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GARNER, OF TEXAS, RAPS MELLON'S TAX REVISION

REPORT IS MISLEADING

He Says It Would Give Substantial Relief to Only 525,000 Surtax Payers

Washington, Dec. 17.—Substantial relief would be afforded by the Mellon tax reduction plan to only 525,000 individual surtax payers Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking Democrat on the house ways and means committee, declared tonight in a statement. He asserted, however, that "most of the administrative amendments embraced in Secretary Mellon's tax recommendations and several others should have early and favorable consideration."

Commenting on the benefits to be derived Mr. Garner said, "Congress could repeal the entire income taxes of the 6,136,000 with incomes of \$5,000 or less, which would involve a loss of only \$92,790,800, thereby leaving the 525,000 large income surtax payers as the chief beneficiaries of the plan."

"I am astonished," said Mr. Garner, "at the amount of false or misleading information that is being so systematically fed out to the American people to the effect that wholesale tax reduction would result to the people, generally under the Mellon plan. Such propaganda is a fraud on the country."

"There is no probably opposition to the removal of such taxes as those on telegrams and admissions to theaters. I am willing even to magnify the Mellon proposals to any ordinary extent and am anxious to aid in securing the fullest measure of equitable income tax reduction, but I cannot justify a policy that would limit relief to the American people measurably to Mr. Mellon's 525,000 large income surtax payers, thereby ignoring, if not by implication excluding each and all of the other methods of wholesale relief which I have pointed out."

"It is my individual judgment that most Democrats in Congress will favor going further than the Mellon plan as it relates to the smaller income tax payers up to incomes of \$15,000 to \$20,000, and they will be disposed to make thorough and impartial investigation to ascertain and adopt a scientific and equitable scale of higher surtax rates based on the doctrine of ability to pay. Democrats are equally interested in speedily improving the administrative side of our income tax situation so as to permanently remove the present great inconvenience, complications, delay, expense and consequent irritation to the tax payers."

McADOO'S HAT IN THE RING

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—The telegram of W. G. McAdoo, announcing himself for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, to the South Dakota Democratic state chairman read:

"Having filed my formal acceptance of the platform adopted by the Democratic proposal convention, as required by the Democratic proposal convention, as required by South Dakota law, I desire again to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the convention and to say that I am willing to fight with and for the people of South Dakota in support of the progressive principals espoused by the convention."

"We shall get no relief from the burdens now oppressing us, nor shall we progress in any direction through the Republican policies of standstillism and wistful wishing for these problems to solve themselves."

"The Democratic party stands for progress and popular rights. It welcomes the opportunity to do battle for them."

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES

Independent Houses the 19th, Co-op the 20th

Roxboro tobacco market will close for the Christmas holidays at the auction houses on the 19th, and at the co-op on the 20th. Both systems will open on January 8th. Sales have been pretty heavy this week, with prices about same as last week.

ROXBORO WINS FROM BETHEL HILL

In one of the hardest fought games ever witnessed in Roxboro, the local boys defeated Bethel Hill High School by a very narrow margin, last Saturday night. The final score, 23-22 came after Roxboro's sudden burst of speed in the fourth quarter. The end of the first quarter found Roxboro in the lead by a 6-2 score, but by the end of the third quarter Bethel Hill had reached the top end of a 17-12 score.

With all its ups and downs, it was one of the best games ever witnessed here, and it was anybody's game up to the final whistle. Woody, Walker and Roberson were the outstanding stars for Bethel Hill, and W. Harris and Morris scored most points for Roxboro.

These two teams have announced a series of games to be played in the Winstead Warehouse after the holidays, and it is hoped that all Person County will be able to see some real basketball. Following is a line-up of the two teams: Bethel Hill, Woody & Wilburn, forwards; Roberson & G. Wilburn, guards and Walker center. Roxboro: Morris, Oakley & C. Harris forwards, W. Harris center, and Maynard & James Clayton guards.

NATIONAL BANK ADVISES RAISING COTTON

If you have decided to plant some cotton next year we think you have decided well, and have arranged to buy a car of select seed. If you will call at the First National Bank and give your name and the quantity you will need Vice-President Burch will gladly take your order.

The First National Bank

A GREAT SUCCESS

The bazaar held last Saturday by ladies of the Methodist church was a decided success, both as to fancy work and in the dining room. This is once place where you invariably get value received, in fact we have never seen such helpings of Brunswick stew or with the salad course where they were quite so bountiful. We have not learned the amount taken in, but it was well beyond their highest expectations.

