

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, May 19.—Compulsory savings, rather than outright taxation, may be employed to limit spending incomes to not more than \$25,000 a year and to collect large war funds from all people earning over 20 a week.

This proposal, introduced in the house by Representative Gore of Tennessee, has met with considerable favor among house members who see it as inviting much more favorable public acceptance than would heavy new taxes. If legislation, similar to that proposed by Representative Gore, is passed, it is not expected entirely to take the place of new taxes but will mean taxes will not be as heavy as they would have been otherwise.

Representative Gore's bill calls for deductions from all wages and salaries covered by the social security act of a basis amount ranging from 6 per cent for a single person earning \$1,040 a year to 15 per cent for a married person earning over \$6,000 a year. In addition, a second deduction would be made on the income remaining to a person after the payment of income taxes. This second deduction would range from \$60.40 on a net income of \$1,040, after taxes, to \$11,326 on an income of \$36,000. Anyone earning over \$36,000 would be required to buy war bonds with all remaining income, which would thus limit the actual retention of incomes to a limit of around \$25,000 a year.

Representative Gore argues that dependence upon voluntary savings is as archaic and inadequate for total war as reliance on voluntary enlistment in the armed forces. Although many congressmen fear the imposing of such heavy forced savings upon the people, a number strongly prefer this plan for the postponement of the expenditure of wealth over tax suggestions which practically mean the confiscation of wealth, so far as income made during the war period is concerned.

In addition to his compulsory savings bill, Representative Gore also has introduced a companion measure calling for the freezing of wages and the freezing of farm prices at parity. Both of these measures are in keeping with the suggestions made by President Roosevelt recently, although the President didn't give his views on taxation as against compulsory savings.

Under Representative Gore's savings plan, the bonds and stamps given in exchange for payments from income could not be cashed in until after the war, except in cases of necessity. They would also bear not more than 1 per cent interest. The collection would be handled through the present social security machinery.

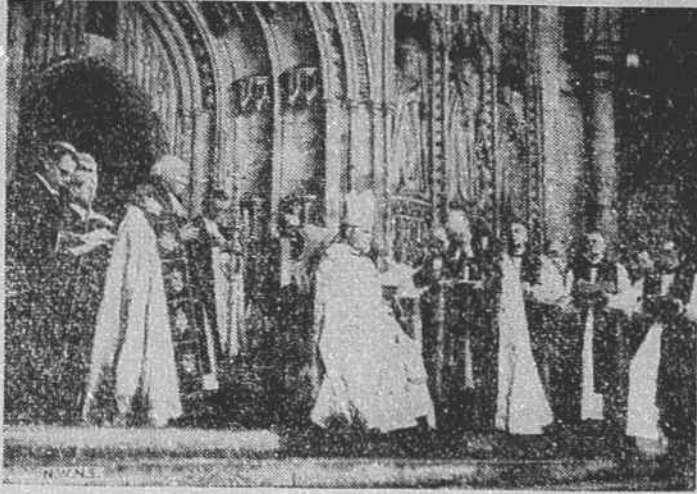
Many congressmen are hesitant about rushing through this or any other plan for what one senator calls "the rationing of money" until the public has recovered from the shock of other rationing—particularly the rationing of gasoline in the east and northwest which, in a fortnight has completely altered the living habits of 10,000,000 automobile owners. Congressmen from the areas affected are receiving many letters from people who think they are not being given a fair deal on gas rationing, although officials here are, in general, pleasantly surprised that the public has accepted this drastic curb as well as it has.

The price freezing order, now in force among retailers, manufacturers and wholesalers is bringing more protests than gas rationing, particularly from business groups who were taken unawares and fear they will not be able to continue in business unless some relief is given. Many retailers point out that when wholesalers and manufacturers increased prices during the past year, they absorbed part of the increases instead of passing them on to the consumer, and because of that they are now forced to sell at decreased profits for the duration of the war. It is expected in cases where the hardship is proven to be great, adjustments will be made.

What will be rationed next is being kept a close secret by the office of price administration, for it has been evident that when announcements are made in advance it results in runs on that product, as was the case with sugar. But it is expected that a large number of products, including foods, will be rationed during the next few months in keeping with Leon Henderson's plan to have all of the public share equally in available stocks of a scarce commodity.

As is the case with gasoline rationing, much of the future rationing may result from transportation problems rather than actual scarcity of commodities. Rather than ship certain foods from the west coast to the east, and other foods from the east to the west, it appears likely that rationing plans will be worked out which will tend toward having people plan their menus according to the foods most easily available in

Anglican Church Gets New Head



In bomb-blasted Canterbury cathedral, with its shattered windows and sand-bag-protected tombs, Dr. William Temple is pictured as he sat in St. Augustine's chair for the first time. This scene took place as Dr. Temple formally became archbishop of Canterbury, succeeding Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang as head of the Anglican church. He became the only man whose father preceded him to the high office.

Prof. Williams Accepts Post at Washington

Blowing Rock, May 19.—W. W. Williams, principal of Blowing Rock high school for the past four years, has entered defense work in Washington and is in line for a commission in the armed services in a short time.

