

Lawmakers Would Have Tax Revenue Of No-Man's Land

Millions Of Acres In Several Southern States On Tax Books As No-Man's Land

Florida State-Owned

Governor Cone States That Half The Area Of Florida Off Tax Rolls

A press dispatch from Atlanta announces that millions of acres of land in the south are catalogued on the tax books as "no man's land" and have been taken over by the various states because of tax delinquency. Lawmakers are turning their attention toward the problem with an eye to making these tracts again revenue producing sources.

Tax books in half a dozen states showed large holdings of delinquent lands—in one case half the area of a state.

Attention was focused anew on the problem of Governor Fred P. Cone of Florida in addressing legislators recently. He informed them 7,000,000 acres, or half the total area of Florida, are off tax rolls.

Two states have laws enabling location of such land to homesteaders, as suggested for Florida by Governor Cone, thereby returning it to a taxable basis.

Arkansas, under a 1933 statute, permits donation of as much as 60 acres for \$10 to homesteaders. Land Commissioner Otis Page said yesterday a rush to obtain donations indicated a "back to the farm movement" is under way in the state.

Louisiana, holding title to about 500,000 acres, also has a homestead law but has made no use of the provision thus far.

From one to five years is allowed by Southern States for redeeming foreclosed property.

Charges of fraud halted sales of state-owned land in Mississippi. An investigation is in progress, and drastic changes are expected in the law permitting sales. Officials estimate between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 acres are off the Mississippi tax lists.

Attorney General Roy Beeler of Tennessee reported his state "possibly holds title to thousands on thousands of acres" without knowing it. County officials hold tax delinquent sales and buy in property for the state.

In Georgia, officials said few executions have been made because counties have been required to pay taxes to the state after taking over the property. The law was amended this year to make such payments unnecessary until the property is sold or redeemed.

Owners in Alabama have until 1939 to redeem property now delinquent under an act approved last year. The legislature also passed a law exempting homesteads occupied by owners up to \$2,000 valuation from the state 6-1-2 mill levy.

Florida also has exempted homesteads up to \$5,000 assessed valuation and officials regard the problem of returning tax delinquent land to a revenue producing status as a major one for the legislature. The homestead exemption law removed \$60,000,000 of taxable property from Florida rolls.

Lake Junaluska Program Prepared

The Methodist assembly at Lake Junaluska will have an increased program of activities during the coming season, June 27 to August 31, according to Prof. J. M. Ormond, of Duke university, who has just been named program manager by the assembly trustees.

Professor Ormond, who has served as dean of the North Carolina Pastors' school and the Rural church institute, states that an enlarged program of recreation, music, dramatics, and other activities will be carried out this year. The assembly program this year will feature missions, educational evangelism, and social service.

One of the south's beauty spots, Lake Junaluska annually attracts thousands of visitors, not only those in attendance at the various conferences but vacationists and summer tourists.

Dr. Weston Makes Milk Inspection

Dr. B. M. Weston, milk inspector, having completed his semi-annual check-up, reports that the following dairies are now selling Grade A milk in Asheboro: Asheboro Dairy, Breeze Hill Dairy, East Side Dairy, Garland Lake Dairy, and Maple Grove Dairy. There has been a growing demand for Grade A milk for some time, which has led Asheboro dairymen to make every effort to keep their products up to standard.

3000 WORKERS, 1000 CLOCKS IN INTERIOR BUILDING



Built to house all the scattered department units under one roof, the new interior building, above, in Washington, was planned strictly along utilitarian lines, minus frills. It has a wide center wing two blocks long, six block-long wings on each side and will accommodate 3000 workers. It has 1000 clocks, escalators between the first, second and third floors, a 400,000-volume library, auditorium, cafeteria, conference rooms, basement garage and a broadcasting studio. The cost was \$13,000,000.

Complete Ticket Filed For City School Board Posts

Holiday April 23 For Local School

In Observance Of 100th Anniversary Of Public Schools System In State

To See Pageant

Magnificent Pageant In Durham Will Mark The Occasion; 3500 In Cast

On April 23 the schools of Asheboro will have a full holiday in observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the public school system in North Carolina.

