

UZZLE ASKS 5-CENTS TAX CUT HERE

City Manager Will Present Year's Budget

City Manager A. B. Uzzle indicated today that he will call for a tax rate cut of at least five cents on the hundred valuation when he presents the 1954-'55 budget to City Council Thursday evening.

In spite of the proposed cut in the tax rate, Uzzle will ask for a budget of \$437,000 against \$390,000 last year.

The City Manager pointed out that some of the Town's debts are being cut down and that he believes the cut in taxes will be possible.

"The total valuation for the new year has not changed much," Uzzle stated today as he discussed the new budget. An estimate of approximately nine and a half million valuation will not change much, he added.

Uzzle pointed out that he did not know how much Council might cut the budget he has proposed, but added that everything has been covered in the proposal he will make Thursday evening.

The copy of the budget to be studied will be just a pencil sketch, the City Manager pointed out, with room for additions and reductions.

OTHER MATTERS In addition to consideration of the budget, the Board will act on Uzzle's choice of a tax collector. Provision for hiring the tax collector was made some weeks ago, but no appointee has been announced.

Uzzle said today that 14 persons, including three women have applied for the position. The choice of a collector has been tentatively made, he commented, but there is a possibility that Council will change.

Salary for the tax collector was set at \$250 at a recent meeting of the Town Board. The job will be fulltime.

Council is expected to hear reports from City Attorney I. R. Williams on:

- 1. Progress on Tax foreclosures. 2. Collection of several hundred dollars due the town for work on the Fleishman sub-division.

The Board is also expected to open two bids for a town bookkeeping machine. However, Uzzle said today that the bids will be for "consideration only."

301 Award Will Be Made On July 29th

RALEIGH (AP)—The State Highway Commission called for bids today on 53 projects involving 339.86 miles of road work in 37 counties, one of the largest lettings in recent state history.

Bids are to be received July 27. The Highway Commission will review bids and award contracts at (Continued On Page Two)

Dulles In Paris For Vital Talks

PARIS (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles flew to Paris today for dramatic showdown talks on Indochina and the European army with French Premier Pierre Mendès-France.

Dulles arrived in Paris by plane as authoritative reports from London said he will have Britain's full support on both Indochina and the European army plan.

French sources said Mendès-France has agreed to seven general conditions which President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill have said are necessary to an "honorable" Indochina peace.

The seven points were not disclosed, but authoritative sources said they barred any Red takeover of Indochina, kept open the possibility of an eventual peaceful unification of a democratic Vietnam and demanded an effective international control system.

Red Terms Harsh Mendès-France, these sources said, sent a personal message to Dulles yesterday, reaffirming his determination to achieve an honorable Indochina settlement.

That assurance, they said, was what finally broke the United States' semi-boycott of the French Premier's hurry-up peace campaign.

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"MISS DUNN" PACKS FOR PAGEANT — Pretty Miss Becky Lee, who will represent Dunn in the "Miss North Carolina" pageant this week, is shown here packing in readiness to leave tomorrow for Burlington. The Dunn beauty, who celebrated her 19th birthday last week, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lee of Dunn. For a full page of pictures of Miss Lee, made by John Lewis of Lewis Studio in Dunn, turn to page six. (Daily Record Photo.)

Many Strikers Return To Job At Oak Ridge

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP)—Some 1,600 craftsmen of an idle 8,000-man force at two huge Atomic Energy Commission projects ignored pickets set up by striking laborers and returned to work here today in compliance with a request by union leaders.

Some 2,000 AFL laborers halted construction at the K33 gaseous diffusion plant addition and the super secret Y12 project yesterday when they set up pickets after rejecting a wage-hike proposal by Associated General Contractors.

ABOUT ONE FOURTH An AEC spokesman said almost 25 per cent of the force at the secret project being put up by Rust Engineering Co., and about 20 per cent of that at Maron Construction Co. K33 project had returned.

The walkout is the second to plague Oak Ridge operations in less than two weeks. It followed the first strike of production worker in gaseous diffusion plant in the nation's history.

High Point Hit By Three Fires

HIGH POINT, N. C. (AP)—Three raging fires roared through four industrial sites in the heart of this furniture manufacturing city early today, causing damage estimated at more than a million dollars.

