

Maxwell Explains North Carolinas' Sales Tax Law

(By A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue.)

The tax of 3 per cent imposed upon the retail sales of merchants in Article 5, Schedule E, of the 1933 Revenue Act is levied as a license or privilege tax for engaging or continuing in the business of merchandising, and becomes effective at 12:01 A. M., Saturday, July 1st. It is the purpose and intent that such tax shall be added to the sale price of merchandise and thereby be passed on to the consumer instead of being absorbed by the merchant.

Any retail merchant who shall by any character of public advertisement offer to absorb the tax levied on the retail sale of merchandise or in any manner directly or indirectly advertise that the tax imposed is not considered as an element in the price to the consumer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. To accomplish the purpose of passing the tax, agreements among competing merchants or adopting appropriate rules and regulations by associations or merchants, in order to provide uniform methods of adding the average equivalent of the tax to the sales price of merchandise, which does not involve price fixing agreements otherwise unlawful, are expressly authorized and permitted under the statute. To further accomplish this purpose, the commissioner of revenue is empowered and directed to devise, promulgate and enforce regulations under which retail merchants shall collect from the consumer by uniform rule as to classes of business imposed upon the sale at retail of merchandise. He may include in such rules and regulations plans which require more or less than three per cent of the sale price, the purpose being to enable the merchants to collect approximately the amount of three per cent on their total sales volume. Such regulations when adopted shall have the full force and effect of law and any merchant who violates such rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Conferences are in progress with merchant groups, and these regulations will be promulgated before July 1.

The tax imposed in Article 5, Schedule E, of the 1933 Revenue Act is imposed upon the sale at retail of merchandise by a retail merchant, being defined as one who sells any article of commerce in any quantity or quantities for any use or purpose on the part of the purchaser other than for resale. The word "sale" is defined as any transfer of the ownership or title of tangible personal property to the consumer for use, and not for the purpose of resale, for a monetary consideration. The question of whether a sale is made before or after the effective date of the act is determined by delivery. If delivery is made after the effective date of the act, it is a taxable sale.

The tax is not imposed upon the business of producing, manufacturing, mixing, blending or processing any articles of commerce or upon the sale of such articles of commerce by any one who engages in the business of producing, manufacturing, mixing, blending or processing. These exemptions do not apply if the producer becomes a merchant in the ordinary meaning of that term and maintains separate from the place of production, stores for the retail sale of merchandise. But it shall apply to those businesses if and to the extent that such articles of commerce are bought and sold in substantially the same form in which they were bought.

Gross sales shall mean and include the sum total of all sales for a given month, quarter, or tax year reckoned at the price at which such sales were made, whether for cash or on time. If on time, the price charged on the books for such sale without allowance for cash discounts shall be reported as sales. However, when in the sale of a new article a second hand or used article is taken in part payment, the sale of the new article shall be reported at the full gross sale price, and the resale of such second hand or used article taken in part payment of the sale of new articles, may be excluded from gross sales upon which the tax is imposed if separate record is kept of all such transactions in such manner as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue. The exemption of resale of second hand articles will not apply to second hand articles on hand July 1.

In addition to the above exemption, the tax imposed in Article 5, Schedule E, of the 1933 Revenue Act shall not apply to the sale of gasoline on which a sales tax is collected, or to the sale of commercial fertilizer on which an inspection tax is paid. There is also provision for exemption of sales by retail merchants upon condition hereinafter set out of the following articles:

Public school books on the adopted list, and the selling price of which is fixed by law; sales of merchandise made to the Federal government or any of its agencies or to the State of North Carolina or any of its subdivisions, including sales of merchandise to agencies of Federal, State or local governments for distribution to public welfare and relief work; flour, mean-

ing wheat flour and not including cereal products other than flour; meal, meaning corn meal and not grits, flakes or other cereal products; meat including fresh or cured meats of animals or fish other than shell fish, but not including any specialized products in cans, jars, boxes or cartons for retail trade; lard, as this term is commonly understood, including lard made both from animal fat and vegetable substitutes, but not including oleomargarine, butter, oils or other like products; molasses, as this product is commonly understood, but not including cane sugar, maple, or other syrups; milks, including sweet and butter milk but not including canned milk, evaporated milk or other milk products, as the product is commonly known; sugar which includes plain and granulated sugar as commonly understood but no other sugar products; coffee, meaning plain, roasted or ground coffee substitutes.

The exemption of article enumerated above is upon condition that the retail merchant shall keep accurate and separate records of invoices and sales of the exempted articles in such form and detail as may be described by the department of revenue, in any event in such manner that accurate reports may be made covering the sale of such conditionally exempted articles and in such form as may be accurately and conveniently checked by the representative of the department of revenue.

Any person after the 30th day of June, 1933, shall engage or continue in the business of retail merchandising shall apply for and obtain from the Commissioner of Revenue, upon the payment of the sum of \$1, a license to engage and continue that such person shall pay the tax according to the provisions of article 5, schedule E, of the 1933 Revenue Act. Said license shall be renewed annually and shall expire on the 30th day of June next succeeding the date of its issue.

