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Maxwell Announces New Sales Tax Rules Effective August 1st

UNIFORMITY IN RATES CHARGED ULTIMATE GOAL

Says Tax Developed Less Friction Than Was Expected

By A. J. MAXWELL
Three weeks of actual experience with the sales tax has developed less friction and difficulty than was generally anticipated.

Regulations governing the application of the tax were promulgated experimentally for the month of July only. It was expected that experience would suggest the need for revision of these rules. The July regulations have been unsatisfactory in the following particulars:

The use of a series of schedules has been confusing and has made uniformity of observance and practice difficult. Merchants in the same general class would fall into different schedules because one would have a larger percentage of sales below 10 cents than the other. For instance, schedule 3 applies to one drug store and schedule 4 to another.

Merchants not in the same general class carry some merchandise of the same class, which would add a tax in one store and not in the other by use of differing schedules.

Merchants having a large percentage of sales in the low-price group have not been able to collect the amount of the tax. Drug stores, for instance, using schedule 3, have collected only about two-thirds of their tax, and having to absorb one-third. The July schedules were set up on the theory of setting the first taxable line as high as possible to avoid ex-

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SUNDAY BALL NOT NECESSARY

Citizens Pledge a Renewed Support of Local Baseball Team

A split in the religious and sporting realms of the town was averted last Tuesday night, when local citizens met in the town hall and renewed their support of the local baseball club and the schedule now in effect. A fair-sized sum was pledged to the club, and at the present time baseball finances are in fairly good shape, it is understood.

Sunday baseball was proposed here recently, when it was discovered that the club was unable to support itself on the four-game-per-week schedule. Sunday play was hardly mentioned at the meeting, and those in charge of the club are said to have been much pleased when a renewed support was pledged making play on Sunday unnecessary.

One or two towns in the league have reported Sunday games, but as a whole they did not meet with success, according to information received here.

1,300 Firemen Attended Convention in Salisbury

Returning last night from the State Firemen's meeting in Salisbury, Mayor J. L. Hassell and Firemen H. D. Harrison and J. W. Manning report one of the best conventions held in years. Mayor Hassell addressed the group.

More than 1,200 firemen from all over the State were in attendance at the meeting, it was said.

No Preaching Services at Episcopal Church Sunday

Other than the Sunday school at 10 a. m., there will be no services at the Church of the Advent Sunday, it was announced by the rector, Rev. E. F. Moseley, yesterday morning. The minister and his family are spending a few days at Bayview.

Baptist Pastor Announces Topic for Sunday Sermon

"Community Stabilizing Forces" will be the sermon theme Sunday morning at the Baptist church. In the evening at 8 o'clock, this congregation is invited to participate in the union service to be held at the Presbyterian church.

The Baptist Sunday school held its annual picnic at Colerain last Wednesday afternoon. A large group was in attendance, and bountiful refreshments were served after the big swim by the many boys and girls.

UNIFORM SALES TAX SCHEDULE

Applies to Every Retail Merchant

Less than 10 cents	No Tax
10 cents to 35 cents	1 cent
36 cents to 70 cents	2 cents
71 cents to \$1.05	3 cents

Above \$1.05, straight 3 per cent, fractions governed by major fraction.

This schedule to be applied to total sales at one trading period

Illustration: The tax of one cent on a ten cents purchase entitles the customer to buy other merchandise up to 35 cents at the same trading period without additional tax.

NO TAX ON FLOUR, MEAL, MEAT, LARD, MILK, MOLASSES, SALT, SUGAR, COFFEE, GASOLINE, FERTILIZER, PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKS

This schedule is promulgated under authority of law, effective from and after August 1, 1933, and it is mandatory upon every merchant to collect this tax, and no more, in addition to the sales price of merchandise. This placard is furnished by the State Department of Revenue, to prevent unfair trade practices. Regulations require that this placard shall be kept posted by every merchant where it may be conveniently seen by the customer, and is intended to protect both merchant and customer.

Harry M. Hassell, Commissioner of Sales Tax Division

BACK PRESIDENT

That President Roosevelt's National Recovery Administration will receive strong support here was almost made certain when local merchants met in informal session last Wednesday afternoon. While no definite information could be had in connection with the code requirements, the merchants, as a whole, agreed to do all they could in support of the recovery movement that is meeting with marked success throughout the nation.

N. R. A. BLANKS RECEIVED HERE

Indications Point to Nation Wide Support National Recovery Movement

President Roosevelt's reemployment agreement blanks are being distributed from the local post office today to the various business firms of the town and community. Finding it impossible to reach all business firms immediately, Postmaster L. T. Fowden asks that all business firms assist him in getting the agreement blanks and certificate of compliance into their hands without delay and prepared for mailing.

