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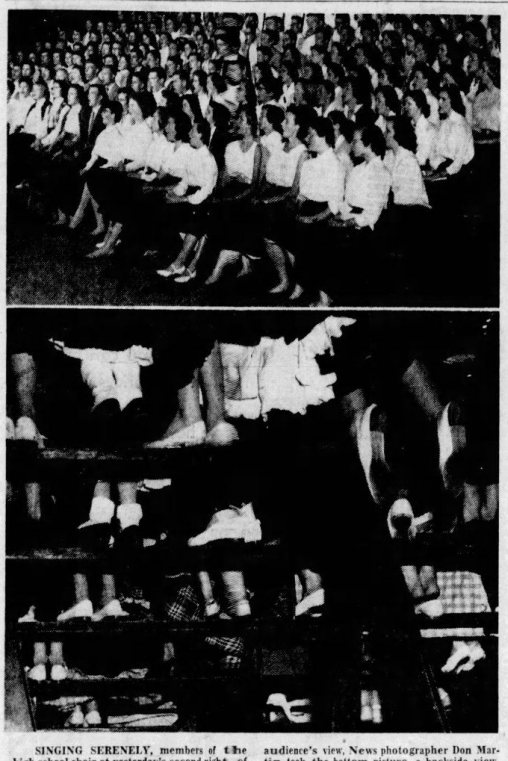
$9,768,000 Tax Boost For N. C. Agreed Upon



SINGING SERENELY, members of the high school choir at yesterday's second night of the city-wide music festival gave no indication of the foot-twisting agony that was going on behind scenes. After taking a picture of the audience's view, News photographer Don Martin took the bottom picture, a backside view. A story about the music festival will be found on page 1-B of today's News.

Beer Tax Increase Cut To One Cent

RALEIGH—(AP)—Senate and House conferees today agreed on a revenues measure to raise about $9,768,000 a year in new revenues.

The conferees—five Senators and five House members—agreed to recommend to the two Houses approval of the tax bill as passed by the Senate with one major change.

The conferees agreed on a compromise calling for a one-cent-per-bottle increase in the tax on beer instead of a two-cent increase as voted by the Senate.

The beer tax boost would still raise an estimated $1,760,000 a year in new revenues because the entire amount of revenue resulting from the increase would go to the state. Under the Senate's two-cent increase, the new revenue would have been divided with counties and cities on a 50-50 basis.

PRICE FIXING DROPPED

The conferees also agreed to strike from the tax measure beer price fixing provisions which were included in the Senate bill.

The conferees were selected yesterday to thresh out differences between the two houses on the tax measure.

Their agreement will make possible adjournment of the Legislature next Wednesday—if work on other legislation is completed then.

It was decided that the conference report will have to be adopted on three readings in each house on separate days. Under this, the House could complete work on it Saturday and the Senate could wind up its consideration on the measure on Wednesday.

TO MEET SATURDAY

The House planned to meet at 12:05 a.m. Saturday to give the conference report its final House reading.

The House conferees agreed to recommend that the House approve other amendments made by the Senate in the tax bill.

These included the Senate's action in: (1) eliminating a 25 per cent increase in business license taxes, (2) eliminating a 3 per cent levy on newspaper sales, (3) eliminating a $2,000 head of household income tax deduction for married women who are breadwinners for their families and (4) striking out a tax increase for nonprofit hospitalization insurance associations.

The conferees held their first meeting yesterday afternoon and quickly reached agreement on the beer tax compromise. The House conferees agreed to concur in the other Senate changes in the tax measure at a meeting they held this morning after being closeted with Gov. Hodges.

At their first meetings yesterday the House conferees indicated they felt the newspaper levy and the head of household exemptions should be retained.

Sen. Robert Morgan of Cleveland said that in his opinion the Senate would not pass a circulation tax. The proposed levy would bring in $350,000 per year.

