

HOUSE PASSES PAY-AS-YOU-GO INCOME TAX BILL

**Bill Would Forgive 1942
Taxes of 90 Per Cent of
People. Goes To Senate.**

Washington, May 4. — Terminating one of the bitter party battles of recent years, the house today passed, 313 to 95, a pay-as-you-go bill wiping out the 1942 federal income tax liabilities completely for approximately 90 per cent of the taxpayers and imposing a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portions of wages and salaries, effective July 1.

The action came in a dramatic series of steps in which the Democrats barely battered down, 206 to 202, the modified Ruml plan which would have skipped a complete tax year.

When the Ruml bill failed the Republicans swung almost to the man to the compromise, and a measure supported by Democratic leaders never came to a vote.

In the debate, tempers flared, at one time reaching such a pitch that Speaker Rayburn got out the house rule book to decree that no member could call another a "demagogue."

The approved bill, offered by Representatives Robertson, Democrat, of Virginia, and Forand, Democrat, of Rhode Island, abates the 6 per cent normal and 13 per cent of first bracket sur-tax on the 1942 income of all taxpayers, wiping out approximately \$7,600,000,000 of the \$10,000,000,000 of federal tax assessments against the last year's incomes.

It now goes to the senate where Republicans and some Democrats are prepared to open a new battle for the Ruml skip-a-year plan.

The tall, lanky Robertson told the house the measure would put virtually all of the nation's 44,000,000 individual income taxpayers immediately on a pay-as-you-go system whereby they henceforward would remit taxes in one year on the basis of income the same year instead of on the income of the previous year.

The house-approved bill would provide for income tax collection as follows:

1. Wage and salary earners (except members of the armed services, agricultural labor, ministers, and domestic servants)—will have 20 per cent deducted weekly, semi-monthly or monthly from their pay envelopes or salary checks. (After allowable deductions have been made for family status and other exemptions). This will not be an additional tax, but provides a means of current collection against taxes now on the statute books. The collections will cover both income tax and the victory tax obligations. After July 1 there would be no separate collection of 5 per cent on victory taxes.

2. Persons with incomes from sources other than wages and salaries, such as business and professional men, would be placed on a pay-as-you-go basis by requiring them to estimate their tax for the current year and pay such estimated tax within the year.

3. To farmers a special rule applies. If the gross income of an individual farm from farming for the taxable year is at least 80 per cent of his total estimated gross income from all sources, such an individual may file a declaration of the estimated tax at any time on or before December 15 of the taxable year if the taxpayer is on a calendar-year basis.

New School Pupils To Be Vaccinated

P. H. Hobson, superintendent of the city schools, announced yesterday that the county health nurse will be at the grammar schools Wednesday, May 12, for the purpose of vaccinating those children who will enter school next September. He urgently requests parents to bring their children for vaccination since it is required by law that they be vaccinated before they can be enrolled in the school.

The nurse will be at Florida Street school at 9; Academy Street school at 10; Providence school at 11; and Bell Street school at 12. All are asked to be on hand promptly so the teacher can get certain information before the nurse vaccinates.

BLACKOUT HERE TONIGHT 10-10:30

The local Defense council announced yesterday that Clinton will be included in an air raid warning test and blackout tonight (Thursday) from 10 to 10:30 o'clock.

The blackout was ordered in 32 communities by Hugh C. McCown, director of the Columbia district, and will include a part of Laurens county.

Friends of Miss Roberta Elise Alban, of near Clinton, will be interested to know she has been transferred from the WAAC training center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to Ruston, La.

WILLIAM B. GLENN GERMAN PRISONER

A second Clinton boy—Pfc. William B. Glenn, is a prisoner of the German war government. This information came Saturday in a telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Glenn, which also stated that a letter of information would follow from the provost marshal general.

A similar message was received last week by Mrs. Lucy B. Nabors relative to her son, Pvt. William Herman Nabors.

Pfc. Glenn, the youngest son of his parents, was reported "missing in action" on the northwest African front February 17. He is attached to Company K of the 168th infantry, and has been in foreign service since February 1942.

The friends of the young man and of his parents, will be interested to know of the additional information just received following the distressing message several weeks ago that he was missing while in active combat.