The agreement proposed by the President of the United States, through the National Recovery Administration (N.R.A.), is a part of a nation-wide plan to raise wages, create employment, and thus increase purchasing power and restore business. The plan depends wholly on united action by all employers. For this reason, the President is asking every one to do his part. If it turns out that the general agreement bears unfairly on any group of employers, they can have that straightened out by presenting a proposed code of fair competition of their own.

Signed agreements are being prepared and returned to authorities by the millions, and it is believed the plan will be given a hearty support in this community. If you failed to receive a blank, call for one at the post office, where the distribution is general.

Government Preparing Checks for Farmers

Nearly all of the 465 Martin County farmers cooperating in the cotton reduction movement will have plowed up their cotton by the early part of next week, it was learned today from County Agent T. B. Brandon. As far as it could be learned the contracts are being lived up to by all the farmers in this county. One or two pledging their cooperation are reported to have expressed regret in signing the contract, but they had no intention of backing out, it was said.

Government employees, starting today in Washington, are writing and mailing checks to growers cooperating in the movement at the rate of 40,000 a day. It is believed that a number of checks will be received in this county some time about the middle or latter part of next week.

NAME AGENTS OF HOME LOAN BANK FOR THIS COUNTY

Applications Will Be Received Immediately in This County

Arrangements for handling loans of the Home Loan Corporation in this county were completed this week following the appointment of Mr. K. B. Crawford, appraiser, and Mr. Elbert S. Peel, attorney, for the bank. All loans in this county will be made through the Home Loan Bank in Greenville, which is one of three units established by the government in this state.

The bank will consider loans on homes against which mortgages were given prior to June 13, 1933, and will limit loans to \$14,000. It is understood the bank will lend up to 80 per cent of the appraised value, charging interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

Where it is agreeable to the holder of the mortgage, the bank will issue a home loan corporation bond, a negotiable instrument. However, if cash is demanded by the mortgagor, money will be furnished.

No applications for loans have been filed so far in this county, but the bank is prepared to start making loans immediately, it was stated.

The purpose of the Home Loan Corporation, as it is understood here, is to aid those owners who are unable to meet interest payments and mature the principal due on their homes. In other words, the home owner owing \$2,000 on his \$2,500 home and is about to lose the property, can go to the home loan bank and borrow the \$2,000 and retire the immediate debt, and at the same time get more time for retiring the principal and at a lower rate of interest.

Attorney Peel will receive applications at his office in Williamston for this county, it was announced this week.

COUNTY GETS NO MORE TEACHERS

Total of 183 Teachers Will Be Employed in This County Next Term

Martin County will have the same number of teachers for the coming term as it had last year, it was learned here this week from the State School Commission. There will be 96 white and 87 colored teachers in the several faculties during the coming term, it was learned.

It was believed at one time that the number of teachers would be decreased as a result of certain consolidations and a general restricting of the various school units.

While the teaching load can not be determined now, it is believed the average for the county will be near the maximum.

Local administrative units will be set up at the next regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Education scheduled for the first Monday in August. Following the appointment of committees at that time, arrangements will be made immediately for completing the teacher contracts and operating the schools.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Peel Seriously Hurt Tuesday

Gilbert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Peel, of Greenville, but formerly of this county, was seriously hurt last Tuesday night, when the Hoover cart on which he was riding was struck by a truck on the Bethel-Greenville highway. The youth was said to have received a broken leg in addition to other injuries.

A wheel of the truck was said to have been resting on the boy's body after the crash. According to latest reports received here, no action has been taken in the case pending the outcome of the boys' injuries.

CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Elizabeth City	5	2	.714
Windsor	3	2	.600
Williamston	3	3	.500
Edenton	2	3	.400
Colerain	2	3	.400
Ahokkie	2	4	.333

GEORGIA MARKETS

Next Tuesday, August 1, Georgia's 1933 tobacco crop of millions of pounds will be placed on the auction block. Officials of the State Department of Agriculture of Georgia announced this week that they have received reports from market centers that 42 ware houses in 16 cities will be opened for business, as compared with 37 for the last year's small crop.

This increase in the number of warehouses to operate this year in Georgia is a fair indication of the large crop expected to be harvested and sold this year. Owing to this increase a large number of North Carolina tobacco men will leave within the next few days for the Southern State to assist in the selling and buying of the crop.

WHERE THEY PLAY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
Ahokkie at Williamston.
Windsor at Elizabeth City.
Colerain at Edenton.

