

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

Washington — As Congress approaches the task of appropriating funds to operate the Federal government for the fiscal year beginning in July there is every indication that the President's budget will be cut.

Fat
I am not a member of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, but my mail from North Carolina has been running very heavy in recent days in favor of drastic budget cuts. Experts in the field of finance here on Capitol Hill are of the firm opinion that there is much fat in the President's \$72 billion budget. Just how much fat is difficult to ascertain, but I believe Congress can and will apply the brakes to the ever increasing trend in Federal spending.

Joint Action
That brings me to a discussion of a matter which is before Congress that, I most certainly believe, should receive favorable action. It is the proposal to create a Joint Budget Committee to carry on a full-time study to see where savings can be made in budget proposals. This is not to imply that such is not being done at the present, but I believe that a more effective approach can be made by an expert staff to tackle this vital job. It is not possible for each Senator or Representative to personally screen the entire budget which is the size of a catalog. I have joined with Senator McClellan and others in sponsoring a measure to create a Joint Budget Committee to effectively approach the problem of the budget, thus giving Congress working tools.

Defense Cuts
I have been very reluctant to advocate cuts in spending for our national defense. There is so much duplication of effort in the defense set-up that the wisdom of a Solomon is needed to clarify the picture. It is my opinion that savings can be made without injuring the effectiveness of our national defense. Certainly the chunk of the total defense dollar allocated for defense is very large. Savings of a substantial nature in that area would help the budget picture considerably.

Summary
To summarize my position on government spending, let me say that I will support budget cuts as vital to our financial welfare as a country; national defense duplication must be eliminated and substantial savings made, remembering that adequate funds must be appropriated for necessary defense; I am convinced that Congress must organize to approach budget studying on a more effective basis; tax cuts can be made once the national debt is in the process of being reduced.

It will require a staggering amount of funds to operate the Federal government in the years ahead, but I am not willing to concede that the Eisenhower budget is necessary and practical.

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ABUNDANT LIFE BY ORAL ROBERTS

EPILEPTIC MOTHER FINDS GOD'S WAY OUT

In almost every denomination there are devout ministers who pray for the sick and see them healed.

The Rev. Roland Brown, former pastor of Parkside Baptist Church in Chicago, enjoys such a ministry. His work was so effective and fruitful that he resigned his pastorate in order to give full time to this phase of his ministry.

The following account is about a victim of that most embarrassing disease, epilepsy. I said victim—I mean victor over epilepsy, and this came in answer to prayer and faith.

For 20 years Mrs. M. G. had suffered from epileptic seizures; sometimes several a day. Her husband said that in 10 years of married life, his wife had an average of at least eight epileptic seizures a week.

In church, on the sidewalk, at home, in stores, wherever she was, the attacks took her. She and her husband had resigned themselves to a hopeless situation. No matter where they went, there was always the fear and dread knowledge that a seizure was liable at any moment. How tragic! How sad!

But healing services were carried on at the Baptist Church where Mr. Brown was pastor. People gave in reports and testimonies of being healed.

One day Mrs. M. G. came and asked for prayer and timidly asserted that she believed God could set her free. An hour of prayer was held at her home.

site; land higher than other areas; a site open so the air movement will not be stopped by a woods or a break. (2) Make the mulch from between the rows and apply this over the plants. Note: If the temperature rises the next morning, this material should be removed from the plants. (3) Heavy waxed paper applied three or four feet wide over the row and removed the following morning is a good precaution. (4) Irrigate the planting with low volume nozzle. Start the water when frost is found on leaves in lowest part of planting. Keep the water running as long as ice is on the plants. Warning: Don't turn off the water while ice is on the plants; if you do the bloom will freeze.

Picking and Packing Strawberries: Berries in pint containers have sold for almost the same price as quarts on some markets in North Carolina. The reason for this is that in a nice pack there is less chance of damage to the fruit in the bottom of the container and a pint is the volume of berries most customers will buy for table use.

Master Containers: Wood master market containers holding 24 pints are acceptable. Some growers are also using the flat container which holds 12 pints. The flat containers can be stacked high at the farm or the market and usually all of the fruit looks like the top layer of the crate when the berries arrive at the markets.

Picking: Picking should be done every other day or three times a week. The fruit should be picked with part of the stem still attached.

NEWS FOR FRUIT GROWERS

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Bunch Grapes: Last chance to prune. It is the one-year-old wood about the size of a lead pencil that will produce grapes in 1957. Most grape vines can stand a total of about 20 buds. These are usually distributed on four arms. When these buds break they will produce new wood that will have blooms and later produce about three bunches a year of grapes. **Fertilization:** Plants 3 years old need one pound of 8-8-8; plants 5 years old need two pounds of 8-8-8; and plants 7 years old and older need three pounds of 8-8-8. Apply in circle two to three feet from trunk when buds begin to swell.

Muscadine Grapes: Varieties like Scuppernon, Topsail, Hunt, Thomas, etc., also need pruning. Many posts and wires holding your Muscadine grape vine need renewing. Attention should be given to pruning of the numerous arms; cutting the wood back and thinning it out so that we can have an abundant production in 1957. **Fertilization:** Plants 3 years old need one-half pound 8-8-8; plants 5 years old need one pound 8-8-8; plants 7 years old need two pounds 8-8-8; plants 9 years old need three pounds 8-8-8; and plants older than 9 years old need four to six pounds 8-8-8. Apply in circle two to three

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Strawberries
Plants should be set as soon as possible for harvest in 1958. Have your plot soil tested for lime, phosphate and potash. A pH of 5.5-6, and medium to high phosphate and potash are ideal. **Home Gardeners**—Apply two quarts of 8-8-8 to each 100 feet of row; do this about ten days before planting. **Commercial Growers**—Follow the recommendations in "Commercial Strawberry Production in North Carolina" mimeograph. Plant the plants as soon as the soil is workable because early runner plants produce the largest crop. When planting protect the plants until they are set. Don't let the roots dry out; a dry root is usually a dead one. Cover all roots as you set the plant; but keep the crown about the soil level. Don't set too deep so that plant smothers.

Strawberries in most of North Carolina will probably be a scarce item this year, so plan now to save all the fruit you can.

Protection for Strawberries: Burning tires, straw, etc., is almost a waste of time and material when frost is predicted. Wise planning and better use of resources can be more valuable. (1) Select a good

site; land higher than other areas; a site open so the air movement will not be stopped by a woods or a break. (2) Make the mulch from between the rows and apply this over the plants. Note: If the temperature rises the next morning, this material should be removed from the plants. (3) Heavy waxed paper applied three or four feet wide over the row and removed the following morning is a good precaution. (4) Irrigate the planting with low volume nozzle. Start the water when frost is found on leaves in lowest part of planting. Keep the water running as long as ice is on the plants; if you do the bloom will freeze.

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