

On The Tar Heel Front IN WASHINGTON

By Robert A. Erwin and Frances McKusick

Tobacco growers of North Carolina owe a great vote of thanks to Representative Robert L. Doughton, the tall 77-year-old veteran who has represented the Ninth District since 1911.

Mr. Doughton succeeded in defeating the Treasury Department's proposal to establish a differential in the tax between 10-cent and 20-cent brand cigarettes. This proposal was knocked out before the House Ways and Means committee, of which Mr. Doughton is the chairman, after two days of tough fighting.

Several committee members favored the differential, which would be quite dangerous to prices for medium and better grades of tobacco should it ever be adopted.

Mr. Doughton, strong and forced even at the age of 77, held his ground, fought like a tiger, and with the aid of those members loyal to him, saved the day for tobacco growers.

The committee did vote to increase the present cigarette tax from \$3.25 to \$3.50 a thousand, but that is for all brands of cigarettes. Such an increase was anticipated, because in these times, everything must be taxed, more and more.

State Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott has been in the limelight lately with revealing facts on two situations.

First of all, members of Congress from North Carolina have received from State Democratic Chairman Monroe Redden, of Hendersonville, copies of a letter from Mr. Scott in which the commissioner cited: (1) negligible representation of rural citizens on state boards and commissions and (2) Republican leadership of farm organizations in North Carolina.

Previously the commissioner had charged in an interview with this department that Federal Department of Agriculture agents are "hindering the war effort by hijacking North Carolina farmers into planting inferior seeds."

As for the first situation mentioned above, Scott told Redden that "we as leaders of today may be laying the groundwork for an eventual political change that will be disastrous to the Democratic party in North Carolina."

"I am enclosing a leaflet compiled by the Federal Bureau of Economics as it applies to North Carolina," Scott continued. "This leaflet shows that approximately 93.4 per cent of the state government positions are held by the urban population and that only 6.6 per cent are held by the rural population."

"In this connection I desire to call your attention to a situation that is developing in the political life of North Carolina and one which I believe merits the consideration of the Democratic leaders. The president of one of the large farm organizations covering about 22 counties in Western North Carolina is a Republican. The president of the largest co-operative dairy in North Carolina with a membership consisting entirely of farmers is a Republican. The chairman of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for North Carolina is a Republican. This office covers the entire farm group of the state. And only a few days ago a Republican succeeded a very capable Democrat as president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association. This organization has a membership covering the 60-cotton-growing counties in North Carolina."

"I am merely making these observations because I believe in Democratic representation. I think that it was Thomas Jefferson who gave us the thought that when a group of people does not have representation in an organization, they will seek it somewhere else. Under the present situation, with the trend of the rural population toward the cities and with the leadership of these large farm organizations belonging to another political party, we as the leaders of today may be laying the groundwork for an eventual political change that will be disastrous to the Democratic party here in North Carolina."

Chairman Doughton continues to establish a reputation among the members of the House Ways and Means committee as a man whose energy and sturdiness passeth all understanding. Last week, after continuous grueling sessions of the committee, its chairman was as chipper and tireless as though he'd been spending his time resting in his North Carolina home. He scoffed at the idea of needing a vacation, and emphasized that Congress should stay in session, not only to take care of any important legislation which might come up, but also to interpret and watch the interests of constituents regarding the numerous orders emanating from the War Production Board. He further believes Congress should do its part in winning the war, and put that before winning any elections.

Production, not politics, he believes, is the most important thing.

Food Administrator



Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard has been named chairman of the new Food Requirements Committee of the War Production Board. Wickard will be responsible for the production and allocation of all food for the nation, our allies and military needs.

(Central Press)

Former Citizen Is Claimed By Death In Washington

Relatives here have been notified of the death of Judson Swain Siler, 79, prominent citizen of the State of Washington and native of Western North Carolina, who died on June the 7th.

Mr. Siler was born near Franklin, and moved to Waynesville in 1885. He left here for the West in 1897. He was connected with the good roads movement in the western part of this state.

Mr. Siler served for 30 years as a member of the Washington state legislature and was a leading stock farmer. His death occurred at his home in Winlock.

Surviving are two sons, Harry and Perry Siler, of Winlock, Wash., one brother, Weimer Siler, of Randle, Wash.; and three sisters, Mrs. John L. Davis and Mrs. H. B. Freeman, of Waynesville, and Mrs. John R. Brewer, of Asheville.

Victory Marking



Pointing to an X on the side of his plane is Captain Maurice Fitzgerald, a member of the First Air Force. The marking signifies that he and his flying mates of the bomber command have sent an enemy submarine to the bottom somewhere in the Atlantic.

