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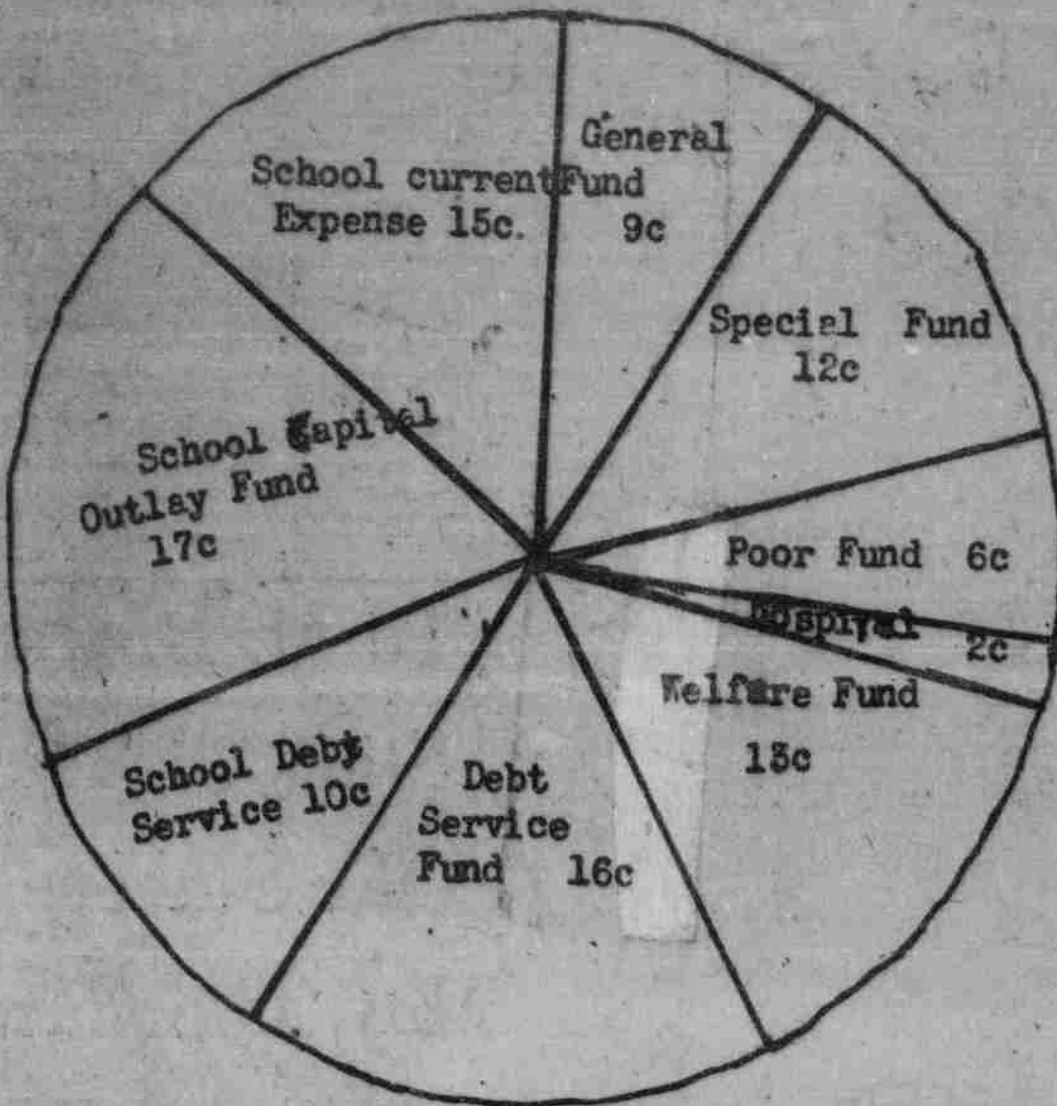
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THE ABOVE graph, drawn by County Auditor Charles Metcalf, shows where each portion of the taxpayer's dollar goes. The General Fund gets approximately nine cents of each tax dollar paid into the county tax collector's office. The special school fund gets 12c; poor fund 6c; hospital fund 2c; welfare fund 13c (but supplemented by state and federal funds) debt service fund 16c; school debt service, 10c, school capital outlay fund 17c and school current fund 15c. Rutherfordton's property valuation for taxable purposes is \$38,821,399.00, and the rate is \$1.65 per \$100, which brings in a total of \$640,553.08.

IN THE FIELD OF POLITICS

Any Rutherford county citizen native or adopted, soon will get an abundant opportunity to make himself or herself eligible for voting in the forthcoming primary of May 31st and the general elections.

