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## Cost Of Government In N. C. For Ten Years

### Total Cost In That Period Has Increased More Than Thirty Millions; Some Departments Have Not Increased Very Much Budget Director Burke Says

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RALEIGH, Mar. 21—In these times, while costs of government are being attacked, it is refreshing to learn that the cost of operating the State's departments and institutions, exclusive of the amounts paid for schools, debt service, pensions and other fixed charges, has increased only \$348,500 in 10 years, or from \$4,903,000 for the fiscal year 1921-22 to \$5,251,500 estimated for the year 1931-32 which ends next June 30.

These figures are furnished by that authority, Henry Burke, assistant director of The Budget, who has had charge of the Budget Bureau since it was created some seven years ago. He points out that the higher costs come from the schools, which will get approximately \$14,700,000 this year; from debt service, which includes interest, payment of bonds falling due and sinking funds for those falling due later.

Moreover, the cost of operating the State's institutions and departments has been reduced almost \$2,750,000 in the past four years. Mr. Burke supplying figures to show that this cost in 1928-29 was slightly less than \$8,000,000; for 1929-30, it was \$7,300,000; in 1930-31 it was \$6,676,527, and the estimate for this year, 1931-32 is \$5,251,500.

The total cost of North Carolina's government however, had increased from \$11,217,964 for 1921-22 to \$43,103,798 estimated for 1931-32. The general fund for 1921-22 was \$7,503,786, of which only \$250,000 was for public schools, while the general fund for 1931-32 is estimated to spend \$27,089,693, of which \$16,700,000 is estimated for schools.

Highway funds spent in 1921-22, all for maintenance and debt service, and all from automobile taxes, was \$3,363,154, while for the same purposes \$15,648,605 will be spent for 1931-32. The Agricultural Department spent \$350,174 in 1921-22 and will spend about \$860,500 this year, its funds coming from fees and the department being self-supporting, except that a deficit of some \$75,000 is expected this year.

The deficit in the general fund at the end of 1931, June 30, was \$2,231,198; it is estimated to be \$5,091,256 for 1931-32 and \$6,493,139 at the end of the fiscal year 1932-33.

**Income Payments Good**

Income tax payments the past week, which included March 15, when they were due, reached \$6,362,785 Saturday afternoon, as compared \$5,532,273 to the same date last year, and are expected to exceed the revised estimate of January 1 of \$7,200,000 for the fiscal year. Including the deferred payments, which are about \$100,000 larger than last year, the collections and known receipts will reach \$6,500,000, which meets the revised estimates about \$790,000. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell expresses the belief that the \$7,200,000 will be reached.

Governor Gardner has expressed satisfaction at the collections, saying it now looks like the interest and bond payments due July 1 can be met. All of which might be taken to mean that it will not be necessary to call a special session of the General Assembly, although that body in 1931, after raising the income tax rates, estimated that about \$9,000,000 would be received from that source. The continued depression caused the Budget Bureau to reduce that amount to an estimated \$7,200,000, which it is now believed will be exceeded.

Governor O. Max Gardner delivered a 30 minute address Monday from 6:30 to 7 o'clock on "The Problem of Land in North Carolina," over an all State radio hookup. The eight radio stations coming together for the first time are located at Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Wilmington.

Mrs. James L. Scott of Greensboro named secretary of the Young Democratic candidate for President Tyre C. Taylor, has moved to Raleigh and opened up headquarters for the national organization in the Page Trust Co., Mrs. Scott, who is secretary also of the Young People's Democratic Organization in North Carolina, is the daughter of the late Dr. Charles Duncan Melver.

Both Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Scott are likely to go to Washington after the Democratic candidate for President is nominated and the Democratic (Continued on page eight)

## FOUNTAIN SPEAKS TO SCHOOL FOLKS

### Attacks Short Ballot, Commissions, Tobacco Companies And Big Business

The Honorable Richard T. Fountain of Rocky Mount invaded Carteret county Monday in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. He called on a good many people in Beaufort, Morehead City, Newport and the eastern part of the county. He is what is known as "a good mixer" and made use of his opportunity to meet as many people as possible. At night he delivered an address before the Schoolmasters' Club at Morehead Villa hotel.

