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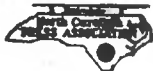
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Few Young Men Left

The new ruling barring deferment for men under 26 years of age will not have a great effect on the manpower situation locally.

From information we have received, there are but few Wilkes men under 26 years of age who have occupational deferments, excepting those who are farmers and who have 16 or more units.

Thus it appears that there will be but little change and that fathers will continue to be called at a rapid rate to fill the ranks of the armed forces, because there is no other course of manpower left.

Efforts to secure a sufficient number of women for the women's branches of the services to relieve men in uniform of light jobs in order that they may go to the fighting fronts have been disappointing, and there is yet hints of drafting women for the WACS, WAVES, SPARS, etc. But there seems to be a question in the minds of many who have studied manpower problems as to why men now with 4F classifications and men over 38 cannot fill the jobs that WACS, WAVES, SPARS and other women in the service are needed for.

There seems to be little doubt that the manpower problem has been muddled from time to time, and that some kind of a national service act should have been enacted in December, 1941, when we were forced into war. Every man called to the induction center in the past two and one-half years and who was physically unfit for military service could have been assigned to essential work, if he was not already engaged in such, and much would have been done to solve a perplexing problem.

The Bigger Taxes

On Saturday the cost of many articles will be increased substantially.

The increased cost to the purchaser will not mean that the retailer or the manufacturer will get more for the products. The increase is in the form of an additional tax on certain items levied to pay a small fraction of the cost of the war.

Items such as jewelry and other so-called luxury products will have a 20 per cent tax. In plain language, this means adding 20 cents for every dollar of the price. A \$5 item will cost six dollars.

The new tax bill is estimated to yield only two and one-half billion dollars more than the tax laws of the past year brought in. The treasury department wanted about eight billion more and Wendell Willkie came out with a statement that there should be fifteen billion in additional taxes, which, even if true, sounds like bad political talking on the part of a man who aspires to be president of his country.

But the fact does remain that America must raise an enormous amount by way of taxation, as well as by bond selling. Bonds have to be paid back with interest, and financial experts say it is safer for the country to tax the people to their ability to pay during this inflationary period. Taxation is a curb on inflation and will relieve the people of too great an interest burden in the leaner days sure to come after the war.

With all factors considered, we must agree that the new tax bill is mild, and we shouldn't grumble when a piece of jewelry or a movie ticket costs more because of the tax. The increased tax applies mainly to items we could get along without, and does not place additional burdens on those who find it difficult to buy the bare necessities of life.

Some one says there is no need for a postwar depression. However, we often get a lot of things we don't especially need. —Winston-Salem Journal.

End Combinations Against Employment

A generation ago, laws were passed prohibiting combinations in restraint of trade. Today labor is cursed with combinations in restraint of employment.

It has become impossible for an American workman to earn a living in basic industries without paying for that privilege, and complying absolutely with the dictates of all-powerful union combinations in restraint of employment.

A soldier home from the bloodiest battlefield, where he fought to perpetuate the ideals of freedom, would find himself blocked in getting a job in his chosen industry, in the majority of cases, unless he bowed his head, signed on the dotted line, and paid the sum demanded by some labor boss for the right to work.

Our own government has aided and abetted this combination, in defiance of every principle of liberty, and contrary to the right of a free man to join or not to join in any lawful organization.

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Borrowed Comment

BUYING A DEPRESSION (Reidsville Review)

The American people are on the verge of buying a new depression. Many are spending recklessly. Spending without regard to the future, and the rainy day. Spending without thinking of the day when high wages and high salaries will be over. Spending without thinking of the day when the millions of soldiers come home, ank back to their jobs to which they are entitled. Spending without thinking of the fact that reckless and needless spending will bring inflation. Spending without realizing that inflation will cut down the buying power of your dollar when you will need the dollar most.

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We are now producing enough to provide every family in the United States with an income of \$5000 a year. We have demonstrated beyond doubt that we have it within our power to abolish poverty.—Prof. Clair Wilcox of Swartmore College.

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WILLING MINDS AND READY HANDS

Regardless of the fact that we are living in a day of greed, selfishness, pride, worldliness, drunkenness, lust, pleasure-seeking and money-grabbing, yet there are still many good people. They love God, the Holy Bible, their fellowmen, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the truth of God, righteousness, holiness and all that is uplifting and ennobling. Thank God for this, and praise His holy and matchless name forever.

