

REDS RUSH THROUGH GAP IN UN LINE

Hobbs Submits Record \$346,500 Budget

Ten Per Cent Raise For City Employees Asked

City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs packed a wallop like the last paragraph in an O. Henry short story into his swan song before the new Dunn City Council last night.

Hobbs, who wound up a turbulent nine-month stint with the city at the Monday night meeting, handed the new council members a record 1951-52 budget which even his bitterest opponents admitted as a fine piece of work.

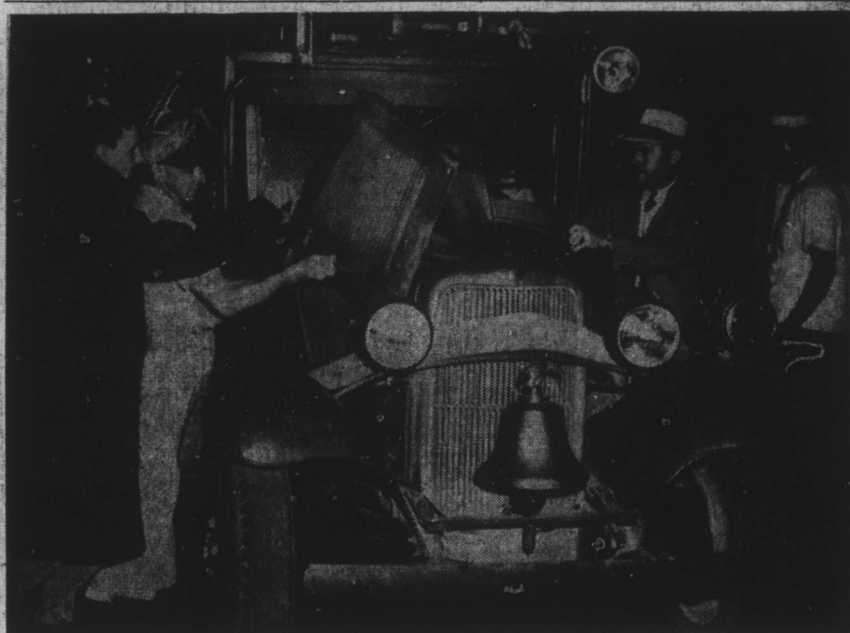
The 30-year-old city manager cornered every possible penny of revenue on paper and found a useful niche for it. And he tacked onto the whopping \$346,500 budget some proposals which will cause considerable lip-chewing among council members before the budget is finally adopted.

Chief among his suggestions is a proposed 10 per cent wage increase for each of the city's employees.

The obvious reason for the cost-of-living raise would be the tendency of town employees to wander off to better-paying fields. Hobbs cited the loss of Fire Lieutenant Mann Norris, Jr. and Police Sergeant W. M. Denning to the better-paying State Highway Patrol as an example.

Reasons for Increase Hobbs explained that the new budget, some 17 per cent higher than the \$298,470 earmarked for the 1950-51 fiscal year, swelled for two reasons: Normal increase in property valuation; added population and new services, plus some \$25,000 in Powell Bill funds for street maintenance.

Among his recommendations was one to up the ad valorem tax rate, subject to approval by the voters, by 10 cents per \$100 of valuation to provide funds for a recreation department. Of the estimated \$8,000 to be derived from this (Continued On Page Six)



ALL TOGETHER, ONE-TWO-THREE — The Fire Department's venerable and asthmatic 1933 Ford fire buggy caused much embarrassment and consternation last night when it refused to go out on a fire call. With some urging from the city's newer Mack pumper, it was finally nudged out into the street and coaxed into spluttering, unwilling action. When the picture above was snapped, members of the Fire Department were preparing to peer into the machine's vitals to find the trouble. It is now abandoned at the rear of the Municipal Building. City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs recommended in his 1951-52 city budget that funds be sought for purchase of a new fire truck to replace Old Reluctant. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Williams Plans Hog Market At Benson

Army Sets Off Biggest Non-Atom Explosive Charge

DUGWAY, Utah, May 22—(AP)—The Army prepared to set off the biggest man-made non-atomic blast in history about noon today. A deeply imbedded charge of 320,000 pounds of TNT will be exploded in Western Utah wasteland in an experiment to determine the effects of a heavy underground explosion on target buildings and bridges.

The explosion will have about one-fifth the energy of an atomic bomb. Newsmen and press photographers were restricted to a four-mile safety line from the blast.

Army engineers, directing "operation underground," said that the carefully controlled and measured explosion of 160 tons of powder would be detonated as planned unless unexpected storms interfere.

"Last summer in New Mexico, penetration tests were made by dropping inert bombs," explained Lt. Col. C. C. Haug, head of the Sacramento Army Engineers district. "We know how deep a bomb will go. Now what we want to find out is exactly what happens when it goes off. By using heavily instrumented, buried charges we should be able to find out."

