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House Passes General Sales Tax, 67-48 Heavy Buying Follows U. S. Gold Ban

2 Per Cent Levy Put In Finance Bill

Measure Sent To The Senate

All Amendments Voted Down By Sales Tax Group

Expect Senate To Make Number Of Changes

Doubt If Assembly Will Adjourn Before May Tenth

The biennial revenue bill, levying a two per cent general sales tax on retail distribution, together with other material tax increases, was passed on its third reading by the North Carolina General Assembly Thursday.

The bill now goes to the state senate where it is predicted a number of changes will be made. The vote, not including five pairs, 62 to 43.

During the final hearing, Thursday, opponents of the sales tax program, asserted the bill would be defeated in the upper body.

The revenue bill, containing the sales tax feature, has the following provisions:

1. A two per cent tax on retail distribution.
2. A tax of 1-25th of one per cent each six months on gross sales of wholesale merchants.
3. Gasoline and commercial fertilizer, are exempt.
4. Retail tax must be passed on to consumer.
5. Each merchant must pay an annual license fee of \$1.00 in addition to the percentage tax.
6. Sales tax levy must be paid monthly.
7. Credit sales may be reported separately and tax paid as accounts are collected.
8. Inheritance taxes increased.
9. Provides levy of one half of one mill on each kilowatt of electrical energy manufactured or sold in the state.
10. General franchise corporation taxes increased.
11. Railroad franchises increased from 75 cents on the \$100 valuation to 90 cents.
12. Income taxes raised.

RALEIGH WINS DEBATE CUP

Catherine Martin and Wade Mard, representing Brough high school of Raleigh, won the Aycock cup for state championship in high school debating at Chapel Hill on Friday night. The winners, supporting the affirmative side of the sales tax question, debated in the finals against Mildred Williams and James Dorsett, Salisbury.

TOM MIX WINS SUIT

Los Angeles.—Superior Judge Carl Stutsman ruled here that Tom Mix, western film star, be not required to pay on promissory notes of \$50,000 he gave Mrs. Victoria Forde Mix de Olazabel, his former wife.

Pat Fowler Heads Spencer Ticket

Tuesday's primary results in Spencer were as follows:
Mayor: T. P. Fowler.
Aldermen: J. E. Connell, W. T. Curlee, W. H. Shannon, J. E. Vick, W. A. Young and C. P. Huffine.

NEWS BRIEFS

CHILD SCALDED IN SOAP
Hazel Ruth Mills, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mills, of near Greenville, was fatally scalded when she fell into a tub of boiling soap. She died at the home of her parents. The accident occurred while the child's mother was making soap.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND
The body of Hazel Starnes, 18, was found floating in Lake Oxford, near Taylorsville. She was drowned when a rowboat capsized on April 1. Harry Kirkman, Henry Stewart and a sister, Mrs. Grace Matlock, her companions, were rescued. The body was badly decomposed. An inquest was not held as coroner found no broken bones.

Willard Bowman, one of the rescuers was charged with abduction of the girl a week before the accident by her father after her death. Hearing on this charge will be April 28.

TWO VICTIMS OF AUTOS
As he walked to his Statesville home D. M. Brown, 60, carpenter, was knocked down and killed by a car driven by H. T. Lindsey, 17. On the same night a hit and run driver killed R. E. Young, Wake county farmer. His mutilated body was found beside highway 10 near Garner.

MOREHEAD CITY HOTEL BURNS

The 30-room Atlantic hotel at Morehead City burned along with an annex and an apartment building. The building, erected in 1870, was not occupied except by caretakers in the apartment who escaped without injury. Loss is put at several hundred thousand dollars.

BEER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Beer and wine, not over the federal limit of 3.2 per cent alcohol, went on sale in South Carolina on April 14th by virtue of legislative enactment the preceding night. No restrictions were placed on the sale.

DIES IN CAMP FIRE

Lonnie Saulmon burned to death in a camp fire of Road Watchman S. B. Conley, six miles north of Morganton. Saulmon, who was subject to epileptic seizures, was left sleeping by the fire when Conley returned to the fire early in the morning to find Saulmon's charred body lying across the flames.

GET GERMAN MEDALS

Five Asheville men last week received the German Red Cross, only decoration awarded by that nation at present, for their leadership in the erection of a monument at Asheville honoring 18 German sailors who died while interned in Asheville during the world war.

AGED COUPLE IS ROBBED

Fidela Owenby, 67, and his wife, 56, were left bound hand and foot by two white men in the isolated Henderson county home of the couple. The two scoundrels took \$400 which the couple had recently been paid in insurance on their son's life. He was killed in France during the world war. Mrs. Owenby managed to free her wrists, get a pair of scissors and free her husband.

