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RELIEF COLUMN ROUTS RED TROOPS

City Manager Is Fired, Hired Again, Stripped Of Authority

No Tax Hike Seen Before Next June

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—House tax writers virtually promised taxpayers today that taxes will not be increased until summer.

They refused to rush through a quickie tax bill to take an extra \$10,000,000,000 to help pay for rearmament. President Truman asked Congress to jack up income taxes on individuals and corporations and raise excise taxes by that much.

But the House Ways and Means Committee refused to okay the bill without holding exhaustive hearings. That means the bill will be delayed until June or July.

The chances are, however, that Congress will then give Truman most of the extra tax money he has asked.

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Draft—Democratic leaders shoved the 18-year-old draft aside to take up the controversial troops-for-Europe fight. They were confident that the Senate will approve lowering the draft age as well as the Universal Military Training program.

Marshall — Defense Secretary George C. Marshall was called to give two Senate committees the facts on American troops needed to bolster European defenses against (Continued On Page Four)

Watchtower Official Will Speak In Dunn

M. Z. Cummings of New York City, traveling missionary of the Watchtower Society of Jehovah's Witnesses, will speak Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Kingdom Hall in Dunn.

Mr. Cummings arrived yesterday, and F. N. McLamb, local leader of the organization, said today that he was being given a fine reception by local citizens.

A large crowd is expected to hear Mr. Cummings Sunday afternoon and the meeting will be opened to the public. Mr. Cummings will speak on the subject, "They Shall Not Labor In Vain."

EXCELLENT ORATOR

He is an outstanding speaker and Mr. McLamb said today that the local group feels unusually fortunate in securing him to speak. He is a native Texan and this is his first visit to North Carolina. He has been in great demand for speaking engagements in Texas, Oklahoma, and other sections of the Middle West. Mr. Cummings, commenting on the rapid growth of the Watchtower Society, pointed out today that membership increased by 49,000 during the past year alone and that membership the previous year showed about the same gain.

PRaises DUNN GROUP

He offered high praises for the work being done in Dunn by Mr. McLamb and local Jehovah's Witnesses, and complimented them on their modern and attractive Kingdom Hall.

Calls Law, Lands In Jail

Deputy Sheriff Oscar Pearce related today that he had found a very obliging offender of the law—so accommodating that he called the officer.

Earl Stewart, a plumber who has been working in Durham, was over at Donald Dyer's taxi office in an intoxicated condition and with a half gallon of whiskey.

Dyer and his employees warned Stewart that he'd better go home and behave himself or he would find himself in the custody of the law.

"I'll call 'em myself right now," Somebody handed him the telephone and he did just that.

"Come over here; I want to see you," he told Deputy Pearce over the telephone. Pearce said he recognized that the voice sounded a little under the influence.

When he arrived, Stewart was "reeling drunk," he said and had (Continued On Page Five)

Council Runs City; Hobbs Is Figurehead

City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs, fired and later rehired by the city council, today is filling the town's No. 1 position virtually stripped of all authority.

His present status is merely as a figure-head, with the Mayor and four commissioners making or approving all decisions.

These facts were confirmed this morning by Mayor Ralph E. Hanna and Mayor Pro-tem Joe A. Wilkins. There had been rumors circulated about town for about a week and today the officials verified the reports.

BOARD TAKES POSTS

Mayor Hanna has reassigned members of the board to their former positions as head of the various departments—the same system used before the city manager plan went into effect.

Mayor Pro-tem Joe A. Wilkins is head of the finance committee; Commissioner B. A. Bracey is head of the water department; Commissioner Earl Vann is head of the street department; and Commissioner L. L. Coats is head of the parks and armory department.

Under the new set-up, City Manager Hobbs is required to consult the commissioner at the head of the department involved before any action other than routine can be taken.

The officials said he agreed to these conditions at the time the board reconsidered and allowed him to continue serving.

FIRE TWO WEEKS AGO

Agreement to fire Manager Hobbs was reached at a special meeting of the board held about two weeks ago, at which time Mayor Ralph E. Hanna was designated to inform him that his services would not be needed after February 15. When Mayor Hanna broke the news, to Hobbs, the city manager (Continued On Page Six)



SALE OF HOMES GOING WELL AT ERWIN—The Alester G. Furman Co. of Greenville, S. C., which several weeks ago began the sale of homes now owned by Erwin Mills, Incorporated to employees of several weeks ago began the sale of homes now owned by Erwin Mills, Incorporated to employees of the manager of the Erwin Mills, on the progress of the sales. Mr. Furman said he is well pleased with the progress made to date. The sale of the homes has been the main topic of conversation for weeks. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Corbett, Currin Are UFE Co-Chairmen

Dr. Clarence L. Corbett of Dunn and Joe D. Currin of Angier have been elected co-chairman of the United Forces for Education in Harnett County and will spearhead the movement to keep the General Assembly from slashing school funds.

The organization was set up at a meeting of county leaders held in the offices of the Harnett County Board of Education.

Mrs. Beulah B. Dula of Kipling was named to serve as secretary of the organization.

