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FOUNTAIN SIDESTEPS SALES TAX

Democrats Take Over Control Of House

GARNER ELECTED SPEAKER; SENATOR BAILEY IS SEATED

President Hoover Recommends Increase In Taxes In His Message To Congress.

SUPER-TAX URGED ON RADIOS, AUTOS, THEATERS, CHECKS

Hoover's Budget Draws Immediate Opposition; Democrats To Prepare Own Plan For Taxes.

The 72nd congress convened Monday, and the democrats took over control of the house of representatives with a whoop and a rebel yell in celebration of their first session of dominance in 13 years.

Mustering their full strength, the democrats named "Texas Jack" Garner, bluff outspoken westerner, to the speakership, the most powerful legislative post. The vote was John N. Garner, 218; Bertrand H. Snell, New York, regular republican nominee, 207, and George J. Schneider, Wisconsin, independent republican, 5. The three candidates voted "present."

In the senate, J. W. Bailey, senator from this state, took his seat without contest although notice was served that the matter would come up again at some later date.

Tuesday, President Hoover presented his message to Congress, urging higher taxes and federal action to spread credit.

Briefly summarized, the president recommended:

Subscribe more funds to federal land banks.

Use federal reserve banks to liberate funds arrested in failed banks.

Establish a home-loan discount bank system.

Broaden the base for paper reserve banks can discount.

Overhaul banking laws.

Avoid general tariff revision.

Revise interstate commerce commission laws regulating rails.

Allow "proper consolidation" of railroads.

Adjust anti-trust laws to remove injustices.

Refrain from extending expenditures on veterans.

Regulate interstate transmission of electrical power.

Reject proposals for government dole.

Transfer shipping board administrative functions to commerce department.

Make shipping board a regulatory body, having jurisdiction over coastwise shipping and rates and services on inland waterways.

Strengthen immigration laws.

The administration laid its billion-dollar program of new and increased taxes before congress Wednesday, and met immediate opposition.

Democrats, in control of the house and only two votes short of the republican senate strength, countered immediately by announcing they would draft a program of their own.

The Hoover-Mellon program calls for income-tax on estates, and levies on automobiles, radio, telephone and telegraph messages, theatre admissions, radio and phonograph equipment, and bank checks, collecting in large or small amount from almost every person in the country.

It would raise \$514,000,000 added revenue from so-called sales and other miscellaneous taxes, \$245,000,000 from income tax increases, \$150,000,000 from increased postage and \$11,000,000 from a new tax on estates.

Income taxes would be increased all along the line, with a maximum burtax of 40 per cent, compared with the present 20.

GOOD MORNING

TODAY
Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part.—David S. Jordan.
It's today that I am livin'
Not a month ago;
Havin', losin', takin', givin'
As time wills it so.
Yesterday—a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain—but say!
Ain't it fine today.
—The British Weekly.

PROVING IT
Her—You used to say that you were unworthy of me.
Him—Well, what if I did?
Her—Nothing. Only you seem to be spending your married life trying to prove it.

'T WAS SO SUDDEN
"That's a nice looking fellow at the next table," said a young man who had taken a girl friend to lunch in a restaurant. "Is he a friend of yours?"
"Yes, indeed!" said the girl.
"Well—er—I think I'll ask him to join us."
"Oh, this is too sudden."
"What's so sudden?"
"Why, why, that's our minister!" said she, blushing.

NOT TO BLAME
Wife—Dear, tomorrow is our tenth wedding anniversary. Shall I kill the turkey?
Hubby—No, let him live. He didn't have anything to do with it.

CASH FOR CARRIE
The wife was going through her husbands pockets.
"Hey, there!" he cried, "that's belongs to me."
"It won't belong now" she answered.— Optimist.

BOOH!
Woman (to tramp)—Go away, or I'll call my husband.
Tramp—Oh, I know 'im. 'E's the little fellow wot told me to go away yesterday or 'e call 'is wife.
—The Sentinal.

NOT A SEEKER OF LIGHT
"Shall I tell you what you are?"
"If you do you will get a black eye."

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
"The doctor's here, professor."
"Tell him I can't see him. I'm sick."

TAKE IT EASY
Old gardener (to his boss, on being offered a refreshment): "Thank ye, sir." (Receiving the drink.) "Did ye put in the whiskey or water fust, sir?"
"The whiskey."
"Thanks! I'll maybe come to by and by." —Punch.