In addition to the license tax, every retail merchant shall pay a tax of 3 per cent upon the total gross sales, excluding exemptions heretofore provided. This tax shall be due and payable in monthly installments on or before the 15th day of the month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrues. However, if the tax for which any person is liable does not exceed \$10 any month, a quarterly return in lieu of the monthly return may be made on or before the 15th day of the month next succeeding the end of the quarter for which the tax accrues; and if the total tax for which any person is liable does not exceed the sum of \$10 in any quarter, such person shall not be required to file either a monthly or quarterly return but will be permitted to make an annual return on or before the 30th day of the month next succeeding the end of the tax year for which the tax is due.

The tax year shall mean the calendar year and returns required therefor shall be for the year ending on the 31st day of December, the first being made the last half of the calendar year 1933.

The tax imposed by Article 5, Schedule E, of the Revenue Act of 1933 shall be in addition to all other licenses levied by law as a condition precedent to engaging in any business taxable thereunder."

GULF NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jourdan announce the birth of an eight and a half pound boy. He arrived Friday afternoon.

Misses Mary Lacy and Katherine Palmer, Frances Wilkins, Margaret Barber; Messrs. Lacy Martin, Robert Osborne, Steve Wall, of Lilesville, Herbert and Robert Palmer, and Bill Russell enjoyed a chicken fry at Bothleham Springs Friday evening.

Saturday, June 17, the Gulf baseball team defeated the Staley team 8-3.

Last Saturday our team won a game from McManus baseball team. The score was 8-1.

Miss Marjorie Murchison, of Raleigh spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. H. A. Russell is spending a few days in Chapel Hill with her friends, Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Reece and children, of High Point spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Melver.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Junior, and Isthma Saddler spent last Thursday in Greensboro.

Misses Mary Lacy and Katherine Palmer spent Thursday in Raleigh.

Miss Annie Tyner is visiting relatives in Richmond county this week.

A revival meeting begins at the Presbyterian church here July 2nd. Rev. Mr. Harrop, of Graham, will assist the pastor in these services.

ASBURY NEWS.

Little Nadine Johnson, a nineteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnson, died Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock, after an illness of several days of whooping cough and colic.

The funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at Asbury Methodist church, by Rev. G. T. Adams, of Sanford.

A Coesbury school will be conducted at the church, beginning Sunday night, July 16, at 8 o'clock. Rev. C. T. Thrift, of Duke University, will be the instructor. A good attendance is anticipated.

Mrs. J. J. Harris of Goldston, Mrs. Vernon Cox, of Raleigh, and Miss Besie Reynolds, of Carthage, spent last Thursday with their aunt, Mrs. T. C. Woody.

A good number from this community attended Sunday Day program at Farmville Sunday morning and Jones Chapel Sunday afternoon.

There will be preaching at Asbury Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

Mr. Elias Straughn, of Lumberton, and Miss Bronna Johnson motored to Chapel Hill and Durham Thursday.

Mrs. Nannie Burns, who was 71 years of age, passed away Sunday evening, June 25, at her home after an illness of several weeks. She was a faithful and loyal member of Mays Chapel Baptist church. She will be greatly missed in her community.

The funeral services for Mrs. Burns were conducted Monday afternoon at Asbury Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Glosson, assisted by Rev. M. D. McLamb, pastor of Asbury church, and Rev. Wicker, of Gulf.

REVIVAL

Glendon Christian Church, Glendon, will hold a series of services beginning July 2nd and continuing through the 16th. Evangelist H. C. Caviness will do the preaching. There will be two services each day at 3 and 8 o'clock. Brother Caviness preaches the old fashion Gospel of "Jesus and His Love," as was preached by Moody, Spurgeon, and others of their type. We believe a return to the old fashioned Gospel is the only remedy and relief for the present distress, and that is it a departure from the same that has brought it about.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Brother Caviness has many friends in this section whom he hopes to meet and greet in these services.

J. A. Denton, Pastor.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Junior Park Naturalist, \$2,000 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy, and a retirement deduction of 3 1/2 per cent; National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Senior Highway Construction Supervisor, \$4,600 to \$5,400 a year, Senior Highway Design Engineer, \$4,600 to \$5,400 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1/2 per cent; Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Cost and Production Superintendent (Shoe Factory), \$2,000 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1/2 per cent; Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kas.

All states except Iowa, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the apportioned department service at Washington.

Full information may be obtained from W. L. Seawell secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the postoffice or courthouse in this city.

Crime For Merchant to Absorb Sales Tax

Or To Give Public Impression He Will Do So, Says Revenue Commissioner Maxwell.

