

## PUBLIC WELFARE WORK COSTS LESS DESPITE INCREASE IN POPULATION

### Cost In North Carolina Below U. S. Average

A total of \$119,329,590 was spent from the General Fund of the State for the public elementary and secondary schools during 1953-54, according to a statement recently released by the Budget Bureau.

This expenditure represents 62.6 per cent of the total General Fund expenditures for that year; and is less by one per cent than the ratio of the preceding year, and over eight per cent less than in 1947-48, when 71.0 per cent of the General Fund expenditures were for the operation of the public schools. Except for 1951-52, when 66 per cent of the General Fund went for public schools, the trend in percentage of money appropriated from the General Fund for support of the public schools has been downward. Percentages for these years are as follows:

Year	Percent	Expenditures
1946-47	71.0	\$ 51,788,382
1947-48	68.1	62,655,102
1948-49	67.1	73,072,077
1949-50	65.3	87,196,297
1950-51	65.0	95,113,950
1951-52	66.0	109,432,233
1952-53	63.6	116,298,110
1953-54	62.6	119,329,590

Expenditures for public schools from the General Fund, as the above table shows, have increased considerably, from \$51,788,382 in 1946-47 to \$119,329,590 in 1953-54—a total of more than twice the amount from this source within seven years.

A total of \$190,755,570 was spent from the General Fund in 1953-54. Largest portion of the Fund came from income and sales taxes, 54.6 per cent of the revenue available (\$181,509,897). Franchise taxes accounted for 9.5 per cent of this revenue. The remaining amount (nearly 20 per cent) was derived from beverage taxes, insurance, non-tax revenue, license and inheritance taxes, and miscellaneous sources. A balance of \$23,750,065 from the 1952-53 General Fund treasury made the total availability of funds for the year equal to \$218,159,962.

Expenditures from General Fund for public schools, which took 62.6 per cent of the total, has already been discussed. Next largest expenditures from this Fund was the \$19,578,699 for the State's educational institutions. These institutions included the following: University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Greensboro), East Carolina College, Agricultural and Technical College, Western Carolina College, Appalachian State Teachers College, Pembroke State College, Winston-Salem State Teachers College, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Fayetteville State Teachers College, North Carolina College, North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the State School for the Blind and Deaf.

A total of \$18,161,195 was spent for State aid and obligations, which included the State's contribution to the retirement system, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to libraries, State property fire insurance fund, medical care for the indigent, and a number of other purposes for which small amounts



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## WOMEN AND WHEELS

### Low Speed Saves Gas

By Mary Lou Chapman

We don't know who handles the finances in your family, but if your husband has been unhappy about car gasoline bills lately, here are tips the whole family can use while driving. You might try them for one month and see if that bill doesn't shrink.

#### 30 M.P.H. GOOD

Keep your speed moderate, both on the highway and in the city. Recent tests showed that at a steady speed of 30 miles an hour,



Miss Chapman

gas mileage was very good. At 40, gas mileage was 10 per cent less. At 60 m.p.h., it was 31 per cent less, and at a steady speed of 80, gas mileage was 52 per cent less. One 165-mile test showed that by driving around 50 instead of 70 on the open highway, you can save one gallon or more out of every four.

Avoid "jet-propelled" starts. It was found that 65 per cent of all drivers accelerated much too

quickly when hurrying in traffic. (Does it really matter so much that you beat the other car away from the traffic light?) Unnecessarily fast starts make your car a real gas-eater.

#### TAKE IT EASY

Shift from lower gears as soon as possible, because traveling in low gears at high speeds consumes gas. Stay in low long enough to get smoothly under way, but don't keep the car in low beyond 15 m.p.h. Shift to second at 15 m.p.h. and into high at 20 m.p.h. Don't accelerate too heavily, remember.

