

# State's Deficit May Reach 5 Million By End Of Year

## GENERAL REDUCTION OF EXPENSES BEING PUT INTO EFFECT

Revenues For The Past Three Years Were Ten Million Less Than Was Expected.

North Carolina's general fund deficit at the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, is expected to be \$5,708,378, of which \$2,332,550 is the amount by which the budget was not balanced for the 1929-31 biennium, and the balance of \$3,373,828 is the result of expending the full amount appropriated for the six months school term without curtailing the amount to the extent that the amounts appropriated to the State departments and institutions were curtailed, it is shown in a statement issued by Governor O. Max Gardner, director of the budget, through Henry Burke, budget assistant.

"The situation was realized in 1929 and plans were laid and have been executed to gradually reduce State expenses," the statement says. Reductions against appropriations amount to \$3,561,200 for the two years of 1929-31 and \$2,562,184 for the one year 1931-32, a total of \$6,123,384, it is shown. The potential debit balance, or deficit, for the three years to June 30, 1932, is \$11,829,762, while the actual deficit is expected to be \$5,708,378, the difference \$6,123,384 being the reductions in expenditures from the appropriations.

"It is difficult to say now what can be done for the fiscal year 1932-33, but it is expected to reduce expenses in even greater degree. Plans are being worked out to hold the debit balance for 1932-33 to a maximum of \$1,350,000—and if necessary on account of continuing distressing conditions to hold the expenses within the income for the year," the statement says.

"It has been attempted to reduce expenses gradually and to preserve without serious impairment the services and activities to the State government and to which the people are entitled. Under distressing and difficult conditions, this has been accomplished up to this time."

## Family Makes Trip In Covered Wagon

Medford, Wis.—Traveling in a large covered wagon drawn by two ponies, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker and their four children arrived here after completing a 500-mile trip from Danville, Ill. They were on the road for a month.

## TO HOLD CANDY SALE

The D. O. W. class of the First Baptist church, of Salisbury, will have charge of the candy sale at the Capitol theatre Saturday, June 18th. The sale will start at 1 o'clock.

## FOUNTAIN ENTERS SECOND PRIMARY

Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Fountain filed notice of his entrance in the second primary for the democratic nomination as governor of North Carolina.

Governor Fountain's entrance followed by a day that of Senator Cameron Morrison who filed notice Tuesday of his entrance into a second primary for the nomination of a United States senator. Thus the state will have two contests for major state offices in the second primary.

The principle involved in this campaign, Governor Fountain declared in a statement announcing his entrance in the gubernatorial race, is whether the control of the democratic party "shall pass into the hands of a powerful machine that bids fair to become a political juggernaut, dictating the selection of the peoples' representatives and the policies of the party, and depriving the rank and file of democratic voters of North Carolina of a free and untrammelled choice in their selection, or whether the party, in accordance with Jeffersonian principles, shall protect their interests against all influences of money and special privilege."

Governor Fountain called attention to the combined vote of 217,159 which he and A. J. Maxwell received in the first primary declaring: "It is thereby evident that a vast majority of democrats of North Carolina have already registered their opposition to machine control of the party and executive interference."

## MEANS SENTENCED 15 YEARS IN PEN

Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, stood again in the shadow of prison walls.

Sentences of ten years imprisonment for larceny of \$100,000 paid him by Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean to ransom the kidnaped Lindbergh baby and an added five years for larceny of \$4,000 "expense" money were pronounced against the jaunty ex-convict by Justice James M. Proctor.

Means stood with arms akimbo and a grin on his dimpled face as the justice censured him strongly for his "clever and adroit plan."

T. Morris Wampler, one of Means' counsel, immediately noted an appeal to the District of Columbia court of appeals. It will be heard during the October term.

## -PATTERSON ITEMS:-

A group of the young people of Patterson Grange took a straw ride in Mr. R. L. Patterson's new Ford truck last Thursday evening. They attended the Franklin Grange meeting at Willow Lunch. Those enjoying the trip were Misses Ethel Suther, Carrie Ethel Moose, Vinion Freeze, Mabel Overcash, Pauline McCorkle, and Messrs. R. L. Patterson, Charlie Sloop, Earl Lipe, Roy McCorkle, James Moose, and Foil Suther.

The Pineywood Stars played an interesting ball game with the Cress team Saturday afternoon. The score being 2-7 in favor of Pineywood.

The Patterson-Fleming club met Friday afternoon at the club room. After the business Mrs. W. J. McCorkle put on an interesting program to the enjoyment of everyone present.

