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Revenue Bill In Hands Of Upper House

(Special to The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., April 13.—The House of Representatives had to have first crack at the next tax bill, under the provision of the Federal Constitution that all bills for raising revenue must originate in the lower house. What the new tax bill will look like when the Senate gets thru with it is something else again. There is no doubt whatever that the fight for the general sales tax will be resumed in the Senate, and the probability is that some of the estimates of revenue made by the House will be changed when the bill gets into conference.

There is a difference of opinion between the Treasury Department and the lower House of Congress as to whether the tax bill as adopted by the House will raise as much revenue as House leaders claim it will. The House says that it has cut \$200,000,000 off from the appropriations for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. The Treasury says the cuts amount to only \$125,000,000, so there is a difference of 75 million between them right there. And the Secretary of the Treasury says that the House is at least \$35,000,000 out of the way in its estimate of what the new taxes will produce.

All of those things will be ironed out, it is not in the Senate, then in the conference on the bill between committees of the two Houses. One certain thing is that when they are all through we will have a Federal tax bill which will raise enough money to keep the Government running for another year without a deficit.

The biggest single item of revenue in the new tax bill is the individual income tax, which has been raised to a point where anybody whose income is over \$100,000 a year will have to pay \$40,000 out of it. \$100,000 to the Federal government, as a surtax above the normal tax. But even when we add State income taxes, which are in effect in most of the states where the people with large incomes live, any American with an income of less than 13,000,000 a year will pay in income taxes less than similar incomes are taxed in Great Britain. In England the income taxes begin on incomes of \$2,400, on which the tax is \$160. Anyone earning \$5,000 a year in England pays \$733 in taxes, while in the United States the highest combination of Federal and State taxes on a \$5,000 net income is only \$52. The individual with an income of a quarter of a million dollars in England pays more than half of it, or \$111,000 in income tax; under the new Federal law he would pay \$110,000 in income tax on a \$250,000 income.

The House did leave a lot of sales taxes in the revenue bill. They are taxes on sales of produce, admissions to places of amusement, on lubricating oil, telegraph and telephone messages, cosmetics, furs, jewelry, sporting goods and cameras, beverages, matches, chewing gum, radios, and phonographs, mechanical refrigerators, automobiles and accessories, camp, motor boats, firearms and shells, and numerous other items. This list may be increased by the Senate, but there is one point upon which there seems to be a little difference of opinion.

That point is letter postage. It is on the cards very definitely that the two-cent postage stamp will be retired to the shelf and the three-cent stamp substituted, as in war times. Letter postage was reduced forty-nine years ago from three cents to two, and it has been increased only twice since then, once during the Spanish American War for a short time, and then during the World War.

Politically speaking only two men have gained any prestige out of the rows and discussions in Congress so far. One of these is Representative Latta, Republican, of New York, who demonstrated an unsuspected ability at leadership in organizing and conducting the revolt against the sales tax; the other is Speaker John N. Garner, Democrat, of Texas, who pulled his shattered forces together and rallied them to the battle cry of "balance the budget," at a moment

Samuel B. Ensley Dies In Georgia

Samuel B. Ensley, of Blairsville, Union county, Georgia, formerly of Jackson county, North Carolina, died at his home Saturday night, April 9, after a lingering illness of two or three years.

He was 76 years of age, and is survived by his wife, five sons, six daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, totaling one hundred and fourteen, living in different parts of the United States. He is also survived by one brother, J. B. Ensley, of Sylva; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Smith, of West Asheville, and Mrs. Doina Smith, of Addie.

Mr. Ensley was a son of the late Mr. John Ensley and Mrs. Cynthia Ensley, and was born and reared in Jackson county, but moved to Georgia about forty years ago. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Long, niece of Mr. J. B. Long, of Cullowhee, and of the late A. J. Long, jr.

Masons Plan To Take Food To Orphanage

The Masonic Lodges of East La Porte, Sylva, Franklin, Dillsboro, Highlands, and other places in this section are planning to send a motorecade of food to the Oxford Orphanage, within the next two weeks.

It is planned for each lodge to send a truck loaded with food, and the members of Masonic Lodges, Order of the Eastern Star and the citizens of this region generally are asked to contribute to the cause.