Avoid repeated accelerating and braking. In the city, where accelerating and braking is so frequent, gas consumption can still be cut by using "planned driving," that is, using a safe steady speed. It's just a matter of timing—looking ahead as you drive, judging the speed of the traffic flow, and gauging the approximate setting of the traffic lights. If you do a good job of timing, plenty of extra stops and starts can be avoided. These tests we mentioned show that planned driving in traffic can save you one gallon out of every three.

These are the main things to remember. The biggest point made in these tests seems to be this: that of all the factors that influence how much gas your car uses, one of the most important is the driver.

(Fashion writer, actor and TV personality, Miss Chapman is a native of Edenton, and has spent the last several years working with automotive subjects, dealers and engineers at Chrysler Corporation.)

## BPW Club Votes On Legislative Activity

### Club Will Hold Bosses' Christmas Party on December 9

The Edenton Business and Profession Women's Club held its regular monthly meeting Thursday night at the Triangle Restaurant with Miss Inez Felton, vice president, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Adelaide Chesson, president, with Mrs. Annie Mills, legislative chairman, in charge of the program.

The group read the club collect and new members were welcomed, after which Mrs. Leon Leary called the roll and read the minutes of the October meeting. The program was then turned over to Mrs. Mills

who presented the current national legislative platform, with Mrs. Anne Jenkins explaining each item for the club to take a vote on.

The club voted in favor of the following resolutions:

1. Advancement of the position of women and use of women's full capacities as citizens. This includes: Equal Rights Amendment

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to the United States Constitution; July Service for Women; Equal Pay for Comparable Work; Uniform Retirement Age Under the Social Security Act; Increase in the Amount of Earned Income Permitted to a Person Receiving Social Security Benefits; Removal of and Prevention of Discrimination on the Basis of Age, Sex, or Material Status.

2. Support of Legislation within the framework of the United States Constitution to implement a foreign policy which promotes peace and national security. This includes: To strengthen and make effective the United Nations; To advance international economic development through technical assistance; To reduction of trade barriers; To strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

3. Tax adjustments directly affecting the interests of employed women including: Allowance of an income tax reduction to an employee for costs of the care of dependents because of said employment; Liberalized allowance of deductions for medical care.

4. General, which includes: Opposition to compulsory government controlled health insurance and who sells the most calendars. Re-medical care; and Civil Service appointments should be based on merit and retention and promotion based on efficiency and length of service.

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the recent pancake breakfast the club won the privilege of having the first completed room at the Penelope Barker House. A letter was read from Fentress White, president of the Windsor Jaycees, thanking the club for the use of a BPW Club float. Mrs. Dorothy Marshall of Suffolk, formerly of Edenton, sent the club \$5.00 to be applied to the Penelope Barker House.

Mrs. Myrtle Cuthrell announced that the "Bosses' Night" Christmas party will be held Thursday night, December 9, at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic Temple. Those who can attend are asked to notify Mrs. Margaret Phibbs by December 5. Each member is asked to bring an inexpensive gift for themselves and their guests to Cuthrell's Store by Wednesday, December 8. Each chairman will be responsible for the tickets sold to their committees.

Plans for the forthcoming Christmas Party were discussed along with the various committee reports. Miss Mildred Menden explained the calendar project now in progress.

and stated that a handsome portion of the money will be awarded the person controlled health insurance and who sells the most calendars. Re-medical care; and Civil Service appointments should be based on merit and retention and promotion based on efficiency and length of service.

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## Frank Hughes Now At Reese Air Force Base

Aviation Cadet Frank A. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, 303 East King Street, Edenton, has arrived at Reese Air Force Base in Texas to continue training as a United States Air Force pilot.

While stationed at the multi-engine base he will receive extensive flying training in the North American B-25, the Mitchell bomber of

World War II. Graduation is set for five months hence, when he will receive his silver wings and a reserve commission as second lieutenant.

Hughes is a 1952 graduate of Edenton High School and attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh. He took his primary flying training at Spence AB, Ga.