If you voted or were properly registered in 1950 and haven't since moved from your precinct, you may forget all about registering. Under North Carolina's permanent registration law, you may register once for a lifetime provided you don't move out of your precinct, or your precinct boundaries remain unchanged, or if you remain satisfied with your party affiliation, and the board of elections for some reason does not call for a new registration.

A word of caution, however. Every primary and general election people in Forest City, Rutherfordton and Spindale, present themselves to vote, who voted in a municipal election and did not register for the primary or general election. If you are registered to vote for mayor and board of aldermen in a municipal election, you are not registered to take part in the county and state elections.

If you have moved from one precinct to another, or of you became a resident of North Carolina since the last election, if your old precinct has been altered, or if you have recently become of voting age, 21, or if you wish to switch parties, then you will need to get properly registered. If you hope to vote in the General election of November 4th or the primary of May 31st.

The North Carolina laws on eligibility for voting are fairly simple: You must be 21 years old, sane, in possession of your citizenship, be able to read and write, and must have resided in the State one year and in your precinct four months.

During the Graham Smith campaign of 1950 the attorney general and State elections board ruled that a person is eligible to register and vote in the primary if the minimum residence requirements will have been met by the date of the general election.

Under that ruling, you are eligible to register and vote in the May 31 primary if you have resided in North Carolina since last November 4, and if you now live in the precinct in which you expect to vote next November.

Opportunities for registering will begin May 3, when the registrars in each precinct open the permanent registration books at the regular polling places. The books will remain open, and in the hands of the registrars, through May 17.

For three successive Saturdays, beginning Saturday, May 3, the registrars will sit in the precinct polling places from 9 a. m. to sunset for the purpose of registering voters. You may register on these

three Saturdays at the polling places, or you may register at any time between May 3 and May 17 by calling on the registrars at their homes.

Persons who became eligible to register (mainly those newly turned 21) after the final registration date, May 17, may register at the polling place on the day of the primary or general election.

If you have moved from the North Carolina precinct in which you last voted, you need to obtain a certificate of transfer from the registrar in your former precinct and give it to the registrar in your new precinct. She (or he) will automatically register you in the book at your new precinct and the registrar in your former voting place will strike your name from the book.

'Challenge Day' After May 17 the registrars must sit at the respective polling places a day, during which they must open the registration books to any voter who wishes to examine them. This is known as "Challenge Day." It will be May 24, the Saturday following the closing of the registration period.

On "Challenge Day" any registered voter may challenge the registration of any other voter whose name he finds on the registration book in his precinct. Basis for successful challenge, of course, must be evidence of ineligibility.

You must be a registered Democrat in order to vote in the Democratic Party primary May 31, and you must be a registered Republican if you intend to participate in the conventions or primary of the Republican Party.

But you don't have to be registered as a Democrat or Republican to be eligible to vote in the general election next November. If you are registered independent — neither Democratic nor Republican — you are just as eligible to vote in November as anybody else. You may then vote for either Republicans, Democrats, Dixiecrats, or any of your write-in choices.

And if you are registered as a Republican or as a Democrat, you may vote in the November election on any and all tickets and ballots.

The Democratic nominees, in November, will be arranged on one side of the ballot and the Republicans on the other, and you are perfectly free, no matter how you are registered, to vote for the candidates of your choice on both sides.

The registration procedure will be repeated next October. Persons eligible to register then will have three successive Saturdays, and the days intervening, in which to become properly registered in advance of the general election.

A period for registration before each election is the North Carolina custom, and the law

But the recent unsuccessful efforts of some Democrats to register Republican in order to participate in Republican conventions has led to the suggestion of a change in the law.

Why, ask some voters, should not a person be permitted to register or change his registration at the election board office any day of the week, any week of the year? It is done in some states with permanent registration systems.

North Carolina does not permit absentee voting in the primary, except to members of the armed services. It does permit it in the general election; and if you are going to be absent from the State November 4 you may obtain a ballot by applying to the election board of your county. You will need to apply 30 days in advance of election day, unless the circumstances of your case come within the scope of a few exceptions.

Unlike some other states, North Carolina requires a candidate to obtain a majority of votes cast for nomination as well as for election. Thus the reason for second, or runoff, primaries.

If none of the Democratic candidates for governor should receive a majority of all votes cast in this contest at the May 31 primary, then the two highest would fight it out in the second primary four weeks later, June 28.

This applies to all contests. The candidate must receive a majority to be nominated, no matter whether he is running for governor or constable.

With its Australian ballot, North Carolina permits its voters to write in the names of persons not mentioned on the official ticket. It is theoretically possible in North Carolina for voters to elect for Governor a man who is neither the Republican nor the Democratic nominee.