LUTHERANS MEET HERE FRIDAY

**St. John's Church Will
Be Host to Piedmont
Conference for One-Day
Session**

The Piedmont conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina will meet in St. John's Lutheran church Friday, May 7. The conference will begin at 10:30 with The Service and administration of the Holy Communion. The Rev. Charles E. Fritz, D.D., of Columbia, will preach the sermon.

Liturgists for the service will be the Rev. M. R. Wingard, of Greenwood, and the Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer of this city.

The business sessions of both the church conference and the Woman's Missionary society will immediately follow the communion service.

The afternoon session will open at 2:30 with devotions conducted by Mrs. Mabel B. Fenner. Mrs. Fenner will also lead a 40-minute discussion on parish education. Mrs. Fenner is a representative of the Parish and Church School board with headquarters in Philadelphia. The conference will be addressed by the Rev. Karl W. Kinard, of Columbia, president of the South Carolina synod. The Rev. Arthur M. Huffman, of Knoxville, Tenn., will represent the Board of Ministerial Pension and Relief. He will present the church's plan for ministerial pensions to the conference.

Members of the local church and interested friends are invited to attend the meeting.

ON THE WAR FRONTS

Mediterranean: German radio broadcasts from Vichy that Allied movements at Gibraltar and in Algerian waters possibly point to invasion attempt against Sicily and Sardinia, island steps to European continent from North Africa, with indications complete victory in Tunisia will not be awaited.

Tunisia: United States and French troops pass on beyond Mateur in effort to cut communications between Bizerte and Tunis with such heavy pressure Axis forced to evacuate all forward positions; British First Army at center makes slight gains, and British Eighth in south launches heavy artillery bombardment northeast of Enfidaville.

Russia: Kuban peninsula fighting flares anew, with Moscow saying it may develop into the great struggle of the summer; in two days, Russian fliers shot down 54 Nazi planes, lost 21 of their own; Russians stress announcement more American lend-lease planes have gone to Reds than any other of Allies.

Pacific: Allied headquarters reveals heavy loss of planes in Sunday fight as Japs raided Darwin was due to bad weather, not Jap fighting ability; says three pilots missing, but still withholds details of losses; weather holds air activity to minimum.

Japan: Japanese tell nation that supplies at home enough for short war only, stress production strength of U. S. and England in calling for support of war effort.

