

State Revenue For Ten Months Higher By Nearly 10 Prct.

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SALES TAX YIELDS MOST EXCEPT GAS

General Fund Collections \$25,172,633, or \$3,691,199 Higher Than First Ten Months Last Year; Sales Tax Revenue for Period Is \$8,475,517

Raleigh, May 1 (AP)—The State Department of Revenue reported today that collections from all sources the first ten months of the current fiscal year were \$4,062,452.52, or 9.68 percent above the yield for the corresponding period a year ago.

General fund and motor vehicle revenues through April 30 totalled \$48,293,395.25, as compared with \$44,030,941.73 to May 1, 1935.

The sales tax led the way in increases and, aside from the gasoline tax, was the largest single revenue producer. General fund collections were \$25,172,633.44, against \$21,481,433.57 on April 30, 1935, a gain of \$3,691,199.87, or 17.18 percent.

Under the general fund, the sales tax yielded \$8,475,517.17, or approximately \$2,400,000 more than for the ten months of the previous fiscal year. The income tax yield was up from \$6,704,722 to \$7,235,537.

\$350,000 Loss By Lexington Fire In The Early Morning

Lexington, May 1.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the United States Furniture Company, a Negro church, three Negro houses and damaged other property here early today with a loss, owners said, of approximately \$350,000.

The blaze started in the furniture concern, Lexington's largest and spread rapidly from the finishing room.

The church and three houses soon were aflame, and other nearby buildings caught, but the latter were saved before much damage resulted.

The cause of the fire was not determined.

\$40,000 Of Loot Taken In Robbery

Detroit, Mich., May 1.—(AP)—Four robbers held up a branch of the Detroit Bank shortly before 11 a. m. today, escaping with a sum early reports placed at \$40,000, while police investigated a false hold-up alarm turned in from the northern limits of the suburb in which the robbery occurred three minutes before.

Three of the robbers entered the bank carrying sub-machine guns, while the fourth waited at the wheel of an automobile in front of the bank.

Menacing employees and customers, the men climbed over a taller's cage and scooped the money into a white sack. Only one shot was fired, employees said, but one woman was reported injured in the confusion which followed the sudden raid.

Business Up, Roosevelt To Win The Wheat Belt

Upturn in Mining Helps Utah, but Further East One Comes, Cheerfulness Begins Slowly to Fade; Spending Worrying Many; New York Not Cocky

By ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1936, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. New York, May 1.—"Business is the best in years" is what people in the mountain states are saying, according to the report I received from my associate who has just passed through that region. Readers will remember that we left him last week on his way out from San Francisco. I asked him to stop both at Salt Lake City and Denver. These two cities reflect conditions in the mountain states just as sensitively as San Francisco mirrors activity along the Pacific Coast.

Presidential Nominations



John W. Aiken (above), 40-year-old hardwood finisher of Chelsea, Mass., has been nominated by the Socialist Labor Party at the New York convention as Presidential candidate. (Central Press)

Weather Big Factor With Trade Gains

Business for Week Is 12 Percent Over Year Ago, Dun & Bradstreet Says

New York, May 1.—(AP)—Better weather conditions during the week enabled retail trade to advance to a level eight to 12 percent higher than a year ago, Dun & Bradstreet said today.

"Definite turn to more seasonal weather reacted favorably on nearly all branches of trade buying during the week," it was stated.

"It influenced shoppers to spend more freely, which pushed sale of spring goods to a new high for the season. The outstanding gain, however, was in wholesale markets, the influx of buyers building up the best volume for the period since 1931.

"The few instances of recession provided no check to the general movement of the industrial pace, the profits reported by numerous manufacturers for the first quarter attesting the extent of the improvement."

At retail, it was stated, consumers apparently had more money to spend and not only purchased more goods but also demanded better quality than at any time in the past five years.

"Although the strong recovery of consumer buying enabled a number of cities to report increases up to 15 percent over the preceding week's retail sales," the review continued, "the gain over the previous year's total was narrowed."

BANKER SWAN TO START SENTENCE

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—W. J. Swan, former Bayboro banker, must enter Central Prison here before midnight tonight to begin serving a four-year sentence for State banking law violation.

Three Lose Lives As Tornado Sweeps Northwestern Iowa

Spirit Lake, Iowa, May 1.—(AP)—Three known dead, 50 injured and heavy property damage were listed today in the wake of a tornado that cut a swath of destruction across northwest Iowa and southern Minnesota.

At least 25 persons were injured in Iowa and as many more across the line in Minnesota as the twister pursued an erratic course a quarter mile wide over a 50-mile stretch late yesterday.

Hundreds of small buildings in the path of the storm were demolished or swept away.

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North Carolina Leads All States In Percent Outlay For Educational Purpose

68 Percent of All General Fund Revenue Goes to That Cause, Revenue Department Reveals; Corporation Franchise and Income Tax Producing Most

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Star-Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 1.—No other State in the United States spends as large a share of its revenue for educational purposes as does North Carolina, which pays out 68.1 per cent of all its general fund revenue for educational purposes, of which 63.2 per cent goes to the public schools and 4.9 per cent to the various State educational institutions, according to figures made public here today by the Department of Revenue and shown in cuts in the Henderson Daily Dispatch today.

