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SMALLER SLASH IN BUDGET APPROVED BY SENATE VOTE

Cut of $4,500,000,000 Approved by Vote of 51 to 33, with Body Refusing To Take Funds Away From Armed Forces; Taft Predicts Compromise With House That Will Place Reduction At 5 Billions; Action on Amendments Awaited

Washington, Feb. 26.—Tacitly rejecting any major cuts for the Army and Navy, the Senate voted 51 to 33 today to slash $4,500,000,000 off President Truman's $37,500,000,000 budget for the year starting July 1.

This compares with a $6,000,000,000 cut already approved by the House. The House action had led to cries that the Army and Navy might be crippled at a critical juncture in world affairs.

Chairman Knutson (R-Minn) of the House Ways and Means Committee told a reporter after the Senate vote that the cutback of only $4,500,000,000 would throw overboard his bill for a 20 per cent across-the-board slash in individual income taxes, reducing the figure to 10 per cent.

Promises Fight

He quickly added, however, that "the House will never accept" the Senate figure.

Still pending in the Senate as Knutson spoke was a proposal by Senator Knowland (R-Calif) to require that $3,000,000,000 of any government surplus be applied to the national debt.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) proposed to cut Knowland's debt retirement figure to $1,000,000,000, leaving room for a $3,500,000,000 tax reduction if revenues come in as expected.

Senator Green (R-R I) went the other way with a proposed amendment to apply all of the budget saving to the debt.

All those proposals remained to be voted on when the Senate quit for the night.

Taft Sees Compromise.

As for the ceiling on spending, Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee predicted to a reporter that a Senate-House compromising committee eventually will arrive at a figure of $5,000,000,000 or slightly more as the overall pledge for reducing expenditures.

This would put Congress on record as promising—if it doesn't change its mind when individual appropriations bills are voted—to hold government costs to about 85 per cent of the level Mr. Truman previously had described as bedrock.

The Senate's vote for the $4,500,000,000 cut represented a victory for the armed services, which had contended that the larger savings promised by the House would cut so deeply into Army and Navy funds as to make them ineffective for national defense and to support American foreign policy.

The House's $6,000,000,000 slash was said to involve lopping $2,250,000,000 off military and civil functions of the two departments. Most Senators appeared to believe the Senate figure would take no more than $750,000,000 away from the two services, if that much.

Involved also were the questions of how much of any savings should be turned into reduction of the national debt and how much a slice in individual income taxes.

Chairman Knutson (R-Minn) of the House Ways and Means Committee has proposed a 20 per cent tax cut, which would use up $3,500,000,000 of the spread between income and expenditures. Taft has proposed the same overall amount, but has said no tax reduction should become effective July 1.

Sam D. Bundy Appointed Red Cross Chairman

Sam D. Bundy, secretary of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, was appointed this week to direct the Red Cross Drive in Farmville Township. The appointment was made by Hoover Taft, of Greenville, chairman of the Pitt County Red Cross Drive, and filled the vacancy made when C. S. Hotchkiss resigned due to business reasons.

Mr. Bundy stated that he was accepting the chairmanship with the feeling that Farmville citizens would support the worthy drive 100 per cent in both time and contributions. Committees and workers will be named later.

SPEAKS TUESDAY

Sam D. Bundy will speak over WGTC in Greenville on behalf of the Red Cross Drive Tuesday, March 4, from 11 to 11:15 a.m. [illegible]

At The Rotary Club

The program for the evening was given by Levi Walston, chairman of program committee, who brought to the attention of the club the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration to be held April 19. He called upon Dr. Paul Jones, Dick Joyner, C. M. Paylor, Paul Ewell and Arch Flanagan, who gave interesting short talks about the town and community programs.

David Oglesby, of Kinston, one of the charter members and a past president of the Farmville club, was present and made a short speech.

Tickets for the Rotary-Kiwanis basketball game to be played Friday night were passed out to the members present to be sold. The proceeds of this game will go to the Boy Scout Hut Fund. All Rotarians were requested to be present and in uniform if possible. "Pants" Stansill was in fine shape and everything for a good game was in sight.

