

## Budget Calls For Record Expenditures

Raleigh, Jan. 15—The second week of the General Assembly saw the introduction of the first of the so-called liquor referendum bills, and heard a record-breaking biennial budget report.

Budget bills presented to the 1949 session of North Carolina's legislature Thursday call for the spending of \$446,929,466 for the two years beginning July 1.

The budget, accompanied by a message from Governor Scott, topped by nearly \$100,000,000 the amount appropriated by the 1947 general assembly, which also was a record breaking figure.

Scott expressed general approval of the bills, but warned that an attempt to increase the figures in the budgets would require new taxes.

A liquor referendum bill came into the Senate Friday morning. Senator George T. Penny of Guilford introduced a measure which, if passed, would call for a statewide liquor referendum November 1.

Voters would go whole hog, making the state entirely wet or entirely dry; no room was left for local option. The bill also would allow the manufacture of liquor, wine and beer under the state control in every county.

Recommendations in the huge budget included salary increases of about 20 per cent for school teachers and state employes retroactive to last November 1; expansions of mental and tubercular hospital facilities; \$1 million self-supporting dental school at Chapel Hill.

Also \$27,500,000 annually for construction of county roads and highways; retention of the \$31 million postwar reserve fund; a \$550,000 a year school health program; increases in welfare grants; and allocation of \$71,800,234 of the general fund surplus for permanent improvements.

The only tin mine in operation in the United States is located two miles south of Lincolnton, N. C.

## Minimum \$2,400 Pay For State Teachers Is Not Recommended

Raleigh, Jan. 13—Funds sufficient to boost the average teacher salary to almost \$2,400 a year were proposed today by the advisory budget commission in its report to the General Assembly.

The commission did not recommend a minimum salary of \$2,400 for A-certificate teachers, as requested by the State Board of Education and supported by Governor Scott.

The report recommended total appropriations of \$167,521,527 to run schools during the 1949-51 biennium, compared with \$128,583,546 being spent in the two years ending next July 1. The Board of Education had asked appropriations totaling \$220,522,670.

Funds recommended for teachers' salaries for 1949-51 would be \$134,006,146, compared with \$102,473,531 for the current biennium. The Board of Education's request was \$181,398,168.

The commission proposed a \$7,587,000 appropriation to provide pay boosts, retroactive to November 1, for the rest of this biennium. It suggested increases 'on the same basis' for 1949-51. The scale would be left to the Board of Education.

A commission members said the appropriation recommended would be sufficient to increase the average teacher salary to almost \$2,400. He emphasized this would be an average, not a minimum salary. The average salary now is \$1,943 a year.

In other recommendations, the budget commission advised against State aid to counties in school construction, for which the Board of Education had requested \$50,000,000, and against State assumption of the original cost in buying school buses. (Counties now make the original purchases and the State buys replacements).

It recommended a child health program in the schools and suggested an appropriation of \$550,000 a year to finance it.

The report also proposed funds to reduce the teacher load—\$2,000,000 for the first year of the biennium and \$2,050,000 the second year. This would permit employment of 833 more teachers, on the basis of an average salary of \$2,400 a year.

The commission pointed out that the "greater part of the increases in appropriations recommended over the present fiscal year of 1948-49 is for public schools."

### Sarah Ann's Cooking Class

Let's begin this year with a page of old, tried and true kitchen hints.

#### Cream

To make sweet cream sour add 2 tablespoons lemon juice or 1 teaspoon vinegar to each cup of cream.

To whip cream readily add a few drops of lemon juice and chill thoroughly before whipping.

To keep scalding milk from scorching, rinse pan with hot water before using.

#### Eggs

To cut hard cooked eggs without breaking the yolk dip the knife into water.

To glaze the top of rolls, pastry, ect., brush before baking with slightly beaten egg white and 1 tablespoon water or milk. Use whole egg for yellow glaze.

#### Butter

To make butter balls scald a pair of wooden butter paddles and place in ice water about 1 hour. Measure butter by tablespoons to make balls uniform in size. Have butter firm but not hard. Roll lightly between paddles with a circular motion to form balls. Drop on a chilled plate, on cracked ice or into ice water.

To save time when serving hot biscuits for dinner prepare them in the morning, (using double action baking powder). Cut into shapes, place in refrigerator. Put into the oven to bake about 20 minutes before serving.

To save time prepare a quantity of white sauce at one time. Pour into quart jar, cover, store in refrigerator and use as needed.

#### Household Hints

To remove fish odors from cooking utensils add 2 tablespoons of ammonia to the dish water.

To keep brown sugar from becoming hard place it in a glass jar and cover tightly.

To sprinkle sugar or sugar mixtures such as sugar and spice or sugar and flour use a salt shaker.

To peel grapefruit and oranges easily let them stand in boiling water

about 8 minutes before peeling.

To obtain most juice from lemons heat before squeezing.

To avoid wrinkled skins on baked apples slit in a few places before baking.

To butter bread for thin sandwiches, spread end of loaf with softened butter and cut as thin as possible. Repeat.

To avoid shrinkage of pastry place in pie pan without stretching and set aside 5 minutes before fluting the edge. Or place another pie pan on pastry before baking. Remove after 15 minutes of baking.

To grease pan easily mix ¼ cup flour with ½ cup shortening to a smooth paste. Spread thinly on pans. Keep a supply of the mix in a covered dish to use when needed.

To keep parsley mint and water-cress fresh, wash thoroughly. Shake off excess water.

Place in a glass jar, cover and place in refrigerator.

For delicious and crisp celery let stand in cold water to which 1 teaspoon sugar per quart has been added

To keep cauliflower white while cooking use ½ milk and ½ water and cook without covering until just tender.

To test heat on the griddle iron place a few drops of water on the griddle and if water scatters it is hot enough to brown food.

To clean waffle irons easily use a small stiff brush.

To clean a burnt or greasy pan easily pour 1 inch water into the pan, add about 1 teaspoon soda; cover and heat to boiling.

#### CARD OF THANKS

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## New Chevrolet To Be On Display Next Saturday

Chevrolet's 1949 passenger cars, completely restyled and possessing more mechanical improvements than any model within recent years, go on display at the Ballew Motor company showrooms here Saturday, January 22.

The automobile is the product of three years of engineering research and design development. Begun immediately after V-J Day, experimental work has included 1,068,000 miles of test driving over the roads of the General Motors Proving Ground and arid highways of the southwest.

The local showing will be held simultaneously with displays in other cities and is expected to draw one of the biggest crowds in the history of events of its kind.

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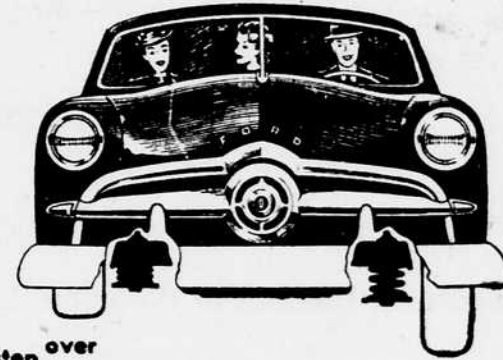
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