

HOUSE REVOLTS ON TREASURY'S NEW DRASTIC TAX PLAN

**Chairman Doughton
and Others Term Bill
Unreasonable. Not
Expected To Pass.**

Washington, Oct. 4.—The treasury's mammoth new tax program, intended to raise another \$10,500,000 from income tax payers, gum chewers, tobacco smokers and drinkers of liquor and soda pop, apparently died a-borning today.

Representative Doughton of North Carolina, took a quick look at the program, which would increase by 40 per cent the government's overall take from personal incomes, and proclaimed it too big a burden for the taxpayers to bear at this time.

Since Doughton is chairman of the house ways and means committee, through which all tax bills must go, it was believed unlikely that this tax bill or anything remotely like it would get to first base. There was speculation that any tax bill passed this year would raise no more than half the amount the administration asked.

To Doughton, portions of the treasury plan seemed "utterly indefensible." He told newsmen:

"I feel that the secretary's (Morgenthau) program is more ambitious and calls for more tax, in the aggregate than the taxpayers can reasonably bear at this time, in view of the already heavy tax liability. . . I do not see at this time how we can make the full increases requested, either in individual, corporate or excise taxes."

The effective rate in the lowest income tax bracket would jump from the present 22 per cent to 27, and increases would be made throughout the other brackets. The effective rate on taxable income over \$100,000 would be 96 per cent.

Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, with the approval of President Roosevelt, also asked for sharp increases in levies on corporations and so-called luxuries, such as liquor and tobacco, and for new taxes on soft drinks and chewing gum.

Appearing before the tax-framing house ways and means committee, he proposed that the withholding levy on wages and salaries, now 20 per cent of taxable income, be placed on a graduated basis to cover the gross earnings of all income brackets, with rates that might range from 1 per cent for the small wage earner up to 90 per cent for a person with a \$1,000,000 salary.

The withholding rates under the new plan would follow roughly the effective rates of tax liability and would vary according to size of income and marital status. Effect would be given to the exemptions by variations in the withholding rates.

The present 20 per cent withholding levy, collected after family status deductions, is calculated to cover the tax obligation only through the first surtax bracket.

Representative Robertson of Virginia, told Morgenthau the suggested tax increases actually would limit individual incomes to less than \$25,000 a year, and Representative Knutson, Republican, of Minnesota, declared the new taxes would come as a crushing blow to the taxpayers who have not received substantial wartime increases in earnings.

As outlined by the treasury secretary, the administration's program would increase federal annual revenues to almost \$50,000,000,000—about one-third of the national income. It provides:

1. Individual income tax—Raise \$6,500,000,000 in addition to the present collections of about \$16,000,000,000; reduce the personal exemption of married couples and heads of families from \$1,200 to \$1,100 and reduce the dependent credit from \$350 to \$300, the single person's exemption remaining at \$500; repeal the 5 per cent victory tax; and repeal the earned income credit. Repeal of the victory tax would relieve about 9,000,000 people of any income tax.

2. Corporation income levies—Increase surtax rates, the combined normal and surtax reaching a maximum of 50 per cent as compared with the present maximum of 40 per cent on corporations with income in excess of \$50,000. Calculated to yield another \$1,140,000,000.

3. Excise taxes—Increase all along the line, and add soft drinks and chewing gum, bringing in an additional \$2,290,000,000. A bottle of pop would be taxed one cent.

4. Estate and gift taxes—Increase estate tax rates, reduce specific exemption from \$80,000 to \$40,000, and increase gift tax rates to three-quarters of the new higher estate tax rates.

5. A postwar credit system, to apply primarily at the lower levels of income, by which \$2,270,000,000 to \$3,510,000,000 of the increased take from individuals would be refunded. Persons who have not had earning increases of over 15 per cent since (Continued on page eight)

Recreation Center To Open At Orphanage

The front section of the building on the orphanage campus known as the museum building, has been converted into a recreational center for the children of the home. It will provide an indoor court for basket and volley ball and for other activities. The remodeling and painting work is being completed this week and the big family will observe Saturday night as "open house" for the inspection of the center. The enlarged recreational program at the institution is directed by Miss Martha Stoner, who is also Bible teacher in the high school.