WITH A DIRTY LAUGH
"Is Bliggins a considerate man?"
"Not exactly. He is one of those people who think it is all right to tramp on your feet as often as they choose, provided they say 'Excuse me!' every time."—Kennebec Journal.

THE KITCHEN CYNIC
"What is puppy love?"
"The beginning of a dog's life."

WHO AM I?
I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.
I am more deadly than bullets and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of siege guns.
I steal in the United States alone over \$3,000,000 each year.
I am relentless. I am everywhere, in the home, in the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings, and on the sea.
I bring sickness, degradation, and death, and yet few seek to avoid me.
I destroy, crush, and maim; I give nothing, but take all.
I am your worst enemy.
I AM CARELESSNESS.

EXPECT '1932 TO BE BIGGEST YEAR FOR CONVENTIONS IN SALISBURY; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS ACTIVE

Predictions in the press that 1932 will be the banner year for conventions, civic, business, political and otherwise, finds the chamber of commerce confident that Salisbury will land its share and probably excel any previous year in its history.
Already, a number of large conventions, including several of statewide prominence and at least one of national scope, have been invited to Salisbury and other invitations are steadily being issued. It is believed the national grange will convene here in 1932.

The Salisbury chamber of commerce is working daily on the following projects:

1.—Attraction of conventions and expositions to the city and the upbuilding of more retail and wholesale trade here.

2.—Inducing tourists to follow routes leading into Salisbury and the arrangement of entertainment for them.

3.—Efforts are constantly being made to secure diversified industrial plants for Salisbury.

According to press reports more than 18,850 conventions, expositions, large banquets and fairs will be held during 1932 in the nation, representing an increase of 3,198 over 1931.

Present indications signify that the prevailing upward trend in this type of activity will continue throughout 1932.

9 PLACES IN ROWAN ON ROLLS

Greensboro—Nine sections in Rowan county are on the rolls at North Carolina college as residence of the 23 students from that division of the state now on the campus at the institution for women. The places are Salisbury, Spencer, China Grove, Granite Quarry, Mooresville, Cleveland, Mt. Ulla, Woodleaf and Barber. Salisbury leads the county's enrollment with the following nine young women: Misses Catherine Bernhardt, Nettie Ruth Caultle, Mary White Ditters, Anzonetta Fisher, Annie Marie Kessler, Lucy Rose Linn, Avis Little, Margaret March, Mildred Smith.

China Grove sends to the college Misses Mary Louise Brown, Paulanna Cooper, Evelyn Sloop.

Other places in the county are represented as follows: Granite Quarry—Misses Edith Jane Henderson, Aleine Lyerly; Spencer—Misses Mary Neil Brown, Bessie McCurdy; Cleveland—Misses Blanch Parcell, Grace Williams; Mooresville—Miss Wilna Shinn; Mt. Ulla—Misses Louise Beaver, Louise McLaughlin; Woodleaf—Miss Linda Bailey; Barber—Miss Ruby Mae Bame.

PREFERS PRISON
Burlington—Reuben Keck was sentenced to jail for a term of five months for receiving stolen goods. He requested the judge to send him to state prison instead, stating that he preferred hard work to lying in jail.

Who's Who In Rowan

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALISBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

PICKET TRIAL IN JANUARY
Lexington—Trial of Mrs. Lola Pickett 44, charged with fatally poisoning her six-year-old daughter, has been set for the week of January 25.

WOMEN ARE PRETTIER
Raleigh—Dr. James M. Parrott state health officer, says "women represent the only case in plant or animal life in which the female species is generally more attractive than the male." He illustrated by citing flowers and persimmon trees.

DISTILLERIES SEIZED
Albemarle—D. F. Widenhouse and R. L. Brandon, federal prohibition officers, told of capturing two distilleries and 54 gallons of liquor in Montgomery county. A cache of 600 gallons of liquor was poured out. The liquor was concealed about in various parts of a patch of woods and was in 18 dozen fruit jars and other containers.

RABBIT ATTACKS
High Point—A ferocious rabbit was seen chasing a dog down a street in High Point and was so reported. A large rabbit surprised a woman in her back yard when she was picking up wood and ran her into the house with his fierce advances.

FOUNTAIN SPEAKS
Star—Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain told Montgomery county school teachers that the standard of schools should be raised from six to eight months as soon as such could be financed.