Any retail merchant who states directly or indirectly that he will absorb the three per cent general sales tax which becomes effective July 1st, and that it will not be added to the sales price shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell points out in a statement, just as any retail merchant violating the rules and regulations to be issued by the Revenue Department before July 1 will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

All retail merchant are required to proper record is kept and report made on them. The exempt items are adopted list public school books at fixed prices; sales made to Federal, State or local governments, including public welfare and relief sales; flour, meal, meat, lard, molasses, salt, sugar, coffee but the point item as commonly used and not included fancy products, as cereals, canned or jar meats, butter, oils or fats, syrup, evaporated milks and sugar, salt or coffee substitutes.

Retail merchants are required to secure in advance a license costing \$1 a year, and to pay the three per cent sales tax accrued in monthly installments by the 15th of the next month, unless the monthly tax is less than \$10 when it may be paid quarterly, or if less than \$10 per quarter, then annually.

Commissioner Maxwell points out that this tax is in addition to any other tax imposed by law, stating that gasoline and commercial fertilizer, on which an inspection tax is paid, are exempt from the sales tax.

Conferences have been held with merchants and the rules and regulations to be issued will be in part suggestions they make for an equitable collection of the tax and to insure passing it on to the consumer.

THE PULL OF JUNE

(By Jack Edwards.)

Perhaps it's just the pull of June
And latent tendencies to shirk
That make me think this afternoon,
Or how insane it seems to work.

On such a thing as transient news,
Which dies the very day it's born,
When we could hit the road and cruise
Past fields of cabbages and corn.

With pauses now and then to rest
And contemplate important things
The color of arabin's breast,
The taper of a swallow's wings.

The scent of clover bloom at dawn,
The pattern of a chestnut burr,
The waves of light and shade upon
A sea of oats when breezes stir.

The chirp of crickets in the grass,
The drone of katydid and bees,
A millpond like a looking-glass
Reflecting all the verities.

Perhaps the copy-books were right—
That man should labor hard and long;
But afternoon's like this, I'm quite
Convinced that their advice was wrong.

I hear the rewrites smite the keys
Of Underwoods whose creak and groans
Are mingled with the stridencies
Of jangled linotypes and phones.

The muttered blasphemies and sighs
Of mmen who shoot the news below—
And wonder if we're really wise
To labor thus when we could go.

Fast fields of parsnips and peas
Or sprawl within a shady dell
And with poetic obsequies
Consign the city room to hell.

Perhaps it's just the pull of June
An latent tendencies to shirk
That makes me think this afternoon,
What fools we mortals are to work.

BROWN WICKER

Of interest to a wide circle of friends in the community, and else where is the marriage of Miss Hazel Wicker, daughter of Mr. C. M. Wicker, of Sanford, Route 5, to Mr. Paul Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, of the Poplar Springs section.

The marriage took place in Sanford June 20th, by Rev. T. E. White, in the presence of a few close friends of the young couple.

The bride wore an attractive dress of blue crepe, with white accessories.

The bride is a graduate of Sanford High School, of the class of 1930, where she will be well remembered.

The groom is a graduate of Jonesboro high school.

The young couple motored over to the beach and other points of interest. We wish them much happiness in their new field of life.

Miss Mary Davenport, of Garner, who has been at Heins' Camp on a house party, visited Miss Mabel Monroe Monday.

BROADWAY NEWS

Mr. W. B. Thomas reports finding cotton blooms in his field June 19th.

Mr. Clyde Thomas, of Siler City, spent Sunday at the home of his niece, Mrs. William Darden.

Mr. H. Lee Thomas, of Carthage, visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Thomas, Sunday.

Miss Addie Pinnell, of Warrenton, visited friends here this week.

Miss Margaret Gunter, of Sanford visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Joyce went to Greensboro Tuesday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Poe, who is very sick.

A new variety store is being put in in Broadway by Mr. Malcolm McLeod and Miss Margaret McLeod, as proprietors. Mr. Joe Berry is also to be associated with this firm. An attractive line of goods has been bought and the building has been painted and put in first class shape for the opening of the store. The proprietors invite the patronage of the public.

Mr. Ralph James, of Durham, spent last week end at the home of Mr. J. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Cole, of Sanford, visited at the home of Mr. Fred Yarboro, Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie McLean was called to High Point Sunday, to the bedside of her little granddaughter, Janet Langley, who is seriously sick with scarlet fever. The many friends of this family wish for Janet a speedy recovery.

The Christian League enjoyed an ice cream party at the home of Mr. W. B. Casater on Monday evening, of last week.

A number of Broadway people attended the picnic at the Court House last Friday.

Miss Helen Chandler left Monday with a party of friends from Louisburg College to attend the World's Fair. These girls will represent the Sigma Lota Chi Sorority in a convention which is to be held at the fair.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Jennie DeBerry, deceased, this is notice to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate settlement with the undersigned and to those who may have any claim against the said estate to present same properly proven within one year from this date and failure to do so will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This June 22, 1933.

H. C. DeBERRY, Adm.
Dan B. King, Atty.

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NOTICE!

The County Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equilization beginning Monday, June 19th., and continue from day to day until all matters pertaining to Tax Valuations (Real and Personal) have been heard.

J. M. CLARK,
County Accountant.

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