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Sales Tax Would Cost Rowan \$261,640 CROWDS OFF FOR INAUGURAL FETE

Clement Estimates Tax Yields

Production Tax \$50,000 Less

Figures Compiled For Two Per Cent Sales Tax And One Per Cent Production Tax

Revenue From Rowan And Surrounding Counties Given By Watchman.

A two per cent sales tax—as proposed in the General Assembly—would cost Rowan county the sum of \$261,640.00 annually.

The production tax—as proposed by Senator Hayden Clement—would cost Rowan county the sum of \$210,818.03 annually.

Subtracting the two estimated yields, Rowan county would pay in taxes the sum of \$50,821.97 less under the production tax bill.

The above estimates of tax yields were prepared by Senator Hayden Clement, of Rowan, showing a comparison of general sales tax and production tax yields, the data having been compiled for him by the Department of Conservation and Development.

The figures, which are based on statistics of the United States Department of Commerce for 1929, the last year available, show that the yield from a two per cent general sales tax or a one per cent production tax would each have yielded approximately \$13,000,000 in 1929. The department estimates that there has been a 40 per cent decrease in each tax since that year.

While the yield from each tax is approximately the same for the state as a whole, the yield from the general sales tax would be greater in 82 counties and that from the production tax in 18 counties.

Estimated tax yields under the two plans for nearby counties follow:

Counties	2% sales tax	1% production tax
Cabarrus	190,160.00	303,519.26
Davidson	168,560.00	234,713.96
Davie	34,040.00	32,356.28
Iredell	185,300.00	175,741.25
Randolph	82,740.00	116,748.36
Rowan	261,640.00	210,818.03
Stanly	112,020.00	230,304.14

Inauguration Program

Following is the presidential inauguration program:

11 a. m. to 12 noon—Garner takes oath as vice president.

12 noon—Roosevelt inaugurated, Chief Justice Hughes administering oath.

Roosevelt's inaugural speech. 1 to 4 p. m.—Inaugural parade. 8 to 9 p. m.—Fireworks, monument grounds; airplane maneuvers over monument before and after fireworks.

10 p. m. to 2 a. m.—Inaugural ball.

HIGH POINT COLLECTOR FIRED

Robert Brockett, 70-year-old High Point tax collector during the past four years, was relieved of his duties by City Manager E. M. Knox, who gave as his reason for the action apparent recent discrepancies in the records of the office.

NEWS BRIEFS

\$2,038,000 FOR N. C. RELIEF

The Reconstruction Finance corporation has authorized \$2,038,000 relief funds for March and April distribution in North Carolina and the state's relief chiefs are allotting the funds to the 100 counties.

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

Pattie Ruth Myers, five, Thomasville, died of burns sustained at her parents home the day before.

BOY KILLED IN CAR CRASH

R. V. Stowe, nine, son of a Cabarrus farmer, was killed on a road near his home. An automobile driven by an older brother turned over and threw the boy to the road.

ARTILLERY MANEUVERS

General Manus McCloskey and the field artillery board at Fort Bragg demonstrated before a large group of congressional war department and army observers last week the efficiency of trucks in replacing horses for drawing light artillery batteries. A complete change to trucks may result.

HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Claude McLeane, of North Wilkesboro, is held on a charge of manslaughter in Maryland due to the death of a man who stepped into the path of McLeane's truck near Laurel, Md.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF

Enraged at his wife's threat to leave home, Clarence McDowell killed her with three shots into her back and then sent a fatal bullet into his head. A daughter found both lying dead in the yard of the home at Skyland near Asheville.

DISASTROUS STATESVILLE FIRE

A loss of around \$300,000 resulted from the burning of the Statesville Furniture company. Insurance coverage totalled \$225,000. Two hundred men had been employed by the concern.

FORMER BANKER KILLS SELF

William D. Harris, 38, director of state conservation under Governor McLean, banker at Asheville until ruined by failures, shot himself to death at his stepmother's home near Sanford.

