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Government Relieving The THIS REPORTER Prohibition Enforcement Farmer of Last Hope for A WAS MAKING Meets Its Supreme Challenge; Fair Return for Potatoes NO WILD GUESS A Fight to the Death or Quit

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The last vestige of hope for a curtailment of the Irish polato acreage has vanished with the availability of more Federal millions for loans to farmers. Prospects now are for an increased acreage and the outlook for anything like a cost of production price jor this year's spuds has gone a glimmering. Another where him of everything he has.

The Federal government thru the erional Agricultural Credit Coroffering millions to armers to grow bigger and bigger rops in the face of a farm commodity surpluses that have already hankrupted agriculture. Hundreds polato growers who of necessity had planned to curtail their acreare preparing to avail themthe new offer of loans and in saying ely fill the ground with more potatces, with a small hope that disaster may happen to the map in some other section of the country and give them a break at harvest time.

Thousands of small farmers who would have planted no polatoes at all this year, will avail themselves d government loans, content to give heir labor in return for the potaties they may eat and for the pocket thange that will come from picking up and catting the potatoes to the hading sheds.

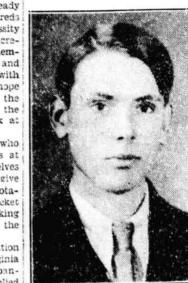
h is this new paper's information hat one Eastern Shore of Virginia danter who had planned to abanen potatoes this year, has applied for a government loan of \$90,000 red will put it all in potatoes. leading fertilizer manufacturers in and around Norfolk are imploring heir blg accounts to gamble on ginach this season. if they must The fertilizer men know rambie. that is in store for the potato grower and are fearful of the consegiences. If the government could be credited with so much foresight. me might suspect that it plans to meate larger food surpluses this par for the benefit of the poor in

who want them.

Day, ha sheen designated as attor- more than 100 years old. my for Pasquolank county whose ertificate of title for liens, chattels mi moregages will be accepted by Regional Agricultural Credit Experation of Ruleigh, N. C., for cans to be made to the people of this county, John P. Stedman, exethe vice president and manager.

By WM. KEITH SAUNDERS Altho professing to know

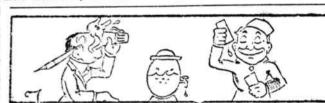
Corn Champ



HERE he is, folks-State 4-H corn club champion for 1932, a Pasquotank product. Alvin Sample, 19year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Sample of Providence Township, competed with more than 1.800 corn club members last year and won the of North Carolina, 1927. State Championship by raising 113 bushels of corn on an acre of land at a total cost of \$37.47. Photo by

Zoeller. -An ancient coffin with a tree the law says: "It shall be the duty growing thru one side was washed of the board of county commission- der arrest. The officers were very

with millions to lend is setting up coke Coast Guard station during or before the first Monday in April, and were delighted at the ease of the machinery in every county to a recent storm when 30 feet of shore one thousand nine hundred and their capture. But they did not twenty-seven, and biennially therelay inside the coffin. The size of after, to appoint some person of they had not stopped to consider Larry E. Skinner, Jr., of Elizabeth the tree indicated the coffin to be honesty and ability, who is experi-(Continued on Page Six)



That the Prohibition Bureau of the U.S. Departvery little law, I nevertheless ment of Justice either must lay down on the job and must take issue with County Auditor C. C. Pritchard when this part of the country or must wage a fight to the that worthy county official finish with daring and dangerous gangsiers seems to asserts that I "was guessing be the almost inevitable result of the treatment receivjor this gear's space a germmering. Another and making a bad job of it" ed by Prohibition Investigators J. L. Lancaster and when I stated in last week's E. A. D. another in the prohibition in the state of the stat when I stated in last week's E. A. Booth at the hands of certain bootleggers near issue of this newspaper that St. Brides, Va., last Thursday night.

he is receiving \$360 per year, The facts made public concerning

he has no legal right. The office of County Auditor for not say much about the affair. ment may stand for a certain

by Section 19, Chapter 61, Page 76, administrator for the Eastern Caro-the e must be a limit, and it is just THE Sawyer Co. (Bill C.), Elizabeth Public-Local Laws of 1915. This lina district, gave to a reporter for possible that the St. Brides affair City's exclusive gents furnishers law set the salary of the County this newspaper all the facts in the may have aroused the government's have added a new department, made Auditor at \$1,600 per annum, and case which he could divulge without enumerated the various duties to hampering his investigation. Here's will be taken. If so, there's trouble just a gesture on the part of Sawbe performed by this officer. Sec- what happened:

