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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Think Profit Tax To Be Repealed As Business Aid

Washington, December 8 (Auto-As nearly as anything can be expected, Congress will repeal or greatly reduce the taxes on undistributed corporate profits and on capital gains, and will do this with the blessing of the White House. This relief for business, calculated to inspire confidence and induce capital to invest in enterprises which will put men back to work is regarded by all of the leading business men as the most essential thing to be done. That opinion is practically unanimous in both Houses of Congress and in Administration circles from the President down.

If these tax reforms can be rushed through in this special session the result would be quicker in its effect in breaking the present business depression, but in spite of the pressing need for such relief, Congress shows signs of not letting itself be hurried into hasty action. Congressional memories are keen, and they recall that the undistributed profits tax is one of the New Deal measures which was rushed through under pressure from the White House.

CONGRESS BECOMES WARY

The time the pressure comes from the business world, but Congress apparently determined to proceed in an orderly manner and not enact another law which in its will to amend or repeal in its own time. The problem is not so much how to amend the tax law in respect, though there are differences of opinion yet to be ironed out, but to provide in the same general sense of the tax laws some other way to deal the gap in revenues which the present action would leave.

No question of legislation in such a unanimous public opinion has been disclosed as on this tax relief for capital. It has been expressed spontaneously and emphatically, and is all the more significant because of the speed with which it was developed. The public opinion was conducted by Representative M. Vinson of Kentucky, chairman of the sub-committee of House Ways and Means Committee, who spent a large part of the Congressional intermission in traveling the whole tax situation, are all due to a great deal of the public interest in taxation.

They are also responsible for discharging Mr. Vinson to the public as a highly intelligent and level-headed man, with the result that the Presidential eye lighted upon him when seeking a man to fill the high post of Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. Mr. Vinson has been appointed to that office and will take his seat on the bench as soon as he can clear up his Congressional work on taxes.

BUDGET BALANCING MOVE

As an earnest of the sincerity of his desire to bring the Federal budget into balance, the President has proposed a reduction in Federal appropriations for highways. All the major trunk roads are now in good shape, he pointed out the other day, and the farm-to-market roads built by V. P. A. are about completed. The Federal highway appropriations have been running at around 200 millions a year and Mr. Roosevelt thinks half or less of that would be enough.

In the effort to stimulate business the President has given orders to all departments to speed up the necessary purchases of all kinds of supplies for which appropriations have been made. About \$275,000,000 of supplies, from cement to typewriter ribbons, are to be bought by Uncle Sam between now and June 30 when the fiscal year ends. If most of that can be put into circulation in December, January and February it is expected the effect on business and employment would be beneficial.

POWER CHIEFS OPTIMISTIC

Which large expenditures are in prospect on the part of the great public utilities as a result of recent White House conferences between the President and the heads of the big power companies. While there is as yet no official assurance that the Administration will abandon completely its policy of developing in the course of river improvements in aid of navigation, there are many indications here which have led the power magnates to the optimistic conclusion that they have no serious prospect to see into the Government.

Sunday Schools To Hold Meet Sunday

Program for Tuckaseege Association Sunday School meeting to be held with Dillsboro Baptist church Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 2:30 P. M.

Devotional, Dan Cook, Cullowhee Music

Announcements and business

Organizing the Sunday School for the best results, D. M. Hooper Tuckaseege.

The best method for the opening and closing programs of the Sunday school, by H. M. Hocutt, Sylva.

Roll call of Sunday school, by Clarence Vance.

Loyalty day at Baptist Church

Next Sunday, December 12, will be Loyalty Day at the Sylva Baptist church. The general thought of the day will center around successful completion of this year's work and plans and preparation for the year 1938. It is hoped that all members will be present for the Sunday school and preaching service in the morning and the services at night. Those who have not contributed what they planned to during the year will be given an opportunity to do that Sunday, and all members will be given an opportunity to indicate what they desire to give during the new year. All members are urged to be present and friends are cordially invited.

Club Sponsors Toy Matinee

A toy benefit matinee at the Lyric Theatre, tomorrow, Friday afternoon, will be given, under sponsorship of the Junior Club. Admittance will be by the presentation of a toy, at the ticket office, instead of money. Members of the club will distribute the toys, Christmas, to needy children.

ment in the distribution of electric current.

The heads of two of the largest power distributing systems in the East and South announced after visits to the President that the way seemed to be clearing, and that their companies were ready to spend hundreds of millions in new construction and put thousands of men to work as soon as they received definite assurances of Federal cooperation instead of antagonism.

BUILDING PROGRESS SLOW

Progress is slower in the matter of stimulating building, but a feeling of unusual confidence exists here that a way will be found of making it both profitable and secure for capital to invest in building projects of all kinds, and here, again, there are assurances from those in control of huge sums of investment capital that they will spend by the hundreds of millions as soon as a satisfactory plan of cooperation has been worked out.

