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bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.-Psalm 33:10. - - in it are it was

ABILITY TO PAY (Hickory Daily Record)

Nobody can reasonably argue that if the general sales tax is wrong in principle it should be continued as a permanent method of raising public revenues.

There is no reason why the public should let themselves become confused concerning the issue. The association of real estate boards of the Stare is sending out much material in its campaign to retain the sales tax, and the charge is carelessly made that the Dec. 24, 1932. "antis" are "quite content with the reiteration of abusive epithets." It is asserted that if the three words, "iniquitous," "abomina-

ble", and "damnable" were deleted from the dictionary, we who are figuring the sales tax would be speechless The Record must admit use of all three of the above terms during the course of our editorial discussions of the tax in question. However, we promise to eschew all three of the words which are listed by the defenders as our only argument. Anyway our own favorite adjective in describing the levy is to call it obnoxious-a term not yet taboo. Nevertheless, we contend that even though the sales tax defenders do not choose to play fair by admitting the existence of arguments which we have presented along with the list invectives, every student of history knows that a tax on living has no fundamental basis to justify it. If the sales tax theory is sound, it would seem that throughout thec enturies in which civilization has struggled with revenue raising problems, there would be some proof to indicate that such a method is practicable. On the other hand, the annals are replete with accounts of sales taxes being resorted to, but in every instance the consequences have been disastrous.

HENDERSON DAILY DISPATCH bar the door beheind them and at-tempt to make the people believe tuat if the levy on living is abolished the schools are doomed. When the pointicians make an issue of the schools it is time for citizens to become wary -for when the cloak of education is flaunted too ostentatiously it is a sare conclusion that the issue is too weak

to win out on its own merits.

OTHERS VIEWS

AYCOCK'S SON BACKING ZOLLICOFFER

My name is William Benjamin Aycock, of Raleigh, North Carolina, son of the late governor Charles Brantley Aycock, and am writing this letter on behalf of my friend, Jere P. Zollicoffer, of your city, who is a candidate I am a World War veteran, and am

incapaciated for work on account of disabilities received while in service in France, but for this reason I would, be more active in my friend's campaign for Congress.

All of my life I have loved the Democratic party and its high ideals. and his love for mankind and believe Percent On Incomes Is Out Jere P. Zollicoffer stands for those principles for which my father fought. I know of no better way to commend him to the voters of the Fourth Congressional District.

WM. B. AYCOCK. 220 E. North Street., Raleigh, May 2, 1934.



TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

dipl 1469-Niccolo Machiavelli, Italian diplomatist-statesman, whose writings are a masterly exposi tion of the art of governing by artifice, born. Died June 22, 1527.

1675-Thomas Chalkley, Philadelphia Quaker precaher, traveler and their say later. merchant, born in England, died Nov.

1794-James O. Andrew, the Methodist bishop whose marriage to a slaveowner was one of the causes leading to the formation of the M. E. Church South, born in Augusta, Ga. Died in Mobile, Ala., March 2, 1871.

1813-Lot M. Morrill, Maine governor, Senator and Secretary of the Treasury, born at Belgrade, Maine. Died in Augusta, Maine, Jan. 10, 1883. 1843-William L. Wilson, Virginia college president, Postmaster-General under Cleveland, born in Jefferson

Co., Va. Died at Lexington, Va., Oct. 17. 1900. 1849-Jacob A. Riis, journalist, author, sociologist, friend of poor, called "New York's most useful citizen," born in Denmark. Died in New York

May 26, 1914. 1860-Edwin M. Herr, noted mechanical and electrical engineer, born at Lancaster, Pa. Died in New York

TODAY IN HISTORY

1765-University of Pennsylvania they were buying back in the two-car Medical School, first in country, established.

established in New York City. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

Edgar W. Howe of Atchison, Kans. noted editor, born at Treaty, Ind., 81 years ago.

Governor Clyde L. Herring of Iowa born at Jackson, Mich., 55 years ago. Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, U. S. N. retired, of Worcester, Mass., born

there, 60 years ago. Henry S. Graves, dean of Yale's School of Forestry, born at Marietta, Ohio, 63 years ago. Rev. Lewis O. Hartman of Boston, editor of Zion's Herald, born at La

Grange, Ind., 58 years ago. Sir Ronald Lindsay, Great Britain's Ambassador to Washington, born 57 Doughton Wants Federal years ago.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE Those born this day will be anxious

of recognition, and desirous of affection from those to whom they are devoted. Sympathetic, anxious to please others, desiring always peace, it is a

happy, hopeful nature, rather than a strong one, although the day carries assurance of more or less success in. life Couzens Proposal Adding 10

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currences, the . F. C. abandoned its plan to press now or authority to make loans to municipalities. It became known that this giant agency has disbursed over \$5,100,000,000. Repayments average \$3,000,000 daily. The justice department made plans to seek strengthening o its anti-crime orces and money to arm them, as well as to buy speedy automobiles to chase the Dillinger kind.

Seneator's attention was diverted from maneuvering in the silver cause and like legislative matters by reports from committee investigators attributing failure of the Guardian Trust and Union Trust companies in Cleveland to unsound practices and mis management. T hose who differ will have

Incidentally, Detroit banking will be analyzed by a grand jury on recommendation of Attorney General Cummings.

Car Sales Hit Record For Month

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sales for the first four months of this calendar year to 11,532 passenger cars and 3,287 trucks, making a total of both type sof 14,819. Sales for the corresponding four months in 1933 amounted to 5,109 passenger cars and 1,225 trucks or a total of 6,334. Thus the total sales of all types so far this

year are more than double the total the total saels to the same date last year. "If new car sales are an indication of business conditions and a ther-

mometer of prosperity, the situation must be improving here in North Caro lina," Harris said. "For these figures show that people are buying almost as many new automobiles now as garage days of 1929."

