

TAX ON INDUSTRY ISN'T EXCESSIVE SAYS MAXWELL.

Declares Levies in N. C. Little if Any Higher Than in Tennessee

Charges that this section may have lost the proposed plant of the Aluminum Company of America because of excessive state taxes have resulted in a double barreled denial; one from State Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, and the other from Mr. J. E. S. Thorpe, President of the Nantahala Power and Light Company which is a subsidiary of the Aluminum Co.

Commissioner Maxwell denies that the tax is excessive. Mr. Thorpe denies that this tax was responsible for the decision not to build near Andrews.

In a letter to the Commissioner, Mr. Thorpe indicates that the shift away from Cherokee County was virtually decreed by the Defense Commission.

The question of alleged exorbitant taxes was taken up with Commissioner Maxwell direct, by President P. B. Ferebee, of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. A long distance phone conversation was followed up by a letter from Maxwell to the local banker. Enclosed with this letter was a copy of a communication written to Maxwell by Mr. Thorpe. Commissioner Maxwell's letter to Banker Ferebee follows, in full:

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Tomatoes No Problem For Mrs. E. C. Moore; Gets 'em From Cellar

The high cost of fresh tomatoes doesn't bother Mrs. E. C. Moore. She gets them whenever she pleases, out of her cellar. Furthermore, she expects her supply to last until a new crop can be raised, in her garden, next summer.

"Our garden gave us more tomatoes than any family could eat," Mrs. Moore explained. "Some were canned but the tomatoes kept growing. So I finally began picking them green, and storing them in the meat-room in our cellar. This room is cool but never cold."

"Several weeks ago I noticed that these green tomatoes were gradually ripening—and they are still doing it. Since they were stored at different times, we are able to have fresh tomatoes on our table three or four times a week."

Mrs. Moore says the tomatoes are of average size. The flavor, she declares is "the same as if they had just been picked off the vine."

Moore 'Super' Tourist Villa Ready for Opening Soon

At the expenditure of a good many thousand dollars, backed up by a rare combination of sound business judgement and a sense of the artistic, Mr. E. C. Moore, one of Murphy's civic and business leaders, has converted a hill of scrubby pines into a beauty spot. Five minutes walk from the town's center, opposite the school grounds, he has built a tourist villa that is "super deluxe."

Fourteen units have been erected along the brow of the hill, overlooking the school campus and the inlet to Hiwassee lake. The rooms are all huge and beautifully furnished. Every one has a private bath and a screened-in porch which affords complete privacy along with the gor-

Draft List Revised As One Is Jailed: 13 Leaving Thursday

Thirteen young men of Cherokee County left Murphy by Special bus at 6:45 o'clock Thursday morning, bound for Fort Bragg to serve one year in the Nation's new army of defense. Before the end of the week they will have changed their civilian clothes for woolen O. D.s (meaning olive drab colored uniforms) and will be spending their days drilling, working on labor details, hiking on maneuvers or doing "bunk fatigue" which in civilian language, means just lolling around on the bed.

Wayne Walker, Secretary of the County Draft Board issued a last warning to the draftees to take nothing with them except actual necessities. There will be no place, in barracks, to keep civilian luxuries. Even the clothes they wear may have to be shipped back home, for a soldier may not wear civilian garb except by special permission—and this is hard to get.

The original list of 12 men has been changed in one instance, and a thirteenth name has been added. The thirteenth man is Thomas D. Webster, of Culberson; and Donald

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WPA Crew Ordered To Re-Work Andrews Highway Third Time

As a result of a new order from the State Highway department, the WPA force which has been working on the highway between Murphy and Andrews must now move the shoulder dirt all over again. This will make the third time that work barely completed will have to be undone.

Twice previously, orders have been issued to make the shoulders a certain width. Distances were carefully measured, pegs driven, and strings stretched to make things exact. The force only recently finished fixing the shoulders and smoothing them off. Now new orders have been received making the shoulders five feet wide.

The result is that a new ditch will have to be dug; the old one filled in and the soil smoothed out once more. It is admitted that the first truck whose wheels run off the highway in wet weather will cut new ridges in the soft earth.

Meanwhile holes in other highways are left to get bigger and bigger and deeper and deeper.

Local WPA officials declared that having to do one job three times was not their fault. They are required, they pointed out, to follow instructions of the State Highway Commission. Such road work in this county is under the supervision of Commissioner McKee.

geous view. Every room has perfect ventilation; and is equipped with an electrical heating system that assures not only comfort but plenty of hot water, any time. Thus the villa—called "Mooreland Heights Court"—is suitable for year-round operation.

The units are sufficiently far apart to insure absolute privacy. Some are "single," designed for one occupant, or a couple. Others are "double." The latter consist of two rooms so large that although each contains two double beds, there still is plenty of space. Each room is completely furnished and has its own private bath. The double units can accommodate a family of eight, or, by closing the connecting door each room can

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Annual Birthday Celebration To be Held in Andrews Feb. 1

SEEK DRAFTING OF FEREBEE FOR HIGHWAY BOARD

Both Political Parties Join in Endorsement Of Banker for Post

A well defined movement, backed by men prominent in both political parties, is under way to bring about the appointment of Percy B. Ferebee, President of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, as State Highway Commissioner for this district. The movement started following reports, believed to be reliable, that Governor Broughton plans a shake-up of the present Highway set up. Such a shake-ups are usual when a new Governor takes office.

Two years ago, it is said, Mr. Ferebee could have had the post; he having been tentatively endorsed by leaders in all Western counties. He refused to allow his name to be presented, however, because of his private business interests.

