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LOCAL TAX RATE HIGH BUT NECESSARY

The N. C. feels that it should commend the Lillington Town Council for its wisdom in deciding to retain the high tax rate for the next fiscal year.

Sewer system and streets can use a goodly sum in rendering the town more modern.

To be sure, high tax rate is not something that can be held out as inducement to new enterprises and new residents.

The \$1.74 tax rate can mean a tremendous lot to Lillington if it is used wisely.

ATOM BOMB SUFFICIENTLY DESTRUCTIVE

First reports from the atom bomb test on Bikini atoll may have caused some confusion among those who had come to think of the newly discovered destroying agent as the absolute "wiper-off" of the earth.

All information about the tests, however, should be taken with a large dose of "military secrecy."

There is plenty of deadly power in the atom bomb, and just how much is a matter that will not be given publicly—not just now, at any rate.

Last report comes from Capt. George Lyon, radiological officer, who declares that the entire fleet of 73 ships would have been left helpless had it been fully manned.

The atom bomb, what it can do, and what it may be made to do, will still be among the mysteries in the lay mind, and will continue so for some time to come.

There is every reason to believe, however, that what the bombs did for the big Japanese cities is merely a sample of what may be expected if ever there is another war—which, please God, may never come.

CAN OUR ECONOMY SURVIVE WITHOUT OPA?

With everybody knowing human nature for what it is, and what it can be counted on to be for aye and aye, nobody really placed any faith in the hope expressed by Mr. Chester Bowles, retiring head of the emergency agency that "everybody would try to hold prices down."

Be it said to the eternal credit and commendation of many retailers and others that they have vowed they will "hold the line" as long as the manufacturers and others from whom they buy refrain from pushing them against the wall.

Manufacturers, too, many of them, have declared by all that's good and holy that they will not only maintain reasonable prices but will stoutly resist any hiking of prices.

With these substantial aids for proceeding toward normalcy without regimentation, the consuming public—and remember, that includes all of us—may with comparative ease take the matter in hand and go along in even tenor.

That is to say, fair- and right-minded people being in the great majority, it should be comparatively easy for the wrong-minded chiselers to be dealt with.

And how can we deal with them? First, those who seek to take advantage of the situation to grab off exorbitant prices should be so scorned that they will feel the contempt which good people hold for them. That again calls for concerted action. But it would seem to be the immediate concern of all good people that righteousness shall prevail,

therefore all should cooperate in the movement against chiselers. Many reports have come to light in which landlords have jumped rents to dizzy heights.

If everybody will put forth the same effort in cooperating with such movement as they did to hold the line under OPA, then it will not be long until we can forget OPA absolutely and completely.

VACAY DAYS FOR THE HUNTERS

Taking earliest possible advantage of the first summer since 1941 to go home and yonder in search of relaxation and recreation, thousands, yes, millions, of people have either been, have gone, or are intending to go to their favorite resorts to revel in whatever form of vacation suits their fancy.

After all of the inhibitions of the past several years, together with the trials and tribulations involved in efforts to abide within the scope of rules, regulations, restrictions, and so forth, that a war-time economy imposed upon them, the vacationers feel somewhat like a half-grown citizen out of school.

And it's not going to matter much how blitzy the sunburn and mosquito-bite become. For the 1946 vacationer feels amply able to defend himself against such minor combatants.

This should be, and no doubt will be, the happiest vacation most people have had since Jap treachery threw terror our way and put our bones aching to the marrow.

It will be enjoyable because we now have peace, or something akin to it. That joy will be reinforced and to a degree stabilized by reason of the fact the American people now feel that from here on they are in complete mastery of the world's destiny and they are determined to see that it is charted on a safe and sane course.

That there is much yet to be done will not dampen the spirit of the vacationer, because the confidence is held that, come what may, they will never again be caught napping when world safety is at stake.

New Hunting-Fishing Guide Now Available

Harnett county hunters may now gain an invaluable aid at local Esso stations, where the new "Esso Fishing and Hunting Guide to North Carolina" is now available to all.

According to an announcement made by J. Laurens Wright, district Esso manager of Charlotte, the booklet was compiled by the company with the cooperation of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, and is a complete guide on the subjects covered in the title.

Local anglers or hunters are invited to drop by any Harnett county Esso station to pick up their free copy of this valuable booklet.

Cotton Retires From The RFD Presidency

The State Rural Letter Carriers' Association ended its 43rd annual session last Saturday in Raleigh with election of officers. W. J. Cotton of Fuquay Springs retired from the presidency and Roe E. Mills of China Grove was elected to succeed him.

Other officers are: H. A. Capps, Rocky Mount, vice president; R. C. Wineberger, Boone, secretary-treasurer; C. Slade Spruill, Columbia, chairman executive committee; S. F. Lee, Willow Springs, chaplain; R. G. Vannoy, Purlear, new member executive committee.

