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SENIOR SENATOR GETS CREDIT FOR TAX MEASURE

Votes was 69 to 15 on final possage Coolidge will be asked to vote, it is said

Washington, May 10—The tax reduction bill, which has been giving so much trouble during this session of congress was passed by the Senate last Friday by an overwhelming vote, with nearly all the Mellon features written out of it. The bill has gone to conference with House leaders for a final ironing out of difference, before it is transmitted to the President, who, it was freely admitted by leaders on the majority side of the Senator, would be asked to vote the measure. Senator F .M. Simonds of North Carolina is largely given credit for the bill as passed.

The bill goes practically as far in tax revision as that passed by the House. It provides for:

A 25 per cent reduction in income taxes payable this year.

Repeal or reduction of most of the special taxies and miscellaneous taxes.

A fifty per cent permanent cut in the taxes on incomes below $8,000, and a general reduction of taxes on highre incomes.

A25 per cent reduction on earned income up to $10,000.

List Your Taxes

The list takers are now listing the taxes and many have neglected to list at their precinct. Go and list at once if yo uhave not already done so. The law rekuires every one to list during the month of May, and a failure to do so may add to the amount of your taxes. Also give the lister the number of acres in your farm and the acres devoted to the various crops for the present year. This is not for taxation but for statistics to show the progress being made by the formers of the state.

Presbyterians To Buy Piano For Church

At a meeting of the Woman's Auxillary Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Ellis, the woman's organization of the Presbyterian church decided to purchase a piano for the church. The women decided to assume the obligation for the instrument, though the congregation as a whole will be asked to assist in its purchase.

HEALTH OFFICIAL MAKES INSPECTION

Whitney Examines Hotels, Restaurants, and Other Public Places Of this Nature

State Board of Helth Inspector L G. Whitney, of Wilson, N. C., was here the latter part of last week making an inspection of hotels, restaurants and other public places. Operating under chapter 186 of the public laws of 1921, Mr. Whitley was made one of the state's inspection officers This act lays down very definite requirements for all public hostelleries etc., and at stated intervals inspectors are sent out by the state to examine such places and give them a rating according to the conditions found. If conditions are too bad drastic action is taken in some cases. The rating of such is usually placarded in a conspicuous place.

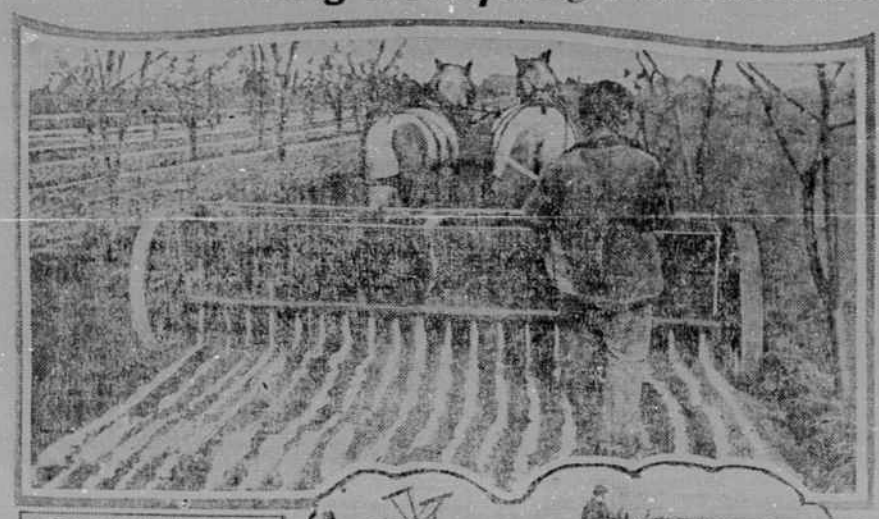
Mr. Whitley inspected the hotels restaurants, jail and convict camp, but did not announce any rating for them at this time. He intimated that everything was in very satisfactory condition.

