

State Board Adopts Record Budget For 1954-55; Approves \$118,277,843 For Schools

A budget totaling \$118,277,843 from State funds for operation of the public schools during the 1954-55 school term was adopted by the State Board of Education on July 1.

This amount does not include funds for the purchase of textbooks, school bus replacements, nor for the operation of the program of vocational education. The breakdown by objects is as follows:

General control	\$ 2,159,075
Instructional service	102,908,791
Operation of plant	6,349,000
Fixed charges	103,500
Auxiliary agencies	6,751,477
Other expense	6,000
Total	\$118,277,843

A comparison of the budget with preceding years indicates an increase in State costs of slightly more than 5 million dollars over estimated expenditures for 1953-54 approximately 9 million dollars over 1952-53.

The adopted budget for 1954-55 exceeds the State appropriation of \$116,524,364 for support of the nine months term, but a transfer of \$1,753,479 from a balance on June 30, 1954, permitted the adoption of the higher figure in order to meet the estimated needs.

According to C. D. Douglas, Controller for the State Board of Education, the budget for 1954-55 is higher than anticipated two years ago, when figures were presented to the 1953 General Assembly, because of increased enrollment in the public schools. In order to take care of the tremendous increase in enrollment more than 1,100 additional teachers must be employed.

This newly adopted budget does not provide for any change in the present pay scales of the school personnel. Salaries of teachers range from \$2,430 to \$3,420 for those holding Class A certificates, and from \$2,772 to \$3,807 for those holding graduate certificates.

False Pretense

Scene: A divorce court. The judge grumpily regards the husband who is the complainant.

"Misrepresentation!" he barks. "Isn't that peculiar grounds for divorce? Explain yourself."

"Gladly, your honor," the husband replied. "When I asked her to marry me, she said she was agreeable. She wasn't, judge!"

Whooping Cough Is Reported In District

Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, reports that a number of cases that a number of cases of whooping cough have recently been reported in the district. At least one case will be permanently damaged from the disease and it is hoped the balance of them will be less serious.

"For a number of years, every child in North Carolina is requested to be immunized against whooping cough and diphtheria during the first year of life," says Dr. McGuire. "Please go to your family doctor at once and have this life and health saving vaccine given. It may be had free at your District Health Office if you cannot pay your doctor."

Director Of Hygiene Says Gamma Globulin Of No Value In Polio

District Health Officer Reports Only One Case Of Polio In District

Dr. John H. Hamilton, director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene, writes that:

"Competent evaluation of the gamma globulin used for contact injections and mass inoculation in 1953 indicated that for these purposes gamma globulin is worthless in that it neither prevented poliomyelitis nor decreased the severity of the disease.

"There is no gamma globulin available in 1954 for regular allocation for use in connection with poliomyelitis. This statement applies to both gamma globulin for injections to household contacts and for mass immunization in communities. We will make no replacements of gamma globulin used for household contacts during the year, 1954."

Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, says in connection with Dr. Hamilton's statement, "we hope that

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TEXT: "There are many worn out targets with perfectly good bull's-eyes." — Anon.

A business man told a group of boys a story and hired the one who asked the best question.

The story was that a farmer went to the barn to shoot an owl. The gun fire set the hay ablaze. The barn went up in flames, the cattle were burned, the farmer's wife lost her life trying to rescue her husband and the farmer almost lost his life.

The boys who, on hearing the story talked about the barn, the cattle of the farmer's wife, did not get the job

the physicians and general public in our area will note the above statement. Only one case has been reported in our Health District this year. This is not an epidemic. Should any children become ill, of course, they should call their doctor early."

Cotton Supported At 31.58 Cents Per Pound

The average loan rate for 1954 upland cotton, basis middling 7/8 inch, will be 31.58 cents per pound, gross weight, according to F. R. Keith, chairman of the state ASC committee.

Price support on 1954-crop upland cotton is mandatory at the higher of the minimum prices previously announced, or 90 per cent of their parity prices as of August 1. The minimum price previously announced for upland cotton was 31.25 cents per

The job went to little Willie who asked,

"Did the farmer hit the owl?"

It is a common failing not to aim at any mark. We are born and grow and die. The tide of the moment floats us this way, then that way. Others set up a goal, but so many diversions surround it that we lose sight of our purpose. Purposeful living comes when we select a worthy objective and keep it in sight. Progress may be slow at times; even retreats are necessary. The worth of our lives is estimated when our fellowmen can answer "Yes" to our question, "Did I hit the owl?"

The average rate for middling 16/16 inch cotton, the base quality, will be 1.65 cents per pound above the average rate for middling 7/8 inch cotton, or 33.23 cents per pound, gross weight. The chairman said that pre-

miums and discounts for the various other grade and staple length combinations of upland cotton under the 1954 loan program will be calculated in relation to the price support rate for middling 16/16 inch cotton.

Loan rates for upland cotton will also vary according to location. The rate for middling 15/16 inch cotton, gross weight, will vary from a high of 34.26 cents per pound in the concentrated mill area of the Carolinas to a low of 32.48 cents per pound in California and Arizona.

Mill areas in North Carolina that will carry the 34.26 cent rate will include all counties west of Granville, Wake, Harnett, Hoke, and Scotland. Other North Carolina counties (all counties east of Person, Durham, Chatham, Lee, Moore, and Richmond) will carry a loan rate of 34.16 cents per pound basis middling 15/16 inch cotton, gross weight.