Next convention site is to be decided by a special committee.

Brothers Assail Dunn Constable And Escape

Two men assaulted and beat Constable A. H. Ivey of Dunn last Thursday afternoon, July 4, after his attempt to arrest them.

After chasing two men, whom the constable alleges are Trolledge and Colon Norris, Harnett county brothers, to the Cumberland county border, Ivey became involved in the fracas. After the two left, the officer got medical treatment and then signed warrants charging his assailants with multiple assault. Ivey was badly beaten, but not seriously injured.

MRS. JESSIE C. WHITE

Mrs. Jessie Collins White, 22, of Jonesboro, R-2, died in Lee County Hospital at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning after a short illness.

Mrs. White was the daughter of Elbert B. and the late Maggie Collins. She was born in Harnett County and was married to Otis F. White.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, the Rev. W. A. Pate officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband of Durham, five children, Darius, Louise, Brenda Joyce, Otis White, Jr., and a baby born Saturday; and her father of Jonesboro R-1.

CHATEL MORTGAGES, 2 for 5 cents at The News office.

OBSERVATIONS

BY A COUNTRY SCRIBE

UP AND DOWN THE LINE.—Appearance of large advertisements in many of the newspapers by merchants and manufacturers declaring that they intend to "hold the line" against inflation and vigorously oppose any tendency toward sky-rocketing prices shows how faithfully these advertisers have been hewing to the line in order to abide by the OPA laws.

IN THE COOKROOMS.—Throughout Harnett county today there are huge cookrooms heated to a high temperature, putting the finishing touches to a multi-million dollar vegetable known as Carolina Bright Leaf. This leaf when cooked will command great attention and admiration from buyers who want it for making cigarettes and other forms of usable tobacco.

WATCH THOSE YOUNGSTERS!—In Clerk Howard Godwin's office last Friday morning a teen-age Negro boy was brought in by the officers because he had made some improper remarks to a young white girl.

COMING UP.—Ask any automobile dealer today when he expects to get new cars and he will tell you, "Don't know." Thus one of the most pressing questions goes unanswered.

THE HIGHEST TAX.—We've heard many arguments on the pros and cons of bond issues for roads and schools. But in our opinion, the championship for the best argument belongs with the late Governor Bob Glenn.

DISCOURAGING.—Most discouraging period of all, perhaps, to the preachers is vacation time when congregations are very slim.

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Warranty Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Agricultural Liens, Mortgage Deeds and Chattels for sale at The News office

HOME BREW

BY MRS. LOU

Well, ever since Sunday when we listened in to the atomic bomb doing us Bikini Lagoon, I guess we've all been mo' or less jittery.

I was so sorry for tom goats an' could just see 'em in my mine's eye or flying in fragrant in ever dreshoon—an' to an behold, them goats never stopped munched hay, an' thought hit was all did for their erumements.

Sunday er young man tole me erbout his bird dogs.

He's got three, two females, an' one male. The oldis one, Fannie, had puppis er about year ergo and when they died of distemper, hit mighty nigh kilt her, she grieved like er human bein', an' for so long refused to eat that he feared he would lose her.

Not long ergo, Nellie, the young female, had eight fat, wigglin' puppis.

Fannie was delighted, an' ever time Nellie would git out fer exercise, Fannie would git in with them puppis; she cuddled 'em so that they began to nurse her, an' strange to say she soon was givin' 'em milk erbout her mammy.

The young man tole me erbout er nabor's dog too; she had puppis an' they all got kilt er tryin' to cross the highway when they was rael young. The mammy dog didn't grieve long before she began to nose erround. She disklivered four young kittens in er nabor's barn, so she took 'em, one by one, over to her own bed an' raisin' 'em.

I guess ever body's er wonderin' what OPA is goin' to do. Hit ain't date—hit is er trance, but when hit will come to, is the next question.

Officers assisting in the capture were Sheriff W. E. Salmon, deputy sheriffs C. H. Avery and E. C. Jackson of Erwin, Constable R. H. Butler of Erwin, Constable A. H. Ivey of Dunn, Police officer W. J. Sauls of Dunn, and Prison Camp Supt. S. R. Sessions of Lillington.

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BRIGHT LEAF FARMERS TO VOTE FRIDAY

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the 1946 allotment for any farm which has grown up to 75 per cent of its allotted acreage in any one of the past three years.

Every person who has an interest in the 1946 crop of flue-cured tobacco as owner, tenant, or share cropper is entitled to vote in the referendum but no person is entitled to more than one vote even though he produces tobacco in two or more communities, counties, or States.

Cameron said, "I believe it is up to us to show our interest by going to the polls and voting one way or the other. This is the democratic way of deciding this important issue and I urge that every flue-cured tobacco grower in the county go to his community voting place on Friday, July 12, and vote in this referendum."