REVIVAL SET Plans for a revival at Blackmons Grove Church have been completed. It was announced this morning by the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Byrd. The revival will begin Sunday night May 25 at 8 o'clock and will continue for two weeks. Evangelists, Ralston Butler and Winnie Ham Butler will be the guest speakers. Everyone is urged to attend.

Murder Evidence Heard

RUTHERFORD, May 22 — (AP)—A Rutherford Superior Court jury listened today to evidence against a 19-year-old orphan charged with murdering his orphanage superintendent in an argument over girls. It took four hours yesterday to select a jury to hear the case against Charles Hugh Justice. The trial of Billy Ray Powell, 18, on the same charge was postponed until a later term of court.

Both youths are charged with shooting W. E. Sweet, 58, superintendent of the Alexander Orphan Home near here, because he reprimanded them for "walking with girls." They also are charged with killing Powell's roommate, Wade Johnson, 18, because they thought he was "telling on them."

House Takes Up Indian Grain Loan Measure

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP)—Administration foreign policy was in for another mauling today in the House as it took up the grain-for-India loan bill.

A final vote on the measure was expected later this week. House Democratic leaders were confident of passage of the bill to lend \$150,000,000 to India to buy 2,000,000 tons of grain.

However, some legislators were set to try to write strings into the measure—strings such as forcing India to lift an embargo on export of uranium in return for the loan.

Some legislators are critical of India's actions in the United Nations and her "friendship" for Russia. India wants the loan on a long-term basis with no strings attached. The Senate has passed a bill similar to that being considered by the House.

In other congressional developments: Un-American Actor Jose Ferrer (Continued On Page Six)

Cumberland Court Makes \$1,900 Award

Cumberland Superior Court last week awarded \$1,900 and costs to Russell M. Bus as damages resulting from a collision in Dunn between a truck owned by Bus and a car driven by Sallie E. Bulard Holmes.

The accident occurred at the intersection of N. Ellis Ave. and W. Broad St. October 29, 1949. The plaintiff alleged that his truck, driven by William Ireland, an employee, had the right of way at the intersection and that the defendant was negligent in failing to stop.

Witnesses testified yesterday that Justice violated orphanage rules by cooing a 14-year-old girl at her dormitory. They said Justice became angry and "stormed out of Sweet's office" when Sweet accused the girl of smoking.

Fire Alarm Ushers In Council As Old Crew Chases Blaze

The new city council came to town with bells on last night—and had to wait while the old council chased a few bells of its own.

Shortly after 7:30 p. m., when the solemn ceremony of ushering out the former council and swearing in the new was to begin, the fire song sounded. Since most of the governing body—including Mayor-Fire Chief Ralph Hanna—members of the fire department, the proceedings were held up for a half-hour while the august body of smoke-eaters chased after a minor blaze.

Meeting before a small crowd in the upstairs courtroom of the Municipal Building, the old council, consisting of Mayor Hanna, returning Councilmen B. A. Eracey and L. L. Coats and outgoing members Earl G. Vann and Joe Wilkins, dispatched their business in a record half-hour.

Each incoming member was given a red carnation for his lapel, courtesy of Wade's Flower Shop.

Wade's also provided a tall basket of white gladioli to brighten up the dingy, 40-year-old courtroom.

VOTE SEVERANCE PAY On a motion by Vann, the council voted unanimously to give City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs, who sat in on his last meeting last night, a severance pay grant equal to three months' salary, provided the action is approved by State Attorney General Harry McMullan.

If the move is sanctioned by the attorney general, Hobbs would collect \$1,250, a quarter of his yearly salary. Hobbs, who is scheduled to go back into the Navy June 15, told the council he "enjoyed every minute" of his stint with the town.

The old animosities were forgotten as the councilmen wished him well and went on record as regretting his loss to the Navy.

When the old board disclosed at 8:30 p. m. incoming members J. V. Bass of Ward Two and R. G. (Continued On Page Two)

Negro Driver Indicted For Manslaughter Free On Bond

John Louis Brown, 48, Lillington Negro facing an indictment on involuntary manslaughter following a Saturday automobile accident which took the life of a Lillington school teacher, today was free on \$2,000 bond.

The Harnett County grand jury, now in session at the courthouse, yesterday returned a true bill against Brown, who earlier had been held for investigation following the coroner's inquest. Chester Brown, Lillington businessman, and W. A. Patterson, Negro undertaker, furnished bond.

The defendant will be represented by Attorney Archie Taylor. In the meantime, Presiding Judge J. K. Nimocks continued to hear a variety of cases in Harnett Superior Court.

