

The National Outlook Unprecedented Legislative Log Jam

By RALPH ROBEY

The nation has entered a new fiscal year and not a single appropriation bill has been passed by the Congress. A few bills have gone through the House and some through the Senate, but it has not been possible to have a conference to work out the differences. This has been because the chairmen of the two appropriation committees have been having a squabble as to where the conference should take place.

Both of these chairmen are octogenarians, and for them to disagree on this point appears rather silly. But this does not change the basic fact that never before in modern times has the United States had to start a new fiscal year without any of the appropriation requests having been acted upon by the Congress. The government, of course, is operating under a joint congressional resolution continuing last year's appropriations.

This is merely one example of the incredible log jam now facing the Congress.

The only big top-priority bill that has been disposed of was the farm measure. The Administration lost and the defeat was blamed upon the Republicans. It is true that all but one Republican member voted against the bill—and that one has been redistricted out of office—but many Democrats also opposed the Administration plan because they thought it gave the government too much power.

The tax bill has passed the House in a form which the President said at the time was satisfactory. When the measure got before the Senate Finance Committee, however, Treasury Secretary Dillon recommended a series of changes the net effect of which would have been to bring it back to the original Administration proposal. It has now been announced by the chairman of that committee, Senator Byrd, that if unanimous agreement is not reached by July 18 the bill will be put aside and the committee will take up the Trade Expansion Act. The Senator also said that this time schedule was with the approval of the White House. As a result of this delay it appears improbable that the tax bill can possibly be ready for submission to the Senate until so close to Labor Day that passage is highly unlikely.

The Trade Expansion Act was passed by the House in the form wanted by the Administration, and this was regarded in Washington as a great victory. This gives the President unparalleled power to reduce tariffs and authorizes the government to aid firms and workers who are hurt by imports. There is great objection to these aid provisions, and no small amount of opposition to the increased tariff-cutting powers. The Senate Finance Committee plans to have four weeks of hearings and it

will take another week or so to get a bill ready to report. It is assumed that some changes will be made in the aid provisions, but no one is in a position to forecast what they will be.

Aid to education is regarded as dead in so far as this Congress is concerned. It did not have too much chance before the U. S. Supreme Court's decision on school payers, and it is now generally believed that decision completely eliminated the possibility of passing such a measure.

Medical care for the elderly through Social Security is in trouble but still is given about a fifty-fifty chance of being passed in some form. All types of compromises are being offered, and one of these may win enough support to get a bill through the Congress.

Now, quite a few bills have been passed and some of them have been of great importance—increasing the federal debt limit to \$308 billion, and extending the present 52 percent corporate tax, are examples. Many other important measures are in the legislative mill. But those discussed above were the basic program of the Administration. To say that the record on these has been dismal is an understatement. Never has there been a worse log jam in the United States Congress.

Income And Social Security Taxes Due Before July 31st

Of importance to employers in the Edenton area is a reminder issued by the Internal Revenue Service. J. E. Wall of the Greensboro, N. C., IRS office, said that July 31, 1962, is the deadline for reporting and paying income and social security taxes withheld for the calendar quarter ended June 30, 1962.

Mr. Wall said employers should use Form 941 to report their tax liability for that period, and mail it, along with depositary receipts and full payment of taxes due, to Internal Revenue Service, 320 South Ashe Street, Greensboro. Household employers should use Form 942 to report the wages paid to their employees.

He said employers who do not have a copy of Circular E, "Employer's Tax Guide," or Circular H for household employers, may obtain them from any local IRS office. These publications contain a full discussion of employment taxes together with tables and percentage methods for computing such taxes.

Despite the normal deadline of July 31, 1962, some employers are entitled to an automatic extension of the due date to August 10, 1962. To be eligible for this extension, employers must make timely monthly de-



MATER OF TASTE—Mick Mycheyl uses her palette instead of her palette to put the finishing taste touches on her entry in a Paris restaurant. The singer's "oils" were a very artistic mixture of ketchup, mayonnaise and salad oil.

peating the club collect. The hostess then served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by all.

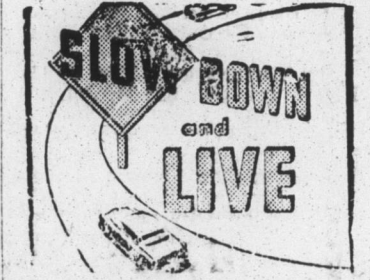
GUM POND CLUB MEETS

On July 17, the Gum Pond Club met in the home of Mrs. Louise Harrell with 11 members present. The meeting was called to order by singing "Down in the Valley." Mrs. Burnette Smith gave the devotion, reading from Habakkuk. Mrs. Smith then led in prayer. Mrs. Delcie Smith presented the demonstration, "Quick Energy Meals." She showed the club how to watch their calories, which was very interesting to most of the girls. Mrs. Elsie Bunch read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll. The president reminded club members of their responsibility for flowers for the hospital during the last week-end in July. The annual August picnic was then discussed and it was decided to have the picnic on the river shore with the club members' families. The meeting was adjourned by

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Progress depends on spiritually meaningful activity. This is a theme of the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Truth" at Christian Science church services Sunday. Scriptural passages will include these verses from Proverbs (4): "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established."

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"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy states (p. 323): "In order to apprehend more, we must put into practice what we already know. We must recollect that Truth is demonstrable when understood, and that good is not understood until demonstrated."