If the legislature had the power to abolish every State office from the governor on down, both elective and

appointive, should abolish every State administrative department and every employe of these departments to discharge and the State Capitol and various administrative department buildings closed here, the saving that would result would amount to only 4.5 per cent of the State's total expenditures, these figures show. For North Carolina has the lowest percentage of cost for administrative purposes of any State government, the figures show. And if the cost of maintaining the judiciary—the Supreme Court and the superior courts—should be added to the general administrative

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M'DONALD WAS FOR MEALS SALES TAX

Graham and Hoey Shooting At Professor for His Vote Last Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Star-Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 1.—The vote which Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, cast in the House of the 1935 General Assembly for House Bill 1360, which made the sales tax apply to meals in cafes, restaurants and boarding houses, bids fair to become a stumbling block in his campaign to win the nomination for governor on an anti-sales tax platform, since both Sandy Graham and Clyde Hoey are pointing to his vote for this sales tax as being somewhat inconsistent with his present attitude.

In his speech in Washington, Beaufort county, last night, Graham devoted a good deal of attention to the vote Dr. McDonald cast for the bill levying the sales tax on meals, while the Hoey forces are also making extensive use of their recent discovery that Dr. McDonald voted for this supplementary sales tax, even though he voted against the sales tax section of the revenue bill. It is also being pointed out that this bill levying the sales tax on meals in hotels, cafes, lunch rooms and so forth, was in reality a "spite bill" first introduced in the Senate by the wets in retaliation against a group of dry senators, headed by Senator Hall Johnson, of Asheville, because they would not vote for

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Fort Macon Park Opened to Public

Governor Is Speaker At Exercises Held At Morehead City Site

By Staff Correspondent. Morehead City, May 1.—A new page in the recreational life of North Carolina was written today and important events in the history of the State were commemorated with the formal opening of Fort Macon State Park, the first unit of the new system of recreational and historical areas whose development has been completed.

In the main address in the exercises held in the old fort building, Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus stressed the importance of the event, particularly with reference to the future in that the occasion represents the culmination of the first steps in giving North Carolina a system of State parks that meet the highest standards in the nation.

Other units of the State park now under development, Governor Ehringhaus said.

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\$10,000 Damage Suit Begun In Richmond

Richmond, Va., May 1.—(AP)—Trial of a \$10,000 damage suit brought by Lewis Brown, Washington Times Photographer, against W. A. Bell, of Fredericksburg, for injuries alleged to have been received when he was struck by a church collection bag opened in Federal district court here today.

The incident occurred on the night of December 9, 1934, on the eve of the trial of Bell's brother, Edward C. Bell, on a charge of attempting to poison his wife.

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Government Seeks Peace By Coal Men

New York, May 1.—(AP)—The Federal government, using Edward F. McGrady, Labor Department troubleshooter as the lever, threw its weight behind a move today to break the deadlock in negotiations for accord in the anthracite coal industry.

Working on borrowed time, after what otherwise might have been a walk-out deadline for 106,000 miners, McGrady prepared to re-enter the long drawn parley of operators and United Mine Workers' representatives over a new wage and working conditions contract.

The industry's five-year-old contract was given its second extension last night two hours before it would have expired at midnight with what both sides had pictured would be disastrous results for the \$600,000,000 industry.

The extension gained by McGrady, after a hurried flight from Washington, on order of Secretary of Labor Perkins enabled McGrady to drive for agreement through one or both of these avenues:

1. Virtually to force concessions by the deadlocked parties, so as a common ground could be reached;

2. Persuade the conferees to continue their deliberations until one side or the other receded.

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SENATE TO REVAMP HOUSE'S TAX BILL

Crashing Prices May Mean Passing of Inflation Scare; Fear 1940

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer. THE TAX BILL will be rewritten by the Senate because many sections are believed to be unconstitutional. Furthermore, the bill is so complicated that no one knows whether it will take in as much as present laws or more. It must take in nearly a billion more to be of any use.

NO INFLATION? Crashing security prices and declining commodity prices seem to indicate that fear (of hope) of inflation has passed. That is not quite the case. A huge debt is in itself a form of inflation. At present, however, capital is frightened by the prospect of punitive taxes. It is frightened, too, by the ease that "Lef" governments come into power—as in France.

IN 1940? There are many persons who believe that a Farmer-Labor coalition will win power in the United States in 1940, due to a failure of both Democratic and Republican parties to

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ROOSEVELT HUNTS STILL MORE TASKS FOR THE CONGRESS

Major Issues of Relief and Taxes Still Unsettled, But Other Things Now Loom

FOOD, DRUG LAW IS ADDED TO THE LIST

Direct Ship Subsidy Also Desired by President; New Treaty With Britain and France on Naval Building May Also Be Sent Up For This Session

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—More tasks for Congress were discussed by President Roosevelt today as May 1, the day originally set for adjournment, arrived with the major issues of relief and taxes still unsettled.

In press conferences, he expressed hope that a new pure food and drug law and a direct ship subsidy bill could be enacted.

He said it also was possible the new treaty between the United States, Great Britain and France, limiting the size of certain types of warships, would be sent to the Senate this session.

A search for amendments to the House tax bill to make it provide all the revenue the President wants was carried on by some members of the Senate Finance Committee.

As the committee continued public hearings on the program, Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, challenged a Treasury spokesman's contention that under it corporations would have the same opportunity as they do now to accumulate reserves as they do in prosperous years.

Opposition to the legislation as "unsound" was expressed by a representative of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

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Eleven Killed In Wrecking of Huge German Airplane

New-Ulm, Bavaria, Germany, May 1.—(AP)—A German military plane crashed during night maneuvers, it was learned today, killing eleven person instantly, including the members of the crew.

The soldier fliers plunged to death early in the morning of April 29, it was learned, but official sources declined to disclose details of the crash and civilians withheld strictly further news of the accident.

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OUR WEATHER MAN



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