Funeral Services for Robert J. Peel This Afternoon at 4

CHARLIE FRANCIS DIES AFTER SHOT BY ALEX MOORE

Slayer Escapes and Had Not Been Captured Up To Yesterday

Robertsonville, N. C., July 27.—Charlie Francis, a colored tenant living on the farm of Jasper Johnson, near here, was shot and killed while in bed at his home Tuesday night about 10 o'clock. Alex Moore, a colored man said to be of desperate character, is charged with the killing.

The murder is believed to be the culmination of years of trouble between Moore and his wife, during which time Moore is said to have threatened the lives of several colored men. About a year ago, Moore is said to have planned to kill Tom Hardy and went to the Hardy home with his gun. Hardy learned of the threat and prepared to meet him. Moore, when nearing the home, was seriously shot and spent some time in a Portsmouth hospital recovering.

Following his return he was in hiding much of the time, coming out every now and then to take part in a fight. Last Saturday he is said to have attempted an assault on his wife and threatened to kill her, their two children and Grover Bland and Charlie Francis. A peace warrant was issued, but Moore evaded arrest.

Tuesday night, Moore trailed his wife to the home of Francis, where Bland also lived. He went to Francis' window, and after waking him up explained that he was going to kill him. Francis, unaware that Moore was after him, told, explained that Bland was in another room, but Moore insisted that he was going to kill Francis anyway. Francis raised himself up in bed, and Moore fired a load of shot into his left shoulder and side, the shot ranging toward the heart. The man was rushed to Robertsonville, where he died about 30 minutes later.

Local and county officers have been making a search for Moore, but up to this afternoon they had been unable to locate and arrest the man charged with the murder.

MANY FARMERS SELL COTTON

More Than 100 Farmers in County Cancel Feed and Seed Loans

Martin farmers who borrowed money from the government and who were allowed 9 1/2 cents a pound for their cotton are now making arrangements to dispose of the staple and cancel their obligations to the government, it was learned yesterday from Field Supervisor Roy Hearne.

Market prices have advanced beyond the credit allowance of the government and in a majority of cases the borrowers will cancel their loans and receive a cash difference.

Individual letters are being forwarded by the Crop Production Loan Office to the approximately 100 farmers in this county who have cotton as collateral. The letter reads, in part:

"If you desire your cotton sold at this time, kindly advise us, and we will order sale made at the best available market price for grade and staple on date of sale.

"All amounts in excess of your loan and the charges against the cotton will be refunded by this office."

A. M. E. Zion Church Convention in Session

The district church school convention of the Edenton District A. M. E. Zion church convened here yesterday morning for a four-day session. A number of notables in the church are here for the convention, and an appropriate program has been arranged.

North Carolina Is To Have State Fair Again

Raleigh.—A contract calling for a fair to begin October 9th has been entered into by the State Board of Agriculture and George Hamid, of New York, State Senator W. H. Joyner, of Northampton County, and R. G. Doughton, of Shelby.

Commissioner William A. Graham will retain full supervisory powers over the fair. The contract has been turned over to Attorney General Brummitt for approval.

A total of \$1,564,300 Federal relief money has been made available in this State for the third quarter, a part of which has already been distributed.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, God, who doeth all things after the counsel of His own will, has taken from the scenes of this mortal life our esteemed friend and leading citizen, R. J. Peel, who for 40 years, as teacher, moulder of our youth, county superintendent and clerk of our superior court, has been closely identified with every interest of our town and county,

I call upon all stores and places of business in the town of Williamston to close today at 4 o'clock p. m., the hour of the funeral, in honor of the memory of this public servant and Christian patriot.

JOHN L. HASSELL, Mayor.

NEARLY \$85,000 IS LENT IN COUNTY AS SEED LOANS

670 Farmers Share in Benefits; Distributed About Equally Over County

A total of \$83,730 was lent to Martin County farmers for financing their operations this year, it was learned this week from the county office of the seed and feed loan organization. A much larger amount, it is believed, was lent to farmers in this county by the Regional Credit Corporation. Seventy-five farmers shared in the loans advanced by the Regional Credit concern, while 670 farmers procured loans under the seed and feed loan act.

The loans were about equally distributed throughout the county, with probably the greater proportion going to farmers in Jamesville Township, where the dry weather almost wrecked the crops last season. No accurate check on the distribution of loans could be had as checks were mailed to the various post offices and the districts were not designated. However, it is estimated that \$24,230 was borrowed by farmers in Goose Nest and Hamilton Townships; around \$19,740 by farmers in Jamesville and a part of Cross Roads, and \$24,155 by farmers in Williamston, Poplar Point, and parts of Cross Roads and Griffins Townships.

According to information received from Roy Hearne, field manager for this and one or two other counties, Martin farmers have paid off a very small number of the loans. What few have been paid were handled by those farmers growing Irish potatoes, he said. Collections will likely be started on a large scale, when the tobacco markets open and when farmers start selling peanuts in this county. Approximately \$16,000 in 1932 loans have been collected during the past three or four months, Mr. Hearne said.

