

# SCRAP COMING ON MOVIE TAX

## Restoration Of 1939 And 1941 Schedule Is Recommended

RALEIGH, Jan. 17. — The first big scrap in the finance committee is apt to come on the budget recommendation to restore the 1939 and 1941 schedule of taxes on moving picture theatres, in lieu of the 1943 flat tax assessment.

The "permanent" revenue act of 1939, unchanged in 1941, applied a tax of three percent on theatre admissions, with a maximum advance down payment of \$425.00. The 1943 assembly changed that to a flat tax based on population of town and seating capacity of theatres with a maximum of \$2,500. Yield from the flat rate tax was substantially less than from the three percent, and the advisory budget commission this year recommended restoring the admission formula.

**PROTEST**

The picture show folk base their protest on two major premises: First, the excess revenue collected under the admission tax in 1942-43 was due to wartime inflation, and they desired then and now to be on a permanent basis. Secondly, they "stood the gaff" for years—through the depression and the late New Deal as well as early war time eras — and paid substantially more than any other business coming under schedule B license bracket. In 1931-32 for instance, the picture shows yielded about \$69,000 to the state. Last year they produced \$157,000. Meantime professional licensees, owners, bottlers, manufacturers and others coming under the bracket had increased yields from ten to 50 percent, instead of 250 as was the case with moving pictures.

Representatives of the picture show business say they do not want, have never asked for special privileges. They do want fair treatment, and want to share in both adversity and prosperity with other business enterprises. And they do not understand why the budget made two years ago for restoration of the taxes that they paid under informal protest all during the depression era.

The finance committee will hear a lot more about this.

# LEDO ROAD

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It may deteriorate slightly under the effects of relative good fortune in the military field.

The main facts in the Chinese political puzzle today are these:

1. Dissident elements in Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang party are gaining increasing strength and the 15 to 20 old-time conservatives who often have been blamed for looking after their party interests rather than the ultimate welfare of China no longer are in secure control.
2. Chiang himself remains the only real national leader in China. American policy, while welcoming the upsurge of the liberalizing malcontents within the party is devoted to supporting and working with him.
3. Nevertheless, President Roosevelt's representatives in Chungking, mostly notably Ambassador Patrick Hurley, are constantly putting pressure on Chiang to get together with the communist elements in North China and add their resources to the Chinese war effort.

Two or three months ago there was considerable hope here that an agreement would be reached between Chiang and the communists to end the struggle and complete China's unification.

Now that the military outlook is so vastly improved the Chungking government is believed to have stiffened over the communist issue. The communists, meanwhile, since they also are growing in strength and enjoying a kind of indirect American support, are in no mood to compromise either.

**FDR**

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The May bill provides for induction into Army work units of recalcitrant draft registrants. Committee sentiment, however, favors fining them up to \$10,000 and putting them in prison for as long as five years. May said the President would leave the penal details to congress.

The industry, like organized labor, has advocated voluntary rather than coercive measures. Industry's views being slated for presentation to the committee today by the National Association of Manufacturers.

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# CONGRESS FEARS BUT LONGS FOR PAY INCREASES

## WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—Congress looked longingly—but a little fearfully—today at a proposal calling for a \$15,000-per-year boost in pay for the lawmakers.

Made by the National Planning association, a non-partisan group representing government, labor, management and agriculture, the 14-point proposal listed two recommendations that stirred up the congressmen for congressmen' movement.

In addition to urging that the present \$10,000 congressional paycheck be upped to \$25,000, the NPA's blueprint for "strengthening the Congress" called for a retirement pay program for the legislators.

**FAIR**

The NPA held that it was a matter of fairness that congressmen receive more pay and retirement benefits. Members, however, tended to shy away from it. They voiced a private fear that the entire program for modernizing the legislative machinery might be jeopardized.

The death of Senator Francis Maloney (D-Conn) brought new demands for this modernization.

Rep. Monroney (D-Okla) called his the victim of a committee procedure "he fought so valiantly to modernize."

Maloney and Monroney were sponsors of a resolution setting up a 12-member senate-house group to undertake a modernization study looking to, among other things, a possible reduction in overlapping committees.

# LIGHT

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The Japanese are well dug in along foothills of the Benguet mountains and are making a stout and diligent attempt to prevent the Americans from securing their left flank. Possibly the key town on a highway leading to Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines.

Other Japanese tanks were sighted on the right flank of the 50-mile wide beachhead, but the enemy has been hesitant to risk his meagre supply of thinly-armored tanks against the American firepower.

This campaign is unlike many previous ones in that the Japanese are not hurling any Banzai charges or making any suicidal stands. So far, the enemy seems content to stay out of the way.

