



Cherry Against Tax Plan; N. C. Solons Active

Joint Committees On Appropriations And Finance Continue Hearings

By Staff Writer

Raleigh—(Special) — A proposal to allow credit for Federal income tax payments in State income tax returns—the first effort to alter the existing tax structure of the State—was in the hands of the Legislature's finance committee yesterday for its study.

The measure was introduced in the House by Rep. LeGrand of New Hanover.

Governor Cherry said of the proposal:

1. That, if adopted, it would represent a major change in the State's tax pattern, and was therefore in opposition to his recommendations to the Legislature, and

2. That the enactment of the bill would mean a great loss in revenue to the State.

In the meantime, both Houses of the General Assembly reconvened yesterday to tackle other new business to be dumped into the legislative mill, and the joint committees on appropriations and finance were scheduled to continue their hearings, as the 1945 assembly gained momentum in (Continued on Page 4)

Seed Expert In County This Week

Extension Seed Specialist Stresses Importance Of Certified Seed

Howard R. Garriss, extension plant pathologist from State College was in Ashe county this week observing snap bean seed which is in the hands of dealers in the county. "It is gratifying to have observed that a very progressive step has been taken in Ashe county in furnishing farmers with bean seed with a 'guarantee' of freedom from diseases, especially from 'nailhead rust,'" he said.

Samples of bean seed from sacks carrying the 'blue tag' and seal of the Idaho Crop Improvement Association were examined and found to be of outstanding quality and uniformity. "Purchase of bean seed carrying this Idaho Crop Improvement Association tag of inspection insures the grower of having disease-free seed for planting," he explained.

"The grower must remember that if disease-free seed are planted in fields where beans were grown last year he may have disease troubles resulting from infection carried over in the soil and old diseased plants. Use the disease-free seed in fields where beans were not grown last year, if convenient," he advised.

"Samples of bean seed observed not carrying the 'blue tag' were not of as good quality and uniformity and apparently carried either bacterial blight or nailhead rust infection. It is expected that growers using the poorer quality seed seen in the county may run into some trouble from diseases," he concluded.

Pistol Stolen From Officer Is Sold To Brother

Almost a believe it or not occurred here recently when a special thirty-eight pistol stolen from Chief Deputy Ca B. Graybeal, was sold to his twin brother, Earl B. Graybeal.

The gun was in the locked pocket of Officer Graybeal's car and while he was in the hospital, the lock was broken and the gun stolen. At the time the theft was discovered, both B. B. and Earl Graybeal were informed of this and given the number of the automatic. Earl revealed that he had recently purchased one like this from Baird Shroy, (colored), and that he had loaned the same to Clayborne Parsons. A checkup revealed that this was the stolen gun.

At a hearing in the mayor's court here on Monday, Lee Foster (colored), was bound over to superior court in connection with the theft.

MacArthur Drives On Toward Manila; Russians Gaining

HEADS MASONIC LODGE



Gwyn Little, who was recently elected and installed as Worthy Master of the Ashe Lodge No. 594 A. F. and A. M.

Farmers Should Complete Forms For Draft Board

January 31 Is Final Date For Filing; Board Should Be Kept Informed

"A number of registrants, who have been mailed 1945 Farm Data sheets, have failed to return them and since the local draft board has set January 31 as the dead-line, those registrants, who do not have their data sheets in by that date, will be immediately classified in a class available for service," Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, chief clerk, said yesterday.

"Any registrants classified 4-F and who are bona fide farmers should come by the local board and get a 1945 farm data sheet in order that their 4-F classification can be changed to 2-C (F), if they are producing enough to be given the agricultural classification. Men who have been examined and rejected and who are engaged in an essential occupation should keep the local board advised of their activities so that their classification may be in order and current. The registrants are anxious to see 'work or fight' are the ones who are not working," Mrs. Yelanjian declared.

British Speech Heard At Rotary

An interesting program was given to the members of the Rotary club last week when Rev. B. A. Meeks read a speech delivered by a member of Parliament, to the London Rotary club on United Nation's Day. Representatives from most of these nations attended this meeting in England.