Republicans claim that the North Carolina ballot is rigged against them in the general election, especially against Republican candidates for Congress.

For some reason, the congressional portion of the ballot in this State is at the bottom of the State ticket. It isn't carried on the printed slip with the candidates for President and Vice President.

Republicans claim that Democrats wishing to vote for a Republican for Congress, after having voted Democratic nationally, have difficulty finding the congressional ballot on the tail of the State ticket; or they neglect to hunt for it.

A short course in grain marketing will be held at N. C. State College from April 21 through 25. Attendance will be limited to the first 50 grain handlers who apply.

Fertilizer consumption in the United States has increased from a pre-war average of about 7.5 million tons to over 20 million tons in 1951.

There are more than 100 chemical nitrogen plants in the United States and in addition large quantities of nitrate of soda are imported from Chile.



WASHINGTON — I have been greatly interested in the letters written to me by thousands of North Carolinians in recent weeks. Our people are demonstrating an inspired interest in their government, as well as a determination to do something about many of the things now going on. I do my best to answer each letter fully, and I appreciate very much the time the people are taking to let me know their views.

I believe we may have a record vote this year in North Carolina, if not throughout the entire nation. I'd be delighted to see it.

Tidelands Bill Last week the Senate spent most of its time on the so-called Tidelands Bill. Finally, last Thursday this matter was set aside until Wednesday of this week, at which time we are supposed to vote on it.

In short, this matter concerns the question of whether submerged coastal land shall be taken over by the federal government, or whether they shall continue under the jurisdiction of the individual states.

The interest in the tidelands lies in the oil involved. Senator Lister Hill has introduced an amendment which would earmark the money from the oil for education. That of course drew immediate support from educators who could visualize a happy financial situation for the schools and colleges.

Among other things, that brings up the question of further aid to education from the federal government. But the basic fundamental involves the question of whether we want our national government to move in further on what has always previously been the authority and jurisdiction of the individual states.

In other words, the rights of the individual states.

More Poppycock That "distress area" plan was still being kicked around here last week. That's the proposal, you know, by which the government would disregard the South's textile and furniture plants entirely — and place its contracts with Northern concerns because "the North needs business."

It's hard to believe that our government has gone this far. This proposal indicates that the government no longer cares whether it even appears to be spending the taxpayers' money carefully. Simply said, the "distress area" plan is this: The South has reached the point that it can produce textiles and furniture (and many other items) more cheaply than the North. Our prices are lower. Therefore, there is more demand for Southern textiles and furniture. We're getting more business — and the North is getting less. So

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GARDEN TIME

ROBERT SCHMIDT

There is an old saying to the effect that when the dogwoods begin to bloom it is time to plant corn. That time will soon be here and we should have our seed on hand ready to plant.

In the past, especially in eastern North Carolina, most of the corn planted for roasting ears has been of early field corn varieties, such as Tuckers Favorite and Early Adams. In recent years there have been many commercial plantings of sweet corn in the State, and there has been more sweet corn grown in the home gardens.

Once you grow true sweet corn you will never go back to the field corn varieties. There is no comparison in the quality of the two types. Sweet corn has a high sugar content and is very tender. The objections to sweet corn have been that the ears are small and that corn ear-worm damage is often severe. There are now many varieties of sweet corn with large ears and the entomologists have developed a fairly good control for the ear-worm.

Many excellent hybrid varieties of sweet corn have been developed by the seed breeders. In order of earliness some of the best varieties are: North Star, Carmel-cross, Hoosier Gold, Seneca Chief, Golden Cross Bantam, Ioana, Aristogold and Lincoln. For a succession of corn early and late varieties may be planted at the same time, or a desired variety may be planted at two week intervals. It is best to plant two or three rows of a variety at the same time in order to insure proper pollination. Sweet corn may be planted a little closer than field corn because it usually makes a smaller stalk growth.

Sweet corn is of best quality if used as soon as harvested. If it cannot be used immediately, it should be kept on ice or in the refrigerator; otherwise it will lose a large part of its sugar content in a few hours.

Gardeners are already becoming dahlia-conscious, probably because the roots are now being extensively advertised in the garden magazines and newspapers and are also being sold by seed stores and chain stores.

One of the most frequent questions being asked me is: When will you plant your dahlias? I usually plant more than 200 roots, but I never plant before May 1 here at Raleigh.

My advice would be to plant during early May in the central and western portions of the State and about May 25 to June 1 in the extreme eastern portion of the State. The dahlia is a fall flower and will give you better blooms in the fall if it is planted too early.

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