LOCKMAN NAMED NEW MILL SUPERINTENDENT

**Succeeds the Late E. A.
Hill at Clinton and
Lydia Mills.**

It was announced here yesterday by officials of Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills that Frank D. Lockman had succeeded the late E. A. Hill as superintendent of the two plants. Mr. Lockman comes here from Lockhart, where he held a similar position with Monarch Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockman will occupy the superintendent's residence on Sloan street in the mill community when repairs and renovations now underway on the building are completed, it was stated.

Other changes in personnel at the Clinton Mills include the promotion of M. Sanders to the position of assistant superintendent, and Roy Holtzclaw to overseer of spinning, the position formerly held by Mr. Sanders.

There were no other changes of personnel in positions at Lydia Mills, it was said.

W. J. Bailey is president of both mills.

To Present Honor Pins At Calvary Church Sunday Afternoon

At a special Victory rally to be held at Calvary Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Senator O. L. Long of Laurens county will present honor pins to mothers who have four or five sons in the armed services of the country.

Mrs. S. C. Foster and Mrs. John H. Campbell will receive five-star pins, and Mrs. L. B. Trammell will receive a four-star pin. In connection with the service, Dr. Monroe Parker, evangelist and director of religious activities at Bob Jones college in Tennessee, who is engaged in a revival campaign at Calvary church, will deliver a sermon.

Rev. J. Olin Watson, pastor of the church, extends an invitation to the people of the community to attend the exercises.

Ruth Rumph Heads High School Paper

The first issue of The Sentinel, Clinton high school student publication for the 1943-44 school term, appeared from the press during the past week.

The paper, which is published monthly, is headed as editor by Ruth Rumph. Other members of the editorial and business staffs are:

Associate editor, Ann McMillian; news editor, Virginia Gray; sports editor, Harold Gardner; feature editor, Johnita Horton; assistants, Virginia Henry, Jean Williams; columnists, Buddy Carr, Mark Padgett.

Reporters: Betty Ann Boland, Norma Anderson, Doris Fuller, Laura Frances Hudgens, Anne Owens, Louise Tribble, Barrie Jean Wingard, Alberta Baldwin, Jean Rumph, Lucy Thomas, Mary Frances Pinson, Cornelia Harris, Walter Barksdale.

Exchange editor, Joy Godfrey; typists, Betty Taylor, Edna Baldwin, Nancy Neal, Novella McCurry. Business staff: Business manager, Marian Pitts; assistants, Lillian Dillard, Annell Falls; local circulation manager, Alvin Bagwell; outside manager, Mary Padgett.

Faculty managers: editorial, Miss Rosa Mahaffey; business, R. M. Burt.

William C. Byrd Is Promoted To Captain

Friends and relatives here will be interested in the recent promotion of Lt. William C. Byrd of this city to the rank of captain. Captain Byrd is a company commander in the engineers corps stationed at Camp Butler, N. C. He is a graduate of Clemson college.

Captain and Mrs. Byrd were guests of Mrs. Julia Griffin several days this week, leaving on Monday to visit relatives in Greenville before returning to Camp Butler.

Action On Eastern Front Quiets Down

London, Oct. 5.—The Red army advanced to within 30 miles of the White Russian stronghold of Vitebsk today, but elsewhere along its 750-mile front the Soviet 1943 offensive had come to a halt.

Moscow dispatches said that strong German counter-attacks were increasing over wide sectors, but it was not clear whether this Nazi action and current rains had caused the Soviet drive to stop, or whether it had been ended first by Soviet design, with the German counter-attacks coming as a result.

In any case, there were indications that the Red army might be using the relative lull in preparation for a smashing resumption of its assault to carry it across the great Dnieper river along which the front is now stabilized.

For the second day in succession the Moscow communique reported relative inactivity.

37 WHITE MEN GO TO CAMP CROFT FOR SEPTEMBER QUOTA

Clinton draft board No. 50 sent 37 white men Thursday, September 30, to Camp Croft, Spartanburg, for final examinations before induction into the armed forces.

Those included in the call were: James Talmadge Davenport, Greenwood.

Alvin Daniel Green, Ware Shoals. James Dewitt Martin, Ware Shoals. Carlton Todd Crawford, Ware Shoals.

Walter Morehead Hughs, Clinton. O'Dell Clyde Gregory, Clinton. Charley Brady Griffin, Savannah, Ga.

Lee Roy Osborne, Rt. 1, Clinton. Charles Hermon Crawford, Ware Shoals.