tion 25 of the same chapter asserts in unmistakable language that "It last Thursday night gave chase to ernment agents close in on those has secured T. T. Turner as manshall be the duty of the said auditor a Master Eight Buick sedan which. Norfolk county gangsters. to act as accountant for the County according to their information, was of Pasquotank." Neither of these carrying a load of liquor. The Buick sections has been repealed, amend- outran their Dodge coupe and eluded or altered. Therefore, when, in ed the agents somewhere between perusing the County Auditor's re- the Carolina-Virginia line and Great port for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, I noticed that County Audi-up the trail of the rum-runner's car. tor Pritchard was drawing \$30 per the officers turned their Dodge month salary as County Accountant around and headed back toward in addition to his salary as County Elizabeth City. It was then around Auditor, I took this to be irregular. 10:30 P. M. Shortly after passing day night but that all five cars went already shown such aptness in fit-

not legally entitled to extra com- high-powered car bearing down on ed. pensation as Gounty Accountant, them from behind. As it passed out I am inclined to believe my them, they saw it was the Buick guess was better than that of the which they had chased. Just as Board of County Commissioners they thought of giving chase to it which voted this salary to Mr. Prit- again, the Buick swung across the chard under the provisions of Chap- road in front of them, leaving them ter 146, Section Three, Public Laws the alternative of taking to the ditch or smashing into the Buick.

This law, which Auditor Pritchard They ran the Dodge into the ditch uses as his defense and basis for his Drawing their guns, they ordered assertions regarding my "guess-work," is a part of the "County himself. Offering no resistance Fiscal Control Act." Here is what whatever, he got out of the Buick

and allowed them to place him sin? In the meantime the R. A. C. C. from the ground near the Ocra- ers in each county in the State, on well-pleased with their night's work

into a trap. They quickly found out, tho, for they had hardly arrested the driver of the Buick before another high-powered automobile arrived on the scene and a force of armed men got out and quickly surrounded the officers. These men, tough-looking, powerful set, fully armed, did not have much trouble in persuadnig Lancaster and Booth to release their prisoner. The officers were then disarmed and ordered to get into the rum-runners car and ride down the road with to begin a dance; that gives a feliow ficers nor Mr. Caudle would give "Well, aint you getting old?" re- a chance to get home at a decent out the facts as to the treatment

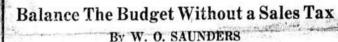
as compensation for fulfilling the the case have been very meager. put an end to disregard of the law duties of county auditor to which Lancaster and Booth, acting under and buildozing of officers of the orders from their superiors, could law in this section. The govern-Pasquotank county was established But P. M. Caudle, deputy prohibition amount of this sort of stuff, but

INDEPENDENT

Reported That Rum Isalesman.

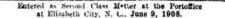
Perhaps I was guessing when I Hickory Grounds and before reach- by the officers at an amazing rate ting and selling men's clothes, that charged that Auditor P.itchard is ing St. Brides' the officers heard a of speed, leaving them empty-hand- Mitchell's Department Store im-

> stationed in this city deny that they withMitchell's seven years, had any such experience on Mon- going in business for himself. day night, and Camden county of-



N a desperate endeavour to meet a State Treasury deficit of 12 million to 15 million dollars, abolish the 15 cent ad valorem tax on property and balance the budget for the next biennium, many members of the General Assembly are saying that a sales tax is inevitable.

A sales tax is a levy upon the pay envelope of the working man who must spend the greater part of every dollar he receives, for food, clothing, fuel and medicine. It removes a burden of taxation from more fortunate members of society who have a surplus over and above living expenses which they may invest in



'T. T.' with 'Bill C' Electric Light Rates Can Be Cut One Third, Says This Committee Report

Despite a general skepticism on the part of the townspeople, despite the assertion of a member of the Public Utilities Commission that they were a "bunch of damn fools" and despite Superintendent J. C. Parker's statement that they were unqualified to criticize the Public Utilities Commission, the utilities committee of the Young Men's Civic Club last week completed its investigation of local utility rates and submitted to the Club on Monday night a report showing how local light rates can be reduced by 33 1/3% without affecting the tax rate or affecting the operations

> The high light of the Committe's report, which was adopted unaniand donating lights, water and

TEN PAGES

IN TWO SECTIONS

THIS WEEK

SINGLE COPY 5 CENTE

If a committee composed cash to the City for tax relict pur-If a committee composed poses, should return this amount to of three local ministers and the electric consumers as a dividand Sunday afternoon, decide In the language of Norman N. Trueblood, author of the report, provided for the proposed benefit the public. When a big corporation makes certain earnings and can discover means of fixed charges, these earnings are financing this shelter, a un-passed on to the stockholders as dividends. The people of Elizabeth City are the stockholders in its pubisters and boards of the various lic utilities, so why should they not receive the benefit of the annual surplus?"