The community meeting was held last Saturday evening at the Patterson hall. Due to the inclement weather the crowd was small. The following took part on the program: Ethel Suther, R. D. Moose, Grace Sloop, Mr. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. W. J. McCorkle, and Otho Shue.

Little Miss Elva Maye Davis of China Grove is spending some time with Pauline McCorkle.

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## PARROT FAILS IN COURT TEST

Conroe, Tex.—One of this section's most brutal crimes, which had a bizarre touch in that it was witnessed by a parrot and other animals, were reviewed when Durell Kendall, 22-year-old Mississippi, was tried for the murder of an aged showman and his middle-aged cook.

J. T. Brownlee, owner of the Brownlee Mobile Minstrels, and Martha Smith were found beaten to death in a tent at New Caney last December 10. The man, about 60, had been robbed of nearly \$1,000. The killer had used a tent stake, which lay nearby.

Kendall, who had been employed by Brownlee as a moving picture operator, was arrested several days later at his Woodland (Miss.) home. He had several hundred dollars in his possession.

For a time authorities hoped to obtain evidence from the parrot, an aged and talkative bird. A parrot expert was brought from Houston, but failed to make the bird contribute anything but gibberish.

Unable to furnish bond, Kendall has remained in the Montgomery county jail. He has declined to make a statement concerning the double killing.

## -: ST. PAULS ITEMS :-

There will be an all day service at St. Pauls church Sunday, June 19. The public is invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goodman, Mrs. Mary L. Goodman visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Goodman Sunday, June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cline visited Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Goodman Friday, June 10.

## FOOD HABITS HAVE SHIFTED

Raleigh—Food habits of North Carolinians have gradually shifted from meal to flour consumption during the last 30 years, if records of the production of the two bread ingredients are indicative of such a trend, based on a study of census figures.

## SONG AND DANCE ARTIST TO APPEAR AT VICTORY TODAY

Otis Mote, of Rock Hill, S. C., better known as the Carolina Boll Weevil, will appear on the stage at the Victory theatre today at 3:30, 7:30 and 9:30 and Saturday at 3:30, 5:30, 7:15 and 9:30.

Mr. Mote is an accomplished musician and has been playing before large audiences in the two Carolinas. He comes to the Victory theatre from a 4-day engagement at the Carolina theatre in Columbia, S. C. He plays all popular numbers on his guitar and mouth harp and in addition will render several exhibitions of tap dancing.

## Hawk Blinds Boy Robbing Its Nest

Winnipeg—In the act of robbing a hawk's nest of the eggs, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halassa, of Amazon, Sask., lost one of his eyes when the hawk swooped down on him, landed on his head and pecked out the lad's eye.

## Girl Chops Wood To Support Family

Henniker, N. H.—From the hills of the northern part of the State comes Louise Gilman, 20, who is visiting relatives here and tells of a winter spent in the woods chopping down trees to take care of her crippled father, her mother and seven smaller brothers and sisters. She chopped a cord of wood each day for \$1.75.

## B. & L. LEAGUE TO MEET

Wilmington—The North Carolina Building & Loan league will meet at Wrightsville Beach June 21 for a three-day session of the 29th annual convention of the league, according to announcement made by A. P. Harris, president of the organization.

## Children Protest Noiseless Fourth

Concord, N. H.—Children are protesting the campaign for a noiseless Fourth which is making headway in Concord. Efforts are being made to stop the fireworks display at Memorial Field, which was one of the features of the holiday last year.

Meanwhile the Legion is making plans for a field day in which fireworks will have a part. The campaign is sponsored by persons who declare that there is "too much noise."

One reason why women do not age as rapidly as men is that when a man has a birthday, he sometimes takes a day off. When a woman has a birthday, she takes a year off.

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MONDAY, JULY 18, 1932 at the courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., at the hour of 12M, the following described valuable city property: Beginning at a stone on the corner of the intersection of Eleventh Street and Salisbury Avenue, and runs thence Northwest with Eleventh Street 150 feet to a stake on the Southwest side of said Street; thence Southwest parallel with Salisbury Avenue, 60 feet to a stake; thence Southeast parallel with Eleventh Street 150 feet to a stake on the Northwest side of Salisbury Avenue; thence Northeast with Salisbury Avenue 60 feet to the beginning, and being a part of the land conveyed by John S. Henderson and wife, registered in Book 96, page 544, and also deed from W. T. Klutz and wife to R. J. Misener, registered in Book 129, page 256, all in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County. This June 15, 1932. JOHN L. RENDLEMAN, JR., Commissioner.