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The Sale of Beer in North Carolina

SEVERAL changes in the laws governing the sale and distribution of beer in North Carolina were made by the 1945 General Assembly.

The North Carolina Committee-United States Brewers Foundation, in an analysis released recently, said these amendments will:

1. Authorize county and municipal governing boards to refuse renewal of retail beer license when "applicant has, during the preceding license year, committed any act or permitted any condition for which his license was, or might have been revoked."

2. Authorize the Commissioner of Revenue to revoke, refuse or deny renewal of license to retail or wholesale dealer exposing for sale or having in his possession any non-tax paid beer.

3. Prohibit an agreement between distributor and retailer whereby the retailer is required to purchase all products exclusively from the distributor. The purpose of this amendment is to prevent a distributor from purchasing an outlet, lending money or supplies to a retailer in order to secure a monopoly on the outlet's business and prevent the retailer from buying other brands of beer.

4. Permit municipal and county courts to act in revocation proceedings filed with the Commissioner of Revenue. This section also eliminates the 1943 provision which abates proceedings before municipal or county boards when complaint filed with the commissioner.

5. Require all applicants for retail and wholesale licenses to be citizens of the United States for one year.

6. Require applicants for wholesale licenses to meet same conditions as retailers in securing state beer licenses. These requirements include: (1) applicant must be bona fide resident of North Carolina at least one year; (2) applicant intends to carry on business for himself or under his direct supervision; and (c) applicant has not been convicted of a felony, crime involving moral turpitude or violating the prohibition laws.

7. Make it a criminal liability for any person, firm or corporation "engaging in any activity for which a state, county or municipal license is required . . . without obtaining such license or continuing such activity after expiration of any state, county or municipal license."

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LETTERS From SERVICE MEN

John K. Reece, U. S. Navy, writes the following letter home to his mother, Mrs. Frank Reece of Franklin:

Dear Mother:

Now that the Navy has made it possible for me to give you an idea of what has been going on aboard the Biloxi, I hardly know where to begin. So much has happened, we came so far that it's really hard to think back on it all.

The Biloxi left the states in January 1944 for the open sea. We've taken a big part in every major operation since. Our baptism of fire came when we bombarded Wotje. Incidentally, they were throwing everything but the kitchen sink at us. The next day we moved in on Rio Island in the Marshalls. In a two day bombardment there we helped flatten the island. The Marines landed after that.

After that the raid on Truk followed by raids on the Marianas, Saipan, Tinian and Guam, we had plenty of air raids there.

There isn't much use for me to name all the places we have been, you just get your map down and look for small islands, and I've been there. We also bombarded the coast of New Guinea at night, and started some pretty big fires.

A month or so later we took part in the first battle of the Philippines. Our fliers were really hot, that day, shooting them down right and left. A few got through to us but didn't last long.

One night we ran into a Jap convoy and were sure of sinking at least two ships the Palau, we made lots of raids on Formosa and Luzon. The second battle of the Philippines came next.

I know you read about the typhoon we were in. One of the destroyers that was sunk had all our mail aboard.

We were in the raids in the South China Sea, Hong Kong, Hainan, Seigan, and Comranh Bay. All in all I would say it was quite an active year. I guess we've anchored in every

Mulberry

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Cabe and daughters, Patsy and June, and Mrs. Cabe's brother, Hoyt Thomas, visited relatives in Brevard last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bradley and family have moved to their new home, which they built on their recently purchased farm.

Miss Quantita Allen visited Miss Annie Will Howard this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hen-son visited Mr. and Mrs. Harley Thomas Saturday night.

Mrs. Lawrence Bingham who has been ill at her home the past week is reported much improved.

Mrs. Edward Carpenter and daughters, Barbara and Louise, visited Mr. and Mrs. Logan Bradley this weekend.

Mrs. O'Neal Bradley and nephew, Hugh Bradley of Brevard are visiting Hugh's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Bradley and Mrs. Grady Hen-son.

Miss Jane Cabe and Flora Carpenter entertained Friday night at the home of the latter, with an "old fashioned" candy draw and party honoring their brothers, Pfc. Nelson Cabe and Pvt. Harley Carpenter who are home on furloughs.

atoll you've heard about. Personally, I didn't know there were such places.

The last white woman I saw was in Long Beach, Calif., in January 1944. Can you imagine that?

Now that it's all behind me I'm glad I was in it. I don't think I care to go through another year like that. Not just now, at any rate.

However, that shouldn't be necessary. Things are looking better all the time. I won't be satisfied till I get liberty in China.

The Biloxi boys call 1944 "from the Marshalls to Manila."

Will close now. Write soon.

Love to all

Johnny.

Mary Guffey of Sealy, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Norton.

Miss Vinnie and Lily and Mr. Simon Speed and Miss Lucy Speed visited their brother and father, A. J. Speed and Mrs. Speed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Green of Bettys Creek received a message from the War Department Saturday stating that their son, Pfc. Homer Green was wounded February 18 in Manila.

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Men's Suits

You have been wondering whether to buy a suit now or put it off, like you have been doing in the past. I will suggest that you don't put it off, but BUY NOW! In my opinion the future suits for men will be made of cheaper material. We all know that the cheap goods will not give satisfactory wear. I have now good all wool suits and a good supply to choose from. Say to yourself, "I had better see Joe Ashear about my suit now and get what I want, not next week, because he has the lined suits with vests on hand."

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