Cecil Brasington McLendon, Rt. 3, Clinton.

Earl Martin Stewart, Clinton. Claude Bennett, Clinton.

Marcell Barker, Clinton. Ky Cothran, Ware Shoals.

Ralph Abrams Nabors, Clinton. Charles Evans Giles, Clinton. Arthur Claud McElhannon, Clinton.

Jack Scurry Golding, Waterloo. Carroll Louis Davis, Ware Shoals. Marion Wilbur Elledge, Charleston.

Warren Barth Gamble, Miami, Fla. James Bussey Albee, St. Simons Island, Ga.

Willis Edwards Burkett, Ware Shoals.

Winford Earl Puckett, Renno. Eugene Ledford, Rt. 1, Clinton.

Robert Lee Jones, Clinton. Hokie Martin Fricks, Honea Path.

Roy Ansel Hathcox, Clinton. Robert Samuel Lee White, Clinton.

Benjamin L. Martin, Jr., Ware Shoals.

Richard Martin O'Dell, Ware Shoals.

Marshall Louis Stevens, Clinton. Hurlen Homer Fallaw, Clinton.

John Carter Johnson, Clinton. Earl Yates Nelson, Rt. 1, Clinton.

Henry Weston Dobbins, Goldville. Claude Lee Smith, Clinton.

Clinton High Plays Woodruff Friday Night

The Clinton high school football team will play Woodruff high here Friday night at 8 o'clock at Johnson field.

This will be the second appearance of the local team this season, the first resulting in a 7-0 loss to Ninety-Six two weeks ago.

The Clinton line-up for tomorrow's game has been announced as follows: LE, Billy Cooper; LT, Bobby Dailley; LG, Paul Arnold; C, Joe McGee; RG, Pope Oxner; RT, Carl Windsor; RE, Tedo Freeman; QB, Lonnie McMillian; HB, John Hunter; HB, Robert McCrary; FB, Luther Brock.

RATIONING BOARD BULLETIN (OPA)

(Compiled to date for information The Chronicle's readers.)

MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book 3 brown stamps C and D valid through October 30.

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 2 blue stamps U, V and W valid through October 20; stamps X, Y and Z valid through November 20.

SUGAR—Book 1 stamp 14 good through October for five pounds; stamps 15 and 16 each good for five pounds for home canning.

SHOES—Book 1 stamp 18 good indefinitely; stamp 1 on the "airplane" sheet of Book 3 valid November 1 and good indefinitely.

GASOLINE—A-6 coupons are now valid for 3 gallons and expire November 8.

FUEL OIL—New season's Period 1 coupons—good through January 3, 1944, worth 10 gallons per unit, with most coupons worth several units each.

MRS. A. B. BLAKELY CLAIMED BY DEATH

**Funeral Yesterday
Afternoon. Interment
At Rosemont Cemetery.**

Mrs. Mamie Addy Blakely, 68, wife of A. B. Blakely, Sr., died early Tuesday morning at her home after several months illness. She was a native of Laurens county where she spent her entire life.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the residence on West Carolina avenue at 4 o'clock, in charge of her pastor, Dr. C. B. Betts, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. H. Kohler, pastor of Broad Street Methodist church. Interment was in Rosemont cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wm. Brooks Owens, James Addy, Bennie B. Blakely, Broadus H. Suddeth, W. E. Falls, Charles Copeland, J. Roy Crawford and Lynn W. Cooper.

The honorary escort consisted of J. Hubert Todd, Lowry M. Wilson, W. Blakely Tribble, Dr. J. W. Davis, R. L. Plaxico, D. E. Tribble, C. A. Dickie, Dr. J. B. Kennedy and J. Reed Todd.

Survivors include her husband; three sons and four daughters: L. A. Blakely, A. B. Blakely, Jr., and John David Blakely of this city; Mrs. J. A. Harker of Atkins, Mrs. H. K. Neely of Avondale Estates, Ga., Mrs. G. B. Harvel of Greenwood, and Mrs. John T. Young of this city; one brother, George W. Addy of this city; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Blakely was a woman of many virtues, occupying the positions of wife, mother, neighbor, friend and Christian worker with dignity and understanding. She leaves many to grieve her death who sympathize with the family in her loss.