The club meeting was presided over by its President H. L. Joslyn. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by secretary W. E. Powell an excellent program was rendered by the Morehead City school band. The meeting took place in the hotel dining room and after a very nice supper had been served Mr. Joslyn introduced Lieutenant Governor Fountain who spoke for something over an hour. There were about sixty persons present, mostly school folks. A few well known Democratic leaders were present also.

Mr. Fountain said that he thought teachers were interested in government, at any rate they ought to be, and so he would discuss some political questions. He first discussed the depression and criticized what he called "Big Business," that is big corporations like the tobacco companies and the New York bankers. He said that in order to get any relief the farmers must first have relief. He said that relief must start at the bottom and that the only thing he had seen that got down to the ground was the money paid the war veterans. He said the fifteen cent tax on land for schools should be abolished. He stated that the price of tobacco is too low and that five companies controlled it. He made some reference to the international debt moratorium, the anti money hoarding campaign and said lands ought to be revalued.

Mr. Fountain sharply criticized the report of the Brookings institute which advised that several State officials be appointed instead of elected and other important changes in the plan of government. He strongly opposed giving the Governor the power to make appointments of State officials and said he favored going away with some of the commissions at Raleigh and that \$102,000 had been spent for commissions of one sort and another. He said he favored adequate support for the schools and that the State is able to take care of them. It is rumored that the club will have one of the other candidates for Governor address it at the next monthly meeting.

**STORM TUESDAY MORNING CAUSED SOME INCONVENIENCE**  
A high wind Tuesday morning caused some trouble with power and telephone lines. A short circuit at the corner of Orange and Front streets set a pole afire and an alarm was turned in. The power was cut off and the fire extinguished and a new pole erected. Lines were tangled up more or less in other places causing the Tidewater Company's linemen considerable work and inconveniencing patrons more or less.  
A number of telephones were put out of commission for a while but they are all in service again.

## ROBBERS RAID THE BANK OF NEWPORT AND GET AWAY WITH A SMALL SUM

Some time between midnight and day Tuesday safecracker paid a visit to the Bank of Newport and got away with about \$400 in silver currency. The bank carried burglary insurance so it will not lose anything by the robbery. The robbers failed to get into the part of the safe where most of the money is kept and where there was several thousand dollars at the time. The money they got was in a tin box outside of the strong box. An electric drill was used to get the safe door open.

The persons who robbed the Newport bank did not leave any clue behind them but officials think they know who did it. They suspect O. L. Partee of Charlotte and Raymond White of doing the job and they were possibly aided by another man. White and Partee and a man named William Koonce escaped from the Kinston jail the same night the robbery occurred. The report is that they stole a Hudson car in Kinston and robbed a garage in New Bern of some tools which were probably used in the New-

## Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, for years Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of New York, entered on his duties as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States practically without ceremony and with only the simplest of formalities. The new Associate Justice, after the required oaths had been administered, took his place on the bench and sat with the court through the afternoon hearing arguments.

A large crowd of attorneys and others packed the limited room of the court and a long line waited outside unable to gain admittance. Among those waiting in line was Senator Marcus A. Coolidge, of Massachusetts. Among those in the courtroom were Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, who was instrumental in having Judge Cardozo appointed, and Rabbi Wise, of New York.

Alfred E. Smith, in a letter replying to questions asked by Mrs. Jessie W. Sayre, daughter of Woodrow Wilson, and made public, stated that a Massachusetts slate of delegates pledged to him would be entirely free to vote for any candidate for the Presidential nomination they chose at the national convention when and if he should be eliminated from consideration. He said he was not prepared at this time to say whom he would favor at the convention if he should withdraw.

