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THE INCOME TAX BILL PROVIDES HEAVY PENALTIES

A Revenue Officer Has Arrived In Oxford To Aid Tax Payers In Making Out Their Returns

Work on the collection of \$6,000,000 has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocket-book of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1,000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000, or more, persons whose net income equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will happen to them if they don't; for failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "willfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such persons is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child." The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4,000. Incomes in excess of \$5,000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$1,000,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing return or in four installments, on or before March 16, on or before June 16, on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

In this case taxpayers must seek the government, not the Government the taxpayer.

THE THIRTIETH MAY PARADE STREETS OF GREENSBORO

Secretary Daniels Urges Senator Overman to Arrange For Boys to Stop Over.

(Greensboro News.)

No response has yet been received from Senator Simmons answering a recent letter from Secretary Daniel, of the chamber of commerce, requesting that he use his influence in having a portion of the 30th division parade the streets of Greensboro while en route to their point of demobilization.

Mr. Daniel feels that the contingent that stops over in Raleigh might well linger a few hours in Greensboro, where a royal reception would await them. And although Senator Simmons has not yet replied to his communication, he believes that the senator is very anxious to have the 30th visit as many cities in this state as possible. For this reason he is watching every mail carefully in the hope that the greatly desired visit will be forthcoming.

ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS OF WORLD WAR IS INCORPORATED

Organization for the Purpose of Banding Together Veterans of All Branches.

Incorporation under the laws of New York of the World War Veterans' association a proposed national organization for the purpose of banding together veterans of all branches of the service, aiding them to obtain employment and facilitating their return to civilian life was announced Saturday. The board of directors include Lawrence E. Abbott, chairman; Maj. August Belmont, Capt. "Archie" Roosevelt, Ralph M. Easley and V. Everett Macy.

HOUSES ARE BADLY NEEDED.

More Than Twenty Families In Oxford Without Homes.

There are ten or a dozen families in the dwellings on the site of the new warehouse, who must find homes elsewhere in less than thirty days.

The three flats at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets contain eight families. One of these flats will be torn down and moved to another part of town, and the other one is for sale.

There are other dwellings on the site that must be moved at once. Just where these families are to find homes is a serious question.

After an all-day search, a good woman informed the Public Ledger that she could not find a vacant house or even a part of a house for her family.

Small dwellings are in demand here. Two weeks ago a couple of men came to Oxford to rent homes with a view of bringing their families here to live, but no houses could be found, and they were compelled to abandon the project.

The change of schedule on the Seaboard railway recently was the means of three families coming to Oxford to live. Neither one of these families have been able to find a dwelling here in which to live.

With so many vacant lots in Oxford it is strange that the owners do not erect a few nice homes for rent. The hundreds of people who are being turned away from Oxford on account of a scarcity of houses, would gladly pay \$15.00 or \$20.00 a month for a small dwelling.

SENDING A TELEPHONIC MESSAGE TO A SHIP AT SEA

From His Desk In Washington, Navy Secretary Speaks To Mr. Wilson 800 Miles At Sea.

Wonderful indeed is some of the recent inventions. According to the press reports, Secretary Daniels transmitted a telephonic greeting to President Wilson Friday by naval radio. From his desk at the Navy Department, the Secretary's voice was carried to the George Washington nearly 800 miles off the Atlantic coast.

The long distance radio telephone equipment had been set up when the Secretary reached his office. His regular desk telephone was connected with the seacoast station, where his voice was projected by radio waves to the aereals of the George Washington.

Mr. Daniels opened his message by stating that it was the Secretary of the Navy talking, and that the message was for the President. Whether the President personally listened was not understood. Mr. Daniels said that a great welcome awaited the President in Boston, and upon his arrival in the capital.

Mr. Daniels repeated his message several times to make sure it was understood.

"Goodbye," the Secretary said into the instrument. "I will see you Tuesday. Goodbye."

WHEAT GUARANTEE MEASURE ADOPTED

Empower's President With Machinery For Buying 1918 and 1919 Crops.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The wheat guarantee bill authorizing the President to use existing agencies or create new ones to buy wheat of the 1918 and 1919 crops at the government guaranteed price and dispose of it at market prices was passed by the House by a vote of 277 to 15.

DR. MARY WALKER IS DEAD AT AGE OF 87

The Only Woman Permitted to Appear In Male Attire.

Dr. Mary Walker, aged 87 years, died at her home near Oswego, New York, last Saturday night after a long illness. She was a surgeon in the Civil war and was awarded a congressional medal of honor. She gained considerable fame by being the only woman allowed to appear in male attire by an act of Congress.