FEDERAL COSTS ARE CUT

Middle district court expenditures in the first quarter of 1933 aggregate \$30,590.59, a decrease of \$9,443.53 from the total of \$40,034.12 for the corresponding period in 1932 reports the marshal's office.

Jobless Enlisting in Reforestation Service Army



Herewith is pictured the launching of the recruiting drive to enlist 250,000 unemployed for President Roosevelt's Reforestation Service plan. The enlistments are for 6 months duration for jobless between the ages of 18 and 25 years. They receive \$1 per day and the applications are passed upon by relief committees in the respective territories. One provision is that those given jobs shall assign at least three-fourths of their pay to dependents. Enlistments are made at army enlistment quarters following which those accepted are sent to army camps for conditioning after which they receive assignments by the Department of Labor. Photo No. 1 shows jobless making applications. No. 2 shows meals being served recruits from rolling army kitchens and No. 3 shows recruits off for conditioning camps.

Many Statewide Measures Are Passed By Assembly

Ten measures by the reorganization of state government committee have been ratified by the Legislature, including abolishing the Corporation commission and creating office of public utilities commissioner; abolishing executive counsel (another establishing commissioner of parole and parole system) suspending highway work 2 years, with little exceptions; consolidating State highway and State's prison departments; reducing salaries of judges, and of solicitors; transferring legislative reference librarian to attorney general's office; transferring duties of director of local government to state treasurer; transferring duties of personnel director to budget bureau; abolishing state tax commission.

B. & L. Associations
Five acts deal with building and loan associations, allowing them to become members of Federal Home Loan Bank, reducing license fees for agents, regulating appointment of receivers, and other minor changes. New banking laws give the commissioner of banks unusual power in the present emergency to conserve assets; the banking holiday; to require surplus fund (50% of capital) in lieu of double liability of holders of bank stock; reduce interest rate on monthly balances of state funds in banks and funds in hands of banking commissioner. Insurance laws give insurance commissioner authority in banking emergency to prevent lapse of life insurance policies; require casualty and surety insurance companies to make deposit; regulate assessment plan of certain insurance companies; regulate assessment life insurance associations; provide for service of process on all unincorporated organizations, associations or societies.

Remove Cases
Changes in court action include easy removal of cases from recorder's courts; and general county courts, relieving congestion and providing speedier trials; reducing from 60 to 30 days minimum for

GOOD MORNING

TWENTY THREE PURE UNADULTERATED BITS OF ADVICE ON HOW TO KEEP FROM LOSING IN A POLITICAL RACE—

1. Offer to furnish plenty of free beer when it becomes legal.
2. Have a pocket full of cigars handy at all times.
3. Keep in liquid assets sufficient funds to negotiate for coca-colas, milk shakes, candy and flowers on a moment's notice.
4. Kiss any and all babies.
5. Be nice to your wife. Remember she has a vote.
6. If you have a son over 21 remind him that his vote may help to relieve the interest on the note which you have held against him for some time.
7. Make plenty of loans on collateral of reasonable soundness.
8. Fill teeth without grinding, and put in an extra ounce of cocaine when you pull one. All dental work to be done on "suspicion."
9. Recommend lower tax valuations.
10. Furnish free lumber to those who want to build or repair homes.
11. Give silk stockings to all the ladies.
12. Stock up the pantries as well as the stores with plenty of groceries.
13. Go easy on those who owe you. Offer big discounts for a small payment.
14. Gin cotton free of charge.
15. Offer free photographs to all voters this week.
16. Make unusual low prices on furniture, and throw in a table when they buy as many as one chair.
17. Ship goods free of cost, and let a C. O. D. or two slip by every now and then.
18. Gas and oil cars for a smile and a promise to vote.
19. Give neckties and socks to single men, shirts to married men, shoes to men with a wife and four voting children, and suits of clothes to men who have as many as four sons-and-daughters-in-law.
20. Allow them liberal credit for payments on the pastor's salary.
21. Extend a lot of credit to slow paying voters for general merchandise ranging from pins to fertilizer.
22. Put new screens in every house within the corporate limits. Supply lumber to those who would like to have it.
23. Tell your husbands that if you are not elected you will buy two late spring or early summer outfits instead of one. He'll get something done about it this week.

Faces Hangman's Noose



Winnie Ruth Judd, photographed in her state prison cell at Florence, Ariz., from where she still fights to evade the gallows.

Here Is List Of Candidates For City Council

PRIMARY: Monday, April 24.

