

March 17... Perhaps

Wine Tax Debate Delays Assembly

RALEIGH, N. C., March 22.—The assembly predicted today that the wine tax bill would not be passed before March 17 if there was no change in the assembly's schedule. The bill amending the existing law on the sale of wine for consumption on the premises of a restaurant or hotel was introduced by Representative H. H. Hoke.

The amendment is expected to be passed by the assembly today. The bill amends the existing law on the sale of wine for consumption on the premises of a restaurant or hotel. The bill amends the existing law on the sale of wine for consumption on the premises of a restaurant or hotel.

Opponents of the bill claimed that since it increased a tax, it was contrary to the constitution. The bill amends the existing law on the sale of wine for consumption on the premises of a restaurant or hotel.

PUBLIC HEARING
If present action is taken, the assembly will adjourn on March 17. The bill amends the existing law on the sale of wine for consumption on the premises of a restaurant or hotel.

Pfc. Finch On Wounded List
Pfc. James A. Finch, 28, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch of Raleigh and brother of Roy Finch, News employee, has been wounded in action in Germany. His brother has been notified. He served with Gen. George Patton's Third Army. He is now in an Army hospital.

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SUPERFORT DAMAGE TO TOKYO—This photo, radioed from advance headquarters at Guam, shows the areas hit by the big Superfortress raid on Tokyo when 200 B-29s lashed at the Japanese capital. Dark sections stand out against the snow. These sections are part of the 240 city blocks burned by high explosive and incendiary bombs. The large black area at upper right rounds the Yamanote railroad yards. (International News Photos)

Werner Thinks This Is It Allied Armies Standing Poised For All-Out Strike At Berlin

By MAX WERNER
International Military and Political Analyst

As the US-British Allies break through to the Rhine and the Ruhr, the Red Army is preparing an attack on Berlin. The Wehrmacht will be struck by combined blows from the West and the East. The coming blows will give additional operational possibilities to the Allies.

Carload Of Tin Cans Sent Off
Hort Galvin, director of the Charlotte Public Library, said today a carload of tin cans was shipped this morning to the detinning factory in Birmingham, Ala.

Three Building Permits Filed
Three permits, totaling \$2,000 in cost, were on file today at the city building inspection division.

Bible Class To Meet Tomorrow
The North Mecklenburg Men's Bible Class Association, an interdenominational organization composed of members of men's Bible classes in churches in the upper end of the county, will hold its quarterly meeting tomorrow at 8 P. M. at Ramoth Presbyterian Church.

Lt. Wilson Is Killed
BURLINGTON.—The death on Britain of Second Lt. Rufus D. Wilson Jr., 23, son of Mrs. Rufus D. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson of Burlington, was reported to his mother yesterday unofficially in a letter from another officer who was serving in the Philippines with the local man.

Is Killed
The fellow officer wrote: "I talked with Rufus on the afternoon of Feb. 4 and he was very cheerful. He had been up in the front lines, and he and his company had been relieved for a few hours rest. They moved back into the lines on that afternoon, and during the night Rufus was wounded in the foot. He refused to leave his men when they wanted to bring him out, and therefore was allowed to stay with the troops. The next morning the Japs opened up with artillery and Rufus was killed. The short time Rufus was with his company the men grew to like him, and he was proud of his men."

BURIED THERE
The letter also advised that Lt. Wilson was buried in the U. S. cemetery at Alagon, Philippine Islands.

Lt. Wilson was graduated from Kentucky Military Institute, attended Davidson College two years, and transferred to the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania where he was graduated last

Boyle Relates Stories Of Two Brave Men, Captain & Private

By HAL BOYLE

IN GERMANY—No enemy activity reported, the patrols said, so Company P was ordered to take "Hotbox Hill."

They did it too, in a nighttime raid and a half advance at night through pillboxes, minefields, booby traps and heavy fire.

No man likes to ask another to go ahead of him through an uncharted mine field. Capt. Alfred, turned up his arms and the lead and the rest of the company followed.

Since that the Americans would not attack the minefield, the company had to take them back.

At about 10 P. M. his men were ordered to take the minefield back.

through knee-deep drifts in a dawn attack through a wooded area with his squad. They were caught in an artillery and mortar barrage so heavy they had to withdraw. A burp gun bullet hit the private in his left thigh and right hip.

Unable to walk, he burrowed in the snow to hide, but he was so weak from the loss of blood that he fainted.

For the next 110 hours he lay alone with nothing but his overcoat to keep him warm. All he had to eat was three ration chocolate bars.

A soldier less hardy would have perished, but not this Missouri boy. He ate his chocolate bars sparingly. He held out snow in his mouth to keep frost from freezing and to maintain his circulation. He heard his comrades whenever his strength permitted.

On the fifth day his own battalion attacked again and pushed back the Germans. Medics found the wounded man weak, but conscious. His morale was still high although he was suffering from frostbite as well as his wounds.

He had spent five nights and four days alone in the nearest place on earth to hell, said one of his buddies.



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COMBINED OFFENSIVE
The Wehrmacht must be struck at the same time with a maximum of forces. As of last night, the Russian military power on the last battle line is in a position to make a coordinated display of might and fire power against the enemy not only physically, but psychologically as well. The Wehrmacht has not yet suffered a blinding shock on both fronts. It must be made to suffer an impact now.

It is not only at the beginning of the combined West-East offensive that synchronization must be executed. The precise timing to assure simultaneous blows must be carried on to the very end. It is especially important at the culmination of the offensive. The Wehrmacht must be stunned and exhausted at both fronts at the same time. The mightiest US-British and Russian effort must coincide in time and reach a climax during the attack against the main German centers: Berlin and the Ruhr. The Wehrmacht on the Rhine must know that the front at Berlin has collapsed, and the defenders of the German capital must be attacked by the breakthrough of the Rhine defenses.

The strategy of combined blows requires the reflex exploitation of every success. A retreating Wehrmacht must be given no respite. Our accumulated military power allows us to break through in depth. The US-British Allies possess all the equipment which is needed for deep penetration, which is necessary both for operations of encirclement and for the occupation of the right bank of the Rhine. There are no permanent fortifications on the right bank of the Rhine between the North Sea and Karlsruhe. Thus



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