

# Tax Load Reaches Record \$91 Billion

## Recent Federal Cuts In Taxes May Reverse Upward Trend

Despite Federal tax reductions, American taxpayers paid a record-breaking \$91 billion tax to government in fiscal 1954 because of substantial increases in state and local taxes, the Tax Foundation reports.

The total tax take of all government increased by more than a half-billion dollars from \$89,968 million in fiscal 1953 to an estimated \$90,551 million in fiscal 1954, according to the new eighth edition of the Foundation's biennial reference book Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1954-55.

While the total tax burden increased, population increases brought per capita tax receipts down from \$578 in fiscal 1953 to \$572 in fiscal 1954 (ending June 30, 1954), said the Foundation.

The full effect of recent Federal tax cuts in fiscal 1955 may reverse the upward trend of total government tax receipts for the first time since 1919, said the Foundation. The private research organization added, however, that the trend of state and local taxes is still sharply higher.

Since 1946, state and local tax

receipts have more than doubled to a total of \$23 billion, with every indication that this tax burden will increase further, said the Foundation. This trend has prompted the addition of more Federal data in Facts and Figures, including such subjects as city taxes and local tax collections.

**Biggest Share to U. S.**  
The new edition shows, however, that the biggest tax problems are still related to the Federal government, which gets three-quarters of all taxes paid by Americans. This is in sharp contrast to the World War II period when the Federal government received less than 50 cents of each tax dollar. The peak Federal share—80 cents of each tax dollar—came during the war.

The new Foundation volume contains, in addition to tax data, extensive selections on the U. S. economy as a whole, government expenditures, debt and a special section on social insurance and related programs. The book included 172 tables and 15 charts intended to make available in convenient form reliable current and historical statistics about the fiscal operations of Federal, state and local governments.

Roswell Magill, Foundation president and former Under Secretary of the Treasury, noted in a fore-

word that despite recent Federal tax cuts, "the cost of government will be a heavy charge on every citizen for as far ahead as anyone can see." The handbook, he said, is intended to "enable the responsible citizens to see current fiscal problems in perspective."

The tremendous tax increases since World War II are shown in the following table:

GOVT. TAX RECEIPTS (Billions)				
Fiscal Yr.	Total	Fed.	State	Local
1946	\$49.0	\$37.9	\$ 6.0	\$ 5.2
1948	54.6	40.1	7.8	6.6
1950	54.7	37.7	9.0	8.0
1952	84.7	63.9	11.3	9.5
1953	90.0	67.7	11.9	10.4
1954	90.6	67.5	12.3	10.7

## Mrs. Roxey Boyce Dies In Berkley

Mrs. Roxey C. Boyce, 83, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alton Moore, in Berkley at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning following a long illness.

Surviving are three sons, Leroy Boyce, Alexander Boyce and Chas. Chappell, all of Toner; three daughters, Mrs. Alton Moore and Miss Ella Mae Boyce of Berkley and Mrs. William Byrum of Whaleyville, Va.; two brothers, Lucius Chappell and Moody Chappell of Toner; a sister, Mrs. Nathan Dail of Toner; and 32 grandchildren. A native of Chowan County, she was a member of the Chappell Hill Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Willford Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. L. C. Chandler, pastor of the Center Hill Baptist Church, will officiate and burial will be in the family cemetery.

## Senior Class News By ALICE PARRISH

The first interview is with Asa Dail, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dail of Edenton. Mr. Dail is employed as a machinist at the Dail Ashby Shop. Asa is interested in sports, his special interest being football, and he played the position of guard on the Asa's football team. A member of the Boys' Mountain Club, Asa is also interested in tennis. He is employed part-time at E. J. Holt's Shoe Store. A member of the Edenton Baptist Church, Asa is undecided about his plans after graduation.

The next interview is with Evelyn Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bunch of Route 2, Edenton. Mr. Bunch is a local farmer. Evelyn, who was born on October 2, 1937 and is a member of the Edenton Baptist Church, is quite interested in music, being president of the Treble Clef Club, a member of the Glee Club, Band, Tri-Hi-Y, Beta, and Girls' Monogram Clubs. Some of her other activities include singing in the Edenton Baptist Senior Choir, playing the piano for the Junior Choir and Junior Sunday School Department. Evelyn serves as Organization Manager on the Annual Staff. Working part-time at Cathrell's Department Store, Evelyn plans to enter college after graduation.