The Golden Text is from II Timothy (2): "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C., June 28, 1962. The Board of Public Works met this day at 8:00 P. M. at the Edenton Municipal Building with the following members present: Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., Chairman, Jesse L. Harrell, Jr., H. Conger, Jr., Ralph E. Parrish, Jr., and James P. Ricks, Jr.

Chairman Byrum advised the Board that this special meeting was called to prepare and approve the budget for the next fiscal year and to handle any other matters that may need attention.

Mr. Jesse L. Harrell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported to the Board in reference to budget that his committee had prepared and after some minor changes were made on motion by Ralph E. Parrish, seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and carried, the budget, a copy of which is part a part of these minutes, was approved.

On motion by J. H. Conger, Jr., seconded by Ralph E. Parrish, and duly carried, the same Christmas lights that were used last year will again be used during the coming Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. George's request for water service to their property which lies outside the city limits was discussed at some length and Chairman Byrum requested Mr. J. P. Ricks, Jr., and Supt. R. N. Hines to contact Mr. George and inform him that we would furnish water to the property in question by connecting on to the existing water main at Granville Street and Highway 32 and extend this main out Highway 32 the entire frontage of the George property under the condition that the property owners would pay the costs of this line's installation.

Chairman Byrum advised the Board that due to the fact our next regular meeting falls on the eve of the 4th of July, the next meeting would be July 6th at 8:00 P. M. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. RALPH E. PARRISH, Secretary.

Edenton, N. C. July 6, 1962. The Board of Public Works

met this day in regular session at the Edenton Municipal Building at 8:00 P. M. with the following members present: T. C. Byrum, Jr., Chairman, Jesse L. Harrell, Jr., Ralph E. Parrish, Jr., H. Conger, Jr., and James P. Ricks, Jr.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 5th, and special meeting of June 28, 1962 were read and approved.

Mr. Thomas Goodman appeared before the board and made request for additional grant allowance, over that granted a few weeks ago, to cover transportation for the reading of our Westover Heights and out of town meters. Chairman Byrum informed Mr. Goodman that the Board would consider his request and advise him of its action. On motion by Jesse L. Harrell, seconded by J. H. Conger, Jr., and duly carried the Board agreed to furnish labor and transportation for the reading of the meters in question for the lump sum price of \$75.00 per month, this to be done on a contract basis with 60 day cancellation clause on the part of both parties to the agreement.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., and Chairman, George A. Byrum and C. A. Phillips met with the Board for the purpose of

Program. The majority opinion was that the Town should construct a municipal building on the property they now own, and now occupied by the Police Station and water tank. The building now used as the Municipal Building and Fire Station to be demolished and turned over in its entirety to the Department of Public Works. The Board of Public Works unanimously agreed to make available to the Town \$30,000 to be used for this purpose.

On motion by J. H. Conger, Jr., seconded by Jesse L. Harrell, and duly carried E and W Dept. bills in the amount of \$42,588.53 have been paid. Of this amount \$14,250.00 was turned over to the Town's General Fund, and \$13,338.53 covered electric line extension to the base property.

Gulf Oil Corporation, \$106.02; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$12.57; Williamston Office Supply Co., \$43.84; Jordan Co., \$30.18; Center Chemical Co., \$306.56; Line Material Industries, \$238.20; Tidewater Supply Co., Inc., \$13.83; Virginia Electric & Power Co., \$11,644.80; Town of Edenton General Fund, \$14,250.00; Postmaster, \$58.53; Board of Public Works, \$470.00; Electrical Equipment Co., \$9,102.75; Motorola C & E, Inc., \$46.73; Wood & Hassell Surveyors, \$44.00; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$11.26; Bunch's Garage, \$47.31; Bill Perry's Texaco

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Received for current, water, and merchandise, \$25,191.08. Disbursements in excess of receipts, \$21,772.71.

On motion by Jesse L. Harrell, seconded by Ralph E. Parrish, and duly carried, Certificate of Deposits in the amount of \$25,000.00 which falls due on July 9, 1962, is to be renewed for a period of 6 months at the usual interest rate.

Chairman Byrum instructed Mr. Jesse L. Harrell and Clerk W. B. Gardner to look into the Bonds we hold and if increased income could be derived from other approved investment that

same be disposed of and reinvested.

On motion by Ralph E. Parrish, seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and duly carried, Superintendent R. N. Hines is authorized to place order for a Line Material Company Sub-station Structure with Electrical equipment Company of Raleigh, North Carolina, at the low quoted price of \$4,300.00 and request delivery just as quickly as possible.

Jesse L. Harrell reported that he met with the Town Council at their last meeting with reference to additional street lighting and that Mayor Mitchener advised that a committee from the Council would be appointed to work with a committee from the Board of Public Works on this matter.

Chairman Byrum appointed Ralph E. Parrish and James P. Ricks, Jr., to serve on the Street Light Committee and Jesse L. Harrell and J. H. Conger, Jr., to serve on the building committee.

J. H. Conger, Jr., reported that W. D. Lowman Lumber Company had requested electric service and water service to the property they have purchased on the industrial site. Supt. Mr. Townson requesting that he furnish this Department with a written statement and request for the facilities he will require in this location, and report back to the Board, or the commissioners involved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. RALPH E. PARRISH, Secretary.

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