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LAW TO BENEFIT STOKES P. M.'S

MRS. MARGARET W. DAVIS SPONSORS BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS — NINE FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTERS HERE WOULD SHARE IN THE INCREASE OF COMPENSATION.

Postmaster Margaret W. Davis, Stokes county director of the national Association of Postmasters, states her association is sponsoring a bill which would benefit nine postmasters in fourth class offices in this county.

If the legislation which is now before Congress, passes during this session it will increase the salary of postmasters who are now in charge of fourth class offices.

The present system of paying fourth class postmasters, according to the stamps cancelled in their offices, would be eliminated, and the pay would be based upon the receipts of the office as is in practice in post offices with a higher rating, proponents of the legislation explained.

There are 29,514 postmasters of fourth class offices throughout the United States which are sometimes referred to as the "Corner Grocery Store Post Office." This proposed legislation would slightly increase the amount of salaries paid to such postmasters, but it is not looked upon as a salary increasing measure.

At the present time there are 5000 of these postmasters who receive less than \$150 per year for their services.

Postmaster Margaret W. Davis further states the proposed bill is to simplify the method of accounting, and one which the postmasters of this class have urged Congress to favorably consider for the past fifty years.

Nine fourth class postmasters in Stokes county who would benefit by the legislation are as follows:

J. S. Boyles, Dalton.
Sam Moir, Francisco.
Ralph T. Beck, Germanton.
Mrs. Trilby L. Tuttle, King.
Ralph L. Sheppard, Lawsonville.
T. D. Preston, Pine Hall.
Samuel P. Covington, Pinnacle.
W. W. Dodson, Sandy Ridge.
Claxton A. Lewis, Vade Mecum.

Moser Reunion

The Moser reunion and home coming will be held at Poplar Springs Church, four miles north of Rural Hall on the Moore's Springs road, June 16th (the third Sunday.)

All Mosers, relatives and friends are urged to be present with full baskets.

All singers have a special invitation to be present to make the day a day of joy and entertainment.

S. H. MOSER, Pres.
J. W. MOSER, Sec.

Tobacco Referendum About May 25th

Flue-cured tobacco growers will be asked in a referendum to be conducted around July 25 to reduce their current acreage allotments for 1941 by at least 10 per cent.

The acreage reduction is absolutely imperative in order to maintain a reasonable price for the tobacco, it was pointed out. Arrangements for the referendum are now being formulated in the office of G. C. Flinn, director of the east central division of the agricultural adjustment administration. This division includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The primary factor in the acreage issue is the fact that with Britain and France deeply involved in the current war with Germany, the tobacco export trade has been practically reduced to nothing.

That, together with the fact that last year's tobacco crop was large, leaving a considerable surplus to be carried over this year, makes a reduced crop absolutely necessary if the price is to remain anywhere near normal levels, the AAA officials said.

The proposed increase in the tax on cigarettes is another imposing factor, because it means that the additional tax will have to be absorbed by the grower. This will have the effect of reducing the market price range by approximately 15 per cent.

Consequently, the tobacco industry is being hit from both the top and the bottom—that is, should the tax increase proposal be accepted.

Even before the tax increase levels, the AAA officials said, agreed that the situation was serious. If the allies manage to win, the condition may exist only for two or three years, but if Germany wins the loss of the export trade may be permanent, in their opinion.

The surplus tobacco now on hand is sufficient to carry on the entire domestic industry for the next five years, even if there was not a single plant grown during that period, the government officials calculated.

In the face of these facts, the only salvation for the tobacco growers is to cut down on his crop and turn to a broader self-contained program of farming until the general outlook is more receptive, it was stated.

Considerable emphasis was placed on the fact that should the referendum for a reduced 1941 acreage fail, it probably would mean that the bottom would fall out of the 1940 market, as well.

"It is not a question of just one crop," Flinn said. "It can determine the future of the entire industry from the standpoint of market price standards. If we keep adding to our surplus there can be only one result—a lower price for the grower."

(An Editorial.)

WHICH IS WORSE, AN UNBALANCED BUDGET OR AN UNBALANCED FUEHRER?

When our synthetic statesmen at Washington were humming and hawing over whether to build two or three thousand airplanes by 1942, the Danbury Reporter was saying:

BUILD 100,000, AND BUILD THEM NOW.

The Reporter is glad to note President Roosevelt has half caught up with us and says get 50,000.

You have smiled and said something about "conceit," but you have not said—"it ain't so."

Mr. Walter Lippman makes a good point when he says:

"There is the question whether a self-governing people will impose upon itself a self-discipline strong enough to insure its own defense."

America is now awaking to the dangers that will involve this government when Germany has destroyed the British and French empires. Preparations on the biggest scale since the World War are now being made.

These preparations, while of gigantic proportions, are totally and pitifully inadequate, and should be trebled. A four-billion dollar program does not impress Hitler who has led the German people to spend 100 billions on the most colossal war machine of all the ages. We talk about training a few hundred thousand men for the defense of America. Germany's **WHOLE PEOPLE** are trained for war, with more than nine millions under arms now.

It makes no difference about the cost. The resources of America in oil, steel and money are needed by Germany, Italy and Japan and they will without scruple take them if we cannot prevent them. We may as well choose between an unbalanced budget and an unbalanced Fuehrer.

