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BIGGEST N. C. BUDGET BILL INTRODUCED

Tax Revision And Spending Measures Handed Legislature

RALEIGH (AP) — Appropriations and tax bills to write into law the largest budget in state history were introduced in the Senate and House today.

The appropriations and tax measures, drafted by Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission, provide for state spending totaling \$894 million dollars during the next two fiscal years and a series of tax revisions recommended by the State Tax Study Commission. The tax bill would reduce state revenues by nearly nine million dollars a year.

OVER BILLION

The over-all state budget for the 1957-58 biennium, presented to the Legislature by Gov. Hodges last night calls for \$1,163,363,406 in spending. This figure includes state appropriations from the federal government, some county funds and receipts of state institutions. The over-all budget comprises with approximately \$23 million dollars spent this biennium is estimated at \$487 million.

Two appropriations bills — one to provide operating funds for state agencies, institutions and the public schools, and one providing for 42½ million dollars in permanent improvements at state institutions — were introduced in the House by Rep. Carl Venters of Onslow. Identical measures were sent forward in the Senate by Sen. J. C. Eagles Jr. of Wilkeson.

Rep. B. T. Falls Jr., of Cleveland introduced the tax bill in the House and Sen. Nelson Woodson of Rowan offered an identical measure in the Senate.

The biggest appropriation for the 1957-58 biennium, \$313 million, would go to the public schools, including 17 million to the retirement system for retirement of school personnel and 74 million for debt service.

The proposed budget calls for state appropriations of \$42,574 for permanent improvements by state agencies and institutions during the two-year period.

SALARY INCREASES

It also calls for salary increases totaling \$34 million for school teachers and state employees for the two-year period.

The raises would not be applied across the board. In the case of state employees, a salary scale would be worked out by the personnel department and other salary setting agencies.

In the case of school teachers, salary scales would be set by the State Board of Education. The board yesterday recommended a 9.1 per cent increase which would be based on a "merit" plan still to be decided.

The commission advised against an "across the board" increase. The State Board of Education would receive a lump sum of \$21,431,478 for pay increases under the 1957-58 budget and would have

Stock Market Shows Rally

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market got off to a lower start, then went into a rally in early trading today after yesterday's sharp break.

Gains ran to around \$2 a share trading was so hotting that a high-speed ticker tape fell behind in reporting transactions on two occasions, by a minute when the market was losing ground, and by 2 minutes when the rally was under way.

CRUCIAL STAGE

Brokers said the market was in a crucial stage. They were pessimistic about yesterday's move in which the market fell below levels in the averages which had stood up under half a dozen previous tests. They said that from the technical viewpoint, a substantial comeback was called for.

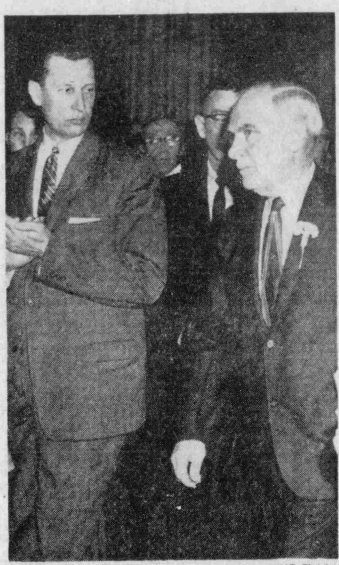
Here are some late prices: Boeing up 87 cents at \$50.75; United Aircraft \$1.00 at \$79.99; Chrysler \$1.12 at \$67.82; Gulf Oil \$2.09 at \$110.25 and Allied Chemical \$25 cents at \$86.

The decline was generally described as purely technical. Brokers said the market was seeking a new level that could prove attractive to buyers.

In the background, however, were a number of developments which indicated a tightening up of the economy. The declining market was given fresh impetus a week ago when former President Hoover said the current inflation showed possibilities of forestalling another depression.

Some brokers have been advising investors to proceed with caution and have suggested that a mild business recession could occur later this year.

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GOV. HODGES (right) is cheered as he enters the House of Representatives in Raleigh to address a joint session of the General Assembly. Sen. Robert F. Morgan of Cleveland County is at left.

20 Per Cent Raises

Love Co-Sponsors Teacher Pay Bill

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

RALEIGH (AP) — A 20 per cent "across the board" pay increase for school employees was proposed today by Rep. Jack Love of Mecklenburg and two other members of the House.

The bill calling for the increase for teachers, principals and other school personnel was to be introduced in the House this afternoon.

The measure would mean a cost of \$23 million greater than recommendations made by the Advisory Budget Commission last night.