Visiting Rotarians were Martin Schwartz, Larry Brown and Fred Langford, of Greenville.

Jesse Moye received the attendance prize.

World Day Of Prayer Observed Here, Friday

Mrs. W. H. Fisher was the leader of a responsive reading program held in observance of the World Day of Prayer at the Baptist Church, Friday afternoon with approximately 50 members of the local Protestant churches attending.

Miss Rosemary Holmes sang several solos with the background music rendered by a choir composed of the representatives of the different churches. Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner was accompanist.

The free will collection taken will be used in furthering Christian education in schools overseas.

This annual observance is sponsored by the United Council of Churchwomen.

AT HOME ON THE FARM
— with —
THE CITY COUSIN

"You sure missed out on a lot by not being a 4-H Club boy when you were a kid," the bareheaded, strapping young lad told me, as we sat under a tree on his father's farm.

"Oh, I had a pretty good time—all in all," I says, as I recalled to mind my bustling boyhood in "the big city."

"But this 4-H isn't all fun!" he came back at me with a wrinkling of the brow that indicated I didn't understand. "We got work to do, too; everyone of us in our club's got at least one project—like Baby Beef calves, or gardenin', or timber thinnin'—and there's ninety thousand more just like us here in North Carolina."

"Is that so?" I asked.

"Yes," the kid says, "and a million and a half all over the United States are doing the same thing. We're all a part of National 4-H Club Week, too, you know—that's the first week in March this year—"

I asked him what was so special about National 4-H Club Week. I'd heard about it before, but I didn't know a million farm kids took part in it.

"Well," he says, "we use this to make all club members familiar with the theme for the year's work, and . . ."

"What is your theme this year?" I interrupted.

He told me the main theme would be "Working Together for a Better Home and World Community," and that his club was going to work even harder on the idea of getting along together as it applied to the local community. I agreed with him that youth must do its share in establishing and maintaining world peace, and that there was no better way or place to begin than right at home.

During this week, we got ready for a big year of 4-H work," he tells me, "and try to get other kids interested in it. We don't want them to miss out on the trainin' that comes from actually doing the job—like raisin' a calf—it teaches 'em leadership, community pride, and spirit. We want them to use the best they've got on their projects and in their record keeping. Keeping a record all by yourself might not seem like a whole lot, "but it fosters individual ownership, a love of nature and the open country. They learn to use business in their farmin', and develop responsibility, self-reliance, and ambition—"

"Wait a minute here, son," I says, "where'd you pick up all th' big words?"

"Tis president of our club," he tells me, and I realize he must be a darn good man. He is very proud of it.

"Then he tells me about our 4-H Pledge: I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

He tells me the 4-H Pledge is not just a mouthpiece, but a guide for action. Its members are taught to be honest with themselves and others, to be good citizens, to be loyal to the land, to be [illegible]

Fire Regulations For Hotels Are Drafted Here

Raleigh.—At a meeting of hotel and firefighting groups here Monday legislation was drafted for two bills which will be introduced in the legislature in an effort to secure hotel safety regulations.

Named to the steering committee of the three fire-fighting groups here were Chief W. R. Botts and Captain J. B. Keeter, both of Raleigh, and Chief C. L. Cox of Durham.

The bills would seek:

Installation of fire-alarm bells or gongs on each floor of a hotel, centrally controlled, and if practicable, connected with the municipal fire-alarm system.

Maintenance of Watchman

Maintenance of watchman service in all hotels of two stories or higher or designed for 20 or more persons, each night between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. The watch would be checked hourly.

Installation of automatic sprinklers in all hotels of non-fire resistant construction more than two stories in height and in hotels of fire-resistant construction more than four stories in height.

Authorization for the insurance commissioner to declare unsafe buildings condemned, with anyone continuing to use condemned buildings without making necessary alterations and repairs subject to a fine of from $10 to $50 for each day of continued use.

If the hotel is located or attached to another building, separation from the other building by walls having an ultimate fire resistance of at least three hours, or by floors with an ultimate fire resistance of two and one-half hours.

