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REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL TAXES ONLY ON PAPER

So Congressman Kellar, Minnesota Republican, Declares

THE REVENUE BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Democrats Believe It Only a Fraud and Some Republicans Think Little Better of It—Loaning the Railroads Five Hundred Millions But Vote Down Amendment to Loan Farmers Two Hundred Millions.

Farmers Facing Crisis As Prices Move Downward

The debt-laden American farmer is between the devil and the deep blue sea.

On one hand he is being warned from the market centers of the country, "don't ship." His markets are demoralized.

On the other, the country bankers and merchants are urging him to "pay up."

The disastrous crisis confronting the agriculturist and stock grower has been as menacing to his peace of mind and pocketbook as it is today.

No Relief in Sight

His markets, livestock and grain, are recording tremendous price declines with no immediate prospects of a favorable reaction.

Cattle values have dropped \$1 per hundred weight and are now at the lowest mark since 1916.

Hogs and sheep are on the toboggan.

Wheat futures are at the lowest level of the season.

Corn is the lowest since 1908.

Oats is the lowest since 1906 for September.

The average trader at the market centers does not know what to make of such markets. A certain amount of stagnation had been anticipated due to business depression and unemployment with its resultant retrenchment on the part of the buying public, but nothing like what is happening had been expected. There is in their opinion only one immediate remedy and that is to stop up coming to the markets. Thus the buck has been passed to the farmer.

Will Restrict Shipping

The effect of an unprecedented appeal sent broadcast by the Chicago Livestock Exchange asking raisers to restrict the shipment of cattle to the packing centers will be felt this week. The result, however, is not expected to help the farmer beyond the point of preventing, if possible, further price declines as the warehouses of the East are loaded with dressed beef and very little will be needed for some time to come.

An idea of how the cattle situation is hitting the farmer can be gleaned from the following figures:

Average price of cattle today, \$8.75.
One year ago today, \$14.85.
Corresponding time, 1919, \$15.95.
Corresponding time, 1918, \$15.60.

Retail Prices the Same

Although farmers are being forced to accept sharp drops in prices, the cost to the consumer for meat remains virtually the same. Increased cost of operation, according to the secretary of United Master Butchers of America, is one reason. He says overhead expenses have quadrupled in the last five years.

The stockgrowers and farmers generally speaking are not in a position to hold up their products. They have been slowly recovering from last year's attack of economic sickness and need money to pay off the doctor. There is a dilemma. They can't afford to run up a new bill.

Main Benefit to Very Rich

There are two classes of people who get relief in the way of income tax under the Fordney tax bill: The person with an income between \$2,500 and \$5,000, the exemption being increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

The allowance for dependent children is doubled and the person whose income exceeds \$66,000 a year. There is no relief for the person whose income is between \$5,000 and \$66,000. There will be no quarrel over the increase in the exemption of the small income tax payer, even though the motive for making it may be solely in the nature of a political bid, but even this concession is of no benefit to the 5,735,000 persons reported by the Department of Labor to be out of employment at this time.

As the bill stands there is no real relief for anybody this year with the practical certainty of a big deficit staring the government in the face at the end of the fiscal year.

No Republican Leadership

There is nothing scientific about the Fordney tax bill. Neither the White House nor the Republican Congress has ever had a tax program; in fact, the White House has had no program about anything except to pay election debts and keep the party together. The making of the tax bill has been a matter of guess work and catch-as-catch-can, a matter of temporizing and grasping at straws. This and that have been suggested as things to

tax only to be abandoned. The lack of leadership has been painfully apparent from the beginning.

The trouble has been principally that the making of the tax bill as well as the tariff bill has been done with only political effect in mind; the spirit of politics has ruled in a matter which should have been considered only as an economic measure. The tax bill is designed to fool the people, but it will not fool them; it will fool only those Republican reactionaries who have sacrificed an honest financial policy to political expediency. The very best it can accomplish is to postpone the day of wrath.

GIFTS TO THE RAILROADS

The R. R. Bill Which Has Passed Both Houses of Congress

Iowa farmers are attempting to mature the largest corn crop in the history of the state, with no prospects of a market, and Minnesota farmers are preparing to burn their corn this winter instead of buying coal, farmers yesterday told the Interstate Commerce Commission in its investigation of freight rates on grain and hay.

