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Will Be Priority System Under the system, McNutt said, the Manpower Commission or agencies approved by it will furnish workers to employers on a priority system based on the importance of the employer in the war effort.

Nothing in the regulations would prevent a man from getting a promotion or, for example, jobbing from a low-paying job to a higher-paying one in his factory.

COUNTY COFFERS HAVE \$470,392

January, 1943, Ends With Cash Increase Over Preceding Month

New Hanover county had on hand at the end of January the sum of \$470,392.42, J. A. Orrell, county auditor said Thursday.

Ruml Urges Pay-As-You-Go Tax Plan And Assails Treasury's Alternative

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(P)—Beardsley Ruml pressed his pay-as-you-go income tax plan on the House Ways and Means committee today as a device which would be fair to rich and poor alike, and assailed the Treasury's substitute proposal as imposing "an intolerable burden of double taxation."

STIMSON SEES MORE RED AID

Also Sees Stalingrad Victory As Releasing Several Soviet Troops

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(P)—Secretary of War Stimson combined a promise of increased delivery of weapons to Russia with the observation today that destruction of the German 6th army before Stalingrad had freed large numbers of Soviet troops for offensive operations.

The Stalingrad disaster was one of the greatest military defeats ever suffered by German arms, Stimson told a press conference. Yet he said the Nazis fought bravely, there was no sign of general demoralization in their army and, despite a generally favorable situation on all fronts, there is "no ground for excessive optimism concerning an early end of the struggle."

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He introduced a resolution calling upon President Roosevelt to negotiate immediately a "post war peace charter" in order to give substance to the Atlantic Charter declarations formulated by Mr. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and subscribed to by the other United Nations.

Parking Meter Revenue Drops Following Rule On Pleasure Driving

An indication that fewer motorists are parking on the main streets of Wilmington since the pleasure driving ban was introduced in the city is revealed in the fact that traffic meter collections have dropped ten per cent, J. R. Benson, city clerk, announced Thursday.

JOB CHECKUP

Although no official count has been made, persons have approached the local office of the United States Employment Service to inquire about defense industry jobs since release early this week of the War Manpower Commission's directive to the effect that workers in certain specified jobs and industries must enter vital plants or try to join the armed forces.

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina: Continued warm Friday. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Roosevelt Sends Praise To Stalin On Work Of Red

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Flying Fortresses Team Up With RAF Bombers To Blast Northwest German

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(P)—Large formations of American Flying Fortresses and their four-motored mates of the RAF dropped hundreds of tons of high explosives on northwestern Germany in an around-the-clock offensive last night and today which was aimed at the area where Adolf Hitler's most essential submarine works are concentrated.

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