The findings and recommendations of the committee which investigated The plan to bring Billy Sunday local light and water rates with the purpose of showing how the 12c light rate could be reduced, were as follows:

L Findings:

the churches and thereby increase fear of the Lord into the hearts of thousands and to entertain with his vigorous antics and mannerisms was first brought up by Rev. J. o ision on February 1st the was first brought up by Rev. J. C. sion on February 1st, 1925. Upon Was first brought up by Rev. J. C. Wicker, pastor of the First Baptist Public Utility Commission by the church, at a meeting of the Eliz-Civic Club committee, it was found abeth City Ministerial association. The ministers were unanimous in Utility Commission has had charge favoring a Billy Sunday religious Other Contractor of the public utilities, that is, from February 1st, wondered where the necessary funds '1925 through June 30th, 1932, the to provide an auditorium would. total net income, or profit, has been come from. So a meeting of all the ministers and their various boards \$403,923.21, or an average of \$55,of deacons, stewards, vestry and so \$165,547.88 has been given to the 105.48 yearly. Of this net income, was called. The meeting was held city in the form of lights and water service rendered to its various deat First Methodist church last Sunpartments, while \$74,990.01 in cash has been turned over to the general

day afternoon. At that meeting, there was confund of the city for the relief of the

ported to this newspaper that offi- known as the Fair Store. When Mr. cers sought to block five Virginia Robinson discontinued his retail Federal prchibition investigators of its clothing department. He was

ficers likewise disclaim any know- was misinformed, and again ledge of such an occurrence. It might be that officers really did may be that the gentleman who let rum-runners get away from

ager of the new department. They would have had to look far to find a more popular or experienced T. T. Turner came to two laymen can, between now end in the way of a lower light rate. Cars Escaped Law Elizabeth City 30 years ago and got his first experience under that old time maker of merchants, the late what type of auditorium, "Public utilities belong to the public

A reliable citizen of Belcross re-, Chas. H. Robinson, in what was tabernacle or shelter shall be and should be operated so as to liquer cars in Camden county Mon- business about 1908 Mr. Turner had Billy Sunday revival here over and above all expenses and animous invitation from the minmediately employed him as manager churches of Elizabeth City will be

later forwarded to Dr. Sunday and the five-weeks campaign will probably get underway late in April.

to Elizabeth City to arouse the dormant religious instincts of the popubrought the news to this newspaper | them and were ashamed to admit it. lace, to return the back-sliders to

of the utilities. Money For Hall mousily after lengthy discussion by the Club members, was the recompossible that the St. Brides alian City's exclusive added a new department, made may have aroused the government's have added a new department, made "dander" to the point where action to measure clothing. And it isn't "dander" to the point where action to measure clothing. And it isn't "dander" to the point where action to measure on the part of Sawwhat happened: Investigators Lancaster and Booth he fireworks when and if the gov- men's made to measure clothing and Is Big Problem operating expenses and fixed charges

this week. M: Stedman also announced that Wilma Sample of Elizabeth Shas agreed to aid those of this May teaking to borrow money in the corporation in making out tax and helping to save time and Soda Jerker.

fininate "red tape" in getting the Mans through.

The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER THE BANK CLERK FORGETS HIS AGE

ther applications in proper form, "I thought I was getting old." said tion appealed to me because I al- them. What happened thenceforth he facilitating the preliminary the Bank Clerk to his friend the ways thought 8:30 a sensible hour is merely rumor, for neither the of-

> sponded the fizzle water vendor. hour. And so I attended the dance accorded the officers. It is reported "Not as old as I was beginning at the H. D. Club at Coinjock Sat- that Booth fied across a field and

applicants, are limited to one-half to think I was," replied the Bank urday night. Sure enough, the folks was shot at several times and that d one per cent of the loan, with a Clerk. "I began to worry about my began to drop in at 8:30. Young Lancaster was released after being minum of 31 and a maximum of age when I began to attend some of folks, old folks and middle aged treated roughly for some time and \$1230, on chattels and liens, while these dances around town. They folks, with three or four pretty girls being made to get down on his knees the fees on real property will be start about 10:30 at night and finish and young women for every man. strend by the amount of work in- about 2 A. M. and then it's so near For music they had a two piece two officers escaped injury. whed in preparing the abstract breakfast time that you got to go orchestra for square dances and a and morigage. Attorneys, as well to a restaurant and get something phonograph with an amplifier for chase to a liquor car belonging to a

a county farm agents, are agreeing to eat. You get to bed about 3 the round dances. None of the girls thighly a liquor car belonging to a by perform the duties connected o'clock in the morning and when smoked, there was no drinking, and highly-organized and dangerous with making loans largely for your alarm clock calls you to work I sauntered around the club grounds to teach the officers a local built patriotic and community reasons, you feel like 'ell.