Authorities suspected the fires may have been set deliberately by a "firebug". The State Bureau of Investigation was called into the investigation by city officials.

Two of the firms hit by the pre-dawn blazes were almost total losses. These included a furniture upholstery plant and the Monarch Furniture Co. plant.

The most spectacular blaze swept a lumber company, wiping out one end of the yard stacked high with costly furniture woods. The fire destroyed several small buildings, sheds and machinery.

The lumber blaze, last of the three, threatened the City Hall and the famous 14-story High Point Furniture Exposition Building.

Fire Chief Claude Canada said arson was "definitely a possibility" and warned industrial firms to post guards at their property. Police ordered additional foot patrolmen into industrial districts.

No injuries were reported in the all-night conflagrations.

ROSEMARY EXPECTING HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Singer Rosemary Clooney, wife of actor Jose Ferrer, disclosed last night that she is expecting the birth of a child next winter. The singer said she was in "ecstasy" over the impending event.

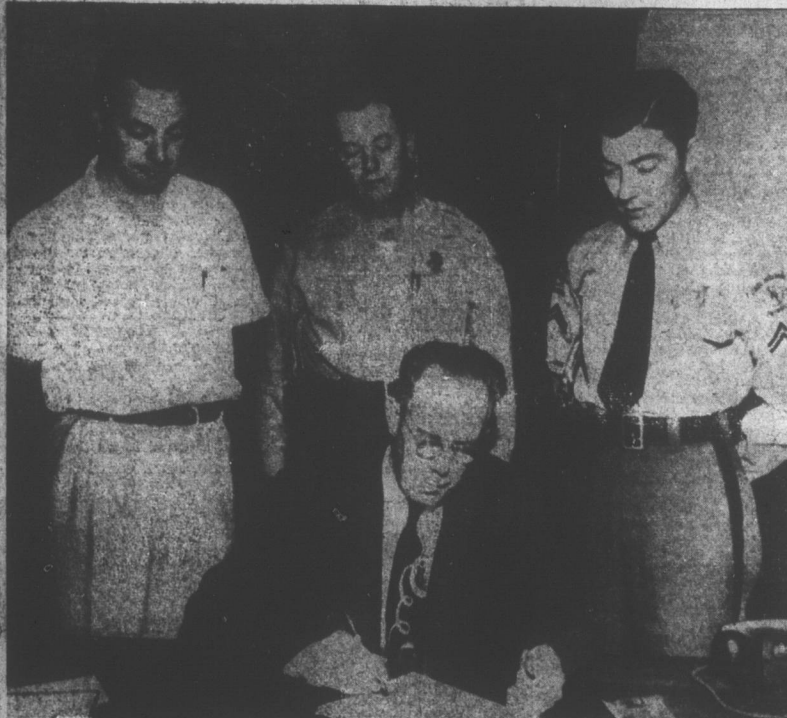
BULLETINS

The House was scheduled to vote on President Eisenhower's \$25,000,000 health reinsurance plan today and GOP leaders were confident of passage. The plan for broadening coverage and benefits of voluntary, private and nonprofit health insurance is the administration's alternative to so-called "socialized medicine." It would offer federal backing to acceptable insurance plans which try to give broader coverage to more people.

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Authoritative sources estimated today at least 100 secret Communist cells inside Hanoi were preparing to aid rebel troops in the final battle for the capital. The cells form the hard-core of about 100,000 Communists and Red sympathizers in Hanoi, these sources said.

+ Record Roundup +

Finer Carolina Contest committee met for a covered dish supper on Friday night in the basement of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. The steering committee, composed of representatives of the civic organizations, viewed color slides depicting the projects the committee has so far promoted during the calendar year. John H. Blackman, chairman, made the photographs which show before and after views of improvements which the county seat town hopes will bring it a prize in the civic improvement contest sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company in the two Carolinas. Beautification of the school grounds, highway approaches, landscaping of the Community Center and start of a park have been major projects.



SIGNS PROCLAMATION — Judge H. Paul Strickland, seated, Dunn Recorder's Court Judge, is pictured above as he signed a safe driving proclamation yesterday. Looking on are (l. to r.) Elwood Mints, field representative for the Department of Highways; Chief of Police Alton A. Cobb of Dunn; and Cpl. Romie Williamson, located in Harnett County. The proclamation declared a special "drive-safe" period to begin today and extend through Labor Day. (Daily Record Photo)

These Little Things

By KOOPER ADAMS

LONG LAST WE RIDE A REAL ROLLS ROYCE

We can now say, with pardonable pride, that we have lived—for at least 10 minutes—with the upper-crust.