## 10 Commandments For Real Sportsmen



**KEEP HEADLIGHTS WHEN MEETING OR FOLLOWING VEHICLES . . . and keep your car in safe-driving condition at all times!**

## News About Clubs In Chowan County By HATTIE SINGLETARY Home Demonstration Agent

Around 170 people turned out at the Oak Grove Community Building on Friday, December 10, for the Chicken Barbecue Demonstration Supper. Mr. W. G. Andrews, with the assistance of the men in the community, built an outdoor barbecue pit and barbecued the chickens. The Home Demonstration Club members prepared the other foods and served the meal. It is easy and inexpensive to build a barbecue pit, personal or community-wide use. Plans for building these pits can be obtained from the Home Agent's office.

It looks as if the Oak Grove men will be using their pit again before too long. After the supper there was a good deal of discussion on barbecuing a deer.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the festive supper and I am sure the Oak Grove group enjoyed preparing and serving the meal.

Gun Fund Home Demonstration Club members and their families enjoyed a night of fun together last Friday night. Everyone took part in the activities and seemed to enjoy the Christmas spirit. After the recreation, everyone received a special gift. Then the refreshment committee served fruit, candy and drinks.

The Boys' Folk Home Demonstration Club members and their families also enjoyed an evening of fun together last week. Reception for the meeting was directed by Mrs. W. H. Saunders. Refreshments and decorations for the meeting were made by Mrs. John Layton. (It seems that Mrs. Layton received a special gift from her club members for the fine job she is doing as president of the club.) Members of the Enterprise Club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Scott Hurrell for their Christmas meeting. Gifts were exchanged and seasonal refreshments were served by the hostess. Reception for the meeting was directed by the home agent.

A wise man loses nothing, if he but saves himself. —Montague.

## 10 Commandments For Real Sportsmen

### Hunting Season Can Be Fun or Prove Very Tragic

The hunting season is often almost as dangerous to the hunter as it is to the hunted. County Agent C. W. Overman cautions that with more hunters in the field than ever before, common sense should be the by-word in handling guns and that consideration of the rights and safety of others should always be observed.

Mr. Overman points also to this important reminder—the true hunter displays both sportsmanship and safety. He knows how to use the right gun for the right game. He hunts only in season and does not take the limit unless he can use the meat or trophies.

For bird hunting, the hunter takes a trained dog to retrieve, cripples. He puts out campfires and cigarettes carefully, breaks matches before dropping them, and in other ways shows that he is "using his head."

The County Agent calls attention to these "10 commandments" of the true sportsman:

- 1.—Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- 2.—Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open, into your auto, camp, and home.
- 3.—Be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
- 4.—Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble.
- 5.—Be sure of your target before pulling the trigger.
- 6.—Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
- 7.—Never leave the gun unattended unless unloading it first.
- 8.—Don't climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.
- 9.—Don't shoot at a flat hard surface or the surface of water.
- 10.—Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

## D. B. Liles Celebrates His 86th Birthday

D. B. Liles celebrated his 86th birthday Monday which was featured by a surprise visit of a quartet from the Baptist Church, who sang a few Christmas carols and the Rev. R. N. Carroll made a touching prayer.

Mr. Liles was presented a beautiful basket filled with an assortment of fruit and neighbors, remembering his birthday also called.

ed to congratulate him and bring presents.

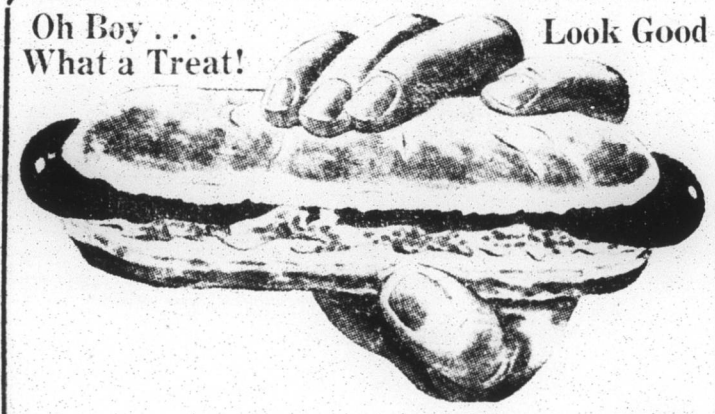
While Mr. Liles remains very ill, he was visibly happy over the presence of his guests, which was also enjoyed and appreciated by the Liles household.

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETS

The Chowan County 4-H Council met on Wednesday night of last week with 31 present. The meeting was very well attended and all of the clubs in Chowan County

were represented. Plans were made for several of the senior members to prepare favors which would be given to each patient in the Chowan Hospital on Christmas day.

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