Superintendent Reginald Turner announced Monday. It was decided to take a holiday on this day in order that teachers and students might have an opportunity to go to Durham to attend the great centennial pageant to be presented in Duke Stadium that day.

More than 3500 people will be in the cast of this pageant, entitled "A Century of Culture", which promises to be the most spectacular outdoor presentation ever staged in North Carolina. There will be musical programs by a 70 piece symphony orchestra, a massed band of 1200 high school musicians, a chorus of 500 white children, and a chorus of 500 colored children.

The pageant will be the highlight of the annual convention of the North Carolina Educational Association, which meets in Durham April 22-24. Practically all the local teachers will go to the pageant, and Superintendent Turner hopes that a number of children and parents will be able to be present. Although none of the county schools is planning a full holiday, said County Superintendent T. Fletcher Bulla, several will stop work at noon on April 23 so that teachers may attend the convention.

The company of professional actors who are presenting the pageant have practiced for several weeks to perfect their performance and are now entering the final two weeks of rehearsals with everything shaping up for a truly magnificent presentation. Because sponsors of the pageant were unable to secure an appropriation of public funds with which to get it up, there will be a nominal admission charge.

More than 10,000 spiders, all obtained in Connecticut, were added to Connecticut's agricultural experiment station collection in 1936.

Asheboro Rotarians Plan To Attend District Conference

A large number of members of the Asheboro Rotary Club and wives are expected to attend the 57th District Rotary Conference which will convene at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, Sunday and Monday, May 9-10. The Sanford club will be host upon this occasion.

The Sunday meeting will be in the form of a vespers service in the dining room of the Carolina, at which time the Rev. Sylvester Greene, president of Coker college, will be the speaker.

Hon. Abit Nix, an attorney of Athens, Georgia, has been appointed as the official representative of Rotary International. Mr. Nix was

Complete Ticket Filed For City School Board Posts

Citizens Will Vote For City And School Officers On Tuesday, May 4th

H. N. Moore and S. B. Stedman filed their candidacies for positions on the Asheboro city school board with the town clerk, Amos Winingham, Monday. This makes a complete ticket for all of the city offices which are to be voted upon by the townspeople this year.

The primary, if necessary, will be held April 26, with the local election set for May 4. With matters standing as they do at present, however, there will be no need for a primary and the general election will be but a formality, since there is now only one candidate for each office. The final date for filing candidacies is Friday, April 16.

The two most recent candidates for the school board, Mr. Stedman and Mr. Moore, if elected, would fill the places held by J. M. Caviness and E. H. Morris, whose terms expire this year. The third board member whose term is out this year, C. W. McCrary, who was appointed to the board upon the resignation of J. O. Redding, filed his candidacy Saturday to succeed himself.

Former Resident Of County Dies

Mrs. Ellen Fuller Welborn, 81, died Sunday in a Greensboro Sanitarium after an illness of four years. She was born in Randolph county, a daughter of Col Hezekiah and Jane Kearns Fuller, and taught in the county schools until her marriage to the late Rufus Welborn.

Funeral service was held Monday afternoon at the Hanes Funeral Home, Greensboro, the officiating ministers being Rev. W. A. Stanbury, D. D., pastor of West Market Street Methodist church, and Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., president emeritus of Greensboro college. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Life Long Chapel Resident Is Dead

Phelix L. York, 72, a life long resident of the Gray's Chapel community, died Sunday night at his home on Pleasant Garden route one. Mr. York had been in declining health for a long time and had been seriously ill for three months.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Martha Swift. Funeral service was held this morning at Gray's Chapel Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, and Rev. W. F. Aaburn. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robert Coltrane Funeral Is Held

Robert Lee Coltrane, 74, well known farmer of Randleman route one died Sunday night at his home after a brief illness. Mr. Coltrane was a life long resident of Randolph county and a member of one of the county's oldest families.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, J. W. Coltrane and W. N. Coltrane of Sophia; a daughter, Miss Flarra B. Coltrane of Randleman route one; and a brother, Harris Coltrane of Idaho.

