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Mr. Redden's Votes

BECAUSE Monroe M. Redden is this district's congressman, our representative in the lower house of congress, his votes last week on two important issues are of interest to the people of this district, and deserve discussion.

Mr. Redden and one other North Carolina congressman first joined with the Republican majority in voting to override the President's veto of the bill to reduce taxes. Later in the week, he and 11 other Tarheels in the lower house made common cause with the Republicans in voting to override the veto of the labor bill.

An interesting commentary on Mr. Redden's votes on these two matters—and on the times—is the fact that he was bred in the tradition of party regularity, and probably owes his nomination last June to twelfth district leaders who swear by the righteousness of and the necessity for party regularity. Yet twice within a week, on major issues, he repudiated the leadership of the head of the Democratic party.

The merits of the labor bill certainly are subject to debate. There is general agreement that some labor legislation is needed; the whole question is whether this particular bill was just, wise, and workable. That is a question on which there undoubtedly is honest difference of opinion.

But the tax bill is another matter. There the issue was fairly clear-cut. Our huge national debt, which must be paid in good times if ever; our heavy defense and foreign rehabilitation commitments, with the possibility that the demand may become greater instead of less; the complete uncertainty of what lies ahead; and the fact that taxation is about the only inflation control that is left—all of these factors suggest that this is about the worst possible time to reduce taxes.

There are so many arguments, in fact, against reducing taxes at this time, and so few in favor of it, that it is hard to see how Mr. Redden, or anyone else, could honestly vote to override the veto.

Of course there are many persons who applaud the stand taken by Mr. Redden and those of like mind, so there must be some good arguments on the other side of the fence. And for the benefit of those who wish to take a look at what is across that fence, there is published on this page an editorial, "Met The Issue", from Mr. Redden's home town newspaper, the Hendersonville Times-News. It is published not because it seems to The Press to make sense, but because it presents a different viewpoint.

Funny

It's funny about filibusters.

When Southern legislators have filibustered against federal anti-lynch laws, out-of-South liberals have damned the filibuster as indefensible and denounced the filibusterers for obstructing the will of the majority.

But last week-end the shoe was on the other foot. A Democratic senator from Idaho and a Republican from Oregon filibustered to prevent an immediate vote on the veto of the labor bill, a measure designed to curb labor unions.

What have the so-called liberals to say about the filibuster now? Well, we wouldn't advise you to hold your breath till they denounce this one!

Yes, it's funny about filibusters. But it's funnier about us human beings.

"Cut Our Taxes"

Pity the poor public official this time of year. He must feel that this is open season for him.

For this is budget-making and rate-fixing time.

And in Macon County and Franklin and Highlands and counties and towns all over the nation aldermen and county commissioners are hearing the same thing, day after day, from nearly everyone who discusses budgets and tax rates with them.

The chorus, this time of year, always is the same:

"Cut our taxes, cut our taxes, cut our taxes!"

"But don't you dare reduce appropriations!"

"Come to think of it, we need some more money spent on our street, and we need better schools, and we've got to have more water, and why don't you do something for our end of the county."

"But cut our taxes . . . !"

••• LETTERS •••

REAL PRODUCTION

Dear Sir:

I was interested in your clipping from the Farmers Federation News in which Mr. McClure pleads for high production and also in your editorial comment.

For the most part I agree with you both. I like his idea that we should think less about individual profit and more about contributing to world welfare. And I would answer a question posed in your editorial by saying, "Yes, Christianity does teach socialism". I am inclined to go farther and say that Christianity very largely is socialism.

But I wish to add one more thought to Mr. McClure's excellent idea. It is this: Be sure that what you are doing is real production. Too many of our activities tend toward destruction rather than production. It has been that way since this country was founded, and we have destroyed much.

