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State Senate seat. In interviews follow-ing their election, several of the new lawmakers talked about issues they expect to come up when the legislature convenes ineJanuary.

"Topping the list, of course, will be the budget," said Spaulding, "We will have a lot of budgetary reuests that we won't be able to fill because for sometime now, our actual revenues have been running behind anticipated revenues."

Spaulding went on the say that he favors giving state employees and teachers raises in the next budget because their salaries were frozen in the current budget.

"I anticipate that someone will introduce some legislation to do away with the runoff primary in this state," said Ballance, "and that is definitely a problem that needs to be addressed."

North Carolina is one of a dwindling number of states that still require the second primary if a candidate does not poll a clear majority in running for his party nomination to a certain office. But blacks throughout the state have long been opposed to the runoff primary, as it is called, because, as they say, it oftens blocks blacks from making successful bids for elective office.

The most recent example was the 2nd District congressional race where in the first primary, H.M. "Mickey" Michaux led a field of two other Democrats for the nomination, but failed to get a clear majori-

tv. Subsequently, I.T. "Tim" Valentine, a Nashville attorney, called for a runoff, and won. In last week's elections, Valentine beat Republican Jack Marin for the congressional seat. He won despite a relatively strong, but tardy, write-in effort mounted for Michaux.

Throughout 10-county 2nd District, more than 16,000 voters, most of them black, wrote in Michaux's name for the congressional seat. Valentine polled almost 60,000 votes, while Marin managed just over 34,000.

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Traditionally, blacks in' North Carolina don't win runoff primaries.

Durham Water

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handle the increased supply when the Little River reservoir is completed.

Just in case there are water shortages before the new reservoir is finished, the city is building a run-of-the river intake on the Eno River. When the Eno is running high, the city will use that supply and save on Michie usage, Slade said.

Slade said the administration is also thinking of proposing to the City Council a reinstallation of generators on Lake Michie.

From the time it was built in the 20s until 1963, Michie not only supplied water but also served as a source of power and electricity. Slade said the generators wouldn't produce "that much power but it would be a good use."