Reps. B. T. Falls of Cleveland, Tom White of Lenoir, Tom Turner of Guilford and A. C. Edwards of Greene said they were in favor of retaining the tax on newspaper circulation.

Falls said a pending bill would eliminate income tax discriminations against corporations chartered in North Carolina as compared with firms chartered in other states. Enactment of the bill would result in a reduction of revenue, Falls said, adding: "That would be the only reason I'd want to see a newspaper tax go back in."

Ike Vetoes Bill To Raise Postal Pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today vetoed a bill to boost the pay of 500,000 postal workers by an average 8.6 per cent.

The President told the Senate in a veto message he regretted his action and earnestly hoped and recommended that "the Congress will quickly consider and enact postal pay legislation that will be in the public interest and fair to all the half million employes who man the postal service."

He said the vetoed measure would impose "a heavier burden upon the taxpayer than is necessary."

LISTS REASONS

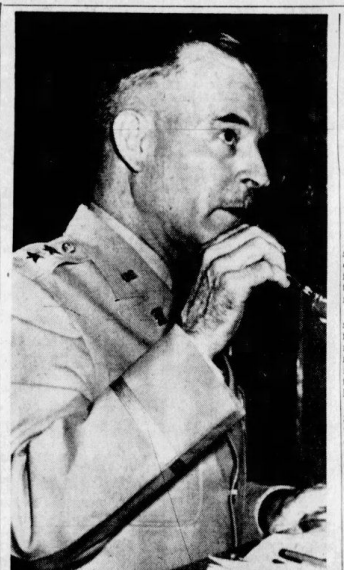
Eisenhower listed these three reasons for his veto:

"First, the bill creates new discriminations or inequalities which would affect many thousands of postal employes.

"Second, the bill creates grave administrative problems such as of individual pay rates. It forces awkward and unfair administrative practices in a government department whose operations affect every person, every enterprise, every community in the country.

"Third, the bill imposes a heavier burden upon the taxpayer than is necessary to establish salary rates throughout the department which will compare favorably with rates for similar work elsewhere in government and in private industry."

The President has indicated an average 7.6 per cent raise is about as far as he is willing to go.



MAJ. GEN. ROBERT P. HOLLIS, commander of the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, told the Senate Investigations Subcommittee the probe of alleged payoffs in the military clothing purchase program has caused him to take unusual steps to protect the government's interests. See story on page 3-A. (AP)

Dust Storm Section Now Flood-Stricken

'Too Much Rain' Succeeds Drought

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Purgatoire River today spread over Trinidad, Colo., as cries of "too much rain" came from widespread drought areas of the Southwest where dust storms raged only a fortnight ago.

Both business and residential sections were inundated by the flooding river which bisects the railroad mining center just on the north of Raton Pass, N.M. This is in an area from which some of the worst dust storms of the year have blown across the Southwest.

Rain continued after more than 30 hours at Trinidad. The river, which runs east-west through the city flooded the mainline tracks of the Santa Fe Railroad, knocked out phone lines and threatened water mains on the city's west edge.

FAMILIES EVACUATED

Some 75 National Guardsmen evacuated families from the threatened area. Schools were closed. Water was two feet deep in the railroad station. The Trinidad Junior College gymnasium and a Catholic community center were turned into assembling areas for the victims.

Highways were closed to the west and south of Trinidad and near Hoehne, a farming community to the east.

Meanwhile, flood threats around three Texas cities subsided almost as quickly as the sudden cloudbursts that caused them. Police minimized the danger to the Texas communities, although residents were evacuated from low areas, highways and railroads washed out, and many areas flooded.

At Ballinger, Brady and Eastland, Tex., they said, "It looks like we've got it stopped. It looks now as if we'll make it." It was still raining, however, at Eastland where more than 11 inches of rain fell in 12 hours.

