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INCOME TAX LAWS WILL BE CHANGED

Difficulty Of Understanding Them Is Pointed Out By Senator Smoot.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—That there are not a thousand men among the millions of citizens of the United States who can make out an average income tax statement and do it right was the assertion of Senator Reed Smoot at a recent hearing before the Finance Committee of the Senate. His assertion was approved by the nodding of heads of many business men who were present and who had been through the nerve-racking experience of trying to comply with the requirements of the income and excess profits tax laws.

The immediate subject under consideration was the proposed sales tax which Senator Smoot is fathering in the Senate. A witness before the Committee had been explaining the simplicity of the sales tax as compared with the present income and excess profits tax and a lowering of the higher rates of surtax, but a retention of the income tax in a simplified form. If revenue be needed to take the place of part of that cut off by repeal of the excess profits tax he advocated a sales tax as the most easily collected and least burdensome and annoying to the people.

It was in that connection that Senator Smoot interrupted the witness to remark the small number of people who are able to understand the intricate provisions of the income tax law, and his comment was approved by a tax expert who asserted that if the facts concerning a business of average complexity be placed in the hands of the two experts of the income tax division in the government service and they be required to make up income tax statements, working separately, they would not reach the same results from identically the same facts.

This is a pretty fair illustration of the uncertainties of the present income tax law. There are thousands of income tax cases appealed to the Department here in Washington, and these go through the hands of various officials and boards. Each official is supposed to be an expert. Each board is supposed to be composed of experts. Yet each time a case goes from one official to another there is likelihood of a change in some ruling or interpretation or application of the laws and regulations. Of all things in government that are indefinite and uncertain, the application of the income tax and excess profits taxes is probably the most indefinite and uncertain. Where two experts of the internal bureau have opportunity to go over each other's work, or where they work in conference, they quite often agree, but it is undoubtedly true that if a half dozen employees of the bureau were given, one at a time, the task of going through the books of a business concern and making up a tax statement on their own judgment and computations, it would be remarkable if any two reached the same conclusion. It is not surprising, therefore, that the average individual, who spends his time making the money to pay the wages of his employees and to make a success of his business, cannot as a rule determine his tax liability to his own satisfaction or to the satisfaction of the government experts.

The Financial Program

The cutting of national expenditures, the reduction of national taxes, the readjustment of those taxes that must remain to furnish revenue, the raising of the tariff rates to the point of protection to American industry, the refunding of outstanding issues of Liberty Bonds, Victory Notes, War Savings Stamps, and Treasury Certificates into a single issue of long-term bonds, the collection of the interest and principal of the ten billion-dollar debt owed to the United States by the allies—these are the principal features of a financial program the realization of which is depended upon to rehabilitate American industry, and lay the foundation for another long period of prosperity.

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OLD OFFICIALS ARE RE-ELECTED

New City Board Held Its First Meeting Friday and Perfected Organization

A double barreled meeting of the board of town commissioners was held at the City Hall last Friday night. The old board made its farewells to the public and the new one came on the municipal stage. Commissioners Mace, Potter and Whitehurst of the old administration were present and the entire new board composed of commissioners Duncan, Ford, Huntley, Lewis and Gardner were on hand. Mayor Bushall presided over both meetings.

The departing administration held its meeting at eight o'clock and soon finished its work. A number of bills were read and approved after which a resolution was passed thanking the Mayor, policemen and other officials for their faithful services during the past two years. Mayor Bushall also expressed his thanks to the board for courteous treatment extended to him as did Chief of Police Longest. After these pleasantries the board adjourned sine die and the new one took charge.

The first act of the board was to pass a motion going into executive session. The spectators present retired to the police station and awaited developments. In ten or fifteen minutes the doors were opened and the onlookers informed of what had taken place. This was to the effect that M. A. Hill, the present clerk had been re-elected as were policemen Longest and Styron. The salaries of the officers hitherto \$90 a month were fixed at \$75. The salaries of the Clerk, the electric light superintendent and other employes will be settled at the regular meeting in June.

Commissioner Gardner offered a motion which was passed to employ W. L. Stencil to audit the town's books. A motion also offered by Commissioner Gardner that G. W. Duncan be made City Attorney was passed. Mayor Bushall informed the board that a suit had been started against the town by W. D. McIver, of New Bern, for \$550 for attorney's fees which he claims are due him.

