

The National Outlook The Fight On The Budget

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We are in the midst of a real political war on the federal budget. On one side are most of the Southern conservative Democrats and a majority of the Republicans. On the other side are New Deal Democrats and the remaining Republicans.

The most recent important development is the report of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. It is significant because this staff, of which Mr. Colin Stam is chief, has an extraordinarily good record for estimating revenue receipts. Further, this staff does not play party politics, and, insofar as its reports are concerned, does not have an ideological slant. When it says that a deficit is pending therefore, its voice carries real weight, and in the current report that is exactly what it says.

The staff arrived at this conclusion by differing with the budget estimates submitted by the President in January. These differences, with all amounts in millions, are as follows:

Individual income taxes	down	\$1,300
corporation income taxes	up	177
excises	down	841
estate and gift taxes	down	30
employment taxes	up	190
customs	up	32
miscellaneous receipts	down	104

net difference down \$1,876

This staff also assumes that transfers to old-age and survivors insurance and disability trust funds will be \$184 million more than the budget estimate; that transfers to the highway trust fund will be \$681 million less than estimated in the budget; and, that refunds of receipts will be \$29 million less than listed in the budget.

Putting all of these items together, the net result is that the Federal Government will have \$1,350 million less than anticipated in January.

Back of these differences are certain assumptions. First, that present corporate tax rates will be continued, which also was assumed in the budget estimates. Second, that recommended increase in gasoline taxes from 3 to 4½ cents a gallon will not be

made and that no changes will be made in the present treatment for transfers to the highway trust fund. Third, that corporate income will be higher than figured in the budget estimate, and that personal income will be lower.

On the expenditure side there also is a difference between the staff and the budget estimates. The one of greatest importance is the assumption that the increased contribution to the International Monetary Fund will be made in the 1960 fiscal year rather than in the current year as recommended by the Administration. This would lift estimated 1960 fiscal year expenditures to \$80 billion, and would mean a deficit, on the basis of the staff revenue estimates, of \$4.2 billion. But even without this particular shift, and it is still an open question, there would be a deficit of \$1.2 billion.

Does this mean that there's no chance of having a balanced budget next year?

It certainly does not mean this. The budget submitted in January by the President was not austere in terms of expenditures. It called for a reduction of about \$4 billion, and there was at least that much more which might have been eliminated, and would have had to be eliminated if one was to be justified in terming it an austere budget.

On the revenue side of the January budget estimates were well within the realm of possibility, and it still is possible that they will prove to have been too low. At the moment it does not appear probable that postage rates will be increased again, and neither does it appear likely that gasoline taxes will be raised. But these can be offset by economy in other directions, providing there is the will for such economy.

But there will not be this will for economy unless persons and groups and communities stop asking for more spending for all types of non-essential things, and unless the public at large starts to emphasize that in its

opinion economy and a balanced budget are essential.

The only way the public can do this is by either writing or talking to the members of Congress.

There is no time for delay. One after another of the appropriations bill is now being considered by Congress and that is where spending must be curtailed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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carry a burden of guilty. Forgiveness is ours for the asking, and new power may come into our lives as we experience this release.

But before we judge the disobedient in our midst, we need to recognize that there are wide differences of personality between people. Some are more easily tempted to disobedience than others. This very fact indicates that we should do everything in our power to understand others and discover, if we can, what makes them act that way.

A special modern problem presents itself in this connection. With guidance counselors, educational counselors, marriage counselors, vocational guidance experts, etc., some individuals are being produced who have never learned to make a decision for themselves or to face the responsibility of their decisions. Facing life has never been easy, and in our complicated modern world the difficulties have been increased. Facing life will include the ability to live in harmony with basic rules. It has been said that we cannot break the laws of God, we can only be broken on them.

We must be careful of our association with others. We must guard our moral standards; mankind has learned across the centuries that such laws as the Ten Commandments are necessary for the safety of humanity. To have no regard for the truth; to feel no respect for the sacredness of human personality; to be a character assassin by repeating malicious and false gossip; to fail in respecting the rights of others; to be jealous of another's success or possessions; to be careless and ignorant of personal health—all these are acts of disobedience to God's commands. How often we are pressured by public opinion

into breaking these rules? Saul was pressed by the desire of the people to administer sacrifice without waiting for Samuel. He substituted external formalism for true obedience and self discipline. We should be true to ourselves and not be pressured from outside influences.