Both Dr. Corbett and Currin have been leaders in behalf of a better school program in Harnett for years. Present at the meeting were the representatives elected by local school districts and other county leaders. Earlier, the district principal, the district board chairman and the PTA president in each community had designated their representative to the county meeting and these representatives comprise the (Continued On Page Six)

Young Has Paint Scheme

Harnett's Senator J. Robert Young has a plan which may relieve the worries of motorists who can't tell a patrol car from a kid's hot rod without a program.

Senator Young introduced into the State Senate Thursday a bill asking that the State Highway Patrol's fleet of cars be painted in colors of "such distinctive nature as to make every such vehicle readily recognizable on sight."

At present, about half the State's 400 patrol cars are painted black, while the other half sports a black-and-silver color combination.

Some argument has been noted previously concerning the proper color arrangement for highway patrol vehicles. The present set-up, whereby half the cars are black, the other half silver-and-black, was intended to pacify both sides in the argument.

Beat Coffee Price Boost

The high cost of coffee-drinking was licked in Dunn Thursday morning before it could get a good start.

Three Dunn men spiked the guns of restaurant owners who voted yesterday to boost the tariff on a cup of java to a dime, rather than the classic cost of five cents.

Councilman B. A. Bracey, "Fat" Williams and Herbert Hodges strolled into the Min-it Grill on W. Broad St. this morning and ordered a cup of coffee—together.

Then with great poise they calmly mooched two extra saucers from other customers, split the steaming coffee three ways, and slurped it down.

No details were available as to how they split the dime bill three ways.

More dissatisfaction with the boom in coffee prices was voiced (Continued On Page Three)

8th. Army's Stand Balks Red Offensive

TOKYO, Feb. 15—(AP)—An American relief column from the south smashed the three day Communist encirclement of Chipyong on the embattled central Korean front today and put the Red siege forces to flight.

United Nations forces were slaughtering attacking Chinese and Korean Reds all across Korea by the thousands. Enemy dead and wounded yesterday totaled 10,993 and one U. S. division alone killed 148 Communists for every man it lost.

The 8th Army's stonewall stand at Chipyong, 34 miles east southeast of Seoul, and Communist-flanked Wonju, another 20 miles to the southeast, slowed the four-day-old Red offensive on the central front to a walk.

ABANDON AIRFIELD

On the western front, American forces were disclosed belatedly to have abandoned Kimp'o Airfield, eight miles northwest of Seoul on the southwest bank of the Han River, and withdrawn to strong positions to the south yesterday.

A front dispatch said Kimp'o, once the biggest and best airfield in Korea, had been so battered by Allied air raids that it would take months to repair. There was no indication that the withdrawal was made under attack, although the Reds have been stepping up their thrusts across the Han river from Seoul.

MARINES HOLD ISLANDS

The 8th Army clamped a security blackout on operations at the big Communist east coast port of Wonsan, 80 miles north of the 38th Parallel, where South Korean Marines landed yesterday under cover of a Naval bombardment.

At last reports, the South Koreans had occupied Rei and Cho islands in Wonsan harbor without opposition and on the mainland drove to the outskirts of Wonsan itself.

The landing was believed a com- (Continued On Page Six)

Cops, Car In Wreck -- Again

Occupational hazards have caught up with Dunn's police car again. For the second time in less than a month, it was back in the repair shop having its nose patched as the result of an accident.

State Highway Patrolman David Matthews reported today that the Police Department's 1950 Ford suffered severe contusions and abrasions after it slammed into the rear of a confessed speeder who was being tailed by Sgt. W. M. Denning.

Herbert Grimes, 23, of Angier, Rt. 1, who had the misfortune to star in the accident, has been indicted for speeding, said Investigating Officer Matthews.

DAMAGE TOTALS \$325

Damage to the police car amounted to about \$175, he said. Repairs to Grimes' car, also a 1950 Ford, will run to \$150, he added.

Sergeant Denning was clocking Grimes as he sped east on Cumberland St. Wednesday afternoon just (Continued On Page Four)

Harnett Has 12,000 Cars

Harnett County ran in thirtieth place in the registration of trucks and automobiles during 1950, according to a report released today by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

There were 12,510 vehicles registered in this county during the past year, the report said. For the whole State, registration hit a record peak of 1,171,233 machines, of which 1,147,233 were trucks, trailers or automobiles.

Mecklenburg County led the State with a total registration of 66,823 vehicles. Guilford ran a close second with 64,898, followed by Wake, with 56,426.

On the bottom were Clay County, (Continued On Page Four)

State News Briefs

OBSERVER EDITOR DIES

FAYETTEVILLE, Feb. 15—Harry Wild Hickey, 47, telegraph editor and an editorial writer of The Fayetteville Observer, was found dead in bed early this morning at his home, 505 Rush Rd. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Physicians said Hickey apparently had been dead about two hours when the discovery was made by his wife. He had worked as usual yesterday and his death came as a shock to his newspaper associates and friends.

He had been associated with The Observer since 1942. In addition to his duties as telegraph editor, he was largely responsible for the general makeup of the paper. Since the editor, Capt. Bob Gray, was called into military service several months ago, Hickey had been one of the chief editorial writers.