Minimum Requirements

State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell, present at the conference, said the bills should be approved as drawn. Chief W. H. Palmer of Charlotte, president of the N. C. Fire Chief Association and chairman of the legislative committee of the fire-fighters, said the bills represent "the minimum requirements which the firemen of North Carolina feel should be enacted into law."

In addition to the fire chiefs, other fire-fighting groups represented were the N. C. Firemen's Association, and the N. C. Fire Fighters Association.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., of Raleigh, speaking for the hotel men, pledged support of the legislation.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

By Ruth Moore, State President of 4-H Clubs

The week of March 1-8 is observed throughout the country as "National 4-H Club Week." At this time, 4-H members will explain to others the purpose of their organization.

The 4-H Club is the largest Youth organization in the nation. In North Carolina there are over 98,000 members. It trains rural youth in the "art of better living." The 4-H Club is one of the best youth organizations, in that it touches all phases of life, helping to build well-rounded individuals.

Through project work, members learn to use their hands and minds. They learn to promote better health through health projects and contests. In recreation, members learn to play fairly and develop their personalities.

4-H ers are taught to enter community activities joyfully and help others in every way possible. These clubs teach and encourage appreciation for the finer things in life such as music, art and literature.

The spiritual side of a person is not neglected. Club members are taught to believe in God and to live so that their lives might reveal Him. Each year one Sunday is set aside as 4-H Sunday and members are participants in the worship services.

The 4-H members who live up to their motto, "To Make the Best Better," will be more capable of being efficient in the world of tomorrow.

U. S. Army Recruiting Unit To Visit Here

The U. S. Army Recruiting Service will have a Mobile Recruiting Unit in this area during the second week of March, according to an announcement made by M/Sgt. Virgil B. Lindsey, Commander of the Greenville Sub-Station.

This unit will be in Farmville Tuesday, March 11.

Sgt. Charles C. Noel from Greenville Sub-Station will accompany this unit and be on hand to interview any interested young man desiring information in U. S. Army, and give information that may be desired. Sgt. Noel is a native of North Carolina and was a Japanese prisoner of war for over three years.

He will explain the many good jobs in the Army, which the Army offers and the educational benefits and high pay and travel opportunities that go with them.

Rotary-Kiwanis Basketball Game Tonight, Feb. 28

Remember that tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock in the high school gym the most ludicrous game of the season will be played by the Rotary and Kiwanis teams. Such stars as "Tiny" Monk, "Pants" Stansill, "Speed Ball" Albritton, "Tick" Bundy and "Light Foot" Johnson will be there to thrill the fans.

By coming and enjoying this game, you will be helping the Boy Scout Hut Fund.

Tickets are on sale at the City Drug Company and Wheless Drug Company. Prices—adults, 35c; children, 25c.

Special Broadcast To Honor Alexander Bell

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, will be marked by a special "Telephone Hour" broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company and Station WPTF on Monday, March 3, from 9 to 10 o'clock p. m.

The regular weekly "Telephone Hour," sponsored by the Bell Telephone System, has been extended to an hour's length for the special occasion.

Special guests on the broadcast will be Helen Traubel, American soloist, singing Wagnerian soprano; Jascha Heifetz, famed violinist; and Raymond Massey, famous actor, who will serve as narrator for the program. A special radio skit on the great inventor will be presented, featuring the same actors who played the parts of Bell and his assistant, Mr. Watson, in the motion picture "Mr. Bell." Donald Voorhees will conduct the Bell Symphonic Orchestra in a group of American pieces honoring the man whose vision grew into the great industry which he dedicated to the service of America.

"The Telephone Hour" is heard each Monday night at 9 o'clock over Station WPTF—680 on the dial.

Local Girl Co-Business Manager Senior Play

Greenville, Feb. 25.—When the Senior class and the Chi Pi players of East Carolina Teachers College present John B. Van Druten's Broadway comedy hit "I Remember Mama" on February 28 and March 1, among those participating will be Miss Frances Lewis of Farmville. Miss Lewis and Miss Jean Brown of Burgaw are business directors of the production.