Insane Criminals Are Captured Here

The alert eye and memory of a highway patrolman saved Harnett county citizens from possible danger and depredation here Tuesday of this week.

Patrolman H. J. Hunt, while driving on Highway 421, 3 miles from Bule's Creek, saw two men, one of whom he recognized as Ernest Wilkins, who was sentenced and confined in the May term of Superior Court here.

Quickly he summoned help from nearby towns. Six police officers and around 25 citizens came in response. After a long chase, two escaped prisoners from the criminally insane ward of the state hospital in Raleigh were captured. With Wilkins, whose address is Dunn R-4, was Isham Plemons, 19 year old Asheville youth.

Both said that they escaped Sunday morning. The capture came at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday.

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Capital News Letter

By TOHMPSON GREENWOOD

DEAR SIR—General Hugh S. (Old Ironpants) Johnson used to say that about 50 percent of the letters he received were of the "Dear Sir, You Cur!" variety.

His letters, say the veterans, are always nice, always evasive... However, they forget that Senator Hoyer is now presiding over the Senate, and consequently isn't doing too much plugging for anything these days.

FUNNIES — Washington Merry-Go-Round reorted a while back that Clyde has been reading funny books. Drow P. arson, author of that column and once referred to by the late FDR as a "chronic liar," explained, that Hoyer kept a big important-looking book before him as he presided, but that behind this blind Clyde would be observed reading and smiling over a comic book.

He merely replied that any person who had to listen to Senator Claude Pepper speak for four hours on a stretch was entitled to any relief available. Touche! ...

ESTIMATES—This is a worrisome time for State officials. R. G. Deyton, who is called, among other things, the assistant director of the budget (Gov. Cherry is the director) has asked for an estimate of financial needs of all departments for the biennium 1947-49. Now you can see how difficult it would be for you to determine what you would need in the way of money for the first six months of 1949; for instance. But it has to be done, like it or not.

The estimates will be submitted to the Advisory Budget Commission, which begins its work now in a few days by making a tour of all mental hospitals and other State institutions. This commission then takes the estimates, cuts them down, publishes them in its report, send them back, and the officials can either accept these reduced figures or up them again and present them to the Legislature when it convenes next January.

The Advisory Budget group this time is composed of Clarence Stone of Rockingham County, Tom Pearsall of Nash, LeRoy Martin of Raleigh, John Kerr, Jr., of Warren, Brandon Hodges of Buncombe, Irving Carlyle of Winston-Salem... all pretty good men. They must not only figure what State expenses will be from 1947 to 1949, but what the State's income will be. This commission is far and away the most important of any, of the bodies deriving their power from State Government. ...

NOTES—What is this talk about Undersecretary of War Kenneth Royall (of Goldsboro), planning to re-tire from this position next spring in run for Governor? Answer: Nothing. He would like to be Governor, but isn't sure he could make it... been out of the swing too long... With another big raise for all Federal employees coming on, the State is fearful of losing more valuable stenographers... The turnover is pretty terrific right now... Several State bulletins are now being held up because of the inavailability of slick paper. It's all been grabbed by national magazines, 100 new ones made their appearance in May and June... Had John Folger beaten Thurmond Chatham (in the Fifth) by less than 500 votes—instead of more than 2,000—you would now be hearing of some knock-down-drag-out battles between some election officials in Raleigh and those in Stokes County. As it is, any minor change in the ballots would make no difference. ...

IN THE COURT OF THE RECORDER

Eleven cases appeared this week before Judge Floyd H. Taylor in Harnett county Recorder's Court.

In the session, which lasted through Tuesday morning, four negroes and seven white people appeared. All were found guilty, and sentences are as follows:

Bernie Davis, negro, driving without license, fined costs and received judicial reprimand not to drive until license is procured.

Estelle Cannady, negroes, assault with deadly weapon, 12 months at hard labor in the county home.

Willie Jacobs, assault on a female, confined to jail until such time as his family can make arrangements to have him placed in a mental institution.

Nelson Hill, negro, larceny and receiving stolen goods, 90 days on the roads.

M. B. Johnson, assault on a female, continued until August 27.

Walter Davis, negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and malicious destruction of personal property. Prosecution found to be frivolous and malicious. Elizabeth Davis, marked prosecuting witness and taxed with costs of court.

Walter Colville, assault, fined \$10 and costs.

Crosby Dupree, driving while intoxicated, 60 days on the roads, suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs. Driving license forfeited.

Robert Levi Hughes, operating auto; with improper brakes, \$5 and costs.

Alfred Smith Stephens, operating auto with improper lights, taxed costs.

Mrs. Marie Perry, driving automobile on wrong side of the road, taxed costs.

LAND POSTERS

Mr. Farmer, do you know that great damage is done to your property each year by people who trespass upon your land? Get some land posters from our office and post your land. It will pay you.

We have posters that forbid cutting timber as well as hunting and fishing.

THE NEWS OFFICE