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Sales Tax Pays the Bills.

The sales tax which largely lifted the advalorem from land, paid the school teachers, and saved the credit of the State of North Carolina, seems to be operating beneficially in other quarters, too.

The following dispatch is noted from Chicago, dated August 2:

"First year operation of the 2 per cent. sales tax in Illinois brought into the general revenue fund \$36,632,933.20—and saved the State from threatened bankruptcy—according to figures just released.

Knowlton L. Ames, Jr., director of the Illinois State finance department, says:

"Had it not been for the revenue produced by the sales tax the credit of Illinois would have been destroyed."

Those who are fighting the sales tax in North Carolina and who are anticipating an organized movement for its repeal in the next legislature, have not yet furnished the public with a substitute. The public is anxious to see it.

The question of taxation is one which has always engaged the closest study of the best minds, and no antidote for the annoyance and the expense of taxes has ever been found, or ever will be.

We have the finest road system in America, and school houses and educational equipment second to no State in the union. These things cost many millions of dollars and were paid for by I. O. U.s now falling due. The fact that payday hit us at a time when income was below outgo, made it hard for us and necessitated heroic treatment.

The brainiest man in the State wrestled with the problem in the legislature for many long months, but never found any reasonable, sensible remedy except a general sales tax.

The sales tax must stand until it pays the bills, otherwise we shall witness a weakening of confidence in the integrity of our financial structure that will mean serious things for the State's business and progress.

To Him That Hath.

The Federal Housing Administration is the latest agency established at Washington to furnish cash to bring us back to normalcy.

In a letter, Mr. Ward M. Canaday, Director of Public Relations, advises that "today any property owner in the nation can go to an approved financial institution and ask for credit from \$100 to \$2,000 for housing improvements."

But it has been so all the time—even during the peak of the depression—that you could do this thing: Go and ask for money to build or improve your home, or for any other purpose.

But getting it was entirely a different proposition.

But we are advised by the heads of the HOLC and the FHA—(Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Federal Housing Administration) that the money will be available to you if you can meet the requirements.

And what are the requirements?

Answer, that you have the collateral sufficient, and that you have a good credit rating and a good standing with the banks.

It seems to be one more case of help for the fellow who doesn't need it.

How many busted business men, farmers or individuals have a good standing with the bankers?

Nothing Personal Meant.

An undertaking firm is distributing fans at funerals for advertising purposes.

As the fans are made of pasteboard instead of asbestos, there is certainly no reflection on the deceased.

Recreational Center.

Lawrence MacRae is sponsoring a movement to provide a recreational and lake center in the county, and is addressing a petition to Mrs. Doyle, of the Stokes relief office, and Mrs. O'Berry, head of federal relief in the State, requesting that the project be put through with federal funds.

The proposed enterprise in our opinion is highly commendable both from the standpoint of furnishing work for the unemployed, and for the reason as stated in the petition that the people of the county need a common meeting place for social functions as well as a general recreational center.

It would be a permanent product of relief activities in the county, and one that would have a lasting benefit for the whole people.

We hope that the federal officials will see the practicability of the project, and lose no time in its construction.

The Gold Tide.

The gold tide for North Carolina tobacco farmers is lapping the shores.

Stokes has a magnificent crop in spite of some hail damage, and the growers are expecting good pay for it. Curing is at its height now, and bright but light is the story.

Good news continues to come from the east and the south, where prices are steadily climbing.

Yesterday at Whiteville market, a half million pounds were sold at an average of \$25 per hundred.

At Fair Bluff the average was \$22.67.

At Chatham, sales totaled 65,000 pounds, bringing from \$5 to \$55.

At Kinston, S. C., tobacco was averaging \$21.10.

On some markets the average reached \$26.50.

Publicity Stunts.

All kinds of crazy things are done these days for advertising purposes—to catch notoriety by the tail and hold it for the momentary wonder of a blasé public.

But the most novel stunt pulled yet was that of the Jackson county preacher who let a rattlesnake bite him twice to "show his faith in God."

He refused medical attention, and got well, but suffered horrible pain and fear—so the Associated Press dispatch says.

Really, while this stunt is unique, the feature which interests science about it is that the snake did not die until somebody took it out and killed it with a stick.

Mrs. Doyle On Her Vacation

Mrs. Minnie G. Doyle is off on a short vacation, spending a portion of her time with relatives at Reidsville.

During the absence of the FERA chief, the office here is in charge of C. C. McGee.

How About This, Claxton?

Scientists say we unconsciously inherit the characteristics or nature of the food we eat. It may be that the reason some of the FERA dependants kick so lustily over the work tasks assigned them, is that they have had too much canned mule.

At Vade Mecum.

Vade Mecum, known as the summer home of the North Carolina Episcopal diocese, this summer is again proving quite attractive to the young people of the church under the continued direction of Rev. J. A. Vache, rector of St. Andrew's church, Greensboro, more than 300 people having attended the four camps for young people this season.

At present the Woman's auxiliary of the North Carolina diocese is having its second annual conference at Vade Mecum.

Mrs. William J. Gordon, of Spray, conference leader, has a discussion class on church-wide endeavor. Bishop Edwin A. Penick, of Charlotte, is lecturing on the life of Christ. Mrs. Theodore Patrick, Jr., of Raleigh, educational secretary of the diocese, leads the mission study class on Japan. Miss Maude Cutler, of Wilson, conducts the class in church school work. Rev. Morrison Bethen, of Reidsville, lectures each evening from 7 to 7:30 o'clock on church history.