"And I stay thru one of these every automobile and didn't find a throwing a genuine scare into them Mr. Stedman states, pointing out the county agents are cooperating dances feeling like a no-legged man single necking couple or drinking whether this "scare," coming on the spiendidly at a kicking frolic. These young party. Now most of you young

Interest on the loans is at the rate bucks and buckerinos around town bucks will think that there's no of 5: per cent and a small inspec-tion fee, depending on the size of and out drink me. They may not haven't had such a good time at a balance me, out smoke me fun at a party like that, but I haven't had such a good time at a the loan will be added, Mr. Stedman have a dern thnig in their heads dance in years and I came home officers or a clean up of the loan except a sponge, but they can get without a headache or a leg ache.

Loans will be confined to actual more action out of their legs in one And before the evening was over I use actual in the factor of the less element remains to be seen. "di triarmers" whose main liveli- dance round than I can get out of found myself in one of these old tomes from farming, poultry, mine in a night of it. I find myself time barn dances or square dances, and dairy operations. Mr. tiring down after two or three sets swinging my partners like a very gers, it would seem that now is the adman state. It is the farm and go out with a party to take a devil and without a thought of my mer, too, and not the tenant drink for sociability, and maybe to middle age."

Ther, who will be the beneficiary revive my spirits The party laps up "And you mean to tell me they d the R. A. C. C. assistance. These several rounds of drinks and gets can have a dance in Currituck with-"Enged in producing crops, raising peppier with every drink; while cut liquor?" asked the Soda Jerker. Cattle operating dairies and raising after the second drink I'm ready to "It's a fact," said the Bank Clerk; policy on their own land will be stretch out and go to sleep. These "In fact I created much confusion thended loans under the regula-- dances leave me with a feeling of and caused a lot of good ladies to

thus of the corporation. great sadness; I'm a back number, blush when I observed a puddle of Loans are made direct from the an old fogey, a fessilized hunk of water on the dance flor and made Raticsh office and do not have to be obsolescence. I was born 30 years a wise crack about it. I sniffed the passed upon in Washington, thus too soon. That's the way I've been air and asked 'Who did it?' I first part of the week in investigat eliminating time and trouble and feeling; but I've found a dance club thought somebody had spilled their ing the case. His report has been permitting the borrowers to get their that has put the skids under my in- liquid corn. But those good women money much earlier than otherwise feriority complex and given me a don't think in terms of liquor at all would be the case. better opinion of myself and of folks and thought I was implying that

who like to dance.

"I owe a lot to Virginia Edwards. laxation, or something like. You of any of the men who took part in -Acting unexpectedly, the House Committee on Judiciary No. 1 re- You don't knew Virginia; she's that should have seen the dear girls give ported favore that they recoverported favorably the Bowie-Murphy smallish, old maidish looking little me a wide berth until they recover-till to legalize the sale of wine and Home Demonstration Agent over in ed from their shock." bill to legalize the sale of wine and Home Dem beers in North Carolina contingent Currituck. Bit tooks awfully prim

tormal algebras were made against come over the bill.

It is thought that these agents during an intermission, pried into to teach the officers a lesson by heels of several clashes between the officers or a clean-up of the law-"If the Government ever purposes to do anything to check the bootlegtime to do it," says J. P. Thompson United States Commissioner. "Every time these fellows pull off such with it, they become more and more lawless and are encouraged to try something more daring and more outrageous.

Deputy Prohibition Administrator P. M. Caudle hastened here on Sunday when he learned exactly what ing the case. His report has been forwarded to district headquarters but its contents have not been disome one had suffered a renal rehe was silent. The only intimastocks and bonds that pay no tax.

There might be some justification for a Federal sales tax, but as a State measure it is iniquitous and without justification; because it threatens the business structure of the State in which it is imposed, to the enrichment of the business structure of contigous states that have no sales tax.

One way North Carolina may avoid a sales tax and yet balance its budget; that way is to lop two or three months off the public school term for the next two years, halving, if necessary, the cost of public education until we can afford to do better.