This class of people have willing minds and ready hands to serve God; and of course we serve Him by serving one another. Whenever and wherever an opportunity presents itself to bless humanity, do good, win souls and help pilgrims on their journey heavenward, they are on the spot. They pray, they give, they encourage, they uplift.

If there is need in the community of a church they do not hesitate to give of their money, their material, their time and labor. They realize that all they have come as a blessing from God, therefore gladly give back to God a part of what He blesses them with. Such people are the best citizens of our country. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. God shines through them to bless others.

The only reason that many of these people do not do more for God and His cause is because they are not able. If they had more they would give more. Among them are numbers of conscientious tithers; and they also give liberally out of the remaining nine-tenths. God blesses them with health and strength, salvation and happiness. They enjoy life, and greatly appreciate the good things they receive from the bountiful hand of God. They are happy to do something for the good of their neighbors, their country, and for the advancement of God's cause. It is a pleasure to them to live for others. God's love is shed abroad in their hearts and they delight to do His blessed will.

Those who love God and mankind always have willing minds and ready hands to help the sick and afflicted, the poor and needy, the orphans, the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ministers of the Gospel, and they delight to contribute to the spread of the Gospel over all the earth. It is blessed to live for God with a willing mind and ready hands.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By

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FALSE ECONOMY—

This story comes to us from a rural community.

A man sent his son to borrow his neighbor's Journal-Patriot. On the way back the boy tripped on a vine, fell into a beehive and was badly stung.

While running to the aid of his son, the man ruined a \$5.00 pair of pants on a barbed wire fence.

A \$100 cow was stung by the bees, became frightened, ran through the fence onto the highway and was killed by a passing truck.

Seeing the commotion, the wife ran out, knocked over the churn and spilled four gallons of cream on a \$50 rug. She fainted, fell against a \$10 table lamp, broke the lamp and her \$40 set of false teeth. The baby fell into the cream and crawled onto a \$5 bedspread nearby.

The older daughter took advantage of the excitement to elope with the hired man.

All because they hadn't bought a year's subscription to The Journal-Patriot, which would have cost only \$1.50.

KNEW HIS FATHER—

The class was doing arithmetic.

Teacher (to one student)—How much would your father give you if he wanted to send you to the store to buy 4 1-2 pounds of coffee?

Student (objecting) He'd never buy that much at one time.

Teacher—never mind that. How much would he give you?

Student—But, teacher, he does not like coffee. He'd not give me anything.

Teacher (sternly)—Now, no evasion. What would he give you to buy that coffee?

Student (protesting)—Nothing.

I tell you. If he did like coffee, which he doesn't, and if he would buy that much, which he wouldn't, and if he would send me to the store, which he wouldn't—he'd use the telephone—he'd have the store charge it.

Teacher—But supposing he would do it anyhow.
Student—Oh, teacher, you wouldn't ask such questions if you knew my father.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

KEEP ON
BUY MORE WAR BONDS

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER APRIL 1, 1944

A 20 PER CENT FEDERAL TAX GOES ON THEATRE ADMISSIONS

The New Admissions Are As Follows:

	Established Price	Fed. Tax	TOTAL
Matinee	25c	5c	30c
Night	33c	7c	40c
Saturday	29c	6c	35c
Wednesday	10c	2c	12c
Children under 12 years old, including tax			12c

The Federal Government requires us to collect a Tax on every seat occupied. It will therefore be necessary for every child occupying a seat to purchase a ticket. We will appreciate your cooperation in helping us to carry out this new ruling.

We Shall at All Times Strive to Give You the Best In
— ENTERTAINMENT —

Allen Theatre



Doctor ...
Lawyer ...
Merchant ...
Chief?

THROUGHOUT the Southland, thousands of clear-eyed youngsters...schooled in the traditions that have made America what it is today...are busily preparing to bring new greatness to Southern industry, agriculture and commerce...and better living to all America.

The lad poring over his chemistry book will some day make marvelous new things from Southern minerals, woods, cotton and many other Southern products.

The farm boy with the "green thumb" will raise huge crops and fine cattle on his fertile native soil.

The boy with inventive genius will find the South eager to employ his ideas.

And the youngsters who thrill as our trains rush by will some day...as railroaders...help to bring better living to all America. For the Southern Railway System

will carry these products of peace with the same speed and efficiency and economy that it now carries Southern products to war.

Like all Southerners, we are now putting our might into the war to speed Victory and to help build a better, stronger South.

Like all Southerners, we are also doing our part to make the South a land of opportunity for the youngsters who are growing up today.

Emmet C. Norris
President

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