These pirate nations care nothing about the loss of life that would be entailed in a campaign against the United States. They have more lives now than they can support. They would be willing to lose 10 millions to conquer the great western democracy and make it pay.

An alliance of the three, having in hand the French and British fleets, would be fatal to North and South American liberty unless we were prepared—and it takes time to prepare.

THE HYENA

In all the raging panorama of war and death and fury and misery in the world today, the most sinister figure is Italy.

This nation may be compared to the hyena that skulks in its den until the lion completes the kill, then emerges to feed on the entrails.

Italy is waiting for Germany to beat the allies to their knees, then when sure of the victor's side will join in the mop-up to get a share of the spoils.

In the great cities of New York, Chicago and Detroit, where crime is rampant, where mass murder may be procured for a price, you will see on the police records that the criminals are nearly all Italians. You have an Italian for your friend, you let him in on your confidence and trust, and he will slip his stiletto under your fifth rib for 50 cents.

When the future pages of history of the Second World War are written, let the true story of Mussolini and his Italians be told, and let these people and their government for all time to come be the synonym for cruelty, treachery and cowardice, and bear the undying contempt of all nations who admire truth and honesty, bravery and justice.

Lawsonville News

Lawsonville—Don't forget the singing convention at Peter's Creek Church Sunday, June 9. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the day.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Henry Neilson visited Mrs. Martha Morris last Wednesday and Thursday. Lieutenant Neilson went from Lawsonville to Camp Perry, Ohio with the infantry, rifle and pistol team.

Lieutenant Neilson won aggregate trophy and six medals at North Carolina State Match at Gastonia in May.

Mrs. Neilson, daughter of Major and Mrs. Mary Pringle Schnackenburg, will spend some time with Mrs. Morris, then return to Fort Benning, Ga., where they are stationed.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Pringle spent the week-end with Mrs. Pringle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fount Tuttle at Summerfield.

Mr. Jim Kallam and son, Howard and his wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Kallam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Rhodes visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lackey Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Pringle Morris and daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, visited Mrs. A. G. Presnell at Guilford College two weeks ago.

Several from here spent Sunday afternoon at Hanging Rock Park and Cascade.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Smith spent Sunday at Leaksville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Beasley visited here Sunday.

Dorothy May Amos and Ruby Bingham of Sandy Ridge spent a short while here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Marie Moore gave a party Thursday night in honor of the senior class of Lawsonville school at her home. Everybody reported a grand time.

Misses Annie Mae and Betty Jo Lawson have returned home after spending the past week with relatives at Stuart, Va.

Mrs. Minnie Lawson visited Mrs. Sam Lawson Sunday.

Mrs. Eldrige Tilley and small son, David, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson.

Mrs. Ralph Sheppard, Mrs. B. O. Sheppard, Mrs. R. T. Spencer visited Mrs. C. M. Mabe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Handy and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Griffin visited relatives at Stuart, Va. Sunday.

OPENING CHAPTERS OF "THE ROAD TO ZION"

Told for the first time—the epic march of the Mormons to find their "Promised Land"—and what befell them along that perilous trail. One of many fascinating features in the June 16th issue of

The American Weekly

the big magazine distributed with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN On Sale At All Newstands

NEW POWER LINES FOR YADKIN

HOMES, STORES AND CHURCHES TO RECEIVE ELECTRIC SERVICE — MARRIAGE — REVIVAL — STORK — TONSILS — OTHER KING NEWS.

King, June 6.—Two new power lines are under construction in this section. One extends from Chestnut Grove to the home of Squire Edwards. The other is being built from Schaub's old mill to Mount Pleasant Church. The two lines will give lights and power to 56 homes, two stores and 2 churches.

Mrs. Charlie Westmoreland celebrated her 59th birthday Sunday. All of her children were present for the occasion.

Lawrence Mabe of Quaker Gap and Miss Ruth Pulliam of King were quietly married here Saturday. Justice of the Peace J. T. Smith officiated. Only a few of the near relatives and friends were present for the ceremony.

Rev. Lollis of Rural Hall is holding a revival meeting at the King Christian Church.

The stork had a little busier week last week. The following calls being made: to Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Southern, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Jones Hall, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Bennett, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gordon, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spainhower, a son.

Sidney L. Pulliam of Asheboro, formerly of King, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Scenes Dalton of Dalton was here Saturday looking after some business matters.

The musical jamboree which is being held here each Friday night is attracting large crowds to town.

The following patients underwent tonsil removal operations here last week: Miss Lois Mae Burrow and Miss Pansy Lucille Nance of Rural Hall, Miss Norma Mae Bondurant of Francisco, Joseph Crossen of Winston-Salem, Hiram Baker of Pilot Mountain, Allen Smith of Walnut Cove and Miss Nancy Bowen and Ernest Bowen of Dalton.

Grady Hooker and Buster Holder of Fort Bragg are spending a short furlough with relatives here.

Stanley Newsum of High Point is spending his vacation with relatives here.

Clarence Helsabeck was among the throng of shoppers here Saturday.

Anne Christian, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christian, of Piedmont Springs, underwent a tonsilectomy at a Winston-Salem hospital Tuesday. Little Anne is reported to be recuperating nicely.

Mrs. C. L. Haney of Shelby was here last week-end with her husband.