

CAPITAL REPORTER

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Advisory Budget Commission hearings have pointed to one fact: the State is going to have to dig up more money to operate on during the coming biennium.

Conservative estimates put the additional cost of operation during the coming two years—1951-52 and 1952-53—at \$13,000,000.

All of which brings up one big question—where's the extra money going to be found.

Privately, at least, members of the budget commission are talking about a straight across the board sales tax. Elimination of all sales tax exemptions, they believe, would probably bring in enough money to keep from raising taxes. And that's one thing that they want to avoid—at least the more conservative members are bitterly opposed to new taxes.

But the new building upkeep, plus new personnel needed for expanded services, means that more revenue must come from somewhere. Everybody wants a raise, too. And the general feeling is that eliminating sales tax exemptions would be the most painless method.

You can expect a big fight over that in the coming General Assembly, anyhow.

In a recent hush-hush meeting Harry Caldwell of Greensboro, master of the State Grange, gave Utilities Commissioner McMahon quite a tongue lashing. Reports from the closed meeting were that Caldwell particularly was critical of what he called McMahon's inexperience with the rural telephone system. Caldwell charged that the utilities commissioner had gone out of his way to stick his nose into matters that were none of his business. Nobody wanted to talk much about the session, but there were indications that farm leaders might have something to say publicly about the matter later.

Some of the Governor's firmest supporters were afraid he would not go all out in promotion of party harmony at the recent YDC convention in Asheville. But even his severest critics were enthusiastic about his introduction of Willis Smith and his call for a united Democratic party in the November general election.

Reports from those attending the convention are that Kerr Scott was by far the most enthusiastic booster of party harmony on the convention program.

It seems to this corner that no other Democrat can do otherwise. Registration as a Democrat, and



NOSTALGIA ON FILM! (Below) As radio star Arthur Godfrey takes to the principal narrating chores, (above) the Keystone Cops take to the road in pursuit of fast-paced hilarity—both in Warner Bros. "50 Years Before Your Eyes," at the Vicar Theater Wednesday only.

voting as a Democrat in the primary commits the voter to abide by the majority decision. Whether he likes the decision or not is beside the point, if he is a believer in the little "d" democratic way of doing things.

You hear a lot of talk over the State by disgruntled Democrats. Some are talking of staying away from the polls. Some are talking of voting for the Republican candidate. Some are talking of writing in defeated Frank Graham's name on the ballot.

I feel sure that Frank Graham would be the first to detry the latter.

The best way for North Carolina Democrats to show that they are believers in democracy is to cast a unanimous vote for their party's candidate November 7.

They may not like their party's candidate. They may not approve of campaign methods in the primary. But they implied a willingness to abide by the majority's wishes when they voted in the primary.

If they aren't willing to abide by that majority decision, no matter how distasteful, they ought to get out of the Democratic party.

But they should remember that majority rule—regardless of how or why the decision was reached—is a fundamental precept of democracy. If you don't like what the party has done, the only way to change it is to stay in the party and fight out your battles. After all, there will be other primaries.

While on the subject of politics,

here are the latest trial balloons being floated in the 1952 gubernatorial maneuvers: Bob Hanes and Gordon Gray now are being mentioned. Both are natives of Winston-Salem — and incidentally, smoke the same brand of cigarettes. Hanes is president of Wachovia Bank and "acceptable" to conservatives, while Gray, the new president of the University of North Carolina, would find backing among liberals.

Here's a little behind-the-scenes report on the teacher bonus:

Last Wednesday, a revised estimate of State revenues was presented to the Advisory Budget Commission. Revenue Commissioner Gene Shaw told the commission that indications are that the General Fund will net \$137,500,000 instead of the previously estimated \$129,000,000.

That evening, the Governor had members of the commission over to the mansion for a chicken dinner. He then suggested that, in view of revised estimates, that the contingent teacher pay raise—authorized by the legislature—be voted immediately.

The members of the commission then cross-examined Shaw thoroughly. His answers were so impressive that conservative Senator Grady Rankin was moved to remark that he was very impressed by the Revenue Commissioner's thoroughness and ability.