THE DODGERS OF THE DRAFT TO BE PROSECUTED

Those Who Willfully Evaded Service Being Hunted, While Others Will Be Dismissed.

A Washington special says that draft dodgers now are being classified by the Department of Justice and the Provost Marshal Generals' office to separate those who apparently violated the law accidentally from those who were willful in their attempt to evade services. The former will be dismissed and the latter will be prosecuted without regard to the fact that hostilities and further draft calls have ceased.

ANOTHER LARGE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE FOR OXFORD

To Be Built By Former Sheriff Hobgood, Senator Currin and Mr. Graham Daniel.

When the Oxford tobacco market opens next fall, the farmers will find a large new warehouse on the west corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets, where the Parker flats are now standing.

The site for the new warehouse was transferred to Senator Currin, S. C. Hobgood and Graham Daniel during the past week, the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$15,000, according to the revenue stamps attached to the transfer papers. The site extends through the square from Hillsboro street to Penn street.

The warehouse will face on Hillsboro street and extend back along Broad street. It will be a modern brick structure and will have forty thousand square feet of floor space. There will be a concrete driveway on the west side and extending around in rear of the building to Broad street, and also a driveway through the building on the east side.

There are five or six dwellings on the site, all of which will be removed within the next thirty days, it is said.

Figuring in the transfer of the property to the present owners were Messrs. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., Sam Watkins and Mat Nelson, who purchased the Parker flats from Mr. Sam W. Parker a few months ago; a house and lot on Broad street, owned by Mr. W. T. Yancey, and a strip of land on the west side of the old Parker flats line extending back the length of the proposed warehouse, and a strip of about 70 feet wide on Penn avenue extending back to the site of the proposed building, owned and transferred by Mr. S. W. Parker.

It is stated on good authority that the owners will place orders for building materials at once and that the building will be ready to handle the crop next fall. It is estimated that the promoters will expend about \$40,000 on the equipment and that it will be the largest warehouse in this section of the State. When completed, Oxford will have six large warehouses, all of which will be in full operation next fall, namely:

The Owen warehouse, which has been closed for two years, will be open for business next fall. The other five include the new warehouse, which has not yet received its name, the New Mangum, the Banner, the Johnson, and the Farmers'.

Tobacco men here do not regard the new warehouse as an opposition, but rather to expand the territory and enlarge the market, so as to be able to handle twenty million pound annually.

HON. CLEM G. WRIGHT IN OXFORD FOR WEEK END

Prominent Lawmaker Highly Impressed With Our Town.

Hon. Clem G. Wright, of Greensboro, a prominent member of the House of Representatives, came up from Raleigh to spend the week end with Mrs. Wright, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Devin.

Mr. Wright is known throughout the State as the champion of good roads, and he hopes the legislature at this session will lift the State out of the mud. He also stands foursquare on educational matters, a dog law with teeth in it, and a curtailment of the divorce evil. He is one of the big four of the House—a forceful speaker and a splendid mixer, and he generally gets what he goes after. He is not a politician but a business man and is largely interested in numerous enterprises in Greensboro and elsewhere in the Piedmont section of the State. We were right glad to hear him say that Oxford is a most delightful little city and that it is bound to grow.

SENATOR AND MRS. OVERMAN ANNOUNCE DOUBLE WEDDING

Washington, Feb. 23.—The following announcement was made Saturday:

"Senator and Mrs. Lee S. Overman announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn Baird, to Mr. Gilbert Foote Hambley, of Salisbury. This announcement should have been made with that of her sister, Grace McDowell, to Mr. Edgar Norris Snow, of Greensboro, N. C. The double wedding will take place in the spring."

—Notice the many items in Rose's advertisement on the last page of this paper ranging in price from five to twenty-five cents.

THE OXFORD MARKET WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH

Eleven Million Pounds Have Been Sold Here This Season.

At a meeting of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade it was decided to keep the market open until Friday, March 14th in order to give the farmers time to get their tobacco on the market. The date set for the close down is at the end of business Friday, March 14th.

The sales on the Oxford market at the close of business last Friday was a fraction over eleven million pounds. This amount included resales during the season, which did not exceed 200,000 pounds.

It is estimated that there is a half million pounds in the hands of the farmers to be marketed here, which will bring the total amount of sales on the Oxford market this tobacco season up to twelve million pounds.

If these figures are realized the total amount of money paid will be nearly \$4,500,000. This is greater than anything ever heard of on any of the markets in this section in previous years.

OXFORD MERCHANTS ON THE NATIONAL HONOR ROLL

Stem Goes 556 Percent Clear Over the Top.