X-Ray Clinic Planned For Residents of Lydia And Clinton Mills

**Officials of Plants and
Tuberculosis Association
Are Cooperating.**

Plans for an intensive educational campaign and X-ray clinic for the employees and residents of Clinton and Lydia Mills have been worked out by mill officials and Mrs. Pliny Whitlock, TB worker of the Laurens TB association, it has been announced by W. J. Bailey, president of the local mills.

The clinic will be held October 20 at Clinton mill, and on the 21st at Lydia mill. The entire cost of the X-ray and report will be one dollar per person. The mill officials plan to open the clinic to every person in the villages who desires the test.

P. S. Bailey, general chairman of the campaign, will be assisted by J. R. Cobb, Mann Sanders, W. E. Johnson, and the overseers of both mills in completing plans for the clinic.

The X-raying of workers is a part of the Laurens County Tuberculosis association's home defense program and the theme of the campaign is health protection, it was stated.

P. C. To Shoot For Football Title In Columbia Saturday

Presbyterian's Blue Stockings found themselves in a commanding position at the top of the Palmetto state's 1943 college football loop following their hair's breadth victory here Friday over the Newberry Indians.

The Blue Stockings left behind the South Carolina Gamecocks, 13 to 7 losers to the 176th Infantry of Fort Benning, Clemson's Tigers, 19 to 7 conquerors of N. C. State, and Newberry in that order.

The precarious perch on which Presbyterian found itself in the four-team league will be challenged in Columbia Saturday by the Gamecocks.

A victory for the Stockings would clinch for them the state championship by virtue of their previous wins over Clemson and Newberry, each by 13 to 12 scores made possible by the accurate place-kicking after touchdowns of Joney Gilliland.

A P. C. loss to the Gamecocks might throw the decision on a return engagement the Stockings have scheduled with the Indians November 6.

Clemson can hope to do no better than break even by defeating South Carolina October 21 in its only remaining intra-state encounter.

RETURNS TO HOME HERE

Friends of Perry M. Moore will be interested to know he has received an honorable discharge from the army and has returned to his home here. He was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in the finance department.

Osborne Case Continued At September Court Term

The September term of general sessions court held last week at Laurens, with Judge Dewey E. Oxner of Greenville presiding, adjourned after disposing of three jury trials and fourteen pleas. Other cases on the docket not not pressed were continued until the next term.

The case of Bill Osborne of Clinton, indicted for murder in connection with the pistol shooting of Buck Quinton here last January, was continued on the ground that Osborne's wife was sick and unable to be present at the trial of her husband, a right which his attorneys contended had been upheld by the higher courts.

FRAMPTON TO PREACH COMMENCEMENT SERMON ON SUNDAY

**Graduation Exercises
Friday At College. 15
To Receive Diplomas.**

The fourth in a series of commencement exercises at Presbyterian college this year under the accelerated war-time program will begin Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock when the Rev. W. McLeod Frampton, Jr., will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Mr. Frampton, pastor of Purity Presbyterian church, Chester, is a graduate of the college and Columbia Theological seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Graduating exercises will be held Friday, October 15, at 11 a.m. on the college campus, at which time degrees will be awarded to 15 graduates, and the honorary degrees of doctor of laws will be awarded to Benjamin Brown Gossett, of Charlotte, N. C., Major General Edmund Bristol Gregory, Washington, and Leavelle McCampbell of New York. Maj. Gen. Gregory will be the speaker.

Mr. Gossett is president and treasurer of Chadwick-Hoskins Co., Charlotte; president of Martinsville (Va.) Cotton Mill company; president and treasurer of Gossett Mills, Anderson. Maj. Gen. Gregory is the Quartermaster General of the United States army.

Mr. McCampbell is president of McCampbell and company, New York.

The following seniors will be candidates for degrees:

Bachelor of Arts
David Lewis Allen, Darlington. Thomas Francis Hollis, Atlanta, Ga. Richard Hall deMontmolin, Leeland, Fla.

Harry Fox Parrish, Jr., Augusta, Ga.

Daniel McDonald Roberts, Carthage, N. C.

Bachelor of Science
Walter George Coker, Jr., Clinton. Branch Robuck Fleming, Cordele, Ga.

Joseph Barrien Fuller, Augusta, Ga.

Joseph Henry James, Gainesville, Ga.

John William King, Jr., Summerville, Ga.