Corrected

The lady who likes children was gushing over Helen, three. "How old are you, darling?" she asked. "I ain't old," said Helen. "I'm nearly new."



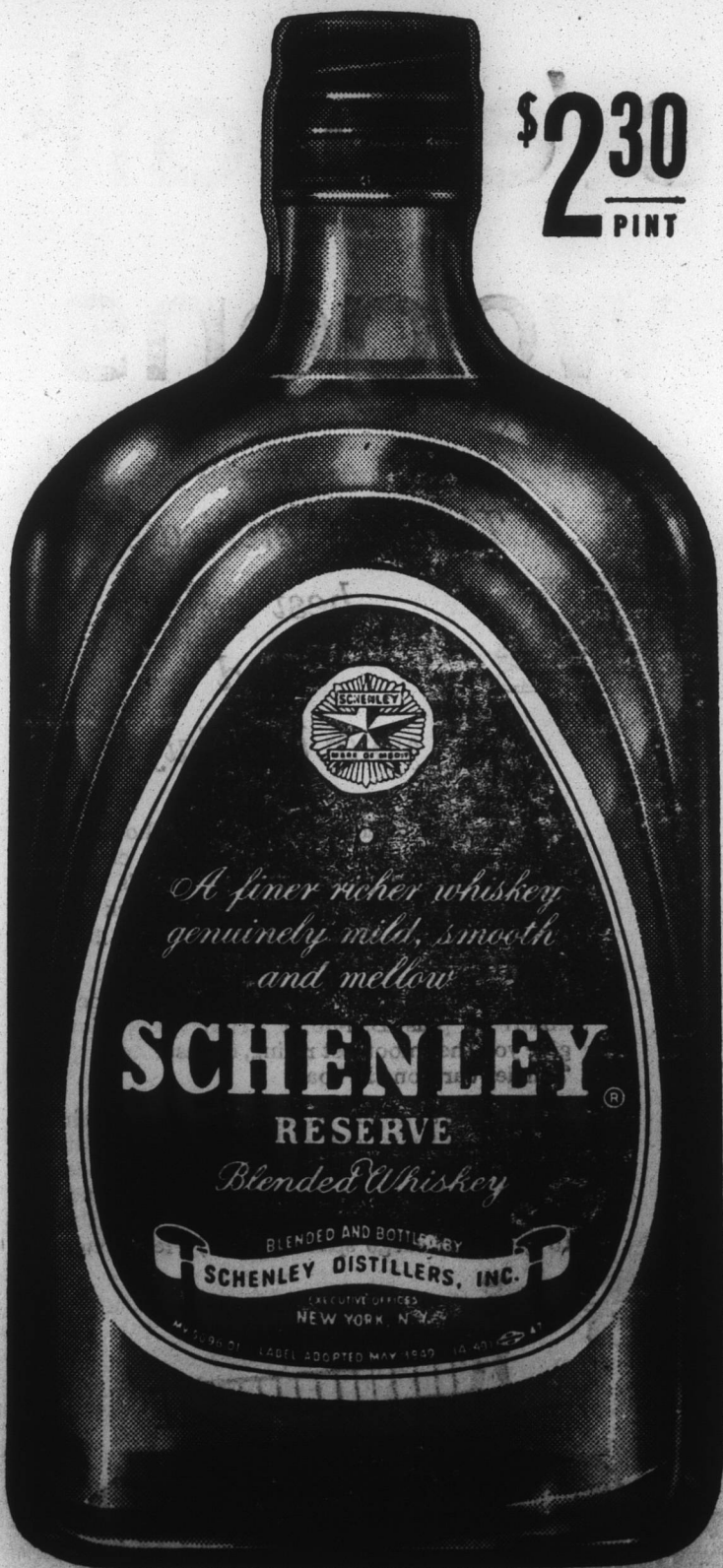
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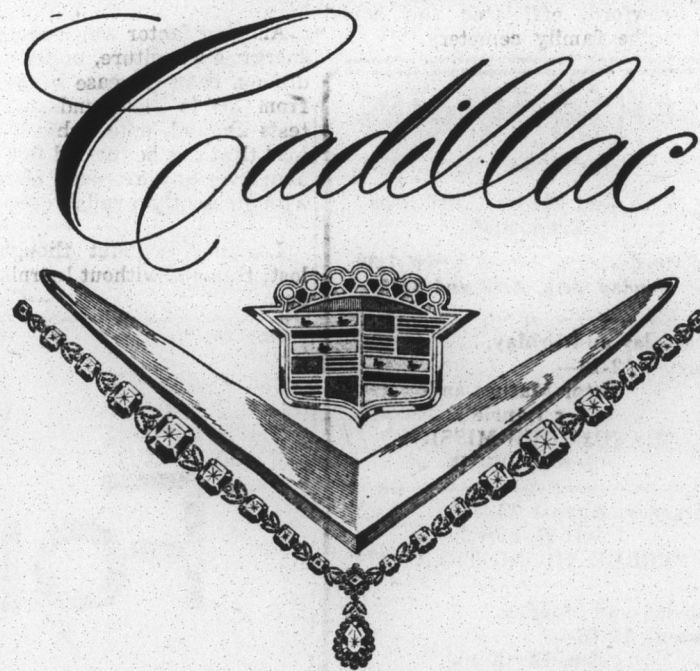
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