

Tarheel In Washington

By Lester Baker

The amount of money that a candidate invests in a political campaign is no indication, whatsoever, that he will win. Here is a good example as revealed by the November election in North Carolina: It cost J. Melville Broughton only \$350 to get elected to the Senate. But John A. Wilkinson, the Republican candidate, spent \$10,973.67.

The Army is more careful in selecting draftees to serve under the present draft act than during the war. Out of 44,000 men examined since early November, 32,000 have been rejected. This is a rate of 72 per cent. It compares with the rejection rate of 35.8 per cent during the war.

Many people favor the appointment of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as Secretary of State in case General George C. Marshall retires. But Mrs. Roosevelt has remarked that "The United Nations is my work." She is chairman of the U. N.'s 18-nation Human Rights Commission which will seek next year to draft human rights treaty legally enforcing those rights.

The Post Office Department has announced plans for a four-cent air mail postal card. The new card will be issued in connection with the increased postal rates which become effective January 1. It will go on sale throughout the country around January 10, and will be cream colored and the same size as the present one-cent postal cards.

The Treasury Department has revealed that more than 75-million Americans now hold U. S. savings bonds with a total value of more than \$50-billion.

I'm sure that North Carolinians were saddened by the death of Robert Quillen, the tramp printer who became South Carolina's H. L. Mencken. In my estimation, Mr. Quillen was one of the most outstanding newspaper columnists. For years I have very much enjoyed and benefited from reading his nationally syndicated paragraphs. It was in 1928 that Mr. Quillen wrote an editorial criticizing his State as a place run by "psalm - singing, liquor guzzling trash, without the slightest conception of the meaning of honor, constitutionally incapable of decency, inherently filthy in body, mind, and soul."

The Army, Navy and Air Force will start withholding of income taxes from the pay of all officers and enlisted men beginning January 1. Since 1942, the pay of enlisted personnel and Warrant Officers has been tax free, and commissioned officers have been allowed a \$1500 tax exemption. The last Congress, however, eliminated these provisions.

The Government Printing Office

now has on sale the 1948 edition of "Your Federal Income Tax." This booklet consists of 115-pages of discussion on the preparation of individual income tax returns. You may obtain a copy by writing to "The Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C." The price is twenty-five cents.

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