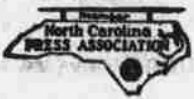


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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1950

**Time To Ease Excise Taxes**

There are many reasons why the excise taxes, levied as a special war contribution, should be repealed, now that the war has been over for nearly five years.

There is general agreement, it seems, that the levies should be set aside but some difficulty arises in connection with the proposal to find new sources of income to equal the revenue that will be lost to the government.

An example is the twenty-five percent tax on domestic telegraph messages. We hold no brief for the Western Union Telegraph Company, but we are frank to admit that the levy of such a tax, while necessary as a war measure to discourage over-use of the facilities of the company, is no longer justified.

The same can be said of other levies placed upon particular lines of economic activity. Nearly everybody approved these charges during the war emergency, but the businesses affected are now entitled to be treated as other businesses are treated. Let's not forget that the Congress, after the war, reduced corporation income taxes by approximately five billion dollars. If necessary to eliminate the special taxes on certain goods, services and businesses, the Congress might increase corporate taxes enough to take up the slack.

This does not mean that all excise levies should be abolished. It merely means that those initiated or increased as a special source of war revenue should be reduced to normal and that the businesses concerned be allowed to compete for the consumer's dollar on the same basis as other economic enterprises.

**More Food Means More Work**

The idea of the world as a welfare state is decried by Sir John Russell, well-known British research scientist, who thinks that is wrong to believe that the world will provide food simply out of a sense of duty. He points out the stern fact that if more food is to be produced, more work must be done to earn it.

It's about time that somebody took occasion to emphasize this fact. We have been hearing about the great increase of population in the world,

amounting to about 50,000 persons a day, and being warned that unless a great increase is made in the production of food, millions of people will starve to death. Moreover, there has been a half-baked idea that it is the business of this country to see that everybody in the world has a full stomach at the end of every day.

Sir John has been recognized as a leader in the field of agricultural research. He points out that food is growing on only seven to ten per cent of the world's land surface. This means about eleven billion acres of the total land area out of 35,700,000,000 are "climatically suited to crop growth, but the present area in use is between three billion and four billion acres."

This food-producing area represents a world average of about one and one-half acres "a head," whereas, if all the suitable land area was in use it would mean about five acres for every person.

The natural scientist thought that there should be continued conservation of soil and prevention of erosion, avoidance of waste and other preventable losses and that intensive cultivation of land already in use should be carried on. He found, however, that the farmer himself, and the environment which influences him, often lag behind the opportunities that natural science offers.

"There is no need for pessimism," concluded Sir John. He points out that erosion is simply the wrong use of land and the remedy is the correct use of land. This is largely an administrative problem, to be solved through widespread understanding and cooperation of individuals for common interest.

One of the greatest problems today, in the opinion of this British scientist, is for democracy to learn that great possessions imply great personal responsibilities. This truth, he asserts, was known by the old aristocracy but democracies have yet to learn it. The process of making the people understand this truth is underway but until it is more generally accepted, there will be no solution to pressing world problems.

**Drunken Driving Convictions Drop During January**

Drunken driving took a downward turn in January as compared with the previous January, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

A total of 540 persons were convicted of drunken driving last month in the State, a drop of 90 over the 630 convicted on the same count in January of 1949. Forty-five of the defendants were convicted on the second offense.

Revocations for drunken driving brought to 799 the total of revocations for January. Two hundred and fifty-eight persons had their licenses suspended.

Thirty-seven persons were convicted of driving after their licenses were revoked and nine of driving after license suspended. Two persons were found guilty of hit and run charges, involving personal injury, and two of hit and run, involving property damage.

Other convictions were as follows: Two offenses of reckless driving, 18; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 47; two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour, 18; larceny of automobile,

10; manslaughter, two; involuntary manslaughter, two; transporting liquor, 23; improper use of operator's license, five; unsatisfied judgment, 15; incompetency, seven; habitual violator, 12; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 87.

In addition 3,271 persons were found guilty of moving violations, which do not require revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of this number, 7,063 were North Carolinians and 1,218, out-of-state drivers.

Speeding topped the list with 3,073 cases. Failure to have driver's license was second with 1,851. Faulty equipment was listed in 727 cases and improper lights in 297. Ninety-six persons were found guilty of passing a school bus and 387 ran through a red light.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES**  
 Friday, February 17, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in the Plymouth Court House court room, second floor, Plymouth, at 8:10 A. M., including sermon "Preparation For Lent," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary, religious education, with confessions there 7:35 to 8:05 A. M.

Quinquagesima Sunday, February 19, Holy Masses in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, at 9 and 11 A. M., each including sermon on "The Rule of Faith," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary, Sunday School, with confessions there 8:30 to 8:55 and 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor who invites everybody to all services.

Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent, February 22, Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7 A. M., in Edenton, followed at once by Mass, Communion, Rosary, with confessions 6:30 to 6:55 A. M.

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