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Tax Cut Bill Reintroduced

Chairman Knutson Makes Only One Change In Vetoed Measure

WASHINGTON, June 24—(AP)—The tax issue exploded again on Capitol Hill today as House Ways and Means Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) reintroduced the vetoed \$4,000,000,000 tax slashing bill.

It contains only one change—to make the cut effective next January 1 instead of July 1.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) told newsmen the measure will be taken up "at the first favorable opportunity."

Asked if this meant action before Congress adjourns in July, he said: "We certainly are not closing the door to that."

The bill will be called up, Knutson said, "when we are sure of the necessary two thirds vote in both houses to override another veto."

"Unless there is sufficient demand for it to put it over, action will be delayed until January," he added.

Up To Senate

Martin said that since President Truman's tax veto was sustained last Tuesday "a lot of Democrats who voted to sustain have come to me and said they were sorry—that they have changed their minds. We are sure now that we have the two thirds in the House. The tax cut is entirely up to the Senate."

The House sustained President Truman's tax veto last Tuesday by a narrow margin of only two votes.

An informal poll was reported to be under way to determine whether the overriding two thirds can be corralled in the Senate.

Knutson said he reintroduced the bill "with the approval" of Martin and Republican leader Halleck of Indiana.

Some lawmakers commented privately that there appears to be little chance to pass the bill before Congress adjourns in July.

May 'Ice' It

"If there's a big enough demand, we'll take it up," Knutson said. "If not, we'll keep it on ice." But he said emphatically that, if not sooner, it will come off the ice when Congress returns next January, as the first order of business before his tax-framing committee.

The measure gives a 30 percent income tax cut to persons in the lowest income bracket, 15 to 20 percent in the middle incomes, and 10.5 percent on any income above \$302,000. It also gives an extra tax exemption to aged persons.

COUNCIL TO HEAR AIRLINE CLAIMS

Part Of Meeting Time Today To Be Given Over To Competing Companies

Councilmen, county commissioners, Chamber of Commerce officials and spectators are expected to crowd into the city council hall this morning to hear both sides of an argument on supplying Wilmington with an airline.

The question of whether the city council and the New Hanover county commissioners are going to back the petition of the State Airlines asking the Civil Aeronautics Board to overrule its decision in granting a permit to Piedmont Aviation to operate into Wilmington, is in the offing.

Previously, the aviation committee of the Chamber of Commerce has backed the State Airlines petition. The council and the commissioners have not taken action.

Gilbert Here

H. K. Gilbert Jr., president of the State Airlines, was in the city last night ready to appear at the meeting. However, T. H. Davis, president of Piedmont, could not be located although city and county officials said he had agreed to be present.

City councilmen have agreed to set aside a portion of their weekly session to allow an expression of opinion on the matter.

As the hearing drew near, States Airlines yesterday filed with the CAB a petition requesting a speedy decision on the hearing.

Piedmont Aviation in a letter to H. H. Hicks, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce aviation committee, stated that it was preparing to begin service here soon after August 1.

The Weather

FORECAST:

North and South Carolina: Considerable cloudiness and slightly warmer Wednesday. Some scattered rain in mountains during forenoon. Thursday partly cloudy with moderate temperatures.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES

1:30 a. m. 64; 7:30 a. m. 65; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 74; Maximum 83; Minimum 60; Mean 71; Normal 78.

HUMIDITY

1:30 a. m. 86; 7:30 a. m. 70; 1:30 p. m. 50; 7:30 p. m. 60.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .10 inches.

Total since the first of the month .45 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

(From the Tide Table published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

HIGH LOW

Wilmington 3:40 a. m. 10:10 a. m. 4:40 p. m. 10:46 p. m.
Hasonboro Inlet 1:01 a. m. 7:21 a. m. 3:40 p. m. 10:16 p. m.
Sunrise 5:02; Sunset 7:27; Moonrise 12:20; Moonset 12:18 a.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 1 a. m. Tuesday 9.9 feet.

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DISTRICT JURIST TO ADDRESS BAR

Chief Justice Bolitha J. Laws Will Speak Before State Bar June 27

Bolitha J. Laws, chief justice of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, will be the principal speaker at the 49th annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association at Blowing Rock, June 26-28, it was announced yesterday.

Judge Laws, who was assistant attorney general of the U. S. for six years during the Wilson administration, will speak to the association on Friday evening, June 27.

A native of the District of Columbia, Judge Laws practiced law for 25 years before appointment to the bench. He was appointed chief justice in 1945.

Many Honors

Since his first year on the bench, the judge has received certificates of awards from the Council of Social Agencies, the Washington Federation of Churches and the Society of Attorneys of the District of Columbia.