Boy Scouts Will Give Playlet at Bonita Theatre

Murphy Troop No. 1, of the Boy Scouts of Americt, will give at the Bonita Theatre Tuesday night a little one act play entitled "The Heathen Chinese." The boys are doing this to raise a little money to equip their troup. There will be a moving picture in connection with the play.

Charles Clegg was in Murphy Thursday afternoon. He had finished his final examinations at Young Harris College, but returned for the commencement exercises over the week-end. He plans to spend the summer at Young Harris.

Farmers Are Good Pay, Extensive Holder of Farm Mortgages Says, Citing Infrequent Foreclosures



FERTILIZING
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RICE GROWING IN ARKANSAS

The farmers who have made use of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's farm loan division represent twenty-five states, and the total area on which mortgages are held (approximately 3,750,000 acres), would constitute a plot of land the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

These farm investments on December 31, 1923, totaled $142,844,374.97. Of this amount $45,313,000 was loaned last year, according to a statement recently issued by Robert Lynn Cox, Second Vice-President, and head of the Metropolitan's farm loan division.

The extent of the crop production of 3,750,000 acres (covered under mortgages to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company) is indicated by the fact that if only 30 per cent. of the acreage were put in corn, the annual production, figuring 35 bushels to the acre, at an average price of 65 cents, would make a return of $25,593,750.00.

Loans are made in the best agricultural sections of Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other states, chiefly in the central, northwestern and southwestern territory.

Despite widely current reports of the serious situation facing farmers, it is a noticeable fact that Mr. Cox reports only 45 foreclosures pending out of 18,645 mortgages. Only eight farms have been placed in foreclosure in Minnesota and four of these were subsequently reclaimed.

According to Mr. Cox, a realization of the economic hope of the American farmer, long deferred, is now in sight. "The farmer," he said, "is getting at last his chance to share largely in bringing about better economic conditions in the world, and I am sure he will not dissappoint those who believe we can look to rural surroundings for the development of our best citizenship."

PLANS SOON TO BE MADE FOR ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR

Meeting is being called for the first Monday in June at court house

With the announcement here today by county agent Ellis that a meeting would be the first Monday in June for the purpose of making perfecting an organization, the first steps toward holding the annual fair were taken. Mr. Ellis stated that he wanted to get the idea spread abroad early in the spring that the fair was going to be held so that farmers could begin to think about it when they planted crops and could prepare and have exhibit next fall a much greater variety and a better class of agricultural products then was possible last. In order to do this, however, he stated that it would be necessary to have a large organization to take care of the increased number of exhibits that may be expected. Last year there were a number of faithful workers who gave freely of their time to help to make the fair go, but this year there must of necessity be a larger number of assistants and department directors.

Interest in the fair is already beginnig to wax warm. County officials, farmers and the merchants are agreed that the fair this fall must and will be by far the largest ever held in this section and cooperation of the farmers, cattle raisers and every citizen of the county is expected.

At the meeting, which has been called for the first Monday in June, some sort of organization will be perfected for making ready for the fair, and doing all the preliminary work. Officers and directors will probably be lected and a plan of procedure worked out. It is expected that there will be a large attendance upon the meeting as many citizens will want to be in murphy on hat date anyway.

To Hold Box Supper At Martin's Creek

There will be a box supper at the Glade, on Martin's Creek, near Mr. [illegible] Saturday night, May 17th. The public is generally [illegible]

B. & L. Association Starts Two New Houses

Two new homes were gotten under way this week through the Building and Loan Association. Mr. J. H Phaup's handsome house on Valley River Avenue, near the Presbyterian Church, was actually put under construction the first part of the week. Part of the funds for this house will be gotten through the Building and Loan Association.

Also, Mr. L. E. Barnett started his beautiful home on Hill Street in East Murphy. This is being built through the Building and Loan Association.

This co-operative organization is amply demonstrating its possibilities and when a new series of shares opens on the first of July it is expected that many more shares will be sold. Many merchants, business and professional men and laborers of all kinds are expected to join in this movement to build up the town Whether an individual intends to build a home for himself or not, it is a good way to save and one of the finest ways to aid one's neighbors in building.

