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DOUGHTON AT ODDS WITH TREASURY ON NEW TAX PROGRAM

Ways and Means Chairman In Sharp Criticism of Mammoth New Tax Proposal of Treasury; Says More Asked Than Taxpayers Can Bear.

Washington, October 4—The treasury's mammoth new tax program intended to raise another \$10,500,000,000 from income tax payers, gum chewers, tobacco smokers and drinkers of liquor and soda pop, apparently died a-borning today.

Rep. Doughton (D., N. C.) took a quick look at the program which would increase by 40 per cent the government's overall take from personal incomes, and proclaimed it too big a burden for the taxpayers to bear at this time.

Since Doughton is chairman of the house ways and means committee, through which all tax bills must go, it was believed unlikely that this tax bill or anything remotely like it would get to first base. There was speculation that any tax bill passed this year would raise no more than half the amount the administration asked.

To Doughton, portions of the treasury plan seemed "utterly indefensible."

Calling reporters to his office, he said:

"Any benefit which might arise from the effect of the treasury's plan incurring inflation would be more than offset by such unbearable increased burdens, which may well have a tendency to break down the morale of the taxpayer."

"I feel that the secretary's (Morgenthau's) program is more ambitious, and calls for more tax, in the aggregate, than the taxpayers can reasonably bear at this time, in view of the already heavy tax liability. . . . I do not see at this time how we can make the full increases requested, either in individual, corporate or excise taxes."

"I think some of the increases recommended on excise taxes (there are a score of them) are utterly indefensible—picking out a few articles that are already taxed excessively high and imposing on these articles greatly increased taxes, leaving without any tax whatever other articles which cannot be classed as necessities."

Sizeable increases in the personal income tax were a chief feature of the treasury plan.

The effective rate in the lowest income tax bracket would jump from the present 22 per cent to 27, and increases would be made throughout the other brackets. The effective rate on taxable income over \$100,000 would be 96 per cent.

Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau with the approval of President Roosevelt, also asked for sharp increases in levies on corporations, and so-called luxuries, such as liquor and tobacco, and for new taxes on soft drinks and chewing gum.

JAPS REPULSED BY AUSTRALIANS

Village is Occupied South of Madang; Six More Barges Sent to Bottom.

Australian forces moving northwest of Lae against Madang, New Guinea, have reached the headwaters of the Ramu valley, General McArthur announced today in a communique.

The troops occupied Kaigulin village 60 miles south of Madang.

In the Solomons theatre, the Japs sent 50 planes against American-held Vella Lavella. Interceptors battled the raiders and downed at least

one at Solomons, where they were attacking their garrison at Vella Lavella, American planes shot down one.

Leading Allies to Berlin



Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, left, commander in chief of Allied ground forces, is pictured with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the fifth army, as they toured the Allied battlefield in Italy. This front which started with beachhead landings has grown to 108 miles. It stretches across the Italian boot and is moving northward.

Watauga Doubles Quota In War Bond Campaign

Future General?



Pvt. Earl O. Althoff of St. Mary, Ohio, whose general classification test was one of the highest in army records in the Fourth service command. Now stationed at Fort McClellan, Ark. he has been selected for possible training at the U. S. Military Academy.

ALLIES PUSH ON TO BATTLE OF ROME

Fifth Army Pushes On Against Nazi Force of Perhaps Five Divisions.

The American fifth and the British eighth armies pushed ahead toward the battle of Rome Tuesday against a sharply resisting German force officially estimated to contain four to five divisions, or from 60,000 to 75,000 men.

On the Italian west coast the Americans, supported by British armor, were methodically wiping out Nazi pockets of resistance left to impede their progress a short distance north of Naples.

On the Adriatic coast Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army, added by new landings from the sea at Termoli, was going ahead more rapidly in the direction of Pescara, where the main lateral road from Rome joins with the coastal road.

In the central sector the Americans drove into Montescarchio in the mountains southeast of Benevento in extension of a flank movement designed to threaten the German rear. The bank of the Volturno river, 20 miles north of the city, was captured.

Sales in Third War Loan Are Now \$241,125.75. As Against Quota of \$120,000; Farthing Says Final Reports Will Indicate Total Purchases Of \$250,000; Loan Period Extended.