According to the official figures received here from Washington with reference to the outcome of the War Savings Campaign waged by the various State Retail Merchants' Divisions from the first of May until the end of December of last year, the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Division, under leadership of Mr. J. L. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, made the best record of any State in the Union in the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps through retail stores.

North Carolina was assigned a quota of \$2,312,093.00 of stamps to be sold by the retail merchants. At the North Carolina was assigned a quota of sales amounted to \$3,230,352.25 making a percent of 139. Mr. Kerr Taylor, of Horner Bros. Company, was director of the campaign in Oxford.

The fifth, or Raleigh District, of which Mr. William Perlstien was chairman, and which comprised the counties of Caswell, Granville, Person, Durham, Lee, Johnson, Chatham, Alamance, Orange and Wake, sold \$421,143.75 or over \$75,000 above its quota.

It is also interesting to note that the merchants of Stem are credited with 556 per cent.

PRESIDENT WILSON BACK ON AMERICAN SOIL

Must Return to Paris By March 15th.

President Wilson arrived in Boston harbor Sunday night; received an ovation in Boston Monday surpassing all public demonstrations in history, and arrived in Washington at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning as fresh as a daisy.

In his address to the American people at Boston, President Wilson said that a new Europe is in the making; that hope is a living thing there for the first time in four years; nations will now understand each other in every just cause and unite every moral and physical force to see that right prevails throughout the world.

President Wilson will leave Washington March 5th on his return trip to Paris to ratify and put in force the league of nations.

HOUSE CUTS ARMY TO 175,000

Passes Senate Measure, Eliminating 540,000 Plan.

(Washington Special.)

The peace time army of the United States for the year beginning next July 1, is fixed at 175,000 men—the number authorized by the national defense act of 1916—under a Senate bill sent to conference after passage by the House. In voting to sustain a point of order and to substitute the Senate measure for the temporary army provision of the annual army appropriation bill the house refused the request of the War Department for a military establishment for the next year of approximately 540,000 officers and men.

As the bill passed the House in virtually the same form as enacted by the Senate, the conference will have for consideration only the House amendments fixing the period of enlistment in the new army at one year and fixing the pay for enlisted men at \$30 a month.

Misses Olivia and Bettie Mae Cheatham, members of the faculty of the Wakelon High School, spent the week end with relatives on Route 3.

A LETTER FROM SOMEWHERE.

Which We Find In Our Morning Mail.

—Jason Gage got fired out of the band. He didn't play loud enough.

—Since this town went dry Marshall Pusey carries a barrel stove instead of a mace,—he uses it to locate hip-pocket flasks.

—Old Hank McGee is a good provider. He took his little boy's wagon, went around the town and provided his wife with seven washins.

—Steve Mercer, the barber, says that a customer in the chair is worth two waiting—and a whole shop full of loafers.

—Old Job Terrell told the Whittling Club out under the hay scales shied that he hadn't took a bath in twenty years. Jake Bentley says he's now gone so long he ought to begin usin' harness grease.

—Hub Neff was just seen leaning up against the Jones Block down at the corner. It seems that he ran away with a circus. He wore a big cow-boy hat with straps around it and his wrists. When asked what states he went through he said he didn't know, for they travelled at night.

—Aunt Amelia Yoder was 87 years old yesterday. She can distinctly remember the wet spring of 1852, for Marsh Hilliard's wagon show came through here that year and the elephant got loose and it up every vegetable garden in the settlement. Aunt Amelia says she owes her long life to Dr. Gunn's Domestic Physician, and still keeps it on the center table with the Bible and Watt Hymns.

—Jake Bentley, who is one of the trustees, visited the McKees Creek school house yesterday and heard the first class in arithmetic recite. He gave the head of the class a problem which was: "How many grains of corn will it take to make a square foot of mush?" The scholars all have a good time when Jake comes to visit 'em but the teacher says it's hard to maintain order.

NORTH CAROLINA CASUALS REACH HOME PORT

Come Aboard Transport Orizaba, Which, With Henderson, Reaches New York.

The army transports Henderson and Orizaba arrived in New York Saturday with 77 officers and 4,203 men.

The Orizaba's passengers including Casualty Company No. 497, composed of North Carolinians.

WAR INSURANCE PAYMENTS BILL PASSED BY CONGRESS

The Senate has passed the House bill directing the war insurance bureau to resume payment of allotments to enlisted men of the army and navy, which it discontinued last July. Because of minor Senate amendments the bill was sent to conference. The cases of more than 20,000 men in the service are affected by the measure.