Mother's Day Program At Bailey Memorial

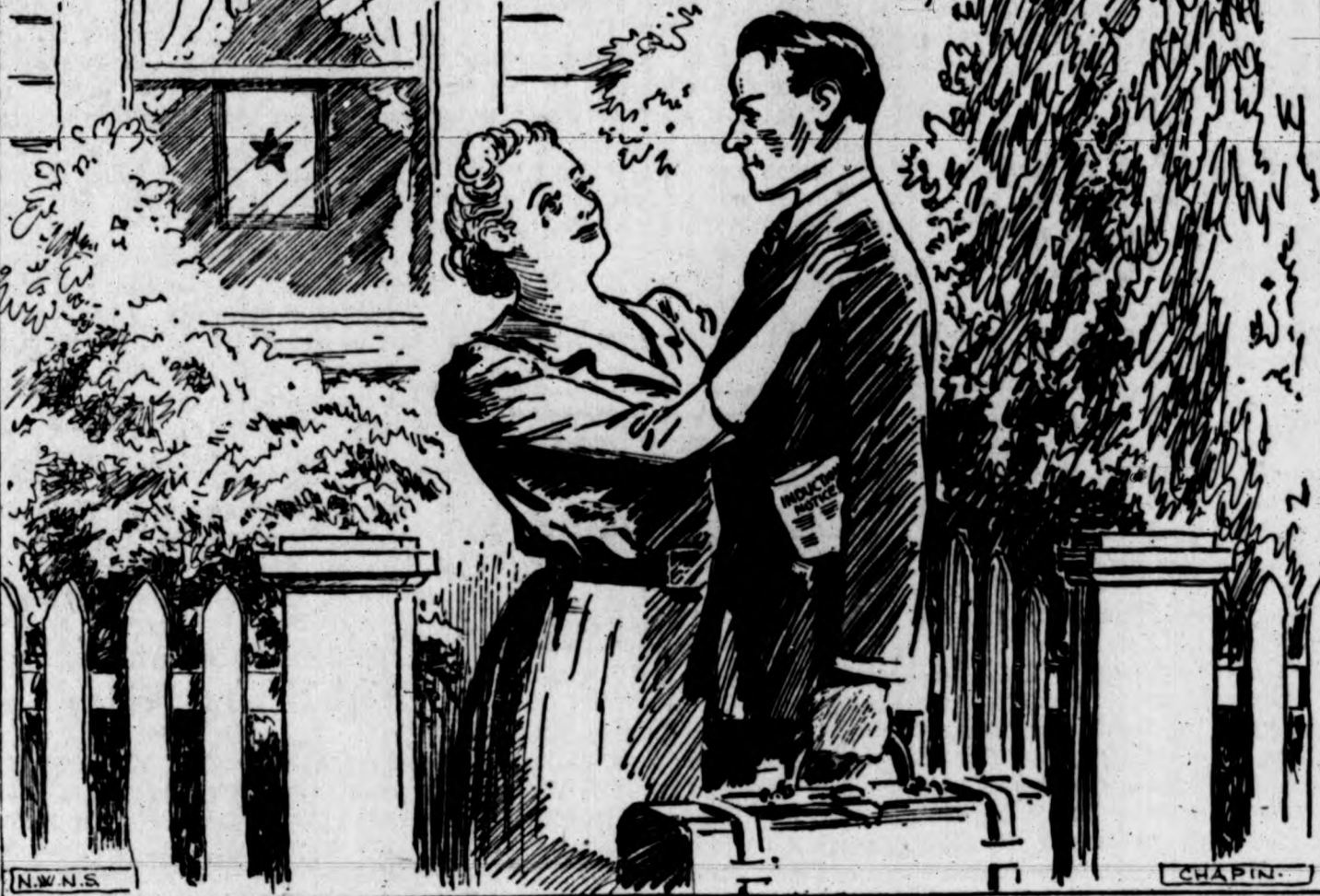
Special Mother's Day exercises are announced for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Bailey Memorial M. E. Church, South, by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Quinn.

There will be songs and flowers appropriate to the occasion. Special music will be in charge of J. T. Pack and it is expected that a quartet from the college cadet unit will appear on the program.

The public is invited. Especially are mothers invited for the special service in their honor.

A Mother's Message on Mother's Day

SON, —
IT TAKES COURAGE FOR YOU TO SERVE
YOUR COUNTRY ON THE FIGHTING FRONT;
IT TAKES COURAGE FOR ME TO DO MY BIT
ON THE HOME FRONT;
WHERE EVER WE ARE, WHAT EVER WE MAY BE DOING,
YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR ME AND I AM FIGHTING FOR YOU!
OUR COURAGE MUST NOT FALTER!



BOARD APPROVES TAX RETURNS

The Laurens county equalization board, which is composed of township board chairmen, held a meeting Thursday morning in the auditor's office in Laurens to consider tax returns as submitted by each township.

Jack H. Davis, Sr., of Clinton, presided over the meeting which was attended by the assessors appointed earlier in the year. It was reported that practically all township unit reports were approved by the board, and the few protest notices were filed for further reference.

The board of assessors for this section of the county, with the chairmen listed first, follows:

Hunter township—Jack H. Davis, Sr., G. Fair Buford, W. H. Milam. City of Clinton—J. H. Pitts, Jr., B. Hubert Boyd, Joe L. Davidson. Jacks township—J. D. Copeland, Raymond W. Dean, W. J. Henry. Suffletown township—D. M. McClintock, Geo. W. Cunningham, Mace Holland.

Lieut. Ross M. Lynn Wins Captaincy

News has been received here of the promotion of Lt. Ross M. Lynn to the rank of captain. He is now attached to headquarters squadron, 15th Bomb. Wing, Sioux City, Iowa.

Capt. Lynn, the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Ross Lynn of this city, entered army duty in March of last year as a second lieutenant in the officers reserve corps, and was assigned to the ordnance division at Charlotte. A few months later he was made a first lieutenant. Before entering the service Capt. Lynn was a member of the faculty of the Darlington School for Boys, at Rome, Ga. His many friends here will be interested in the announcement of his promotion.