In all the discussion going on about ways and means to stem the tide of business depression, the first and major item of the program for which the President called this special session of Congress has not been overlooked, but is far from being agreed upon. That is the Farm Bill with its provisions for crop control. It is a complicated and lengthy document, which few of the members of either House understand as yet. Nobody knows, so far, how much more the Agricultural Department's farm program would cost than the five hundred millions now available.

There is a bitter battle in prospect over the quotas to be allotted to various products, and an especially bitter difference of opinion about making quota allotments so mandatory that farmers may be put in jail if they exceed their allotted production. If any farm bill at all is enacted before the special session rises, it will surprise most observers.

L. H. Ray, Yancey County grower, has secured good results from planting sericea lespedeza on steep land which was subject to severe erosion.

After deducting all expenses, Marvin Littleton, a 4-H Club member of Wayne County, made a net profit of \$319.36 from his one-acre tobacco crop.

Oldest Man In County Dies

News reaches us of the death, at his home in upper Cullowhee township, Wednesday afternoon, of Mont Bennett, aged citizen of that community. Mr. Bennett, who was 96 years of age, was a Confederate veteran. He is believed to have been the oldest citizen of Jackson county.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Well Known Woman Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Robinson, 72, were held Tuesday afternoon at Old Field cemetery, near Beta. Mrs. Robinson, who was 72 years of age, was the widow of the late D. L. Robinson, of Willets. She was a native of this county, and spent here entire life here, where she has many friends.

Mrs. Robinson passed away at her home in any previous season.

She is survived by five sons, Cary, Edwin C., and D. Lloyd of Asheville; W. O. and Glenn, of Willets; by five daughters, Mrs. C. M. Blanton, Washington State, Mrs. E. B. Howell, and Misses Annie and Addie Robinson, of Willets, and Mrs. V. E. Christy, Asheville, by one brother, B. R. Henson, of Willets, one sister, Mrs. T. C. Bryson, Sylva, several grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Turpin Passes In Haywood

Mrs. Elmeda Jane Turpin, relict of the Baxter Turpin, died last Thursday at the home of her son, Alley Turpin, in Waynesville, at the age of 79.

Mrs. Turpin is the mother of James A., G. C., Warfield, and Mack Turpin, all of Jackson county. Surviving also are three daughters, Miss Hester, Mrs. Sophia Parsons, and Mrs. Alla Massey, John and Alley Turpin, all of Waynesville.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, and interment was at Turpin's Chapel, near Waynesville.

Christmas Play At School

The three-act play, "On Christmas Hill", will be presented by Sylva elementary school, next Wednesday evening. Children from all grades will participate in the play. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

A small admission charge will be made, and the money raised will be used for constructing coat racks in the building.

W. P. A. Lunch Rooms Serve School Children

Twelve lunch rooms are at present being operated in Jackson county, for the benefit of school children desiring hot lunches. Much of the credit for the success of the lunch rooms is due to the cooperation of teachers, parents and county superintendent, according to Mrs. Glenn Stallcup, who has general supervision of the project in the county.

The lunch rooms are located in the schools of Qualla, Wilnot, Barkers Creek, Sylva, Beta, Addie, Weyehutta, John's Creek, Tuckasee, Double Springs, Glenville and Cashiers. Mrs. Stallcup says: "If you have not visited the room in your school, we extend to you a cordial welcome to do so. We want your support and approval. Contributions of food, or produce that may be exchanged for food are most welcome, from any interested person." During the month of November, 630 children were served daily 11,050 lunches during the 21 school days.

BASKETBALL AT WEBSTER

Webster High school will play Sylva All-stars, at Webster, Tuesday night, and will also begin the regular season's schedule, by playing Glenville High, at Webster.

Christmas Seals Being Sold

The annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals is now in progress in this county, with Mrs. R. U. Sutton, as general chairman.

The sales, sold each year, are for the purpose of raising money with which to fight the Great White Plague. 50 per cent of the money from the sales is used in the county.

Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. T. N. Massey, Mrs. M. B. Madison, Mrs. Hugh Monteith, and Mrs. Gilbert Bess are making the canvass in Sylva for the sale of the seals.

Club to Hold Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Twentieth Century Club will be held at the community house, Thursday evening of next week. Husbands of the members of the club will be the guests.

JUNIOR CLUB TO HAVE ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner party of the Junior Club will be at the Poinsett Hotel, on Thursday evening of next week.

