

In Washington

What's Going On by Robt. R. Reynolds United States Senator

It is now evident that our people are becoming tax-conscious. This usually happens when citizens generally begin to ask whether they are receiving full return for their tax dollars. It is also an indication of a widespread feeling that huge governmental expenditures, national, state and local, cannot, in the final analysis, make a permanent contribution to national stability.

As a result, a certain amount of uncertainty exists, particularly in business and industrial circles, that will not be fully removed until federal policies are well-defined, until federal expenditures are fixed, and until some assurance is given tax-burdened citizens with regard to the taxes they will pay in the future.

No better evidence of this can be found than the fact that "behind the scenes," experts on taxation in both the executive and legislative branches of the government are hard-pressed to suggest new sources of revenue should federal expenditures exceed budget estimates. Here is also evidence that tax reservoirs have been tapped almost to the limit.

Several things stand out. First, that in the scramble for revenue, all agencies of government have adopted the course of least resistance and levied taxes that would bring a minimum of protests, second, that while rates of taxation have been steadily increased, there has not been a corresponding increase in tax receipts, and third, many new taxes have been imposed which, to say the least, are of extremely doubtful merit.

About 150 years ago, a famous writer on economics laid down four principles to which taxation should conform. They are as follows:

"People should be taxed as nearly as possible in proportion to their respective abilities, all taxes should be definite and not uncertain or arbitrary; they ought to be levied at the time and in the manner which causes the least inconvenience to the people, and they should be so contrived as to take out of the pockets of the people as little as possible over what is needed by the public treasury."

Instead of following these sound methods, taxes have been too often levied on the principle of getting the most money with the least trouble. In a report made to the house ways and means committee, which is charged with initiating all revenue-raising legislation, appears this pertinent paragraph:

"Large as the increase in our taxes has been, nevertheless such increase has been insufficient to meet the increase in expenditures, therefore the majority of our governments are increasing their public debt. It seems proper to conclude that this situation must be remedied at an early date if the financial stability of our government is to be preserved."

Throughout the report in question, is much comment with reference to the need of reducing federal expenditures as a sound approach to the tax problem. In fact, the President has placed the current situation squarely before the congress and warned that expenditures beyond budget estimates must be accompanied by new revenue. It is to be earnestly hoped that new taxes can be postponed until 1938 and tax revision carried through on a sound and equitable basis. This hope is shared by leaders in congress.

WEEK-END AUTO WRECKS TAKE AT LEAST 72 LIVES

Week-end automobile accidents added at least 72 deaths in a nation which already has noted a rising number of fatal accidents over the 1936 record.

The national safety council in its report of the first quarter of 1937 said 8,500 persons were killed in automobile accidents, a 26 per cent increase over the like period of last year.

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WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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been formulated. Washington gossip has it that Chairman Eccles of the Federal Reserve board is contemplating resigning unless his recommendation for more taxes to balance the budget is adopted and passed by the administration.

The hope that new taxes may not be necessary is predicated upon the collection of some \$500,000,000 of payroll taxes under the social security act. A United States circuit court of appeals has declared that act unconstitutional. The attorney-general is urging an immediate review of that decision by the supreme court. If the high court upholds the lower one, then a new tax law will be inevitable.

Washington, April 26—A situation is developing here which, to some observers, seems to be tending toward a parallel with the situation which existed in the Wilson and Hoover administrations. In the last two years of his second term Mr. Wilson had a definitely hostile congress standing between him and his plans, and for three of Mr. Hoover's four years he had no influence with the majority in congress.

For the past four years Mr. Roosevelt has had congress eating out of his hand. It would be putting it too strongly to say that he cannot still force congress to do what he wants to have done, if he is willing to put on the necessary pressure. But it is fair to say that resistance to Presidential pressure is increasing in both houses of congress, and among members of the President's own party. It can no longer be safely predicted that whatever the President wants congress will give it to him.

This situation is mainly of the President's own creation. It arises from two definite circumstances. One is the honest and sincere opposition to his proposal for packing the supreme court. That opposition is increasing in strength in both senate and house. It has been strengthened by the demonstration furnished by the court itself, in its decisions on the labor relations act, that the justices are abreast of the times and fully aware of changing conditions.

The other circumstance which has weakened the President's authority over congress is the growing resentment felt by influential senators and house leaders at the readiness with which, as they believe, the President continues to listen to and be guided by counselors who are regarded on Capitol Hill as theorists rather than practical politicians. On these advisers rather than the President himself, his friends in congress place the responsibility for the failure of the undistributed profits tax law, enacted last summer, to yield the revenue expected. Government income for the fiscal year is short nearly half a billion dollars of the estimates. That makes the national financial situation even more cloudy and uncertain than it was before.

President Recommends Economy

The President's latest recommendations for economy, if adopted, would cut the expenses of government by about half of this year's deficit. But unless government borrowing is to continue on a huge scale, recourse must be had to much broader and heavier taxes and for greater curtailment of spending. In any event, all hope seems to have been lost of bringing the budget into balance before the fiscal year 1939.