Presbyterian School To Observe Anniversary

On Sunday morning the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church will present a special program celebrating the 79th anniversary of the founding of the school. After a 15-minute class period, the entire Sunday school membership will meet in the church auditorium for the exercises in which a number of young people will take part.

County Supply Bill Reduced 4 Mills

The Laurens county supply bill for 1943 as printed several weeks ago in The Chronicle after its introduction in the general assembly, carries few changes from the original measure as presented.

The certified bill provides for a seven mill tax as compared with last year's 11 mills, the reduction being brought about largely, the delegation states, by a transfer of \$16,000 unexpended road construction funds to this year's general expense account.

An addition to the original bill as printed in The Chronicle was the item for a service officer at a salary of \$1,200 a year plus \$250 travel expenses.

LAURENS HAS A \$250,000 FIRE

Laurens, May 4. — Fire swept through eight storage warehouses of the Laurens Glass works, a bottle manufacturing concern, here Tuesday and destroyed other property involving a total loss estimated by E. D. Easterby, president, at \$250,000.

The warehouses were near the main plant. A large paint and decorating building of steel and corrugated iron construction also was damaged and seven freight boxcars on a spur track, loaded with raw materials and finished products, were burned.

Officials of the company said the main plant unit would be in operation again within two or three days. Fast work by firemen saved it from destruction.

The fire, origin of which is not known, was discovered soon after 7 a.m. and was brought under control two hours later. Fire companies from Greenville and Clinton assisted Laurens firemen in bringing the blaze under control and preventing further spread.

The Laurens factory, said to be the only one of its type in the Southeast, employs 325 persons, some of them women.

Because of the rapid spread of the blaze, several employees lost personal effects and machinist's tools. No one was injured.

Sugar Registration Now Underway

Registration for sugar for home canning and preserving is now under way at the local ration board, rationing officials have announced.

Each consumer may get one pound of sugar per four quarts of finished canned fruit, but not more than 25 pounds of sugar. Each consumer may get not more than five pounds for making jams, jellies, etc., it is explained.

The aggregate allowance for both canning and making jams, jellies, preserves or fruit butters will not exceed 25 pounds per consumer for the period March 1, 1943, to February 29, 1944.

The applicant, it is stated, must present war ration book No. 1 in applying for sugar and the board will note amounts granted on the cover.

State Tennis Meet Friday and Saturday

The South Carolina Intercollegiate Tennis tournament will be held on Presbyterian college's all-weather courts on Friday and Saturday with four colleges participating, Director William C. Luffer has announced.

The schools entering teams will be the University of South Carolina, Furman university, Erskine college, and Presbyterian college.

Presbyterian college is defending team champion, and the Hosemen's Captain Billy Needham is defending singles champion.

No freshman tournament will be held, as the present war time eligibility rules allow freshmen to play on varsity teams.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR BOY SCOUTS

A special court of honor program for Boy Scouts of the Clinton district will be held at the Joanna clubhouse at Goldville, on Tuesday night, May 11, at 8 o'clock.

At this time a special sound picture on Scouting will be shown, followed by the presentation of certificates of advancement and merit badges to a number of Scouts who have passed the required tests.

Announcement is made that a troop has been reorganized at Lydia Mills with Rev. C. F. Allen of Goldville, as scoutmaster. A new troop in the city of Clinton is now in the process of organization, it is stated.

All scouts and troop committeemen are invited to attend the Goldville meeting. The Clinton district includes troops in the city, at Lydia and Clinton Mills, the State Training school and Goldville.

Sweets To Retire As Committee Head

Local Presbyterians will be interested in the announcement that the Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., has announced that he would retire September 1 as executive secretary of the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief for the Southern Presbyterian church. Dr. Sweets will retire under a rule of the church that an executive secretary is automatically retired on September 1, following his seventieth birthday.

Dr. Sweets has visited in Clinton on a number of occasions where he is pleasantly known. He ranks as one of the outstanding ministers and leaders of the Southern Presbyterian church. He was moderator of the general assembly in 1936.