The tender, delightfully funny play deals with a Norwegian family living in San Francisco and centers around the struggles of Mama to give her children a sense of security. The leads are taken by Martha Jefferson of Fountain and Robert Musselwhite of Greenville. The evening performances will be given at 8:15 o'clock in the Austin auditorium on the campus.

MISS MOORE ATTENDING STATE 4-H COUNCIL MEET

Miss Ruth Moore, state 4-H president, will attend a meeting of the 4-H Council, in Raleigh, tomorrow, where the members will make plans for 4-H Week, March 1-9, and give their ideas on the projects to be used during the coming year.

She will also broadcast around noon over Station WPTF.

Pilot Is Hero In Icy Rescue

Westover Field, Mass. — The 11-man crew who cheated death for three days 600 miles from the North Pole after their B-29 crashed in northern Greenland were flown back here Tuesday.

Lieut. Bobbie Joe Carnaw, 22, of Okmulgee, Okla., set down the rescue plane—a big C-54 transport—of the Army Air Transport Command at 7:56 A. M. (EST) here after a 2,510 mile non-stop flight from Thule, Greenland.

Less than 24 hours earlier, Lieut. Carnaw wagered his life that a sheet of ice beside the crashed B-29 would hold his 30 ton four-motored plane—and won.

The men climbed stiffly from the rescue plane. They appeared exhausted from their ordeal. An army medical officer said none was in serious condition.

Lieut. Vern Arcett of Riverside, Calif., pilot of the downed B-29, only crewman to discuss the belly landing and racing before airplane established for rest and observation, reported Lieut. Carnaw's landing as a "wonderful job."

Permitted to talk to newsmen the night preceding, Arcett said you can't tell about a plane's landing gear when you're in a crippled plane.

New Members Inducted Into V. F. W. Friday

Sixteen new members joined Post 9081, V.F.W., Friday evening, making the total membership of the newly organized post 58. Commander R. R. Newton, Jr., gave the obligation to them.

A committee of three, Richard Gaskins, Marvin Hinson and Horace Allen, were appointed to make a survey in order to obtain a suitable location for meetings until the post builds a permanent home. Their report will be heard at the next meeting Friday, March 14, at the City Hall.

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox was elected to fill the office of chaplain, which had been temporarily filled at the first meeting by Richard Gaskins. Overseas service as a chaplain during World War II well qualified Rev. Cox, who was given a cordial welcome, for his new office.

Senior Vice Commander Claude Tyson was appointed chairman of the membership committee and Paul R. Burnette, of Fountain, was selected to fill this office in his area.

Burnette relinquished his office as adjutant and accepted the one of legislative officer. George H. Allen was chosen as the new adjutant.

Pig Chain Begun By Fountain Ruritans

Evidencing great interest in the quality of the swine in their section, the Fountain Ruritan Club recently purchased a purebred Duroc gilt and has given it to Jack H. Rose, Jr., of Farmville, Route 2, 13 year old member of the Fountain 4-H Club, with the understanding that he will use good swine management practices under the supervision of the county agent's office, will breed the gilt at 8 months to a purebred Duroc boar, will register the litter with the United Duroc Recording Association, Peoria, Ill., and will give one of the most gilt pigs at 12 weeks from the first two litters to the Ruritan Club in return for the gilt.

This pig came from the herd of Henry Smith and is a full sister of the reserve champion pig shown in the Kinston show in February by Mr. Smith. The reserve champ sold for $155.

Through this small beginning the Ruritan Club in a few years will have built up the swine herds of the Fountain section. Each boy will return one or two pigs and these will be given to other 4-H ers.

Farm Building Need Is Cited By Weaver

The crying need for better farm buildings has been brought into sharp relief by North Carolina's changing agriculture, says Prof. David S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department, State College.

Poultry houses of various kinds, including laying houses, brooder houses, and summer ranges are in demand at this time, Prof. Weaver says, and the ever increasing livestock and the production of feed for their consumption create some of the problems of adequate farm buildings.