The funeral was held this afternoon at Old Union Methodist church, with interment in the cemetery there.

Randolph County Project Is Asked

Water And Sewer Project In Archdale-Trinity District Recommended

Cost \$173,000

Part Of Long Range Program For Improvement Of Our Water Resources

An \$173,000 water and sewerage project in the Archdale and Trinity drainage districts of Randolph county was among a dozen such jobs recommended to the president by the National Resources committee for immediate action in a report made Monday. This is part of a long-range water resources program which will combat pollution and floods as well as provide for the development of natural resources.

Water supply and sewer systems, treatment of municipal and industrial wastes, abatement of soil erosion and malaria control were among the projects recommended for North Carolina.

The report said long-range plans also include provisions for navigation, flood control, power production, recreation and wildlife conservation. Navigation facilities, the report said, were ample for present needs and flood control was not a pressing question "for the paradoxical reason that floods are so frequent . . . as to discourage land development in the affected areas."

Estimated costs of projects for North Carolina were: Tarboro, \$245,000; Raleigh, \$790,000; Wilson, \$998,000; Archdale and Trinity drainage district, \$173,000; Morehead City, \$231,000; Durham, \$350,000; Albemarle, \$280,000; Tabor City, \$104,000; Pilot Mountain, \$127,000; Landis, \$176,000; Morganton, \$120,000; Lenoir, \$251,000; Hickory, \$216,000; Charlotte, \$1,000,000.

Short Work Week Not For Leaders

The coming of the shortened business week has not lessened the necessity for working extra hours for the boy or girl who would be successful, according to F. E. Searle, superintendent of the Henry Ford Trade School in Dearborn, Mich. Addressing about 500 young persons at the second annual career conference at Rockefeller Center in New York, he advised them to follow the example of business leaders who do not know what a 40-hour week means.

The earnest, energetic man who is willing to pay the penalty of extra work can always find a position, Mr. Searle declared, adding that industry was looking for skilled help and that individuality, imagination and skill were far more significant than "breaks."

Clary Weston, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Weston, is the winner of today's Courier News Tip Contest and receives two tickets to see Miriam Hopkins in "Men Are Not Gods" either Wednesday or Thursday at the Carolina. Clary accompanied his father on his inspection rounds of the Asheboro dairies, this week, and discovered a cow with a clear letter "A" outlined in the regular markings on the animal's body. He immediately reported the find to The Courier and the story was so unusual that the judges awarded the prize to him.

Clary Weston Is News Tip Winner

The next period starts Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock and ends at 1:30 Thursday afternoon and the winner will get two tickets to see Vinton Haworth in "China Passage" at the Capitol theatre Saturday.

Washington Now Turns Attention To Economy Plan

Senator Robinson States Spending Must Stop Or New Revenue Sources Necessary

Borah Also Warns

Doughton Of North Carolina Is Consulted As To His Committee's Plans

Senator Robinson, Democrat of Arkansas, made it quite plain to congress on Monday that it is high time to call a halt on spending, or seek new sources of revenue with which to meet appropriations.

The Democratic leader, urging that "careful consideration" be given to a proposal for \$1,000,000, 000 five-year federal subsidy for education, warned colleagues of the danger of an "enormous increased deficit."

A similar warning from Senator Borah (R-Ida.) drew from Chairman Harrison (D-Miss.) of the senate finance committee the "personal" prediction that no new taxes were likely at this session.

Almost simultaneously Chairman Doughton (D-NC) said the House ways and means committee probably would defer until next session any revision of the new tax on undistributed corporation profits.

Expressing belief "it will have to be changed some time," Doughton said the Treasury should have time to study effects of the 1936 levy and report to congress at the next session.

The committee, Doughton said, probably will take up soon extension of the so-called nuisance taxes. He predicted no major changes would be made. The administration is counting on the tobacco, gasoline and other taxes to produce nearly \$500,000,000 the next fiscal year, he explained.

Senator Robinson, without definitely opposing the Harrison-Black education subsidy bill, told the senate "we have about exhausted the sources of taxation to which congress is willing and able to resort."

