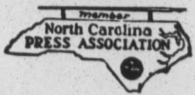


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State Of The State

In measured terms, with nondescript pride, Governor J. Melville Broughton today at opening of the State Legislature reviewed past accomplishments and future plans for North Carolina — at war — slightly more than one year after the beginning of American war effort.

Reviewed hurriedly but clearly are problems confronting the State, particularly where education, the State highway program and the surplus are concerned. Vexing problem of salary increases is touched upon and relief promised. Promised also is an optional arrangement for a nine month school term. Promised is continued support for the State Library system under which Person County has its tri-county library set-up. Promised is more money for State institutions for the insane. Mentioned is the matter of the State school commission. Suggested is establishment of an institution for delinquent Negro girls.

No specific suggestions are contained in the address as to what the post-war conditions are to be, and this is perhaps a wise omission on the Governor's part, although the public record of his administration will be enhanced in the end in direct proportion to the amount of planning done now for the coming days of peace. Time was when public officials could endorse the "sufficient unto the day" doctrine, but not now, and this is why his suggestion of long-ranged planning is important.

State of the State, as Broughton says, is good but we are sure that he does not intend to cast the shadow of an attitude of complacency, Native pride is one thing, complacency another. And the legislators, as Broughton knows, are going to be hard put to keep the State's good but not superlative standards at their pre-war levels until peace and the new day of forward march come into being.

Volume Goes Up

Sure sign that money is in circulation and that the average man has more of it, war prices and taxes notwithstanding, is the increase in volume of State automobile license tab sales, particularly as reported in the Person area by the Roxboro branch office of the Carolina motor club.

Sale of the tabs is larger than has ever been reported here, and this is true in the face of gasoline and tire rationings calculated to make people think twice before they put out hard-earned dollars to buy licenses. It may be that some tabs this year are being bought here by residents from other counties, but even so, it must be said that the record here is good.

Reported here so far are a few instances in which citations have been issued for those who have not yet bought plates and there is reason to believe that city of Roxboro residents are being a little bit slower in coming across for their city tabs, but any further delay in securing either State or City tabs must be in most instances put down to carelessness and neglect rather than to lack of the means to pay.

Right Idea

From Beckley, West Virginia, known here as the former home of Mrs. Karl Burger, comes announcement by a judge, Clay S. Crouse, that he intends to seek return of indictments against lax parents. It is Crouse's idea that parents are responsible for their children, particularly for those of "tender years", and that whatever of correction is to be administered to youthful offenders should come from parents.

Says the judge: "Indictment of parents is the major way of combatting the war-inspired increase in juvenile crime. It is a known fact, that children as young as 10 years of age have been apprehended in the act of crimes. Who else but parents could be responsible for ones of such tender age? "We must rely on what we can do to get at the cause

of juvenile delinquency and I think indictment of responsible parents is the means."

This puts the blame where it belongs, we think, but a word from Person's juvenile court officer, R. A. (Dick) Bullock, would be appreciated by way of confirmation.

Century Of Life

Mrs. Jane Clayton, of Ceppo, for whom final rites were held yesterday, spent all of her 98 years in Person County. Born on Oct. 3, 1844, her life-span covered five American wars and the administrations of many presidents, beginning with John Tyler.

Mere length of days is of itself no great distinction, but when age is joined with character and with adaptability to life, the accomplishment of reaching nearly the century mark becomes an achievement. Mrs. Clayton's achievement is known to those who were her friends and neighbors and it was no mean one. As the wife of a Confederate veteran, as the mother of children who are themselves in late maturity, and as a great-grandmother, she fitted into the Person pattern and in later years accepted with grace the role of the very old lady of Ceppo.

Last year she had her picture made, seated with one of her sons, his daughter, a great grand daughter and her own great-great. It was a simple picture, just as her life had been. Mrs. Clayton carried well the burden of her years and she lived all of them as fully as the turbulent times permitted.

Having seen five wars, she was not alarmed over the outcome of this one. Age gave her the opportunity to have a sense of relativity, and this was, as it always is, a possession above price, having nothing to do with social position, education or wealth.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Take Pains

Durham Sun

As income tax judgement day approaches, it is likely too much warning cannot be given American taxpayers. A great many are going to have to pay federal income taxes who never paid before. A great many who paid relatively trivial amounts are going to be rather heavily assessed. Those are matters we all need to consider in time.

