

Twining Says Reds Overtaking Our AF

Harnett Budget Is Fixed; Tax Rate To Remain At \$1.30

Wilson's Goal More Defense For Less Money

WASHINGTON (AP) - "More effective defense for less money" is the big goal of Secretary Charles Erwin Wilson and the team of businessmen helping him run the gigantic Defense Department.

His actions, all controversial, have included slashes in requested appropriations for future spending, top to bottom reorganization, and civilian and military manpower cuts.

"Uncle Sam's big old pocketbook has just been too wide open," the former General Motors president frequently asserts. Just as frequently he invokes the magic military name of President Eisenhower in support of his plans as he stands unruffled amid criticism by Democrats and generals.

Wilson, Deputy Secretary Roger M. Kyes and the Army, Navy and Air Force secretaries have taken on a long-term show. Evidence of this is the fact that Uncle Sam's defense pocketbook is open wider today than it was in January. The Pentagon wrote checks in June for about \$3,900,000,000 compared with \$3,552,000,000 last January and the spending trend still is on a slight upgrade under contracts let by the administration.

Wilson's own experts believe it will take most of fiscal 1954, which began this month, to make a fair start on tightening the purse strings. There are to be no major cancellations of aircraft and ammunition contracts. That is not indicated so far.

But the production man from Detroit, his 13 new top officials and six holdovers from the former Democratic administration have done a year of work in less than half a year.

They cut \$5,247,000,000 from former President Truman's request for a 1954-55 fiscal year. New defense appropriations. The cuts fell heaviest on the Air Force, reducing its expansion goal from 143 to 130 wings and provoking a controversy in the Pentagon and in Congress.

The Army and Navy will remain (Continued on Page 3)



FROM PAINTS TO TRAMPING - It's a life of tramping for Orville Ewing of Fritchett, Colorado, pictured above with his "back to the west" wagon. Orville stopped over in Dunn this morning to tell those who gathered around that he is on his way to see "Mamie and Ike." (Daily Record Photo)

Rambler From Old West Stops Here Enroute To See Ike

By CARL CONNER Record Staff Writer Equipped with a covered wagon, baggage, bed, and about everything else but the kitchen sink, a rambler from the days of the "old West" stopped by Dunn today.

Armed with a wooden pistol with a cork-one small chick, Orville Ewing brought his covered wagon into town.

He was on his way to see Mamie and Ike, he said. Would take about a month to get there, but that didn't make much difference to a traveler who has covered more than 3,000 miles a year since 1938.

Back before he became a national traveler, Orville was a painter and artist. And to prove it, he took the pen and while weaving a rhyme about "Little Boy Blue" sketched the hat and horn with the boy perched under it.

Back home a wife waits, but the traveler doesn't seem too much concerned. "She ought to be glad to get rid of me," he commented. But he was interested in his two children. A boy Eiden, 18, graduated from high school in May. And he had a picture to prove it. "Borrowed a suit and tie and combed his hair," he commented. "Looks right good."

And besides the son there is a 14-year old daughter. The traveler didn't seem too much interested in the daughter. Her name wasn't revealed.

TWO MILK GOATS In his collection of items in the wagon is everything from a setting hen with five eggs to his milk (Continued on Page 3)

At Wollenweber, general manager of Colonial Frozen Food Lockers, Dunn, announced the purchase of a new plant in Fayetteville today. Operation was begun July 5, he said.

With the addition of this plant, the Colonial Frozen Food Lockers operate three plants with one being in Williamston. The Dunn plant is the largest in North Carolina with 1138 lockers. The Fayetteville plant has 587 lockers and (Continued on Page Two)

Dunn Post Office Receipts Rise

The postal receipts at the Dunn post office for the first half of the calendar year 1953, totaled \$38,788.07, Postmaster Ralph Wade reported today.

The receipts for the same period of 1952 amounted to \$34,826.67. The gain over 1952 is \$3,961.40 or percentage-wise a gain of approximately 12 per cent.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

SYLVA (AP) - The widow of a sheriff who was shot and killed last week has taken over her slain husband's office to serve out the remaining 17 months of his term. The Jackson County board of commissioners appointed Mrs. Griffin C. Middleton to serve as sheriff. She was sworn in yesterday by Judge Dan H. Moore.

TYSON (AP) - Quarter charges against Polk County Sheriff Loyd S. Panther, accused of "wilful misconduct," will be heard in the August term of Superior Court. Judge J. Will Plem, in a hearing of May (Continued on page two)

Laughinghouse To Manage Deere Firm

W. H. (Bill) Laughinghouse has joined the Johnson Cotton Company as manager of the farm machinery division. He succeeds Olfen Lemmon, who has resigned to take a post in South Carolina.

For the past 20 years Laughinghouse has been manager of the C. and L. Tractor Company on the Benson highway. He left the Johnson Cotton Company to organize the company in 1944.