Here is a brief history of the dealings of the railroads with the government recently, which throws light on the two news items quoted, as recited by Representative Hardy, (Dem., Texas), on the floor of the House:

"He (Mr. Fordney) says, and the other gentlemen who interrupted him said, and perhaps correctly, that the government administration of railroad affairs under Mr. McAdoo and his successor cost this government a million dollars a day by way of a deficit. I am willing to grant that. Then I want to say that during that time the railroads did function and carry freight. I want to say further that under the Republican bill, known as the Esch-Cummins bill, those railroads were turned back to the private owners and operated by the private owners in March, and that since that time the rates have been increased, as stated by my colleague, Mr. Garner, or the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Moore), from 20 to 40 per cent. and today the people of the United States are paying not \$100,000,000 a day, but, as I said, they are paying more than \$700,000,000 a year in increased freight rates, and no man can escape the fact that the railroads since government control have cost the people of America far more in freight rates alone than they cost in freight rates and deficits during government control.

"President Wilson called on the Republican Congress to pass a proper law by which the railroads could be turned back to their owners. The Republican Congress dillydallied and delayed until finally he had to write a separate message and tell them that if they did not pass a law under which they could be returned he was going to return them anyhow on the 1st of March. (Applause on the Democratic side.) And under the stimulus of that second message, a Republican Congress did pass the Esch-Cummins bill, and on the 1st of March they were turned over to the owners under that law.

"But what was the Esch bill? The bill first guaranteed the peak of high prices in profits to the railroads for six months, after the owners got them, and under that guaranty you first paid two or three hundred millions to the railroads, and then you passed another law calling for some more payments at once, and before you get through with it the government will pay the roads on that six months guaranty probably more than a billion dollars."

Mr. Johnson (Dem., Miss.) "I want to say as a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, that the government has paid the railroads \$631,000,000 under that guaranty, and in addition to that they have loaned them \$300,000,000 and none of that has been returned. The railroads owe the government \$721,000,000. And in addition to that, we have today a bill before our committee, on which we are holding hearings, and which the Republican party is proposing to put through in this Congress, authorizing the Treasury Department to let the railroads have \$500,000,000, and all this in addition to the outrageous increase of freight rates and passenger fares, which has cost the American people millions."

Mr. Hardy: "Then I want to say that if the railroads cost the people in deficits in operation a million dollars a day, or \$365,000,000 a year, this Esch bill in guaranteeing the

RAMSEUR NEWS

Miss Elizabeth Smith is spending some time with her friend, Miss Broadwell, at Wendell.

Rev. W. F. Craven and family, of Mt. Olive, are guests at the home of his brother, I. F. Craven.

Mrs. Harris, of Charlotte, is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. T. W. Willett and children, of Bonlee, spent a few days with Mrs. J. H. Caveness last week.

Miss Annie Siler and Mrs. R. R. Siler, of Greensboro, are spending some time with Mr. J. T. Siler and family.

Miss Anderson, of Greensboro, was the guest of Miss Irene Johnson Sunday.

Mrs. Tate and son, of Bladen county, were visitors at Dr. Tate's the past week.

Miss Vida Kivett recently returned from a trip to Baltimore and Ocean View.

Misses Ora Scott and Sue Siler are with us again after spending the summer at Chapel Hill and Taylorsville. Miss Blanche Leonard, of High Point, spent the week end with friends here.

Mr. C. B. Smith left Monday for Baltimore where he is buying goods for Carter Mercantile Company.

The West Greensboro team lost again in the game Saturday, 9 to 2 in favor of Ramseur.

Rev. and Mrs. Myers attended the Myers reunion at Lexington last Saturday. This is an annual event and was attended this time by about five hundred, about three-fourths being kin people. Mr. Myers' father was present being over eighty, five other brothers there age from 60 to 75 years. This is a wonderful record for age in a family and the occasion was a great one for all who attended.

Hurrah for our Congressman who is not letting the gentlemen who are in the majority run over him and his weaker brother.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Miss Maude Lee Spoon announces the Marriage of Miss Sarah Steed to Dr. Lee Roy Thompson

Miss Maude Lee Spoon delightedly entertained at her home on Main St., Ramseur, Monday evening. The hall was charmingly arranged with ferns and goldenrod, green and yellow being the color scheme for the evening. The guests were met at the door by the hostess and led to the punch bowl, which was presided over by Miss Hilda Rogers, of Greensboro, and Miss Hazel Spoon, sister of the hostess.

