

SENATOR SAM ERVIN ★ SAYS ★



The President's annual Budget Message has been submitted to Congress as the blueprint for government spending beginning July 1. Individuals who categorize their personal income and expenditures usually do so on a weekly or monthly basis, but the Federal Government must do this on an annual basis with its predictions based on calculations made six months prior to the anticipated spending or the collection of taxes. Overall the consideration of the Budget, a voluminous document which embraces hundreds of pages of listing of requested spending and explanations therefor, constitutes the single most time consuming duty of Congress.

Subject to Congressional approval, the proposed 1965 Budget calls for expenditures of \$97.9 billion with anticipated revenues of \$93 billion leaving a deficit to be financed by government borrowing of \$4.9 billion. Due to the long range target date seventeen months away when the Treasury will add up spending and revenues, this Budget is subject to considerable revision that could come from world conditions, from the state of business, or from Congressional modification. Still the Budget is, as one newspaper has put it, "the nation's shopping list" and it does exert a great influence on Congress.

In such a context, the Budget is refreshing in the respect that it is much reduced from proposed estimates of Federal spending only a few months ago. In another respect it is of concern to me that again with this Budget the nation will be depending on government borrowing to meet expenditures in a time of relative peace and prosperity. Nonetheless, I am pleased with the President's economy effort. I am hopeful that he continues to encourage this governmental trend that is much needed. Up to now Congress could only expect to see a Budget whose prescription for the nation's ills rested principally on greater and greater overall expenditures without undue concern about financing them. As a result of this philosophy, it is to be recalled that last year alone Congress had to consider how to finance the national debt on three separate occasions.

Notwithstanding the laudable effort already made toward economy, I am hopeful that Congress will continue to exercise its best judgment in an effort to make other savings. Foreign aid and space exploration programs are areas that Congress ought to study closely in an effort to effect reductions in the Budget.

The problem of how to balance the Budget embraces many facets. Basically, however, I think it stems from the philosophy which has grown since World War II that the Federal government must undertake to finance a multitude of grants, loans, and financial assistance programs for almost everybody in this country and in the world. At the same time that this philosophy has mustered majority votes in the Congress, it is also evident that a majority of the American taxpayers are unwilling to pay through taxation for all of these programs. In this situation the nation must realistically face its responsibilities to remain economically strong.

Wife Gets Best of Knife—2-by-4 Duel

A weekend duel between Edward Earl Dawson of Kinston route 2 and his wife, Winnie Lee, wound up with her being declared the winner. She was in jail and her husband was in Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

Dawson suffered a stab wound in the chest and another knife wound in the back.

Officers in the sheriff's department say that Dawson advanced upon his wife with a 4-foot section of 2-by-4 lumber to remonstrate with her about sitting in a car with another man, which later proved to be her nephew.

She armed herself with a knife and got the first and apparent last licks in since she was not injured.

Dawson is reportedly recuperating satisfactorily from his wounds.

4-H Notes

By Christine Eubanks

The Energetic 4-H Club met January 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Eubanks.

Ann Eubanks read the devotion and we prayed together the Lord's Prayer. Linda Andrews led the pledges. She called the roll and read the minutes which were approved.

We decided to improve the community church grounds for our yearly project.

Mrs. Chris Eubanks gave the demonstration on How to Press a Skirt.

DEATHS

John Richard Collins

Funeral services were held in Saint Augustine, Florida last week for John Richard Collins, 74, brother of Mrs. Wardie White and Harry Collins of Maysville, who died last week after a period of declining health. Collins was a native of Onslow County and a World War I veteran.

"Teen Topics"

BY

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Well, our basketball season has "perked down" lately. Last Friday night, both our teams lost to Mt. Olive. Last Saturday night we played Swansboro at Jones Central. Our girls were defeated by a score of 36-22. Though our girls were not up to par Saturday night, we'd like to commend them on their excellent game Friday night. Barbara Kennedy led the scoring honors in Saturday's game.

The first quarter of our boy's game with Swansboro found the Rockets ahead by three points. However, at half-time we trailed by three points. The final score was 67-54 in favor of Swansboro. We would like to commend our boys on a fine game. Jimmy Yates and Johnny Mercer led the scoring honors for the boys. Jimmy had 18 points and Johnny had 13.

We'd like to say that Mr. David Porter is back with us again after his illness. It's nice to see Mr. Porter up and around again. The old school just doesn't seem the same without him. We know one thing; when Mr. Porter is absent, you can bet he's missed!!

At the time I am writing, the FHA initiation is planned for Thursday night, January 30. From the way things sound now, the Freshmen better look out!! Their "big sisters" really have some "doozies" planned.

Every student who ever graduated from Alex H. White Elementary School in Pollocksville remembers Mrs. Love Dillahunt. We regret to say that Mrs. Dillahunt was involved in an unfortunate automobile last weekend. She is

now recovering in the hospital. We like to wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she'll be back on the go very soon.

We'd like to nominate Mary Ann DeBruhl to become one of the "Beagles". With her new haircut

she'd be perfect.

Wonder...

Who read about Glenn Greene and Paula White in this column?

Why the French room is always so clean?

Why Betty Becton was sore Tuesday?

If Julia McCoy has had any excitement lately?

What kind of fit Ann Parker had in the lunchroom Tuesday?

Who we've been seeing Annette Lowery with lately?

Who those get-well cards were for?

Who "Shugh Pollock" is?

Why Mary Dixon won't tell Earl Bender?

Who told Miss White about those horoscopes?

HEARD: Mary Dixon saying, "Kathy, they're out there. What should I do?"

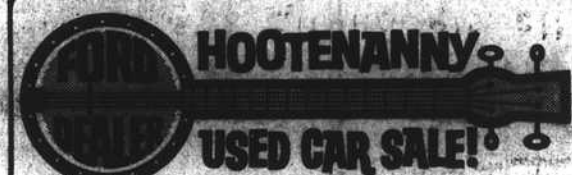
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