No thinking man will consciously violate a law of society that is obviously designed to protect human life and safety. To ignore or violate these laws and to imperil our physical and spiritual well-being would not seem to be the most intelligent thing for us to do. The individual who



QUITE A FEET—“Walking John” Frey, above, hopped it from Alaska to Florida in 523 days. Shown in Miami after the 11,396-mile stroll, he walked at an average three miles per hour, used four pair of high-top shoes, 24 pair of heels, crossed 31 states, passed through some 1,200 cities. Trod underfoot as the photographer waded through the statistics: just where Frey started for in Alaska.

considers himself an exception or someone to whom these laws could not apply, is the very person who finds himself suffering the penalties of violation.

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Record N. C. Wheat Production Indicated

Wheat production in North Carolina is forecast at a record 9,812,000 bushels by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. A crop of this size would exceed the previous record 1956 crop of 9,384,000 bushels by 4.6 per cent, and compares with 7,614,000

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bushels produced last year. This year's estimated planted acreage for all purposes at 446,000 acres is 25 per cent above the 357,000 planted acres for the 1958 crop.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

April 6, 1959

The Chowan County Board of Education held its regular meeting, Monday, April 6, at 10 A. M., in the superintendent's office. The following members were present: G. B. Potter, D. H. Berryman, G. E. Nixon, J. I. Boyce and Carey Evans.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Potter, after which the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes as read were adopted by a motion made and duly passed.

The following reports were received and adopted by a motion made and duly passed:

- (1) The County Treasurer's Report.
- (2) The Local School Fund Treasurer's Reports for Chowan High School and the White Oak Consolidated School.
- (3) The Grand Jury's Report.

The superintendent reported that the audit had been completed by Mr. R. E. Aiken, Jr., but copies of the audit had not been received.

The bills for the month were read, and upon motion made and duly passed payment of same were approved as follows:
Current Expense items, \$2,308.06; veterans program, \$571.60; Commercial fund, \$56.00; capital outlay items, \$1,603.62; lunchroom funds, \$1,099.99; total, \$5,639.27.

Since this was the last meeting of the current board, their term of office having expired, D. H. Berryman made a motion and same was duly passed, that G. B. Potter be given a vote of thanks for his untiring service as chairman of the board for the past ten years.

Mr. Potter then thanked the board members for their loyalty during his term of office, and said that the work had not been altogether easy at times, but that he had enjoyed rendering whatever service he was called upon, and that any person who assumed the responsibilities as a board member would not always find the path of duty easy. Mr. Garland Asbell, a member of the incoming board, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Potter for his remarks.

There being no further duties, the Board of Education adjourned.
G. B. POTTER, Chairman
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary

Immediately following the adjournment of the retiring board of education, the members of the

new board of education were administered the oath of office by the Clerk of Court, Tom Shepard. The members then elected Mrs. C. C. Nixon, chairman for one year. The new members are, as follows: Mrs. C. C. Nixon, Edenton, Route 1; Eugene Jordan, Tyner; Mrs. F. A. Ward, Hobbsville; Marvin L. Evans, Edenton, Route 1; Garland Asbell, Tyner; and Sherlon C. Layton, Edenton, Route 1.

After the organization meeting, the superintendent, W. J. Taylor, submitted his application for reelection. After due consideration, the chairman announced that Mr. Taylor had been unanimously re-elected to serve as superintendent for the next two years. Mr. Taylor expressed his appreciation to the board for its favorable action. Tom Shepard, Clerk of Court, then administered the oath of office to him.

The superintendent suggested that the Board appoint a District Committee. The Board nominated the following names for the committee: W. J. Privott, Tyner; Lester T. Copeland, Tyner; Henry Bunch, Edenton, Route 3; Henry W. Hinton, Hobbsville, and W. W. Bunch, Edenton, Route 1. It was suggested that each member of the board contact the member of the committee thus appointed, and confirm to the superintendent whether the person so appointed would serve. By late Tuesday night, each member of

the committee was confirmed to the superintendent as being willing to serve on the committee. It was suggested that the superintendent call a meeting of the committee as soon as possible to administer the oath of office and to have it organized to transact any business at hand immediately.
There being no further business, the board adjourned.
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HERE ARE MOBILGAS ECONOMY RUN FACTS:

- A Plymouth V-8 has just won its class in the Mobilgas Economy Run for the third year in a row. Ford and Chevrolet both finished behind Plymouth.
- Plymouth scored 21.15 miles per gallon.
- Winning Plymouth was a Belvedere 2-door hardtop, equipped with standard Fury V-800 engine and automatic transmission.
- Run was sanctioned by United States Auto Club.

HERE ARE WHAT THESE FACTS MEAN TO YOU:

- As a Plymouth owner, you can expect economical operation in everyday driving.
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