that the entire tax situation may have to be completely revised before being finally adopted.