DEPARTMENT HEADS MUST COOPERATE IN BIG REDUCTION

TO AVOID DEFICIT

Heads of State Departments Meet With Executive Counsel N. A. Townsend and Members of Advisory Budget Commission in Regular SemiAnnual Meeting Several Departments Have Reduced Operation Personnel.

(Sir Walter Hotel)

By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, July 31.—Heads of state departments must cooperate in reducing expenses at the rate of approximately $1,000,000 a year for the next two years in order to keep the state from ending the present biennium with a $2,000,000 deficit, one were told by Assistant Director of the Budget Pat H. Williams, executive counsel N. A. Townsend and members of the advisory budget commission, in their monthly semi-annual meeting with the budget commission.

The department heads indicated their willingness to cooperate in every way possible.

In many ways the meeting was similar to the one held some two weeks ago with the heads of the eleemosynary institutions, at which time Governor Gardner called their attention to the depleting deficit and asked their cooperation in holding expenditures down as much as possible, so as not to make it necessary for him to resort to a special session in all appropriations. For the last month or more the Governor, as director of the budget, has made it mandatory upon the Governor, as director of the budget, to make a horizontal cut in appropriations if at any time a deficit seems likely.

However, it will be somewhat more difficult for the department heads to curtail their expenditures since there has been a smaller amount of money which can stand curtailment than the institutions and consequently must exercise the strictest economy in operation for the next two years.

It was pointed out by Assistant Budget Officer Williams to the members of Governor Gardner, that while the total appropriations for the present biennium amount to $18,745,764, that $13,612,954 is earmarked for purposes that cannot be curtailed, such as debt service to retire bonds and similar purposes, so that only $15,991,436 is left that is capable of being curtailed. This amount is divided so that the institutions have about $9,000,000 of this sum and the departments about $6,141,000.

Because of the comparatively small portion of the total appropriations that can be reduced, it will be necessary for this $15,991,436 to stand a reduction of 12.8 per cent if the biennium is to be completed without a deficit, Budget Officer Williams pointed out. And this will require no little economy on the part of the various institutions and department heads, according to budget bureau officials, since they must shave approximately $1,000,000 a year off appropriations amounting to nearly $7,500,000 a year.

The institutional and department heads will be helped in the task of holding down expenses given by the budget bureau, however, through its system of monthly supervision of expenditures from appropriations through the quarterly allotments from the budget bureau.

The various department heads yesterday admitted that they are faced with a difficult task, but that if they must reduce expenses they must and that there was no use in trying to get around realities.

Several departments have anticipated the cut of the budget bureau and have materially reduced their operation personnel. The department here has cut 18 field representatives within the last two weeks, and others are probably reduced their personnel as much as possible.

THE PRINTER IS ALWAYS TO BLAME

By Edgar S. Hinton

It may be said, but still 'tis true,
There's one thing all our business do,
And that is blame our printer.
He does his best without our help,
For all we do is stand and yelp,
Then rise and blame the printer.

We write our manuscript so pale
To read it is beyond our ken,
Yet we expect the printer
To work it out and get it right
We think no of his time or sight,
If wrong—we blame the printer.

We hold our stuff until the last,
Then try to rush it through so fast
The printer gets snowed under.
But still we camp upon his trail,
And prod him on with woeful tale,
Or rant and roar like thunder.

He shoots it through, the proof we get—
But yet the job is not right yet
We chop that proof to splinters.
It takes two days before he knows
Just what each hieroglyphic shows—
A dud for are those printers.

The job's delivered. Some relief
To know we're through with rush and grief,
We ought to thank the printer.
But, no! The poor man's luck is out—
He overcharged us without doubt.
Once more we curse the printer.

—Ammunition.

SMALL FIRE SATURDAY

Saturday night about one o'clock the fire department was called to an alley in the rear of Tarboro street stores to extinguish a small fire in a box of bread that had been hidden in a coal box. The fire was discovered by a policeman and was extinguished before the trucks arrived on the scene. No damage was done.

SOCIETY

PERSONALS

Spencer Harris has returned from abroad, where he toured Ireland and Scotland for several weeks.

Mrs. W. L. Hanks and daughters, Misses Lucile, Elizabeth and Margaret have returned from Wrightsville Beach where they have been spending several weeks.

Mrs. W. L. Arrington and children of Beaufort are the guests of Mrs. J. E. Miles.

Misses Virginia and Llewellyn Parks of Nashville, Ga., are the guests of Miss Rosalynd Bryan.

Mrs. W. R. Williamson and children returned yesterday from a several days stay at Carolina Beach with her sister, Mrs. H. Love Bell. Mrs. Bell returned home with her to spend several days while Mr. Williamson is away.

Wade Lee Lancaster has returned to Carolina, where he is attending summer school, after spending the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Reid Williams have returned to their home in Norfolk, Va., after a visit to relatives here while in the city.

Mr. Ab Thorne of Rocky Mount was in the city on business today.

Mrs. Fred Lane has returned from Greenville, where she has been for some time.

Rev. T. C. Pope and family have returned from Kentucky, where they spent their vacation visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Corinne Leake, who has been the guest of Miss Rosalynd Bryan, left today for her home in Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. W. A. Anderson and children of Wilson spent the morning here visiting Mrs. J. C. Hales.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Powell have returned from Lenoir where they have been spending three weeks.

Misses Emma Watson, Margaret Watson, Margaret Bridgers Mr. and Mrs. John T. Barnes, Jim Barnes, Tom Barnes and Mr. Finch have returned from Movemont where they spent the week-end.

Miss Ethel Pond of Suffolk, Va., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Pond.

Miss Lucille McGowan has returned home after a visit to