British Launch Strong Offensive In Northern France Near German Border

One week after landing in Lingayen gulf, a powerful American spearhead was more than one-third of the way to Manila early this week and still rolling southward in dry, clear weather down the broad Central Luzon plain, virtually unchecked on land or in the air.

However on the left flank of the broadened front the first Japanese counter-attack of the invasion was reported in the stubbornly-held Pozorrubio sector on Sunday. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the blow was repulsed.

Conservatively worded official statements located the deepest American penetration as on the central of three main north-south highways 45 road miles from Lingayen and 83 from Manila.

Two great Russian army groups poured like a red flood through broken Nazi defenses on the Polish plain south of Warsaw yesterday, reaching within 38 miles of the German border.

Gathering speed as it went, the gigantic Soviet winter offensive recorded gains of 30 to 38 miles on a twisting battlefield more than 200 miles long from Grojec, 25 miles south-west of Warsaw, down to Slomniki, only 12 miles north of the historic citadel of Krakow.

The British second army smashed east-ward in a new offensive near the German border north of Aachen yesterday, exactly a month after the start of the Germans' Belgian breakthrough, and during the first hours the Tommies progressed against moderate resistance.

New Growers To Apply For Leaf Quotas By Feb. 1

Applications Should Be Made With AAA; New Allotments To Be Available

All eligible producers who are interested in applying for a new grower burley tobacco allotment for 1945 should file their request at the Ashe County AAA office prior to February 1, 1945, according to T. J. Graybeal, chairman, Ashe county AAA committee.

Mr. Graybeal pointed out that the announcement by the War Food Administration that marketing quotas will apply on burley tobacco for the marketing year 1945-46 specified that five percent of the national marketing quota would be made available for establishing new allotments.

"To be eligible for such an allotment either the farm operator or the person growing the tobacco, shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood," Mr. Graybeal stated.

Where Three Cars Were Derailed At Buffalo Thursday



Three cars, uncoupled from the main part of the train last Thursday afternoon, rolled down grade approximately four miles from West Jefferson until they struck the rocky bluff on the curve at Buffalo and were derailed. (Staff Photo)

Farm Planning Meetings Well Attended Here

Several Meetings Held; Other Schedules Are Announced By Agent

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, said today that farm planning meetings, which have been held during the past few days had been well attended in spite of the unfavorable weather and much interest had been shown by farmers and their wives.

Meetings will continue to be held through next week, it was announced. These meetings will be conducted by the farm and home agents and will not be held longer than one hour, it was explained. Both farmers and their wives are urged to be present as things of importance will be taken up in relation to the 1945 farm and home program in an effort to conform more closely with (Continued on Page Four)

"Brown-Out" Will Start Feb. 1, WPB Chief Announces

Washington — A nation-wide "brown-out" that will dim street lights, store windows and theater marquees beginning Feb. 1 was ordered by the War Production Board this week to save critically-short coal and fuel oil.

It provided, however, that any section in which it is determined that compliance will not reduce fuel consumption—for example, areas serviced by hydro-electric power—will be exempted by the Office of War Utilities.

WPB Chairman J. A. Krug said in announcing the order that penalties for noncompliance include discontinuance of electric service to consumers found guilty of willful violations.

The "brown-out" is intended primarily to conserve coal which (Continued on Page Four)

SINGING CONVENTION HERE SUN. AFTERNOON

It was announced this week that there would be another singing at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday afternoon opening at 1:30.

A number of visiting quartets and others singers are expected to attend. The public is cordially invited. "Our last convention was a big success and we are expecting this to be equally as good," Coleman Payne said.

Ashe Men Leave For Fort Bragg

The following group of eleven Ashe county young men left here Monday morning for Fort Bragg for induction into the armed forces: Edison C. Testerman, Vaughn Clark, Worth Eldreth, Ambrose J. Osborne, Carson Meade Keys, Fred Hart, Jr., Roby J. Weaver, John D. Maines, Everett J. Greer, Thomas W. Howell and Joseph R. Bledsoe.

Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive Now Underway Here; Benefit Game Saturday Night

Big Gains Made By Northwestern Bank Last Year

Resources Over \$20,000,000; All Officers Re-Elected At Meeting

Resources of the Northwestern Bank showed a big increase in 1944 as revealed by the annual statement. The statement shows that resources climbed from \$14,207,554.89 at the close of business in 1943, to \$20,601,052.16 during 1944.

The report was presented at the meeting of the stockholders in North Wilkesboro, last week when the stockholders elected the directors. Officers were also elected.

The reports of the year showed that the bank had made much progress and that the usual 12 percent dividend was paid for the year.

The stockholders re-elected the directors and one new director, C. A. Lowe, of North Wilkesboro. (Continued On Page Four)

2 Ashe Men Are Reported Missing

Two Ashe county men have been reported missing in action this week in the European theater of war. Bertie Bare, of Jefferson, is reported missing in action, according to information received yesterday by his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Hege Parsons, of Obids, have also received a message that their son, Howard, is missing in action somewhere in France.

Tracks Damaged By Derailment



Tracks of the Norfolk and Western were damaged by the derailment, but were repaired and put into service again by Friday afternoon. (Staff Photo)

Four Are Slightly Injured In Train Derailment Here

Wreck Took Place Last Thursday; Little Delay In Service Friday

An unusual train derailment occurred approximately four miles below West Jefferson last Thursday afternoon when three cars, uncoupled from the main part of the train, rolled down grade to the rocky bluff at Buffalo and were derailed, with the four passengers miraculously escaping any serious injuries.

The four passengers were taken immediately to the Ashe hospital for examination and first aid treatment and only one, Mrs. Gailther Howell, Warrensville, was kept for treatment. She was released on Saturday after being treated for minor cuts, bruises and shock.

The passenger car, which led the three, received the hardest blow when it struck the rocks and was derailed. Windows were broken out as were seats and much other damage was done by the impact. The four passengers, who were the only people on the train at the time it hit the bluff used presence of mind enough to come to the back of the car and lie down. This is believed to have saved them from any serious injuries.

The crew coach, which joined the passenger coach was damaged by the impact as well as by fire, which broke out when a hot stove overturned setting fire to clothing and other articles.

The mail coach, which was in the rear, was damaged the least. All mail was returned to the post office at once by officials.

In spite of much damage to the tracks, crews of workmen of the Norfolk and Western of which (Continued on Page Four)

Bare Funeral Is To Be On Friday

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Lee O. Bare, 56, Of Jefferson

Funeral service will be held Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Senter church for Lee O. Bare, 56, who died at his home near Jefferson on Wednesday, following an illness of several weeks. Burial will follow in the Farrington cemetery.

The deceased, who was a well known farmer of the Jefferson section is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Gwyn Little, West Jefferson; Orville Bare, of Kingsport, Tenn.; Mrs. Cliff Wilson and Howard Bare, of Delaware, Mrs. Bertie Bare of Jefferson, Dallas and Ethel Bare, of the home.

Boone Leaf Mart Prices Are Good

Poundage and prices of the Boone tobacco market continue to rise and the four million poundage mark was reached this week with an average of slightly over \$47.00 per hundred.

"We make every effort to give the farmers the best of service and appreciate their business," Roscoe Coleman, proprietor, said.

West Jefferson P. O. Receipts Show Big Gain

A report released this week by Acting Postmaster, Mrs. James B. Hensley, revealed that stamp sales, as well as other income of the West Jefferson Post Office, showed a big gain last year.

It is through stamp sales that the post offices get class rating and it is believed sufficient gain was made to give the local office a higher rating. At the present it is third class.

Sales of stamps by quarters in 1943 were: \$1,943.23; \$2,067.61; \$2,110.59 and \$2,710.11, giving a total of \$8,831.54. Sales by quarters for 1944 were: \$2,234.55; \$2,558.81; \$2,852.06 and \$3,262.47, giving a total of \$10,907.89, or a gain of \$2,096.89 in stamp sales.