

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — I received numerous letters and telegrams from constituents giving me their views in respect to the bill to extend excise taxes and corporate income taxes at their present rates for an additional year.

I delayed answering these communications until the Senate acted on this bill because it was impossible for me to tell before that time the exact form in which this bill would be presented to the Senate for consideration.

The tax bill was acted upon in the Senate on last Tuesday. As a member of the Senate, I voted on two proposed amendments.

Basic Convictions

My constituents are entitled to know how I voted on these amendments, and the basic convictions which prompted me to vote as I did.

I entertain two basic convictions in respect to taxation, which were applicable to these amendments, summarized in this way:

1. The Federal Government mortgages our future and that of our children when it operates in the "red". It should make an honest effort to balance its budget by paying current expenses out of current revenues. Believing this as I do, I cannot vote for a measure which I know will substantially impair the capacity of the Federal Government to meet its current obligations out of current revenues.

2. As long as the requirements of national defense and other inescapable obligations of the Federal Government make their present heavy demands upon our economy, taxes should be imposed upon our people on the basis of their ability to pay, regardless of the sources of their income. For this reason, I disagree with those who maintain that income from corporate dividends should be given more favorable tax treatment at this time than income from labor, either mental or physical.

Tax Amendment

The first amendment on which I voted was that of Senator Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic leader of the Senate, and Senators Kerr, Frear, Long, Smathers and Barkley which undertook to give every ordinary taxpayer a \$20.00 credit, plus \$10.00 for each dependent except a wife. I voted for this amendment because it satisfied both of the basic convictions respecting taxation which I deemed applicable to the problem under consideration. It was designed to extend to all ordinary taxpayers exactly the same benefits regardless of the sources of their incomes. Moreover, it could not have contributed to the unbalancing of the budget or impaired in any degree the capacity of the Federal Government to pay its current expenses out of current revenues. This is true because it repealed the dividend credit, dividend exclusion, and the accelerated depreciation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and in that way provided revenues more than sufficient to offset the sum total of all the credits granted by it.

Close Vote

Those of us who favored this first amendment were defeated in the Senate by the narrow margin of 6 votes.

After the defeat of the first amendment, the Senate voted upon a second amendment which under-

took to give tax relief of a limited nature to all taxpayers without providing a single penny of offsetting revenue. I voted against this amendment because it violated one of my basic convictions respecting taxation. If it had been adopted, it would have substantially increased the annual deficit of the Federal Government by depriving it of \$2,085,000,000 of current revenues sorely needed by it to meet the heavy demands of national defense and other inescapable obligations. This amendment was defeated by a vote of 61 to 32.



NEWS ITEM: Atlantic, Iowa — Max Eastman, 29, died after an accident in which his sports car clipped another car and smashed into a bridge.

Three years ago, Eastman, a Des Moines ad writer, wrote a highway safety article "Ten Seconds to Live." Oddly, it told how Eastman himself was killed.

This was Eastman's article: "He pushed his sleeve back, held his wrist close to the lighted speedometer, squinted to read the time. A little after nine. Five, ten minutes after. Ought to be home in half an hour."

"10 seconds to live. He massaged his eyes trying to rub out some of the sand."

"9 seconds to live. He'd driven almost eight hours since lunch, and was beginning to feel it."

"8 seconds to live. Lousy driving in the rain. Light from your headlights seems to soak in."

"7 seconds to live. Probably need a new windshield wiper blade. Old one just spreads the water around. Get one tomorrow, or next time it rains."

"6 seconds to live. Somebody threw a cigarette out of an oncoming car. The red glow dissolved almost before it hit."

"5 seconds to live. He planted his heels on the floor-board, squirmed back in the seat, trying for comfort."

"4 seconds to live. At sixty miles an hour, a car covers eighty-eight feet of pavement every second. Four seconds, 352 feet."

"3 seconds to live. Somebody looked wrong, through the blurry windshield. A tentative dab at the brake stiffened into desperate pressure as he made out an old, unlighted, slow vehicle ahead."

"2 seconds to live. Panic moved in. Turn to the left. No car coming. Headlights too close. Can't make it. Turn to the right."

"1 second to live. Horror numbed everything into slow motion. He was floating right into the near corner of the car ahead. He opened his mouth to scream."

"No seconds to live."

The American Cancer Society allocated \$5,500,000 for cancer research last year.



ATOM-AGE PLUMBER—Technician at the Hanford Atomic Products Operation, Richland, Wash., carries a meter instead of a monkey wrench when searching for leaks in "hot" plumbing. The GE-developed device employs a sodium iodide crystal, light output of which under atomic radiation is measured on a light-type meter at end of barrel.