MINOR FLOODS

In Southern Oklahoma water ran over curbs and minor flood conditions were reported Wednesday night at Temple, Waurika, Lawton, Frederick, Comanche, and Walters, Okla. Colorado received up to 16 inches of snow in the mountains and up to 3 inches of rain across its drought-ravaged eastern plains.

A dozen tornadoes skipped over Texas and Oklahoma was under tornado alert much of Wednesday night, but little damage was reported and there were no injuries as the lethal twisters failed to touch ground or struck in thinly populated rural areas.

Oklahoma apparently received the most damage. It came when hail devastated crops over a 3-to-4-mile wide area around Temple, Okla., where unofficial rainfall estimates for the past 24 hours reach 8½ inches.

Roads were closed in several southern, southwest and western Oklahoma counties by high waters and debris from windstorms.

Vaccine Clearances Stopped

Polio Cases Show Increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sharp increase in new cases of polio was reported today by the U.S. Public Health Service. For the week ended May 14, new cases totaled 206—up 30 per cent over the previous week.

The number compares with 151 in the second week of May last year, and an average of 116 for the last five years.

However, for the first time since the antipolio vaccination program ran into difficulty the number of polio cases among inoculated persons remained unchanged at 77 confirmed cases.

In another development, the health service announced that 23 cases of polio have now been reported among individuals, not inoculated themselves, who came in close contact with children given vaccine made by Cutter Laboratories of California. In these instances, the inoculated children themselves have not contracted the disease.

CLEARANCE SUSPENDED

These reports were all in the hands of the health service last night when it suddenly announced that for several days at least there would be no further clearance of antipolio vaccine.

The result was to add uncertainty to the whole vaccination program.

The only explanation was a statement by a public relations spokesman for the health service that the delay was ordered for "another look-see at this whole very confusing picture."

Surgeon Gen. Leonard A. Scheele said, however: "This (delay) should not be inferred as reflecting in any way on the vaccine of the companies whose manufacturing and testing processes are under study."

UNEXPECTED SHORTAGE

Because the shortage of vaccine is greater than expected, the National Conference of State Epidemiologists, meeting in Atlanta, asked an opinion from the health service on possible use of smaller doses. There was no immediate reaction here.

Although the health service said there was no change in its figure of 77 for the number of polio cases among inoculated children, it said it does have a new suspect case under investigation in Nebraska. That makes seven or more suspect cases under study. The others are in California, Idaho, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Illinois.

There have been five deaths among vaccinated persons.

A health service spokesman es

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By Judge Clarkson

Locklair Given 5-Year Sentence

(See Earlier Story On Page 1-B)

Judge Francis O. Clarkson today sentenced Wriston Locklair, 1250 Morningside Dr., to five years in prison on six charges of crime against nature.

The sentence was the heaviest handed out in a case involving 11 male defendants.

Three teen-age boys who have been described as "male prostitutes" by Lt. Neal Forney were turned over to the probation officer for investigation. Several of the charges were reduced to attempted crime against nature, thus avoiding the five year minimum sentence.

In two cases, Judge Clarkson gave a one-year sentence, suspended upon condition that the defendants pay $500 and costs.

PROBATION OFFICER

Turned over to state probation officer Lacy Blue for investigation were David L. Burns, 16, (three charges) 1900 Jack St.; Gene Lovelace, 17, (two charges), 2224 Suttle Ave.; and Larry E. Godwin, 16, (four charges), 1836 Jack St.

The other teen-ager, Joe H. Crook, 19, (five charges), 1900 Jack St., was sentenced to 12 to 18 months. Judge Clarkson, reducing the charge to attempted crime against nature with the consent of the state, recommended that Crook be sent to a first offenders' camp.

Other defendants and their sentences are:

Billy Emory Wright, 33, (three charges), 2929 Enfield Rd., 12 to 18 months. Charges reduced to attempted crime against nature.

Leon E. Hamilton, 23, (two charges), 1443 E. 7th St., 12 to 18 months. Charges reduced to attempted crime against nature.