During the evening several games and contests were enjoyed. Towards the middle of the evening the guests were invited out to the spacious veranda and each one was given a string to be pulled from a hanging bag at a signal given by hostess. When she said, "The cat is out of the bag," each one pulled his string and found a little black kitten cut from a card announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Sarah Mabel Steed to Dr. Lee Roy Thompson, on September 7, 1921.

The guests were then asked to draw a picture of a bride and groom. The most successful artist proved to be Miss Irene Johnson, who was given as a prize a tiny bride and groom.

The color scheme of green and yellow was most artistically carried out in the dainty refreshments of cantaloupes filled with ice cream and cake of green and yellow.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL NEAR HIGH POINT

A rather unique copper illicit liquor still of only two and one half gallons capacity was captured Saturday morning by Deputy Sheriffs J. E. Wagner, W. D. Martin and Earle Cecil and Revenue Officer J. H. Johnson.

The outfit was found concealed in the woods about five miles south of High Point. It was 200 yards from a farm house but the occupant of the building denied having any knowledge of the still being there.

The distillery was made of copper and rubber hose was used.

Teachers Examination August 30-31

The state examination will be given to teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31. A and B groups will be given on Tuesday and C and D groups will be given on Wednesday. The subjects under A group are: Froelund and Davis, B group, spelling, reading, language, and grammar. C group, arithmetic, geography, hygiene and agriculture. D group, North Carolina history, U. S. history and civics.

Those who hold old first grade certificates can renew them by passing on Froelund and Davis. Teachers who are behind on any one of these groups should remember the days for the examination, and come on the day which the group is to be given, which they have failed to pass.

Thomasville Bank Closed

The state bank examiner closed the Bank of Thomasville on the 22nd inst. From data available it appears that neither stockholders nor depositors will suffer loss as assets exceed liabilities by \$200,000. No mismanagement or criminality is charged, the closing being due to depreciation of accounts. Certain prominent financiers of Lexington are considering the advisability of reorganizing the institution.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Mrs. H. S. Edwards and Misses Flossie and Kate Marley went to Greensboro last Thursday.

M. W. Free and daughter, Mrs. W. B. Cox, were visitors in Ramseur last Thursday.

Mrs. P. D. Luther, who has been ill for some time, went to the hospital at High Point recently, where she will undergo an operation.

Mr. B. M. Alfred and family visited relatives in Anson county Sunday.

Mr. George Gray, of near Glenola, was in town Monday with a truck of fine mud-creek watermelons.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Craven and James Buie attended the protracted meeting at Mt. Olivet Sunday.

Dewey Coble and Dewey Denton, of Greensboro, are visiting G. H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tippet, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tippet spent Sunday at Pat Fields' near Linberry.

Mr. B. I. Parham left Sunday evening for Sanford.

The golden links program Sunday night was well rendered and delighted the large crowd present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tippet, of Greensboro, spent Sunday in our town.

Mrs. Mittie Russell, Earl, Carl and Bertha Russell, Mrs. Nannie Leonard and Master Charles, of Greensboro, spent Sunday at the home of J. W. C. Craven.

W. P. Mullican, of Greensboro, spent Sunday at the home of Jennie Brown's.

Mr. and Mrs. Uiliss Ellis, of High Point, spent Sunday with A. V. Marley.

Miss Katie Benner is spending some time with relatives in Chatham county.

Mrs. Fannie Jones, who for the past several months has been working in a cigar factory at Reidsville, is spending a few days with people here.

John Alfred and family of Rockingham, are visiting the family of Peter Alfred, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dickens and family, of Newport News, are visiting Mr. J. W. C. Craven this week.

Mr. G. H. Cox and family spent Saturday and Sunday at J. F. Harding's near Parks Cross Roads.

Henry Alfred and Malpheus Thrift, colored, spent Sunday at Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Nannie Burgess is critically ill and is not expected to recover.

C. C. Cox and family, G. D. Cox and family, E. L. Tippet and family, John Tippet and family and Mrs. G. C. Cox and daughter, of Greensboro, were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. R. D. Garrison has begun the erection of a nice bungalow on his lot on Rose street.

Mrs. W. E. Cox, who has been spending some time with relatives, returned to her home at Rockingham last week accompanied by Mrs. Lizzie Cox.

Mrs. J. L. Phillips and family, of Sanford, visited G. P. Craven last Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Burrow, a son.

Mr. T. C. Henson spent Sunday at Seagrove.

Miss Sarah Parks was hostess to a number of friends at her home on Academy street Friday evening. After enjoying several musical selections and games, a real watermelon feast was held. Miss Parks had as her house guest the past week Miss Margaret Coble, of Greensboro.

