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ANSWERING A REPORTER'S QUESTIONS he and other GOP Congressional leaders leave the White House after a three-hour meeting with President Eisenhower is

Sen. William Knowland (left) to right at center of group are Rep. Leo Allen (left), Sen. Styles Bridges (right), Knowland and Rep. Leslie Arends (right).

City-County 1955 Tax Gross Will Be Largest On Record

By ANN SAWYER Charlotte News Staff Writer The city and county governments will gross over 1 1/2 million dollars in 1955 ad valorem taxes — the largest amount ever reported.

In announcing the closing out figures for the Assessor Tax Supervisor Robert N. Williams said the gross taxes for Charlotte are \$7,016,366.02, and the gross for county government is \$5,684,108.53.

The exact gross figures for city and county on all personal and real properties, including poll taxes, dog taxes, and penalties, is \$12,700,494.55.

City-County Value The final countywide valuation hits the all-time high mark of \$90,555,920, approximately 30 million dollars more than the 1954 property valuation.

The final city valuation figure is only slightly above the valuation figure used as a basis for the 1955-56 city budget.

The budget valuation was 793 million dollars, and the final figure is \$39,623,713.

City fathers included in the current budget net tax figures of \$4,600,000. This figure does not include appropriations for schools, colleges, parks and recreation.

LARGER LEVY The county government has a much larger levy in its budget basis of 510 million dollars and the final countywide valuation of almost 550 million dollars.

It has included in its 1955-56 budget net taxes from the 1955 levy amounting to \$4,400,000, except for the city.

Local Baptists Back Tribble The Mecklenburg Baptist Ministers Conference has gone on record as unanimously "expressing our full confidence in Dr. Harold W. Tribble," the president of Wake Forest College.

Dr. Tribble's administration is currently under investigation by a special committee of trustees following a demonstration by students at the school after Athletic Director Pat Preston and Lead Football Coach Tom Rogers resigned nine days ago.

The Baptist ministers, meeting this morning at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church unanimously adopted the following resolution.

"In the light of recent publicity given to criticisms of the administration of Wake Forest College, and on the basis of facts now available to us, we go on record in expressing our full confidence in Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of the college."

Thirty-three Baptist ministers, 14 of whom were graduates of Wake Forest College, attended this morning's meeting. The Rev. Ronnie Pierce, pastor of Plaza Baptist Church, is president of the conference. The Rev. B. O. Baker, pastor of Commonwealth Baptist Church, is secretary of the conference.

The special committee of trustees investigating the administration will present its report at the next meeting of the trustees of the school, Dec. 22.

Man Captured After Killing Wife, Children

DALLAS, Tex. — A mother and her three infant children were shot and killed in their East Dallas home early today by an estranged husband who was captured several hours later in a fugitive hunt.

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Consolidation Move Council Advocates 'Gradual' Doctrine

By DIK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer A doctrine of gradualism in consolidation of city and county governmental functions was advanced today by City Councilmen.

In a surprise move yesterday County Commissioner Sam McNinch made sweeping proposals for complete consolidation of the city and county governments.

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Wake's Army Aid Plans Given Democratic Okay

Get \$1,405,700

Area Institutions Receive Big Slice

Three Mecklenburg County colleges and Belmont Abbey have received \$811,300 from the Ford Foundation, and hospitals in this area received \$594,400.

The grants, to be used to increase faculty salaries at the colleges and to improve and equip the hospitals, were announced yesterday.

Ford grants to educational institutions in the area include Belmont Abbey, \$89,800; Davidson, \$111,400; Johnson C. Smith, \$185,900; and Queens, \$124,200.

Hospitals receiving grants are Memorial \$200,600; Good Samaritan, \$75,500; Mercy, \$148,700; Presbyterian \$122,200; and Spaulding, \$19,300.

Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of Davidson which received the largest amount, called the Ford gift the "most intelligent and significant grant to American education."

"I would not hesitate to say," Cunningham continued, "that the money will go to the most critical need in our colleges."

Presbyterian Hospital administrator J. P. Richardson said: "Other gifts on Ford Foundation grants on page 4-A."

Presbyterian's \$122,200 would probably be used in the building program which is currently underway.

The gift of \$130,000 to Spaulding Hospital will mean more facilities for treatment for children. Officials of the institutions were unanimous in praising the Ford Foundation and called the grant one of the most significant steps in the fields of education and medicine.

Local authorities understand that the \$1,405,700 in grants from the foundation and there are no stipulations to match the sum in order to receive the gift.

The only conditions set forth were that the grants be used for the purposes stated in the Ford Foundation grants.

Colleges must use the grants as endowments, while the hospitals are to be used to raise faculty salaries.

The income in the first ten years must be used to raise teachers' pay and after that it can be used for any purpose.

Hospitals can use the grants for operating expenses. The money may be used for purposes including building additions, more equipment, more personnel, higher salaries, and training facilities.

The institutions of this area received \$1,405,700 in grants of 500 million dollars made by the foundation.

What's Inside

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Business (17.18A), Classified (10-13B), Comics (12A), Editors (8A), Features (28A), News (28A), Sports (7.9B), Theaters (11B), Women (3.6B).

Not Too Drunk

PHOENIX, Ariz. — A man arrested for drunkenness turned out to have all his wits about him.

As the police wagon sped toward headquarters, officers said the driver picked up the back of his rear end, jumped out and fled down an alley.

Death By Starvation Still Occurs In Prosperous City Of Charlotte

Deaths of starvation in prosperous Charlotte? Yes, two such deaths were recorded here last month.

Records at the Vital Statistics Bureau of the City Health Dept. today show the death of a 44-year-old Negro man due to starvation and the death of a 62-year-old white woman due to starvation which is a form of starvation.