Yes, now we know what it is to sink down deep in the solid plush of a genuine Rolls Royce—a 1954 Rolls Royce, too, if you please.

It happened last night at Johnson's Restaurant while we were having supper. We looked out the window and there it was, glittering in all its British glory.

Our curiosity finally got the best of us and our supper got cold while we sought the owner, expecting to find some retired banker, movie star or Wall Street baron. The owner looked immediately familiar and when we recognized him—none other than Joe Reynolds who owns a drug store over in Clinton.

Joe is a man who has worked hard, made a big success and finally (Continued On Page Two)

Safety Campaign Is Launched Here

Dunn's Recorder's Court Judge H. Paul Strickland yesterday signed a "drive careful" proclamation, and advised Dunn motorists that "There is no substitute for careful driving."

Looking on as Judge Strickland issued the proclamation were Chief of Police Alton A. Cobb, Cpl. Romie Williams of the Highway Patrol, and Elwood Mints, field representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

SLOW DOWN AND LIVE In signing the proclamation, Judge Strickland reminded drivers that from now until Labor Day will be a special campaign sponsored by Governors of 13 Southern States to encourage careful driving. The campaign will be known as "Slow Down and Live," but a local newspaper man urged that the positive way to say the same thing would be, "Drive Fast and Die."

Judge Strickland urged that drivers should let their speed be consistent with conditions, have a constant lookout for children, and consider the other fellow who uses the highway.

"Good drivers drive safe cars—check your car, check accidents," is the July traffic safety slogan, the Judge emphasized. The Recorder's Court Judge also

warned drivers to keep the car under control where children are present, watch drinking, and be sure the car is in top condition. He particularly called attention to brakes, lights, tires, wheel alignment, exhaust system, and windshield wipers.

Hoods Suing Each Other For Divorce

Counter divorce suits against each other have been filed in Harnett Superior Court by a Dunn couple.

Kathryn Jones Hood of Dunn is seeking a divorce from Edward P. Hood, and custody of their five-year-old daughter, Phyllis Macon Hood.

Hood, in turn, has filed a cross action also seeking a divorce from her.

In both suits, the parties cite two years separation as grounds for the divorce.

The child is now in the custody of the mother.

Kate Weaver Moran has filed suit for separate maintenance for the couple's three children, Barbara Sue, 10, Brenda Fay 4, now living with the plaintiff, and Billy Earl, now with the defendant. The wife alleges that Moran's abusive conduct forced her to flee her home on June 18 taking the girls with her. She cites a long record of "Cruel and barbarous treatment on part of the husband, caused she contends by excessive drinking. She contends that her husband who is a painter and has farming and real estate interests is financially able to provide for his family. She asks regular payments in whatever amount the court sets as 'fair and just.'"

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New Pepper Plant To Open Next Week

H. P. Cannon, nationally known cannery which located in Dunn this year, has set July 26, as a tentative date on which they expect to begin operating their new plant for canning of red peppers.

The plant is the first large vegetable cannery to begin operations in the state. It will be operated with local labor with supervision furnished by the Bridgeport, Delaware plant.

FRONT NEW PEPPER PLANT... ready been installed in the building. The pepper cannery was secured for Dunn through the combined efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce, the State Department of Conservation and Development, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Carolina Power & Light Co.

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START RECEIVING MONDAY

Ray V. Tew, field representative for the Cannon firm, stated today that the cannery will probably start receiving red peppers Monday. Tew said the present crop of peppers, which farmers in the area have planted especially for the cannery, appears to be of good quality. The peppers are already starting to turn red. The crop this year is the first ever grown commercially in this area. It was estimated 800,000 peppers are expected to be given employment in the plant during the canning season. The red peppers will be canned

Jane Withers Gets Divorce

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Jane Withers, 28, former child movie star, blamed excessive drinking and gambling today for her divorce from wealthy Texas oil and cattleman William Moss Jr., 33. Miss Withers was granted a di-

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