**WITHDRAWN**

The effort the enemy is making to delay the northeastern expansion of the American beachhead so far has confirmed Filipino reports that the bulk of the Japanese forces in the central Luzon area started to withdraw northward into the mountains by the time the Sixth Army invaded the island.

On the right flank of the Yank beachheads patrols reached Alaminos, road junction on Boliang Peninsula which juts like a thumb on Luzon's west coast.

American warplanes, dominating the Luzon skies, supported the southward drive with destructive attacks on key enemy bridges, communication lines, assembly areas and airbases the length of the island.

Bombers damaged runways and airfield installations and destroyed many parked planes at Aparri, Clark and Batangas airfields. Only three Japanese planes were seen in their, and all were shot down. One U. S. plane was lost.

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According to law, Egypt's king must be a Moslem, son of Moslem parents and a direct male descendant of Mohamed Ali.

# State Department Promises Supplies To French Civilians

## WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The State department announced today an increase in supply shipments to Europe for French civilian use.

The increase results from conversations held by Jean Monnet, French representative, and Secretary of State Stettinius and other American officials.

It is part of a general effort to step up supply shipments to European liberated countries on which the United States and Britain have agreed and for which they have allocated a few ships not urgently required for military supplies.

# SECOND

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glazed with ice and sleet this morning kept them slippery. Underneath all were massive German mine fields, planted during three months of lull.

**STRAIGHTENING**

The attack presumably was intended to straighten out a German wedge into Allied lines, it was fended off overnight by intruder raids on German-billed areas in the towns of Wassberg and Wegberg just east of the Roer.

To the south, the German salient in the Ardennes was flattened back until nowhere was it more than 15 miles deep. The U. S. First army was battering relentlessly down from the north toward St. Vith, last main road gate back to the Siegfried line. A few German snipers were being hunted down in the ruins of fallen Houffalize.

In the Maginot Line battle north of the Haguenau forest, the U. S. 7th army had withstood three days of an increasingly powerful German attack against the village of Hatten and was slowly beating the Nazis back from the town. Three-fourths of it was in Allied hands; some 2,200 Germans with flame-throwing tanks were in the other fourth.

**2-WAY ATTACK**

The cross-Rhine German stand north of Strasbourg was under two-way attack by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops for the first time. The Seventh army gained a mile at both ends of the pocket despite German reinforcements which built Nazi strength to 2,500 men and a dozen tanks.

In the Belgian bulge, the American First and Third armies joined up in captured Houffalize, 15 miles west of the German frontier. That union obviously sealed out of the battlezone those British forces which had been mopping up scattered German pockets to the west. It also reunited the 12th Army group of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, whose 1st, 3rd and 9th armies were split by the German offensive.

The American assault on the north flank finally won Timonart and the battlewise first division was pushing through drifted snow and rugged country beyond Faymonville into the strongly dug in German lines guarding St. Vith.

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northwest, and had broken through to the southwest of the area of the Cestochowa, only 15 miles from the German border of Silesia.

**POLISH ARMY**

The First Polish army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Stanislaus Poplawski, participated in the capture of Warsaw, it was announced.

Stalin's order of the day said: "Troops of the First White Russian front, having carried out a swift outflanking maneuver west of Warsaw, captured the town of Girardov, cut roads to Sochaszew and forced the Vistula north of Warsaw, and thus, having cut off Warsaw from the west, today, Jan. 17, by the combined blows from north, west and south, captured the capital of our ally Poland, the city of Warsaw the most important strategic center of German defenses on the river Vistula."

Troops participating in the triumph will have the name "Warsaw" added to their unit names, Stalin decrees.

He ordered a tremendous salute of 24 red, white, green and blue salvos from 24 guns in Moscow.

**NEAR FRONTIER**

A Berlin broadcast, however, declared the huge Soviet offensive below Warsaw had plunged to the eastern outskirts of Cestochowa, only 15 miles from the frontier of German Silesia, and told of other Russians deeply outflanking the Polish capital both to the north and south.

The latest official Moscow announcement had put Russian forces 22 miles from Cestochowa.

The German high command asserted a Russian assault with 40 rifle divisions and several tank corps had penetrated deeply northwest of Warsaw.

Dispatches from Moscow, where the fall of Warsaw had not yet been confirmed, said capture of the Polish capital appeared only a matter of days. A mammoth offensive reaching within 23 miles of Warsaw had outflanked the city on the south.