Lon Harris Lytle, 23, (one charge), Spring St., Fort Mill, S. C., one year, suspended, on condition that defendant pay $500 and costs, and not violate any laws of the state for three years. Charge reduced to attempted crime against nature.

Parks Russell Hoyle, 34, (one charge), 202 I Weyland Ave., one year, suspended, on condition

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Pipeline Blows Up; Four Koreans Killed

PUSAN, Korea — (AP) — A U. S. Army gasoline pipeline blew up with a roar today and four Koreans were killed.

Seven houses burned to the ground before the fire was checked by Korean and Army fire fighters.

RECEIPTS RISE

NEW YORK (AP) — The movie industry says box office receipts for American-made films in 1954 rose 35 million dollars above 1953, to $2,210,000,000.

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43 Left In Running

Carolinians Lose In Spelling Bee

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Forty-three grammar school spelling whizzes remained in the running today as the 28th annual national spelling bee recessed for lunch.

Only 19 of the 62 entrants had been spelled down after 3½ hours of tongue-twisters had been thrown at them.

The morning session of five rounds claimed as victims two 11-year-old girls, the youngest contestants in the record field drawn from 31 states. They were Linda Nelson of Chicago and Sandra Buster of Lubbock, Tex.

FAVORITES REMAIN

Two of the favored entries remaining in the running were William Kelley of Kennett, Mo., runnerup last year, and Michael Cashore of Center Square, Pa., younger brother of the 1954 champion, William Cashore. All three of the Negro children entered—two girls and a boy—also remained in the contest.

The edge in favor of girls at the start was 37-25, but the boys were creeping ahead. Thirteen of the 19 early victims were girls, cutting the margin between sexes to 24-19.

The one-day championship match is sponsored annually by the Scripps-Howard newspapers in conjunction with other papers

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Marines Give Preview Of Saturday 'Battle'

Using rifles, rockets, flamethrowers and grenades, a small group of Marines "captured" the Navy Shell Depot near here this morning.

The Marines stormed through fortified positions after National Guard artillerymen had "softened" the enemy with 105 mm howitzer fire.

The Marines, reservists in Charlotte's 3rd Cargo Co., and the guardsmen, members of the 449th Field Artillery Battalion, were warming up for Saturday's full dress show at the depot.

JETS TO HIT

Then Air National Guard jets will roar over the field, "dropping" napalm bombs, howitzers will roar and dynamite charges will literally tear up the earth.

This will be the climax to Armed Forces Day, which will be observed here Saturday. The sham battle will be fought between 5 and 6 p.m.

The public is invited to drive to the depot and see the sham battle. There will be no charge and ample parking space has been laid out.

DANGER ZONE

Spectators will be required to remain outside the danger zone, but will be close enough to have a good view of activities, says Major F. Dan Isom, administrative assistant of the 4th Corps Artillery of the National Guard.

This morning members of the 105th Engineers of the National Guard completed "mining" of the battleground.

The engineers placed dynamite charges in the earth and will

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KER-WHAM! The 105 Howitzer Fires A Round At The "Enemy" In The Bunker.

PRO GOLFERS CHOOSE CITY'S TOP AMATEURS

Something new in golf appears on today's sports pages.

The local professional golfers have taken a look at the amateurs around town and have ranked them in a poll conducted by the News Sports Dept.

These rankings will be compiled annually by the News. For the 1955 list, turn to Page 7-B.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Chance of widely scattered thundershowers tomorrow. Warmer temperatures.

High yesterday—77.
High today—83.
High tomorrow—84.
Low this morning—56.
Low tonight—60.
Sunrise 5:17 a.m.; sunset 7:23 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Evening Prayer

God of grace and glory, Thou in Christ didst condescend to come among us as Perfect Man. In all things that concern our lives, cause us to have constant remembrance of Thy love for us as expressed in the giving of Thy Son to be our Saviour. So may we with grateful hearts serve and exalt Thy Son in our lives. Amen.