"If sufficient and satisfactory building space is not available for handling this year's crops, it is not too early to give consideration to that problem," he says, pointing out that a great many farmers like to cut their own timber and have it seasoning so that when they are prepared to build, it will not be necessary for them to purchase lumber.

Two types of buildings for which there is an increasing demand at present are grain houses and sweet potato storage houses. Each of these requires careful consideration as to location, design and construction, Mr. Weaver says.

The department of Agricultural Engineering has for free distribution to farmers desiring to build, either of these types of structures, as well as many other plans. Prof. Weaver suggests that farmers decide what plan is needed, then consult their county agents, who have complete lists of these plans.

80,000 Pounds Turkish Leaf Grown In State

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Although Turkish tobacco is still in its infancy in the United States, approximately 80,000 pounds of this type leaf was grown in the mountain areas of North Carolina last year, R. O. Blake, Oxford Tobacco Farm superintendent, informed the State Department of Agriculture here.

Blake said growers averaged about $1,000 per acre on the crop, or about twice as much as burley and fire-cured tobacco produced.

The yield averaged 1,600 pounds per acre, he said, and the crop was grown in 1946 primarily for seed purposes to replenish the seed supply.

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BUYERS TO BATTLE $1.00 BACON, CHOPS

Washington.—The Agriculture Department Wednesday discounted talk of $1-a-pound pork chops with an assertion that housewives won't stand for it.

Skyrocketing hog prices merely reflect a seasonal decline in marketable animals, said Charles L. Harris, department livestock price specialist.

And he told a reporter he expects consumer resistance — which means housewives with their dander up—to force a downturn in those prices soon.

Past Peak, It's Said

Department economists held to their contention that food price levels reached their post-war peak last October, after most Government controls were removed.

"It is possible that prices during the first half of the year may hold their own, or increase very slightly," said James P. Cavin, farm and food price economist. "But we see no possibility of their climbing back to anywhere near the peak of last October."

Some foods already have declined in cost since the first of the year, and further decreases are expected. In this class are fluid milk, butter, cheese, evaporated milk, dry milk, eggs, poultry, fresh and frozen fish, fresh and processed vegetables, and canned fruits.

Predicts Downturn

The Department's economics bureau, in a recent food situation report, predicted a downturn in prices of better grades of beef in the spring and summer, when marketings of cattle now on grain feed should increase.

"With large slaughter in prospect, prices of all cattle are likely to decline more than seasonally in the second half of the year, especially in late 1947," the report said.

Officials pointed out that prices of eggs and some dairy products have dropped to levels requiring the Government to act to assure producers minimum prices guaranteed them by law.

More Sugar

Washington, Feb. 27.—The government announced today that its long-promised sugar bonus for home and industrial users will come through on April 1. Industrial rations for April, May and June will go up 10 to 20 per cent and housewives will get ten instead of five pounds of sugar for whatever stamp is valid at that time.

Hotels, restaurants and other public eating places also will get increased rations, adjusted to the rise in other consumer rations, according to a joint announcement by OPA and the Department of Agriculture.

The agencies added that home consumers may expect another stamp with a 10-pound value to become good on July 1, barring an unforseen reduction in the 1947 sugar crop or other adverse developments.

Doubling of the April 1 and July 1 stamp values for home users will raise this year's sugar ration to 25 pounds per person. Last year, individual consumers got 25 pounds each.

G. I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ques.—Will Veterans Administration guarantee a G. I. loan for a boat that I can use during my vacation and for taking occasional fishing trips?

Ans.—No. Loans for pleasure purposes cannot be guaranteed or insured by Veterans Administration.

Ques.—For what term of years can a guaranteed loan be made?

Ans.—Payments must be such that the veteran will repay his home or business real estate loan within 25 years, a farm loan within 40 years, and a non-real estate loan within 10 years.

Ques.—Is there any way I can let Veterans Administration to deduct my National Service Life Insurance premiums from the monthly disability compensation check mailed to me each month?

