

# Doughton Says Balanced Budget, And Further Tax Cuts Coming Next Year

Veteran N. C. Congressman Makes Keynote Address At Democratic Meeting

Representative Robert L. Doughton of the North Carolina congressional district, predicted a balanced budget for the nation by 1947 and continued "reduction in taxes just as rapidly as possible."

Doughton, keynote speaker for the North Carolina Democratic State convention in Raleigh, said that last year 12,000,000 low-income Americans were removed from federal tax rolls and rates were reduced on all individuals.

At the same time, he said, congress also reduced the taxes on corporations to stimulate increased employment and to help business and industry expand and reconvert for full peacetime production.

Addressing delegates from every section of the state, Doughton, who first began his career in congress in 1911 and who is now chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, reviewed Democratic history in North Carolina back to the days of Governor Bickett and Aycock.

In this regard, he said, he could find nothing but good. In contrast, he then reviewed the opposition's record, and in that he found nothing but bad.

As an example of Republican rule Doughton cited the nation's "debacle" of the Hoover regime, and pointed to the steady progress both the state and nation had made from the day President Roosevelt assumed leadership in 1933.

"One does not have to search for the monuments of the Democratic party," he said. "They are to be seen along the streets of every town. They are the vast dams that control flood waters. They are national parks and scenic highways. They are the rural free delivery boxes along the highways."

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In conclusion, he pointed to manufacturing in North Carolina, which he said jumped from a total capital investment of \$78,000,000 in 1900 to more than \$2,000,000,000 for 1945. . . . and to agriculture, which he added rose as a result of its crops from \$68,000,000 in 1900 to \$242,000,000 in 1939—placing North Carolina sixth among the states.

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"But," he warned, "next fall the voters of the state and nation must again choose between us and the Republicans. We need have no fear of the outcome if we are not lulled into over-confidence. I remind you," Doughton said, "that eternal vigilance is the price of victory as well as liberty."

The transmission poles that carry electricity to remote farm families. . . . The conservation of the nation's soil.

"So are the smoking factory chimneys and lines of efficient workmen checking in for the first, second or third shifts."

In reviewing the war years, Doughton said that "with victory in sight and with the foundations of a lasting peace already laid, Roosevelt was called from us."

"But his standard was picked up by another great American, Harry S. Truman. . . . and now, as we face economic and social problems at home and abroad, it is good to know that we have in the White House an honest, capable and fearless champion of the American way."

Doughton continued that "the conduct of a victorious world war and the revival of America's depressed economy called for vast national expenditures" and that "reference to either inevitably leads to the subject of taxation."

"While taxes must remain for a considerable time at a higher level than they were prior to the war," he said, "we must see to it that reductions are made just as rapidly as possible."

It is Doughton's "hope and belief that further substantial reductions can and should be made in the cost of government. We can do this," he said, "by abolishing functions rightfully belonging to the several states, and by turning a deaf ear to the special groups who flock to Washington for financial assistance for non-essential purposes."

Doughton pointed out that since January 1 of this year, the treasury had retired some \$4,000,000,000 of maturing obligations.

He added that the administration and congress "are so confident that the government debt has reached its peak and has begun to recede that the congress is in process of reducing the permissible debt limit from \$300,000,000,000 to \$275,000,000,000."

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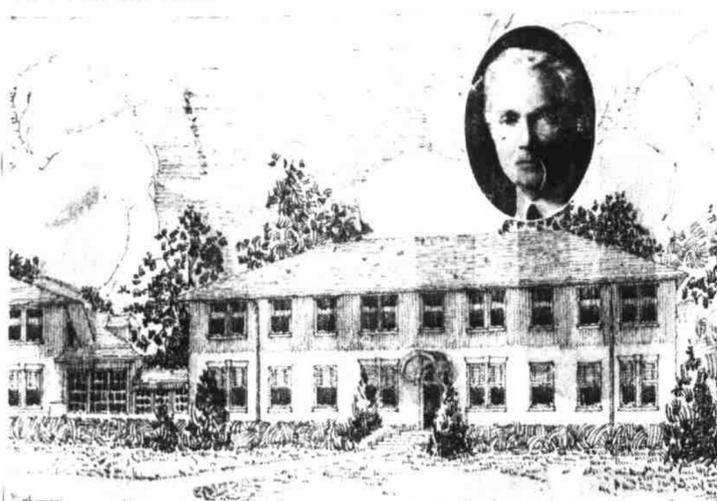
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## Proposed Hospital For Masonic And Eastern Star Home



This is an architect's drawing of the proposed hospital to be erected by Mrs. J. E. Latham in memory of her husband, James Erwin Latham, (insert) at Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro. The hospital would be a 30-bed capacity and will give the North Carolina Masons and Eastern Stars full realization of a dream which they had practically fulfilled when they started construction on the home in 1912.