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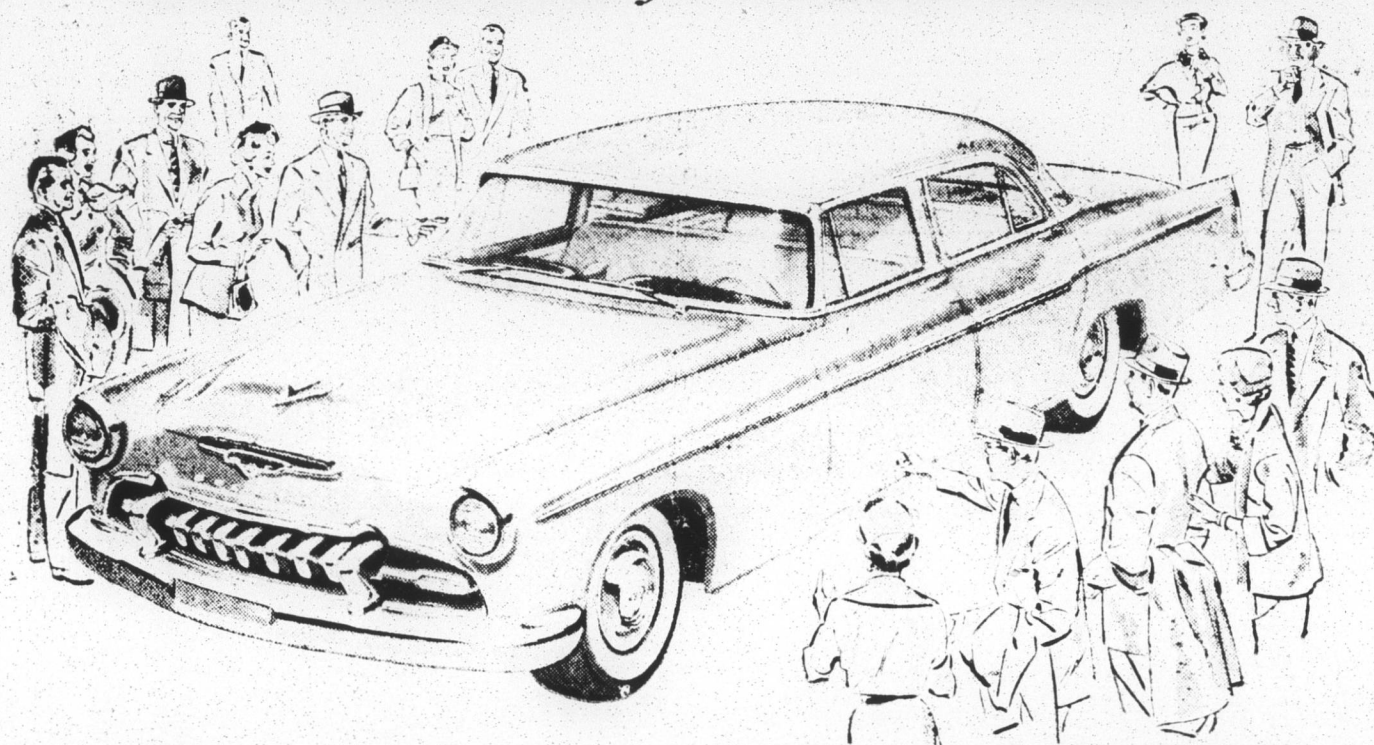


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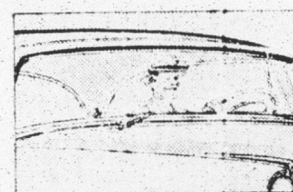


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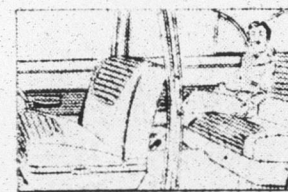
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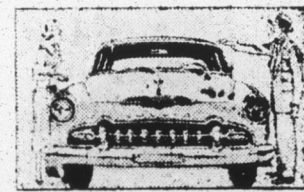
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