State's Income Tax Revenues **Below Estimate**

RALEIGH (P) — Gov. William B. Umstead said today that state income tax collections for the current fiscal year to date are \$3,852,843 short of budget estimates.

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"It looks like for the first time in a good many years tax receipts will not come up to estimates," Umstead said.

The bulk of state income tax returns for the fiscal year have been filed.

Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw reported to Umstead that income tax collections to date have totaled only \$88,459,960.

Umstead and Shaw told reporters that it appears that collections by the end of the fiscal year June 30 will be "about three and a half million dollars short."

TIGHTENS ON SPENDING In anticipation of a possible decline in moome tax collections that would cause a "pinch," Umstead (Continued on page six)

Mass Is Slated

Jembers of Sacred Heart old Church of Dunn will offer the Mass BALLay morning at 9 c'clock for Margaret (Peggy) Puleo, of Margaret (Peggy) Puleo, of Dunn, who was murdered in Newark on Monday night.
Miss Puleo held a position with Benjamin and Johnes Company and Spent nuch of last year in Dunn instructing workers at the sempany's girdle factory here.

She was well known in Dunn and (Command On Page Four)

These Little Jhings



EXTERIOR VIEW — Here is the exterior view of the Bank of Lillington's new building where an open house will be held on Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p. m. Building is located on highway 15-A, directly across the highway from the Harnett County courthouse. The big sign, made of white enamelled letters, backed in green, is electrically controlled and will be switched on

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GOP Confident It Can Block **Greater Cuts**

Senate GOP leaders were confident today they have the votes to block further increases in a billion-dollar excise tax reduction bill.

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They predicted defeat for amendments aimed at slashing present federal taxes on cars, radios and television sets after failing to hold the line on house appliances.

The senate voted 64-23 Wednesday night to cut from 10 to 5 per cent the present excise or manufacturers' sales taxes on refrigerators, toasters, ranges and other household appliances.

Chairman Eugene D. Millikin (R-Colo) of the Senate Finance Committee predicted further reduction attempts would be defeated. He expected a final vote by nightfall on a overall House passed measure calling for exciscuts of about 958 million dollars. But Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-III), who led the fight for the appliance reduction, was lining up support for other amendments to cut excise on automobiles from 10 to 7 per cent and on radio-television equipment from 16 to 5.

The overall bill would cancel excise cuts on scheduled to go into effect April 1 on autos, liquor, tobacco and some other items. But it would slash to 19 per cent, the present 15 to 25 per cent taxes on such things as furs, jewelry, lugage, cosmetics, admission tickets and telephone tills.

The administration is opposed to any excise cuts at this time.

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ernment experts believe business will get better within

But some labor leaders and Demorratic congressmen are not so op-timistic. They want President Eis-enhower to take bigger anti-recess-ion steps now, such as extensive public works projects and larger tax cuts for lower income consum-

tax cuts for lower income consumers.

Even the most pessimistic, however, do not foresee anything like
the chaotic, paralyzing, demoralizing depression of the early 1930's.

For one thing, there is the arsenal of stabilizing programs that
was built into our national life during the Roosevelt administrationfarm price supports, unemployment
payments, social security benefits,
bank deposit insurance, home loan
insurance. These provide a "floor"
under the economy and cushion individual distress.

SPENDING CONTINUES

Furthermore, government, spending continues at a rate undreamed
of in pre-war times, and there is
today an abundance of capital and
credit savings.

Government officials do not expect business for this entire year

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