Permanent committees appointed by the Mayor were announced as follows:

Finance: Duncan, Gardner, Ford, Streets: Gardner, Huntley, Lewis, Buildings and Cemetery: Lewis, Gardner, Huntley. Electric Light and Water: Huntley, Ford and Duncan. Health: Ford, Duncan and Lewis.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. Walter R. Noe, Archdeacon of Wilmington, and Secretary of the Bishop and Executive Council of the Diocese of East Carolina will assist the Rector and preach at St. Paul's Church on Sunday next. The services will be held as usual at 8 and 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. There will be a meeting of the Congregation immediately after the evening service.

CORE CREEK ITEMS

Misses Vera Sabiston and Vivian Dickinson spent Sunday with Lena Dickinson.

Mr. Frank Dill who is employed on the dredge "Faber" is spending a few days at home.

Miss Beulah Dickinson is spending the week at Beaufort with relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Small spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. S. F. Dill.

Mr. Will Murden and Rockco Gooding who are on the dredge spent the week-end at Core Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whitley spent Saturday afternoon in Beaufort on business.

We are having lots of rain now and the farmers are worrying over their potato crops.

On last Monday night May 9th, there was a surprise birthday party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sabiston in honor of Masters Wilbur and Bridges Sabiston. Quite a number of young people were present and every one declared they had spent a very pleasant evening.

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NEED PREACHERS METHODIST SAY

Christian Education Movement Will Try To Supply Ministers and Missionaries

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 14.—The Southern Methodist Church is short 2,000 preachers and is calling for hundreds of volunteers to become missionaries and trained church workers in order that the needs of the local church and the mission field may be supplied, it is announced by the Christian education movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

In addition to the shortage of ministers and missionaries, it is said that the educational institutions of the church are badly crippled on account of insufficient funds to make necessary improvements in buildings and equipment and to assist worthy students to obtain educational advantages.

Leaders here say that it is in order to meet this situation that the Christian education movement was organized. This movement has the right of way through the Church over all other causes. For the past year a program of cultivation and education has been in progress. Leading men in both Church and State have devoted much time to speaking in behalf of the movement, and local churchmen have kept the cause actively before the people in their communities.

The climax of the Christian education movement will be reached May 29-June 5 when a simultaneous drive for funds will be made through out the Church. The amount sought is \$33,000,000. It is said that this amount will put 91 schools and colleges on a permanent foundation and will provide a million-dollar aid fund to assist worthy students who wish to enter the ministry and other forms of Christian service.

COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS.

A book shower will be given Tuesday, May 24th at the Tea Room from 2 to 9 P. M.

Every citizen of Beaufort is urged to attend and donate as many books as possible in order to start a circulating library for Beaufort.

Tea and cake will be served free. MRS. J. V. CAFFEY, Cor. Secy.

ORPHANAGE CONCERT GOOD

The singing class of the Oxford orphanage played to an audience that packed the Graded School auditorium here Monday evening and gave a program that was highly praised by those who heard it. Although the weather was unfavorable and the Chautauqua was in progress the same night the people went to hear the pupils of the orphanage and the neat sum of \$217.40 was realized from the sale of tickets.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds recently filed with the Register of Deeds are as follows:

Jan. W. Robinson and wife to Wm. Nelson, 2 acres in hunting Quarter township, consideration \$90.

Anson N. Stanly to Fulton Stanly 1-2 lot No. 179 old town, Beaufort, consideration \$10.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Julia Ann Pigott lot 110 in square 9, Morehead City, consideration \$10.

J. H. Tripp, Guardian, to Morehead City Baptist church lot 1 in block 72, Morehead City, consideration \$2,000.

Benj. F. Gillikin to W. B. Gillikin 10 acres in Straits township, consideration \$10.

UNIVERSITY PLAYERS GOOD.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Lay and Miss Lucy Lay went to New Bern last Friday to witness a dramatic production by University students. Three playlets were presented one of which was written by Miss Elizabeth Lay and is entitled "When Witches Ride". Another one "In Dixon's Kitchen" was written by Miss Ellen Lay in collaboration with Wilson Stout another University student. The verdict of all who have seen the performances by the University players is that they are very bright and entertaining.

HERE'S MODERN BABES IN WOODS

Hyde County Youngsters "Go To Sea" in Loose Craft. Lost For two Days in Woods.