To Hold's Men's Meeting Sunday

The men of the Presbyterian Church and their friends are asked to meet at the church Sunday afternoon, next, at three o'clock. This is a meeting for men only, it was announced by Chairman Protem J. B. Storey.

Mr. George Jones and grandson, Earnest Allen, and granddaughter, Miss Allen, of Postell, were in Murphy shopping Thursday.

Mrs. P. C. Hyatt and little son, Charles Hannibal, and Mr. C. M. Wofford left Thursday morning for Albany, Ga., to visit Mr. Wofford's daughter, Mrs. E. J. Darnell. They will attend commencement exercises at Agnes Scott College before returning. Mr. Wofford's granddaughter, Miss Hendricks, is to be graduated from Agnes Scott.

Mr. Willie Adams, of Pittsburg, Pa., is spending several weeks here [illegible]

COMMENCEMENT AT CULLOWHEE BEGINS SATURDAY

Connor Will Address and Eller Will Preach Commencement Sermon

Cullowhee, May 12.—Things are moving fast here now in preparation for the commencement exercises which will begin Saturday, May 17th with the meeting of the board of trustees and a joint program between the two literary societies. The final examinations are in progress this week and will be followed closely by the commencement exercises, the arrangements for which have been completed, said President Hunter today. It is expected that a large number of alumni and friends will return to the institution this year to observe the progress made under the new President.

The following commencement program has been announced:

Saturday, May 17.

10:00 A. M.—Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

8:00 P. M.—Joint program of the Columbian and Erosophian Literary Societies.

Sunday, May 18.

11:00 A. M.—Commencement Ex-

11:00 A. M.—Commencement Sermon, Rev. J. Ben Eller, Pastor First Baptist Chuurch, Statesville, N. C.

6:00 P. M.—Vesper Service.

Monday, May 19.

5:00 P. M. High School Class Exercises.

8:00 P. M.—Normal School Class Exercises.

Tuesday, May 20.

10:00 A. M. — Baccalaureate Address, Dr. R. W. D. Connor, Kenan Professon of History, University of North Carolina.

2:00 P. M.—Alumni Banquet.

8:00 P. M.—Facutly Senior Play, "Come Out of the Kitchen."

To Confederate Veterans

All Veterans wishing to attend the Thirty-Fourth Annual Reunion at Memphis, Tenn., June 4-6, must have identification certificates in order to purchase tickets at reduced rates. These certificates have been sent to the undersigned and can be had upon application to him.

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More Murphy Boys Join U. S. Navy

Arnold Tilson of Murphy and Fred Thompson, of Culberson, left here Wednesday morning for Asheville and Raleigh to take final examinations for enlistment in the United States Navy. The preliminary examination was given here on Monday by Recruiting Officer W. Stewart, who has been temporarily stationed in Murphy for the past three weeks. If these boys pass the final examination at Raleigh, they will be sent to Hampton Roads, Va. for their preliminary training.

Recruiting Officer Stewart left here this week for Bryson City where he expects to spend sometime doing enlistment work for the Navy

FIRST SHIPMENT OF VEAL CALVES BRINGS FAIR PRICE

Experience Will Enable Farmers to Market to Better Advantage In Future

Returns, which were received a few days ago, from the first shipment of veal calves made from Cherokee and Clay Counties to the Cincinnati market were very satisfactory and most of the shippers are pleased with the experiment. The average gross return for the entire shipment was $5.69. A few calves brought $12.19 gross, while some of the smaller animals averaged only $2.60 gross. Deducting freight chirges, handling and sales expenses, the better calves netted around $9.00 while the poorer ones brought a little more than a dollar.

While the prices netted more than the calves would have brought on any local morket they were not as high as other calves are bringing, the county agent explained, because the calves were not in the best condition. The larger calves brought the most per pound and a number in this first shipment weighed less than 100 pounds. In order to bring the best prices, the calves should weight 150 pounds or more, the returns on the first shipment showed. The expenses in handling the car were also a little high because of the light weight of some of the calves, which made the freight per pound higher. With the improvement in the quality of the calves, which will be a simple matter, explained Agent H. H. Ellis higher prices may be had in the markets.