Louisiana's new Senator, Huey Long, Democrat, learned something about Senate rules recently. Aroused at the Senate's action in increasing appropriations for Howard University, a Negro school, he proposed an amendment to the Interior Department supply bill calling for \$200,000 for the State of Louisiana to be used in its work of "eradicating illiteracy among the colored people." He argued that such an appropriation would be more justifiable than to give money to a "private institution." Senator Reed Smoot, Republican, of Utah, dean of the Senate, promptly made a point of order against the amendment on the ground that it had never been estimated for by the budget bureau nor reported by a standing committee. Senator Robert M. La Follette, Republican, of Wisconsin, who was in the cabin, promptly sustained the point of order.

"Yes, this is the Kingfish speaking. If you don't do as I tell you, I'll fire you tomorrow. Yes, the Kingfish." This is a version of one of Senator Huey Long's long-distance telephone conversations between Washington and Louisiana. When he is in Washington he spends a good deal of his time blessing Louisiana by long-distance telephoning. But he isn't much in Washington, for to keep things going in Louisiana he has to spend much of his time down there, or at least he has had to do so ever since he decided to give up being Governor of Louisiana to which he was elected in 1930. He came after the present session had been going on for several weeks. So Washington has not had much chance to get acquainted with the "Kingfish," as he likes to call himself.

Through the aid of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the town of Abbeville in Louisiana was able to (Continued on page eight)

## Criminal Cases Consume Time Of Superior Court

### Nearly All Civil Actions Continued; Judge Frizzelle Gave Road And Prison Sentences To Considerable Number Of Defendants; Many Larceny Cases

## Mrs. Tom Tosto Hurt When Cars Collide

A collision occurred this morning shortly after eight o'clock in which Mrs. Thomas Tosto of Beaufort sustained serious injuries and two cars were considerably damaged. The accident happened at the corner of Live Oak and Ann streets. This corner is regarded as a dangerous one as there is a lot of traffic on both streets, and it is a stop corner. Mrs. Tosto driving a Ford coupe was coming into town and the other car, which is a Marquette touring car owned by C. Z. Chappell, driven by Matthew Bailey, colored man, was on Ann street. The touring car struck the coupe on the side and turned it around throwing Mrs. Tosto out of the door. She was rendered unconscious by the fall and was first taken into the home of Mrs. George Gilbert and shortly afterwards brought to the Potter Emergency Hospital. At the hospital medical attention was given the lady and it was found that she had a laceration on each side of her forehead, a broken thumb and several minor bruises. An X-ray examination did not reveal any internal injuries. Unless some unfavorable symptoms develop it is thought that Mrs. Tosto will soon recover.

## MR. DEY RETURNS HOME AFTER PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Mr. C. P. Dey, who was injured in New Bern Monday afternoon has returned home after receiving treatment in St. Luke's Hospital. Mr. Dey fell in the postoffice in New Bern, when the door, which is a heavy one and controlled by a stout spring pushed him causing him to lose his balance. He fell and caught on his elbow, injuring that arm. His right arm was painfully sprained in the fall, and he suffered a good deal from shock following such an experience.

## NO CASES TRIED TUESDAY IN RECORDER'S COURT

No cases were tried in Recorder's court Tuesday. There were two on the docket but on account of the absence of witnesses they were continued. One of the cases charged Roy and David Merrill with trespass. The other charged Leonard Carroll with driving a car while under the influence of liquor.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Joseph Charles Walker and Alberta Foscoe, Newport.