The Sun has begun a series of Treasury articles to acquaint Sun readers with the provisions of the law. The Government has arranged the series in the hope that Americans will read them.

Apart from making sure that we are in a position to meet our tax responsibilities, we need to be sure we make accurate returns. If we take pains in preparing our returns we will save the Government an enormous amount of work and expense.

Each year, a surprising number of cases which involve virtually no money must be straightened out. The taxpayer may even pay too much. The Treasury forces have more than they can do at best. An accurate return not only will save the Government time and money, but it will save the taxpayer annoyance and time; for, if the return is not accurate, the Treasury agents, soon or late, will be around to iron out the inaccuracies and that will mean time and trouble on both sides of the fence.

Smaller But Better?

News And Observer

The newspapers are to be rationed on newsprint — a reduction of ten percent. In England the newspaper pages, only four, are little larger than a handkerchief. As war goes on every necessary thing will be reduced.

If newspapers are to be smaller, will they be better? "Much in little" will have to be the rule. Speeches made over the radio have been reduced in length, and otherwise improved, because of the time limit. Will it be true of newspapers when condensation is required?

A certain preacher said to his congregation: "My brethren, I must preach a long sermon today because I was too busy to prepare a short one." Woodrow Wilson said something like this: "If it was necessary to condense a speech into ten minutes, it would take a week to prepare it; if in twenty minutes, three days; if there is no limit as to time, I am ready now."

If the law of compensation works, smaller newspapers may be better than larger ones if subscribers are satisfied and if advertisers will pay the same rate for a quarter column of space that they now pay for a column.

Tar Heel Did Share In Five Big Navy Fights

ELIZABETH CITY, Jan. 7. — Charles A. Bray, Jr., of Old Trap, 19-year-old veteran of the sea who is at home on a 30-day survivor's leave after his ship was bombed and sunk, says "I've been through five major Naval battles in the Pacific and never even got so much as a singed eyebrow." Bray survived the battles of Coral Sea, Midway, Solomons, Marshall and Gilbert Islands and

Santa Cruz. The last battle is the most vivid in this coxswain's memory as this was the last battle in which his ship saw action before being sent to the bottom of the Pacific. His ship was doing duty beside the Yorktown,

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the Enterprise and the Wasp when they went down.

"In the Battle of Santa Cruz, Jap planes attacked us three times in one day", Bray said. "The first attack came at 9:45 in the morning and lasted for only 15 minutes. The planes returned soon for their second attack and, following the third visit, the order was given to abandon ship.

"Four hits were scored on the ship, 1,000 and 500-pound bombs being dropped. Four suicide planes crashed into us. The ship wasn't sunk from damage from the Jap planes but we torpedoed her to keep the Japs from falling heir to her, the position being only 50 miles from Japanese held islands.

"During the attack, we had picked up a report that 47 suicide planes were headed toward us, but the four that crashed into us were the only four that got through. Of the 195 Japanese ships that were shot down, our ship was credited with getting 50."

INCREASE

The membership of 4-H Clubs in Cleveland County will be increased this year, with every club boy and girl carrying a Victory project, reports Assistant Farm Agent H. M. Stamey.

TERRACING

Stanley County farmers say they now realize that terracing their farm land is the first essential in a good soil-building program, reports V. A. Hunneycutt, assistant farm agent.

SCRAP

The second scrap drive in Transylvania County is being undertaken by 4-H Clubs in cooperation with the schools, reports T. S. Gash, assistant farm agent.

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LEGAL NOTICE RE-SALE OF FARM LAND

An upset bid of 5 percent having been received for the lands hereinafter described, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County having consequently ordered a re-sale of the lands, such order being entered in that special proceeding in the Superior Court of Person County entitled "Henry Jay et al. versus Jack Thomas et al." I will, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1943, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Roxboro offer for re-sale to the highest bidder for cash a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: Lying and being in Allens-

ville Township, Person County, North Carolina, bounded on the North by lands of Mary Lee Gills, on the East by lands of T. H. Yancey, on the South by lands of W. T. Yancey and lands of Ed Lawson Estate and on the West by lands of Richard Smith, and containing 62 acres, more or less, the same being regularly known as the Alex Bumpass Place.

This sale will remain open for ten days for upset bid and high bidder at the sale will be required to make deposit of 10 percent of bid price as evidence of good faith. Bidding will begin at the sum of \$708.75. This December 18, 1942.

R. P. BURNS, COMMISSIONER. Dec. 31 - Jan. 7

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