M. V. Lewis, specialist in the livestock barketing division of the State Department of Agriculture, assisted Mr. Ellis in the preparation of the car for the market. Another shipment will be made the latter part of this month or early in June. The exact date will be announced later.

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT TO BEGIN MAY 22

President Hunter Will Deliver Commencement Address—Complete Program Announced

Final arrangements are now under way for the closing exercises of the public school. Teachers and pupils are working at full speed to get the necessary detailed work out of the way for the opening number of commencement on the evening of May 22nd. Exercises will be held on each succeeding day through the evening of the 26th, when the address will be delivered by Dr. H. T. Hunter, the class exercises and the awarding of diplomas and certificates will close the school year.

As now arranged, the following program will be carried out:

Thursday evening, May 22nd, at seven thirty—Recitation and Declamation Contest.

Friday evening, May 23rd, at seven thirty—Recital by the Music Department.

Sunday morning, May, 25, at 11 o'clock—Commencement Sermon.

Monday Evening, May 26th, at seven - thirty, graduating exercises and Address by Dr. H. T. Hunter President of Cullowhee.

The ushers for commencement will be Harvey Akin, chief; and Christine Bowles, Annie Margaret Axley, Evelyn Hill, and Margaret Sneed, assistants.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION HERE THIS YEAR

Agitation For It Already Under Way —Will Entertain People From Adjoining Counties

Preliminary plans are beginning to be formulated for the holding of an Independance Day celebration here on the oFurth of July. Merchants, business and proffessipnal men and others are discussing the proposition quite freely and all ssemed to be agreed that the celebration here this year should and will exceed anything held in the past. Within a short time it is expected that a meeting of interested citizens will take the matter up and begain to make formal plans for such a celebration.

The celebration last year was quite a success from the standpoint of the number of people it brought here, and all visitors went away pleased with the day. It is freely predicted that a well-advertised celebration here this year would easily draw twice the number that attended a year ago.

In discussing the proposition a wef days ago interested merchants pointed out that a fine celebration here would be one of the best ways the town could extend a welcome to thoes who live in the neighboring country and sister towns and communities round about here. From an advertising standpoint alone, it was said, the celebration would be worth hunderds of dollars to the town not only now but in the future. It is expected that more definite infforfation will be announced in the near future.

HIAWASSEE RIVER POWER CO. CITED FOR CONTEMPT

Judge McElroy Holds That Application for Federal Permit Violates Court's Decision

The Hiawassee River Power Company and two of its officials, President H. F. Vandiventer and Secretary P. E. Nelson, were cited in the Waynesville superior court the latter part of the week for contempt of court for having aplied to the Federal Power Commission for permits to develop hydro-electric power on the Hiawassee River in Cherokee County after the North Carolina courts had held thta the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company had prior rights in this county. Judge McElroy, before whom the Hiawassee Company officials were cited to appear, agreed not to pass sentence in the case if the applications for Federal permits were withdrawn. Wednesday Secretary P. E. Nelson, of this city, was unable to say just what would be the action of his company in the matter as he had been confined to his bed on account of illness and has not been in touch with the other officers or attorneys of the company.

Thi saction grows out of a long legal battle in the courts of North Carolina between the Hiawassee River Power Company and the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company. Some time ago the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company was declared to have prior rights to develop the river and last year the Hiawassee Company was awarded approximately $44,000 for its holdings in one of the dam site basins down the river as a result of condemnation proceedings in the superior court. The verdict of the court was appealed to the supreme court and it is understood that the case will be heard by the higher court in about two weeks.

President W. V. N. Powelson, of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company announced following the action of Judge McElroy in Waynesville that his company was ready to proceed with the development of the river as soon as the final legal barrier was removed.

Dr. N. B. Adams spent Mother's Day—last Sunday—in Copperhill with his mother, Mrs. J. K. Adams.

Miss Mary Smith is spending a twoo-weeks' vacation in Eastern Tennessee points with relatives.

Mrs. J. T. Huffman returned to her home at oFsney, N. C., after spending several days in Murphy