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SALES TAX WILL BEGIN ON JULY 1

Regulations For State Are Made Public By A. J. Maxwell

RALEIGH, June 17.—North Carolina will embark on a new sea of taxation a fortnight away when the new three per cent general sales tax—the first in the long history of the state—goes into effect at 12:01 a. m. on Saturday, July 1.

Estimated to raise approximately \$9,000,000 a year and go far toward supporting the 1933-35 budget and supporting the state's eight months school term, the tax will be levied on all retail sales of merchants except those of "necessary foods."

Entitled "emergency revenue act" to provide for the deficit in operating expenses of the state government and protect its credit; to provide a balanced budget for the ensuing biennium; to provide additional tax relief through a uniform state-wide public school system without any tax on property, it was enacted by the 1933 legislature.

"The tax was levied as a license or privilege tax for engaging or continuing in the business of merchandising," A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue whose department will collect the levy, said in a statement today.

"It is the purpose and intent that such tax shall be added to the sale price of merchandise and thereby be passed on to the consumer instead of being absorbed by the merchant."

Threats Are Made

Although there have been threats that the constitutionality of the levy will be contested, Maxwell expressed the opinion it clearly came within the bounds of the state's constitution. He pointed out that under the laws of the state his department cannot be enjoined from collecting the levy. It will have to be paid—even if under protest.

Conferees are in progress with merchant groups, he said, for the promulgation of rules and regulations for passing on the levy. Under the statute, it will be illegal for merchants to advertise they will absorb the tax. Failure to follow any rules and regulations made by the revenue department will be considered a misdemeanor.

To accomplish the intent of the law, Maxwell said he was "empowered and directed to devise, promulgate and enforce regulations under which the retail merchants shall collect from the customer by uniform rule as to classes of business the tax levied."

He may include in such rules and regulations plans which require more or less than three per cent of the sales price, the purpose being to enable the merchants to collect approximately the amount of three per cent on their total sales volume," he said.

Exemptions are few, being school books on the adopted list, merchandise sold to the federal or state governments and their subdivisions, fresh milk and butter milk, sugar, salt and coffee.

Must Report Sales

When in the sale of a new article a second-hand or used article is taken in part payment, the sale of the new article must be reported at full gross price, but the resale of the second hand article may be excluded from the gross sales upon which the tax is imposed.

Gasoline and fertilizer—taxed under other laws—are exempted.

Under the law, merchants must obtain a license, costing one dollar, from the commissioner of revenue to operate a business. The three per cent sales tax will be paid in monthly installments, on or before the 15th day of the month following the one in which the tax accrued.

However, Maxwell pointed out, if the tax for which any merchant is liable does not exceed \$10 for any month, a quarterly return may be made. If the tax does not exceed that amount for any one quarter, yearly returns will be allowed.

The revenue department is being expanded for collection of the tax which if it comes up to estimates, will be the state's biggest revenue producer.—Asheville Citizen.

Highly Priced Stamps

With stamp collectors a "first day cover" is an envelope with a stamp of a new issue that has been mailed and the stamp canceled on the first day the new stamps have been placed on sale. Some collectors have blocks of four stamps of each denomination on each envelope. First day covers of the George Washington bicentennial stamps are those mailed in Washington on January 1, 1932, as the stamp was not put on sale in other cities until January 2.

CLAY CO. MAN KILLED IN FALL FROM TRUCK

Joe Johnson, brother of A. L. Johnson, of Murphy, died Thursday morning as a result of a fall from a truck on Morgan's Hill just South of town, about 8 o'clock. Mr. Johnson had operated a filling station and store on top of the hill just this side of Hayesville for many years and was well known in Cherokee county where he formerly lived.

He married twice, his second wife being Miss Eliza Allen, daughter of S. Y. Allen, of Postell. He was on his way to Postell when the accident occurred to see his wife who is said to be sick and who was visiting her parents.

Following the accident Mr. Johnson was brought to town and given medical attention. He was then carried to the home of his nephew, Virgil Johnson, where he died shortly after arriving.

ANDREWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tillitt and little daughter, Bettie Anna, and Mrs. R. D. Rodgers were in Sylva on Monday of this week where Mr. Tillitt was attending to professional business.

The many friends of little Fannia Sue Hoblitzell will learn with regret that she is ill at the summer home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hoblitzell.

Dr. Robert Brown who has been taking his internship and hospital training in Philadelphia is at home for a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ashe at the regular meeting of the Andrews Rotary Club on Tuesday night of this week entertained the club. This was the fifth anniversary of the club and it had for its speaker on that occasion Mr. Guy Houck of Franklin, N. C.

Messrs. D. H. Tillitt and Clarence Edwin Hyde, of Andrews have been attending court at Murphy this week.

Mr. Austin of the Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Georgia has been spending several days in Andrews working with the Andrews Baptist church in its campaign to raise money with which to pay on its debt to the Home Mission Board.

Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor of the Andrews Baptist church left Andrews on Wednesday of this week for High Point, N. C. where he will join Mrs. Prevost and the children to be gone until the first of next week.

Services at the Andrews Baptist church on next Sunday at both morning and evening services in the absence of the pastor will be conducted by Jack Benson of Marble.

Mr. L. C. Ward of Andrews was a business visitor in Murphy on Wednesday of this week.

Messrs. Percy B. Ferebee, Clyde H. Jarrett and W. D. Whitaker were business visitors in Murphy on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. J. P. Goodman, Claim Agent of the Southern Railway Company with headquarters in Asheville was a business visitor in Andrews on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Perkinson of Spartanburg, S. C. spent the latter part of the past week and the first of this week visiting in the home of Mrs. Perkinson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Tidwell.

Mr. R. S. Porter of Oklahoma City, Okla. is spending some time in Andrews. Mr. Porter was formerly a resident of Andrews and is now located in Oklahoma City in the oil business.

Mr. and Mrs. Seacogood and children of Stillwell, Okla. spent several days this past week near Andrews visiting in the home of Mr. Sam Stewart.

Messrs. J. W. Walker, and J. H. Abernathy were business visitors in Murphy on Wednesday of this week.

Messrs. B. P. Grant, P. M. Reagan, W. C. Sandlin and J. R. Leach were in Murphy on Tuesday of this week attending court.

Messrs. W. G. McKeldrey, J. A. Earwood, and W. H. Robinson are

MISSING SNEED BABY IS FOUND

Cincinnati Detectives Recover Child; Parents From W. N. C.

CINCINNATI, June 7 (AP)—The missing six weeks old daughter of Mrs. Madeline Sneed was found by detectives today in the home of Mrs. Virginia Rogers, 31 wife of a Cincinnati city welfare department employee.

The baby was mysteriously abducted by a "lady in white" from the poor quarters of the Sneeds a week ago today. Police were baffled because they could surmise no motive for the strange disappearance of the "lady in white" who explained she was taking the child to a hospital for treatment.

Tipped that a child suffering from an ailment, similar to that of the Sneed baby, was in Mrs. Rogers' home detectives investigated. At first the woman insisted the child was her own. Later, in the presence of newspapermen and detectives, she said she had taken the Sneed baby, after learning about the case from newspaper accounts.

The baby was ill, she said, and she took it so that it might be given the care she believed it could not receive in the river front home in which its young parents and sister lived.

The Sneeds came here recently from Hiawasse, Ga., and the father is unemployed.

SNEEDS ARE FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY

MURPHY, June 7.—John Sneed, father of the missing six weeks old baby, who was found Wednesday by detectives in Cincinnati, is a native of Cherokee county. He was born near Regal, where his father, Fred Sneed, resides on a farm.

Mrs. Sneed, mother of the baby, is from Clay county where a number of her relatives reside. She was a Ledford before her marriage.

Runaway Murphy Boy Touring The Country

Leslie Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hampton, who left home unannounced about May 7th, was last heard of in Portland, Oregon, June 8th, when he wrote a letter home.

Leslie wrote his parents from Tallahassee, Fla., on May 13th, shortly after leaving home. Next he wrote from Topeka, Kansas, then Missoula, Mont., May 25th.

