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The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them. — Thomas Jefferson.



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TAX JITTERS

Congressmen would likely be much happier if they didn't have to do anything about a new tax bill this year. For any new taxes which they pass will apply in 1944—and 1944, as we all know, is a major election year.

But since it is fairly well agreed that more taxes are necessary to stave off inflation, the big question is what new taxes would be least destructive to voters.

The treasury department, after admitting that four-fifths of our national income now goes to people earning less than \$5,000 a year, offered a plan for putting most of the additional taxes on the other fifth. That might be considered smart politics—since the votes of the one-fifth are of minor importance—but congress couldn't quite agree to an approach so lacking in subtlety.

A national sales tax, under which people would be taxed according to the amount of goods they purchase—was offered as a means of fairly distributing new taxation, but labor leaders have made it clear that they will demand higher wages, sufficient to pay the extra tax, if such a plan is adopted.

Of course congress could pass a sales tax and along with it, pass legislation to prevent wage increases, and to forbid strikes for higher pay, but that would prove disastrous on election day.

The more strictly politically-minded of the nation's lawmakers find it difficult to determine just where is the best place to lay the heavier portion of the new tax burden.

Oxford Orphanage Gives 190 To Service

The Oxford Orphanage, at Oxford, N. C., has a record of seventy years of service to the children of North Carolina. Over five thousand have been cared for and trained. Its graduates and former pupils are in all walks of life and there is no record of a former pupil having been convicted and sentenced for the committing a major crime. It is the oldest orphanage in the state and receives children other than those of membership of the supporting order.

At the present time less than fifty per cent of the population of the orphanage is of Masonic parentage. The home possesses valuable buildings, grounds and equipment and has had no operating deficit for several years.

The annual budget the Orphanage calls for an expenditure of \$170,000. This provides shelter, clothing, food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health program, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep to grounds, buildings and equipment, and experienced case work for a family of 313 children.

Superintendent C. K. Proctor announces that the sum of \$10,000 is needed this year for operating expenses in order to balance the budget.

The Oxford Orphanage is more than a philanthropy—it is an investment in the lives of North Carolina boys and girls who would not otherwise have a chance. It pays to the State and its citizenship the high dividends in character and trained young people. It is an opportunity today for North Carolina citizens to express in a substantial way their desire to help others.

The orphanages of the State use the Thanksgiving season as an occasion to appeal to the citizens of the State for much needed assistance. The Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage announces that the home is open to visitors each day and hundreds of North Carolina citizens visit this historic spot each year.

Buy War Bonds

KEY DNIEPER TOWN FALLS TO RUSSIANS

London, Nov. 3.—Red army troops fighting to collapse the German southern flank have raced 40 miles past recently captured Perekop the northwestern gateway to the now sealed off Crimea, and seized the important Dnieper river crossing town of Kakhovka, Moscow announced today.

The advance across the marshy Nogais steppe placed Russian troops within 30 miles of the Dnieper mouth port of Kherson, while the capture of Kakhovka brought death to several thousand Germans who were killed by gunfire or forced back and drowned in the Dnieper river, said the communique.

Nazi groups isolated north of the Sivash sea by the spectacular Russian victories that had trapped other thousands of Nazis in the Crimea were pressed back to the sea and completely liquidated, the war bulletin said.

Bearing north toward Kherson, and Nikolaev, the Red Spearhead, which is aimed at cutting the Nazis off behind the Dnieper bend, took

Kalachak, 20 miles northwest of Perekop, and Boishaya Mayachki, 30 miles east of Kherson.

Capture of the Black Sea town of Skadovsk, 40 miles west of Perekop and the same distance southeast of Kherson, gave the Russians control of a large section of the north coast of Karkinit bay, which separates the northwest coast of the Crimea from the mainland.

This advanced in the war bulletin broadcast by Moscow and recorded here by the Soviet Monitor, reduced still further German chances of cutting an escape corridor through for their trapped troops in the Crimea.

American Legion News.

A few weeks ago Watauga Post, 130 went on record to have an armistice day meeting with a dinner served. But since then we have learned that the Legion Post at Lenoir has purchased and remodeled a building which is one of the outstanding Legion Homes in the state. The Lenoir Post has invited the members of all the posts in the 17th district to attend a dedication of their new home, November 11th, at 5 p. m. Therefore a number of the officials of Watauga Post have de-

cid to call off the meeting and feed planned for the night of November 11th. However, commander Ralph G. Greer states that the regular monthly meeting will be held on the 3rd Friday night the 19th of November.

The last regular meeting of Watauga Post was one of the most interesting meetings we have had in a long time. A number of war veterans of the present war were there and they gave some of their experiences they had on the front in Africa and the South Pacific. It seems to put more life in these meetings when we have some of those new vets on hand to talk. They all seem to be proud to join the American Legion, and the Legion is proud to have them join the ranks.