CHEAP MEAT

Col. D. M. Andrews says he can not report the largest hogs but he believe he has them all beat when it comes to cheapness. He killed 3 which weighed 1340 pounds. These hogs were born on Jan 10th and killed on Dec. 6th, and he is sure that he did not buy more than \$2.50 worth of food stuff for them. He fed them from the kitchen, and says he gives all of the credit to his man, Bob Walker, col., who had charge of the feeding.

MR. TILLMAN LEADS.

We have had reports of several large hogs but our friend Mr. W. S. Tillman holds the banner so far. He reports the killing of a big bone O. I. C., 18 months old, which weighed 610 pounds.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Washington, Dec. 9.—Announcement of the candidacy of President Coolidge for the Republican nomination for President in 1924 was made tonight by Frank W. Stearns of Boston, who is known as his closest personal and political friend.

The announcement was made by Mr. Stearns through a statement which was given out by James B. Reynolds former secretary of Republican national committee, who directed the campaign for Mr. Coolidge in 1920. Mr. Reynolds made public the statement without comment.

MR. J. K. COGGIN IN COUNTY

Mr. J. K. Coggin, assistant State Superintendent of Agriculture, spent several days in the County last week reviewing the work of Mr. Warwick, teacher of agriculture in the Bethel Hill High School. They favored us with a call.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Pass, who have been spending several weeks in Wallace, returned home Monday evening.

POSTMASTER WHITT

Mr. H. J. Whitt's name was among the list of more than 2000 which the President sent to the senate for confirmation Monday. As soon as he is confirmed and gives bond he will be ready to take charge of the affairs. This will not be anything new for Mr. Whitt, as he served as postmaster here for several years, and save as to the time we served in that capacity, was the best postmaster Roxboro ever had.

TWO BIG HOGS

Mr. A. W. Blalock of Route 1, Roxboro, reports the killing of two hogs which weighed 800 pounds. No western bacon for Mr. Blalock.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED OFF

The regular meeting of the Roxboro A. F. & A. M. for next Tuesday night Christmas is hereby called off in January notice of which will be given later.

C. H. HUNTER, W. M.

MERCHANTS HAVING GOOD WEEK

The merchants report the best sales of the season this week, the weather has been cool and the people have been laying in their winter supplies. This, with the usual Christmas shopping has kept them busy.

At no time do we remember having seen more beautifully decorated windows than are being shown by the merchants of Roxboro, and their stocks are unusually large. While great stress has been placed on buying early, still, there will be the usual late day purchasers and the same rush will be on the last of this week and the first of next.

A FINE BOY

Mrs. John Oakley of Helena favored us with a pleasant call yesterday. Mrs. Oakley has the finest baby we think we ever saw, just 6 months old and weighs 32 lbs. He is a jolly, bright little fellow and has cut two teeth.

DECEMBER 1ST COTTON CROP REPORT

The official estimates of the Crop Reporting Board give the North Carolina crop a production of 1,020,000 bales, estimated for this year. Giving the crop a value of \$33 per pound, which was the average for a three weeks period ranging about December 1st, the crop has a value of about \$159,548,400. The recent ginners' report gives North Carolina 939,616 bales ginned to December 1st. It is estimated that 94 percent of the crop was ginned at that date. As the bales in North Carolina average about 490 pounds each, the gin bales must be discounted.

For the first time in its history North Carolina will rank second in the production and value of the cotton crop. The yield per acre gives us a lead in this respect among the important cotton states. It is estimated that the seed cotton averages 37 percent lint this year in this state. The estimates on the averages from the various reports used as compared with last year, range from 102 to 109 percent, giving a reasonable average of 105 per cent. The percent abandoned since June 25th when the first acreage estimate was made was .5 percent.

The Crop Reporting Service obtained a large number of individual cotton farm acreages, the results of which indicated that 107 percent increase was harvested this year as compared with a year ago. According to the regular report received from hundreds of correspondents over North Carolina, 97 percent of the crop was picked by December 1st. The average price paid to farmers per ton of cotton, seed was \$48.50. The average price paid for picking seed cotton was \$1.25 per hundredweight.

"Bashful Mr. Bobs"

Something to do Christmas night, Tuesday, Dec. 25th. A splendid play at Bethel Hill High School. Admission at popular prices. Don't forget the time and place.

Mrs. L. C. Clarke, Jr., and son of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mrs. Clarke's parents, and Mrs. J. S. Harvey.

DURHAM END OF HIGHWAY OPENED.