The local lodge at Sylva voted unanimously, at the meeting held last Monday evening to participate in the movement, and for each member to contribute at least a dollar in potatoes, flour, corn, corn meal, meat, canned fruits or vegetables, sugar, rice, oat meal, or other foods, or in cash. All cash contributions will be converted into produce, which will be bought from farmers of this region. A. M. Henson has contributed the use of his truck and driver, to go from Sylva, and A. M. Henson, M. D. Cowan and S. C. Cogdill have been appointed as a committee to assemble the produce and deliver it to Oxford.

The Jackson Hardware Company has donated space for the assembling of the produce, and every person interested is requested to bring his donations there inside the next two weeks.

There are about 386 children being cared for at the Oxford Orphanage, and of these only 83 are children of Masons. The committee is making it clear that contributions of either cash or foodstuffs will be welcomed from anyone.

NEGRO LEADER WILL SPEAK AT TEACHERS COLLEGE

Cullowhee, April 12. — Candler Love of Mont Clair, New Jersey, one of the most prominent negro ministers in America and a native of Jackson County, will deliver an address at Western Carolina Teachers College Friday afternoon, April 15, at two o'clock.

He will deliver the annual commencement address of the Jackson County Consolidated Colored School at Sylva on Sunday, April 17. Soon afterward he will deliver the 1932 commencement address of Shaw University at Raleigh.

Candler Love was born near Webster, the old county seat of Jackson County. His grandmother was the slave of Jesse Siler, one of Macon County's most prominent pioneers. The minister is one of the outstanding leaders in the church, social, and political life of the colored race in America. Because of his thorough knowledge of racial problems, he has been called to the White House for consultation by several presidents of the United States. For many years he has been pastor of a wealthy Baptist church of his race in Mont Clair, New Jersey.

When it looked as if party discipline in the House had been completely wrecked.

Garner is going to have a lot of votes in the Democratic National (Continued on Page Two)

Log Cabin Ass'n. Reveals Plans Of Development

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Mining

There is still money in mining, for the man who has the knowledge, the strength and the courage to tackle it single-handed. For that matter, there has always been money in mining and always will be whenever the cost of labor and supplies is less than the value of the ore.

Loeffler Palmer is running the "Rube" gold mine single-handed in Utah. He bought a compressor, a tractor to run it, and some compressed-air drills and started alone to operate this abandoned working. From a depth of 180 feet he got out three cars of ore in four months last year and shipped them to the smelter, netting him \$13,431.29 for his work.

There are plenty of other one-man mines in the West, too small for the big companies to bother with, but capable of earning good pay for the men who work them. "Big Business" hasn't gobbled all the opportunities yet!

Movies

"Thrillers," mystery plays, newsreels, travel films, slapstick comedies and animated cartoons are preferred by the majority of a group of prominent people recently asked to express their motion picture preferences. College professors, bank presidents, editors, merchants, authors and scientists were among those who expressed themselves.

There aren't enough of that sort of minds, however, to provide the audiences necessary to the success of the motion picture industry. D. Hendrik Willem Van Loon put his finger on the spot when he wrote: "Ninety per cent of all people everywhere and at all times will never grow older, mentally speaking, than twelve years, and will never be able to appreciate what the other ten per cent will like."

It's the child-minded ninety per cent for whom most of the world's commodities, as well as its entertainment, are produced, after all.

Sugar

If you want to lay your foundations, walls and chimneys in a mortar that will stand forever and get stronger with age, mix a little sugar with the lime and sand. That's what Dr. Gerald J. Cox of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research told the American Chemical Society the other day.

The secret of the durability of the old Roman walls and aqueducts, which have stood for more than two thousand years, is that they put sugar in their sand-lime mortar, making it 60 per cent stronger than "unsweetened" mortar, becoming harder with time. Five or six pounds of granulated cane sugar to 100 (Continued on Page Two)

There has been a great deal of curiosity existing in the minds of the people of Jackson County concerning the Log Cabin Association and just what it proposes to do.

A representative of this paper was given, last week, a look into the plans and purposes of the Association, which owns 1000 acres of land in Barker's Creek township, acquired a few years ago.

The ultimate plan of the Association is to establish, in one of its coves, a sanitarium for tubercular patients, where they will be cared for and treated in an attempt to stay the hand of the Great White Plague. In another cove will, at some future date, be established a school for orphan children, where they can work their way through the school, acquire an education, and at the same time learn farming, carpentry, woodcraft, and other trades and vocations.

