

Tax Investigators Are In Randolph This Week For Thorough Survey

Delinquent Tax Is Their Problem

Come To Randolph From Guilford County Where They Had Busy Session

Brooks Parham Is Head Of Workers

Stresses Importance Of Keeping Accurate Records—Prompt Reporting

In Asheboro this week, working out in all sections of the county, are Brooks Parham, special investigator for the tax department of the state of North Carolina, and five men whose duties deal with tax collecting in the state. The party comes to Randolph from Guilford county where they have spent several weeks checking the delinquent tax situation there, making collections and adjustments.

The duties of these men include a thorough check of all delinquent taxes due the state, including inheritance, sales tax, schedule B privilege tax and similar sources. Their work touches not only the biggest merchants, and other business folk, including professional men, but they touch the smallest filling station at the cross-roads. Going off the beaten path, these men make contact with the smallest business man and woman who live and do business in the state.

Mr. Parham points out carefully that their is not the job, as in the olden days of the despised tax-collector, to go about oppressing people, seizing their property and lands, but to deal fairly with fair people. It is often their duty to make adjustments in cases of taxation and to hear both sides of the picture. Any taxpayer has a voice and if not satisfied with the decision of the local group, may seek recourse with the head of the tax department, A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh.

Mr. Parham stresses the fact that it is important for business folk to keep accurate records of their business. A complete record of the amount of sales is required, with deductables with sales tax payable between the first and fifteenth of each month. It would save merchants and professional men further penalties if they would report promptly. It is not penalties that these men are interested in, but they are anxious that all be put on an equal basis. Mr. Parham called attention to the fact that the Governor in a radio address recently deplored the delinquency of North Carolinians in the payment of the sales tax. Mr. Parham and his party will remain in Asheboro for a few days and are anxious to clear up matters of taxation as speedily as possible. There is a goodly sum to be collected in Randolph, according to Mr. Parham.

Burns Are Fatal To Liberty Child

James Walter Staley, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Staley of Liberty, star route, died in a Greensboro hospital Wednesday morning of burns sustained Monday morning. The clothing of the child caught on fire when he was playing near a brush fire which had been set at the home.

The child is survived by his parents, seven sisters, Mrs. Paul Cawson, of Liberty, Mrs. Grady Smith, near Liberty, Edna Staley, Central Falls, Martha May, Lucy Dale, Cleo Virginia, and Florence, of the home, and two brothers, J. W., and B. D., of the home.

Checks On Parole Cases In County

Ray Farris, from the office of Edwin Gill, commissioner of paroles, was in Asheboro Tuesday going over parole cases with Robert Lloyd, county welfare officer. Mr. Farris found that Randolph county paroles had conformed to the law very well, stating that they were brought to court less frequently than in the majority of counties and that fewer paroles were revoked for Randolph county cases than for any other county.

On Wednesday C. W. Wilson, of Winston-Salem, district director of commodity distribution, consulted Mr. Lloyd in regard to surplus commodities possessed by the county welfare department. Mr. Lloyd said that at this time the county had no surpluses.

Hollywood Sees 23-Carat Jewel



A humble bun sandwich and a famous 23-carat diamond ring made company in the hands of Mrs. Woff Barnato, above, as she lunched in Hollywood with friends she knew before she married the son of the late Barnet Barnato, called the world's diamond king. As Jackie Quale, San Francisco society girl, she was wooed and won in 1932 by a barrage of radiograms from young Barnato, then on a world cruise.

U. S. Purchases To Exceed 1937 Sales

Department Of Commerce Predict That Foreign Purchases Will Exceed Sales

Experts Predicting Say Too Early To Determine Whether Tradition Export Balance Wiped Out

For the first time in almost half a century, the Department of Commerce reports indicate that the nation's purchases abroad may exceed sales during 1937. Officials predicted, however, that aggregate two-way trade will increase about \$750,000,000 over last year, pushing merchandise transactions with other countries up 15 per cent over last year but still leaving the total 19 per cent under 1930 and 41 per cent under 1929.

For the first two months of this year, imports have exceeded exports by \$63,826,000. In the same period last year, traders chalked up a slight excess of exports.

Officials said it is too early to determine whether the country's traditional export balance will be wiped out this year, but added this was a possibility. During 1936, the excess of sales over purchases dropped to the lowest point since 1893, exports topping imports by only \$34,258,000. This compared with \$236,389,000 in 1935.

Analyzing 1936 foreign trade, a department report said the export balance was whittled by increasing purchasing power in the United States, the drought and higher prices of foreign goods.