(Central Press)

Red Cross Speaker Greatly Impresses Trained Nurses

Around twenty-five nurses attended the conference held at the Welch Memorial Sunday school room on Friday night. The gathering was sponsored by the home nursing division of the Haywood chapter of the Red Cross of which Mrs. W. H. F. Millar is chairman.

The speaker was Mrs. Ruth Frantz, nursing consultant of the national headquarters of the Red Cross, who presented the four point program of the professional nursing division of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Frantz pointed out the

et ux. William Medford, Tr., to J. H. Woody.

White Oak Township Dora Hunter, et al, to H. G. Hunter.

Army Uses Nail Polish On Brass

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Soldiers here have borrowed an idea from the ladies with a view to keeping neat and trim. Transparent fingernail polish is the new army method of saving the shine on brass ornaments.

great needs for nurses in the army, and of the necessity for teaching home nursing. She also stressed the need for preparation of a possible evacuation of residents from the coastal areas to this section.

The speaker urged that nurses who could leave and were between 18 and 40 volunteer their services for duty with the army hospitals.

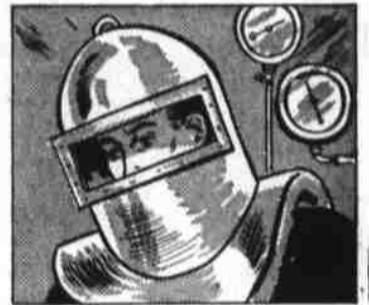
Tentative plans were made to hold a nurses institute in the near future, the date to be announced later by Mrs. W. H. F. Millar, chairman of arrangements.

Soldiers of Production

America's "soldiers of production," men and women working in the plants of American industry, have their uniforms, too. Some uniforms worn by G-E workers on vital production jobs are shown below.



1. Not a gas mask, but a special nose mask to guard his breathing, is worn by this spray painter at his job in one of the General Electric plants.



2. Like a man from Mars, the "cold room" research man is a strange sight as he tests airplane instruments for high-altitude performance in a G-E laboratory.



3. Frankenstein? No, just another G-E worker. His job is sandblasting big turbine castings for Uncle Sam's ships at one of the General Electric plants.



4. The helmet he wears is to protect him from light! The rays from a welder's arc could cause blindness if he did not wear this strange headgear.

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How the New Order Limiting Telephone Installations May Affect You

To turn out more and more weapons for our fighting men, our Government has called upon the telephone industry and the telephone-using public to limit new telephone installations to an extent that will divert annually thousands of tons of vital metals and rubber to war production.

If you are a new applicant for service or a business or residential subscriber, the limitations of the War Production Board order may affect you, depending upon how much equipment is now available to serve the future requirements of essential individuals or agencies in your community.

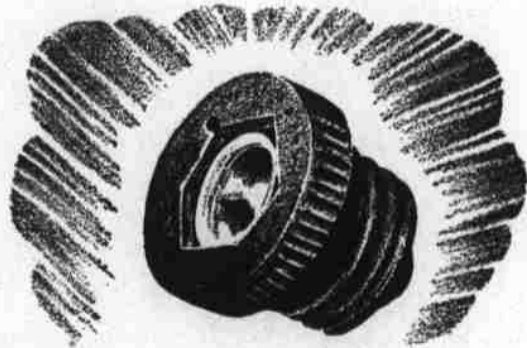
Specifically, this is how the order may affect you: **NON-SUBSCRIBERS**, business or residential, may not be able to obtain telephones in some instances.

BUSINESS CUSTOMERS, particularly those with private branch exchanges and other large service installations who move to new locations or who wish other changes, may not be able to obtain the desired arrangements.

RESIDENTIAL SUBSCRIBERS who move may not be able to obtain telephones or may be asked to accept a different class of service.

We shall observe the order to the letter, confident of the public's full cooperation. We look forward to the day when we shall again be able to give you the kind of service you want, when and where you want it—but now, and for the duration, the one big task of winning the war comes first . . . with us, as with you.

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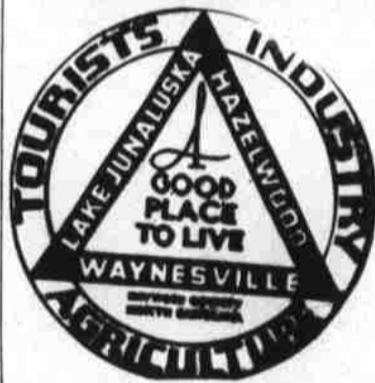


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