Judge Laws had lectured extensively on pre-trial procedure throughout the United States and has appeared before the Fourth and Eighth judicial conferences, the American Bar association and other bar associations.

He was appointed to the committee of federal judges in 1941 by Chief Justice Stone and assisted in the draft of bills now pending in congress and has spoken by designation before four judicial conferences.

NEW BUS ROUTES TO OPERATE SOON

Residents Of Wilmington To Get Through Service To Tarboro Area

The franchises granted recently by the State Utilities commission will open three additional bus routes in and out of Wilmington and the lines are scheduled to begin operations in the very near future.

Permits granted by the commission were to the Carolina Coach company to operate between Wilmington and Norfolk; the Pullen Bus line to operate between Wilmington and Jacksonville; and to F. W. Spencer to operate between Wilmington and Castle Hayne.

J. F. Hackler, local attorney for Carolina Coach, said yesterday that the franchise granted his company would provide straight through service between Wilmington and Kinston, Greenville, Farmville, Tarboro and vicinity.

Heretofore, in order to reach those points from this city, passengers had to make a change in Jacksonville. Carolina Coach has been granted permission to make two round trips per day between Norfolk and Wilmington, and the most modern, air conditioned buses with reclining seats will be used on the route, Hackler said.

First Service

The franchise granted Carolina Coach and the one granted Pullen bus line also makes possible an entirely new route for bus service. The 33 miles between Jacksonville and Burgaw previously has had no bus service.

Carolina Coach will operate with closed doors between Jacksonville and Burgaw and will open doors on the remainder of their route, Hackler said.

Pullen Bus line will operate from Jacksonville to Wilmington via Burgaw, with open doors all the way.

F. W. Spencer, operator of a strictly local bus line, was granted franchise to operate passenger service "from the intersection of the Blue Clay road with the

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Government Starts Full Investigation Of Work Stoppage In Soft Coal Mines; Steel Output Lags As Miners Walk Out

175,000 Men Protest Vote

All Union Mines In Alabama Close Down; Production Declines Fast

PITTSBURGH, June 24.—(AP)—Angry coal miners protesting passage of union-curbing legislation were leaving the pits in continuing numbers tonight as idle total rose to more than 175,000 and coal production decreased proportionately.

Alabama, where the walkouts started yesterday, counted all its 20,000 soft coal miners idle. Only three of the state's 82 rail-connected mines — all three non-union — were working.

In the nation's top-coal producing states, Pennsylvania had 41,000 idle and West Virginia, 31,000. Seven other states also were hit by the wildcat strikes.

Virtually all the strikers are members of the AFL-United Mine workers, although 1,700 Progressive Mine workers joined the walkout in Illinois. The walkouts, which concentrated in the soft coal fields, occurred without union sanction.

Predicts Return

One operator's spokesman in West Virginia who declined use of his name predicted that half of the state's strikers "will be back on the job tomorrow."

The Navy Coal Mine administration's Pittsburgh district office estimated the coal production loss today in Pennsylvania alone at 209,000 tons.

Walkouts in the pits hit the steel industry quickly and hard. The

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REISER PRAISES RED CROSS HERE

Southeastern Area Disaster Director Speaks At Institute Meeting

The Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross was highly praised by Karl Reiser, assistant director of disaster and relief work in the southeastern area of the United States, for its cooperation and attendance in the two-day series of meetings of the local chapter in preparation for a disaster and relief plan for any emergency that might strike this area in its final meeting held last night in the headquarters of the local chapter.

"I have never seen as large attendance of people in a volunteer group as I have talked to in the past two days," said Reiser. He said he was greatly pleased with the attendance of the 10 sub-committee meetings held in preparation for the disaster institute.

The 10 meetings held for 50 minutes on Monday and Tuesday of this week were taught by Reiser and coincided with similar sessions held up and down the east coast in preparation for the "hurricane season" which starts in this area this month.

The meetings stressed what should be done in the different phases of Red Cross work to help in the disaster institute, which has

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BISHOP DARST WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, a charter member of the Wilmington club, will be the speaker on today's program at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting at 1:10 p. m., according to an announcement last night by William Courtney, program chairman for June.

Many amusing experiences encountered by Bishop Darst during the long years of his fruitful ministry will form the background for his talk today and the membership, well aware of his keen sense of humor, is looking forward with interest to hearing him today.

Kiwanis club directors and committee chairman met last night at the home of Aaron Goldberg, 310 Grace street, for discussion of a number of important club matters.