Laughinghouse was first employed by the Johnson Cotton Company in 1940 when he came to Dunn from Cranfield, N. C. where he was employed by the Building Supply Company.

CIVIC LEADER Since coming to Dunn he has served as president of the Rotary from 1945 to '46, is a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of Shriners and the Christian Church of Dunn.

In his new capacity Laughinghouse will be manager of the farm (Continued on Page 3)

Douglas Ouster Move Is Killed

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House Judiciary Committee today unanimously killed a resolution to impeach Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

The action was taken at a closed meeting. The motion to table the resolution was offered by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Calif.) and supported by Rep. Louis E. Crampton (R-Pa.).

Crampton had served as chairman of a five-man subcommittee which held a brief hearing on the resolution sponsored by Rep. W. M. Wiedler (D-Ga.).

Wiedler introduced the resolution a few hours after Douglas had temporarily stayed the execution of convicted atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

WNAO-TV To Go On The Air Soon

RALEIGH (AP) - Officials of WNAO-TV, Raleigh's first television station, said today that preliminary test patterns transmitted for the first time yesterday were received clearly at Fayetteville in the south and Henderson in the north.

The station, North Carolina's first ultra high frequency television station, will begin regular test pattern transmission on channel 23 tomorrow.

County Board Has Very Busy Session

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners yesterday boosted the annual grant to the Harnett County library from \$3,000 last year to \$3,600 for 1953-54.

Mrs. S. R. McKay, county librarian, told the commissioners this increase will be necessary to take care of the added operational costs of the van type bookmobile which will go on the roads in September and to provide the ten per cent salary increase of the two library employees. The librarian and the bookmobile clerk are classified as county employees and eligible to share in the raise approved for county workers.

+ Record Roundup +

AG WORKERS MEET - N. C. Extension staff members, both men and women, in the Southeastern District, will meet on Friday, July 10 at the Cumberland County Extension Service building in Fayetteville. Harnett is one of 17 counties which will send home farm agents and other staff members to the conference.

NEW FLOOR - A new, cool green tile floor laid recently in the office of the Farmers Home Administration office in the county agriculture building is the envy of the other residents of the building. Mrs. Ollie Gray Warren, secretary, explains with a smile that Uncle Sam paid the bill, not the county. Anyway, the floor is a marked improvement over the splintery floor on which it was placed.

QUET REIGNED - Esheriff W. E. Salmon characterized the Fourth of July weekend in Harnett County as the "quietest" he had known in ten or twelve years. "Maybe, the fact that our fine rural law enforcement officers were circled, plus the highway patrol, had something to do with it," he observed. Even the jail failed to have its usual weekend "customers" arrested because of public drinking or minor offenses.

NEW CLERK - Miss Wilhelmina Naylor of Dunn is the new clerk of the county. Anyway, the floor is (Continued on Page Two)

Valuation Up To Prevent Raise In Rate

By LOIS BYRD Record Staff Writer

Harnett County commissioners yesterday planned a \$1,300,085 budget for 1953-54 on a county-wide tax rate of \$1.30. This marks the third year that the tax rate has remained the same.

County Auditor H. D. Carson, Jr., stressed the fact that the budget adopted by the commissioners in a short session ending shortly after noon, is tentative. Under the state law, the budget will not be finally approved until a special meeting called for Monday, July 27, at 10 a. m.

However, no major changes are expected to be made in the budget estimate. Resolutions formerly fixing the tax rate will also be made at the July 27th meeting.

Meantime, commissioners authorized the interim appropriation of \$50,000 to the county schools necessary to pay for pressing repair bills.

SCHOOL FUND LOW This action came after County School Superintendent G. T. Pforfit told commissioners that only \$8,700 remain in the school fund. "Unfortunately," Pforfit said, "summer time is spending time for schools." He noted that many obligations must be met before the tax money starts to come in.

Pforfit went on to say that major repairs to school buildings can only be made during the vacation season. He listed as examples of pressing work, repairs at Harnett Training School, conversion of cloak rooms to class room at Dunn elementary school to take care of large number of expected first graders, new flooring in bathrooms at Boone Trail to replace floors eaten by termites, addition of a room at Johnsonville Negro school.

On motion of Commissioner E. P. Ingram, the board voted to grant the schools a loan of \$50,000 for 90 days from other county funds until the time when the new tax money is available.

On an overall picture the budget of \$1,300,085 for county expenses is only a little over \$6,000 more than last year's total of \$1,293,790.

SALARIES RAISED Straight ten percent salary raises for all county employees and addition of five rural law enforcement officers will account for most of the increases. Approximate (Continued on Page 3)

PRAYERS FOR RAIN IN TEXAS



CHILDREN JOIN THEIR ELDERS in Dallas seeking divine intercession to end the long drought that has turned great areas of Texas into near desert. People throughout the state have joined in almost continuous prayer for relief from the catastrophe. (International Soundphoto)

Harnett Will Get New Bookmobile

The Harnett County Library Board had good news for the county commissioners yesterday. A new modern van type bookmobile has already been bought, paid for, and will go into action in September.