"Manifestly, we can not go on extending federal activities into new spheres of action, and increasing our expenditures, without making some provision for meeting those expenditures," he continued. "As every Senator knows, the deficit already is large."

Appropriations to finance the education bill, he said, would make imperative increased taxation and probably a search for new sources of revenue.

Newberry Singers Stop Here Monday

The Old Hickory Cafe and its regular patrons were overwhelmed at the height of the moon meal time Monday by a surprise attack by a band of Newberry College "Indians." After the South Carolina collegians had their hunger appeased, however, their ferocity disappeared and Asheboro citizens, coming timidly out of hiding, discovered that their mission was really peaceful.

They were the Newberry College Singers, on a two weeks' tour during which they are giving concerts in several North Carolina, Virginia, and northern cities. The 52 boys and girls are traveling in two buses and are having a grand time in the process. Paul Ensrud is the director of the singers and T. E. Epting is the treasurer.

The Singers opened their series of concerts in Gastonia Sunday night, sang in Raleigh Monday night, and are to sing in Roanoke, Virginia, tonight. From there they go to Baltimore, Allentown, Pa., North Plainfield, N. J., and New York City. On their return trip they will sing in Haddonfield, N. J., Harrisburg, Pa., Shepherdstown, W. Va., Staunton, Va., and Rural Retreat, Va.

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Flower-Framed U. S. Capitol

Rare as the proverbial day in June is the springtime beauty of the nation's Capitol shimmering in the moonlight and framed by the fairy-like tracery of blossom-laden branches of the Japanese cherry trees. The sight pictured above draws thousands to Washington, D. C., each year.

Supreme Court Declares Wagner Labor Act To Be Entirely Constitutional

Wagner Labor Act Important Base

Act Guarantees Right Of Organization To Workers; Collective Bargaining

Five Essentials Compose The Act

This Act Leaves Question Of Reorganizing Court More Involved Than Ever

The Wagner Labor Act, considered by many to be vital element in the New Deal labor program, was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court Monday, leaving the question of reorganizing the court still more involved than ever. Five cases came up, in all of which the court ruled in favor of the Wagner Act, one unanimously and four by a 5-4 margin.

The Wagner act, the legislation involved in the decisions, guarantees the right of organization to workers and forbids employers to interfere with or coerce employees in the exercise of that right. It undertakes to compel employers, to bargain with representatives of their workers.

The essentials of the act are contained in the following statement:

"Employees shall have the right to self organization, to form, join or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activity, for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection."

The act also states that it shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer:

To interfere with, restrain or coerce employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in the declaration of policy.

To dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any labor organization or contribute financial or other support to it.

By discrimination in regard to hire or tenure of employment of any term or condition of employment to encourage or discourage membership in any labor organization.

To discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employe because he has filed charges or given testimony under the act.

To refuse to bargain collectively with the representative of his employe.

The act also sets up a labor relations board of three members to enforce the act's provisions and to conduct elections among employes when a dispute arises as to which of two or more labor organizations represent a majority of the employes for collective bargaining. It provides that the majority unit shall speak for all employes in collective bargaining.

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Prince Gives Up Purple For Wife



Because he demanded high social status for his wife, Mme. Jana Lucia Delet, left, Prince Nicholas of Rumania, right, was stripped of his royal status and faced deportation. He had demanded that his lovely dimpled commoner wife and his son, 4, be recognized as members of the royal family.

Franklinville Has Building Program

Roy Davis Building New Home; Other Improvements Now In Progress

Tom Thumb Wedding

W. R. Cox Buys Pine Timber, Plans To Commence Saw Milling Shortly

Franklinville, April 12.—Roy Davis has bought a lot from W. A. Grimes on Highway 20, opposite Miss Maggie York's residence and is preparing to build a nice home. This is a beautiful location and other lots are available as Mr. Grimes is offering for sale, lots facing the highway running north.

The Tom Thumb Wedding at the school auditorium Friday night sponsored by the P. T. A. was a unique attraction and was enjoyed by a large crowd. The stage was decorated and the children in attractive costume for the event. Tom Thumb (Charles Pugh) and Miss Vera Pugh were united in marriage by an impressive ceremony, Billy Frazier, Esq. officiating.