The present the Association, which was chartered in 1929 under the laws of North Carolina, as a charity association, is seeking to be of service to the people in the surrounding country, by giving employment to as many people as is possible, and as prove themselves worthy, and by taking a large section of poor land, worn-out and rocky fields, and woodland, and demonstrate what can be accomplished by the correct methods of farming, drainage, and forestry. Twenty men are at present employed on the property.

The demonstration of soil improvement includes the removal of all rocks from the fields, and beating them into the beds of the roads on the property, thus improving the fields, and at the same time showing how the stones can be utilized in making the roads on every farm in this region roads that can be easily traveled at all seasons of the year.

Drainage is being put in, showing how all damp and swamp land can be reclaimed, by proper methods and intelligent work.

Another demonstration, and perhaps the most important one that has yet been attempted is in forestry. The underbrush, undesirable trees and bushes have been cleaned out of the woodland on the property, thus lessening the danger of forest fires, and giving the trees that are left a better opportunity to attain proper growth. Evergreens of various varieties, and other suitable trees have been set out to replace the timber that has been removed, and to cover up large sections of the worn out fields that have been the home of broom sedge and other unprofitable growths. As the undesirable timber has been cleared out of the woodland, not a single piece of matter how small, has been allowed to be wasted; but each piece has been cut into wood, and will be burned and the ashes returned to the soil. It is hoped in this demonstration of forestry to prove that by

Mrs. McKee To Speak At Finals

Cowarts, April 12.—Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva will deliver the annual commencement address of the high school here on Thursday evening, April 21, at eight o'clock. On the same night, diplomas will be awarded to the grammar school graduates and to those finishing two years of high school work.

The commencement exercises will be delivered on Sunday, April 17, at eleven o'clock by Rev. W. C. Reed, prominent Baptist minister and principal of Sylva High school.

Thursday evening, April 14, the grammar school will present an operetta, "Midsummer Eve". Miss Ruth Gilley, seventh grade teacher, will be at the piano. Monday night, April 18, the seventh grade will present a play, "The Hired Man's Courtship". On the same night the graduation exercises of the high school will be held.

County-Wide C. of C. Meet Here Tonight

The Agricultural and Industrial Meeting of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce will be held this evening, at the chamber of commerce hall, and those who have been promoting the idea hope to make it one of the most important meetings of the chamber ever held.

The sole purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the promotion of the development of the resources of Jackson county.

A committee composed of H. M. Hall, P. E. Moody, John B. Ensley, D. G. Bryson, and John R. Jones has been working on the project and plans have been completed.

Dinner will be served by the women of the missionary societies of the Baptist and Methodist churches, and the people from the town will be expected to pay for plates for themselves, and for the folks from the country, who will be their guests. Plates will be 50 cents each.

A tentative program has been worked out, the main features of which will be an address by D. S. Coltrane, of the American Limestone Company, on the "Importance of the Use of Lime and Legumes for Soil Improvement"; a speech by J. B. Ensley on "Utilization of the Natural Resources of Jackson County"; one by Dr. H. T. Hunter on the "Live at Home Movement"; and by D. M. Hall on "Possibilities of Truck Farming in Jackson County."

WILL HAVE SPECIAL TERM OF CRIMINAL DOCKET COURT

A special term of superior court, for the trial of criminal cases has been ordered by Governor Gardner, upon petition of the board of county commissioners of Jackson county, beginning on May 23. The term, until the criminal docket is disposed of, will be in lieu of the regular civil court, which was scheduled to begin on that date.

The action was taken, it is stated, because of the large number of persons in jail awaiting trial, who would have to be held in jail and boarded at the expense of the county until October. The jail was cleared only two months ago, at the February court; but already there are seventeen persons accused of crime, and who cannot give bond for their appearance, now in jail awaiting trial.

It is understood that at the end of the trial of the criminal docket, that the remaining days of the two week term can be used for trial of the civil cases on the docket.

Judge A. M. Sack, who held the February term, is expected to preside in May.

NEW SECRETARY NAMED

Mrs. Roy Dills has been elected secretary of Beta Parent Teacher Association. She succeeds Mrs. Etta Merton, who was recently married and is no longer with the school.