# Today's Markets

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**N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00**

Today Prev. Day	
March	22.18 22.23
May	22.05 22.10
July	21.74 21.79
October	21.09 21.17
December	21.05 21.13

**CHICAGO GRAIN**

WHEAT	
May	1.62% 1.62%
July	1.54% 1.54%
September	1.54% 1.54%

CORN	
May	1.13% 1.13%
July	1.12% 1.12%
September	1.09% 1.10%

RYE	
May	1.14 1.14%
July	1.12% 1.12%
September	1.09% 1.10

**STOCKS AT 2:00**

Ann Rolling Mill	16 7-8
American Loco	27 3-4
American Tobacco B	69 1-4
American Tel and Tel	163 1-4
Anaconda Copper	32 1-4
Assoc Dry Goods	18 1-2
Beth Steel	70 1-2
Boeing Air	19 1-4
Chrysler	96
Curtiss-Wright	6 1-8
Elec Boat	15 1-4
Gen Motors	64 1-2
Pepsi Cola	24 3-4
Greyhound Corp	23 1-4
International Paper	21 1-8
Nash Kelly	16 1-4
Glenn L Martin	24 3-8
Newport Ind	19 1-4
N Y Central	25
Penn R R	36 1-8
Radio Corp	12
Reynolds Tob B	33 5-8
Southern Railroad	36
Stand Oil N J	59
Sperry Corp	29 3-8
U S Rubber	54 5-8
U S Steel	62 1-2
Western Union	47 1-4
Youngstown S and T	41 3-4

**MARKET REVIVES**

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(P)—Peace-rated specialty and industrial issues led a general stock market revival today as Warsaw fell and Russian troops extended their drive toward Berlin.

Moderately active at the start, the pace increased and passed that of Tuesday's million-plus volume. A handful of radio equities provided the chief leadership. A sizable list of steel, rail, motor and rubber stocks also made gains of fractions to more than a point.

Bonds improved. Commodities were mixed.

**N. C. HOGS**

RALEIGH, Jan. 17.—(P)—(NCD A)—Hog markets steady with tops of 14.40 at Clinton, 14.25 at Rocky Mount and 14.10 at Richmond.

**N. C. EGGS, POULTRY**

RALEIGH, Jan. 17.—(P)—(NCD A)—Egg and poultry markets steady.

Raleigh—U. S. grade AA 47; hens, all weights, 25 1-2.

Washington—Not available at release time.

**BUTTER AND EGGS**

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—(P)—Butter, firm; receipts 181,277. Eggs, receipts 10,383.

**CHICAGO LIVESTOCK**

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—(P)—Salable hogs 15,000; total 25,000; market opened slow, later trade and general market fairly active, steady; good and choice 180 lbs. and over at 14.75 ceiling; few good and choice 150-170 lbs. 14.25-14.65; sows steady at 14.00; complete clearance.

Salable cattle 14,000; salable calves 800; total cattle 14,000; total calves 800; fed steers and yearlings slow, steady; top 17.25; bulk 13.25-16.00; choice weighty steers 16.80; strictly good and choice steers very scarce; heifers weak, best 15.25; bulk fed heifers 13.00-14.50; cows in moderate supply, active, steady; bulls steady to weak; vealers scarce and firm; stock cattle fully steady at 10.50-13.00; largely fed steer and fed heifer run.

# Series Of Studies At Presbyterian Church

Beginning tonight and every Wednesday night for the next several weeks the Presbyterian church will conduct a series of studies on the philosophy of life. For the first few meetings the topics for discussion will be taken from the book, "In Search of Mortality", by Fritz Kunkel, which expresses a living design for people in these troublesome times. The Rev. Walter L. Brown, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the meetings that will begin at 7:30 each Wednesday night.

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# MISS MAUNEY

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pital there and were returning home when the accident occurred. The automobile driven by Miss Wilson was owned by Burroughs and they were going below Patterson Springs to Miss Wilson's home.

Sgt. W. L. Hatcher, of the State Highway patrol was still investigating the wreck today. As yet he has preferred no charges against the drivers.

Miss Mauney, a graduate of Shelby High school, worked at Harry Saul's service station, 1025 South Lafayette street. She is survived by her parents, five sisters, Mrs. Harry Sauls, Mrs. Turner Costner, Misses Louise and Anne Mauney, all of Shelby; Miss Helen Mauney, of Greensboro; six brothers, Charles, Hugh, P. M. Mauney, Jr., Joe Billy, and Jimmy Mauney, all of Shelby.

Funeral will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Baptist church of which Miss Mauney was a devoted member. Rites will be conducted by Rev. D. Boyd Cannon, her pastor.

# HAVOC

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will be filled out later. Even the preliminary accounts bring out these startling points:

1. The puny showing of the enemy airforce, suggesting it lacks the diversified strength to spread out along the Asiatic shores while at the same time challenging the Superfortresses over Japan and attempting to impede American invasion progress on Luzon in the Philippines;
2. The aerial belting given Nippon's sorely needed oil tankers and oil stores; and
3. The ability of Admiral Halsey to roam the south China sea unchallenged by Japan's navy and unimpeded by her continental air power.