KINSTON, N. C., May 13.—Harry Long and Hayes Farrish Creary, six and five years of age respectively, were modern babes in the woods recently when they were lost nearly two days in the wilds of Hyde County. The boys were playing in a small boat on a stream near Belhaven when the craft drifted away from the shore. They were unperceived, and their errant ship continued on a wild voyage that might have been the little fellows' last. After hours of aimless drifting across the wide expanse of water at Belhaven the boat touched the Hyde county shore, and the youngsters, exhausted and frightened, slept curled up in the bottom. When day broke they got ashore and started on foot for home.

The town was aroused and search parties looked everywhere for the lost adventurers. Scores of men beat up the country, but failed to find young long Long and Creary. Boats and automobiles were pressed into service. The fact that they had been seen playing in the boat before it started adrift led to anxious speculation. Bloodhounds were brought to the scene, but the dogs had no chance because of the water.

With no sense of direction the tired and hungry boys tramped in search of a house. Shortly after noon of the second day they came up with a man who inquired what they were doing in the woods. They told him of their predicament and he took them to his home. They were near Montgomery, a long way from Belhaven. The rescuer telephoned to the town and then started with them in a boat. They were greeted at the river front by a large number of rejoicing relatives and friends.

AD WRITING CONTEST

F. R. Bell, a well known druggist of Beaufort, in this issue of the News starts something in the way of an advertisement writing contest. Three prizes in gold are to be given to the persons under sixteen years of age who write the best productions. Besides giving the prizes to the young folks this contest offers an opportunity to practice ad writing. Advertising is a great business nowadays and persons who are good at composing catchy ads make good salaries. So this contest is in a way educational. Full details of the contest are given on page five.

NORTH RIVER NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Springe and children of Russell Creek, were in this neighborhood Sunday night.

Mrs. Julia Anderson spent a few days last week in Beaufort.

Miss Ruby Lane, of Wiregrass, spent the last week-end here with Miss Thelma Wade.

Mr. M. D. Pridgen who is working on the train from Spencer to Greensboro, spent a few days here with his family.

Roland Salter spent last Sunday at Bettie.

Mrs. Odie Warren and Miss Helen Hill spent last Wednesday at Russell Creek the guests of Mrs. Joe French.

Messrs. Martin Willis, Gulon Barbour and Charles Clifton, of Beaufort, were visitors here Sunday night.

Charles Smith, of Beaufort spent Sunday here with Nelson Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stanton, of Beaufort were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Simpson Sunday night.

BEAUFORT TEAM LOSES.

The winning streak of the Beaufort ball team came to an end last Saturday when Marshallburg snowed them under with a score of 10 to 5 on Marshallburg's grounds. The game was a rather loosely played one both sides making about eight errors a piece. Arrangements will probably be made for the two teams to play again soon and it is understood that games with other towns will also be played in the near future.

GRADED SCHOOL'S FINAL EXERCISES

Large Audiences Witness Fine Programs By Public School Pupils

A musical recital and an operetta last Friday evening brought to a successful close the commencement exercises of Beaufort Graded School. A large audience was present on that occasion as well as on every evening during the commencement. In the recitation contest on Wednesday evening the first prize a gold medal was won by Blanche Barbour and the second a silver pencil by Estelle Caffrey. These prizes were given by F. R. Bell.

The exercises on Thursday evening were particularly interesting as at that time the members of the senior class received their diplomas and said their farewells to the school. The program rendered was highly creditable to the class and brought forth much applause. It was as follows:

1. Class Song.
2. Salutatory.....Leslie Rice
3. Essay "History of Beaufort" Thelma Garner.
4. Class Poem....Georgia Wade
5. Class History....Lucy Beacham
6. Essay "Immigration" Theresa Hill.
7. Duet, Quartette...."Rigoletto" Nellie Jones, Thelma Garner
8. Class Creed.....Bettie Gibbs
9. Prophecy.....Lucy Lay
10. Last Will and Testament, Estelle Yoffe.
11. Toast.....Harlow Chapin
12. Valedictory.....Richard Rice
13. Presentation of Class Picture Halsey Paul.
14. Presentation of Class Diplomas

Superintendent Ferguson presented the diplomas to the class in brief well chosen remarks. A picture given by the class to the school was presented by Halsey Paul and accepted on the part of the trustees by Mr. J. H. Potter. Mrs. Thomas Duncan gave a picture to the school in memory of her granddaughter little Grace Eure. The children of Mr. Sam Yoffe presented the school with a handsome 8 by 14 foot United States flag. The enrollment and attendance for the past session of the school has been unusually high and it is regarded as having been one of the best sessions in its history.