Mrs. S. R. McKay, county librarian, told the county fathers the library board had been saving for a number of years for the purchase of the new bookmobile which cost \$5,500. It is now being built in Wooster, Ohio.

The new model, which will be an all-weather bookmobile of the walk-in variety, will accommodate 1,800 books, in contrast to the 800 which can now be moved on the present bookmobile.

Entrance and exit doors will be on the curb side, marked by folding steps. Bright 110 volt lights will provide adequate light for dark days or night operation. Two large ventilating type skylights increase supply of natural light and ventilation.

SPACIOUS INTERIOR But chief attraction will be that the spacious interior will provide head room of 76 inches which will allow adults to browse about the shelves and make their own book selections.

To show the part the bookmobile plays in Harnett County, Mrs. McKay reported that during the past year the bookmobile traveled 5,098 miles, circulated 28,322 books and had a total of 1,508 registered borrowers. The 65 book stops made every two weeks include private homes, service stations, schools and town libraries.

Starting point for the bookmobile is the Harnett County Library located on the courthouse square in Lillington. Miss Jean McKay is the bookmobile clerk.

L. A. Tart of Dunn, chairman of the county commissioners, Mrs. Alton G. Johnson of Lillington, James F. Davis of Lillington, Mrs. J. O. Warren of Dunn and the new member, Mrs. J. H. Withers of Broadway, Route 1.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House Interior Committee today approved a bill to change the name of the Appomattox, Va., National Historical Park.

The bill was introduced because there is no monument at the park.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A Coast (Continued on Page Three)

MARKETS EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (AP) - Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies fully adequate. Heavy hens steady, supplies plentiful. Prices at farm up to 18 c. Fryers or broilers 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. 27, heavy hens 23-24, mostly 23-25.

Eggs: Market steady, supplies barely adequate, demand good. Prices paid producers and handlers FOB local grading stations: A large 55, A medium 53-55, B large 49-50. (Continued on Page Two)

Says Shortage Of Maintenance Men Is Hurting

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) - Gen. Nathan F. Twining said today that Russia is gradually overtaking America in the training of skilled airmen.

The new Air Force chief of staff coupled the warning with disclosure that a shortage of maintenance men has hindered use of the new electronic gunship in the F-86 Sabre jet in Korea.

In a speech at the Mississippi American Legion convention, Twining urged America not to make the prewar German mistake of building first-class combat planes without sufficient trained people to keep them flying.

HIS FIRST SPEECH The speech, Twining's first since he succeeded Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, reflected Air Force concern over falling re-enlistment rates and apparently, over manpower cuts ordered by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson. The cuts will number 20,000 in the next 12 months. Some re-enlistment rates are as low as 15 per cent.

Appealing to the Legion for help in recruiting and retaining superior men, Twining said: "Not a single item of our shiny new machinery of defense is worth two cents without sufficiently trained and experienced men to make it go at the instant we need it."

The Communists, he said, are training hundreds of pilots and crews in Korea and Manchuria, willing to take heavy losses to get the best training and experience possible.

Illustrating the Air Force's need for a new breed of airman in the jet and electronics age, Twining said the F-86 gunship makes sights of several years ago seem (Continued on Page Three)

Road Requests Will Be Heard

A hearing on road requests of all types will be held Wednesday, July 15, at 9:30 a. m. at the Sixth District Highway Office in Fayetteville.

New district highway commissioner C. A. Eason has notified county commissioners throughout the five counties, including Harnett, to notify persons with road requests to appear at that time.

Several delegations, particularly from the Johnsonville section of Harnett, were in Lillington Monday asking the question whether road petitions, previously approved by George Coble, the retiring commissioner and now on file in the Asheville headquarters, will be transferred to the new headquarters or whether petitioners will have to star proceedings anew.

Chairman L. A. Tart of the Harnett commissioners said he supposed petitions will be transferred to the new headquarters. However, he suggested that petitioners go to the Fayetteville meeting and learn first hand.

BULLETINS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) - A housing project financed by federal funds was ordered today to rent apartments to Negroes without segregation on grounds "the right to lease property is a civil right protected by the 14th Amendment."

LONDON (AP) - An unofficial British trade delegation was reported today to have signed a 60-million pound \$168,000,000 trade agreement with Communist China despite official warnings that such action might harm Anglo-American relations.

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) - Martin Leggett, 34, and Troy Hobson, 18, Heidelberg, Miss., oil field workers, were hospitalized here today with serious burns. They took a bath in gasoline Sunday afternoon near the pilot light of a bathroom heater.

LONDON (AP) - A souvenir hunter apparently walked out of Westminster Abbey on a coronation day with the crimson stool on which the Duke of Edinburgh took his pay homage to his wife, Queen Elizabeth II.

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - Police reported today that thieves broke into a cafeteria of the Western Hotel (Continued on Page Two)