Total sales of war bonds through the Third War Loan period as of the close of business last Saturday, were \$241,125.75, or considerably more than double the amount allotted to Watauga County, according to W. D. Farthing, chairman of the local war savings staff, who says that during the extended period to October 16th, sales will easily reach the quarter million mark in this county. Of the total sales \$218,793.50 had cleared the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, and was properly credited to Watauga county.

Mr. Farthing explains that bonds of series E, F, & G will be credited on the quota during the extended period, according to a recent treasury department ruling.

It is hoped by each member of the War Savings staff that there will be no let-up in the regular purchase of bonds at the close of the third war loan period. The war continues to grow with intensity and the demands of the men in uniform must be met. Everyone is asked to buy to the limit of his ability every month, so that all the fighting fronts may be adequately supplied with the weapons of victory.

Boone Clubwomen to be Present at District Meet In West Jefferson 13th

Plans are now being perfected for the annual meeting of the third district of the North Carolina federation of women's clubs, which is to be held at West Jefferson on October 13th.

A representative group from the Boone Club is planning to attend and Mrs. W. M. Grubbs, president of the club will have a part on the program, discussing "Youth Recreation." Mrs. Virginia B. Jones, also of Boone will bring greetings from the North Carolina Nurses' Association.

The theme is "War Service and Post War Planning." Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, the district president, will preside, and present objectives for the clubs in keeping with the theme and the meeting.

Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, President of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. R. A. (Continued on page eight.)

Test for V-12 Navy Grov Local Sch

NO CITY LICENSE IS NOW REQUIRED OF DEALERS IN COAL

City Council Acts to Encourage Deliveries of Coal, as Shortage Grows Acute; No More Taxes to Be Assessed Against Truckers During Emergency.

During the critical coal shortage in this city, the town government will desist from collecting coal dealers' license, in order to encourage other truckers to deliver coal before cold weather brings suffering to a large number of families in this locality, according to a statement made by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler Tuesday.

Due to the fact that many people who ordinarily haul coal were engaged in farming during the past summer, and others on government payrolls, coal bins in this community are at a new low level of supply, a very few families interviewed having enough fuel to get through the winter.

Since agricultural work is partially out of the way for the season local coal dealers report trouble in getting loaded at the mines, in many instances having to stay all night to get a load. Mines touched by railroads, it is said, have quit loading the trucks, and at wagon mines, one has to sit in line for hours on end it is reported.

Some mine operators have told local truckmen that if they will bring mine timbers, they will load them. The labor shortage precludes doing business on this scale, so all in all, the fuel situation is critical.

At any rate says Mayor Winkler, if anyone will agree to haul coal to the chilled households of the community he is urged to do so, and guaranteed that the tax collector will not interfere with his activities.

REDS MOVE ON IN WHITE RUSSIA

Russians Keep Initiative and Overrun 46 More Villages In Muddy Sector.

Keeping its initiative in White Russia alive despite mud and the Germans, the Red army Tuesday overran 46 populated places in the Vitebsk sector and pushed to within 30 miles of that Nazi stronghold which is itself 110 miles from the Latvian frontier, the Moscow radio announced.

The Russians mentioned only guerrilla activities south of Gomel.

Berlin nervously indicated that the Russians were moving troops at both ends of the front — around Lake Ilmen, far to the north, and at the southern end of the line just north of the sea of Azov.

In the Vitebsk advance, Kolshiki, 30 miles east of the city, was among the points captured. Speaking of the action the communique said: "The Germans launched several counterattacks, but were thrown back."

The war bulletin listed more than 1,150 Germans killed in two engagements near Vitebsk and Gommel.

There was a fresh hint in the communique's statement that four enemy-laden landing barges had been sunk by aircraft of the Soviet Black Sea fleet that the Germans were pulling out of their slim foothold on the Taman peninsula, or even withdrawing some forces from the Crimea.

Reporting on air activity, the communique said that fliers of one unit silenced 16 artillery batteries, destroyed 70 trucks with war supplies and dispersed about a battalion of German infantry.

FINISH FIRST AID COURSES

The following have passed their standard Red Cross first aid courses, given at the College: Hunt (advanced), R. A. Olse, Redford Greene, E. B.

