

# Schools Get More Money From General Fund In 1953-54; Percentage Dropped According To Latest Figures

Total of \$119,329,590 was spent from the General Fund of the State for the public elementary and secondary schools during 1953-54, according to a statement recently released by the Budget Bureau.

The expenditure represents 62.6 per cent of the total General Fund expenditures for that year; and is less by one per cent than the ratio of the preceding year, and over three per cent less than in 1947-48, when 71.0 per cent of the General Fund expenditures went for the operation of the public schools. Expenditures for 1951-52, when 66 per cent of the General Fund went for public schools, the trend in percentage of money appropriated from the General Fund for support of the public schools has been downward. Percentages for these years are as follows:

Year	Percent	Expenditures
1945-47	71.0	\$ 54,788,382
1947-48	68.1	62,665,107
1948-49	67.4	73,672,077
1949-50	65.3	87,126,297
1950-51	65.0	95,418,959
1951-52	66.0	109,432,233
1952-53	63.6	116,298,110
1953-54	62.6	119,329,590

Expenditures for public schools from the General Fund, as the above table shows, have increased considerably, from \$54,788,382 in 1945-47 to \$119,329,590 in 1953-54—a total of more than twice the amount from this source within seven years.

A total of \$190,755,570 was spent from the General Fund in 1953-54. Largest portion of the Fund came from income and sales taxes, 71.6 per cent of the revenue available (\$136,709,897). Franchise taxes accounted for 9.5 per cent of this revenue. The remaining amount (nearly 20 per cent) was derived from beverage taxes, insurance, non-tax revenue, license and inheritance taxes, and miscellaneous sources. A balance of \$33,750,065 from the 1952-53 General Fund treasury made the total availability of funds for the year equal to \$218,469,622.

Expenditures from General Fund for public schools, which took 62.6 per cent of the total, have already been discussed. Next largest expenditure from this Fund was the \$19,578,699 for the State's educational institutions. These institutions included the following: University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Greensboro), East Carolina College, Agricultural and Technical College, Western Carolina College, Appalachian State Teachers College, Pembroke State College, Winston-Salem State Teachers College, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Fayetteville State Teachers College, North Carolina College, North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the State School for the Blind and Deaf.

A total of \$18,464,495 was spent for State aid and obligations, which included the State's contribution to the retirement system, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to libraries, State property fire insurance fund, medical care for the indigent, and a number of other purposes for which small amounts were appropriated.

The next largest sum, \$16,067,577 was spent for charitable and correctional institutions. These included the following: State hospitals, sanatoria, correctional institutions, Confederate Women's Home, and child-caring institutions.

Nearly \$13 million were expended by the State's executive and administrative departments, bureaus and agencies. These included the following: Department of Revenue, including State Research, \$2,226,458; State Board of Health, 2,218,468; Department of Conservation and Development, 1,724,201; Department of Agriculture, including the State Game and Fish Commission, \$1,000,000; and the State Board of Education, \$800,247.

Other items included: State Board of Public Health, \$694,244; State Board of Public Health, \$609,271; Agricultural General, including the State Game and Fish Commission, \$422,857; State Board of Alcoholic Control, \$369,826; Department of Public Health, \$340,800; Department of Public Health, \$345,334; State Board of Public Health, \$340,800; and the State Board of Public Health, \$230,822.

## This is the Law



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The Insanity Problem

The growing incidence of insanity, and grossly inadequate public mental hospital facilities is one of North Carolina's toughest social problems. Caught in the middle of this almost intolerable situation are the Clerks of Superior Court in the State's 100 counties. The clerks have been saddled by law with the unenviable task of committing to State institutions persons suffering from serious mental disorders and whose financial condition will not permit private care.

When a clerk is called upon to order a mentally-ill person committed to a public institution, it is on very rare occasion that he can complete the admission within a desirable length of time. Why? All the beds are full, there are usually long waiting lists, and facilities for mental patients in county jails do not exist. The biggest problem now is with senile people, those whose minds have slipped because of advanced age.

Do Not Understand Friends and relations of the mental sufferer usually do not understand why his case can not be handled with dispatch. Here is the usual sequence of events in an insanity case, stemming from the point when the fam-

ily has endured the pitiful situation as long as it can.

They visit the clerk. He must, under law, determine by discreet conference and inquiry (1) that the designated individual is in fact mentally sick, (2) that there are no private funds from which care could be provided, (3) that the family (or petitioner) actually wants the patient committed, and, (4) the clerk must actually see the patient in person. Next comes the painful question of "when shall the commitment take place?" Usually, the family or friends, at the end of their patience, request immediate transfer. This being almost always impossible, the clerk must advise that, if he accepts custody of the patient, there is only one place of temporary confinement: the county jail. Many petitioners, understandably, take offense at the suggestion of confining a loved one in the common jail. Their answer is usually "no". Their alternative, continued tolerance of a tortuous home circumstance, their reaction, despair.