Born in Chicago Aug. 15, 1903, he was educated there, attending the University of Illinois. He also held a master of arts degree from Columbia University. Hickey was a school teacher before entering newspaper work. He taught at Long Island College, Brooklyn, N. Y., and New (Continued On Page Seven)

Meat Thieves Caught By SHP

A routine check by State Highway Patrolman Joe Whittaker of Dunn last night led to the arrest of two Fort Bragg soldiers who later confessed the theft of 57 pounds of meat—including steak—from the mess hall at Bragg.

Patrolman Whittaker said he stopped a 1939 Ford being driven by Sgt. Neal A. Cagle, Jr., of the 449th Field Artillery Observation Battalion for a routine traffic inspection.

Just before he started to tell the soldier that everything was in order and to proceed, related the patrolman, he saw a green bag in the back seat of the car.

He inspected the bag and found (Continued On Page Three)



A LOT OF SAUSAGE—Mrs. Pauline Cart, owner of Pauline's Grocery in South Erwin, and two members of her staff are shown here with one of the largest and finest hogs seen in this section this season. Elmon Bradshaw, manager of the market, shown in apron, reported that the big hog weighed a total of 615 pounds dressed and about 700 pounds on the hoof. The hams weighed 35 pounds apiece and the head tipped the scales at 53 pounds. Today, the hog was still hanging up at the grocery—but in the form of homemade sausage. In the photo with Mrs. West and Mr. Bradshaw is Yancey Ammons. (Daily Record Photo by Lewis Studio.)

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT

DEFINED — Legislative sentiment and probable courses of action is rapidly crystallizing. Lines are being more clearly defined as important issues come to vote in committees and on the floor of the Senate and House. Until the appropriations committee takes a few record votes on the very large increases requested by State departments and institutions it will not be possible to make the lines more distant. And it may require a few public hearings before the finance committee followed by test votes to determine accurately the temper majority of the legislators.

DIFFERENCE — Procedure in appropriations and finance committees are considerably different. The appropriations group hears presentations of anticipated needs before taking a vote. The finance committee must wait for appropriations action before serious consideration of new tax measures. Then after the taxing bills have been offered business enterprises affected are entitled to a hearing. Traditional policy in North Carolina has been (Continued On Page Six)

Honors Are Almost Even As First Period Nears Conclusion

By BILL & DORIS GUFTON Contest Editors

Honors are about equally divided as the "first period" positively ends the maximum vote value for new and renewal subscriptions in the Record's big "Everybody Wins" contest this Saturday.

Relative standing of contestants as reflected in yesterday's report released for publication covers the first two days of this week, up to Tuesday night. The four remaining days will be reflected in report released for publication next Wednesday.

Practically every one of the leading contenders have changed places since the last published report, but none to a degree that seriously hampers their progress or removes them as a real threat for top honors.

VOTE TOTALS SOAR

While users mark the entire field of leading contestants, vote totals reach astronomical proportions, with distance between the participants of so little consequence that anything can happen in the feverish race for \$5,000 in prizes, headed by that new 1951 Packard 4-door sedan, worth \$2694.94 and followed by other grand prize of \$750 in cash, bonus cash awards and liberal commissions to all participants.

Mrs. Geo R. Souders, favorite of many, steps out in front in this hotly contested race and heads the list for first honors. Following closely on her heels is Mr. Bill Hinton. By garnering many new subscriptions and votes since the last report released for publication he seriously is maintaining a pace that will make Mrs. Souders drive even harder to retain her close lead.

Just a pace behind, in third spot, and so close that only a mere handful of subscriptions separates her from second place, comes popular, hard working Mrs. David Clifford. You can fully expect to see her name hoisted with the winners when the showdown arrives (Continued On Page Seven)

A Few Subscriptions To The Daily Record Could Change Lead

Contestants and friends of contestants in the Record's big "Everybody Wins" prize subscription contest figure this out for yourself:

Twenty-five thousand votes are issued on each 24-months subscription during contest (only \$15.00 when delivered by carrier or \$10.00 by mail outside Dunn) providing same is received at this office while the maximum vote schedule is in effect, terminating this Saturday night, Feb. 17.

Just 20 new 24-month subscriptions by carrier (amounting to only \$300 in subscription collections) would entitle a contestant to 500,000 regular votes; and, as 50,000 extra votes are issued on each and every \$30 "club," that many subscriptions would constitute more than ten complete "clubs" on which 500,000 extra votes—all of which adds up to exactly 1,000,000 votes. Friends of contestants, this is addressed to you:

Would you not be one of a small group of 20 truly good friends willing to help your favorite pile up more than a million votes toward winning that new 1951 Packard "300" sedan, worth \$2694.94, the grand capital prize?

By doing so you not only get the benefit of the special reduced rate now in effect but it would be a "right royal thing to do" for a friend who is trying to win one of the big prizes soon to be awarded by the newspaper!

The way to make a friend is to be one.

Seize this unusual opportunity to win the lasting favor of a friend.

Upsets Seen In 'Everybody Wins' Contest