The survey said "would be exceedingly difficult" to determine what effect the reciprocal trade agreements had on the export balance. It added, however, that this probably was small compared with other factors.

Exports to all countries rose 3 per cent during the year, while shipments to countries with which trade agreements had been reached rose 14 per cent. All imports rose 18 per cent and imports from trade agreement countries climbed 22 per cent.

Two-way trade with Latin-American countries generally was shown to have climbed more rapidly than the country's world trade.

At \$972,576,000, total imports and exports for the first two months of 1937 were \$211,733,000 over the same period last year.

Rotary Directors Meet

The directors of the Rotary Club met Tuesday evening in a brief business session in which only routine matters came up for consideration.

Eastern Carolina May Lose Only RR Under Order I.C.C.

Beaufort Residents Must Put Up Cash And Assume Responsibility For Bridge

R.R. Only Link

Loss Of Railroad Will Cut Off Their Only Communication With Outside World

The citizens of eastern Carolina are quite alarmed and upset by the recent order of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the effect that the residents of Beaufort must put up \$3,000 cash and assume responsibility for the expensive bridges constituting most of the 3.17 miles of railroad linking their town with Morehead City and the outside world, or lose the railroad.

The order of the commission turns a victory obtained in an earlier report by an examiner into utter defeat. The examiner had recommended that the Norfolk Southern, which had built the extension while operating the State-controlled Atlantic and North Carolina line from Morehead City to Goldsboro, be allowed to abandon the road only on condition that it turn it over to the A. and N. C., which he recommended be required to operate the extension as a condition for the issuance of a certificate for the operation of its own line.

Both the railroads appealed, anxious to avoid liability for the expensive bridges over the inland waterway, replacement of which in a manner satisfactory to the War Department, having supervisory over navigable waters, would entail an estimated expenditure of \$200,000.

The commission found with the A. and N. C., that it needs no certificate, eliminating it from the picture. It also found that operation of the now isolated short line would be too great a hardship on the Norfolk Southern.

However, both roads had offered concessions and the commission indicated it will force both of them to make good if a local company is formed.

Under North Carolina laws, such a company would have to have a capital of \$15,000.

The Norfolk Southern agreed to take \$12,000 in stock in the new company for the line, which has a scrap value of \$20,000 thus limiting to \$3,000 the cash which must be raised.

Furthermore, the A. and N. C., had offered to divide equally the revenue from the short line and operate at out-of-pocket cost. The order will not become effective for 90 days, giving Beaufort citizens time to decide what they want to do and raise the necessary money.

W. J. Armfield, III News Tip Winner

The news tip this time goes to W. J. Armfield, III, who reported the sudden illness of Hal Hill, well known colored man of the town. Hill was working with the street repair force at the time he was taken ill on Wednesday morning. The tickets for Mr. Armfield entitle him to see Vinton Hayworth in China Passage at the Capitol Saturday.

The next period for news tips will begin immediately and will carry two tickets for Seventh Heaven, starring Simone Simon at the Sunset Theatre on Monday or Tuesday.

Tickets On Sale Merchant's Meet

Tickets for the Merchants Association banquet which will be held in the Methodist Protestant church April 23 will go on sale immediately, said Tagg Cox, secretary of the association Wednesday, urging all members to be present.

The meeting will take the form of a Charter Night, since the formal reception of the local group's charter from W. L. Dowell, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will be the highlight of the evening. A number of out-of-town guests have been invited to attend, and there will be short talks by one or two of these visitors.

One of the chief purposes of the banquet, said Mr. Cox, is to get all the members together where they can ask all the questions they want to about the organization and work of the association. Many business men have joined because of the benefits of membership but without understanding at all the workings of the association. It is hoped that in such an open discussion all doubtful points may be cleared up and all problems receive attention. The directors of the association are serving as the banquet and ticket sales committees.

Wedding Shower Pose For Co-ed?



When Eloise Martin left her show in Chicago and Bus Bergman vanished simultaneously, it was reported that the Drake University "shower bath girl" and the school's football star had eloped. Miss Martin won her title, considerable notoriety and a stage contract by posing for intimate "co-ed" pictures for a magazine. One of the pictures showing her in a shower bath brought a protest from Miss Martin.