A large crowd of our people attended the meeting at Parks Cross Roads Sunday, feasting on good sermon by Rev. Mr. Banks and a good dinner prepared by the fine cooks of the community. Parks Cross Roads never knows a stranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Archer and Mrs. Tom Archer, of Greensboro, were visitors in town Saturday.

Several of our people are attending the county Sunday school convention at Liberty this week.

MORE ASHEBORO BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Last week, we published a list of buildings of various kinds that have been completed in Asheboro during the past two years or are in process of construction now. There are so many that belong in this list that we missed a few unavoidably. Following are some to which our attention has been called this week:

Mr. John K. Wood's residence on Worth Street.

Mr. O. H. Moffitt's residence in South Asheboro.

Mr. J. D. Koss' residence on Worth Street.

The Acme Hosiery Mill, seven cottages in west Asheboro.

Improvements at Memorial Hospital.

Improvements on Mr. J. M. Neely's residence on Sunset Avenue.

Improvements at the Acme Hosiery Mill.

Mr. E. G. Morris' residence on old jail site in East Asheboro.

Through some mistake, we referred to the filling station being erected on the corner of Worth and Fayetteville streets as the Standard Oil Filling Station. The station is being erected by Mr. Henry Ingram and will be operated under the name of the Ingram Filling Station.

Train Jumps Tract

J. P. McCormick, engineer, was killed, and fireman G. P. Showalers, severely injured when their engine jumped the track near Imboden, Virginia, on the Southern Railway, August 21.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

WHAT OUR FIELD CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST DISCUSSED.

The road from Asheboro to Seagrove was the first gravel road built in the county. It was built in 1912 and the building of the road was aided by Leonard Tufts and is still in fine condition, among the best in the state.

Mr. H. S. Edwards, the popular manager of the Franklinville Store Company, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier.

John Earleycorn is said to be dead and buried, but his ghost is walking around in Asheboro.

Mr. J. L. Jordan, who lives on Liberty Route 1, says he could not get along without The Courier and Progressive Farmer. He has a fine farm and has more corn and better corn than he has ever had before.

The Russell Produce Company established last January, have in a comparatively short time built up a large and thriving business. The first month they were in operation their business amounted to about \$3,000 and has grown by leaps and bounds since. They are dealers in country produce, especially in chickens and eggs.

Mr. Aron York's new dwelling is nearing completion. It is a nice building and is on Liberty Route One.

There are 52 weeks in each year and once a week during each of these 52 weeks you can have The Courier, a clean, newsy, local newspaper, for the small sum of two dollars. Can you cite us to a better value than that anywhere?

Mr. J. E. Davis, the clever depot agent at Ramseur, has favored us with a renewal of his subscription to The Courier.

Work will soon be completed on Mr. C. C. Cranford's new residence on South Fayetteville street. Mr. Cranford's new home will when finished be one of the most beautiful, comfortable and costly homes in the County.

If any one does not believe Asheboro is on a

hustle take a look over town and see the many improvements going on in every direction you look. There are a number of new houses in the course of construction and more being planned to be erected. Watch Asheboro grow.

Dr. Neil Sheffield the clever young dentist of Ramseur, is a fine fellow and some of the young ladies say that his bright smiles and affable manner will drive away the toothache.

Mrs. John Stout, one of the county's good women, has been ill for several weeks at her home in Providence township. Her many friends are anxiously hoping that she may regain her health.

There are two things Randolph people should all do regularly. Read their Bible and the home newspaper. If you will do this from now on, we believe you will not have cause to regret it.

Mr. J. A. Martin, the general manager of the Picker Stick Factory at Liberty, has had his subscription to The Courier renewed.

Asheboro is coming to be a great shopping center. Any one who will walk along our streets on Saturday afternoons will find every store and every shop crowded with customers. People come here from quite a distance to do their trading and the merchants enjoy a good prosperity. And Saturday is not the only busy day in the week customers pass in and out their stores in great numbers.

The South's need is not a medical staff to fight pellagra, but an administration and legislative staff to fight the epidemic of political bigotry in Washington.

We heard a man say in Ramseur the other day that things had gone "Yankee Doodle" since the last election.

Mr. J. G. Coward, of Liberty, was among our renewal subscribers last week.

