

Tax, Reallocation, Anti-Secrecy Bills Offered In N. C. Assembly

New Installation To Employ 1,100

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

HICKORY—The General Electric Corp. announced today it will construct a \$20 million distribution transformer plant between this community and Newton. The new facility will carry a \$5 million annual payroll.

Democrats Ponder Ike's Suggestions

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats pondered today how to cope politically with what their leaders called a "New Dealish" domestic program laid before Congress yesterday by President Eisenhower. The President appeared to have put the opposition party on the defensive with a 53-minute State of the Union message in which he either asked action or laid the groundwork for future requests on 33 foreign and domestic problems.

The first reaction to the President's call for "unobstructed cooperation" between the Democratic-controlled Congress and the Republican executive branch was one of outwardly warm acceptance.

READY AGREEMENT

But while there was ready agreement among lawmakers of both parties with Eisenhower's plea to "let the general good be our yardstick on every great issue of our time," signs of disagreement were not long in appearing.

Key Democrats criticized the President's plea for continuance of flexible farm price supports, called his report on economic conditions "too optimistic," attacked his local-federal "partnership" program of national resource development, turned thumbs down informally on proposed revision of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act, urged a larger boost in the statutory minimum wage than he suggested and disagreed with his indication that G.E. does not believe Alaska is ready for statehood.

There was enthusiastic bipartisan backing for Eisenhower's foreign policy objective of attaining a "durable peace," but what was perhaps an ominous silence from Democratic ranks greeted his exhortation to "let the general good be our yardstick on every great issue of our time."

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OUR WEATHER

Fair and colder today and tonight. Windy today. Tomorrow, some cloudiness and cool.

Low temperature this morning 31 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 26 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 72 degrees.

High temperature expected today 52 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow 55 degrees.

Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:27 p.m.

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Architect's Sketch Of New General Electric Plant

Local Woman's Car Collides With Telephone Pole



MRS. S. J. BURGIN, 1230 Edgewood Rd., and her two small sons and a neighbor's child narrowly escaped death about 9 a.m. today when their telephone poles, being towed by a Southern Bell truck, rammed through the front windshield of her car, while headed east in the 1000 block of W.

Morehead St. Only injuries received were suffered by two-year-old Jimmy Burgin, who sat in the front seat. He received a slight cut on the forehead, and a piece of glass from the shattered windshield lodged in his right eye. Mrs. Burgin, on her way to town for a trip to the bank, was in the center traffic lane with the Southern Bell truck on her right.

She said she does not know how the accident happened, but City Police said the truck was turning right into McIninch St. when the accident occurred. The woman's other son, Sammy, 5, and Sylvia Morris, 4, of Wabash Ave., were seated in the back seat and were not hurt.

Stock List Shows Rally In Morning

By CHARLES F. BARRETT

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EVENING PRAYER

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NAACP Asks Tighter Rules In Guard Units

By CHARLES F. BARRETT

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tighter rules in the administration's upcoming armed services reserve plan, to prevent racial discrimination in National Guard units, were urged today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, made the request in a telegram to Secretary of Defense Wilson.

"Unless this is done," his message said, "thousands of colored citizens will be barred from training opportunities which will be given to white personnel under the plan."

"Also the practice of excluding colored persons from guard units in the South will force states that are outside the South to supply more than their fair share of trained personnel in the event of an emergency if the plan now under consideration becomes law."

Mitchell added that inclusion of guard units in the plan without a ban on racial discrimination would "seriously threaten all of the progress that has been made in the direction of eliminating segregation in the armed services."

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Date Change For Payment Is Proposed

By ETHEL BLYTHE

RALEIGH (AP)—A change in the time for paying income taxes, repeal of the legislative "secrecy" law and a study of the problem of reallocation of Senate seats in line with population changes were proposed in legislation introduced in the State Senate today.

Sen. Claude Currie of Durham, a member of the State's Advisory Budget Commission, sent forward the bill to change the deadline for filing of individual income tax returns from March 15 to April 15.

Rep. William B. Rodman of Beaufort, another member of the Advisory Budget Commission, offered an identical bill in the House.

The measure presumably has the support of Gov. Hodges who has expressed the opinion North Carolina should meet the deadline for filing of individual income tax returns made by Congress in the plan for filing federal income tax returns.

The resolution states that changing senatorial district lines "is a serious and important matter affecting the representation of the people of the state in the Senate." It points out that no change in Senate representation has been made since the 1950 federal census.

The resolution would authorize Barnhardt to name a commission composed of nine senators. The commission would be instructed to make a report within 45 days after adoption of the resolution. Barnhardt referred the measure to the Senate Committee on Elections—Senatorial Districts.

Sen. Adam J. Whitley of Johnston was joined by 12 other senators in sponsoring the measure to repeal the "secrecy" law. The bill would repeal an act of the 1953 Legislature which gives legislative Appropriations Committees the right to hold closed meetings while considering the state's budget.

Joining Whitley in introducing the bill were Sens. William McDowell, Haywood, C. Settle Bunn, Ralph Scott, Almonzo, Robert Morgan, Harnett, R. F. Morgan, Cleveland, Arthur W. Williams, Columbus, Cullum Moore, Robeson, Ray H. Walton, Brunswick, R. Posey Jones, Surr, Arthur Kirkman, Guilford, D. J. Eise, Wayne, and Mitchell Brent, Duplin.

The Senate also voted to follow the lead of the House in making a thorough study of the budget proposed yesterday by the governor and the Advisory Budget Commission. It adopted a resolution requesting Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw to appear before the Senate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week and Tuesday of the following week to explain the budget.

The House, meanwhile, continued its study of the budget spending which he started yesterday. Later Coltrane is expected to introduce the proposed spending to the Senate while Shaw will go before the House to explain the tax proposals.

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