

# Officials See Reduction In Mecklenburg Tax Rate

## Supreme Court Decision

### Religious Teaching Ban May Affect N. C. Schools

By NANCY BRAME  
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The Supreme Court ruling that it is unconstitutional to use the public schools for religious teachings "may and probably will have a far-reaching effect on Bible teaching in North Carolina," Attorney-General Harry McMullan said today.

He was answering the question taken yesterday by the Supreme Court in ruling unconstitutional the use of public school systems to help any religious group spread its faith. The over-enthusiastic by the Supreme Court in ruling unconstitutional the use of public school systems to help any religious group spread its faith. The over-enthusiastic by the Supreme Court in ruling unconstitutional the use of public school systems to help any religious group spread its faith.

## ABC Income Tax Load To Reduce 5-Cent Decrease Is Anticipated

By TOM FESPERMAN  
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Mecklenburg County officials began working on 1948-49 budget estimates today with a strong likelihood that they will be able to reduce the tax rate to 90 cents or less.

Revenue from ABC's store net profits procedure to make the County to rely less upon taxes for the necessary funds.

## No Exemptions Given Double Taxation Hits Carolinians

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INCOME-TAX conscious North Carolinians many of them still struggling with returns that must be filed by next Monday, are wondering why they are prohibited from deducting Federal income tax payments from State income tax returns.

The North Carolina State Budget Bureau gave to The Charlotte News this answer, in substance, to a request for an explanation:

## Toss Hats In General Will Accept Post If Offered By People

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—General MacArthur bid openly for top place in the Republican ticket today, even as President Truman foreclosed his mortgage on the Democratic nomination.

The two announcements — only hours apart in Tokyo and Washington — hardly surprised today's actual information that General MacArthur's name was in the national party conventions in Philadelphia.

## Hesitancy Charged Soviet Raps U. S. Palestine Policy

By MAX HARBELSON  
LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—A high Soviet source said today the United States appears to favor re-opening the United Nations to partition Palestine.

This Russian statement was made to reporters by a leader in the Soviet delegation to the United Nations. He made clear this is the Russian position on the subject and declined to permit use of his name with the statement.

## Court Rules No Religion

By PAUL M. YOST  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Eight Supreme Court justices agreed that religious tests may be possible at the public schools to teach their beliefs.

But in voiding their decision yesterday they disagreed among themselves as to exactly how much their ruling will cover.

## Federal Tax Can't Be Deducted

NORTH CAROLINA by Legislative enactment never has permitted income taxpayers to deduct Federal income tax payments from State returns. However, from time to time, proposed amendments to the Revenue Statutes have been offered in the North Carolina Legislature to permit such deductions. These amendments were defeated.

Likewise, by Legislative enactment, North Carolina income taxpayers are prohibited from deducting from their State returns estimated amounts of their annual payments in State sales taxes. The State income tax laws were imposed back about 1930, when all State taxes were removed from real properties, including farm and other homes, utilities and other real estate and plant investments.

## MacArthur Meets With GOP Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP)—Backers of Generalissimo MacArthur's entry in the Republican Presidential race today said the general was not weak to have his bid for the GOP nomination.

It put the 68-year-old five star general in the opposite camp of Dewey, along with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, New York Senator Robert Taft, and other GOP leaders.

## Commodity Prices Off

NEW YORK (AP)—Prices were lower on commodity markets today after yesterday's drop.

Grain sold substantially as the price on the Chicago market rallied to regain some of the losses.

The commodity markets were lower on the New York market.

## TEST PERIOD

County officials will estimate the cost of revenue from their stores by a study of the net earnings from stores during the first three months of this year. These months, January, February and March, are considered as the test period.

As normal, as far as ABC revenue is concerned, as from ABC stores during October, November, and December will be considered as the test period.

## COSTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT INCREASED

THROUGHOUT the year 1947, the State Government's costs, including food consumed in the homes—and the costs of the State Government and its institutions, including education, were increased.

State taxation statisticians have calculated that State collections of income taxes annually would be reduced by at least half if the Federal collection of sales taxes on business returns were allowed.

## Candidates Test Power

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, tested their power today in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation Republican Presidential primary.

Prospective delegates of both indicated they would throw their campaign support to Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) if a second choice became necessary later.

## Southern Bell Survey Experts Predict Population To Be 237,000 in Charlotte By '66

By TOM SCHLESINGER  
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Experts at Southern Bell are predicting a population of 237,000 for Charlotte in 1966. Presently, they estimated 220,000 for 1961.

The new figure was disclosed today by Survey Engineer G. Y. Selden Jr. in a speech before the Charlotte Association of Credit Men.

The speaker was reached after a medical, scientific survey of the area served by the long distance lines in Charlotte.

## White Man Kills Negro Civil Rights Dispute Is Cause Of Slaying

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## Finland Picks Group To Talk With Reds

HELSINKI (AP)—Finland picked a left-wing delegation today for the Moscow talks on Russian-Finnish treaty of friendship and mutual assistance, a Government member said.

Government quarters said the delegation negotiators to begin on or about March 20.

## Gas Pump Liquor Sales Opposed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(AP)—Gasoline stations should not be allowed to sell liquor, Gov. George Wallace Administration said today.

"There is no reason why our states should encourage over-indulgence by allowing liquor sales at the gas pump," Gov. Wallace said in a statement today.

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