Officers Named Franklinton PTA

Mrs. W. A. Martin Heads Local P. T. A. Succeeds Mrs. J. T. Buie

Mission Group Meets

Legion Ball Team To Sponsor Amateur Hour At School Saturday Evening

Franklinton, April 15.—The P. T. A. held the last meeting for this school year at the community theatre Tuesday evening with Mrs. J. T. Buie, president, in the chair. Reports were made by the different committees. The attendance banners were won by grades 1, 7 and 9. Prof. J. H. Mitchell, in a short complimentary address, presented Mrs. J. T. Buie, the outgoing president with a medal, given by the P. T. A. for her loyalty and efficient work as president for the past two years. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. W. A. Martin, president; Mrs. W. L. Grimsley, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, secretary and W. P. Rodgers, treasurer. After the election of officers, the crowd enjoyed moving pictures on child welfare.

Robert Burke of High Point is a visitor here this week.

Mrs. J. L. Jones and Mrs. R. D. Garrison entertained the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church Saturday night at the home of the former with 17 members and 1 visitor present. Mrs. Lucy Davidson had charge of the program in the absence of the program chairman. Home Evangelism was discussed by Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. C. C. Brady and Mrs. D. M. Weatherly. Mrs. H. B. Buie, the president.

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Airport Markers Will Soon Appear On Local Buildings

The works progress administration Tuesday began work in Greensboro putting standard marking devices on a number of buildings as part of the air marking project for the Greensboro-High Point airport, and it is expected that similar markers will be painted on several Asheboro buildings soon.

Asheboro was one of a number of towns in the vicinity of the airport which were selected last summer for the markers pointing out to planes the direction of the field. The markers were to be painted on the McCrary building, the National Chair Company factory, and probably one other large building. Seagrave and Ransour were other Randolph county towns where it was planned to put the markers.

Reports From Big Business Reveal Progress Over '36

Stockholders' Reports Show Advance In Many Important Industries

Meet In New York

Orders Booked In First Quarter Shows 75 Per Cent Gain Over Last Year

Annual meetings of outstanding units in steel, electrical, building, textile and other industries held in New York recently aroused hopes of dividends by shareholders as their reports of profit and business gains have been recorded.

Executives confronted stockholders after business generally had emerged from the winter months on the highest point of the recovery road.

Clarence M. Woolley, chairman of American Radiator & Standard Sanitary corporation, a leading manufacturer of building supplies, forecast the concern's sales this year would top the 1936 total by at least 25 per cent. The increase in the first three months, he said, had exceeded expectations.

Record orders in the first three months were reported by Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, to shareholders in a meeting at East Pittsburgh, Pa., and in a statement given out here. Unfilled orders at the end of March, at \$73,735,326, were described as the largest since 1923.

Orders booked in the first quarter amounted to \$74,242,581, against \$42,515,469 in the comparable period last year, a gain of 75 per cent.

With the steel industry turning out metal at a record pace, Tom Girdler, chairman of the Republic Steel corporation, third largest unit of the industry, informed shareholders in a meeting at Jersey City that the company made more money in the first quarter than in all of 1935 and should do "pretty well for the rest of the year."

Fayetteville Street To Be Cleaned Up

The general committee of the clean-up organization backed by the Chamber of Commerce inspected several sites on North Fayetteville Tuesday which had been the subject of a number of complaints and reported that the owners had been very cooperative in arranging for an improvements in their appearance.

The committee, composed of C. C. Cranford, chairman, C. W. McCrary, and C. G. Bossong, visited many of the property owners along N. Fayetteville street Tuesday and others are being contacted by letter. Having met with such a fine civic spirit in this section of town, the committee is continuing with its survey of other spots that need a clean-up.

All committees in the movement will meet Thursday evening to report progress to date and make plans for further work.

Many People Come To Friendly Hour

The program of "The Friendly Hour," which was broadcast from the court house Sunday afternoon, proved so popular that the sponsors are considering putting it on here again. With Rev. T. R. York in charge, a fine song service, with several well known quartets featured, was enjoyed by a large crowd.

The court room and balcony were filled, and a large number of people congregated in the halls and on the lawn to listen to the program by the loud speaker system which had been installed for the occasion. "The Friendly Hour" is broadcast each Sunday afternoon over radio station WMFR.

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North Carolinians Differing On Present Position Supreme Court Since Their Most Recent Action

JUBILANT AFTER COURT VICTORY



United States Senator Robert Wagner appeared highly gratified, when he was pictured in his Washington, D. C., offices, April 12th. He had previously been informed that the Supreme Court had declared his labor relations act constitutional, in five separate decisions affecting such lines of endeavor as the press, the steel industry and the transportation field.

