

N. C. Revenues Show Increase

Total Of General And Highway Funds Last Six Months Is \$49,945,630

RALEIGH — Revenues flowing from all sources into the general and highway funds of North Carolina reached the total of \$49,945,630.86 for the last six months of 1945...

Directly reflecting the increased use of motor vehicles following lifting of restrictions on the consumption of gasoline, the largest gain was recorded in the highway fund, which showed an increase of \$4,038,014.89, or 25.98 per cent.

Meanwhile in the general fund, the income and sales taxes showed the greatest increases as collections totaled \$30,367,497.34, a jump of \$2,656,902.21 or 9.58 per cent over the \$27,710,515.13 during the last half of 1944.

Sales tax collections for this period were \$12,183,888.35, as compared with \$10,966,168.03. The income tax brought in \$6,463,661.65 compared with \$5,450,724.69.

Another big increase was recorded in the beverage tax, which went up from \$2,552,700.25 to \$3,317,433.37. The only major decline was in the insurance tax which dropped from \$1,132,689.93 to \$281,191.17.

During the period, the department of motor vehicles collected \$4,656,635.77 from the sale of automobile licenses, driver's licenses, title fees and bus and franchise licenses. This was included in the highway fund total.

Roughly one-third of the increase shown during the six months was accounted for by the December revenues.

During the final month of the year, general fund collections totaled \$6,039,530.34 and the highway fund was enriched by \$6,080,410.92 together, this amounted to \$12,119,941.26 and represented an increase of \$2,264,263.28 over the \$9,855,677.98 collected in December, 1944.

Gill pointed out that these figures represent gross income and do not take into account any returns that have been made on taxes.

NAVY HERO REUNITED WITH FAMILY



MADE FAMOUS by his classic radio message in 1942, "Sighted sub, sank same," Navy Lt. D. F. Mason is shown as he met his wife and daughter Florence on their arrival at Pearl Harbor aboard the Navy hospital ship Consolation. Mason is now based at a Naval air station in Hawaii. On air patrol in the North Atlantic, he sighted a submarine and dived on it, straddling it with two depth bombs. U. S. Navy photo. (International)

THE BOOK CORNER Reading From Left To Right —With— FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

The year 1946, according to all prognostications, will be a banner year for the reading public. All the publishers are working night and day to produce readable matter to compensate for the years in which their paper supply was so limited.

January 24th is the release date for "BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN," by Elizabeth Metzger Howard. The Doubleday Doran \$20,000 Novel prize and the MGM \$125,000 award were given to this book which seems to put it mightily in a best seller class.

This novel is the story of the First Families of a small town, Willow-spring, Pennsylvania. There are both sides of the railroad tracks represented, with the usual heartaches and laughter found equally distributed. The doctor, Dan Field, fills the role of as-near-a-hero as the book has. But he does play a large part in bringing the rich to see the other side of the picture, and to turn over the proverbial new leaf. The younger generation is his special field.

Also on January 24, we are to have the pleasure of meeting "THOSE OTHER PEOPLE" as authored by Mary King O'Donnell. When the Literary Guild puts their mark of approval on a book, as they have this one, you can pretty well know it's going to be a top ranking best seller. And "THOSE OTHER PEOPLE" will be no exception to the rule.

Some years ago some of the most widely discussed books of the day was "GOD HAS A LONG FACE." Get a bunch of the literati together and before you could get to comfortable, someone had started a discussion on this much-talked-about novel. It was written by Robert Wilder and now he has written one that will turn opinions into cocked hats. The locale of "GOD HAS A LONG FACE" was Jacksonville, Florida (the birthplace of yours truly) and now "WRITTEN ON THE WIND"

comes right into our own front yard for it is a story of a great tobacco family in the Piedmont section of North Carolina, founded by old Andrew Whitfield who fought his way up from the soil of his small tobacco farm to become one of the tycoons of the age.

This is a lusty and, at times, shocking novel depicting the effects of Andrew Whitfield's heritage upon the lives of two, and others, of his family. Most of the story revolves around the life of a spoiled and highly neurotic descendant of Andrew Whitfield, who marries a girl on her way to stardom on Broadway. When this bride is brought back to the family homestead, you can well imagine some of the after-effects. But even your wildest imagination will not cover the territory so ably expressed by Robert Wilder. At times you will gasp at the frank wordage, and at other times your eyes will grow misty with the beauty expressed.

Without doubt, "WRITTEN ON THE WIND" will also be written on the head of every best seller list.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI GIVEN SILVER PLAQUE

FLAT RIVER, Mo. — A silver plaque, made of small quantities of the ore found in Southeast Missouri's lead mines, was presented to officers and men of the Battleship Missouri Jan. 6 in a ceremony attended by 5,000 persons.

While Navy Seahawk planes piloted by the battleship's aviation unit roared in power dives, Gov. Phil M. Donnelly uncovered the 30-pound plaque, Capt. R. H. Hillenkoetter of St. Louis, the ship's commanding officer, accepted after relating the eventful history of the ship on which the Japanese signed surrender terms last Sept. 2.