BANDIT GETS CHECKS
Kinston—William C. Harris, collector for a fertilizer company, was held up by bandits on a highway near here and relieved of \$2,800 in cashier's checks. A deputy sheriff was with him at the time, but the deputy was off duty and was not armed.

SAYS SUSPEND DIVIDENDS
Raleigh—Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, recommends that all North Carolina banks pay no dividends this year in order to charge off losses suffered and to depreciate inflated values. Conditions during the past two years have caused banks to carry large cash reserves and thus profits have not been as much as usual.

McLEAN PLEASED AT NEWS
Lumberton—Former Governor A. W. McLean of Lumberton, who was one of the four directors of the War Finance corporation when it was first formed and later managing director, is very much gratified at the news contained in a recent Washington Associated Press dispatch that President Hoover plans to spread before congress the outline of a huge federal finance organization along the lines of the war finance corporation with billions.

\$150,000 FIRE LOSS
Greenville—Fire of an undetermined origin visited Greenville's tobacco district and completely destroyed McGowan and Cannon's warehouse and damaged other buildings and tobacco estimated at more than \$150,000. The roof of Johnston's warehouse, located across the street from the burned structure, caught several times but the efforts of the firemen prevented its burning as well as the destruction of several store buildings just to the west of the fire area.

HOPE MILLS MAN HURT
Fayetteville—Perry Russ of Hope Mills is in the Pittman hospital here with a compound fracture of the right leg and severe scalp lacerations from being run over by an automobile on the Lumberton road. The car that hit him was driven by J. T. Penny of Lumberton, who picked up the injured man and brought him to the hospital.

WOULD ADVOCATE MEASURE ONLY AS LAST RESORT

Lieutenant Governor Says He Did Not Sponsor Either Sales Tax During 1931 Legislature.

CANDIDATE TALKS CAMPAIGN ISSUES ON VISIT IN CITY

Rocky Mount Aspirant Encouraged By Support Tendered Him In Different Parts Of State.

Denying that he sponsored either form of sales tax in the last session of the legislature, Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, Rocky Mount, gubernatorial aspirant, discussed several of the leading issues of the campaign during a visit in the city this week.

"I do not favor any kind of sales tax, but if one is necessary I prefer the so-called luxury tax in place of the gross sales tax," Mr. Fountain stated when interviewed by a representative of The Watchman. He denied sponsoring either form of sales tax in the 1931 legislature.

Mr. Fountain was very much encouraged over the support he is receiving in his campaign tours over the state.

"The man who beats me will be the next governor of North Carolina," Mr. Fountain stated.

While in the city, Mr. Fountain called on a number of the political leaders of the county.

Discussing several of the outstanding issues of the campaign, Mr. Fountain, in addition to his comment on the sales tax issue said:

"The fairest tax to my mind is the income tax, for the reason that this would collect tax from persons, firms and corporations, who are sufficiently fortunate as to earn some substantial income above the proper and necessary exemption. The income tax law is already limited by Constitutional Amendment to six per cent, but notwithstanding this law, which limits income tax to six per cent, the Legislature of North Carolina has never until its last session, undertaken to levy a maximum of six per cent and then only upon individuals. It may be necessary far this question to be again submitted to the people in order that the Constitution may be amended to allow a higher rate, our action in this respect to be partly governed by that of other states.

"I favored a re-valuation of land during the last Legislature and I am still in favor of the quadrennial re-valuation of land now as we have been accustomed to in the past.

I am in favor of every reasonable economy in the operation of the public schools of North Carolina. I believe the public school teachers of the State should receive a fair and just remuneration for their services commensurate with the importance and character of the service performed, having due regard for their equipment and professional training.

"It has been recommended in this State that only the Governor should be elected by the people, and that all other officers, servants, agents, and employees of the State should be appointed by him. I believe this is entirely too much power to place in one person's hands. Our right to vote, the right to select our officers, and the whole right of self-government which we have inherited from our fathers, was purchased at the price of blood and great sacrifice."

WOMAN IS KILLED
Lumberton—Mrs. Sallie Meares, 70, of West Lumberton, was fatally injured in West Lumberton when struck by an automobile operated by J. J. Pitman, prominent Bladenboro man, dying a few minutes later as Mr. Pitman and Eugene Penney, an eye witness, were bringing her to a hospital. A coroner's jury here tonight found the accident was unavoidable.