Ground Is Broken For New Building To House Hosiery Mills in Boone

PROMOTED



ARCHIE G. QUALLS

FORMER RESIDENT IS PROMOTED AS U. S. ATTORNEY

Field Offices of OPA Consolidated in Charlotte; Archie Qualls is Enforcement Attorney.

The Asheville and Winston-Salem field offices of the Office of Price Administration have been consolidated and moved to the district office in Charlotte, Raleigh, formerly the State OPA Office, is now a district office. All food ration books for the State are now issued from Charlotte. There have been several organizational changes in OPA designed toward more specialization of the personnel in the various commodity fields.

Archie G. Qualls, former Boone resident, who has been serving as Assistant Enforcement Attorney in the Western North Carolina district has been given a promotion to Enforcement Attorney and placed in charge of the enforcement of the regulations governing the rationing and price of gasoline, coal, tires, and all consumer goods sold at retail except food and clothing. District headquarters are in the Law Building in Charlotte and serve the fifty western North Carolina counties and the seventy War Price and Rationing Boards in these counties.

URGENT PLEA MADE TO RED CROSS FOR DRESSINGS QUOTA

Local Red Cross Workers Are Badly Needed To Supply Need Of Wounded Soldiers.

An urgent plea is being made to all Red Cross Chapters to finish and ship all dressings that have been assigned to them up to November.

The program has been retarded to a certain extent due to delay in receiving material, but in spite of the handicaps, the Watauga County Chapter will be counted on to furnish the dressings as soon as possible. In order to meet this demand, say local Red Cross officials, we must have workers in our Red Cross room daily.

A statement from the local Red Cross production headquarters follows:

"There is not a home in Watauga County that is not affected either directly or indirectly with the war program."

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New Building to Be Rushed to Completion Within 60 Days by Local Hardware Concern; Is to Be 50x100 Feet. With Prospects of Further Expansion; Small Plant to Start Soon.

Ground was broken Saturday on the lot next door to the Southeastern Motor Company building for the erection of a modern new structure to house the hosiery mills of the Baker-Commack Co., of Burlington. The building is being erected by the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., and according to Walter C. Greene, the contractor, should be ready for occupancy within 60 days.

The new manufacturing industry first intended to use the Earl Cook Building on Depot Street, but the deal was never finally closed, and the local hardware concern agreed to provide a building for lease to the manufacturer.

The building, which is being constructed largely of materials not of critical importance to the war effort will be 50 x 100 feet. The walls will be of cinder block construction, a modern heating plant will be provided, a sprinkler system installed and all will be ready for occupancy within a two months period of favorable weather.

Lease arrangements call for the enlargement of the building to four times its original size, when needed, it is said, and understanding is that if the labor situation here works out well, the plant is to be a permanent addition to the business life of the community.

Officials of the Baker Commack (Continued on page eight.)

FIVE RESERVISTS HAVE REPORTED FOR ARMY DUTY

Selective Service Board Makes Inventory and To Start Work Of Re-Classification.

Five Watauga county reservists have been accepted by the army and have reported to their reception center. They are:

- Roy J. Miller
- Ira D. Ward
- Dean B. Hodges
- Henry C. Ford
- Bynum E. Hayes

Local draft board officials say that their inventory of registrants has been completed and that the regular re-classification will start at once.

RATIONING GUIDE

Sugar
Stamp no. 14 valid for five pounds through October. Stamps 15 and 16 good for five pounds each for canning sugar to October 31.

Food
Stamps U V and W will be valid to October 20. All commercially canned, bottled, and frozen fruits and vegetables, including juices and soups, and dried beans lentils and peas require coupons from book no. 2. Dried fruits, with the exception of prunes and raisins, and dried and dehydrated soups temporarily removed from rationing.

Meats, Fats, Oil, Cheese, Fish
All types of pork, beef, lamb and mutton, and butter, lard, other edible fats and oils, cheese and canned fish now rationed under "point system" on red coupons in War Ration Book 2. Stamp X v be valid to October 2, Y to October 2 and Z to October 2. F from 3 to 5 of book 2. (Continued on page eight.)

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