Continued increase in the national debt by borrowing money for current expenditures is feared because it is regarded as the certain road to inflation with runaway prices for all sorts of commodities. Increased taxation is feared because of its political unpopularity. It is realized by most members of congress that the large accumulations of wealth cannot stand much more taxation and keep on doing business; but they fear that their constituents do not realize that, and would resent any new kinds of taxes which appeared to put the burden on the poor. And they fear a reduction of expenditures for relief for the same political reason.

The indications now are that the relief appropriations for next year will be at the rate of two billion dollars or more. Their necessity is being sharply challenged, not only by the administration's avowed opponents but by many of its friends. Senator Vandenberg of Michigan has revived the demand for an actual count of the number of unemployed persons, in a letter to the secretary of labor, in which he contended that the number of unemployed is actually under three millions, instead of the eight million or more which the

FARM NOTES

By W. B. Collins, County Agent

Prices for wool and lambs are better than they have been for several years. The Jersey City market on Monday, April 26, quoted good and choice spring lambs at \$15 to \$16 per hundred pounds. The same grades a year ago were quoted at \$13 to \$14.

The Boston wool market is quoting prices on domestic wools at fully 10 cents per pound higher than at this time last year. Prices started strengthening last October, and climbed steadily upward until about the middle of January. From that time until the middle of March the price came down some but the past four to six weeks it has been steady.

Our best North Carolina wools are designated as "three-eights combing." Price quotations April 24, 1937, on this wool are 47 to 49 cents per pound. On April 18, 1936, the same class of wool was quoted at 35 to 37 cents per pound. On this particular grade of wool, therefore, the price is now 12 cents per pound stronger than last year.

Farmers Should Take Good Care of Wool

It has taken 12 months to grow a crop of wool and too often its value is greatly reduced by careless handling at shearing time. Here are a few simple rules:

1. Shear as soon after May 1st as the weather is warm enough to bring the grease up into the wool.
2. Do not shear when wool is damp.
3. Tag the sheep by removing all dung locks.
4. Shear on a clean, dry floor or on a clean canvas.
5. Do not allow individual fleeces to be torn apart.
6. A better job can be done by the use of a shearing machine than with hand shears.

Avoid making second cuts for this reduces the value of the wool by several cents per pound.

9. The tags should never be tied with the fleeces.

10. All grease tags, black wool from face and legs should be bagged separately—but never bag heavy dung tags.

11. All wool should be packed—not too tightly—in a clean wool bag and stored in a clean dry place until ready for market.

Not only is it important that wool be carefully sheared and handled, but the farmer should get its value. Last year farmers who sold their wool co-operatively with their neighbors received more money than those who sold individually. The Watauga county wool pool brought 36 cents per pound last year. With the price up it should bring close to 50 cents this year. Of course not all North Carolina wool is worth as much as the wool grown in our northwestern mountain counties, but it is worth considerably more than the average grower will get if he sells individually.

Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus.—Alexander Graham Bell.

labor department estimates.

Confers With Labor Leaders
Miss Perkins, secretary of labor, took the lead in exploring the whole labor situation, in the light of the validation of the administration's labor legislation by the supreme court, when she called a conference of labor leaders, industrialists and others to discuss the next steps to be taken and their practicability. Not necessarily as the outcome of that conference, but as the result of the widely-held and growing belief that the way is now open for a broader and more clearly-defined federal labor policy, attention is being given to proposals to amend the labor relations act. Proposed changes include recognition of the right of employees to present their grievances, as well as of labor; some means of insuring the responsibility of labor organizations in the matter of contract obligations, and other agreements, and particularly the broadening of the labor board's powers to enable it to become a mediator for the prevention of strikes and an arbitrator in labor disputes, somewhat as the railway mediation board now functions.

Entirely apart from matters of national importance, the bitterest conflict now raging in Washington is over questions of art. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial commission, headed by Representative Thos. J. Boylan of New York, proposes to build a classical Greek temple facing the Lincoln Memorial on the other side of the tidal basin. A storm of protest is raging about Mr. Boylan's head from two sources. One is from those who do not want to see more than 700 of the Japanese cherry trees around the basin destroyed. Their April blooming this year drew more than 200,000 tour-

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HEALTH NOTES

Midwife Classes—Prenatal Clinics

According to state law each midwife must renew her permit each year, only those midwives who do so are practicing legally. In order to renew her permit or register as a midwife, she must have a health examination, including a Wassermann test for syphilis, bring her bag and equipment for inspection, and pass a satisfactory examination.

For the past two years the district health department has held classes for midwife training. This year in addition to the regular classes and in connection with them, the health department will offer an additional service—prenatal clinics for the midwives' patients. The first of these combination class-clinics will be held at the health office, over the postoffice in Boone, on May 11, beginning at 9 o'clock. We hope each midwife in the county will come and bring her patients along with her for examinations.

