

50,000,000 Taxpayers Greet New Year With Great Rejoicing

Washington—Fifty million federal taxpayers can greet the new year with rejoicing. Their taxes will be lightened for the first time in 16 years. The slash will be almost \$6,000,000,000 for 1946.

Monday midnight this happened:
1. Some 12,000,000 low-income persons went off the tax rolls completely. Others making up to \$50,000 a year will get tax cuts of 10 percent or more—with smaller reductions for those making over \$50,000. The 1946 relief for individuals will total \$2,844,000,000.

2. The war-imposed 85.5 percent excess profits tax on corporations was repealed. The administration said this levy could be justified only as a means of preventing "war profiteering." Business will get tax relief amounting to \$3,136,000,000.

3. Withholdings from pay envelopes and salary checks will be reduced, to reflect the cut in taxes. For wage and salary earners this will look something like a raise. They'll take more money home on pay day.

The first post-war tax law, enacted last fall, was designed by its sponsors to stimulate business in the reconversion period and create jobs. It is the first general tax reduction law since President Hoover put his signature to a "Christmas" present slash in 1929.

The new law provides special income tax treatment for veterans of World War II. It erases federal levies on wartime service pay of enlisted men and gives officers three years to settle tax accounts with the government.

It repeals the \$5 use tax, effective

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Blowing Rock High School News

The Christmas spirit was manifested in a series of very meaningful programs given in the auditorium of the Blowing Rock school during the week preceding Christmas. First, Mrs. Whitener's second grade presented "Why the Chimes Rang," and later the eleventh grade gave a one-act play entitled "To Bethlehem," in which the entire class took part.

On Friday, Dec. 21, "The Awakening of Ebenezer Scrooge," a playlet in three acts adopted from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," was given. Every grade in school was represented in the cast of characters and everybody joined in the singing of carols. A number of patrons of the school were present and later visited the various departments.

The third edition of "Blowing Rock Breezes" was issued on the 21st. This issue was very colorful with drawings especially appropriate to the holiday season.

The school reopened on Monday, Dec. 31st, with fair attendance. Due to the "flu" epidemic and bad roads, many pupils were unable to attend. Many of the school boys and girls took part in various types of Christmas programs in their own churches during the season.

The young people of Blowing Rock sponsored a dance in the school gym on Dec. 22. It proved to be a very successful and enjoyable affair for those attending.

The lunch room is artistically decorated for this week with bright and attractive "New Year's Greetings."

Over 300 families in Pretoria, South Africa, are living in garages, due to a housing shortage.

next July, at a saving of \$140,000,000 to automobile, truck and boat owners. It freezes the social security tax in 1946 at one percent each on employees' pay and employers' pay-rolls.

New Deadline Set For Army Re-enlistment

January 31, 1946, is an important date for many men, Lt. Lindsay, commander of the U. S. army recruiting station at Lenoir, announced today. There have been several new changes in the past few days, the Lieutenant said, and they affect quite a few of the men who have recently been discharged, or are still in the army. The new changes are as follows:

Men now in the army have until Jan. 31, 1946, to re-enlist and retain their present grades.

Men who have been recently discharged, have 20 days in which to re-enlist, if they wish to retain the grade they held at time of discharge, provided they re-enlist before Feb. 1, 1946.

In addition to the five overseas theatres formerly announced, China, Pacific, European, Caribbean and Alaska, another theatre has been added. Now, a man enlisting, or re-enlisting, for three years may also pick the Mediterranean theatre, giving him a choice of almost any theatre our troops were in.

There are plenty of reasons for re-enlisting, the lieutenant pointed out, for never before has the army offered so much in all its history. A summary of them will give an idea of the advantages and benefits, said Lieut. Lindsay.

A man re-enlisting within 20 days retains his grade at which discharged. To most men that means a lot.

By re-enlisting for three years he can pick the branch of service in the air, ground or service forces, and, in addition, can choose the overseas theatre he wishes to serve in.

If a man re-enlists within 90 days after discharge, he will receive \$50 for each year he has served, or for the time he served since last such bonus was paid. This adds up to a tidy sum for quite a few men.

Family allowances will be in force for the term of his re-enlistment.

Under recent legislation, the benefits of the G I Bill of Rights have been extended to include the man who re-enlists, giving him all the advantages after the term of his enlistment is finished.

All food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are supplied him.

A man re-enlisting has a chance to learn any of 200 skills and trades, at no cost, and will be paid while learning.

If he re-enlists within 20 days, he will have a furlough, from 30 to 90 days, depending on length of former service, with transportation paid to and from home. This does not affect the regular 30 days of furlough, he is privileged to have while in service, each year.

Also, if a man desires to make the army a career, he can retire after 20 years service at half pay, or after 30 years at three-quarters pay. There are few jobs that offer so much security for the future as a job with the army. In addition, every three years an enlisted man receives a raise in pay, and it is automatic, making a nice increase to the base pay. A job that goes right on and pays an increase each three years is hard to get.

Lt. Lindsay, in announcing the new changes in re-enlistment, also stated that he had made a change in the policy of the recruiting station—a special service to the men living in outlying parts of this district and on farms, who are unable to secure prompt bus or other transportation to Lenoir. If a man wants to enlist or re-enlist in the army, or wishes to have information concerning it, he can contact the U. S. army recruiting station, postoffice building, Lenoir, N. C., telephone 744, by letter, phone or in person, and an army recruiter will contact him by special army vehicle, and transport him to the recruiting station, or give him the information he desires. A man may, to save time, enlist the same day he comes to Lenoir, if he so desires.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as the administratrix of the estate of S. C. Carroll, late of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within 12 months of the date hereof, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This Nov. 26, 1945.
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Happy New Year
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Happy because of the small part we have played in the crises of the past years.
Happy because you, our many friends, have shown so much consideration and taken the many disappointments and with so much understanding and without complaint.
Confidence in our country and our leaders.
Confidence in our industry to produce the things we have waited so patiently for.
Confidence in the co-operation of our personnel to serve you courteously, efficiently during the year to come, and your confidence in ourselves, inspired by the loyalty of our many friends and customers who, despite the many disappointments of the past year have kept their confidence in us and showed their appreciation for the effort we have made to serve you.
Yes, we start the New Year with happiness and confidence!
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