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BEER DEALERS MAY QUIT BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT THREATENS TO IMPOSE A TAX OF \$1,000, WHERE THE ALCOHOLIC CONTENT IS GREATER THAN THREE-TWO — HOW IT WILL AFFECT STOKES.

There are beer dealers at Walnut Cove, King, Danbury, Lawsonville and other points in Stokes county, and these will undoubtedly quit the sale of the beverage if the proposed tax of \$1,000 is applied.

The Greensboro News of today has the following:

Should the federal government insist upon imposing the \$1,000 excise tax upon North Carolina dealers in beer of more than 3.2 per cent alcoholic content there will be no other resource than for the beer dealers to go out of business, as many of them have already implied they will do, according to Maj. L. P. McLendon, legal counsel for the North Carolina Beer Dealers' association, who will go to Washington Thursday for a hearing before officials of the treasury department on the matter. Mr. McLendon will seek a ruling on the contention that the opinion recently received here by Charles H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue, relative to the excise tax of \$1,000 on beer of more than 3.2 per cent alcohol, is not applicable to North Carolina.

Following Brummitt's Ruling

Mr. McLendon's action follows a ruling by Dennis G. Brummitt, state attorney general, that the sale of beer of more than 3.2 per cent alcohol is a violation of condition upon which the excise the North Carolina statute, a tax is based.

Wholesale beer dealers claim that beer of the 3.2 per cent variety is practically impossible to obtain in this state since it must be imported from other states in which the alcoholic content is unlimited. It is also claimed that if beer of the prescribed composition were obtainable there would be no sale for it, and consequently neither the wholesalers nor retailers would have enough business to justify a license tax, much less an excise tax. Furthermore, it was pointed out, the payment of the excise tax would be a prima facie admission that the beer was of more than 3.2 per cent alcohol should the state authorities take action.

Would Suspend Revenue Source

If the dealers of North Carolina do go out of business it will suspend a source of revenue of considerable proportions for both the state and federal government. It was pointed out, and under the present circumstances the excise tax would serve as a knife to cut the throat of the goose that lays the golden eggs. There are more than 3,000 federal licenses issued to beer dispensers in North Carolina, all of whom are affected by the excise ruling, it was stated.

The condition that will be placed before the treasury of-

SIMMONS IS AGAINST CHANGE

DISTINGUISHED EX-NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR OPPOSES NEW CONSTITUTION — SAYS IT SHOULD BE REJECTED AT THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER

New Bern, Sept. 15. — Former Senator F. M. Simmons tonight issued a statement answering critics of his position against adoption of the proposed revised constitution.

The statement was specifically a reply to a telegram Wednesday from Kemp Battle of Rocky Mount; Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, and A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue, which assailed the position of opposition previously taken by Simmons.

Accusing his critics of evading the issues, Simmons pointed to omission of section 2, article 1, of the present constitution from the revised document. This article defines the people as possessing "all political power" and as being the origin of government and asking why it was omitted Simmons said:

"Was it because they thought or feared it would or might be in conflict with or discredit some cherished part of the work of the commission?"

The former senator mentioned the 1930 Democratic primary in which he was defeated by Senator Josiah W. Bailey in charging the proposed new constitution would permit greater concentration of power in the governor's hands.

The present "undue concentration of powers in the legislature and chief executive," he said, "has resulted, as I heretofore charged, in the establishment of a powerful political organization of state-wide scope" * * *

"The organization and active co-operation of the heads and personnel of these appointive agencies in the senatorial campaign of 1930 was generally noticed and commented upon at that time, and the results of that co-operation are generally known by the leaders and most of the people throughout the state and need no elaboration of the facts which developed in that campaign from me."

In concluding his statement, Simmons reiterated his belief that the revised constitution should be rejected at the polls.

Surfacing The Lawsonville Highway

Kiger and Younts construction forces have arrived and are at work with a large equipment surfacing and completing the Lawsonville highway.

It is expected to get this highway in A1 shape before winter sets in.

