

# With the Legislature

(By Emmet Atkins, Jr.)

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The economy block in the appropriations committee swept all opposition out of its path during the past week, and with one fell swoop amputated a half million dollars from the proposed 1939-41 budget. But at week's end, knowing observers predicted a de-acceleration, if not a reversal, of the drastic economy policy pursued during the week before the final appropriations draft is reported out of committee. The probable result—a revised budget quite possibly larger, at least as large, as the tentative budget drawn up by the Advisory Budget Commission.

The word "economy" was the prevailing shibboleth of the week. The economy bloc of the committee, headed by Rupert Pickens of Guilford, D. Lacy McBryde of Cumberland, and S. O. Worthington of Pitt, enjoyed a field day during the week, cutting and slashing their way through the biggest budget in the history of the state, intent on paring it to the bone in an effort to reduce it to 1937-38 levels. Starting off with a gusto surprising to moderates, the committee slashed \$95,568 off the budget the first day, \$161,901 the second day, and by week's end had cut a total of \$509,659 off the tentative 1939-41 budget. This wholesale slashing by the fast-moving group was viewed with alarm in State Department circles. With very few exceptions, every department appropriation considered by the committee during the week was hacked, some in half, others to a lesser extent.

The economy group bent at their task with fervor and religious zeal, almost gleefully it seemed, and with the alleged voice of the people as their guide. They stated their reasons for the unexpected economizing—the people of North Carolina are unwilling to increase the budget ev-

ery year to take care of burgeoning and ever-growing state departments and agencies in Raleigh and elsewhere over the State. Added to that is the growing unrest under the burden of the sales tax, levied in 1933 as an emergency measure and carried on through the following years when the emergency had supposedly vanished. Armed with these two weapons and their own whipped-up righteous indignation, the economizers swept all opposition out of their path throughout the week.

Well known in legislative circles is the fact that the drastic economy drive is an aftermath of the highway diversion fight which last week reached and passed its climax in the House. All three leaders of the economy fight were pledged to anti-diversion. Motive behind their inspired drive can be clearly read: By slashing appropriations sufficiently they hope to obviate the necessity for diverting highway funds to the use of the general fund.

Contrary to appearances and expectations, however, the economy bloc displayed most of its strength during the first few days of committee hearings, will hereafter be of negligible importance. Most of the cuts made so far will be restored before the final appropriations draft reaches the floor of the House and Senate, it is predicted. Basis for this prediction is: The economy bloc encountered practically no opposition the first day or two; all cuts recommended were passed. As the week wore on opposition to the drastic slashings arose, the economy bloc lost progressively more of its following in the committee. Votes became more evenly divided, rather than overwhelmingly in line.

Suffering probably the worst blow at the hands of the committee was the Advertising Fund, which was tentatively slashed from \$250,000 to \$200,000 for the biennium. The loss of \$50,000 would seriously cripple the state's publicity program, which was instituted two years ago and has proven eminently successful to date. Opposition to the advertising campaign was led by Rep. W. R. Clegg, of Moore, who favored its discontinuance. Pointed out to Rep. Clegg following his opposition were some pertinent and enlightening facts in regard to results of North Carolina's two-year-old campaign to attract more tourists and more business to the State. Samples: For the first year's \$125,000 expenditure for advertising the State Revenue Dept. received an increase of \$1,250,000 in gasoline taxes, as compared to the like period the year before. Hotels, restaurants, resorts, etc., reaped a total of nearly

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\$70,000,000 from visitors by auto to the state, as compared with a former \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 per year. 124 new business and industrial plants were added in the state during the year with a plant outlay of between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 and giving employment to thousands of North Carolinians.

Rep. Clegg, it was unofficially reported at week's end, has decided in view of these facts to withdraw his opposition, will this week support the advertising campaign, and may vote to restore the \$50,000 cut inflicted.

With the highway fund diversion relegated to the background by a 17-to-2 committee vote following Governor Hoey's masterful rebuttal last week, lines are now being formed for the next big fight on the calendar—election law reform. Three bills of varying degrees of rigidity have thus far been introduced: By Representatives McBryde of Cumberland, Vogler of Mecklenburg, and Taylor, of Wayne. The McBryde bill would repeal the absentee ballot law absolutely, both for primaries and general elections. The five Taylor bills carry out the recommendations of the State Board of Elections including drastic reform in absentee voting. The Vogler bill is a modification of the Taylor bill on absentee voting containing almost all of the same reforms. A sub-committee was appointed the latter part of the week by Rep. G. M. Phillips, chairman of the Election Laws Committee, to tackle the problem. Appointments on the sub-committee included the three members whose bills are being studied. The group is expected to complete its study this week and submit a report to the full committee early next week.

A sharp fight will develop this week over the proposed increase of \$500,000 for the University of North Carolina to offset the deficiency incurred by defeat of increased tuition. The measure is slated for hearing Tuesday. If such an increase is granted, observers see a likelihood that other state institutions of higher learning will demand a like increase, which if granted would lead to an eventual \$2,500,000 hole in the budget. To obviate an unbalanced budget, legislators were busy over the week-end trying to devise some means of meeting these demands.

Defeat of the tuition increase measure has also apparently doomed the proposed increase in teachers' salaries recommended in the original budget report.

Public hearings on the administration-supported wage-hour bill introduced simultaneously in both House and Senate last Thursday will be held the latter part of this week. No date has as yet been definitely set. The new labor bill, supported by Governor Hoey and Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford, carries the same provisions as the federal wage and hour law for those industries, chiefly manufacturing plants, which are partly interstate and partly intrastate.

For all other industries, chiefly the "service" industries, the bill provides lower standards. For such industries and the state of North Carolina and its subdivisions, minimum wages are fixed at 25 cents an hour and the maximum work week at 48 hours, with no provisions for increasing minimum wages or lowering maximum hours.

The bill provides for a board to pass on exemptions instead of writing them into the law.

A Florida farmer raised six Irish potatoes weighing 56 pounds each, and from 400 hills gathered 1,250 pounds of the same.

## BRANON

Mr. Glen Cummings of Salisbury, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cummings.

Among those confined to their bed this week with measles are: Misses Bonnie Lee Cummings, Gwendolyn Steelman and Doris Ruth Smith, and many others. We wish for them all a speedy recovery.

Miss Mary Simmons, of Woman's College, Greensboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simmons.

Miss Jettie Cummings spent Monday night with Miss Chris Cheek of Cycle.

Miss Lucille Steelman of Yadkinville, was the Sunday guest of

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Steelman.

We are sorry to note that Miss Anna Lou Reavis has been ill for the past few days. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steelman had as their guests this week Mrs. Martha Privette and daughter, Stella Faye, of Jonesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steelman visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ledbetter of Austin, Sunday.

Dick Cummings is spending a few days with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Parks, at Independence, Va.

Miss Annie Renegar of Bethel, was the Sunday guest of Miss Gwendolyn Steelman.

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## LON FOLGER TAKES TO CONGRESSIONAL SCENE

Washington, D. C.—Lonnie Folger, newly-arrived as a representative of North Carolina's Fifth District, takes to the Congressional scene as naturally as a sick kitten snuggles up to a hot brick. A very human sort of fellow is this Surry County oiering, and politics has been his specialty for many years, that brand which has made his native balliwick a

hectic scene for such a long time. Between a series of complimentary remarks on the successful administration of Governor Clyde Hoey, Folger took occasion to observe that there's little difference between politics here and in his home precincts "mongst the Carolina hills—"just more of it," says he.

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