Mr. Ferebee told the Junaluska Journal that he still felt that should the post be offered him, he could accept only at considerable sacrifice. He also pointed out that he is interested in a corporation which sells considerable quantities of crushed stone to the State, for use on highways. He suggested that should he be appointed, this fact might lead to criticism.

The objection was met by County residents with the statement that since such sales have been made over a period of years, there could be

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WHAT OUR LEGISLATURE IS DOING

(Editors Note: This is the first of a series of weekly summaries of the activities of the 1941 General Assembly, compiled by Institute of Government.)

Budget: Gov. Broughton proposed expenditures totalling \$163,635,382 for the next two years.

National defense, State Officers' salaries and auto license tags were key subjects on the first week's legislative agenda.

Four salaries were raised and \$2,000 was appropriated for the Governor's inauguration. The increase will give a 10 per cent raise to the Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction. This measure was passed the first day.

Two of the ten bills introduced concerned national defense. One, passed without a dissenting voice, was a resolution approving President Roosevelt's defense and aid-to-Britain policies. The other measure would bar the advising or teaching of overthrow of government by force, with specific prohibition of the use of State buildings for such purpose. This bill was sent to committee.

Of special interest to car owners is a bill to establish a flat \$5.00 license for private vehicles. The measure was sent to committee.

A joint resolution was approved, providing for a meeting of the General Assembly

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12-MAN FOOTBALL AT MURPHY GAINS NATIONAL NOTICE

This paper some time ago informed its readers that this fall's 12 man football game between Murphy and Hall's High of Knoxville had received national recognition through an Associated Press story in newspapers throughout the country.

A clipping was received from a St. Louis paper and Dr. McCall informed Principal K. C. Wright that the story was carried in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Now comes word from Mack White, whom many will remember as a teacher in the Unaka school and a baseball performer for the Hayesville club, that he was agreeably surprised in November as he listened to a radio station in Seattle, Washington. The announcer remarked that the answer to sideline coaching had been found in Murphy, N. C., where the rival coaches agreed to do the quarterbacking themselves.

Mr. White is located in a CCC camp near Seattle and is now visiting in Murphy and Hayesville before returning to the coast.

Sabbath School Meet Scheduled at Marble On Sunday Afternoon

The Sunday school convention of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association will hold the next meeting with the Marble church, January 19, at 2 o'clock C. S. T. J. F. Ballew, associational Sunday school superintendent, will lead the devotional exercises.

An address on "The Vital Importance of Prayer of the Teacher of God's Word" will be presented by the Rev. Algie West. The Rev. Norman Kilpatrick is expected to be present and have a part on the program.

The latter part of the program will be devoted to a discussion of the Regional Sunday School worker's conference to be held at Andrews February 7. H. L. Mulkey will be in charge of and lead the discussion.

All Sunday school officers and teachers in the association, and as many more as will, are urgently invited to attend.

ATTEND INAUGURATION

J. D. Mallonee, L. L. Mason, H. A. Mattox and Harve Whitaker attended the Inaugural ceremonies in Raleigh last week.

Collins, Agriculture Expert, Impressed by Local Farming

W. B. Collins, state farm management supervisor of Raleigh, commented very favorably upon the farm practices and progress being shown in Cherokee County, following a two-day inspection tour this week.

Following a check-up of annual record books and general farm activity throughout the area, Collins stated that this county "compared favorably" with farming in all western counties, although there was "much to be done" before this county would be on a sound permanent program.

Farm promotion has been seriously handicapped in this county by persons who have forsaken farming for various jobs at which more cash

Other Activities of Paralysis Campaign Started This Week

Both a round and square dance will be held in connection with the President's Birthday party for this year, H. Bueck, chairman of the county executive committee announced at the body's first meeting Monday afternoon.

The round dance will be staged in the Andrews high school gymnasium and the square dance will be held in the youth building on the school campus, both scheduled for Saturday night, February 1. Vincent Wright and his 12 piece orchestra will provide music for the round dance, while the musicians for the square dance have not as yet been booked. Dancing will be from 8 until 12 o'clock with the usual admission price of \$1.50 per couple, this admission good for either or both the dances.

A special feature of the party will be a costumed presentation of folk games and stunts by the students of the John C. Campbell Folk school at Brasstown, under the direction of Mrs. George Bidstrup.

The dances will be sponsored by the Konnaheeta club of Andrews with the cooperation of the Junior Woman's club of Murphy. These groups will have charge of ticket sales which were started this week.

A large campaign of advertising and publicity has already been started toward promoting these events. Large specially colored posters are being placed in conspicuous places in all communities of the county. Bumper cards are also being used on large numbers of automobiles. In addition

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Rep. J. D. Mallonee Jr. Given Appointments To Many Committees

Although J. D. Mallonee, Jr., Cherokee County Representative in the State House of Delegates, is one of the youngest men in the legislature, and is serving his "freshman" term, he has been honored with appointment to membership on several important committees, according to word from Raleigh. His assignments include committees on:

Constitutional Amendments; Counties, Cities and Towns; Education; Finance; Game Laws; Care of the Blind; Judiciary;

Penal Institutions, Propositions and Grievances; Salaries and Fees; Justices of the Peace; Library; Unemployment Compensation, and Roads.

money could be earned. This is gradually being overcome through the efforts of the county agents department, and the other agencies now operating here.

Collins gave particular notice to the fact that Cherokee county has around 5000 acres of idle farm land, although this land is not necessarily crop land. At present crop lands are being utilized and protected very well in this county, he explained, but greater development of good pasture lands and feed producing areas are badly needed. For this reason, the greatest efforts of local farming agencies are now being concentrated on the building up and maintain-

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