Blister Rust Exhibit Being Made In Schools

TODAY and TOMORROW

MOTTO . . . marks faith

Driving over the new Merritt Parkway in Connecticut a short time ago I noticed that on the pillars at each end of the railings of all the bridges there was a decorative design with some lettering in Latin. I stopped long enough to read the motto. It is "Qui transtulit sustinet." The best rough translation I could make of it was: "He who brought us across sustains us."

What a splendid motto for a bridge, I thought. I said as much to a friend, who replied: "Why, that design on the bridges is the Great Seal of the State of Connecticut and that is our state motto."

That set me to thinking about the clear, simple and unshakable faith of the early colonists in the power of God to protect and preserve them. "He who brought us safely across the ocean still protects us." Faith like that seems rare today; and aren't most of the troubles of the world and its people largely due to their loss of faith in the power and wisdom of God I think that is so.

TRUST . . . in divinity

The United States of America has two mottoes. The one on the Great Seal is in Latin, and reads: "E Pluribus Unum," which means "From many, one," signifying the union states into a nation. But a more familiar national motto is the one on the silver coins: "In God We Trust." The founders of the Nation believed in God and in His power to guide and protect the new nation. When the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was about to break up in a row over state jealousies and distrusts Benjamin Franklin suggested that the delegates pray for Divine guidance. His plea was effective. Petty differences were sunk and, under the inspiration of the daily prayer the Convention drafted the charter of a new nation.

How many statesmen of these times put such reliance upon Divine guidance such Faith in God? Does the motto on our coins mean the same to politicians of 1937 as it did to those in 1787.

I believe that some leader in public life could swing the nation back to that faith by demanding that those who administer the nation's affairs put more trust in God and less in man made devices and schemes.

Cooperation . . . with God

The trouble with many people is that they have no trust in God at

During November approximately 20,000 acres of land have been covered in the White Pine Blister Rust Control program. The Pine Creek section southwest to Norton has been mapped and cleared of currant and gooseberry bushes protecting over 10,000 acres of white pine. Seven locations of bushes were found and 141 plants were destroyed.

Several land owners have requested compensation for the destruction of their currant or gooseberry bushes. H. A. Whitman, Jr., agent in charge of Blister Rust Control in Jackson County, would like to make it clear that neither the state nor the federal government pay compensation for currant and gooseberry bushes that are destroyed. The Blister Rust program is entirely cooperative between owners and the U. S. and N. C. Depats. of Agriculture. The fine cooperation already shown by hand owners is testimony to their growing realization that the white pine stands in Jackson County are worthy of protection from the ravages of the Blister rust. The program does not entail any costs from the land owners. The ultimate success in keeping Blister rust out of Jackson County depends upon the degree of cooperation that is established between land owners and the Blister Rust Control activities. The value of the gooseberry or currant bush is negligible compared with the value of the ornamental and native white pine stands in this county.

All currant and gooseberry bushes growing within 1,000 feet of white pine are possible carriers of Blister Rust and the bushes must be destroyed. It is cheaper in the end to prevent Blister Rust from coming in by destroying these bushes now than to wait until the disease become established before taking control measures.

An exhibit illustrating the cause and effect of White Pine Blister Rust will be available to schools and organizations in Jackson County during the two weeks beginning Dec. 5. Those interested are asked to write to H. A. Whitman, Jr., Blister Rust Agent, at Box 241 in Sylva for information.

all or they have too much. I have never been able to believe that mere faith in God is enough under the Divine plan. The individual or the group must cooperate. Oliver Cromwell had the idea when he exhorted the soldiers before the battle of Naseby: "Trust in God, my boys, but keep your powder dry." Three hundred years ago Algernon Sidney wrote: "God helps who help themselves."

The trust in God which our forefathers had and proclaimed to all the world, was simply faith that if they lived rightously, dealt justly, and did all they could to help themselves, they would be helped and sustained by the Divine Spirit, lacking which men lose courage and belief in themselves. The old spirit of America speaks in the last stanza of the National Anthem:

"Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just
And this be our motto: In God is our spirit."

That spirit has kept the Star-Spangled Banner waving for one hundred and fifty years.

Faith . . . in self

Faith in Divine guidance, these Americans of old understood, is faith that if one does his best to order his life according to the rules of right conduct which are the foundation of all religions, he will gain moral strength and courage to face hardships without complaint and to remain unharmed by material success. They did not believe personal miracles, nor do I.

The sort of faith which some people profess, that they are particular pets of Providence and do not need to take any precautions against illness, financial difficulties, or any other disaster, seems to me more like silly credulity. But the faith which rests upon the realization that if one orders his life as to win and retain the confidence and respect of like minded people he need have no fear of being overwhelmed by untoward circumstance.

Faith in God is, after all, faith in one's self. The Divine Spirit is inside of ourselves. If it is not, we are lacking in confidence and courage;

Delayed Take-off by A. B. CHAPIN

