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Many Businesses Exempt

State-Imposed Tax Restrictions Cost City Plenty

By DICK YOUNG
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August solons sitting in the State House at Raleigh put a lot of grey hairs in the heads of local tax collectors when they came to assess Charlotte business concerns for the privilege of doing business here and as a result of their legislative exemptions and limitations throw a monkey wrench into simplification of the complicated privilege license structure.

Businessmen's objections to the present system are contained in the many pages of the Ordinance and State limitations, specifically naming some of the many exemptions of total exemption, make it difficult to throw various business into large classification.

Besides taking thousands and thousands of dollars annually out of the municipal treasury, the method of arriving at an accurate figure for these exemptions of the State Legislature, tend to add to the complication of the local officials in the State House.

And as it has been pointed out, these State prohibitions and limitations add to the complication and confusion of the local classification. An attempt is now being made by the State Department to issue a simplification of the present system, which entails long-drawn-out negotiations before it can be consummated, if at all.

Under the direction of Campbell W. Ansley, City Tax Collector, an analysis of every license issued this year is being made to obtain accurate information on the amount of revenue realized from each classification. This is the first step in the proposed simplification of the present system, which entails long-drawn-out negotiations before it can be consummated, if at all.

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Rep. Doughton, 83

He's Not Bitter Nor Surprised

SPARTA — (AP) — Representative Robert L. Doughton reached his 83rd birthday today just as the magnitude of his party's defeat in Tuesday's election became apparent, but the veteran Ninth District Democrat viewed the results without bitterness.

He had just completed a vigorous campaign which resulted in his reelection by a satisfying margin. Notwithstanding his age and the rigors of campaigning, however, he declared he was feeling fine.

"I'm tired, not sleepy, not hungry, and not mad," was the way he described his present state of mind and body.

While he was pleased with the outcome of his own race and the Democratic victory in North Carolina, he admitted he was not pleased with the sweeping victory the Republican Party had won.

"But, I'm not surprised," he commented. "There have been so many things connected with the war, and with the reconversion period that people have been displeased about."

"So far as losing his chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee as a result of the Republican victory, he said he was "neither happy nor unhappy" since as ranking minority leader he feels he will continue to play a vital role in its work.

"I will always be glad to cooperate with the Republicans on the committee and feel that I can still do so."

Asked about reported GOP taxation plans, Doughton, who has played a big part in shaping the huge tax programs demanded by the war effort, replied bluntly: "The Republicans have promised."

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McDonald Speaks Out In Favor Of Merger

Cites Advantages To All Citizens

By TOM WATKINS
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Contending that the present system of operating city and county governments is not unimprovable, the member of the County Board of Commissioners, today urged consolidation of the governments for development of the greatest industrial areas in the county.

Mr. McDonald, one of the city's leading real estate operators, said he believed that a merger of the two governments into one would result in a more efficient administration at less cost to the citizenry, but said that he felt the time had not yet come when the county should be given the opportunity of expressing its views on a referendum, as to whether consolidation is desirable.

"While I personally favor the merger because I believe it would bring about benefits to the people of the county, I believe the voice of the people should be heard before anything definite is done," he said.

"Perhaps," he continued, "it would be a good idea for a referendum to be allowed, if the consolidation were approved, and certain it would be to eliminate duplicate work throughout the government to simplify administration on all angles, and to give rural residents greater representation in the county government."

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In Control Now

GOP Chieftains Begin Charting Congress Course

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Elected Republicans, lifted to control of Congress for the first time in fifteen years, turned today to mapping their legislative course.

Republican planning will get down to an official basis a week from today when the House Steering Committee meets here on call of Representative Martin Dies, Republican, the present Minority Speaker, who is expected to become Speaker.

Individual Republicans already were busy training projects. Representative Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, stated to become chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities, and Representative Dies, Republican, Missouri, stated to become chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor.

In the election itself, late returns brought victory for Senator Dennis Chavez, Democrat, in his re-election contest with Patrick Hurry, Republican, in New Mexico.

This brought the assured Democratic strength in the Senate to 43 with the Republicans now of 51. Democrats continued to lead in the unsettled West Virginia and Maryland contests.

For the House, the party line-up stood Republicans 246, Democrats 188, and American-Labor one with two contests still inconclusive.

DECISIONS PAKED
POLITICAL ANALYSTS, assessing the situation obtained by the American voters, saw President Truman choosing soon on a political course.

Mr. Truman apparently must decide: 1. Whether he shall attempt to lead his own party toward the more conservative line that appears to be favored by Tuesday's swing GOP victories or steer it even toward the Democratic side of the aisle.

2. Whether he shall attempt a resignation even if his party should be re-elected.

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Only Crump Weathers Storm

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Big City Democrats and House candidates today were marking up New Deal majorities for years to come, including the possibility of a shattering in Tuesday's GOP sweep.

Kelly, Hague, Pendergast and Tammany all got in the neck and neck in the race for the Democratic nomination in New York City.

Republican Sweep Snows Under Big City Democratic Machines

men in Cook County, defeated an incumbent Democratic Representative in the Fifth Congressional District, Enoch Aronoff, who had been elected in 1942.

Five of the six Republican gains from Democrats in the metropolitan area — three in Queens, one in Manhattan and one in Bronx.

British Soldiers Hurt In Palestine

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Three British soldiers were killed and 100 others were wounded today in a battle between British troops and Arab guerrillas in Palestine.

The engine and five other cars were destroyed in the battle. The incident, near Lydda, was the fourth attack upon British troops in Palestine within ten days.

Chilly Mornings Mean Healthy Breakfasts

With the weather blowing up brisk these Autumn mornings you'll want to serve big breakfasts to growing boys and girls. And you will find the makings ready and waiting at the food store as advertised in Thursday's *Charlotte News*. Make these regular shopping pages your Thursday habit.

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Maryland Race Very Close

BALTIMORE — (AP) — The success of Maryland's Governor Herbert P. O'Connor's bid for election to the United States Senate hung today on the outcome of a closely fought race in the State's largest city.

O'Connor's headquarters claimed victory for the Democrat, although he had no concession from D. John Marley, the Republican challenger, in the closest election in the State's history since 1918.

With 1,222 of Maryland's 1,230 precincts tabulated, O'Connor yet to be defeated in 23 of 200 precincts, tallying 58,056 votes to 52,419 for Marley.

Musicians On Strike

HILVERSUM, Holland — (AP) — Musicians in Holland went on strike against the Holland government today, protesting the government's refusal to grant them a 10 percent wage increase.

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Weather

Increasing clouds this afternoon. Light rain tonight. Clearing tomorrow. Continued light showers through the week. High and low 45 to 55. Wind light to moderate. Forecast for 24 hours: High and low 45 to 55. Wind light to moderate. Forecast for 24 hours: High and low 45 to 55. Wind light to moderate.