

MERCHANT GETS MORE OFF SALES TAX THAN STATE

BY SCOTT POOLE

My greatest objection to a sales tax is that it taxes government instead of riches. He who is able to administer to the necessities of others is very likely to have no tax at all. He charges it to someone else. Another thing, when people get a chance, nobody knows how much sales tax they collect.

We are told there is plenty of coffee, but submarines prevent it being brought to us. And there are a dollar a quart because the growers cannot get any labor. No labor available. Wholesalers say: We are bringing the best we can; we will bring your order as soon as we can have sufficient help. The small men say we could make money if we could get help to run our mills. Here it goes.

About this time next year there will be more money than there will be meat, meal or flour. There will likely be more money than produce for sale. I, a widow had a good Swiss watch, and she also had three children who were threatened with starvation along with their mother, and a man had more corn than he needed, so he swapped three bushels of corn for the watch. They lived in the Drowning Creek side of town.

The wicked may prosper for a time and seem invincible for a time, but the Lord said he would go far but no farther. But they never saw the Holy Bible, he did be spurned it. Yet no other standard of humanity has reached the Bible-sized man.

Those who cause war are all terrible and wicked things, if have justice and judgment led out to them in a court

from which no appeal can be taken. I am glad that it so because earthly courts sometimes fail to mete out justice, although I believe our courts are by far the cleanest branch of our government.

I heard a merchant say once that he believed merchants got as much out of the sales tax as the state did. That was back when a sales tax was an emergency. I saw an old man and his wife in 1931 who drew 50 cents a week each, \$4 for the two, and the great state of North Carolina reached and took 12 cents out of those old toothless mouths.

We have a surfeit of education. I remember when, if you visited a neighbor, more than likely you would see the boys and girls studying their spellers. I knew several who could spell every word in Webster's Blue-back speller, a little later Harrington's speller, and had by memory a number of lines of reading lessons.

Here are specimens: "Cider is made of apples. Botany is the science of plants. Riding on horseback is good exercise."

You perhaps have heard it said that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. But I recall a pine, a fore-n-aft in the dividing line between my father's and a neighbor, and the lightning struck it one night. It died, and again the lightning struck the dead tree and tore it all to pieces, leaving only a stump, and some months later it struck that stump.

No rule without exceptions. More than half the rules in arithmetic are discoveries. Just do certain things and you get the answer. No science of numbers in that. For instance: "To divide a fraction by a fraction, invert the divisor and proceed as multiplying a fraction by a fraction." I was told that that rule changed the fractions to a common denominator.

NEW DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR WAR BOND SALES SEES PROSPERITY AHEAD FOR RACE

Greensboro, (Special to the TIMES) — Returning here last Thursday after an extended trip to various sections of the State in connection with his duties as Deputy Administrator, Negro Division, for the sale of War Bonds in North Carolina, Dean J. C. McLaughlin of A and T College who was recently appointed to his new post by the United States Treasury Department declared that the recent visit to several farm communities and industrial sections of the Tarheel State has convinced me that the American Negro will be one hundred per cent better off at the conclusion of the present world conflict, as compared to his position at the World War No. 1. The energetic and enthusiastic Government official has worked out a thoroughly comprehensive program which will afford the Negro in all walks of life, an opportunity to participate in the country's war effort in a material way. He is convinced that the economic security of the Negro, like other races will depend largely on their ability to save in a systematic manner, and of necessity to do without the many luxuries they have been used to, for the duration at least. He sees a decided awakening on the part of farmers to the many benefits to be derived from sound investment in the world's greatest government, and on the other hand, he added, there is now a tendency on the part of all citizens in all fields of endeavor to purchase war bonds and stamps in all denominations not only for the purpose of displaying their unquestionable loyalty, but because of the experiences of the race as a result of their failure to invest funds to a greater degree during the bond campaign of the last war.

Dean McLaughlin, a graduate of A and T College and Cornell University has made an enviable record in Rural Sociology and Agricultural Economics and has contributed largely to the highly developed division of Agriculture at A and T College where he has been serving in the capacity of Dean for almost six years.

Camp Butler, N. C. — Camp Butler's soldiers are fighting the Axis financially as well as preparing to fight them physically.

Second Army Special Troops, commanded by Colonel S. Eberle, contributed the sum of \$19,543 to the sale of War Bonds, for month of October alone. The bonds were purchased under the Class "A" Pay Reservation plan, which provides for monthly deductions from the soldier's wage.

Six of the units in Colonel Eberle's command have subscribed 100 per cent to the sale of the bonds. The Colonel expressed his convictions that entire unit would be 100 per cent.

craft sheet metal work, machine shop and electric welding. Courses are open to both men and women. For details contact the local training courses

Early Xmas Mail Being Requested

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the post offices by December 1 this year if deliveries on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Purdum is responsible for Walker for smooth and efficient air and railway mail service. Unprecedented wartime demands on the postal and transportation systems, plus a prospective record volume of Christmas mailings, were cited by Mr. Purdum as necessitating earlier mailings than ever before. "It is

physically impossible for the railroads and air lines, burdened with vitally important war materials, to handle Christmas mailings as rapidly as in normal times," Mr. Purdum said. "If the bulk of parcels and greeting cards are held back until the usual time—the period of about December 15 to 23 — they simply cannot be distributed in time, and thousands of gifts will reach their destinations after Christmas."

In 1941, about 21,950 mail cars were required between December 12 and 24 to deliver Christmas mails — enough cars to make a train 270 miles long. This year, the extra cars needed to move holiday mails are largely being used by the armed services, and a severe shortage is in prospect. The postal service usually

borrow about 2,500 trucks from the Army and other Government agencies, and rents about 10,000 from private owners, to handle the Christmas mails. This year, it will be extremely difficult to obtain enough of these vehicles to meet even a substantial part of the need. The Army needs its own trucks and private owners are reluctant to let someone else use their tires.

Railroads are cooperating by converting some hundreds of steel box cars and similar equipment for mail transportation, and Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, has ordered that unnecessary travel be curtailed to the limit during the holiday season. But these measures cannot assure deliveries of gifts on time unless the public cooperates by mailing early and thus spreading the transportation load over a longer period than usual.

Mr. Purdum called attention to the task of the Post Office Department in moving millions of pieces of mail every day to

and from soldiers, sailors and marines throughout the world. This extraordinary job must be kept current, even while the holiday rush of mailings is handled. Also, he pointed out, the postal establishment is operating with many thousands of inexperienced personnel, employed take the place of men called to the armed services. The new employees naturally cannot handle the holiday mail jam with the smoothness and speed of the postal veterans whom they replace.

In view of all these handicaps to the service, Mr. Purdum added, postal patrons should mail their gifts by December 1 if they wish to insure that their friends will not be disappointed at Christmas.

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Hundreds of persons who had the foresight to join our 1942 CHRISTMAS SAVING CLUB will receive a nice fat check this year with which they can do their Christmas shopping, or if they so desire they may use the money for other important purposes.

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