At 8 o'clock each evening varied entertainment activities are presented, these including a lecture by Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem college, on "The Hidden Years of Christ"; the story of his tour of the Holy land by Rev. William J. Gordon, of Spray; a lecture on graphology by Mrs. R. M. McArthur, of Winston-Salem; and stories of mission life in China by Miss May Hurston, a returned missionary.

One of those in attendance at the conference alludes to Vade Mecum's "comfortable quarters, its health-giving spring water, its inspiring surroundings of forest trees and green slopes, and its fine views, far and near, of mountains bathed in morning mist or evening sunset glow, affording a perfect setting for the acquirement of the spiritual wisdom and strength that we are seeking."

Mrs. Elizabeth Gatewood Dies Near Madison

Mrs. Elizabeth Gatewood, 70, wife of the late Sam Andy Gatewood, of Stokes county, near Madison, passed away Sunday morning after an illness of two days. She has been in declining health for several years.

She is survived by five sons, Bruce, of Walnut Cove; T. J. of Madison Route 1; James of Louisville, Ky.; Roy L., of Madison and H. G. Gatewood; three daughters, Mrs. Kate Flynn, of Mayodan; Mrs. B. C. Reid, of Sandy Ridge Route 1; Mrs. R. B. Smith, of Winston-Salem.

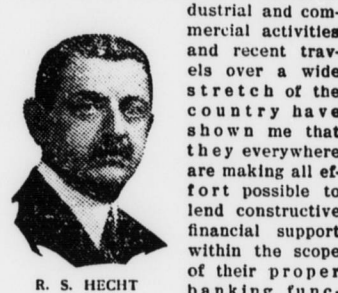
For Tonsil Clinic.

The Stokes County Medical Society met at King August 14, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of completing the arrangements for the tonsil clinic to be held Aug. 27 and 28, at King High School building, Dr. Beverly Jones operating. A survey of the applications reveal that there are a few more needed to fill the quota. The parents who have diseased tonsils are requested to get in touch with their family physician immediately. All admissions to the clinic must be made through the family physician.

BANKERS SUPPORT SOUND EXPANSION

R. S. HECHT Vice President, American Bankers Association

BANKERS universally recognize that the prime economic need of the nation is the stimulation of sound industrial and commercial activities and recent travels over a wide stretch of the country have shown me that they everywhere are making all effort possible to lend constructive financial support within the scope of their proper banking functions to promoting the expansion of business activity.



Frequently in times past when our country suffered from an economic depression and consequent unemployment on a large scale, the rise of some broad new industrial development, such for instance as a new industry like the automobile industry, has been a powerful factor in stimulating a return or an accelerated growth of national prosperity. Such a movement means the creation of new wealth, the employment of large groups of people on useful lines and as a consequence the production and distribution of sound, effective purchasing power, which is a form of wholesome economic stimulant that has none of the evils of monetary inflation.

A New Force for Business Improvement

Perhaps we have at hand, if not the rising of a wholly new industry, a measurable equivalent in the potentialities of a widespread rebuilding and modernizing movement such as home renovating, plant remodeling, the putting of our railroads on a high speed air conditioned basis and other valuable developments in the construction field. The effects of such activities on employment and many lines of business would be most beneficial and I can repeat without reservation that we bankers are willing and eager to play our full economic part in any such constructive developments.

It has been made to appear that money has not gone to work because of the inability of bankers rather than what is a true explanation, because banks in the past have not had enough confidence in the business outlook to borrow the dollar from the banker and get it to work.

The basic requisite to the expansion of commercial bank loans is sound, normal business conditions on which to conduct sound, normal banking operations. The best business a bank can wish for is the opportunity to loan money to successful business men and manufacturers imbued with confidence to enter upon aggressive business enterprises and endowed with the ability to bring them to successful conclusions. Such loans mean business activity for the community, growing pay rolls and prosperity, and the banker wants to make them because to be identified with such activities not only means profits to him but, additionally, brings him the reward of good will in his community.

There is no better proof of the great desire of banks to take care of the short term requirements of the business world than to point out the abnormally low rates at which this demand is being supplied at the present time.

BANK DEPOSITS WERE SAFEST INVESTMENTS

High Government Official Says No Investments Except U. S. Bonds Suffered as Little Loss as Deposits in Closed Banks

WASHINGTON, D. C.—No form of investments except Government bonds suffered as little loss as deposits in closed banks during the years 1931-32-33. Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, declared in a recent address.

"A point generally overlooked in connection with bank failures in this period, is that upon the whole, depositors in closed banks will get a somewhat larger percentage than has been true in bank failures over a period of say twenty-five years," Mr. Jones said. "Heretofore they have gotten about 58%, but in these wholesale bank closings, my estimate is that they will, upon the average, get about 65% of their deposits.

"Another point worthy of mention is that a depositor in a closed bank loses only a part of his deposit, while the bank stockholder loses all, plus a stock assessment.

"No form of investment, except Government bonds, has suffered as little loss as deposits in closed banks, and while I appreciate that there is little consolation in this fact, those who had their savings invested in stocks, bonds, mortgages, real estate, industrial investments, or in businesses of any kind, have had losses very much greater, and in a much larger percentage, than have depositors in closed banks.

"It is for these reasons, and others not necessary here to enumerate, that it is not possible to justify paying depositors in closed banks with the taxpayers' money."

BIDS

For the construction of Palmyra school building will be received by the County Superintendent of Schools up to

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21ST at 10 o'clock A. M.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the County Superintendent's office, Germanton.

J. C. CARSON Supt. of Schools.