Much of the new car buying now being done, however, is being done for

also pointed out that the new car sales figures indicate an unmistakable trend toward the smaller, lighter cars. Of the 6,114 new cars sold in Aprli, 1,723 were Chevrolets, 1,291 Fords, 897 Plymouths, 187 Pontiacs, 166 Dodges, 160 Terraplanes and 106 Oldsmobiles.

Tax Cut To Permit Gen. uine Competition

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILL.

Raleigh, May 3-Although North Carolina is technically a dry state, few here are surprised at the admission by Congressmen in Washington and Federal Alcohol Control Commissioner Joseph C. Choate that the bootlegging industry still flourishes, if not actually increasing. Nor are they surprised at the statement made by Congressman Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, which frames all taxing legislation, to the effect that he expects to discuss the question of lowering the Federal tax on liquor with President Roosevelt, in order to increase competition with the bootleggers.

"Mr. Choate only said what we all suspected," Conggressman Doughton said in Washington Monday night, "People can't afford legal liquor at its present prices, so they turn to their bootlegger."

Bootleggers here in the eastern part of North Carolina are making more illegal liquor and selling it for higher prices than ever before, according to those having reliable information concerning the bootleg liquor industry in this part of the State. They are making the sp-called "sugar liquor" at a most of not more than 25 cents per gallon, ageing it a few weeks in kegs and barrels and selling it to other bootleggers in Virginia, Washington, D. C., Baltimore and New Jersey for \$5 a gallon, to be used in "flavoring" synthetic bootleg liquor in which one gallon of North Carolina liquor is used to give flavor or "bou-

the sea and

cohol cut with distilled water. Others | from \$8 to \$20. are taking this same bootleg liquor, putting it up in fancy bottles with hauled in interstate commerce, even local officers are generally too busy fake labels and seals and selling it through North Carolina, without any to bother with bootleggers," a man for from \$1 to \$2,50 a pint, thus sell- danger of being bothered by 'the law' ing a gallon of whiskey that origin- and since the number of Federal today. "As a result, the liquor dealquet" to about 25 gallons of grain al- ally cost not more than 50 cents for agents have been reduced to almost ers are mopping up."

none, there is not much danger in "Since liquor and alcohol can be hauling liquor anywhere now, since who knows the business said here



Wooden Pistols Aren't the Only Thinks They Escape With!



Two candidates for the two branches of the legislature in Forsyth county have just recently made statements concerning this issue which should be widely read and pondered. Dr. Mc-Donald, of the Salem College faculty, a candidate for the House, said:

A major element in the State's taxing system at present-introduced as an emergency measure to save the credit of the State-is the sales tax. This taxing principle has no supporters; it has been tolerated only as a makeshift until the problem equitable taxation can be solved. Public school support can not permanently rest, in whole or in part, on such a tax. The fact that a sales tax exists indicates that we have a serious problem in the improvement of our taxing plan.

A real problem of taxation throughout the United States is the problem of broadening the base of direct taxation. The base must be broadeneed, however, according to the principle of ability to pay. A tax which broadens the base but is not an adequate measure of ability to pay is unsound and will not be retained. The sales tax will be eliminated in favor of a broadening process which corresponds to the fundamental principle of ability to pay

Efird L. Hine, candidate for the Sen ate in a statement issued the same day, gave utterance to the same sound view, but expressed as follows:

The broad principle of ability to pay should goveren the assessment of all taxes, and the State should confine its expenditures to amounts equal to he ability of cits citizens to pay. Discontinuance of political extravagance should enable the State to reduce costs of government commensurate with in-

The Record reiterates, that no tax system which is basically unsound can ever accomplish any good and constructive ends in the upbuilding of North Carolina. This method adopted by the Raleigh crowd which is determined to retain the sales tax is to

1784-(150 years ago) Anthony Bene zet, noted Philadelphia Quaker philreplacement purposes and to replace anthropist, died, aged 71. cars and trucks that should have been 1810-The English poet. Byron's. retired from service a year or two

epochal swimming of the Hellespont. ago and would have been but for eco-1816-The American Bible society nomic reasons, Harris believes. He

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

20 11—An exclamation 12—Needful ACROSS 1-A ship worm 17-A prefix meaning three 7-Toughen 18-Paid public notice 21-Used on envelopes 13-Musical dramas 23-Scents 14-Declare 24-Contemptible expression 15-Falsehood 26-Devoured 16--Small bird 28-To point '8-Land measure \$1-To free from fault 82-The game of rackets 9-Small boy 84—An octopus 0-Edicts 35-Combining form used in 2-To eat away names of minerals -A. French writer 86-A book containing a summary i-Looked at glaringly of Zend-Avesta -More than one 37—A flower -Near 38-A river in Russia -That is (abbr.). 40—A compass point 42—Same as cologne -A country (abbr.) -Poetries 43—An ancient Greek town -Rough play 45-It is (abbr.) -Item in one's assets 47-Part of atmosphere -A garden implement -One (Scot.) -A mineral 52-Prefix meaning two -A man's nickname -Greek letter -Dollar (abbr.) Answer to previous puzzle -Part of government -An enigma OPINION -Oldest -A sobriquet of Queen Eliza SMUT beth SLIME O DOWN '-A weight, British India '-Heroic -Roots (prov. Eng.) 4—Erbium (abbr.) 5—Dative (abbr.) -A willow TEARS 7-Part of Mohammedan hous 8-A beverage 9-Right length (abbr.) 1-To postpone

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