CO-AUTHORS

Joining Rep. Love as co-authors of the bill were Reps. Frank Everett of Martin and Dr. J. M. Phelps of Beaufort.

The measure is a radical departure from the recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission. The budget bureau yesterday recommended a 9.1 per cent increase which would be based on a "merit" plan still to be decided.

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to figure out some system of handling it out.

No method of appraising merit was suggested, but the budget bureau said merit cannot be determined "in the central office of the State Board of Education."

A bureau spokesman said final decisions on raises "likely" would rest with local school principals.

In addition to the \$21 million for teachers, \$1,400,000 is set aside for raises for other school personnel and \$2,400,000 is allotted for automatic raises under the present experience-education rating scale. All the figures would add up to a general 10.3 per cent raise.

The Love-Everett bill would cast aside these limitations and grant the pay increase "across the board" as in the past.

Rep. Love told The News today he has indications of some support for the bill.

The entire question of teacher pay—plus the problem of rating merit—is expected to be one of the hottest of the 1957 General Assembly.

Our Weather

Fair and cool today, mostly cloudy and not so cold tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

- Low this morning 31
- Low tomorrow morning 40
- High today 59
- High yesterday 53
- High tomorrow 60
- Sunrise today 7:12 a.m.
- Sunset 6:05 p.m.

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Evening Prayer

Speak to our hearts, O God, on our Sabbath day. May it be for us a day of rest and worship. Help us to remember, Lord, to keep it holy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Violent Objections Are Raised

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Proposals of the state's Advisory Budget Commission for a "merit" system for school teachers ran head-on into violent opposition among local school people today.

Mrs. W. T. Shore, president of the Charlotte Classroom Teachers Association, said "I am utterly opposed" to the merit system. She pointed out that "apple polishing" very well could return to vogue under such a plan.

She was echoed by Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent, who declared:

"I'm sorry the commission recommended a merit system for teachers' pay. It just doesn't work out. New York State honestly and seriously tried it out, but had to give it up."

BIG BURDEN

Dr. Garinger added that the plan places too great a responsibility on the principal, who must decide which of his teachers will be granted raises and which will not.

Mrs. Shore, whose organization includes 700 local teachers, said: "I am bitterly opposed to the so-called merit system. Teachers are dealing with human minds and human souls and there is no way to gauge their work."

"There is no yardstick that can measure a teacher's accomplishments because of the varying capacities of the children taught."

BACK IN POLITICS

"Leaving the so-called merit raises up to the principals would throw the teacher right back into politics, and I do not want us to have any 'apple polishing' teachers."

"This is also putting an unfair burden upon the principals, and they should not be called upon to accept this impossible situation."

She also attacked the recommendation of salary increases for teachers, saying:

"The governor and the Advisory Budget Commission don't seem to realize that better education means better individual incomes for North Carolina residents."

Mrs. Shore, who is also a member of the legislative committee of the State Teachers Association, said:

"They at Raleigh always are saying they would be willing to grant teachers salary increases if we would show them how to get the money."

"And every two years they come up with a huge surplus like this year's \$88 million, but they are not willing to go back and pay retroactive salary increases to teachers out of those surplus funds."

"Teachers never get a nickel of the surplus."

Mrs. Shore said North Carolina has been lagging behind in teachers' salaries for the last six years. "In that time, she said, the state has dropped from 29th place among the states to 38th place.



AWAITING VERDICT of judges at Westminster Kennel Club show in New York City are these boxers, Cosmic Cloud of Caparal (left) and Carolyn of Amity Hall, Cosmic

Soviets Seek Hands-Off Plan In Middle East

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union today proposed that the Big Four co-operate in economic aid to the Middle East, maintain peace there by negotiations and otherwise keep hands off the tension-racked area.

Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov told the Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament, that the Kremlin government had committed itself to a six-point proposal in notes handed last night to the ambassadors of the United States, Britain and France.

Shepilov said in effect that the Soviet Union is ready to stop sending arms to the Middle East if the western powers will do likewise and will abandon their military bases there.

The foreign minister said the most urgent Middle East question now was "the complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egyptian territory." He said his government also supports Egypt's "just demand for full compensation of the damage caused" by the British-French Israel invasion of Egypt.

Shepilov also lined his government up again with Cairo's demand that Egypt alone control and operate the Suez Canal. He said "law and justice are wholly on Egypt's side."

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The Soviet six points appeared to represent the Kremlin's answer to President Eisenhower's doctrine to stabilize the Middle East.