LARKIN KIVETT SLAIN

Larkin Kivett, 35, under parole for liquor law violations, was killed by Leach Wood at Wood's home near Liberty. Wood said he had warned Kivett to stay away and that he shot Kivett with a shotgun when he returned at noon and found Kivett with his wife.

FORD OFFERS BANKING AID

Henry Ford brought his millions to bear on the Michigan banking crisis last week-end, offering to subscribe total capital stock of \$8,250,000 for two new banks to take over liquid assets of the First National and the Guardian National banks. Banks say the plan would permit payment of about 35 per cent to depositors.

Call Declined By Dr. Stirewalt

Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, has decided to continue in his present work, declining to accept the professorship chair to which he was recently elected at the Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

His decision was announced to church council Wednesday night.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



THIRTY-FIRST PRESIDENT
of the UNITED STATES

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

We take this occasion to extend our compliments to the new President of the United States and to wish him the greatest possible measure of success in his efforts to lead the nation out of the slough of despond.

It is a Herculean task which Mr. Roosevelt and the new Congress face. There has not been, in recent times at least, such an opportunity as lies before the new Administration. At the same time, no new Administration has come into the control of our Government, since Lincoln's time, which was confronted with such perils.

We give President Roosevelt and his advisers credit for the highest motives of patriotism. We think no one can deny that Mr. Roosevelt's record of public service, beginning with the Legislature of the State of New York, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the Great War, and as Governor of New York for the past four years, has been a record of forward-looking aggressive and intelligent effort for the common good.

But the situation which confronts the new Administration is one filled with pitfalls and uncertainties. We think that the nation at large realizes, as it never has realized before, that our desperate situation in America is on all fours with the economic distress which is felt in every quarter of the globe. We do not believe, and we do not think that Mr. Roosevelt believes, that the United States, in this critical juncture, can lift itself by its own bootstraps. And one of the great uncertainties is how far the nations of Europe will go in cooperating, along lines which our nation can accept, toward bringing about an economic readjustment on a world-wide scale.

That is not to imply that there are not many serious phases of our domestic situation which cannot be remedied by intelligent and courageous action at Washington. It seems certain that, in the beginning of his Administration at any rate, our new President will have the whole-hearted and effective support of our new Senate and House of Representatives, and that sort of team-work ought to result in speedy action, so far as legislation can be of benefit.

The country is still in the dark as to the exact methods and policies which the new Administration will undertake to make effective. But we believe there is a very general desire to give the new President the freest possible hand, and to clothe him with authority beyond that which has been bestowed upon any Executive, except in war time, in the sincere hope that he will thus be able to act swiftly and effectively.

We do not think, as we intimated, that any new President taking office for the first time has ever had the opportunity which is offered to President Roosevelt. At the same time, we are not unmindful, and we are sure Mr. Roosevelt is not unmindful of the tremendous responsibility which the nation is laying upon him. We most heartily wish him the best of luck.

GOOD MORNING

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

A little less knock
A little more ease
A little less rock
A little more please.

A little less spite
A little more dear
A little less might
A little more cheer.

A little less tax
A little more right
A little less axe
A little more light.

A little less stick
A little more fun
A little less kick
A little more sun.

A little less take
A little more give
A little less fake
A little more live.

A little less law
A little more love
A little less claw
A little more dove.

A little less pull
A little more rope
A little less bull
A little more hope.

"Right now," confessed the flapper, as she gazed into the eyes of her escort across the table, "I'm sitting on the ragged edge of despair."

"My goodness!" gasped her startled companion. "I didn't even know you tore 'em. I'll buy you another pair."

A motorist had just crashed a telegraph pole. Wire, pole and everything came down around his ears. They found him unconscious in the wreckage, but as they were untangling him he reached out feebly, fingered the wires and murmured:

"Thank heaven, I lived clean—they've given me a harp."

Minister (closing Sunday sermon)—And, brothers, don't motor around with other men's wives.

Man in the congregation jumps up and snaps his fingers.

(Later, after church).