In his letter from Portland, Oregon written June 5th, he says:

Hello folks: I just got in here. It is raining and is pretty cold. I have a blanket and overcoat and she don't bother me. I will be in California tomorrow and headed for Chicago the next day. A letter addressed to Holbrook, Ariz., might reach me. Put on it hold till I call for and I might get it. I have got to close now as I might miss my means of transportation out of this cold country. Tell Troy he could not want to go in swimming here, and tell Lake that I see a lot of red headed boys up here. Tell Poss hello, and Popeye, too.

"Well maybe I shall get your letter."

Canning Specialist To Visit The County

According to Mrs. Clyde Arrendale Pleasants, Emergency Home Demonstration Agent, Cherokee County is privileged to have Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, State Canning Specialist here on June, twenty-seventh.

Mrs. Wallace will meet the women of the upper portion of the county at Andrews the morning of the twenty-seventh and will hold another meeting at the Murphy Library that afternoon at two o'clock.

Canning leaders have been selected for every community in the county and they are to be at the meeting, however, every woman interested in canning is invited and urged to come.

among those from Andrews serving this week as jurors in the Superior Court.

Mr. John M. Archer was in Franklin on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending the funeral and burial of Walter Allen's mother.

TWO COMPANIES C. C. C. DETRAIN AT MURPHY ON WED.

Two companies of 198 men each of the Citizens Conservation Corps detrain at Murphy Wednesday morning and were carried in trucks to points on the Pfister-Vogel timber tracts in Union and Towns counties, Ga., for work under the plan of reforestation of the "new deal" administration.

One company went to Blairsville and will take up quarters at the foot of the mountain this side of Neil's Gap, nine miles south of Blairsville, while the other will take up quarters on the Hiawasse-Union road 11 miles south of Hiawasse. The Blairsville unit is known as P-55, Company 431, under the command of Capt. P. W. Ricamore, of Raleigh, and Lieut. A. V. Shelton, of Pompano, Fla., and sergeant F. C. Yarbrough, of Wilmington, N. C. The Hiawasse unit is in command of Capt. E. A. Green, of the Oak Ridge Military Institute, Lieut. H. Clack, of Tenn., Lieut. W. E. Platt, of North Carolina, First Sergeant, Ralph Ray, and Supply Sergeant, J. M. Pate, both of Ft. Biggs, N. C. Seven regular Army men, composed of three commissioned officers and four enlisted men, are in charge of each company.

When the corps unloaded at Murphy, but for the uniform of the men, the scene reminded one of war times back in 1917 and 1918. It required 19 coaches and three baggage cars to bring the men into Murphy over the Southern Railway System which is said to be the largest passenger train to ever enter Murphy.

It required 31 truck loads to move the men and their equipment to their destination. W. M. Fain of Murphy, had the contract to move the outfit by truck. It required 16 trucks for the Hiawasse company, and 15 for the Blairsville company. Both outfits had 71,000 pounds of baggage, the movement started at 10 A. M. in Murphy, and the last truck load left out at 5 P. M.

Completion of Georgia Road To N. C. Assured

It is understood that North Carolina is somewhat discouraged in regard to the finishing of the new highway connecting with Georgia No. 2 at Lake Toccoa near Blue Ridge leading via Mineral Bluff and connecting with the North Carolina line near Culberson, as a result of the Georgia State Highway tangle.

Ex-Senator Wade Allen of Mineral Bluff has been sent to Atlanta to confer with the State officials in regard to the completion of Georgia's part of this road and was assured that it would be finished by the 15th of August.

The grading to the North Carolina line has been finished some time, and but about two miles has a coat of stone so come on North Carolina lets connect up. This is an important road and should be finished.

J. T. L. HARTNESS, AT Request of Citizens

MANY BANNED BUGS IN FOREIGN ROOTS

A small insect menagerie recently came into the United States with a shipment of orchid plants, carefully wrapped in dried leaves. The presence of the insects in the innocent-looking package was detected by plant quarantine inspectors of the United States Department of Agriculture, who examine all plants and plant material offered for entry at American ports to exclude foreign insect pests and plant disease.