Officials will be based on the claim that the state statute as to beer content was annulled when the congressional act fixing the alcohol at 3.2 per cent, was nullified by the repeal of the 18th amendment.

"GRANNY TERRY" 94 YEARS YOUNG

KING LADY PROBABLY OLDEST IN COUNTY — FRANK GRABS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL — BIRTHS REGISTERED AT KING—OTHER YADKIN TOWNSHIP NEWS OF INTEREST

King, Sept. 19 — Material is being placed on the site preparatory to putting down a side walk 350 feet long leading from Main street to the high school building.

Charlie N. Boles has returned to his home in Monroe, Va., after paying a short visit to relatives here. Mr. Boles holds a position with the Southern Railway Company.

Mesdames Mandy Fulp and Adam Hall, of Trinity, are spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Charity Terry, familiarly known as "Granny Terry" who resides with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Pulliam on Main Street has the distinction of being the oldest person in this section. She was 94 years old the second day of this month.

John Southern had the misfortune to lose a good mule Saturday. The animal dropped dead in the field at work.

Bill Spainhower and family, of Buies Creek, formerly of King, are spending some time with relatives and friends here. Mr. Spainhower states that tobacco is selling high on the eastern markets.

A. C. Rutledge entertained a number of his friends at a chicken stew at his home Friday night.

Frank Grabs aged 83 was carried to the Baptist Hospital Saturday where we will undergo an operation.

The following births were registered here last week, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merritt a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westmoreland a son, Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie Kiger a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Brice Tuttle a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watts a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Flynt a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Webster a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayers a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Foy George a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. William Foster a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Odell Barneycastle a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Ressaie Scott a son.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Hauser, of Bland, Va., visited relatives here Sunday.

Wiley Sizemore and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guests of relatives.

Farmers in this section are about through harvesting their tobacco crop and are turning their attention to saving their feed crops.

Tobacco sold on the Columbus County markets is still averaging about 25 cents a pound and everyone is happy, reports the county agent.

FARMERS RECEIVE THEIR CARDS

STOKES TOBACCO GROWERS PREPARING FOR MARKET—COUNTY AGENT KIRBY'S OFFICE BESIEGED — THE RULES OF MARKETING

Large numbers of farmers are crowding County Agent Kirby's office in the court house here this week, receiving their cards which entitle them to market their tobacco under the new, stringent federal regulations. The curing of the 1934 crop is about finished, and the markets will open next Tuesday, the 25th, at Madison, Martinsville, Mount Airy, Winston-Salem, Reidsville and the other warehouse-towns of the Old Belt.

Hundreds of farmers will carry a load of tobacco to market on the opening day, as is usually the case, and the tobacco markets will teem with the growers who are anxious to obtain a little cash to meet their obligations.

Before a farmer can market his tobacco tax-free, he must have in his possession a card from the representatives of the federal authorities showing the details of his acreage, etc. Otherwise, he will have to submit to the federal tax which is imposed on those farmers who have not co-operated with the government in its program to relieve the tobacco growers.

The Stokes crop of tobacco while not up to the fine standard which was at first considered general in the county, is good. It will doubtless bring in the farmers a handsome profit as compared with the serious losses which have been sustained during the last few years.

FERA CASH IS LIMITED NOW

MRS. DOYLE, ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISES ECONOMY UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT INCREASES THE APPROPRIATION FOR STOKES COUNTY

Persons on relief in Stokes county are urged to reduce their wants and to live as economically as possible until the appropriation for relief is increased by the government.

This news comes directly from Mrs. M. G. Doyle, Stokes county relief administrator, who advises that the appropriation for this county during September has been very appreciably diminished, so that practically all projects have been temporarily suspended.

Mrs. Doyle says that she hopes that the allocation by the federal relief headquarters for use in this county will be materially increased within the next 30 days.

A consignment sale of registered Guernseys will be held at the Brookdale Country Club at Salisbury on Thursday, October 11, announces T. D. Brown.

Mrs. Gilmer Sparger and Mrs. N. E. Wall visited Winston-Salem Tuesday.