Same Man—Preacher, I'm sorry I made that commotion in church, but that sentence of yours reminded me where I left my umbrella last night.

"Smith is a cheerful fellow. Did you notice he was whistling as he loaned me ten dollars?"

"Yes. He was whistling Tosti's 'Goodbye, Forever'."

Mother—Would you like to come and rock the baby for a bit, Tommy?

Tommy—Rather! But I haven't got a rock!

Wife—I suppose now you wish you were free to marry again?

Hubbie—No—just free.

Blackmer Case Is Dismissed

A charge of assault brought against Sidney Blackmer, motion picture actor who is a native of Salisbury, by Bernice Bach, 17, was dismissed by Municipal Judge B. J. Scheinman in Los Angeles Wednesday.

"If this girl's testimony were to be believed by this court," said Judge Scheinman in dismissing the charge, "it would open the door to the use of the courts to purposes which might smack of blackmail and extortion."

Many Local Citizens To Make Trip

Special Train Is Chartered

Brilliant Ceremonies Will Make Up Program In The Capital City

Roosevelt First Democratic President In 12 Years, Succeeding Wilson

Hundreds of Rowan residents will leave today—by auto and train—for Washington to witness the inaugural ceremonies for President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt scheduled for tomorrow in the Capital city.

The Southern Railway company is sponsoring a special excursion, leaving Salisbury at 8:50 p. m. tonight and leaving Washington on the return trip at 1:30 Sunday morning. The cost of the trip is nominal.

The special train will be made up at Charlotte. Several cars will come into the Queen City from Greenville, S. C. and these will be hooked on to the excursion proper at Charlotte.

Ticket Agent Anderson states arrangements have been made to handle the large crowds which are anticipated to take advantage of the low rates offered for this event. Others will make the trip by bus and in their own cars, it is stated. Several plan to go to Greensboro and board an airplane there for Washington.

Elaborate plans have been made by the inaugural program committee and the event will be staged with much brilliance and fanfare. Franklin D. Roosevelt will be the first Democrat to become president since Wilson who relinquished office 12 years ago.

The program will begin in Washington around 9:30 a. m. and conclude about 4:30 p. m., it is announced.

It is forecast many thousands will witness the ceremonies.

Senator Walsh Dies Suddenly While On Train

Sen. Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, who had been selected by President-elect Roosevelt as attorney-general in his cabinet, died from a heart attack aboard an Atlantic Coast Line train near Wilson yesterday while enroute to Washington with his bride whom he married in Havana Saturday.

Senator Walsh died at 7:10 a. m. while Conductor Herbert Weatherspee held his pulse. Only Mr. Weatherspee, Mrs. Walsh and her Cuban maid, and a porter were present. The Senator was 74 years old.

Last week, Senator Walsh flew to Havana to marry Senora Nives Perez Chaumont de Truffin, widow of a wealthy Havana business man, and the couple were continuing their honeymoon to the United States.

HALTS MORTGAGE FORE- CLOSURES

St. Paul—An emergency proclamation, halting mortgage foreclosures in Minnesota until May 1, pending legislative relief action, was issued by Gov. Floyd B. Olson.

Dollar Days Here Friday And Saturday

Today and Saturday are Dollar Days in Salisbury.

Merchants of the city have made extensive preparations for this semi-annual event and bargains will be offered at prices probably the lowest in history.

Sacrifice prices will prevail at the local stores on these two days and the marking-down price process has been in vogue this week with Salisbury merchants.

Two Chinese Cities Fall

The two great Chinese strongholds which blocked the path to Jehol City, capital of Jehol province, fell to the Japanese invaders Wednesday.

Shortly after nightfall Gen. Heijiro Hattori's 14th brigade entered the city of Linguan, only about 75 miles from the capital. Brisk fighting, the Rengo (Japanese) News agency correspondent reported, preceded the occupation.

Earlier in the day the Japanese announced that the fourth cavalry brigade, commanded by Maj. Kenosuke Mogi, had seized Chihfeng, which is about 100 miles northeast of the capital.