The amount of money advanced for farming operations in the county during this year was considerably larger than the amount borrowed under the seed and feed loan act last year.

LACK OF POTASH IS CAUSE OF RUST

Damage To Crops in Bear Grass Is Not Caused By Disease, Experts Say

Following reports received from plant specialists in Raleigh, it is now generally agreed that the tobacco crops of Mr. Calvin Ayers and other Bear Grass Township farmers were damaged by an insufficient supply of potash. The specialists, including Mr. E. Y. Floyd, state tobacco man, said the samples of damaged tobacco and corn leaves did not show any signs of disease.

Mr. Floyd went on to say in his letter received by Mr. Brandon this week: "We find a great deal of potash hunger in some sections of the state this year on all crops. I believe it would be very wise in your section that you use at least 5 per cent potash, and on a good many of the soils it would pay to top dress with about 100 pounds of sulphate of potash magnesium, or 50 pounds of straight sulphate potash to the acre of tobacco, in addition to 800 or 1,000 pounds of 8-3-5 tobacco fertilizer."

Very few farmers, if any, outside the Bear Grass area have reported damage caused by potash hunger to their crop this season, and it is hoped that the loss in those communities where damage has been reported will prove to be not as great as first estimated.

LEG AMPUTATION TUESDAY PROVES FATAL THURSDAY

Was Prominent in Public Affairs of County For Forty-six Years

Robert J. Peel, one of Martin County's leading citizens and a prominent figure in public life for 46 years, died yesterday morning in a Washington hospital, following the amputation of his left leg last Tuesday. He had suffered during several years from phlebitis, which had caused him much pain at times. His condition, however, was not considered serious until a few days ago. After completing his work two weeks ago last Saturday, he went home and was unable to leave his room until he went to Richmond for an examination. It was hoped at that time he would recover, but a few days later, the amputation of his leg was considered necessary to continue his life.

The operation was a shock to him, but he seemed to have rallied and was thought to be getting along fairly well until a short while before his death, which came suddenly just before noon.

In the southern edge of Griffins Township, Mr. Peel was born on November 27, 1869, making him almost 64 years of age. He was the son of the late William Bryant Peel and wife, Frances Leggett Peel, his parents representing two of the oldest families in this section of the State. Mr. Peel was the youngest of four brothers, all of whom are dead.

When a small lad, Mr. Peel became interested in education, and was eager after his first studies in the country school with its term of two and three months. Moving from the short-term school, he went to one of five months' duration, conducted by Sylvester Peel, a teacher of the community who he followed to his credit many jewels for service rendered boys and girls in the formation of higher ideals, educationally and morally. His course of study completed and well done in the little community school, Mr. Peel then went to the Greenville Academy and studied during one session. Returning home as a young man, 17 years of age, Mr. Peel started his public career that is seldom surpassed for length and faithful service. He first taught in the Manning, Hardison, and Lilley Schools, later at Jamesville and Williamston, leaving a lasting and valuable imprint in the minds of hundreds of pupils. His active work in the schools opened the way for him to the office of superintendent of schools in this county, and in 1897 he was elected to that position by a fusion county board of education. For 17 years he handled well the duties of that office, directing the youth of that day to prominent places in state and national affairs of today.

After a faithful service in the field of education, Mr. Peel was appointed clerk of the Martin County Superior Court in 1914 by Judge George W. Connor, district judge of Wilson. His appointment was for an unexpired term, but in the election that year, his popularity and ability made the job permanent. In the election years since that time his name ranked at the top, and the public trust placed in him has been well rewarded.

In addition to his public life activities, Mr. Peel was vitally interested in religious work. He was a member of the Christian church for nearly half a century at Old Ford, Jamesville, and later here. And he was active himself in the church, having taught a Bible class for 25 years. He was an elder during a long number of years. Mr. Peel was a Mason, a Kiwanian, and a member of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World. His sympathy for his fellowman was a characteristic of what he had with those in need.

In December, 1893, Mr. Peel was married to Miss Sarah F. Woolard, of Jamesville, who with six children, survives. The names of the children are: Elbert S. Peel, attorney and former senator from this district; Miss Eva Peel, a teacher in the county schools; Robert J. Peel, jr., an engineer with the Tennessee Highway Commission with residence at Morristown, Tenn.; Mrs. John Enright, Miss Edith Peel, and Francis Peel, of Williamston.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home on Houghton Street this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by several ministers of the town and community. Interment will follow in the family plot at the local cemetery with the Skewakee Masons conducting the last rites there.