



Two Months Still To Go

U. C. Revenue Collections Set All-Time High Record

Estimates Topped By 20 Million

RALEIGH (AP)—With two months still to go, North Carolina general fund revenue collections for this fiscal year already have exceeded any previous year, state revenue commission Eugene Shaw reported today.

Gov. Hodges, in commenting on the revenue collections report at his news conference said the general fund collections for the fiscal year may exceed estimates made by the legislature by upwards of 20 million dollars.

Hodges said the estimates already have been revised upward by 10 million dollars and he felt they could be boosted another 5 to 10 million.

Shaw reported general fund collections, led by income and sales tax revenues, showed a whopping increase of nearly \$2 million dollars in the first 10 months of the fiscal year over the same period last year.

General fund collections for the fiscal year to date total about 19 1/2 million dollars, and Shaw said about three million dollars of non-tax revenue could be added to this figure in arriving at total general fund revenues for the year. During all of last fiscal year, the general fund took in slightly more than 188 million dollars and this was the highest for a single year up to that time.

"It's good—awfully good," the governor told the newsmen.

So far this year the total collections are only nine million short—with two months yet to go—of the amount estimated for the fiscal year by the legislature of the General Assembly.

During April, collections totaled \$41,459,426, an increase of \$10,000,000 or 32.00 per cent over the total for the same month last year. Shaw said a portion of this increase is due to the fact that some income tax payers filed returns during February and March last year. In February last year the filing deadline for income tax was changed from March 15 to April 15 to conform with the federal tax filing time.

The big reason for the increase in the income tax collections, Shaw pointed out, is the fact that more returns have been filed than ever before, coupled with increased earnings.

For the fiscal year through April 30, income tax collections totaled \$85,364,497, an increase of \$15,460,000 over the corresponding period a year earlier. The number of individual income tax returns filed this year shows an increase of 47,700, Shaw stated.

"The most significant aspect of our report," he added, "is the huge number of short-term prisoners who flood the prisons system. For this reason, he said, he is 'very serious' about giving further study to a 'Wisconsin plan' which is mentioned in a speech recently.

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Large Audience Checks On Blomberg's Memory



"WHAT'S ON PAGE 9-A?" Pictured is the large crowd at Piedmont Junior High School during last night's memory demonstration, trying to "stump" Sigmund Blomberg. Checking him with

copies of a late edition of the 48-page Charlotte News, the crowd lined page numbers at him

night memory course which begins tonight at 8 o'clock at Piedmont Junior High School. (Photo of Blomberg and his students appears on page 1-B).

Hodges Visions Separation Of Prisons Dept.

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges said today that although studies are not complete, he feels separation of the Prisons Department from the State Highway Commission may be feasible.

At his weekly news conference, Hodges said that if necessary to finance the Prisons Department he would not hesitate to recommend appropriations from the state's general fund. The Prisons Department in the past has been supported entirely from the state's highway fund.

Hodges said the question of financing the prisons has been a "bugaboo" in the past. With the Highway Commission paying the bill, the department has had little incentive to becoming self supporting.

He said he felt much more would be done to make the department self-supporting. But, he said, he saw no reason why general fund revenues should be used to help support the department if this were necessary.

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Performance By Blomberg Amazes Capacity Crowd

Sigmund Blomberg, The News' memory expert, and his students convinced a capacity crowd last night at Piedmont Jr. High School that his system for remembering names and faces, facts and figures, really works.

He assured the big audience that "Anyone in this auditorium can easily and quickly master my memory technique," and brought along half a dozen Central High School students and an adult to prove it.

As a result, hundreds who attended the demonstration, sponsored by The Charlotte News, signed up for the two-night memory course which begins today at 8 p.m. Last minute enrollments may be made today at the business office of The News or tonight at Piedmont Jr. High School when the doors open for registration at 7:30.

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Aides Made Phone Calls For Chotiner

WASHINGTON (AP)—Murray Chotiner, 1952 campaign manager for Vice President Nixon, testified today two White House officials made telephone calls for him on behalf of his law clients.

Chotiner emphatically denied, however, he ever used his connection with Nixon or any other government officials to seek favors for persons he represented in dealing with government agencies.

Chotiner told the Senate investigations subcommittee that "on one or two occasions" phone calls were made for him at the White House to get information about pending cases of his or to set up appointments with government officials.

TWO MADE CALLS
He named the officials who made these calls as Maxwell M. Rabb, President Eisenhower's assistant in charge of minority problems, and Charles F. Wills Jr., former White House patronage aide in the Eisenhower administration.