**Constitutional Provision**  
The North Carolina Constitution says that the General Assembly may provide care for the insane who are without means to care for themselves. This means that the State has no outright duty to take in such unfortunate. But it has attempted to do so under compulsion of Christian principles.

Our law provides that "any person" may request of the clerk commitment on sworn affidavit for a mentally defected person. The clerk may have the lunacy of such person determined by a jury of 12, after he has served notice of the request on the supposed mental defective or insane individual. Lunacy may also be determined by a 30-day observation period in a State institution. A guardian (or trustee) must be appointed for such person. If he is adjudged incompetent, he may appeal to the next term of Superior Court held in the county. His appeal must be heard ahead of all other cases.

This somewhat stringent, careful procedure is intended to prevent the "rail-roading" of competent persons.

**Be Tolerant**  
Meanwhile, in respect to inadequate public facilities for mental cases, it must be said in fairness to the legislative and executive branches of State government, that each is making an honest effort to meet and conquer the expensive and ever-increasing problem.

For families which must continue to cope with distressing cases, at home the plea is: Be tolerant of the adversities under which the sheriff and clerk of court must operate in trying to meet their obligations under the law.

## Edenton Aces In Grid Title Race

Edenton's Aces, Region 1 Class A football champions, completely outclassed La Grange High School, Region 2 Champions, in every department of the game to win the Eastern Class A football championship Friday night by a score of 42 to 0. The game was played in the East Carolina College stadium at Greenville and was attended by a huge throng of Edenton followers.

The Edenton Band was also on hand and performed at half time, and received a great deal of applause from both sides of the stadium.

It was the Aces' first championship in 21 years. In 1934 they won the State Championship and the following year they lost the game for the State Championship to Mt. Airy.

Having won the Eastern Championship, the Aces will now play for the Class A State Championship. Their opponent will be Bessemer High School, Western Champions, and the game will be played Saturday night in Greensboro, starting at 8 o'clock. This decision was made Monday by L. J. Perry, executive secretary of the N. C. High School athletic association. All proceeds of this game will go to the State Association.

The Aces will leave Saturday morning for Greensboro and will spend the night at Guilford College, returning home Sunday.

## Housewives Demand Leaner Pork Cuts

American housewives' demands for leaner pork, coupled with a mounting fat surplus, are pushing swine producers to grow and market more meat-type hogs.

U. S. Department of Agriculture animal husbandrymen are in the midst of a field research program launched this summer by the swine industry to develop methods for identifying superior meat-type breeding stock.

The program's objective is to determine how closely estimates of fatness and conformation of live hogs check with the cutout weights after slaughter and also to what extent these characteristics are passed on to their offspring.

Working with swine breeders, USDA specialists estimate the fatness of each hog in several purebred test herds.

Later, the breeders and Department livestock specialists check carcass data from some of the hogs which have been marketed against the estimates they had made earlier. Next year, they will do the same work with the offspring of hogs they're working with this year. Thus, breeders will be able to use the data in marketing their breeding stock.

## Sunday School Lesson

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**"Mrs. Average Housewife"** will be awaiting results, but meanwhile she will also be using her own system to pick the lean from the fat.

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Howard Copeland	.95
Woodrow Daughtrey	2.40
Mrs. Mattie Daughtrey	3.38
Rex Jones	5.40
R. B. Jordan	4.24
S. P. Jessup Estate	1.80
Stanley Spruill	3.00
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Charlie Wilder	.81
Fred Winslow	45.21
Colored Delinquent Taxes for 1953	
Nathan Bowe	\$ 1.80
Mary Randall Hobbs	1.13
Jacob Martin	1.37
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Isaac Love and Luther Perry	3.00
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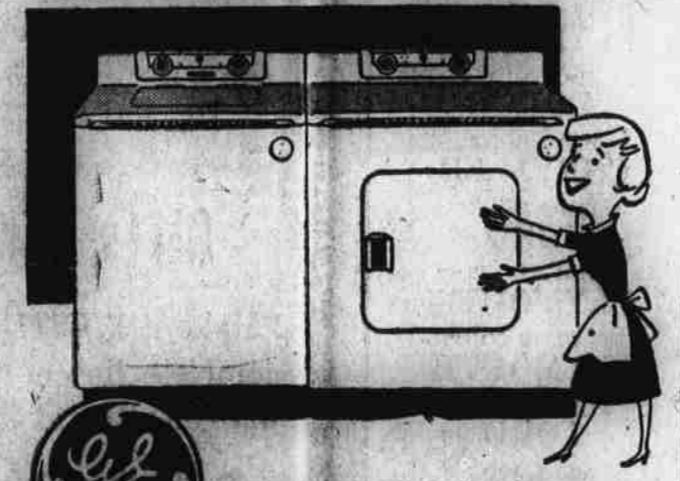
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