Last Monday morning the Durham end of the Roxboro-Durham highway was opened to traffic. The highway is all complete now save a short detour by way of Helena. This, however, is good sand clay and the public will have no trouble over it. We are glad to note this opening, for we have missed the visits of some of our Durham friends. We extend a cordial invitation to all of them to come on, it is not too late to do some of your Christmas shopping here and save some of your money to be used after the rush of the holidays is over, and incidentally, take dinner at Hotel Jones and enjoy a sure enough cat, for Miller knows just how to serve it right. Come on, we will give you a hearty welcome.

MR. BUCHANAN REPLIES TO MR. HICKS

Mr. Editor:

If you will allow me space in your valuable paper I would like to mention a few things as to Mr. Hicks' reply to Mr. John W. Hester. He informs Mr. Hester how glad he was to hear that 1100 Co-ops had broken their contract. It means a lawyers fee. Of course he would be glad to take the case, and what would he charge the poor fellow. He asked Mr. Hester if he thought a single one of them would have signed if they could or would have been put in jail for breaking the bargain. No man has as yet been put in jail by any Judge or any Co-op and will not be, and Mr. Hicks knows the law and he knew what they had been put in jail for. Not for breaking the bargain but for contempt of court. They do not pay for five years for one break of the contract, they only pay five cents on the pound of tobacco that they sell outside and the lawyers fee if they fight the case, and it seems from the way Mr. Hicks writes that he would have everyone of them to fight the case.

Let Mr. Hicks prove a single time that Co-op contract calls for that they have not done. Does he know what they are selling the 1922 crop of tobacco at. Why say the crop paid 10 cents one time, and 10 cents another time and leave the impression that is all they will get. Has he got information from headquarters of Co-operation. It seems from his write up that he must be collecting for some merchants. How much does he make the debtor pay extra, and how much does the time merchant charge extra on time. He also said something about paying quick. The Co-op does not buy tobacco but sells. Why don't they pay quick? It is just because people like Mr. Hicks fight the Co-ops and cause one half to place his tobacco on the open market. I said open market, I should not have said open market, but should have said, brokerage market. If the tobacco manufacturing companies can pay cash at auction why can't they pay cash for Co-op tobacco? Let Mr. Hicks answer that question. He also leaves the impression that the merchants, bankers and lawyers fed the Co-ops in 1922 and 1923. Who is it that feeds the bankers, merchants and lawyers? They are fed by the farmer, not only fed but given money to lay up, and do not the merchants, bankers and lawyers belong to a Co-operation. Now when they come out and fight farmers, Co-operation there must be something wrong. Co-operate with farmers and everything will be better for all. Mr. Hicks' write up reminds me of a story of two farmers who went to law about a cow. One had the cow by the horns and the other had her by the tail and the lawyer sitting on a stool milking the cow. I want to say this Co-operation is here to stay. During the war of independence there were two men on guard, one on either side of the river. Pat says, "Hey, you know we are going to whip you all tomorrow. Now, who you got over there?" Pat said, "Lord Cornwallis, Lord Brown, etc. Who you got?" "We got George Washington and Lord God Almighty, and all hell can't whip us. Let every number stand firm and we will win."

W. T. Buchanan.

SOME HOG RAISER

Mr. Jefferson O'Brian has killed hogs and says he has killed large hogs before but he killed the largest one this time he has ever killed. His largest weighed over 600 pounds another one weighed over 300 pounds. Jeff says he has plenty of meat to tan him next year.—B.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Our friends will be glad to know that St. Mark's is almost finished. Everything should be finished this week and we are planning to hold our services in the Church next Sunday, December 23rd. Come and worship with us in the new Church. The services will be Church School at 10:00 a. m., Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion at 11:00 and Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:00 P. M.

LETTER TO "OLD SANTA"

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle, or a tricycle and some fire crackers. I have been a good boy. James R. Garrett, Jr.

WATER, AND PLENTY OF IT.

We drove to the new lake last Sunday evening, and was delighted to see such a lake. It likes about six feet of being up to the spillway, but there are millions and millions of gallons stored up there. We learn that water will probably be turned into the city early in January, and then you can take a bath at your sweet will. While the contractors, Mess. Boyd, Higgins & Goforth will be a few days behind in completing their contract, still, when all troubles and delays are considered, we think they have really done remarkable, and when they turn it over to the town Roxboro will have a system which many a city much larger would be proud to call their own.

SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Regular services will be held in the Baptist Church next Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. While the painting will not be completed it will be in such condition that services can be held as usual. Special musical program has been arranged, and the public is cordially invited.