A. R. P. Synod To Meet In Greenville

The general synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in session the past week at the Bonclarken assembly grounds near Hendersonville, N. C., voted to hold the 1944 session in Greenville with the A. R. P. church.

The synod named Dr. G. B. Pressly of Fayetteville, Tenn., as the new moderator.

Jurors Are Drawn For Civil Court

The May term of civil court will convene in Laurens on the 10th. Thirty-six jurors were drawn by the commissioners last week to serve.

Hunter township jurors listed are: P. W. Finley, W. R. Thomas, J. M. Roland, L. N. Godfrey, G. C. Adair, U. G. Young, Sr., James Fulmer, G. A. Dickey.

Kiwanis Meeting Set For Tonight

The Kiwanis club will meet tonight at 7:30 instead of the regular meeting time next Thursday, the committee in charge announced yesterday. The guest speaker will be Dr. J. K. Roberts of this city, a member of the club.

PLANS GIVEN FOR CLOSING PROGRAM AT CLINTON HIGH

**Baccalaureate Service
May 16 at Presbyterian
Church. Fifty-eight
Slated to Finish.**

The 1942-43 session of the Clinton city schools will come to a close on Friday, May 21.

The commencement program of the high school will open on Sunday evening, May 16th, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the First Presbyterian church by the pastor, Dr. J. K. Roberts. As has been the custom for a long period of years, this will be a union service in which all churches of the city will unite.

The annual class day exercises will be held on Thursday evening, May 20.

The graduating exercises will be held in Florida Street school auditorium on Friday evening, May 21. Keeping a custom established several years ago, no guest speaker will address the graduating class on commencement night. The program will consist of the presentation of medals and awards and the delivery of diplomas to the graduates. Peggy Johnson has been named as the valedictorian, and Edna Earle Workman the salutatorian.

The time of all three programs will be eight o'clock, with the public cordially invited.

Of the 58 names on the tentative list of graduates, 22 are boys and 36 are girls, as follows:

Boys—

Chris Adair
John Adair
Hoyt Anderson.
Lewis Bagwell.
Bobby Boyce.
Fred Bragg, Jr.
Billy Buchanan.
Pringle Copeland.
Thomas Cox.
Jim Crawford.
Frank Dailey.
Howie Dawkins.
William Ellis.
Robert McCrary.
John Morris.
Louie Nabors.
Fred Pitts.
Halsell Roberts.
Frank Simpson.
Bruce Stewart.
Arthur Scogin.
Perry Lee Swygert.

Girls—

Doris Baldwin.
Mary Barksdale.
Ann Blakely.
Annie Lou Boatwright.
Roslyn Cason.
Anita Cassanova.
Frances Clark.
Jean Copeland.
Emily Copeland.
Hazel Ellis.
Catherine Flow.
Martha Foster.
Ann Foster.
Mary Francis.
Bernice Graves.
Essie Hedspeth.
Mildred Holland.
Peggy Johnson.
Robbie King.
Jewel Lanford.
Sara Francis Lawson.
Lois Mauldin.
Carolyn Murphy.
Amelia Payne.
Dorothy Pinson.
Mary Frances Rowland.
Virginia Sharpton.
Kathleen Shaw.
Ruth Singley.
Mildred Snellgrove.
Ruth South.
Julia Taylor.
Doris Thomas.
Frances Uldrick.
Jacqueline Weir.
Edna Earle Workman.

CLINTON PASSES BOND QUOTA BY \$65,000

Reports through yesterday showed that the Clinton-Goldville area is far over its quota of \$200,000 set for the Second War Loan drive which ended May 1. Tabulations showed total sales of \$265,707.50, an over-subscription of more than \$65,000. The subscriptions, the committees in charge state, came from individuals, corporations, banks and institutions.

The amount raised was divided: Clinton \$193,707.50; Goldville, \$72,000.

Maxwell Ferguson Given Discharge

Maxwell Ferguson, formerly of the glider division, army air forces, Stuttgart, Ark., has received an honorable discharge from the army and is at home. Mr. Ferguson was released due to the fact that glider training is being discontinued, but he expects to enter some phase of air service soon.