BRIGADE BOYS IN CALISTHENICS at Bruce B. Cameron Memorial boy's camp at Porter's Neck. The Star-News photographer snapped the above picture at the camp yesterday as the 53 boys at the camp were going through their daily drill and his assistant, Richard Ward are pictured leading the young boys. The camp, sponsored by the intercoastal waterway. (Staff Photo).

COMMITTEE SETS LEAF SALE DATES

Border Belt Warehouses Will Open For 1947 Season On August 1

RALEIGH, June 24.—(AP)—The North Carolina-South Carolina Border Belt flue-cured tobacco markets will begin sales Monday, August 1, following the opening of the Georgia-Florida markets on July 24, the tobacco marketing committee announced today.

Other market opening dates were announced as follows: Eastern (North Carolina)—Tuesday, August 25; Middle Belt—Tuesday, Sept. 16; Old (North Carolina-Virginia); Belt—Tuesday, Sept. 23; and Virginia Dark-Fire cured, Monday, Dec. 8.

Five Man Committee

The committee—composed of five buyers, five warehousemen and five growers—elected Fred S. Royster of Henderson, as its chairman, and during a day-long session adopted plans designed to assure orderly marketing of the current crop.

J. B. Roundtree of Lumberton was named secretary of the committee.

In announcing the opening sales dates and regulations, the committee reiterated its belief that the dates adopted were "the best interests of the entire flue-cured marketing area—growers, buyers, and warehousemen, alike."

Action of the committee in determining opening sales dates marked the first time in the history of the tobacco auction system that a group, representing the three vital segments of the industry, was authorized to establish marketing regulations.

To Arbitrate Controversies

This 15-man committee will serve throughout the coming season as the arbiter of all controversies arising out of regulations concerning the speed of sales, sizes of piles, and it will be the only agency authorized to declare sales holidays and to speed-up or slow-down sales.

Royster at the outset of an open meeting emphasized that the marketing committee was in session to adopt opening dates and other related regulations, but lacked authority to act upon transfer requests of one market to another belt.

The committee also decided that:

1. Each day's sales on all markets would be limited to 400 piles per hour allowed, rather than to a specific selling time.

2. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's grading service for the second season should administer the sales regulations.

3. The practice of "pan-caking" or mixing of tobacco grades in burlaps should be eliminated, and urged growers to remove strings from their offerings prior to sales.

4. It would be advisable for growers not to place their offerings on floors too far in advance.

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Brigade Boys Enjoy 1947 Summer Camp

Headlight Hat Fifty-Three Youngsters Thrill To Outdoor Life At Porter's Neck

ATLANTA, June 24.—(AP)—Hats in hats — to a man, that is — but when Mrs. H. R. Burtz showed up with her tricky number at the Atlanta baseball park it almost broke up the ball game.

When illuminated, the hat resembled a pink, blue and white halo. Mrs. Burtz flashed it on and off, coincident with joy over spectacular play of the Atlanta Cracker team.

The camp, situated on a high bluff overlooking the intercoastal waterway at Porter's Neck is about five miles south of Scott's Hill.

A large assembly room and mess hall, administration building and other necessary buildings are located in strategic places on the bluff. The yards are neatly kept and marked off for almost every kind of outdoor sport.

The camp is under the direction of Harold Culler, Bridge Boys club physical director. He is assisted by Larry DiOrto, former member of the Wilmington Pirate baseball club and Richard Ward. DiOrto and Ward serve as life guards, instructors and counselors for the boys.

53 In Camp

Culler said that 53 boys are in camp at the present time. The camp is in its third week and will last at least "six weeks." Several of the boys have signed up to remain for the entire camping period, the director said.

One youngster, who said this was his first trip away from home, was named as follows:

NEW LEGION OFFICERS
New Legion officers to be installed are as follows: Charles H. Foard, commander; Jimmie Craig, first vice commander; Kenneth Corbett, second vice commander; R. N. Getty, Jr., third vice commander; Rev. R. L. Sturgis, chaplain; W. L. Burkheimer, financial officer; Sol Sternberger, judge advocate; Miss Lois Cox, historian; Leonard Barrett, service officer; W. K. Stewart, Jr., Charles Cunningham, and Tom Sheppard, executive committee; and J. G. Thornton and Wilbur Jones, board of trustees.

Hold over members on the executive committee are: John Bright Hill and Tinkie Myers; hold over members of the board of trustees are: Harry Doshier and Harmon Rorison.

Auxiliary Officers

Auxiliary officers to be installed are: Mrs. Wilbur Jones, president; Mrs. W. K. Stewart, Jr., first vice president; Mrs. E. R. Wilson, second vice president; Mrs. George B. Canady, recording secretary; Mrs. Larry Schneider, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George T. Bland, Sr., treasurer; Mrs. Lela Jones, assistant treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Powell, chaplain; Mrs. L. H. Vowell, sergeant at arms.