Hydric Linder Kirby, Jr., Union. John Daniel McLaurin, Bethune. Luke Loama Rushton, Augusta, Ga.

Charles Carlton Williams, Cordele, Ga.

William Robin Zemp, Camden.

**S. C. Car License
Tags Are Now Due**

Columbia, Oct. 2.—The state highway department placed 1944 motor vehicle license strips on sale today, and mailed application forms to motorists on record. The metal strips, stamped with vehicle classification, a serial number, South Carolina, and '44 are 1 5-8 inches deep and the exact length of the current plates across the bottom of which they are to be attached.

**DRIVE CAREFULLY
SAVE A LIFE!**

**SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE
HAVE BEEN**

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FATALITIES
from
**AUTOMOBILE
ACCIDENTS**
in
LAURENS COUNTY

**Let's Strive To Make
1943 a Safe Year On
the Highways.**

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ALLIED ARMIES PUSH NORTHWARD IN DRIVE FOR BATTLE OF ROME

**60,000 to 75,000 Ger-
mans Falling Back.
Allies Rule the Air.**

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 5.—The American Fifth and the British Eighth armies pushed ahead toward the battle of Rome today against a sharply resisting German force officially estimated tonight to contain from four to five divisions.

(Such a force presumably would number from 60,000 to 75,000 men.) On the Italian west coast the Americans, supported by British armor, were methodically wiping out Nazi pockets of resistance left to impede their progress a short distance north of Naples.

On the Adriatic coast Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army, aided by new landings from the sea at Termoli, was going ahead more rapidly in the direction of Pescara, where the main lateral road from Rome joins with the coastal road.

In the central sector the Americans drove into Montesarchio in the mountains southwest of Benevento in extension of a flanking movement designed to threaten any stand the Germans may attempt to make on the banks of the Volturno river 20 miles north of Naples.

The advance north of Naples, while not great in distance covered, has nevertheless resulted in the occupation of two of the most important airfields in southern Italy, Pomigliano D'Arco and Capodichino, it was announced today.

The former is eight miles northeast of Naples and adjacent to it is the Alfa Romeo aircraft and engine works, which is a self-contained worked until last May. Capodichino town where 12,000 persons lived and is three miles outside Naples. Both fields have been used by the Germans, especially for troop-carrying transport planes.

In extensive operations yesterday the North African air forces not only backed up the ground forces by hammering at the enemy in the front area and dealing blows at the rear area of communications as far away as Pisa and Bolzano near the Brenner pass, but they also aided in the battle of the Dodecanese by striking at fields in Greece which the Germans have been using for operations against Coo.

Other bombers from the Middle East also attacked air fields in Greece, and RAF Beaufighters of that command went at enemy formations and vehicles on the island of Coo with cannon fire.

Gen. Henri Giraud tonight formally announced the liberation of Corsica, issuing an order of the day to troops participating in the success and declaring it was a prelude to tomorrow's victory in France.

Corsica gives the Allies a new potential air base closer to vital targets in eastern Germany than any yet taken in Italy, and within fighter range of southern France and the Genoa and Leghorn regions.

(The German command said Tuesday that Corsica has been completely evacuated by German troops after destruction of all military important establishments.)

From the airman's point of view that all land operations consist of a "battle for airfields," the Allied gains since the start of the Italian campaign have been extremely effective, as they have brought Allied air striking power ever nearer vital Axis targets which up to now have been almost inaccessible.

Among the wrecked planes found on the Pomigliano airfield was one which had been ready to take off with a German colonel and his staff in command of the areas as the Allies approached. According to Italian carabinieri, the party was just about to board the plane when Allied fighters swooped down machine-gunning and set it afire. Many other wrecked German craft and their crews were found on both airfields.

On the Adriatic coast, Montgomery's vanguard was reported only 40 miles from the important coastal city of Pescara, which is at the eastern end of a main lateral road running southwestward across Italy to Rome. There were indications the Germans were throwing reinforcements into Montgomery's path.

(Radio France in Algiers reported that an Allied spearhead was within 85 miles of Rome at one point and that the Germans were falling back steadily toward the capital. This was not borne out by any official announcement.)

Chamber of Commerce To Hold Quarterly Meet

The regular quarterly dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening, October 12, at 7:30 at Hotel Clinton. All members are invited to attend.