HENRY FORD II Board Chairman

Hospitals And Schools Given Half Billion

NEW YORK — The Ford Foundation has showered half-billion dollars on the nation's private supported colleges, universities and hospitals in his lord's greatest giveaway.

The huge gift, announced yesterday, was divided as follows: To 613 regionally accredited, probably be used in the building program which is currently underway.

To 3,500 privately supported hospitals located in all 48 states, plus Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico \$200 million dollars.

To private supported medical schools \$90 million dollars.

The grant to colleges and universities is in addition to 50 million dollars which the foundation announced last spring it would distribute to help raise teaching salaries.

TOP GIFT Thirty-six colleges and universities received more than one million dollars each. The largest gift — five million — went to New York University.

Other top gifts went to Harvard — \$4,510,000; University of Chicago — \$4,324,200; and Yale — \$4,000,000.

The smallest college grant was \$31,900 for the California School of Fine Arts, San Francisco.

For hospitals, the gifts ranged from \$250,000 — a sum awarded to 37 institutions — to \$10,000.

The 90 million dollars for medical schools has not yet been broken down into specific grants.

The gigantic program was given final approval by the foundation's Board of Trustees, headed by Henry Ford II, at a meeting last week.

Recipients were notified by telegram and a number of institutions across the country are thought the good news was a hoax.

QUICKLY PRAISED The foundation was quickly commended by medical and education leaders.

Harvard President Nathan Pusey called the grants a "splendid imaginative effort to strengthen higher education in America."

The special intent — to improve faculty salaries — is unreservedly praised.

In Chicago the American Medical Assn. and the American Hospital Assn. issued statements by their presidents describing the grants as "inspiring and heartening" and making possible "tremendous improvement in hospital service to our people."

The foundation parceled its funds among colleges roughly in sum equal to the amount paid to each institution in the liberal arts and sciences. At least half of each grant is to be paid next year, and the remainder a year later.

The advisory committee which determined the gifts said it did not want to disrupt the carefully evolved patterns of our system of higher education.

The college grants were given in the form of 10-year endowments, the interest in that period to be used solely for increasing teachers' salaries. After 10 years the college may use the money as it sees fit.

The \$6-million-dollar grant of last spring, which was not then distributed, will be allotted to 126 colleges as supplementary grants.

Congressional Leaders Talk With President

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower reviewed his foreign and defense programs with congressional leaders of both parties today, and won at least a partially favorable reaction from Democrats.

Details of the programs were not disclosed but the White House said administration officials laid before the lawmakers a stepped-up program of foreign aid and overseas information.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee congressional committees will want to go over the administration proposals in detail before committing themselves.

After the meeting White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President volunteered the following comment to the senators and House members who met with him from 8:30 a. m. to 11:10 a. m.

REAGANITE "I want to give my thanks and my very real gratitude to the leaders on both sides of the aisle in the Senate and the House of Representatives for the very great contributions they have made and are making to true bipartisan leadership."

Hagerty also read a statement approved by all those at the meeting.

"The President met today with the leaders of both political parties in the Senate and the House of Representatives for a bipartisan conference on the problems of foreign affairs and national defense which will be submitted to the 85th Congress."

"Subjects under discussion included foreign affairs, the national defense budget, mutual security appropriations, the program of the U. S. Information Agency, policies in the field of disarmament, and the organization for trade cooperation."

At the start of the meeting the President thanked the leaders for accepting his invitation to discuss the problems of the government.

"He pointed out that he desired to discuss them on a bipartisan basis with the leaders of the legislative branch of the government and to receive their observations and suggestions prior to the opening of the 85th Congress."

CONDITIONS RECEIVED "A review of the conditions since the foreign ministers' meeting at Geneva. He said that his department placed special emphasis on the economic aspects of foreign policy, particularly in view of the stepped up Soviet campaign in the field of southeast Asia and the Middle East."

"He also urged approval by the Congress of American participation in the organization for trade cooperation."

"The secretary of defense reviewed the progress of the defense establishment of the United States and the force levels which must be maintained to protect the nation against attack and to assure the maintenance of peace in this atomic age."

"The director of the International Cooperation Administration (John B. Hollister) outlined the aspects of mutual security, including mutual military support and economic and technical assistance for our Allies and friends."

The President discussed the program of the U. S. Information Agency. The President and the agency leaders were very much stressed the necessity for expanding the agency's program to present America's proposals for peace to all the peoples of the world.

"If I did not love public life, I would not have been active for so long. I have not given any future plans, other than business, serious consideration, however."

Mr. Douglas continued, "I have been encouraged very much by my friends to seek both positions — the lieutenant governorship and the congressional position — and I think it awful nice that they have displayed that confidence in me."

Douglas Is Encouraged To Seek Public Office

By JULIAN SCHEER Charlotte News Staff Writer Will it be Lt. Gov. Ben E. Douglas? Or Rep. Ben E. Douglas (D-N.C.)?

There are no answers today but the former Charlotte mayor said The News this morning that he is being encouraged "very much" by his friends and supporters to seek one of the public offices.

Mr. Douglas leaves his post as director of Conservation and Development Thursday and returns here from Raleigh.

Me a n w h i l e, speculation has come from many quarters and many parts of the state concerning his future plans. He has just recently been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for the lieutenant governorship.

Earlier speculation had him prominently mentioned as a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the Tenth Congressional District's House of Representatives seat.

"I have no definite plans, but I wanted to come back to Charlotte."

Evening Prayer Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy faithful promises of strength and grace. Keep our hearts aflame for Thee, our eyes upon Thy path, and our ears upon Thy eternal goal. Make us victorious runners today, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