NEW DRY GOODS STORE OPENS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. N. Macon Moore, formerly of Southport, arrived here a few days ago and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Moore will engage in the dry goods business and is opening up a stock of goods in the Chadwick building next door to the Bank of Beaufort. Mr. Moore is a native of Carteret county and lived in Beaufort during his youth. For a number of years he was connected with a syndicate that runs a chain of stores, but recently he has been in business in Southport. Mr. Moore has a number of relatives in the county and a great many friends who are glad to have him and his family as residents here again.

BAY VIEW ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Graham Sunday.

Mr. John Wade spent the night with Mr. J. F. Small Saturday.

Miss Gladys Smith was the guest of Miss Leta Graham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Street were the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Connor.

Mr. Leon Fodrie of Russell Creek, was the guest of Miss Nettie Culpepper Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howell a son May 8th.

Misses Violet and Lind Fodrie spent Sunday with Miss Leta Graham.

Misses Ruby Fodrie and Louis Hardesty were the guest of Miss Marie Graham Sunday.

Mr. Ira Culpepper was the guest of Miss Alice Jones Sunday.

Miss Maggie Mason spent the week at Russell Creek the guest of Miss Violet and Lind Fodrie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Winberry a daughter May 2nd, mother and baby both doing fine.

BEAUFORT PEOPLE LIKE CHAUTAUQUA

Series of Entertainments Have Given Pleasure To Many.

T...thills...L etao shrdlu a A few days ago Beaufort was inoculated with the Chautauqua virus and there is no disputing the fact that it is taking splendidly. The weather has not been very propitious but despite that hindrance the attendance at each session has been large except on Monday when a violent rain storm kept a good many away. From many expressions of opinion which the News has heard it appears that the patrons of the Chautauqua are well pleased with the various programs that have been provided by the management.

The features that seem to have given the greatest pleasure were the Mendelssohn Orchestral Club, Waldred Lindstrom's lecture, the Irish Minstrels, Dr. Bradford's lecture and the comedy "Nothing But the Truth". Not that the other attractions were not good also but the ones mentioned were particularly praised by the public.

This is the last day of the Chautauqua here and there will be two sessions as usual, one at three o'clock consisting of the Junior Chautauqua pageant and Wallace Havelock the Juggler. In the evening the attraction will be the Dunbar male quartet and bell ringers which will bring the Chautauqua to a close.

It appears now that the Swarthmore Chautauqua will return to Beaufort next year. Already arrangements are under way and if an engagement can be made for some time after the 15th of June it will return. The guarantors think that if the Chautauqua comes in June it will do a larger business than in May and so they stipulate in the contract that it must come in that month. Already quite a number of persons have signed the contract which will make it possible to bring this great institution to Beaufort. If the Chautauqua comes next year it will be a seven day instead of five day affair and Beaufort will be in the same circuit with New Bern, Wilmington and Raleigh. The price of the season tickets will be \$2.50 the same they were this year.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas we the guarantors of the Beaufort Chautauqua, desiring to secure for the citizenship of this town and community a clean, wholesome and instructive entertainment and

Whereas by reason of the unselfish and public spirited action of a number of the ladies of the town of Beaufort we have been able to bring the Swarthmore Chautauqua here and

Whereas the sale of the tickets to make the Chautauqua a success has been done almost entirely by the ladies referred to, be it

Resolved that we hereby extend our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts and assure them of our appreciation of their co-operation with us in bringing to a successful conclusion the attempt to secure the Chautauqua for our people.

N. F. EURE, Secy.
W. G. MEBANE,
M. C. HOLLAND, Pres.
H. M. HENDRIX,
Committee.

NOTICE

The health department of the Community Club will have its regular meeting May 19th in the Old Topnal Club rooms on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. All members are requested, if possible, to be present on that day and date.

MRS. J. E. MOORE,
Secretary.

BEAUFORT NEEDS

- A MODERN HOTEL.
- PAVED STREETS.
- COMPLETED SEWERAGE.
- BETTER LIGHT SERVICE.
- A PUBLIC LIBRARY.
- ADVERTISING THE TOWN.
- THROUGH SLEEPING CAR SERVICE.