The Commission voted to put the pay raise in effect for the first year of the biennium—to be paid in December if revenues hold up through October—and a special press conference was called

at the Governor's mansion. The Governor's private Secretary, John Marshall, got on the phone at 9:45 p. m. and at 10:15 p. m. the newsgathers were on hand.

The raise brings the teacher pay range up to \$2,200 to \$3,100 per year. The teachers had asked the 1949 Assembly for a \$2,400-\$3,600 scale, but the final action of the legislature left it at some \$2,000 to \$3,000, with the contingency section providing a raise to \$2,200-\$3,100 if a surplus was on hand.

At the end of the fiscal year, the State had \$13,000,000 on hand. The teachers called it surplus and "50 Years Before Your Eyes" budget commission and the Governor, however, said the money was not surplus but was needed to run the State this year on the basis then of an anticipated income of about \$130,000,000.

By the time you read this, the tobacco sales holiday probably will have ended.

The emergency that caused it was brought about by an effort to knock prices down, some tobacco men believe. Only two companies were buying, one tobaccoist said, with the others just jolling around trying to cut prices. This was borne out, this informant said, by the fact that after the holidays were announced prices went up and held fairly firm

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for the next two or three days. Governor Scott told Sears, Roebuck officials last week that he figured he had helped build their organization. He pointed out that more than 40 years ago he bought one of their shotguns. But last week, the country boy who saved his pennies to buy a Sears, Roebuck gun was flown to Greensboro in that company's private plane to meet the board of directors. He left his shotgun home, however.

Speaking before the Advisory Budget Commission, REA Director Gwynn Price predicted that by 1954 the State will have electricity by the end of the Scott administration. Farms are 87 percent electrified now, he said.

The telephone problem was

something else, though.

Only 17 percent of the State's farms now have telephone service, Price reported.

One of these days in the not-too-distant future there'll be a superhighway from Kings Mountain to Raleigh.

Work on sections of it already is underway: between Durham and Raleigh, Kings Mountain and Gastonia, and from the Yadkin River to Lexington.

The route will follow U. S. 29 from Kings Mountain to Thomasville. From Thomasville, it will bypass Greensboro, High Point, U. S. 70 at Efland, running from there to Durham and Raleigh.

You can expect a good fight in the 1951 General Assembly over the sales tax.

"It looks to me like our job is to try and keep the services we're giving without boosting taxes," one legislator put it.

He claimed that this might be accomplished by changing the sales tax setup. It now is 3% with some exemptions.

The new suggestion is a straight 2% sales tax on everything.

This, he opined, would make the tax easier to collect and "fair to all." This legislator claimed such a move would bring more income to the State, too. He said so much of the current sales tax is practically uncollectable because of merchants handling some taxable goods.

"You just can't collect all the proper tax from a place like that," he said.

Anyway, it ought to be a good scrap.

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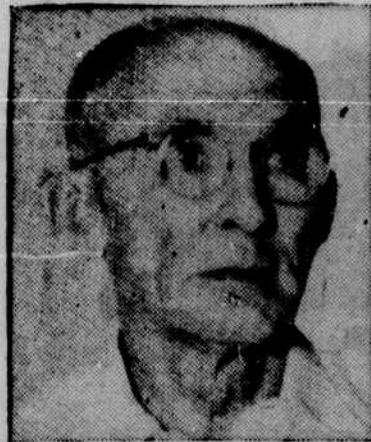
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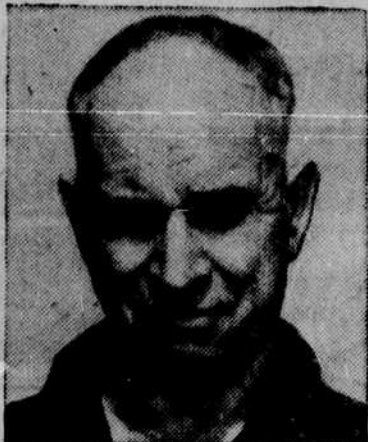
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