HARD AFTER THE BLOCKADERS

Last week Sheriff Long and his assistants kept the blockaders on the jump. On Sunday evening Alfred Johnson and his wife were found with a quart of liquor, and were bound over to court under \$250 bond.

Sheriff Long, Policeman Sam Oliver and deputy Melvin Clayton went out near the home of Andrew Holt in the Chub Lake section and found 20 gallons of liquor buried. No arrests were made in this case.

Monday, near Surl, the officers found and destroyed a large coper still. The owners probably saw the officers and made good their escape, as the still had just been fired.

Tuesday Bessie Hester, col., who lives on the hill near the colored school, was arrested for having five gallons of wine in her possession, which she admitted she had been selling at \$1.25 a quart. She was bound over to court.

Monday, down near Wooddale, 2 gallons of liquor was found buried in a stump. In addition to these, the officers destroyed two other stills during the past week.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION HOME CALANDAR FOR 1924

According to our way of thinking, a calendar should be, above all, useful. Unfortunately many of the calendars we see are nothing but pretty pictures with calendar attachments. In the Companion Home Calander for 1924, however, we find a calendar beautifully printed in red, blue and gold, and designed especially for handy reference. Each page carries not only the calendar of the current month in bold readable type, but also a marginal reference to the preceding and coming months, the moon's phases, and a choice bit of cheerful philosophy. A copy of this calendar is sent free to every subscriber who pays \$2.50 for the 52 numbers of The Youths Companion for 1924.

GOOD AVERAGE

Mess. J. H. Shotwell, and P. R. Fugh made a delivery of tobacco to the Co-op last week, which brought them the handsome average of \$21.39. They delivered 795 pounds and received \$170.26.

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HEAVY LOSS CAUSED BY CHARLOTTE BLAZE

Charlotte, Dec. 17.—An estimated damage of \$750,000 was done here last night in a fire which raged through seven mercantile establishments on East Trade street.

Originating shortly before 8 o'clock in the third floor of the Smith-Wadsworth company the flames spread with rapidity and within an hour seemed to threaten the entire retail district.

The fire apparatus of the city was called into use but for some time seemed to make no impression on the flames which continued spreading. At 10 o'clock Mayor Walker extended out the Charlotte company of the cord, Monroe, and Statesville, but before any of this equipment arrived the fire department announced that the flames were under control. At 11 o'clock Governor Morrison ordered out the Charlotte company of the National Guard for patrol duty in the fire swept district.

Stores swept by the flames were Smith-Wadsworth company, H. C. Smith Company, La Mode. Efrid's annex, Belk department store, a garage, Warren's barber shop and the tire station of George A. Newman. Several other establishments were severely damaged by smoke and water.

NOTICE OF IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the Tobacco Growers and business men held at the courthouse in Roxboro, on Thursday, December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of organizing an intermediate credit bank in this county.

The members of the Tobacco Association and business men are urged to be present.

C. A. HALL.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

By the colored people of Person County, January 1st, 1924. Parade at 10:30 a. m. Address at 12:30 p. m. by Dr. E. Spiller, one of the leading speakers of his race. Music by Roxboro band. Come and join the parade, bring your vehicle of days long ago and of today.

J. A. J. HALL, Manager
D. C. JOHNSON, Secretary
12-19-23

AN APPRECIATIVE SUBSCRIBER

We enjoyed a pleasant call this morning from Miss Annie Villines of the Bushy Fork section. The Courier has been going into her home ever since it started, first to her father and after his death to Miss Annie. We greatly appreciate her kind words concerning our work.

SCHOOL NOTES

A Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year to all! May you and all yours be well and have a thoroughly enjoyable holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beam

When bugs and worms are plentiful in the spring, hens lay heaviest. In winter when this animal food is not available it should be supplied by using such substitutes as meat scrap, fish meal, milk or high grade tankage, recommends A. G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

There will be services at Hurdle Mills school building next Sunday, 11 A. M.

Services at Bushy Fork high school at 3 P. M. The public is cordially invited to both services.

W. O. Sample

HAD TO BUY LARD

We have had several reports as to hog killing, but Mrs. M. A. Stewart brings in the latest. She says they killed their hog and had to buy lard to fry the sausage. They got one pint of lard from this hog.

"Bashful Mr. Bobs." Don't forget there will be a play at the Bethel Hill High School auditorium Christmas night for the benefit of the school. Admission at popular prices.

"Bashful Mr. Bobs" will be at Bethel High School December 25th. Admission at popular prices. Don't fail to come. It is a fine play.