(Vote for Five)

- B. V. HEDRICK
- MAX L. BARKER
- J. LINDSAY SHAVER
- HADEN C. HOLMES
- C. F. RANEY
- WALTER CARTER
- NORMAN INGLE
- A. A. HARTMAN
- O. C. HERRINGTON
- GEORGE E. VOGLER
- EDWARD H. MARSH
- GEORGE E. RUSHER
- U. RAY MILLER
- GEORGE R. MARTIN
- ERNEST B. TAYLOR
- HAROLD A. ROUZER
- HENRY W. DAVIS
- FRANCIS J. MURDOCK
- U. S. JORDAN
- WALTER F. MCCANLESS
- J. E. HENNESSEE.

Speedboat Queen



Loretta Turnbull of Long Beach, Calif., champion woman speedboat driver of the United States celebrated her coronation as "Queen of Speedboats" by driving another winning race in launching the 1933 season.

Sides Withdraws From Race For School Board

A. G. Sides, who entered the race for a position on the school committee of the town of East Spencer, has decided to withdraw his name, leaving the present five members of that body unopposed for reelection, according to an announcement made this week.

In making this announcement, Mr. Sides stated he did so out of respect to the present board, and in order to leave that body intact for another two year period to solve the educational problems of East Spencer.

The present board unopposed for reelection, follows: Dr. T. W. Seay, G. H. Boger, R. L. Gobble, S. R. Secret and E. D. Brown.

10,000 AT EASTER SERVICE

Despite the steady rain, 10,000 gathered at the Moravian cemetery in Old Salem at sunrise Easter morning to witness the 161st celebration there of the resurrection.

Judge Hayes Metes Out Sentences To Law Breakers

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, presiding over the April term of Federal court here this week, had disposed of the criminal docket by Wednesday and court adjourned until next week when the trial of civil cases will be heard.

A total of 55 cases were disposed of the first three days of the week:

- Violation of prohibition act ... 37
- Violation of temporary probation ... 1
- Stealing mail from post office boxes ... 5
- Passing counterfeit coins ... 1
- Motor vehicle theft ... 10
- Violation national pro. Act. ... 10
- Total ... 55

The Docket Follows:
Charlie Rothrock, 60 days in Wilkes county jail; Dudley Sapp, six months in Cabarrus county jail; Allen P. Smith, six months in Cabarrus county jail; Major Chandler \$100 fine, he still being in custody; Hugh Page, \$100 fine, still in custody; Green B. Honeycutt, a year and a day in Atlanta federal prison.

Nation Is Off Gold Standard

Stock Sales Show Gains

Financiers Welcome President's Latest Move

Prices Boom In Response To Cheapened Dollar

Congress To Fully Legalize President Roosevelt's Action

Spurred by indications of inflation of the American dollar, which followed closely on the heels of an announcement Wednesday night by President Roosevelt and Secretary Woodin to the effect that the United States had gone off the gold standard, stocks and commodity prices soared to the highest levels experienced in the past two years, on the leading stock markets.

Wheat jumped 5 3-4 cents a bushel.

- Corn 3 1-4.
- Barley up 3 3-4.
- Cotton up \$2.50 per bale.
- Sugar up 6 to 7 points.
- Silk up 2 to 7 cents a pound.
- Coffee up 9 to 10 points.
- Cocoa up 10 to 20 points.

The United States abandoned the gold standard Wednesday night.

Shortly after President Roosevelt in a bold, dramatic coup had withdrawn support of the American dollar abroad, Secretary of Treasury Woodin said this nation had deserted the gold standard.

Woodin said: "Yes, we are off the gold standard. The whole matter is official abandonment of the gold standard."

The President's action was taken in an effort to raise commodity prices at home and restore languishing trade abroad.

The White House announced this would be done by maintaining a tight embargo on export of gold. Actually, it means the dollar is to be allowed to seek its own level.

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ASK HUEY LONG'S REMOVAL

A petition signed by 20 Louisiana citizens was filed with the United States senate last week asking that Huey Long, Louisiana senator, be removed, listed charges of personal dishonesty and corruptness against him and said they could prove them.

Ticket Named At Rockwell

At a non-partisan convention held in Rockwell Tuesday, the following ticket was named:

For mayor: R. L. Holshouser and J. H. Sides.
Board of aldermen: R. W. Brown, R. L. Linker, W. A. Beaver, George T. Holshouser, Geo. E. Brown, R. W. Lentz, H. W. Bost, Floyd Beck, S. H. Bost and M. R. Earnhardt. Five will be selected from this group as aldermen in the general municipal election May 2.