## THE BOOK CORNER

Reading From Left To Right —With— FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

One of the very nicest anniversaries of the year is right here amongst us. We have reference to MOTHER'S DAY. Then, if ever, we feel the urge to remember the one who has never been able to see any of our faults but who will rise to our defense at the slightest hint we are not perfection itself.

Of course, you have already purchased some of the gifts you have long planned for this day but still feel that you would like to add a something that would be constant reminder of your devotion.

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And who in the world doesn't have sudden qualms when writing a letter? How on earth to spell such-and-such a word? Most of the dislike for letter writing will be dispelled if you give Mother one of the new desk size Funk and Wagnall's STANDARD DICTIONARIES. There is everything in it. This is ONE place where you can find HAPPINESS, and almost any other word you can conjure up.

## Welcome Home

The Following Haywood Men Have Received Honorable Discharges From Military Service, According To Records Received Here.



Among the men discharged from the armed forces from the Waynesville area of the county during the past week were: Loften Frank Green, GM, third class, from navy at Camp Shelton, Va. Ralph B. Winchester, AMM, second class, from navy at Jacksonville, Fla. James Everson Downs, Seaman

first class, from Coast Guard at Portsmouth, Va. Robert L. Gifford, Seaman first class from navy at Charleston, S. C. Sgt. James Bruce Jaynes, from army at Fort Bragg. T/5 Troy C. Davey, from army at Fort Bragg. Pfc. Albert L. Ruff, from army at Fort Bragg. Pvt. Lloyd L. Arrington, from army at Fort Bragg. Glenn Ernest Blankenship, Bkr., third class, from navy at Charleston, S. C. Cpl. Earl Greene, from army at Fort Bragg. Charles Edward Gibson, seaman second class, from navy at Bremerton, Wash.

Among those discharged from the Canton area during the past week were: Joseph Randolph Fluharty, Roy Harwood Paxton, Floyd Wallace Dewesse, Allison Marion Thomas (Col.), James Edwin Hardin, William Davis (Col.), John Edward Pless, George Ray Warren, Robert Emile Worley, Harold Allen Haynes, Virgil Hascue Chambers, Howell Eugene Pless, Thomas Elwood Shook, Jr., Carroll Trull, Troy Raines. J. H. Parks, Herbert Olin Pless, Russell Lee Logan, Charles D. Norlander, Thomas Riley Kirkpatrick, Lewin Leafatte Medford, Isaac Brinson Fonville, Jr., Leroy West, Ernest Lee Hannah, Charles Wesley Worley, William Tildon Swayngim, Joseph Max Burnette, Jack Norris, Charles Monroe Carroll, William Gantz Hammond, Van Finley Murray, Jr., James W. Stevenson, Loran Hall, Jesse Franklin West, James Adam Bentley, Roy Lee Cody, Jesse Glenn King, Morris Johnny McClure, Thomas Edward Rhinehart, and Jasper Lee Smith.

## Five Men From Canton Enlist In Armed Forces

The following men have recently enlisted in the regular army at the U. S. Recruiting station at Asheville: John Blaschke, son of John F. Blaschke of Canton, R.F.D. No. 2, has entered the Army Air Forces.

Thurman Burnette, son of Mrs. Zelma I. Burnette of Canton, enlisted in the Air Corps on April 13. Clarence W. Kuskendall, son of Joseph C. Kuskendall of Sunset Park, Canton, has enlisted in the Army Air Forces.

Henry Rhinehart, son of Mrs. H. Rhinehart of Canton, has enlisted in the regular army.

Eugene W. Wilson, son of Edwin W. Wilson, of Canton, has enlisted in the regular army.

## Britain Cuts Use Of Flour and Barley

LONDON—The British Government ordered a 12 1/2 per cent reduction in the use of flour for domestic bread production and a 15 per cent cut in the amount of barley to be used for beer-making.

The new grain economies, listed in a statement from Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee's Downing Street residence will give British housewives a standardized bread loaf of 1 1/2 pounds, instead of two pounds, without a reduction in price.

## New Awnings Are Put On Several Business Places

Several business houses have beaten the annual clean-up, and fix-up drive to the draw by having new awnings put up during the past week.

At least five places of business on Main Street have new awnings, and several others have their orders placed for a replacement in the near future.

The general color scheme this year is towards the brighter hues.

## Woman's Club To Have Illustrated Lecture At Meeting

The May meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the evening on the 16th instead of the usual afternoon hour of 3:30. The club will have a guest speaker who will give an illustrated lecture on gardening. All members are urged to be present.

The program will also be featured by special music. Hostesses of the evening will be Mrs. James W. Killian, Mrs. Troy Wyche, and Mrs. J. Harden Howell.

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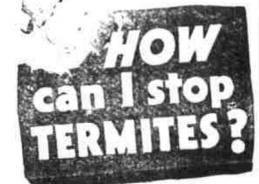
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