

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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a constitutional mandate ignored by the 1951 General Assembly. The General Assembly was also urged to set up a committee to study state government reorganization, with particular reference to the knotty problems of divorcing the prison system from the SH&PWC and of combining the Probation and Paroles Departments.

His highway safety program centered upon a "common sense" mechanical inspection law and institution of driver training courses in all public high schools. He emphasized the need of a long range primary road building plan; prevention of road deterioration due to large commercial vehicle use; and taxation of road users in a manner more closely related to benefits received.

FCC allocation of 8 TV channels to North Carolina (which expires on June 2) for educational purposes prompted recommendation of a study commission to propose possible uses to the 1953 legislature. (A bill authorizing the Governor to appoint such a commission was ratified on January 15.)

Agriculture and labor did not assume major roles in the Governor's legislative program, but he did propose a state minimum wage law, and promised to see that laws would be enforced which protect the right of citizens to go to their jobs unmolested. An expanded agricultural research program, a comprehensive forestry program, additional processing plants, and expanding market facilities were called for.

While making no concrete conservation and development proposals, the Governor did dwell upon the need for attracting new industry and more tourists, and pointed out the opportunities opened up by the Morehead City and Wilmington ports.

To finance his proposals, Mr. Umstead foresaw no new taxes but suggested that if extra revenue is needed, a revision of the sales tax exemption schedule would provide more funds.

Appropriations

Having considered requests from all state departments, institutions, and agencies for funds totaling over \$753 million to cover needs during the 1953-55 biennium, the Advisory Budget Commission on Friday submitted to the General Assembly its recommendations for the expenditure of over \$637 million by June 30, 1955. Designed to continue essential state services without embarking on an enlarged spending program, the biennial appropriations bill provides for spending over \$592 million (about \$390 million from General Fund; \$2 million from Agriculture Fund; and \$200 million from Highway Fund) during 1953-55. Appropriations from General Fund and Highway Fund surpluses, were added to anticipated revenues, enabled the Commission to present a balanced budget. Included in the biennial appropriations is \$35 million to implement Governor Umstead's recommendation of a 10 per cent salary increase for teachers and state employees. An additional \$17.6 million is made available from current revenues to make the salary raises retroactive to July 1, 1952. One innovation is the creation from surpluses of a permanent continuing cash fund of \$17.8 million to meet current state obligations at the beginning of each fiscal year. Agencies seeking additional appropriations from the House and Senate committees in the next few weeks may be expected to view this operating fund as a possible source of revenue. No recommendations for changes in the revenue laws were submitted to the General Assembly.

The Budget Commission trimmed requests for permanent improvements from about \$125 million to \$9.6 million which is appropriated in the permanent improvements bill. Requests approved were principally for completion of building projects already underway and preservation of state properties.

Miscellaneous

On the first day of the 1953 session a tax relief measure (HB 4) was proposed permitting deduction of federal income taxes for state income tax purposes. In line with the Governor's message bills were introduced to provide \$50 million for school construction (HB 99) and \$50 million monthly payments to teachers and state employees retired after 20 years of service (HB 7). HB 30 provides for the renewal of driver licenses without re-examinations for most people.

Lunch Room Menu

The menu at the Edenton Elementary School lunch room for the week beginning Monday, January 26, will be as follows:

Monday—Corn beef, steamed cabbage, stewed corn, hot rolls, butter, milk, baked custard.

Tuesday—Beef and vegetable soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, bread, butter, milk, ginger bread.

Wednesday—Stewed beef, potatoes, turnip greens, hot rolls, butter, milk, baked apples.

Thursday—Spiced ham, lima beans, toss salad, bread, butter, milk, oranges.

Friday—Roast turkey and gravy, steamed rice, string beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, butter, milk, honey cup.



The new seed catalogs for 1953 are beginning to drop in. If you haven't received yours, address a post card to your favorite seed house, or send for several different ones so that you can compare their specialties.

Each company has specialties and novelties which it emphasizes and recommends to its customers as well as the standard varieties well known to the trade. The commercial grower

cannot afford to take chances on making a large planting of any of these highly advertised specialties and novelties until he has tested them out or has recommendations from someone who has tested them. On the other hand, the home gardener can try out many of these new varieties without much financial risk and in some cases with a great deal of satisfaction to himself. There are many hybrid va-

rieties of vegetables being introduced by seedsmen—especially tomatoes, cucumbers, and sweet corn. Some of these are distinct improvements over standard varieties—some are not so good. The way to find out if they suit your needs is to try them out. The seed of hybrid varieties are usually expensive because of the labor involved in hand pollination.

Every gardener should take an interest in the "All America" vegetable variety selections of the last few years. These have been tested in several different locations in the country and can be generally recommended. Good examples are the Top-crop and Wade snap beans, Salad Bowl leaf lettuce, Pennlake head lettuce, America spinach, Cherry Belle radish and many others.

It is necessary to know if your garden soil is infected with fusarium wilt. If it is, wilt resistant varieties should be planted. There are a number of good wilt resistant varieties, but one of the best of the newer ones is Jefferson. There are no varieties which are resistant to Granville wilt, a tobacco disease, but common in North Carolina vegetable gardens.

Doesn't Know

Ernest: "Mother, when the fire goes out, where does it go to?"

Mother: "My dear Ernest, I don't know. You might just as well ask me where your father goes to when he goes out."

Excellent things are rare.

—Plato.

Steps Of Any Kind
Wife: "Jock, it's high time we took steps to—"
Jock: "Na, lass, let's not talk of wasting leather."

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