Chotiner was before the Senate investigations subcommittee which is looking into alleged graft on military clothing contracts. It decided to call Chotiner on finding he, as a lawyer, had represented some of the garment makers.

Roy Baliles May Not Come Home Until Monday, But Job Still Waits

GASTONIA — It may be Monday before Roy Baliles returns to his waiting job; a job that he was sure had evaporated 15 days ago.

He's been given that long by his boss, C. R. Garner, superintendent of Gastonia's Myers Mill. For in the past 15 days much has happened.

Today, Mr. Baliles has a day of rest after a long, rain-soaked trip from Atlanta that ended at 1:30 a.m. The journey ended a phase of the saga of Roy Baliles. Another phase will begin Monday.

The trip began yesterday when the gates of Fulton Tower swung open and Roy Baliles stepped out of prison—a free man.

There was strong public sentiment that Mr. Baliles be released.

Almost 10,000 names were attached to petitions that were presented to the board. Literally thousands of people had taken time to sign and write letters, sign the petitions or send in coupons which the Gastonia board printed daily.

STUDIED CASE
The board weighed the evidence, cited the man's outstanding life since his escape, and his poor influences as a boy.

Then Roy Baliles was freed. Paroled, the board stated, and allowed to return to North Carolina under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Parole Board.

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POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR to Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) is Joseph J. Leary, 48-year-old Frankfort attorney (above). Leary, a Democrat, was one of the co-chairmen last year of Gov. A. B. Chandler's successful campaign for election as governor. (AP Wirephoto.)

NEW-MODEL CRIME

Drive-In Thieves Enjoy Champagne

Store-breaking with a modern twist was discovered today when police learned that thieves drove an automobile into the two glass front doors at Shamrock Drug Co., 3217 The Plaza; gaining entry and stealing nearly \$160 cash.

Among merchandise also stolen by the culprits was a quart bottle of champagne.

Police have arrested two teen-age suspects who were driving a 1950 black Ford automobile when stopped, and a detective said he believes the unusual case will soon be broken.

Found by an early morning delivery man, the break-in caused extensive damage to the store front. After the two glass doors were smashed, the thieves opened three cash registers.

Officers said the front doors of the building were broken when struck by a car's front bumper. Tire marks were left on the pavement in front of the drug store.

Stolen from a showcase near the cigarette counter were 18 ball-point pens. Also missing were an electric razor, three quarts of wine, one quart of beer and one quart of champagne. The missing merchandise totaled \$228.10 in value.

The two suspects were stopped shortly after the break-in was discovered about 6 a.m. Sgt. Vernon Shuler, Detective John Severs, and Patrolmen Edison and Winkler are in charge of the investigation.

'He Took Advantage Of Me' Automobile Also Can Be Really Deadly Weapon

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A 40-year-old automobile salesman, whom officers said was deliberately run down in a car driven by his former girl friend, died today.

Police identified the man as Mack Jernigan. They said Beatrice Adams, 35, deliberately ran into Jernigan late yesterday and then rolled over him with the car "two or three times."

She was charged with attempted murder last night, but officers said the charges probably would be changed later today.

POLICE MUST BRUSH UP ON SPELLING

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—The Jefferson County Police Department will get three dictionaries to help officers in their spelling.

Fiscal Court agreed to the expenditure after Chief Walter Layman complained some of his men couldn't even spell Oak Street.

Because of bad spelling, he said, reports from district offices are hard to read.

A member of the court first suggested providing the officers with county maps, listing streets and roads.

County Road Engineer W. Price Lane said that wouldn't do because "some of the roads are spelled wrong there too."

Our Weather
Cloudy and mild with scattered showers and thunderstorms today, tomorrow and Friday.

Low this morning... 60
Low tomorrow morning... 60
High yesterday... 70
High today... 78
High tomorrow... 72
Sunrise 5:30 a.m.; sunset 7:10 p.m.

How's Your Memory?

Do you sometimes spell the word "expense" as "expence"? If so, read Sigmund Blomberg's "Improve Your Memory" column on page 1-B for an easy way to spell.

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Evening Prayer

Our Father, keep us aware of everything we do or say. Influencing someone else, fill our lives with the Spirit of Christ so that we may reflect His light and glory. Thee, O Christ's name we ask it, Amen.

RETIRED PEOPLE live well at the Dixie Inn, Vass, N. C. (Adv.)