The plaque, replica of Missouri's state seal, will be displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and later will be placed in the ward room of the battleship.



NOT LIKE FATHER

In a small midwest town a long funeral procession was drawing up before the church. The high school students attended the service, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in uniform, the casket covered with beautiful flowers.

CAUGHT COLD!



Patient—I seem to have a cold. I've already gone to see the druggist about it.

Doctor—And what idiotic advice did he give you?

Patient—He told me to see you.

Hungry Animals Sambo — Yassuh, when times weren't so good, dey sed everything done go to de dawgs. But now, 'pears to me de ducks gets everything.

Rastus—What youall mean, "de ducks"? Sambo—When Ah sells ma cotton, dey deducts something for shipping it, for handlin' it and den for sendin' de money back. De ducks gets ever'thing!

Division of Labor Sambo—Does yo' wife take in washin'? Rastus—Nussuh! Ah takes it in and Ah takes it out. All she done do am stay home an' wash it.

Strictly Fresh Waiter—You never have to worry about any of the eggs we serve havin' chickens in them. Diner—Why not? Waiter—We serve only duck eggs.

Label Joke Harry—Did you hear about the soldier who marched all day and only moved two feet? Jerry—No. What was his trouble? Harry—That was all he had.

Stop Me, Please Texan—They don't bury men in our state who smoke cigars. Missourian—Why not? Texan—Because men who smoke cigars can't be dead!

Just One More Nit—I hear you're going to learn to ski this year. Wit—On second thought, I think I'll let it slide.

RED HOT PAPA! Stern Parent (to late returning daughter)—Good morning, child of the devil. Respectful Daughter—Good morning, father!

Labor Saving Waiter—Blue plate special is seventy-five cents. The white plate special is ninety cents. Diner—Why is that, better food or more? Waiter—Neither. We have to wash the plate.

Sweet Nothings Bride—When we're married dear, I'm going to cook and darn all your socks. Groom—That won't be necessary, dear. 'Just darn them.

Sweep Rugs Rugs should be swept or vacuum-cleaned but never beaten, shaken, or snapped, as this may loosen or break the fabric and binding or fringe.

Library Notes



MARGARET JOHNSTON County Librarian

"Mr. President"

"How to make a speech and enjoy it," by Helen Partridge is an intriguing little booklet. It presents all the good and bad points of speechmaking in a readable manner and the attractive cartoons add a bit of fun to a subject, which puts fear in most minds.

If you need a story or joke for that talk you have to make, then the "Speaker's Handbook" will help you. The chapter, "That reminds me," gives valuable instruction on finding good stories and adapting them to suit your needs. Other books of this type to help you, "There are sermons in stories," "A speech for every occasion" and "More speeches and stories for every occasion."

Every officer and club member (with a sense of humor) should read "Madam Chairman, Members and Guests." It's funny and you'll see yourself over and over again, but don't be sensitive for it really gets down to situations which arise in any club. Then, too, there is Henry's "How to organize and conduct a meeting," which gives you a good understanding of Parliamentary Procedure. If it's an argument you will need Robert's "Rules and Order."

Before you plan your year's study, check with the librarian to see what material is available for programs. If additional information is needed, it will be borrowed from some other library for your use. Have you left a copy of your Year Book at the Library?

Mrs. James Atkins, assistant librarian, of the County Library, has returned to town after spending several days in Atlanta visiting relatives.

SALLY'S SALLIES



"That smoke isn't unhealthy, sir. It's coming from a medicine factory."

William G. Swayngim Receives Promotion

William G. Swayngim, yeoman, second class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Swayngim, of Waynesville, has been advanced to his present rate while serving on the USS Boxer, a carrier on duty in the Pacific theater.

His duty since the war ended has been in occupation. His ship assisted in landing marines in northern China to aid Chinese troops in disarming surrendered Japanese. Recent ports of call have included Chinwangtao, Tsingtao, Guam, Okinawa, and Tokyo. He spent the Christmas holidays in Tokyo Bay.

Miss Doris Grahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Grahl, who holds a position with the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., has returned to the capitol, after visiting her parents during the holidays.

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TAX LISTING List Your Property Give In Your Poll IN JANUARY Listing Began January First All property owners and taxpayers in Haywood County are required to return to the list takers for taxation for the year 1946 all Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each shall own on the day of January. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to their polls during the same time. All persons who own property and fail to list it and all who liable for poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. TOWNSHIP LISTERS Ivy Hill Dave Plott Jonathan Creek Fred Allison Cataloochee Ed White Fines Creek Cauley Rogers Crabtree Wallace Hill Pigeon Gay Burnett White Oak Odie Fish Wayneville J. S. Bl East Fork Rex Pl Iron Duff Manson Med Cecil Perry Al Beaverdam Vaughn B Clyde C. R. Fran