SENATE VOTES FIVE CENTS A MILE FOR SOLDIERS

For Travel To Their Homes From Places of Discharge.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Senate has adopted the conference report on the authorizing men discharged from the military service to retain their uniforms and allowing them five cents a mile for travel to their homes from places of discharge. The house is expected to take similar action within a few days.

TOTAL CASUALTIES TO DATE

Official Report of the Commanding General A. E. F.

Killed in action	31,555
Died of wounds	13,139
Died of disease	19,722
Died from accident	2,929
Wounded in action	187,296
Missing in action	6,917
Total to date	261,557

Rev. Billy Sunday's Age.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, stated last Sunday that he desired to set everybody straight as to the age of Rev. Billy Sunday. While in Richmond ten days ago he heard several preachers and laymen say that Mr. Sunday was 63 years old. He returned to Richmond last week to escort Mrs. Harte home, and while there learned that Mr. Sunday is "53 or 56" years old. In making the correction he stated that he hoped the great evangelist would live to be 100 years old and some more.

Mrs. H. G. Cooper went over to Henderson Friday to hear Mrs. T. W. Bickett's and Mrs. Hoke's addresses at the church of the Holy Innocents. She was the guest of Mrs. J. Y. Paris at Mrs. S. J. Lane's.

BREAKFAST BACON AT THIRTY CENTS THE POUND

And Sugar Cured Hams At Thirty-Four Cents the Pound.

(Mrs. J. P. Caldwell, in Charlotte Observer.)

Some days ago I took occasion to reprint some figures regarding the status of advertising and non-advertising grocers and meat dealer. Since then I have run across a novel idea in grocery advertising, down at Greenville, S. C., where an immense business has been built up by a man who has the goods, makes the prices right and tells the people about both of them.

Last week this grocer announced a "white sale." Sounded like a dry goods store, but it challenged your attention and when you read the "dope" you found that it was really a white sale. He showed the regular market price of the items on sale, together with the price he would charge for a specific number of days, together with the saving his customers would make, extended after each price.

On Friday of last week he announced that the sale was a winner, that he had sold enormous quantities of high grade groceries and that the man who did not patronize him lost bargains.

Then he announces for Saturday some interesting facts. I do not know the prices being charged in Charlotte and these shown by this grocer may be higher or lower than we are paying. Since I do not know, I can not be charged with making odious comparisons, but he offers breakfast bacon, "every ounce guaranteed," in the pieces, four to 12 pounds at 30 cents.

Sugar cured hams, Swift's or Armour's, 34 cents.

Eggs by the million, every one guaranteed brand new, at 38 cents a dozen.

Sugar at \$2.50 a bag, or at 10 cents a pound when sold loose.

Country cured hams, 34 1-2 to 36 1-2 cents a pound, every one guaranteed.

Finest cream cheese, 35 cents; finest fresh creamery butter 58 cents. And thus his list goes. Says he can make these prices because of the enormous volume of trade he has built up by good goods, good prices and his advertising, 20 inches in both papers daily.

COBLENZ ALONE LOST 1,033 SOLDIERS KILLED

During Four Years of War 11,723 Men Were Drafted Into Army From That German City.

(The Paris Martin.)

Coblentz, a city of more than 50,000 inhabitants, lost a total of 1,033 men killed in the war, according to German army estimates which reached the Army of Occupation headquarters recently. In the four years of war 11,723 men from Coblentz were drafted into the German army. Several thousand of these already have returned and many have taken up their trades where they left off in 1914.

Since the armistice was signed 6,532 men of Coblentz have been discharged from the German army, and every day additional soldiers are returning to civil life in the district now occupied by the Third American Army.

THE NAME OF LT. LANDIS IN THE CASUALTY LIST

He Returned To His Company After He Was Wounded.

The casualty list issued Sunday contains the name of Lt. William T. Landis, of Oxford, the degree of the wound undetermined.

It was known here several months ago that Lt. Landis was wounded in the shoulder, and it is thought here this is the wound referred to in the current casualty report. He recovered from his wound and was with his company when it smashed through the Hindenburg line. He was attached to the Asheboro company and very few of the boys were left to tell the tale.

"GROSS INCOME."

The New Revenue Law Fully Explained.

Mr. Thomas D. Meyers, of the collector's office, Raleigh, arrived in Oxford Monday for the purpose of explaining the new income law to those who must pay the tax.

Mr. Meyers is located in the commissioner's room at the Court House, and in the early hours of the night he will be found at the Exchange Hotel ready to explain the law to all who desire information. He will remain in Oxford until Wednesday afternoon.