Forty and Eight officers for the coming year are: W. K. Rhodes, Chief de Gare; O. G. Bain, Chief de Gare.

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DAMAGE SPREADS IN FLOOD AREAS

Army Engineers Place Crop Losses At Sixty Millions In Missouri

OMAHA, June 24.—(AP)—Crop and property damage mounted today as Midwest floods, which already have taken a toll of lives, spread out over thousands of acres of corn and wheat and washed out railroad lines and highways.

The same flood currents which bore down on new communities were cutting heavily into crop prospects previously described by the Agriculture department as bumper.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, the Army's Missouri river division engineer, said "up to the current floods our preliminary estimate of flood damage in the Missouri basin this year was about \$60,000,000. These floods will boost that figure considerably higher.

Meanwhile warnings went out to new areas.

Residents in low-lying areas of Des Moines were warned the Des Moines river would rise to higher levels than in 1944 and inundate parts of the Iowa capital city.

Severe flooding was predicted for lowlands between Jefferson, Ia., and Des Moines on the Racon river and between Boone and Des Moines on the Des Moines river.

The weather bureau issued a warning to residents along the Platte river from North Bend, Neb., to the river mouth — a stretch of more than 50 miles. The Bureau said there was a possibility of rains up to three inches in Nebraska Thursday or Friday. Such rains, with the sodden ground unable to absorb them, could cause new inundation.

The third day of the bombardment the battle began in earnest. So terrific was the firing from the ships that 71 of the guns on Fort Fisher were dismounted.

While only one gun was left to defend the Fort, the federal forces of 10,000 men charged the west wing. Captain Brady, in charge of the left wing post with three companies, could not turn back the waves of blue uniforms. The one remaining gun opened fire on the federals, wedding lanes through their lines.

Three shots were fired while the federals were crossing the causeway. Then, when they were nearer three more shots of grape and canister were also fired. Only when the range was too close and the possibility of killing their own

GEN. EISENHOWER WILL LEAVE ARMY

Chief Of Staff Announces Acceptance Of Columbia University Presidency

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man who led victorious allied armies in Europe during World War II, disclosed today that he has accepted the presidency of Columbia university in New York effective next year.

He succeeds Nicholas Murray Butler, who retired in 1945 and is now Columbia's president emeritus.

Speculation over Eisenhower's successor as army chief of staff centered prominently on Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 54, one of the nation's top soldiers, who has been Veterans administrator since August 9, 1945.

Bradley served under Eisenhower as commander of American ground forces in the European campaign that brought the downfall of Hitler and Nazi Germany.

Eisenhower's decision to quit military life for an academic role at one of the nation's biggest universities was announced in a statement by Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, chief of the War department's public relations division.

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NEW SERIAL STORY BY AGATHA CHRISTIE BEGINS IN THIS ISSUE

Today The Star offers its readers another great mystery-thriller serial story from the pen of Agatha Christie, one of America's ace fiction writers.

The "Hollow" which begins in serial form on page three of this issue is another Christie "best seller" and readers are urged to start reading the very first chapter of this new Hercule Poirot story.

The story will run on a basis of a chapter each day, Monday through Saturday each week until the exciting climax of the yarn is reached.

Along The Cape Fear

SECOND BOMBARDMENT

The next attempt by the federal fleet to capture or destroy Fort Fisher came on January 13, 1864. Almost three weeks had elapsed since the federal fleet commander, Burnside, had attacked and was repulsed on December 24, 1864.

J. D. Robbins, Sr., relative by marriage of Mrs. E. L. Robbins, 26 North Washington street, was an eyewitness to the famed battle for the fort; and later published his account in the Wilmington News-Dispatch.

Robbins saw the battle from across the river. The federal fleet "opened fire and there was a continuous roar of guns, finally shooting the flag pole into splinters, thus dropping the flag. General Whiting, who was in command of the Fort, sprang on top of the parapet, and there planted a small flag at the risk of his life. In this act he was fatally wounded," Robbins wrote. Colonel William Lamb, who at the first attack had taken safety across the river, became commander of Fort Fisher.

FEDERAL VESSELS — Taking part in the attack on Fort Fisher were 52 battle ships, making the engagement the largest of its kind in the history of naval warfare at the time. The "Minnesota" was the largest vessel, Robbins noted. She was a three deck ship with six guns to each side of each deck. She boasted 36 guns in all, half as many as there were on Fort Fisher.