D. G. Eubanks, Beaufort and Elizabeth Murphy, Marshallberg.

## TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some variations must be made for alterations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Friday, March 25</b>	
9:57 a. m.	3:51 a. m.
10:26 p. m.	3:53 p. m.
<b>Saturday, March 26</b>	
10:50 a. m.	4:45 a. m.
	4:44 p. m.
<b>Sunday, March 27</b>	
11:24 a. m.	5:45 a. m.
11:49 p. m.	5:44 p. m.
<b>Monday, March 28</b>	
12:31 a. m.	6:50 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	6:48 p. m.
<b>Tuesday, March 29</b>	
1:44 a. m.	8:05 a. m.
2:14 p. m.	8:05 p. m.
<b>Wednesday, March 30</b>	
2:57 a. m.	9:16 a. m.
3:26 p. m.	9:21 p. m.
<b>Thursday, March 31</b>	
4:05 a. m.	10:19 a. m.
4:29 p. m.	10:31 p. m.

Poultry growers of Durham County have turned their attention to the production of capons and will grow a large number for a select trade.

The one week's term of Superior Court which came to an end here Saturday afternoon at 4:15 probably disposed of more criminal cases than any other session ever held here, so court officials and others believe. With the exception of a few motions and divorce suits no other civil matters were given any attention. Submissions were tendered in several of the criminal indictments but others went to the jury and were hotly contested.

It has been remarked by some citizens that Judge Frizzelle did more for law and order than any judge that has ever been here. Be that as it may there was certainly a good many convictions and many prison and road sentences given. A noticeable feature of the court was that a considerable number of young white men were tried and convicted and mostly for crimes wherein the motive was to steal something. One homicide case was tried. A large crowd attended the court all week. Last week's issue of the News carried the court record up to Thursday morning. The rest is given below:

The most important case tried was that of George Taylor and Robert Murray, two young Negro men from the upper North River section. They were charged with killing Waddell Smith, another young colored man, on the night of November 30th by shooting him with a .shot gun. Attorneys C. R. Wheatly and James W. Mason represented the defendants and entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter which Solicitor Clark accepted. The case against Elisha Murray, also implicated in the shooting was not pressed and he was used as a witness for the State. After hearing the evidence in the case from both sides Judge Frizzelle imposed sentences of not less than five and not more than seven years on both Murray and Taylor.

Delmas Guthrie, Everett Goodrich and Philip Fulcher, young white men from Morehead City were tried on a larceny charge and convicted. Guthrie was given 10 months in State's prison, Goodrich 12 months there and Fulcher six months on the roads to be worked by the Highway Commission.

Vernon Arthur, Leslie Guthrie and James Guthrie pled guilty to the charge of larceny of money from the store of Kirby Guthrie of Morehead City. Vernon Arthur and Leslie Guthrie got twelve months on the roads and James Guthrie got six months.

Charles Wallace Willis of Atlantic, convicted of an assault with a deadly weapon was given two years on the roads.

In the case of Will Moore Willis of Morehead City convicted of an assault on a female his sentence was changed from 12 months on the roads to a term at the State Hospital where he is to be treated for the liquor and drug habits. Upon being discharged he is to be of good behavior for two years or capias will issue and he will have to serve the road term.

Mark Washington, colored, of Beaufort submitted to a charge of entering and larceny and was given not less than 12 months and not more than 18 months on the roads.

Garland Willis of Beaufort entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of breaking and entering and got a sentence of not less than 12 and not more than 18 months on the roads.

Virginia M. Nowell, worthless check, continued to June term.

Rufus Taylor assault with a deadly weapon, jury trial not guilty.

James Edgar Warren, abandonment true bill, capias and continued.

Henry Godwin seduction. Gave \$500 bond for appearance at June term of court.

William Barber, colored, assault with deadly weapon, jury trial guilty judgment suspended.

Francis Gore colored, assault with deadly weapon, convicted. Fine of \$25 was remitted and defendant given to October term to pay costs.

George R. Willis, false pretense, mistrial.

Elvin Salter, abandonment case continued.

Lula Best, Lee Fulcher W. L. Arthur, Sci. Fa. \$300 bond for Marion Best, continued.

Laura Hargett, colored, against Alphonso Hargett suit for divorce adultery charged. Divorce granted.

Dancho R. Pearson, colored, a (Continued on page five)