Appointment Of Two State Boards Will Be Made Shortly

Hoey Plans To Announce Highway Commission And Liquor Board Heads

According to reports from Raleigh, it is the plan of Governor Hoey to make and announce his appointments for two important state boards. Hearing delegations and listening to their recommendations of candidates has consumed a great deal of the governor's time for the past several weeks. The head and ten commissioners for the highway and public works commission and an entire liquor board will be named by the governor. It is his intention to name the liquor board before the first local option election in Durham county which will be held on April 27th. He also expects to name the highway head and board at the same time if possible.

Reports from Raleigh now indicate that the governor plans to make a change in the highway head. Capus Wayne, who has been at the head of the highway and public works commission since E. B. Jeffress' illness, has not said by word or deed that he would not hold on to the job, if allowed. George Coan, present administrator of WPA funds in the state, who hails from Winston-Salem, now appears the most likely man for the place. This, despite the fact that the reports flew about that Mr. Coan had withdrawn. It is understood that Governor Hoey looks upon Mr. Coan with some favor, although he remains silent on the subject.

Besieged by delegations recently, a delegation from Rowan and Iredell counties asked the Governor to see that both counties are placed in the same highway district, along with Stanly, Cabarrus, Davie,

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One Unconscious After Collision

A young man identified as Glenn Snyder, son of Brantley Snyder, of Asheboro route three, but still unconscious is in the Randolph hospital suffering with head injuries received in an automobile accident six miles out Highway 32 about 2 o'clock this afternoon. A car driven by Snyder collided with one driven by Alton Kearns, son of Harris Kearns of Farmer and proprietor of the Kearns Hatchery in Asheboro. The cause of the accident is not known but the pouring rain is believed to have caused one of the cars to skid. One of the cars ended up about 100 yards out in the field alongside the road, the other in the ditch. Kearns was not hurt beyond receiving a few bruises and scratches.

Senator Bailey And Others Differ

Four North Carolina Members Of House Take Opposite View Of Recent Ruling

Most Congressmen Think Vast Change

Weaver, Doughton And Others Express Their Opinions Without Hesitation

Commenting on the Supreme Court's decision upholding the constitutionality of the Wagner Labor Act, Senator Josia Bailey said Tuesday that there was no essential difference in the position of the court, but that the different decision was the result of better drafting of the legislation. Four North Carolina members of the house looked at the matter from an opposite point of view.

Representatives Clark, Doughton, Kerr and Weaver all saw in the decisions a considerable change in the viewpoint of the court, an opinion generally shared in congress, although there was some support of the Bailey viewpoint.

Senator Bailey's statement follows:

"Some day—not so far off—it will occur to many of the American people that the difficulty with much of recent legislation has not been that the Supreme Court was opposed, but it was so carelessly drawn that no court could hold it constitutional. This is particularly true of the NRA act and the Guffey coal act. Three other acts were so obviously bad that the President asked for their repeal. If the congress should be permitted to draw its legislative bills or even to amend bills drawn by bright young men in the bureau who have had no legislative experience—and no great degree of practice as lawyers—the difficulties with the Supreme Court would be eliminated. "The Wagner labor relations act was well drawn. . . . The opinion—consistently with the rule of the court—was restricted to the question presented.

Representative Zebulon Weaver, a member of the house judiciary committee, said:

"I was, of course, highly gratified. I have never had any quarrel with the Supreme Court's decisions on fundamental points of law. I mean by that its interpretation of common law and principles of equity constituting English and American jurisprudence under which we have lived for 1,000 years.

"In these matters it has been a great court. But, as an illustration, when the constitution rests on congress the power to and duty to regulate commerce between the states, the congress has as much and more power to say what is interstate commerce than has the Supreme Court.

The statements of the other representatives were of the same tenor, calling the decision broad and liberal, and praising the court's interpretation.

Asheboro Teachers Choose Delegates

The Asheboro unit of the North Carolina Education Association, composed of teachers in the city schools, met Monday and elected delegates to the state meeting of the organization, which will be held in Durham April 22-24. Those selected were Miss Clara E. Gill, Miss Donna Lee Lofin, Miss Ruth Wicker, and Mrs. E. S. McLeod. Miss Ruth Tucker was elected an alternate.

The big event of the meeting will be the pageant on Friday evening commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of public schools in North Carolina. The Asheboro teachers, as a whole, expect to go to Durham for this part of the program.

H. A. Macon Dies, Bennett Resident

H. A. Macon, 53, of Bennett star route, died Wednesday morning in the local hospital of pneumonia after ten days' illness. Funeral service was conducted this afternoon from Holly Springs Friends church by Rev. D. P. Moffitt and Rev. G. W. Talley. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Macon is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. G. Lowdermilk of Greensboro; and two brothers, J. P. Macon and W. O. Macon, both of Bennett star route.