This package gave no outward sign of being a hive of insect activity, but the federal inspector found that it harbored the following undesirable aliens: nine species of ants, five kinds of beetles, five species of cockroaches, two moths, one cricket, one predaceous bug, and one insect living on decayed matter. The infested orchid plants were detained until they had been fumigated and the original packing replaced by excelsior.

Although the greater part of the imported fruit, vegetables, nursery stock, and other material capable of introducing insects and disease may prove on inspection to be free from important pests and diseases, says L. A. Strong, chief of the bureau of plant quarantine, an impressive number of shipments, like these orchids, bring with them an endless array of foreign insects and disease.

BARCLAY NAMED TO HEAD LIONS

District Meeting in 1934 Will Be Held At Salisbury

Salisbury was chosen for the 1934 annual meeting of the thirty-first district of Lions International held last Thursday and Friday at the closing session of the convention at the Battery Park hotel in Asheville.

John Barclay, of Wilson, was elected district governor; Guy O. Bagwell, of Charlotte, lieutenant-governor of the west, and Forrest G. Heath, of Raleigh, lieutenant-governor of the east.

Joseph Dace, of Asheville was appointed a member of the board of directors. Other members are W. M. Fain, of Murphy; Luther Martin, of Winston-Salem; Hugh G. Mitchell, of Winston-Salem; Zack Roberts, of Concord; V. J. Ashbarg, of Durham; Rufus Johnston, of Gastonia; Bennett Poble, of Morganton, and Dick Basson, of North Wilkesboro.

New officers will take office July 15. Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville, past district governor, will receive the support of Lions of this district for international director. The international convention will be held at St. Louis, Mo., July 11 to 14.

The Murphy Lions tied with Concord and Charlotte for the Achievement trophy. However, it was given to Concord because Charlotte had had a wife, Murphy once and Concord had been organized only a year.

Those attending from Murphy as delegates from the local club were: W. M. Fain, H. G. Ellins, Dr. E. E. Adams.

Clever Ruse Of Sheriff Gets Car Thief Of W. Va.

About two weeks ago close to the hour of midnight, Sheriff L. L. Mason was called to the Dickey Motor Company by Toby Fain, one of his deputies, who was suspicious of two boys who were trying to sell some parts off an automobile to buy gas with.

Sheriff Mason talked with the boys about trading cars. They wanted to see his car. He told them it was up at the house and they would have to go up there, to which they agreed. The sheriff got in the boy's car and had them drive up to his house. He told them he was going to lock them up until he could trace the ownership of the car by the tag number. One of the boys maintained strongly that the car belonged to him.

A trace of the ownership of the car disclosed that it had been stolen in West Virginia. Then it was that J. O. Jones, one of the boys held, explained his meanderings. He stole the car and had some money to begin with, but it soon disappeared. He picked up another boy over in Kentucky, and the two continued their tour of the country. They secured gas by using a rubber hose to siphon it out of cars they found along the road. Several times they came in contact with officers, but managed to put up a plausible tale as to their identity and plight. Jones told Sheriff Mason that as soon as he drove up in the yard of the Jail here he knew his goose was cooked. Jones exonerated the other boy and he was released.

A telegram to Sheriff Mason from Jones' home town, Mahan, W. Va., Thursday morning read: "Hold J. O. Jones for our officers leaving here today." It was signed by H. E. Dillon, prosecuting attorney.

Young Democrats To Meet on June 28th

The young Democrats of Cherokee County are called to meet at Murphy at the court house next Wednesday night, June 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the state convention and to instruct delegates on the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

All young Democrats are urged to attend. A. W. McIVER, President.

Candler's Install New Equipment

Due to improved business conditions, Candler's Beauty Shop has made extensive improvements in their equipment by installing one of the latest model combination Croquignole and permanent Wave machines, new dryers and etc., as well as other improvements. Making this shop, under the management of Mrs. E. Clark, the equal to any shop in the cities.