In a back-and-forth sweep along more than 1,200 miles of the Asiatic coast from Amoy, South China, to Saigon, French Indo-China, since Jan. 8, the Third fleet air arm has sunk or damaged more than 300,000 tons of enemy shipping, knocked out more than 250 enemy planes and smashed vital docks and defense installations.

# RETURNS HOME

Fred Blanton has returned to his home in Alexandria, Va., after coming especially to attend the funeral of his uncle, L. A. Blanton of Zion.

Dunmore's war was a war in 1774 between the Indians and the whites in Virginia.

# HAMBURG

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bombing strategy of breaking down Germany's oil supply.

The attacks touched off air raid sirens in Berlin.

During the night assault the RAF dropped more than 6,000 tons of high explosives on three German synthetic oil plants and the railway and industrial center of Magdeburg.

In clearing afternoon skies, RAF Typhoons hit repeatedly at German communications feeding the enemy-held "rocket coast" in northwest Holland. Pilots said rail lines were cut in 15 places south and southeast of Utrecht alone, 66 Nazi transports were destroyed and 41 damaged, locomotives were hit, and nearly a dozen armored vehicles were destroyed or damaged. British and American tactical air force planes flew 600 sorties.

RAF Mosquitos strafed and bombed German billets in villages in the Sittard battle area in a sequel to the RAF night raids.

# U. S.

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shipping for French use was reached after Monnet, a special representative of the De Gaulle government, conferred with Allied officials in London and Washington.

Monnet had asked for sufficient ships to meet France's import needs during the first six months of this year.

"The governments of the United States and the United Kingdom fully understand the importance of this program," the British statement said. "It is in that spirit that the two governments have endorsed the French import program for planning purposes and are giving the necessary instructions to their respective agencies so that supplies may be readily available for shipment."

# SUPERFORTS

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in the home islands and Singapore on the tip of the Malay Peninsula have been hit.

**40 MISSIONS**

The attack on Formosa rounded out 40 missions by the twin bomber commands of the 20th air force since the initial strike last June 6 against Bangkok. B-29s of the 21st bomber command nest in the Marianas.

In a pageant of power these mighty air fleets are pounding at every point within the perimeter of Hirohito's still extended realm. And General Lemay's planes pos-

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commission, to be composed of two senators and two representatives, report back by February 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Today's sessions adjourned in memory of Lieut. Virginius B. Perry, Jr., of Goldsboro, a nephew and foster son of Senator Tom O'Berry of Wayne. Lieut. Perry was killed in action in the Pacific.

Senator Blythe of Mecklenburg introduced a bill to make records of juvenile courts available to the state board of charities and public welfare, and to change the name of that board to "the state board of public welfare."

**AMENDMENT**

Both branches received measures to amend the general statutes to eliminate private examinations of married women in realty transfers.

The House passed a Senate bill to make former Legislator Walter P. Murphy of Salisbury a liaison officer between the House and Senate at \$10 a day. The measure passed over the objection of Rep. Rountree of Gates, and now goes back to the Senate for concurrence in amendment.

Reps. Vogler of Mecklenburg and Wallace of Lenoir sent up a bill to amend the law relative to the appointment of county boards of welfare, providing for staggered terms. Vogler also sent up another to permit the state board of charities and public welfare to inspect and license boarding houses, rest or convalescent homes for the aged, mentally or physically infirmed. It relates to those places where at least two non-relatives are housed.

The Senate elected Robert Rasberry of Pitt county as reading clerk.

**SPECIAL SERVICE**

A prayer meeting service will be held at the Missionary Methodist church tonight beginning at seven o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is a special prayer service for the men and women in the armed forces.

The snake family ranges from grass snakes a few inches long to 30-foot pythons.

sibly may lash out with increasing frequency as the result of new methods of funneling fuel to their China bases.

These planes, the air technical service command announced, now draw part of their fuel from gasoline flown "over the hump" by huge four-engine tankers. The aerial tankers are stripped B-24 Liberators, and, said the ATSC, have by far the greatest fuel carrying capacity of any plane.

# 6-HOUR FIRE IN ASHEVILLE

## ASHEVILLE, Jan. 17.—(P)—A six-hour fire early today left the J. J. Newberry store at 41-43 Patton Avenue almost a total loss.

Approximate damage to Newberry and adjacent stores of M. V. Moore and Company and the Pollock Shoe Store is \$125,000.

Seven fire companies fought the Newberry fire from 12:30 to 6:30 a.m. The flames, believed to have originated at the back end of the long lunch counter, swept up an air vent to the upper floors. The Patton Avenue floor, the second floor and the stock room on the third floor were swept by the flames and water and smoke damaged all stock in the basement. A. A. Hubbell, manager of the store, said today.

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