

# Maxwell Denounces All Forms Of Sales Tax

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### Candidate For Governor Says Relief Must Come From Reduction In Cost Of Government.

I am opposed to all forms of sales tax. I favor a reduction in the cost of government in this state.

Briefly summarized, these were the two outstanding points stressed by Allan Jay Maxwell, commissioner of revenue and candidate for governor, in his address last Friday night before the three civic clubs of this city.

Two types of sales tax were proposed at the last legislature, Mr. Maxwell stated:

1. The general sales tax.
  2. The luxury sales tax.
- Either form, he stated, would be detrimental to business and would throw the business of the state into interstate channels instead of state channels. He also stated the luxury tax would place an additional burden on those least able to pay.

Reductions in the cost of government should be made, he said, in the operating expenses of the following:

1. State.
2. County.
3. Municipalities.

The general assembly helped reduce the tax burden on property, the speaker continued, but further relief must be found as much property will not even pay taxes this year, he said. The total cost of government in this state is 102 millions of dollars; while the present market value of farm products is only about 100 millions of dollars in a state predominantly agricultural.

The state can not stand such a cost of government, he said, and other plans must be adopted. The cost as related to business shows a similar condition.

## BIG RAILWAYS AGREE TO AID WEAKER ROADS

Atlantic City, N. J.—America's big brother railroads here pronounced themselves willing to help their little brothers meet the vicissitudes of business.

Accepting in principle the plan of the Interstate Commerce commission to pool revenues resulting from freight rate increases to be granted by the commission, the Association of Railway Executives appointed a committee to confer with the commission to obtain a "more definite understanding and to suggest certain modifications."

The freight rate increases, not general in character, will be allowed by the commission only if the earnings resulting therefrom are utilized for weaker roads.

As explained by a railroad executive who attended the closed sessions, the rail chiefs agreed:

- 1.—That the commission's pool plan should be adopted if certain obstacles can be surmounted.
- 2.—That the increased earnings resulting from the rise in freight rates should be pooled, the pool to be administered by the railroads, not a government agency.
- 3.—That while weaker roads will be granted funds from the pool the funds will be loans, not gifts.
- 4.—That railroads accepting such loans will not pay dividends.
- 5.—That the association cease consideration of the plan until their appointed committee has conferred with the commission and pronounced itself ready to report.

The important issue was described as the determination that the funds shall be loaned, not given and that the railroads administer the funds, not the government.

## German Pilot Flies With Kite

Borkum, Germany.—When Pilot Mertschat flies his kite he goes up with it. Attaching a 500-foot length of light steel cable to his sail plane and anchoring the other end to the ground, he climbs into the plane and waits for the breeze to lift him. Then he cut loose and makes a flight.

**ADOPTS PIG-TAIL ECONOMY**  
South Charleston, Ohio.—About the only virtue of pigs' tails is that they furnish ammunition for wise cracks, according to E. E. Walker, who asserts that it takes a bushel of grain to make the tail grow. Walker declared he saved a bushel of grain for each pig by cutting off the tail.

## Gotham Is Given Army-Navy Game

Washington.—New York city has been definitely decided upon for a post-season Army - Navy football game for the unemployed. December 12 has been agreed upon as the date. The War Department has advised representatives of Cleveland, Chicago and other cities to this effect.

The Yankee Stadium will probably be the arena, although definite decision to hold the game there rather than at the Polo Grounds has not been made. The post-season service game last year was played at the Yankee Stadium, which seats about 80,000.

## SWEET POTATOES PROVE PROFITABLE

Washington.—Sweet potato growers of North Carolina who called upon the United States department of agriculture and the state experiment station for help in solving their fertilizer problems are now profiting by larger yields and more economical production since adopting fertilizer methods recommended by federal and state scientists.

Dr. J. J. Skinner, senior biochemist of the bureau of chemistry and soils, reported the results of a six-year experiment by the bureau and the North Carolina experiment station in Currituck county, N. C., on the principal sweet potato soil of the South Atlantic seaboard.

Potato growers of Currituck county who experienced difficulty in getting newly set plants to live, suffered from broken stands, from crops maturing too late for the most favorable market and from reduced yields asked the federal and state governments to aid them.

The investigators found the farmers were using fertilizers with nitrogen derived from mineral sources, or with potash from low grade potash salts. When applied in quantities of 1,000 or more pounds per acre, under the plant row, these mixtures caused injury to the young plants, resulting in plant loss, retarded growth, poor stands, small yields and later maturity for plants which survived.

Similar injury was not observed from fertilizers having the nitrogen derived from organic sources of vegetable and animal waste origin or from fertilizers having nitrogen derived from a mixture of mineral and organic sources.

Many experiments, in which methods and time of applying fertilizers to sweet potatoes were compared, also showed that broadcasting the fertilizers over the row after the plants had been set and become well-rooted gave larger yields by an average of 25 bushels per acre than when the fertilizer was applied, as commonly, under the row before transplanting the plants.

The experiments show that fertilizers containing 3 to 4 per cent nitrogen, 8 per cent phosphoric acid, and 8 to 10 per cent potash, produce the best results. Compared with the average yield for North Carolina of about 100 bushels of sweet potatoes per acre, some yields of 240 bushels an acre were obtained this year with less costly mixtures containing fertilizing materials that are quickly available.

