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RALEIGH Round-up

Broke Even — Although outwardly very much disappointed at the independence of the 1951 General Assembly, friends of Gov. Kerr Scott have a hunch he is much happier with his second legislature than he would have thought.

The governor modestly requested \$38,000,000 more than the advisory budget commission recommended in expenditures during the next two years. However, he is receiving \$43,000,000 over the original outlay presented by the budgeters. So he admits he picked up \$5,000,000 right there.

On his highway fund he lost \$3,000,000. He did everything under the sun he could do to halt the Powell Bill providing \$5,000,000 for construction and maintenance of city streets. In the end it passed, and there the governor is at \$5,000,000; but aid for city streets was one of the things he wanted—only the method was objectionable to him.

So, looking at it one way, Kerr Scott broke about even. This is much better than the average governor of North Carolina had hoped to do. Most of them have been content to let the legislative branch of the state have full sway at the second session.

No New Taxes — The legislators didn't put new taxes on the people. In fact, in an instance or two they made minor reductions. They established teachers' salaries so that a boy or girl just out of college with a teaching certificate can begin work at \$244 per month. They did not go as far with other state employees as they should have, fixing the increase at \$15 per month, but they went as far as they could without new taxes, which they felt the people did not want. The issue was either impose more taxes or enact the appropriations bill as it came from the committee.

They came out with a record-breaking, half-billion-dollar budget. If the legislature were merely going to follow the governor, then there would be no need for a legislature. No governmental appointments were upset by this general assembly, the governor was kept in his place as the executive, and the judicial in its corner of the triangle.

Campaign Thunder — If the governor runs against Sen. Willis Smith—as many are saying he is determined to do—he will use the stubborn legislature as a target for his shots.

The governor is best when he has something to attack. But another legislature will have come and gone, and another governor will have been elected and well in office before Willis Smith will have possession from Kerr Scott or anybody else. And it is an old axiom that the political game makes strange bedfellows. Partners now may be enemies then; and vice versa.

The executive branch of the government has long had its troubles with the legislative. There is no reason to think that Kerr Scott would be an exception to the rule.

The Best? — Several veteran members of the legislature have repeatedly expressed the opinion that this has been the best legisla-

ture in which they have participated. By "best" they no doubt have reference to its stability, sincerity, independence, and general level-headedness. In spite of what has been said by some, this legislature has been completely independent from lobbyists as well as from the administration.

I have talked to quite a few of the other freshmen here. They have enjoyed it, say they have learned a lot, are agreeably surprised at the attention given each piece of legislation as it passes through the mill, and hope to come back again next time.

You hear some loose talk to the effect that "Soandso probably dreads going back home because of the way he voted..." This is mostly tommyrot. Members don't dread "going back home," for most of them have been home every week end, talking to the folks, and have a pretty good idea of what a large majority of them want.

Republicanda — The Republicans in the legislature have had publicity going out all the time about their legislative activities. This was done through a paid public relations chief.

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VA STAFFERS DONATE BLOOD FOR KOREA

Blood mobile unit was at the Swannanoa Veterans Administration hospital last Friday for the convenience of the staff there who wished to donate blood through the American Red Cross to be used in Korea, local civilian hospitals, and the VA hospital. Forty-three pints of blood were received.

Col. Frederick S. Wright and his staff of nurses from the regional blood center were assisted by trained volunteers from the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Red Cross Chapter. The following served: Mrs. Charles Spencer, Miss Caroline Hall, Mrs. Clifford Porter, Mrs. J. L. Potter, Mrs. Mary Aleshire, Mrs. Mable Taylor, Mrs. Fred Newton, Miss Louise Carver, Mrs. L. E. Brown, Mrs. Elliott Merrick, Miss Frank Davidson, and Mrs. A. B. Whitt. Mrs. Cordell Craig, Red Cross field director at the hospital, assisted.

W. H. HOLMAN IS HOME

W. H. Holman returned home Sunday night after spending the winter in Lakeland, Fla. Mrs. R. T. Greene and Nonie drove down last week to bring him home.

VACATION IS OVER

Misses Mary and Susan Hooker returned last Thursday night from a two week's vacation in Venice, Fla.

FIND IT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

Large Crowd Attends Final Prayer Meeting

The last in a series of cottage prayer groups under the leadership of J. W. Hill was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Viverette, Friday night, March 30, 7:30. The Rev. Thad McDonald spoke on the Lord's Prayer, and special music was presented by Celeste McCall, Elaine Allison, and Mrs. Viverette.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allison, Elaine Allison, Mrs. Bessie Carr, Mrs. C. C. Daugherty, Mrs. Clifford Porter, Mrs. John O'Connor, Mrs. Esther Woodside, Mrs. Paul Shinton, Miss

Fannie Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mrs. Elizabeth Dinwiddie, Mrs. R. D. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McDougale, Ruth McDougale, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hickey, Miss Catherine Mourning, Miss Alexander, Celeste McCall, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Woodard, the Rev. and Mrs. Thad McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Viverette.

GOING FOR CHECKUP

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins and Bobby will go to Duke hospital, Durham, this week end where Bobby will undergo a check-up. While they are away they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins Jr., in Raleigh.

WELCOME TED HOLMAN

Rexall Drug Store welcomes the new owner and manager of Black Mountain Hardware.

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