At the next regular meeting we plan to have some souvenirs on hand which were brought back from the overseas war fronts. These will be most interesting. Come and see some of the many weapons our boys are facing.—Reported.

The WFA has announced that an individual may slaughter meat for home consumption without a license or permit if he is entitled to consume the meat point free.

LEAVES FOR MIAMI, FLA.

Blowing Rock, Nov. 2.—F. W. Webster, who served as president of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce during the past summer, and Mrs. Webster, left last week for Miami, Fla., where Mr. Webster has extensive business interests.

Under adverse conditions due to the war, Blowing Rock had the largest crowds during the summer ever to visit the resort for sustained periods. During the period the chamber of commerce was open, 1,200 tourist queries were received. Mr. Webster expects to return here early next spring.

Every beef cattle grower in the state should have a copy of extension circular no. 268, "Raising Beef Cattle in North Carolina." Write the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, for a free copy.

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THEY'RE HANGING THE MAYOR—our own mayor. He wouldn't "collaborate" another instance where it's "more blessed to give than to receive"...the benefits of these agencies listed here.

DON'T THINK it couldn't have been your mother scrubbing off the V. Lots of nations thought it couldn't happen. They found out differently...and that's one reason you won't.



SICKNESS STRIKES MERCHESSLY when the invader takes all the food and the fuel. Picture yourself...here in your home town...your own little girl in your arms...turned away from a hospital because the invaders took all the medicines and beds for themselves! Let us help. Give now!

BOONE

Here's a sample of what we didn't get because our fighting allies did!

THEY took it...in London and Lidice. In Warsaw, Prague, Paris, everywhere the swastika cast its evil shadow.

We didn't get it here... You don't see the flag with the crooked cross over our City Hall.

Well, let's not get smug about it. One of the biggest reasons is that our fighting allies were keeping it away from us while we were getting ready.

And what ingrates we'd be now if we don't do everything we can to help.

Our allies need food. Clothing. Medicines. They need them to keep fighting...to break the yoke of Axis domination.

The National War Fund is simply a new, efficient mechanism for providing them in the quickest possible time with the least amount of red tape.

But the National War Fund fights on two other fronts, too. It fights with our own fighting forces through the USO. It fights on the Home Front, too, by combining its appeal with that of our own local agencies.

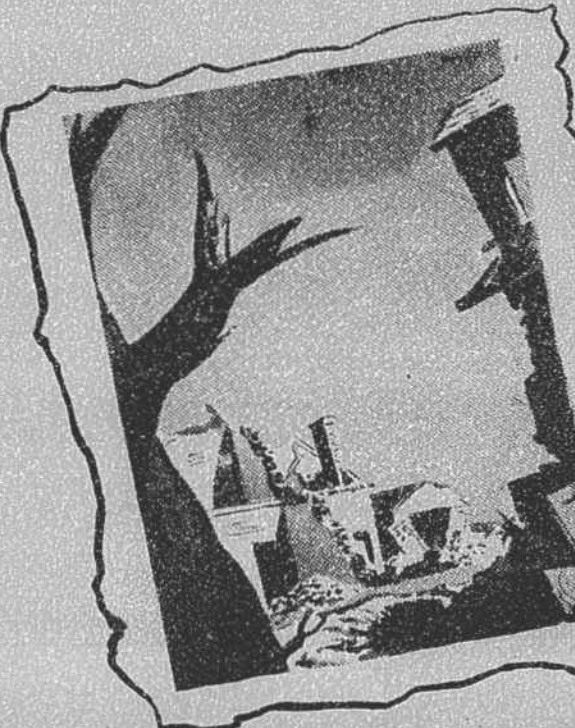
Look over the list of agencies. Figure out what you'd give each one...and double it!

You're only being asked to give once...and for all these 17 agencies. So... come on make it good!

NATIONAL WAR FUND

Give ONCE for ALL these

- USO
- United Seamen's Service
- War Prisoners Aid
- Belgian War Relief Society
- British War Relief Society
- French Relief Fund
- Friends of Luxembourg
- Greek War Relief Association
- Norwegian Relief
- Polish War Relief
- Queen Wilhelmina Fund
- Russian War Relief
- United China Relief
- United Czechoslovak Relief
- United Yugoslav Relief Fund
- Refugee Relief Trustees
- United States Committee for the Care of European Children



HOME SWEET HOME...Here was the core and center of your life...burned to the ground by a vandal Axis torch. Russia has many, many scenes like this...and Greece, Jugo-Slavia, Norway, and...remember a village called Lidice? We've been lucky in our town. Seems like a good idea to sort of celebrate our good luck by sharing with the less lucky.



RECENT "GUEST" AT AN "AXIS CLUB." Nazis and Japs have a fine custom in common. Pretty girls in a conquered area are placed in "officers' clubs." It didn't happen here!

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