Many sweet potato growers of the section have generally adopted the methods recommended. The result was that they have suffered less from injury to young plants, and had better stands, larger yields and greater profits.

In 1930 North Carolina became the principal sweet potato producing state and the department of agriculture and the state are now cooperating in experiments in four counties.

## Negress Unwraps Wad Of Cash And Buys A New Auto

Durham.—Eleven hundred dollars in United States currency, mostly \$2 bills but all cash, went back into circulation here after many years of hibernation when Rose Stokes, 70-year-old negress, suddenly got tired of walking.

With a bundle incased in musty newspapers under her arm, Rose shuffled languidly into an automobile agency and called for service. When she said she wanted a new car the salesman looked dubious. He looked shell shocked when she unwrapped her bundle.

It contained a small armful of greenbacks. Rose said she had been saving \$2 a week for many years in order that she might enliven the twilight of her life by showing some "tony" neighbors in Hayti (local negro section) a thing or two. She couldn't drive, but was willing to try.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COLUMN

By R. E. L. NIEL

At this time when organized effort for reducing unemployment during the coming winter is in the offing, when the task of raising funds for the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts and the annual roll call of the American Red Cross is paramount objects in Salisbury's affairs, the following from The Rotarian, the monthly official publication of The Rotary Clubs expresses much:—"The man who will not lend his brains, his energy and some of his money to the efforts of his fellow citizens in directing the constructive forces of his community along the course that is best for the city as a whole is not a useful citizen. No man has a right to refuse his support to a community movement any more than the community has a right to refuse its protection to any man." It is indeed true. You have no more right to be indifferent to your city's efforts, hopes and ambitions than to neglect your own family. For every citizen is in reality a sort of "Relative." You as a unit, are morally responsible for what is done or what is left undone.

Blessed with ideal weather, presenting exhibits and attractions unexcelled, the Rowan county fair that closed its gates around midnight Saturday last gave to Salisbury and its surrounding country an opportunity for commingling together and wholesome amusement, and has proven again the asset it is to this community. Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce the conductor of this column extends hearty congratulations to Mr. McCannless and Mr. Whitlock and expresses the hope that each recurring exhibition may be as successful, as pleasing and as beneficial, which is all that any one could ask.

In the October issue of The Nations Business, Merle Thrope, its editor, cites the following as some of the popular fallacies which handicap business:

- "The rich pay most of the taxes."
- "We ought to jail the speculators."
- "Next year will be an off year because of the election."
- "Two per cent of the people own ninety per cent of the wealth."
- "Machinery is the cause of unemployment."
- "The independent is inefficient and ought to be wiped out."
- "There is no business to be had so I play golf."
- "You've got to die to win—that's the trouble with insurance."
- "The power interests are out to milk the public."
- "Bankers try to gobble up the business they serve."
- "There is no place for little business today."
- "No man is worth \$100,000 a year to any business."

The Board of Directors of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce will hold their first meeting since the summer vacation on Monday night next at 7:30. It will be the regular session which is held on the first Monday night of the month and there are a number of important matters on the agenda for consideration. The question of securing literature for distribution to the many inquiries that have been piling up since the old supply was exhausted is one of the vital subjects. The Chamber has been seriously handicapped in not being able to have new booklets printed owing to the city authorities being unable, under the ruling of Attorney General Brummitt, to make any subscription to the budget fund for the present year thus cutting off some \$600 from the revenue of the organization. The loss can be made up if some twenty-five or thirty fully able citizens and concerns not now members of the organization will come to its relief in the emergency.

"The nations of the world have overstocked themselves with machinery and manufacturing plants far in excess of the wants of production. This full supply of economic tools to meet the wants of nearly all branches of commerce and industry is the most important factor in the present industrial depression. Though the discovery of new processes of manufacture will undoubtedly continue, and this will act as an ameliorating influence, it will not leave room for marked extension such has been witnessed in the last 50 years, or afford employment to the vast amount of capital which has been created during that period. The day of large profits is probably past." No, the foregoing is not the emanator from some economic highbrow issued during the past few weeks or months. It is a quotation from the Official Report of the United States Department

of Labor in 1886, and as Andy would say "Let that be a lesson to you."

## SAYS POLICEMAN SHOULD BE HERO

Shifting From The Criminal To The Policeman The Role Of Popular Hero, Is Need, Hoover Says.

Washington.—A change in public sentiment, shifting from the criminal to the policeman the role of popular hero, was advocated by President Hoover as one means of stamping out excessive crime.

In a radio message to the opening meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police at St. Petersburg, Fla., he condemned the "glorification of cowardly gangsters." The President spoke from the cabinet room of the White House.

"If the police had the vigilant, universal backing of public opinion in their communities," he said, "if they had the implacable support of the prosecuting authorities and the courts, if our criminal laws in their endeavor to protect the innocent did not furnish loopholes through which irresponsible yet clever criminal lawyers daily find devices of escape for the guilty, I am convinced that our police would stamp out the excessive crime and remove the world-wide disrepute which has disgraced some of our great cities."

**FAMILY FIGHT-CONSCIOUS**  
Westcliffe Col.—What should be the fighting's-family in the world lives at Westcliffe. Four boys, sons of John and Mrs. Coleman, have been named, in order of arrival, James Jefferies, Stanley Ketchell, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

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