The majority of today's sessions was devoted to the hearing of two cases which originated in Dunn Recorder's Court. The court recessed as the State was presenting evidence in the case of William Herbert Wilkins, Dunn Negro charged with breaking and entering and the larceny of two gallons of paint from Dr. C. D. Coddington.

Earlier the court heard part of the evidence in the case of four teen-age boys from Brooklyn, N. Y., accused of stealing a car belonging to Daily Record Sports Editor Joe Caviness of Lillington. SENTENCE DEFERRED In the automobile theft case, the judge delayed the case pending a report from New York authorities and parents of the boys, three of whom, Highway Patrolmen told the court, were recently cited as (Continued On Page Six)

South Koreans Fold; Spearheads Push 25 Miles Below Border

TOKYO, May 22—(AP)—Thousands of Chinese Reds swept more than 25 miles south of the 38th Parallel today through disintegrating South Korean forces on the eastern front.

End-Of-War Means Sought By Republicans

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP)—The Senate's MacArthur investigation resumed today with Republicans demanding that Gen. Omar N. Bradley tell what it would take to end the Korean War.

Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was recalled for his fourth appearance before the Senate Armed Services-Foreign Relations Committee. The committee is investigating Korean War policy differences which led to the dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Far Eastern commander.

Bradley has said the Joint Chiefs approved the ouster on military grounds, but he has refused to discuss confidential White House conferences on the subject. After the committee voted 18 to 8 last week against ordering Bradley to tell about these confidential discussions, Sen. Alexander Wiley, R., Wis., formally proposed that the participants tell what was said.

Committee Chairman (Republican) Russell D. Co., indicated he was ready to put Wiley's letter before the committee but did not do so yesterday because Wiley was then absent. Some of the GOP committee members conferred about questions which they thought still should be (Continued On Page Five)

Interest Groups Hit Control Plan

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP)—The administration's drive for more economic controls was rocked today by cattlemen, homebuilders and farmers. The cattlemen told the Housing Banking Committee that if beef price controls are not scrapped they will have to depend on the "black-market" to save them from "disaster."

The cattlemen suggested that consumers, likewise, would be better off with a "black market" as long as price ceilings stay in force. The National Association of Home Builders said that housing credit controls are heading the nation "right back into a serious housing shortage, perhaps even more acute than the postwar shortage."

Four major farm organizations issued press statements, condemning the price control method of dealing with inflation. Herschel D. Newsom, master of the National Grange, said the program is motivated by politics rather than a sincere effort to curb inflation.

Other organizations criticizing the program were the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Milk Producers Federation and the American Farm-Bureau Federation.

State News Briefs

CHARLOTTE, May 22—(AP)—Some 300 textile manufacturing executives will meet here tomorrow to review the effects of the government's new ceiling prices on their products. The Office of Price Stabilization will place the cotton textile industry under a general order May 28, allowing manufacturers to charge pre-Korean prices, plus increased labor and materials costs through 1950.

The meeting here is one of a series to enlighten cotton manufacturers, sponsored by the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute. The first meeting is slated for Atlanta today. New pricing regulations will be explained by James L. Rankin of Chester, Pa., attorney for the institute, and B. D. Bradford of A. M. Pullen Co., a Greensboro auditing firm.

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT

AUTOMOBILES—Rising prices of automobiles occasion worry for State department heads beyond the big item of finding money to pay for them out of their budgets. For several years there has been fixed policy that automobiles supplied by the state for use of employees, with very few exceptions such as the governor and chairman of the Highway Commission, should not exceed \$1500 in cost. Under that regulation it was possible to get brick competitive bidding among manufacturers of Fords, Chevrolets, Plymouths, Buicks, Dodges and several others. On one major purchase Buick for some reason underbid Chevrolet and a good many Buicks were bought for the Highway Patrol. During recent months prices rises have taken some manufacturers out of the range of State contracts.

DISCRIMINATION—Then there were some officials who wanted heavier cars than the run-of-payroll State workers were furnished. Several arguments were advanced in support of upping the price limit. (Continued On Page Six)

VFW Will Stage Musical Comedy

The Dunn post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has contracted with the Empire Producing Company of Kansas City, Mo., to produce a musical comedy entitled "Going Places."

Under the agreement, the post will secure local talent for the show, which will be strictly an amateur affair. The producer will furnish a director to stage the show, according to George F. Blacklock, post commander. The show calls for seven speaking parts, Blacklock added, with five men and two women needed for these parts. Actual date of the performance has not yet been announced.

TAKE OATH OF OFFICE — Dunn's four schoolchildren are shown above as they took the office, administered in the Municipal Building courtroom by Judge Edward G. Gordon of Dunn. Shown are Commissioner B. A. Eracey (back to camera), Commissioner J. V. Bass, Commissioner Earl G. Vann and Commissioner L. L. Coats. In the background, left, is City Attorney L. L. Wiley, who was sworn in today. (Continued On Page Six)