He left Blowing Rock last week for his new post of work. Mrs. Williams and son, Billy Jo, will be with her family in Montreat, Va., for some time.

poor health and I have to care for her. I really enjoy caring for one who is sick now, since I have learned how to take care of one correctly. These are my reasons for thinking everyone should have this nursing course for it surely is helpful to everyone. I owe all my thanks for learning this helpful information to Mrs. Jones, the county nurse, who taught me this course. She surely has done a good job of teaching and made everything clear and practical. BEULAH WELCH, Boone High School.

WAR EFFORT IS GROWING DAILY, ROOSEVELT SAYS

Washington. — With lend-lease shipments increasing every day, President Roosevelt said Friday that American forces were constantly going into battle in greater numbers and in more and more places.

To this, he added a statement, in explanation of last week's order taking control of the nation's commercial transport planes, that almost anything that can fly—including puddle jumpers and one and two man planes—were useful to the government.

The president talked about planes and American fighting men at a press conference, and simultaneously issued his monthly report on lease-lend totals, with the added oral comment that aid to Russia was coming along satisfactorily. The report showed lend-lease assistance to all united nations during April totaled \$867,000,000 as compared with \$558,000,000 in March. An accompanying graph showed a steadily climbing line for the total figure in every month since the pro-

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Home Nursing Classes

By J. W. A. DAVIS

From time to time, as there is space available, articles written by those who have finished the classes taught in Red Cross home nursing will appear in the Watauga Democrat. To date it has been a most difficult task for the judges to select just one article from each group, but I am sure you all understand that there isn't printing space for all.

The classes sponsored by your county Red Cross chapter and taught by graduate nurses who meet national Red Cross requirements as instructors, is a personal and direct service for the families of Watauga county. It is our ambition to have at least one class taught in each township in the county, but since everyone connected, so far, with the Red Cross work in the county gives his or her time without pay, particularly in the home nursing department, we are handicapped for qualified instructors. To date ten classes have been taught or are being taught, approximately 220 persons have availed themselves of the opportunity to attend a home nursing class. Any club or group of adults 17 years of age or over, who wish to organize a class and will notify Miss Elizabeth Bridge, Mrs. E. E. Garbee or myself, we will arrange for an instructor as soon as possible. National Red Cross chapter suggests an enrollment of 20. At least 30 class hours must be spent in demonstration and observation. The usual procedure is one class each week for two hours; however, should a group wish to finish in a shorter period of time more than one class could be held in each week (provided the instructor can spare the time). Saturday afternoon or evening classes could possibly be arranged.

Class instruction includes home environment, personal hygiene, care of infants, young children, the sick and the aged; how to improve sick-room equipment from things "at hand"; to detect symptoms of illness, care and prevention of communicable diseases. Medicines and their proper uses, what to do and what not to do. A rumor has reached me that folks have not attended classes in certain communities because they had been told that anyone having completed the home nursing course would be subjected to call for war duty. This is not so, entirely without foundation and untrue.

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to express the sincere thanks of the chapter and myself to Mr. Rivers, Mrs. Ernest Hillard and Mrs. Virginia B. Jones, county health nurse, for the time and effort they have so generously given to the Red Cross home nursing department.

A Few Things I Have Learned in Home Nursing Classes

Our home nursing class sponsored by the Red Cross and taught by Mrs. Ernest Hillard, included 15 pupils.

In this class we studied individual health and personal hygiene, health environment, healthful community environment, babies and their care, how to care for older children, indications of sickness, equipment and care of the sick room; baths, bed making, how to make an occupied by; sick room furnishings and appliances and procedure; application of heat, cold and counter irritants, medicines and other remedies, feeding the sick, the home attendant and the proper daily routine; care of patient and room of communicable

their own sections. Transportation and labor supply are expected to result in a good deal more rationing than actual shortage of products.

Commodities which came from foreign lands, and require ships to bring them to the United States, will probably be most severely rationed. It is understood that OPA already has complete plans worked out for the rationing of several products and an announcement is expected soon on the rationing of one of America's most popular food products.

diseases, special points in the care of the aged, common ailments and what to do in emergencies.

We also spent some extra time learning some simple bandages.

I enjoyed the classes very much and think someone in every home should take the home nursing course.

CARLEEN MAST, Cove Creek High School.

The Advantage of Home Nursing

Every high school girl should by all means be required to take the home nursing course. Think of all the things which home nursing teaches one. Nearly everything in the home has something to do with home nursing. Home nursing teaches one how to take care of the sick, and that is something which comes to everyone's home. By knowing just what to do when someone gets hurt or sick may save doctor bills. By learning all the communicable diseases and their symptoms and care may save hospital bills. Home nursing teaches all of these. I never knew that I would ever like to be a nurse, but since I have taken the home nursing course, I think it is one of the most helpful and interesting courses that can be taken.

Mrs. Jones has taught me things I have never known before, things that will help me all through life. It helps one in her every-day life. One of the ways it has helped me in the home is how to make a bed correctly. Knowing how to make a bed has three main points to it, and they are comfort, firmness and appearance. And by making the bed correctly it has all these three things. I have learned how to keep a medicine cabinet in order and how to give medicine correctly. Another thing I have learned is how to care for a baby. But the one thing which I think is most important is how to care for a patient; the reason I think this one has helped me most is because my mother is in

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