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Lewis, Union Under Probe

Justice Department Looks Into Possibility Of Injunction Order

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(AP)—Government officials reported tonight the justice department is investigating the sudden walkout of at least 175,000 soft coal miners to determine whether an injunction could be slapped on John L. Lewis and his union.

This was reported as Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va.) told "Hear the new Taft-Hartley labor law may not be sufficient to stop the 'national calamity' of a coal strike.

Smith urged extension of government plant-seizure powers.

Also, the National Coal association said that a full-scale national strike seems to be developing, apparently in "a clear violation" of the Taft-Hartley law.

The bituminous coal pits will be under government operation until June 30 and the supreme court's decision of last March left the way open for a further injunction against the miners' leader and United Mine Workers if the federal contract is broken by a strike.

Technically, the miners were put on their "good behavior" by the high court when it remitted all but \$710,000 of the \$3,510,000 contempt of court fines imposed by Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough for the strike last fall.

The federal officials, who asked not to be identified, said the justice department attorneys were looking into the current walkouts to find out whether the miners were idle of their "own volition" or under coaching from Lewis or other union leaders.

CLUB WOMEN SEE TRUMAN ON VISIT

New Hanover Home Demonstration Members Tour Capital, Canadian City

Points of interest between Wilmington and Toronto, Canada were covered fully by the 37 New Hanover county home demonstration clubwomen who have just returned from their annual one-week tour.

The sight-seeing busload had planned to stop and visit such places of historic fame and scenic beauty as Natural bridge, and the Endless Caverns, but their surprise, and according to a spokesman of the group, the highlight of the tour was meeting President Truman while they were visiting the White House.

That unexpected addition to their many activities during the week came on the last day of the tour, and the clubwomen were "greatly impressed."

The trip carried "them through" the Allegheny mountains along the famous Susquehanna trail, a visit to Niagara Falls, the great water locks which control the water level of the Welland Canal; a trip on the steamer, Dalhousie, across Lake Ontario to Toronto, Canada, a visit to famed Casa Loma, and a tour of the many sights in Washington, D. C.

Those taking the trip were: Mrs. Will Schmitt, Miss Vera Pearl Milton, Mrs. George W. Burton, Mrs. J. A. Westbrook, Mrs. Clifton Foy, Mrs. T. J. Ingram, Mrs. Eva Long, Mrs. J. W. James, Mrs. J. E. Hall, Sr., Mrs. R. H. Buchanan, Mrs. H. N. Neal, Mrs. J. B. Burton, Mrs. L. T. Landen, Mrs. W. J. Horne, Mrs. Jimmy Burton, Mrs. John J. Hamrick.

Mrs. W. F. Hendon, Miss Audrey Bryan, Mrs. Edna W. Parker, Mrs. J. C. Hardwick, Mrs. J. J. Garris, Mrs. T. N. Simmons, Mrs. B. J. Shepherd, Miss Elizabeth Peterson, Mrs. Cliff Lewis, Mrs. Pauline C. King, Mrs. Clarence Kerr, Miss Mary Alice Derr, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. Isabelle Holland, Miss Joyce Holland, Mrs. J. E. McWatty, Miss Nancy Ingram, Miss Doris Landen, and Miss Ann Mason.

And So To Bed

Yesterday morning a middle-aged man walked into postmaster Wilbur R. Doshier's office and promptly announced he was seeking a job with the post office.

The postmaster explained to the applicant that a civil service examination would be necessary and that at the present time things were working smoothly and no additional help was needed.

The man reached into his coat pocket and produced a letter with the following remark: "See this here letter, Well, sir, it was mailed to me from Hallsboro on June 9 and I just got it delivered to me yesterday."

"Shaking the letter in the air, he continued by adding '... and I thought something ought to be done about it. So I came down here to get a job and straighten you fellows out.'"

Thalian Restoration Cost Set At \$20,000

Thalian hall can be restored satisfactorily and permanently at a cost of \$20,000 rather than the previous estimate of \$200,000 placed on the repairs deemed necessary to bring the historic landmark back to a state of usefulness.

A minutely detailed survey of the structure, its weaknesses, and recommendations for their remedies, made by T. L. Hughton, of the McPherson company, industrial engineers and architects of Greenville, S. C., reveals that structural repairs to the walls can be made at an estimate of \$20,000. The survey states that an accurate estimate of the necessary repairs cannot be made, due to many unknown factors, but if no large hidden defects are discovered in progress of the work, that figure will cover the cost.

The survey, however, recommends that certain safety devices be added to the building; those devices were not necessary at the time Thalian hall was constructed, and the cost of the additions will not be included in the figures. The survey made by the company was presented at the annual

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