COME YE FARMERS CARDS ARE READY

COUNTY OFFICERS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS HELP COUNTY AGENT KIRBY BUSH THE WORK — A SHORTER CROP OF TOBACCO INSURES GOOD PRICES — CREAM MARKET GROWING—SOWING GRAIN

The allotment cards, commonly called sales cards, on all tobacco contracts for Stokes farms which have been certified, are ready for distribution on this Tuesday morning. The job of making and checking these cards for accuracy could not have been done as quickly as it was had it not been for the aid given by the County Officers and their assistants who volunteered their services along with the regular workers to complete this job on Monday night. Less than ten per cent of the farms are yet to be certified. Probably a few of these uncertified farms have not been surveyed. Allotment cards on farms cannot be released until the check for compliance is completed and the farms are certified. It is hoped that all of the work can be completed at an early date.

The local tobacco markets open next week. Some farmers who have been needlessly worried with what is considered useless red tape in connection with the present set up and organization designed to aid growers in getting more for their tobacco crop, will probably feel some what repaid for the required cuts, sacrifices, worries, etc.

Several factors have contributed to the higher prices for tobacco this season but the main one is that the growers are offering a smaller crop for sale. When the supply is insufficient to meet the demand, prices go up, but an over supply and reduced demands always lowers prices. Growers have it in their power to determine in a large measure what the tobacco crops of the future shall bring.

Contract signers are urged to stand by their agreement. A contract will be worth as much next year as it is now. Once a contract is broken, it will be a thing of the past.

Mr. Blexam, District Recheck Engineer for the AAA, was in Danbury this week. While here he complimented Stokes farmers on the manner in which they have stood by their agreements to reduce their tobacco acreage and have lived up to their promises. He said the number of cases reported for this county for investigation is exceedingly small, especially compared with other counties in this district.

The District Engineer while here complimented the supervisors on the accuracy and neatness of their field plats, saying: "This is an excellent job

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WEDDING OF POPULAR COUPLE

REED GEORGE LEADS MISS OLA MOREFIELD TO THE ALTAR — CEREMONY PERFORMED BY ELDER J. WATT TUTTLE — RECEPTION AND SUPPER TENDERED BRIDE AND GROOM.

Surprising their friends, Reed George and Miss Ola Morefield late Friday evening took the marriage vows before Elder J. Watt Tuttle at Meadows. The affair had been quietly dated for Saturday. Present at the nuptials were the family of Elder Tuttle and several friends.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple was whisked over to Greensboro in an automobile where at the O'Henry hotel an elegant supper had been prepared by Mrs. M. G. Doyle and her office staff, co-workers with Miss Morefield in the FERA office here.

The affair was a very happy one for all present. The bride and groom received the congratulations of quite a party of friends, as well as being the center of other honors of the evening.

Those present at the reception and supper were as follows:

- Mrs. Minnie G. Doyle.
- Mrs. Fern Myers King.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davis.
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis.
- Mr. and Mrs. James B. Joyce
- Miss Alta Easter.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Heath.
- Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Pepper,
- Miss Sarah Williamson.
- Miss Martha Powell.
- C. C. McGee.
- Dennis Alley.
- George Lester
- Mr. and Mrs. Luke Sherard

BUILDING THE ROCK HOUSE ROAD

STATE FORCES BEGIN WORK ON MUCH NEEDED HIGHWAY, STARTING AT ROCK HOUSE CHURCH, TO CONNECT WITH NO. 661

Capt. J. E. Thore was here Wednesday, and advised the Reporter that State highway forces this week started to improving and reconstructing the Rock House road.

Work began at Rock House church, and will proceed to connect with No. 661 near Quaker Gap.

with the prospects for this road, Capt. Thore was much pleased which leads from Pilot Mountain via the Rock House and intersects with the State Highway No. 661 running from Rural Hall to Wright's Store on No. 89.

Capt. Thore says he and his friends have been at work on this project for four years, and he is now happy over the promise of its early materialization.

Eighty automobiles filled with farmers and other business men made a tour of Macon County farms last week to study the improved practices being promoted by the farm agent.