When I go into the forest and cut down a tree to go into the building of a temporary structure or into newsprint which is used for a moment and then burned; unless I provide very definitely for the replacement of that tree in a permanent and steadily improving forest I have not produced, but have destroyed. If I clear a tract of land and over a period of years grow on it a thousand bushels of wheat, but find at the end of the period that the land's productive power has been destroyed the chances are strong that I have destroyed more than I have produced. If I drill a hole in the ground which taps the hidden store of petroleum and bend my energies to pumping out and distributing that petroleum in the manner that will put the most dollars in my pocket, regardless of all other considerations, I have been inexcusably destructive.

Let's concentrate on production, as Mr. McClure urges, but, for our own sakes, for the sake of humanity, for God's sake, and I say it reverently and mean every word of it, let's be sure we are engaged in production and not destruction.

Sincerely,

NEVILLE SLOAN

Franklin, N. C.,
June 21, 1947.

• Others' Opinions •

FOREST FIRES

During May there were ten forest fires in Rutherford county, two by burning brush, five by smokers, two by incendiary and one by lightning. Six nearby counties including Rutherford had a total of 51 forest fires in May which burned over 437 acres of land. Of these 51 fires, the party responsible was determined in 20 cases and law enforcement action taken in 11 while one person was prosecuted for burning without a permit.

Most of these fires could have been prevented. Fires are costly and dangerous. Let all be careful with cigar and cigarette stubs, lighted matches and burning trash, or brush. A fire is easy to start but hard to control.—Rutherford County News.

MET THE ISSUE

Congressmen Redden and Bulwinkle of North Carolina voted in the house against Truman's veto of the tax reduction bill. Doubtless this action is approved by a majority of the voters in their districts. They were not taking any political chances by this action, but their constituents do not believe that these gentlemen were controlled by the impulse to play politics.

Congressman Redden made the statement several months ago that he favored tax reduction. He is of the opinion that taxes are too high and burdensome when it is estimated that approximately one-third of the earnings of wages and salary workers of the country are eaten up by taxes.

Congressmen Redden and Bulwinkle are to be congratulated on an exhibition of moral courage in sticking to their guns in this contest in spite of the administration pressure brought to bear to defeat tax relief.

No cause contributing to the present era of wild inflation is more pronounced than high taxes. President Truman makes either an exhibition of economic stupidity or of official insincerity when he calls for opposition to inflation and for reduction of the cost of living, and at the same time adopts policies which make this reduction impossible.

All of which points inevitably to the conclusion that Truman believes in the government spending theories of the Roosevelt-Hopkins coterie of new dealers; or that he is consciously playing politics with this vastly important issue.

—Hendersonville Times-News.

GETTING OFF TO A BAD START

The hundreds of sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts in the counties west of Buncombe were given little encouragement to continue their support to the new program since Governor Cherry failed to appoint a man from this section to the commission. Nearly all of the trout streams, most of the lakes, and a great deal of the hunting area lies in the section included in the counties of Jackson, Haywood, Macon, Henderson, Transylvania, Swain, Graham, Cherokee and Clay.

Mr. Furr of Buncombe county is recognized as a real sportsman and may be a very competent man for the job. He may be in sympathy with the many changes in management and policy that are greatly needed, however, he will have to prove himself to the boys out this way as he is under the influence of groups in Buncombe county who did not favor the separation bill, providing for this new board.

The members of the Wildlife clubs in these western counties worked hard and faithful for the new board, and their efforts should have been recognized by the Governor in his appointments.

There will be other appointments in years to come and the wildlife club members of this section will no doubt see to it that this section is remembered. However, in the meantime, we must all support the new board if it is to succeed in the building up of a wildlife program for the state. If it fails in its initial efforts, going will be hard as the opponents of the separation bill are no doubt awaiting such an opportunity to try to wreck the program.—Sylva Herald.

LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES

This is the time of the year when tax rates for the next fiscal year are being fixed by the tax authorities in local units of government. Indications from early reports are that there is a general tendency to increase rates in all sections of the state. Some of these increases have been authorized by a vote of the people in special tax elections. This is particularly true of school taxes. The increases in salaries and other school expenditures authorized by the last general assembly left many of the local school units in the position of not having enough funds from previously authorized tax levies to meet the increased cost of operations resulting from the boost in expenditures by the state.