Woman, 73, Orders Con To Surrender

KINGMAN ARIZ. (AP) — An escaped convict surrendered to sheriff's officers last night after a 73-year-old spinster ordered him out of a parsonage where he had fled during a blazing gun battle.

"I didn't want to see him shot," Miss Louise Freeland said. "He probably would have bloodied up my favorite chair."

Sheriff's officers identified the man as Charles E. Turner, 34, an escapee from Ft. Leavenworth federal prison last June. He told officers he had been sent to Leavenworth on an "Army rap from Japan."

FORCED TO GO

With Turner was Joyce Hitchcock, 17, of Helena, Mont., who told officers she was forced to accompany him on a four-day state trip after he abducted her at gunpoint last Thursday.

Sheriff Frank L. Porter said Turner admitted in a signed statement that he kidnaped the girl, Miss Hitchcock, an attractive brunette, last of police who turned her, that Turner committed several burglaries en route to Arizona.

Policeman Stephen Smith, who had been alerted last night to watch for Turner's car, said he tried to stop Turner as he drove into Kingman. Smith said Turner began firing at him.

The girl slipped out the car door and ran to a nearby house.

Turner ran into the Trinity Episcopal rectory, occupied by Miss Freeland, a sister of the resident minister who died about a year ago.

"The only thing that worried late," Miss Freeland said, "was that he was sitting in my favorite

Woman Switches From Shooting To Golf Clubs

chair. That really made me mad." Outside, police and sheriff's officers were shouting to Turner to give himself up.

Miss Freeland said she scolded him for barging into the rectory and ordered him to give himself up. She said Turner meekly agreed, walked to the door of the rectory, threw out his pistol and surrendered.

'Polecat' Quits Lofty Perch After 9 Days

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—UNIVERSITY EXHIBIT HONORS 16TH PRESIDENT— To Please His Son, Lincoln Had Photo Made

BOSTON (AP) — Abraham Lincoln, writer and war hero, carried a chair out of the White House one morning a month before his assassination and posed for a picture to please his young son, "Tad."

The 92-year-old first print of that picture — by a Waltham, Mass., photographer — is a new addition to Boston University's new collection of Lincolniana.

The tale of how it was made adds an intimate human touch to the story of Lincoln as a father.

The picture, with two other new Lincoln collection additions, are displayed for the first time by the university's Open-Door Library in observance of the anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Lincoln which some of his associates said he would raise money at an Iowa Fair in 1864 for sick and wounded soldiers.

From the donor of the memoirs, Dean Emeritus Melvin M. Johnson of the B.U. law school, come the stories of how the Lincoln picture happened to be made, and the role Johnson's father played in connection with all three.

The father, Byron Berkeley Johnson, obtained the autographs of Lincoln, John Hay and others for the album, one of various items collected for sale at the fair in Iowa. Entered in the volume is a memorandum recording that the fair raised \$18,451 for Civil War veterans.

Johnson played an active role in making possible the photo-

graph which Henry F. Warren of Waltham, Mass., made of Lincoln in March 1865 — one of the president's last portraits.

Johnson, rejected for war service because of a heart condition, had obtained an assignment with the war department. Photographer Warren, eager for a chance to make a picture of Lincoln, approached Johnson, a native of Massachusetts, for help and advice.

At that time, young "Tad" Lincoln went out each morning to ride his pony and one day Johnson suggested to the boy that Warren would take his picture with the pony.

"Tad" posed. Then Warren told the boy he would make him a present of the picture he had just taken if "Tad" would ask his father to pose.

The president must have listened with sympathy to the plea of the boy for whom he came out — gaunt in his traditional

black suit — carrying a chair, his dog on the chair and posed for Warren's camera. The face portrayed beneath a tangled thatch of hair conveys his mastery of the married president's weariness.

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MR. EISENHOWER WEARING GOLFING GEAR

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower switched from quail shooting to golf today and banged a crowd-pleasing 225-yard drive off the first tee.

10-DAY STAY

The vacationing President, in a jovial mood, teamed up with the Glen Arven Country Club course with the club pro, John Walter. They were munched against James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, and George F. Allen, long-time friend of Eisenhower and his neighbor at Gettysburg, Pa.

Eisenhower wore tan slacks, a checked cap and a gray sweater zipped up to his throat. At the collar were two felt elephants.

After about 15 minutes of practice, the President announced he was ready to go. As he pulled out his driver, he remarked with a grin:

"I can't think of anything more discouraging in the world than to walk up to the first tee and see a sign saying 40 yards, par four."

But he whacked his first ball right down the middle of the fairway about 225 yards and the gallery of about 50 people murmured in admiration.