W. C. Covington, manager of the Worthville Store Company, at Worthville, and J. W. Prevost, who is in the mercantile business about two miles north of Asheboro, have rented the Caveness and Moore new store building in Asheboro and will put in a full line of notions and groceries. The firm name will be Covington & Prevost. The man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife, says an exchange. It is a pity some of the Randolph wives never get what is coming to them.

Mr. T. J. Steed, a Randolph boy who has made good in the mercantile business in High Point, and his popular clerk, Mr. Buie, who is also a Randolph boy, both say they could not get along without The Courier.

Mr. Harris Redding, who lives about three miles west of Asheboro, has been in failing health for some time. He is one of the county's industrious citizens and his many friends trust he will soon be enjoying his usual health and strength.

With Asheboro forging ahead we believe it is time that a commercial organization be perfected by the business men for the general welfare of the community. There are many subjects which could be brought before the business men that would be for the better interests of the city, as well as for Randolph county. Other cities have profited by these organizations and there is no reason why

COUNTY LOANS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR ASHEBORO - HIGH POINT ROAD THROUGH RAMBLEMAN.

The Board of commissioners in a meeting continued from the first Monday in the month to last Wednesday levied the following tax:

For School purposes:
Teacher salary funds 40
General county purposes 11
For county roads 25
Court house and jail indebtedness 02
County home indebtedness 02

Total 85

Each and every item above is on the \$100 valuation of real and personal property required to be listed under the Revenue Act of North Carolina.

A tax of \$2.00 was also levied on each case where levied by the machine act, except as where otherwise provided.

Special school taxes were levied as follows:

Name of district \$100 val.	On poll
Walnut Grove .....	.05
Julian .....	.20
St. Shepherd .....	.01
Spero .....	.11
Oakdale .....	.05
Archdale .....	.10
White Hall .....	.15
Charlotte .....	.10
Pleasant Hill .....	.05
Cross Roads .....	.09
Level Cross .....	.08
Trinity (colored) .....	.15
Farmer .....	.25
Franklinville .....	.25
Trinity .....	.30
Ramseur .....	.30
Liberty .....	.30
Redberry .....	.12
Mt. Pleasant .....	.10
Staley .....	.20

Special school tax for Franklinville and Ramseur special tax districts, were made by the Board upon the following recommendations:

We the undersigned being all the members of the board of trustees of Franklinville Graded school district No. 3 petition and ask that the rate of special school tax for this district be 25 cents on the \$100 valuation and 75 cents on each poll. That this rate is required to produce sufficient funds to carry on the school.

HUGH PARKS.
D. S. SUMNER.
M. R. ALLRED.
C. H. JULIAN.
G. H. JONES.

We, the school board of Ramseur Graded school respectfully petition your honorable board to levy a rate of 50c on the \$100 worth of property and \$1.50 on the poll to provide for the interest and a sinking fund for the school building bonds, authorized in an election held in said district on May 10th.

This is done in accordance with a special act provided by the legislature of 1921 which authorized the issuance of said tax.

Board of Trustees of Ramseur Graded school.

I. F. CRAVEN, Secretary.

E. B. LEONARD, Treasurer.

Upon motion of E. C. Blain, it was ordered that Randolph county loan to the state highway commission the sum of \$50,000 without interest, for a time not to exceed four years, for extra cost of building hard surface road from High Point to Asheboro through Rambleman. The Town of Rambleman to pay interest on the amount loaned not to exceed four years.

On petition of the citizens of Providence township the special school tax election which was to be held August 18 has been called off.

Meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting the first Monday in September.

Child Labor Act Unconstitutional
Judge James E. Boyd, in federal court, August 22, held the national Child Labor Law which seeks to collect a tax of ten per cent on profits derived from the products of child labor, as unconstitutional. Judge Boyd rules that the regulation of labor comes properly within the jurisdiction of the state rather than of the federal government.

Asheboro could not.

Dr. A. H. Redding, of Cedar Falls, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Dr. Redding enjoys a lucrative practice and is regarded as an eminent physician in every respect. A most pleasant and congenial person to be acquainted with. Everybody likes Dr. Redding and he likes everybody.

Mrs. Lee Gibson and children spent last week at Bonlee.

Mr. J. A. Stout claims to be the biggest citizen in Ramseur and no one will dispute it. He wants Ramseur to grow as he has grown.

Quite a number of young men are going to teach in Randolph this year. A better day is dawning for the public schools when the young men take an active part in the work. The young ladies make the best kind of teachers, but it is only a question of time until they drop out to take up that high and noble calling—home building. Pay the young men living salaries and they will make the work a life business and there is no reason why

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