

State Spending Growing; 27 Top \$100 Per Capita

N. C. Increases From \$70.90 to \$103.58 In Three Years

More than half the States in the Union—27 to be exact—had total expenditures for all purposes in 1951 of more than \$100 for every one of their inhabitants, according to a study recently made public by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

Two of these States, Delaware and Washington, spent the equivalent of more than \$200 per capita last year, the first time this level has been reached in State expenditure records. The growth of spending at the State level is indicated by the fact that only one year before, in 1950, there were 17 states with per capita expenditures of \$100 and more, ten fewer than in 1951. In 1949 there were only 11 States in this spending bracket. As an average, total expenditures of the 48 State Governments were the equivalent of more than \$100 per capita in 1951, as compared with \$89 in 1950 and \$81 in 1949. Back in 1940, per capita State expenditures averaged only \$41.

These figures include spending for all activities in which the States are engaged. These vary widely as between one State and another because of differences in services provided and in responsibilities to county and local subdivisions due to variations in customs, traditions, and economic ability to support public services.

It is true, of course, that aggregate State Government expenditures, which added up to some \$15 billions last year, are dwarfed by those of the Federal Government, particularly these days with the great rise in defense spending. Furthermore, both State and local governments held down their expenditures during World War II and deferred many necessary projects to help the war effort. Catching up on these deferred projects, along with the rise in the general price level and unavoidable new expenditures like veterans' bonuses, has been a big factor in the rise in the cost of government at the State level in recent years. Nonetheless, the record tax burden now borne by the people and by business requires that State and local expenditures be as carefully watched for waste and extravagance as those of the Federal Government.

Total per capita expenditures for all purposes in North Carolina for the three-year period of 1949 through 1951 were as follows:

1949—\$70.90.
1950—\$86.57.
1951—\$103.58.

Something's Wrong

Neighbor (finding young bride in tears): "What's wrong, dear?"
Bride: "I make a cake and put it in the freezer an hour ago and there isn't any frosting on it yet."



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Virginia Rail

When a fisherman hears grunting sounds coming from a fresh-water marsh, he might think, at first, that some baby pigs had wandered into the reeds and cattails. But if he knows his way around the outdoors, he realizes that the noises are made by Virginia Rails.

The shy birds, though graceful in actions, just aren't singers. Besides grunting, they make kicking sounds. And sometimes they call, "wak-wak-wak" and "kid-ick-kidick."

It is fairly easy to hear their harsh noises, says the National Wildlife Federation, but not so easy to see the birds themselves. They live among the tangled plants along streams and marshes, and usually stay under cover. When disturbed, they try to hide where the growth is thickest, instead of taking to the air.

Among the weeds and rushes, they also build their homes. In a nest made of grasses, the female lays from five to twelve eggs which are white or creamy with a few brown and purple spots. The parents take turns in sitting on the eggs until they are hatched.

The baby rails are greenish black at first. After a few months, the tinge of green disappears, and they are just plain black. Later they begin to resemble their parents.

Both the male and the female adults are reddish brown birds. The feathers on their backs are streaked with black. Behind their legs and under their short, perky tails, they are marked with black and white bars. Their cheeks are gray, and their throats are white. For pecking in the marshes, they have long, slightly curved bills. When fully grown, the birds are about nine or ten inches long.

With slender, delicate legs, they walk daintily about in the marshes, looking for food. They are especially fond of insects, and they also eat wild rice, wild oats, and other grass seeds.

In the summer, when they are raising their families, Virginia Rails live in southern Canada and the northern half of the United States. To escape cold weather, they spend the winter in the southern part of our country, and some of them go to Cuba, Bermuda, and Guatemala.

Interesting information on other wildlife species may be obtained by writing to the National Wildlife Federation, Washington 10, D. C.

COTTON QUIZ



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finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Second Timothy 4: 6-8.

Paul was a man who became one of the great figures of all time. He was a world patriot. He was interested in the welfare of all nations and races. He not only welcomed the hardships and toils of life but he welcomed the end of life. He willingly exposed himself daily to the dangers of death. He gave himself unselfishly. He gave himself unreservedly to the furtherance of the gospel. The world is in need of many men who like Paul live unselfishly and die willingly if necessary for the betterment of humanity. Paul fought a good fight. He fought worthily for a righteous cause. He fought valiantly. At the cost of his life he fought victoriously. Our nation needs more men who will stand unmoved for liberty and righteousness in national government.

Paul ran a great race. He had a goal. He ran purposely. He ran diligently. He completely dedicated his life to the running of this Christian race. There is but one thing that really counts in life and that is the doing of the daily tasks in the spirit taught by Christ. All are running in the race of life and every step ought to be so taken that it will bring us nearer our goal.

Paul kept the sacred trust which was given to him. He kept it faithfully. He kept it watchfully. He kept it uncompromisingly. We have a great trust as a Christian nation to

Here's the Dope



kept it uncompromisingly. We have a great trust as a Christian nation to

keep. When almost everything seems to be tottering and ready to crumble and fall we have a glorious opportunity of keeping the trust which has been delivered to us.

Paul won a glorious crown. He won it lawfully. He merited his reward. He held on to the end of his journey. The world, the nation, the home and the church are reaching for a hand to help steady them. We may help by being Christian patriots.

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