Ans.—Yes. You may go to any VA regional office or to a contact office and fill out a form which will authorize Veterans Administration to make the deduction from your compensation check.

Ques.—I want to change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance, but I don't want the old beneficiary to know about it. Am I permitted to do this?

Ans.—Yes. A veteran may change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of his NSLI as way then without their knowledge or consent.

Ques.—I recently lost my job and can't meet the payments on my G. I. mortgaged home loan. Am I entitled to a moratorium on the payments?

Ans.—Yes, provided you notify the lender and the VA. [illegible]

At The Kiwanis Club

Davis Harris, program chairman for the evening, presented Miss Rosemary Holmes, soloist, and her mother, Mrs. E. W. Holmes, accompanist, who entertained the club, Monday night, with delightful musical selections. Miss Holmes has appeared on several of the Kiwanis programs and has taken a personal interest in helping the club to become more musically minded.

Rev. Thad Cox gave a brief talk relative to "Brotherhood." "Brotherhood Week," was originated in 1928 by some of the leading statesmen of the time who realized that the future success of the United States was directly dependent upon the removal of all prejudices and upon becoming more cooperative in order to advance mankind. He used as an illustration of true brotherhood, that existed as far back as Biblical times, the twelve disciples, men of God, who discussed their duties at round table meetings. Every civic club should have as an objective close cooperation with the various denominations and races in order to aid the expansion of brotherhood, according to the speaker. Rev. Cox explained how faith, need and a spirit of support are necessary for a united brotherhood. Mr. Harris also introduced Rev. Cox.

Alex Allen had as his guest Emerson Smith.

Bernice Turnage talked briefly on the coming basketball game between the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs to be played in the gymnasium, Friday night of this week, the proceeds to go to the Boy Scout Hut Fund.

President Alex Allen and Secretary John Parker were elected as delegates and Rev. Thad Cox and John D. Dixon as alternates to represent the club at the Kiwanis International convention to be held in Chicago, June 29—July 3.

John D. Dixon will be charge of the program, Monday night.

Old Man Sued For Board Bill

Philadelphia. — A 97-year-old man who went for a two-week visit to a foster-daughter's home in Cuba in 1937—and stayed nearly 13 years—is fighting a $6,528 board bill which the woman says he owes for his visit.

Miss Lulu Ruth Sauder, 59-year-old practical nurse, testified in Federal Court that she was entitled to this sum from George C. Swanfeld when his needs included "board and lodging, cutting his hair, manicuring services, and running errands."

Swanfeld, a retired barber, told the jury that it was true that he lived at his foster-daughter's home and had all the courtesies of a guest but said he did not think he owned her the amount of money she is claiming.

During the years he lived at her home, Swanfeld said, he bought her clothes, paid her for board, room, gave her $600 in cash, bought a home in which he named her as joint owner, and purchased her an automobile.

The feeble old man spoke quietly and with such dignity that woman jurors dabbled their eyes with their handkerchiefs.

Swanfeld's attorney, David H. Kalmer, said the woman's claim was an example of "base ingratitude" based on "a story so sordid that, if you read it in a book, you'd say it couldn't happen in real life."

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Briefly, what is the intent of the Hope-Flanagan Bill, also known as the Research and Marketing Act?

ANSWER: Dr. I. O. Baver, dean of the State College School of Agriculture and Forestry, and Director of the N. C. Experiment Station, says that "The bill recognizes the extreme importance of conducting research in the improvement of the quality of plants and animals and the development of new and improved methods of producing, marketing, processing and utilizing the products of the farm."

QUESTION: What materials are recommended for the control of Blue Mold in North Carolina?

ANSWER: At this present time, fermate, copper oxide, bimanth mixtures, and [illegible] are recommended for blue mold control in this state. Many farmers are using fermate, and most of the tests conducted by the county farm agents of the State College Extension Service last year were with this material.

QUESTION: When will National 4-H Club Week be held this year?

ANSWER: This special week, when four and a half million 4-H Club boys and girls will formulate plans for a better home and a closely knit "World Community" is just around the corner. Below this you get March 1 to 8.

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