W. R. Cox has bought the pine timber on W. A. Grimes' farm and expects to place a saw mill in a few weeks for the purpose of sawing this timber.

Mrs. J. C. Hayes spent the weekend with her parents in Asheboro. W. W. Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson, Worth Coward, Fred Wilson, Mrs. J. A. Wallace, Miss Katherine Buie, Miss Mattie Buie, Miss Elizabeth Wallace, Mrs. C. F. Caviness and Mrs. Jennie Jones were visitors in Greensboro Saturday.

P. H. Mitchell and family, Mrs. J. R. Groce and Miss Glennie Groce

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Major 5 And 10 Chains Of State Reach Agreement

Solution Of Problem Is To Substitute Tokens For Ten-Cent Sales Tax

To Apply May 1st

Commissioner Maxwell Expects Other Chain Stores To Join In The Plan

An agreement reached Monday by major five and ten chains in North Carolina is seen as the answer to one of the greatest objections to the sales tax, the inequality of paying a cent on the number of dime purchases so that the tax actually amounts up to more than the legal three per cent. The solution is the use of a sales tax token, which received official approval from Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell Monday.

It will apply May 1 in stores such as Kress, Rose, Woolworth, Green, McCoy, Scott-Burr and others whenever the customer pays more than a three per cent tax on his purchase.

D. E. Henderson, Charlotte attorney, representing the stores, submitted to Commissioner Maxwell a printed slip similar to the ones that will be used. At the bottom, it has figures that may be marked or punched out to indicate the amount of the sale. On the card are two "tens" and three "fives."

A customer, for example, will pay one cent on a ten-cent purchase. He will be given the slip—with one "ten" marked out. He then may purchase other articles, but all in the same store, and no tax will be collected until the memorandum has been "punched out." No tax is collected on a five-cent purchase.

The stores originally planned to make the memorandum invalid after the customer left the store—that is, if he failed to make enough purchases to use up the memorandums—but that feature was omitted. The memorandum will also be given to purchasers who pay two cents tax on a purchase that does not equal 66 2-3 cents. The stores will figure the 66 2-3 cents as 65 cents, and give out the memorandums accordingly.

Maxwell said that other chain stores were expected to join the plan and that it was "likely" that other merchants would be encouraged to adopt similar plans. He said it would mean they would collect slightly less tax because the collection would be more exact. "The plan is the solution to one of the greatest objections to the sales tax," he said. Maxwell said, however, he probably would not issue a general ruling on the use of tokens, to apply to all stores.

Former Merchant Of County Dies

John Watson Petty, 75, who was for many years in business in Randolph county, died Saturday in Morganton, where he had made his home for several years.

Mr. Petty, who was a son of the late David M. and Mary Ricks Petty, was educated at old Trinity college, Guilford college and Moses Brown's school, the last named located in Providence, R. I. For some years he was a member of the mercantile firm known as W. C. Petty company, of Archdale.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary T. Petty, of Greensboro; two daughters, Mrs. Waldo Porter and Mrs. Martha T. Hannah, of Greensboro; a son, David M. Petty, of Bethlehem, Pa., and five grandchildren, Waldo Porter, Jr., Hunt Hannah, Jr., and Mary T. Hannah, of Greensboro, and David M. Petty, Jr., and John S. Petty, of Bethlehem, Pa.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday at Springfield Friends church by the pastor, Rev. Clara I. Cox, and Rev. George G. Higgins of Greensboro. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Doctors Discuss Spinal Diseases

A large attendance was present at the Randolph Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the hospital Monday. A considerable amount of general business and correspondence was taken care of, after which the society turned to its program.

The subject of the meeting was "The Spine," about various phases of which the members have been presenting papers during the winter meetings. Dr. Dempsey Barnes read a paper on medical diseases of the spine, which provided food for thought and provoked a lengthy discussion of the points he brought out. Because of the press of time a paper by Dr. R. P. Sykes on surgical diseases of the spine was postponed.