The organization has been very active this winter and spring in work which has been helpful to the school, and also in community welfare work. Mrs. J. R. Cochran is president of this group.

Last Rites For David Harris Held Monday

The people of Jackson county extend their profound sympathy to one of the county's oldest and first citizens, Col. Charles J. Harris, who was bereft of his eldest son, David R. Harris, who died Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the C. J. Harris Community Hospital, where he had been a patient for some time.

A short service was conducted in the Methodist church in Dillsboro, at 11 o'clock Monday morning, by Rev. Thad F. Deitz, assisted by Rev. D. H. Rhinehart and Rev. J. Gray Murray. The body was then taken to Edmore where the funeral was held in All Souls Episcopal church, at 2:30 in the afternoon, with the Rt. Rev. Junius M. Horner, bishop of the diocese of Western North Carolina, officiating. Interment was in the Harris family plot in Riverside cemetery.

Active pall bearers were J. C. Allison, M. B. Cannon, S. W. Enloe, David M. Hall, John J. Hastings, E. L. McKee, Byron S. Marsh, E. P. Stittwell and Dr. C. Z. Candler. Honorary pall bearers were Charles E. Rudd, F. Q. Boyer, J. C. Chesborough, Frank Cox, Trench Cox, Jr., Dr. W. P. Herbert, James G. K. McClure, Jr., William C. Meekins, and Reuben B. Robertson. Miss Rita Rees and Mrs. F. Q. Boyer were in charge of the flowers.

Mr. Harris was 49 years of age. He was born in Denver, Colorado, but had lived in Dillsboro since early childhood. He attended the grammar school in Dillsboro, and Brown-Nichols school in Cambridge, Mass. from which he entered Yale University and graduated in the class of 1905. He had been in poor health for many years, and had traveled extensively in the interest of his health, which took him away from his home a great part of the time. Never-the-less, he had a great many friends among the people of this county, and was well liked by all of them, his quiet, yet cordial and friendly manner having won the friendship and esteem of his fellow citizens of this county.

During the last few years he had frequently been a patient in the C. J. Harris Community hospital, which institution was established and is maintained largely through the generosity of his father, and in whose honor it was named.

Mr. Harris is survived by his father, one brother, Robert W. Harris, and by other relatives and friends.

PARENT-TEACHERS BODY MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

The following is the annual report of the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association for the year 1931-32.

The Association has been very active during the past year in assisting in the work of the schools. Great stress has been laid upon the welfare work as we felt this was the paramount undertaking of the year.

There are sixty-one members enrolled and the attendance has been unusually good. The standing committees have worked diligently and through their efforts we have a number of worthwhile accomplishments to report.

Each month we have had enjoyable instructive programs. At our September meeting we were most fortunate in having our District President, Mrs. C. S. Freel of Canton to address us. The program for the October meeting consisted of reports from the District meeting which was held in Canton. In November Dr. H. T. Hunter, President of Western Carolina Teacher's College spoke very instructively on "The Educational Situation in North Carolina". At this meeting Mr. Harry Buchanan, manager of the Lyric Theatre presented the National Motion picture plan to help the unemployed and asked the P. T. A. to cooperate with him in this. From this we realized \$64.19 and a large amount of food and clothing.

In December Miss Henson's Home Economic girls gave a fashion revue, showing the dresses which they had made during the fall semester. The members of the class also proved to be delightful hostesses when they invited the association, after the meeting, to the dining room where they served delicious refreshments.

The P. T. A. prepared and served (Continued on last page)

Rolls Baby Carriage From Roanoke To Clay County

An old man, apparently about 80, arrive in Clay county on either Saturday or Sunday.

Born in Kentucky, the old man said, he came to Cherokee county when a young man, married a woman on Peachtree, and reared a family in Clay; but that after the death of his first wife, some thirty odd years ago, he went to Florida for his health, leaving his land and home, and that he has never been back there since, but has worked in Kentucky and West Virginia, until times got hard and forced him to go back into the soil movement. He admitted that at present he is "a little short of money." But he is a cheerful and optimistic soul, and is ready and anxious, at his advanced age, to begin life anew on a Clay county farm, and start rearing his second family.

The woman with him, he stated, is his second wife, whom he married ten years ago.