For the most part, local units which supplemented the state provided minimum, did this on a percentage basis. They supplemented teachers' salaries a certain per cent above state schedule. In addition to this, they employed extra teachers for special subjects and for the purpose of lightening the teacher load. These extra teachers were paid in full out of the supplementary tax. Their salaries were on the same basis as other teachers who drew the major portion of their pay from the state.

The result of the state increase was that local units had to boost the amount of money from local sources going into the school budget. If this were not done, the percentage supplement would have to be cut or the number of extra teachers reduced. Either one of these alternatives was undesirable from the standpoint of the school people and the result has been that in many instances special elections have been called to increase the local tax rate. Approval of these increases have been voted by the people. There will be no trouble in collecting these extra taxes so long as we have this period of inflation and relatively high income.—We the People of North Carolina.

With the Churches

BAPTIST

First Church, Franklin
The Rev. Charles E. Parker,
Pastor

Sunday:

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7:00 p. m.—Training union.
8:00 p. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:

8:00 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

EPISCOPAL

St. Agnes Church, Franklin
The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan,
Pastor

Sunday:

10 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—First Sunday, Holy communion.
Third Sunday, Morning prayer.
8 p. m.—Second and fourth Sundays, evening prayer.

METHODIST

Franklin Church
The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt,
Pastor

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7 p. m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p. m.—Senior Youth fellowship.

Franklin Circuit

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor
Preaching services as follows:

First Sunday:

11 a. m.—Bethel.
3 p. m.—Salem church.
8:00 p. m.—Clark's chapel.

Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Snow Hill church
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
8:00 p. m.—Iotla church.

Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.
3 p. m.—Salem.
8:00 p. m.—Bethel.

Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Iotla.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
8:00 p. m.—Snow Hill.

West Macon Circuit

The Rev. P. E. Bingham, Pastor
Preaching services as follows:

First Sunday:

2 p. m.—Malden's Chapel.
11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.

Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.
2 p. m.—Malden's Chapel.

Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

PRESBYTERIAN

Franklin Church
The Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor

Sunday:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:

8 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

CHURCH OF GOD

Prentiss

The Rev. H. L. Helms, pastor
Sunday:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7 p. m.—Young People's Endeavor.
7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic service.

CATHOLIC

Franklin
(At John Wasilik's Residence—
Rogers Hill)

The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher,
Pastor

Sunday:

8:00 a. m.—Mass.

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
Sloan's Chapel

Sunday:

2 p. m.—Sunday school on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays.

2 p. m.—Preaching on the fourth Sunday.

3 p. m.—Preaching on the first, second, and third Sundays.

Tuesday:

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Friendship (Angel) Tabernacle

Sunday:

2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.

River Bend

2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
3:30 p. m.—Preaching Fourth Sunday, conducted by the Rev. V. C. Ramey.

Wednesday:

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Olive Hill

Sunday:
2 p. m. Sunday school, E. A. Roper, superintendent.

NEGRO

St. Cyprian's Episcopal
The Rev. James T. Kennedy,
Pastor

Sunday:

11 a. m.—Third Sunday, Holy communion.
2 p. m.—First and second Sundays, evening prayer.

3 p. m.—Church school.

Friday:

5 p. m.—Litany.

Franklin Methodist Circuit
(A. M. E. Zion)

The Rev. John G. Williams
Pastor

Preaching services as follows:
First and third Sundays:

11 a. m.—Green Street church.

3:30 p. m.—Cowee church.

8 p. m.—Green Street church.

Smokey Says:



It's just a matter of not thinking of the consequences—what one burning match can do to a forest.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of G. L. Garland, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of May, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 21st day of May, 1947.
JOHN BROWN,
Administrator.

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ADMINISTRATOR C. T. A. NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator c. t. a. of Thomas Kearney Glenn, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of May, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 29th day of May, 1947.
R. S. JONES,
Administrator c. t. a.

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