This is no argument against public education; I am in favor of all the public education, within reason, that we can pay for. BUT THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF THE MASSES MUST NOT BE JEOPARDIZED; THE HOMES OF OUR HUMBLE CITIZENS MUST NOT BE SOLD FOR TAXES TO MAINTAIN SOME-THING WE CAN ILL AFFORD AND CAN NOT PAY FOR.

Our children would not suffer from a curtailment of the school term for the next two years. It might delay the college entrance of a few embryo lawyers, doctors and school teachers, who would make better college students if given a little more time to mature. If, as our friends the pedagogs argue, it would throw thousands of youngsters out into a world that is unprepared to absorb them into industry, why worry about a little thing like that in a land in which 12 million adult workers are without jobs?

What the General Assembly of North Carolina needs to-day is sanity and courage. We folk back home are balancing our budgets by denying ourselves many things we need and many luxuries we would enjoy, AND, BY THE ETERNAL, THIS STATE MUST WAKE UP TO THE FACT THAT IT IS BUT THE FOLKS BACK HOME AND NOT A MONEY-SPENDING BUREAUCRACY WHOSE SOLE PROBLEM IS TO DEVISE NEW TAXES. What North Carolina most needs and must have is lower taxes; lower taxes are possible only thru a curtailment of a lot of State activities. We won't lose our schools by a reduced term; we won't lose the benefit of public education; but most of us are going to lose our homes and our businesses if the quest for more and more taxes continues.

siderable dicussion about the pro- tax burden of the city, making a posed revival, and when a vote was total of \$240,537.89 that has been called for on the question of desir- furnished by the users of the public ing to invite Dr. Sunday to come to utilities for the relief of the tax Elizabeth City the vote was unani- burden of the city. The remaining mously affirmative. But there still \$163,385.32 has been carried to the remained the problem of providing surplus account, and represents the a place in which to hold the cam- total operating surplus as of June paign. There is not a hall or an 30th, 1932, the date of the last auditorium in the city that could audit.

conveniently be made to accommo-"For the last fiscal year the total date more than 1,000 or 1,200 peroperating revenue was \$226,790.38, sons, and it is estimated that twice as compared with the average total that many should be accommodated operating revenue of \$247,045.68, if Billy Sunday is to be brought here. yearly. For this same period the A committee composed of Rev. G. F. net income was \$53,504.82, which Hill, Rev. J. L. Carrick, Rev. J. H. compares very favorably with the Lannnig, W. T. Love, Jr., and L. yearly average as shown above. Dur-R. Foreman was appointed to in- ing this period, \$26,119.26 was given vestigate the cost of renting a tent, | to the city in the form of services providing an auditorium of a perma- rendered, and \$4,490.01 net in cash providing an auditorium of a prema- was donated to the city, making a nent nature and to try to work out total of \$30,609.27 donated to the a plan for the financing of the type city. The remaining \$22,895.55 was of meeting place decided upon. carried to the surplus account. "This committee finds that the This committee is to report back at i another meeting at First Methodist current furnished the city is chargchurch Sunday afternoon at 3 ed at regular rates instead of at o'clock. actual cost. In this connectior, it

The plan of having the City pro- may be said that it should be imvide the funds for the erection of a possible to arrive at the actual cost, five or six thousand dollar hall for since there is a certain amount of the Billy Sunday campaign and overhead including maintenance inlater to be used as a sort of city volved. Since the expenses incurauditorium and convention hall red relative to all overhead is carevoked no enthusiastic response from ried in the proper expense account, city officials and seems to be out it is not necessary, in the opinion of of consideration. The plan now (Continued on Page Six)

deemed most feasible is that of borrowing \$7,500 or \$10,000 with which to finance the Billy Sunday campaign. Finding signatories for a note and finding that much available money are problems to be considered.

Dr. Sunday is ill at present and has been advised by physicians to take a rest for three months, but his wife, to whom Rev. Wicker talked over long distance telephone Sunday night, said he would more than likely be ready to begin a campaign here on April 23, the proposed date The revival, if it should materialize, will begin April 23 and continue thru May 28.

We're all fed up with that word "Depression." Why not call it "The Predicament" or something, just for a change?

Assassin Tries To Kill Roosevelt! While aboard his special train in a Miami railroad station.

President-elect Franklin D.

Roosevelt was fired upon Wed-

nesday night by a would-beassassin and narrowly escaped fatal injury. Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago was shot in the chest and was not expected to live. Four others were injured but were reported as having a chance. The gunman, one Joc Zangara of New York City, fired a stream of bullets into the presidental party during its reception at the station.