GOC Participating In Practice Alert

The Perquimans Ground Observer Corps is participating in a practice alert which began Wednesday morning and ending Friday afternoon. The alert has been dubbed "Operation Early Spring" and is being conducted by the 35th Air Division with headquarters at Marietta, Georgia. Volunteers in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee will participate in the exercise and will report the planes as though there were an actual attack by enemy planes. Planes of the Air National Guard, Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force will fly designated missions over the area and sometime during the period there will be a simulated attack.

TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C.
Week Day Shows Continuous From 3:30

Saturday Continuous From 1:30
Sunday, 2:15, 4:15 and 8:45

Thursday and Friday, March 24-25—
Jane Powell, Vic Damone
Gene Kelly and
All Star cast in
"DEEP IN MY HEART"
Show Starts 3:30
Features 4:00-6:45-9:15

Saturday, March 26—
George Montgomery and
Ruth Roman in
"BELLE STARR'S DAUGHTER"

Sunday and Monday, March 27-28—
Virginia Mayo and
Jack Palance in
"THE SILVER CHALICE"
CinemaScope with
Stereophonic Sound
Sunday Shows 1:45-4:15-8:45
Monday Show Starts 3:30
Features 3:55-6:35-9:15

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30—
Marlon Brando in
"ON THE WATERFRONT"

EDEN THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C.
Friday and Saturday, March 25-26—
Double Feature
Guy Madison in
"BORDER CITY RUSTLERS"
—also—
John Ireland in
"SECURITY RISK"

HIWAY 17

Drive-In Theatre
EDENTON, N. C.
Opening Sunday, March 27—
Dean Martin and
Jerry Lewis in
"LIVING IT UP"

Monday and Tuesday, March 28-29—
Robert Taylor in
"ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT"

Wednesday and Thursday, March 30-31—
John Wayne in
"SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON"

Results Announced In Baby Contest

Allen Studios of Detroit, Mich., which furnished The Weekly with cuts of county children, published in the feature "Our Citizens of Tomorrow", has announced the results of the Cute Children Contest conducted in connection with the photographs.

The winners of the contest were given as Jeffrey Brown, son of Marion Brown of Lakewood, N. Y., and Helen Croyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Croyle, of Hollidaysburg, Pa. Each, the Studio announced, was awarded a \$125 prize.

Chosen by the Studio as competing entrants from Perquimans County, were Norman Stallings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harrell, and Angella Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baker.

The Cute Children Contest was conducted entirely by the Allen Studio and had no connection with the feature used by The Perquimans Weekly.

Peanut Acreage For 1955 Unchanged

Prospective 1955 plantings of peanuts alone for all purposes is indicated at 180,000 acres according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Such a crop would be the same as was planted in 1954 but 92,000 acres below the 10-year (1944-53) average acreage of 272,000 acres. These intentions include peanuts for picking and threshing; for hogging off and for other purposes.

For the U. S., reports indicate that there will be 1,914,000 acres of peanuts for all purposes planted in 1955. This will be 1 per cent below the acreage planted in 1954. The first estimate of the 1955 acreage of peanuts for picking and threshing will be made in August.

TB Seal Chairman Gives Drive Report

Jarvis Ward, Chairman of the TB Seal Sale in Perquimans, has released a final report on the local campaign. He revealed the county raised \$1,482.50 in the drive, which was \$182.50 over the quota. He expressed his appreciation to the public for its fine response to the appeal for funds and to each individual who had a part in conducting the campaign.

IN FULL BLOOM

The Early Azaleas, Late Camellias, and a Host of Beautiful Spring Flowers are in Full Bloom in the gardens of

Orton Plantation

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This Spectacular Show of Azaleas Will Last Until After Easter.
FINE PLANTS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE NURSERY!

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that Lasts! . . . that's Athey's

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"Don't make me out a great man, and don't paint me without my warts."

THE conduct and the equipment of our service approaches perfection. To call on us is to know that everything will be ably attended to.

TRUCK BUYERS CAUTION!

THIS YEAR marks a revolution in truck engine design. Ultra-modern short-stroke design has jolted the entire industry. **BUT you can't get it in all trucks!**

The most important truck power advancement of modern times is **short-stroke design**. The shorter stroke cuts internal friction. Piston ring life is prolonged up to 53%. Gas savings up to one gallon in seven!

LOOK UNDER THE HOOD!

Be alert—check engine specifications before you buy a new truck. It isn't a short-stroke engine unless it has a stroke as short as, or shorter than the bore.

ONLY FORD gives you a modern Short Stroke engine in **every** truck!

Ford pioneered Short Stroke truck engines over three years ago. Ford has four Short Stroke V-8's and the shortest stroke Six in the business! Why settle for an old-type long-stroke engine? For immediate benefits, for highest trade-in value later—go modern, go Short Stroke, go **FORD!**

Ford Triple Economy Trucks
NEW MONEY MAKERS FOR '55

Power Steering—of no extra cost! New factory-built tandem-axle Ford T-800, GVW 40,000 lbs. 170-h.p. Short Stroke V-8. 11,000-lb. capacity front axle, low extra cost.

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