Proper prenatal care will greatly lessen the dangers of childbirth for both mothers and babies. We urge every expectant mother as soon as possible to decide what doctor she will have and secure his services early in order that she may have the proper prenatal care. For those who are unable to have a doctor and have a midwife instead, the health department offers these free clinics during the summer months.

Infant and Pre-School Clinics

Infant and pre-school clinics will be held at the following places on the dates named:

- May 7—Dutch Creek 9:30 a. m.; Clark's Creek, 11 a. m.; Valle Crucis 2 p. m.
- May 10—Matney 2 p. m.
- May 14—Green Valley 10 a. m.; Riverview 2 p. m.
- May 17—Boone Colored school 2 p. m.
- May 18—Grandfather 10:30 a. m.; Foscoe 2 p. m.
- May 21—Mabel 10 a. m.; Cove Creek 2 p. m.
- May 24—Triplett 2 p. m.
- May 25—Collins store 10 a. m.; Cool Springs, Beaver Dam, 2 p. m.
- May 28—Windy Gap 10 a. m.; Rominger 2 p. m.

MOTHER'S DAY

Oh! Mother's Day, such a blessed day,
The sweetest day of all the year;
For it is then we wear a flower to say
Whether we have a mother, or memories dear.

Oh! how sweet would sound mother's voice,
Calling around the old home place;
If I could see her, I would rejoice
To once more see a smile on her face.

Give praise to mother on Mother's Day,
Thank her for all the love she doth give;
For you can't when she's gone away,
So praise her while she doth live.

Our mothers are so sacred and pure,
Always working from morn till night;
No one can take her place, I am sure.

As she tries to make for us alright,
JEAN WILCOX.
Boone, N. C.

COLVARD REUNION

A reunion or gathering of all the Colvards is to be held at Union church on new highway No. 16, near Wilbar postoffice, Wilkes county, on Sunday, May 23. Everyone by the name of Colvard or a direct descendant of a Colvard is invited to attend. This will be an informal gathering and no special program is being planned. It will just be a get-acquainted meeting at which definite plans will be made for future reunions. Everyone is asked to bring a basket and a picnic dinner will be enjoyed by all. We hope all Colvards and Colvard relatives will make it a point to be present.

W. E. COLVARD,
Temporary President.
HOWARD CLARK,
Temporary Secretary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of M. R. Wilson, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to please come forward and make immediate settlement. All persons having claims against said estate will please present them to the undersigned administrator within one year from the date of this notice, or it will be plead in bar of their right to recover.

This 29th day of April, 1937.
ROLF E. WILSON,
Administrator of the Estate of M. R. Wilson, Deceased.
T. E. Bingham, Atty. 4-29-36

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by the undersigned trustee by C. D. Taylor and wife, Lou H. Taylor, on the 24th day of November, 1932, said deed of trust being recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Watauga County in Book 19, at page 116, said deed of trust having been given to secure the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and interest to Dr. H. B. Perry, and default having been made in the payment of the moneys thereby secured as therein provided, and the said Dr. H. B. Perry having requested that the said lands be sold, I will, on Monday, May 10, 1937, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., at the courthouse door of Watauga County, sell to the highest bidder for cash a one-half undivided interest in the following described real estate, to wit:

First Tract: Lying and being in Watauga Township at Valle Crucis, North Carolina, and bounded on the north by Dutch Creek, on the east and south by the lands of the heirs of W. H. Mast, on the west by the public road and the Methodist church lot. For metes and bounds, see deed from J. M. VonCannon and R. L. Lowe, recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in Watauga County in Book 10, at page 411, dated 12th day of January, 1910, containing 3-4 of an acre, more or less.

Second Tract: Lying and being in Watauga county, Watauga Township, three or four hundred yards from the above described lot, and bounded on the north by the lot of J. L. Tester, on the east and south by the lands of D. F. Mast, on the west by the public road, containing 3-4 of an acre, more or less. For metes and bounds, see deed from D. F. Mast and wife to C. D. Taylor and H. B. Perry, recorded in Book 30, at page 373, in Register's office of Watauga county. This deed conveys only one-half interest in the two tracts above mentioned.

Third Tract: Lying and being in Laurel Creek Township on the waters of Beech Creek and Laurel Creek, adjoining the lands of Minervah Presnell on the north and Presnell on the east and Ben Ward on the south, Mrs. Belle Mast on the west, and others, it being a tract of land bought by C. D. Taylor and H. B. Perry from Roby James and Sam Hix and where Lewis Presnell now lives, containing 200 acres, more or less. For further description and metes and bounds, see deeds from Roby James and Sam Hix, recorded in Register's office for Watauga county in Book 32, at page 597, and Book 34, page 217.

These tracts will be sold separately. This 9th day of April, 1937.
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