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GENERAL SALES LEVY 2 PER CENT PASSED IN HOUSE

Measure Now Goes Back To The Senate and Fight Is Not Yet Over

A general sales tax, calling for a rate of 2 per cent, was passed by the House this week, and the measure now goes to the senate, where some believe it will be increased to 3 per cent.

Weary after weeks of debate over money issues, the membership disposed of the revenue bill on its final reading in only a quarter of an hour. The Senate is expected to send the bill to its finance committee today with the probability that the committee will work on it over the week-end and report it back for action Monday. Any material amendments will throw the bill back to first reading upon adoption of the report of the committee of the whole, and two additional readings on separate days will be required. However, there is some sentiment in the Senate for immediate action on the floor.

Thus the passage in the House does not mean the end of the battle by any means. The bill is not now expected to pass the Senate until the latter part of next week, and as the Senate is expected to write many changes into the bill in which the House probably will not concur, the bill is slated to go to conference.

Parliamentary experts hold that the conference report must be adopted on three separate days in the branch in which schedules are increased. That may easily mean both house and senate and the requirement that the assembly remain in session at least six days for adoption of a conference report.

This prospect dimmed hopes for quick adjournment.

The bill as passed by the house carries the highest rates ever levied in this state, and the highest sales tax ever adopted by either branch of a North Carolina legislature.

But the 2 per cent general sales tax in the house is not the first general sales tax passed by that body. Last session it accepted the 1 per cent general sales tax sponsored by Representative N. E. Day, of Onslow, only to see it rejected by the Senate. The House also accepted last session the Hinsdale luxury tax, only to see that, too, killed in the Senate. The result, as is generally recalled, was the compromise worked out by the conference committee carrying the 15-cent State ad valorem levy for partial support of the six-months public school term.

In view of widely divergent opinions as to whether the bill as passed by the house will balance the \$83,000,000 budget with only a 2 per cent general sales tax, the senate is certain to make extensive changes in the measure.

HAIL DAMAGE IN BERTIE COUNTY

Tears Covers Tobacco Beds and Damages Garden Crops

Hail falling in Bertie County last Wednesday afternoon, is said to have torn tobacco bed covers to pieces and damaged the plants to a certain extent. About twelve miles the other side of Windsor the small stones are said to have been knee deep in places. The exact damage resulting from the storm could not be learned here, but several farmers from the section where the hail fell were here yesterday buying new cloth to cover their plants. Some hail fell here that afternoon, but no damage resulted. According to reports reaching here from several of the surrounding districts very little rain and no hail fell Wednesday afternoon.

The mercury dropped following the storm, and yesterday more rain fell here.

In several communities the stones destroyed young plants in gardens and fields. Over in Halifax County, near Scotland Neck, the hail is said to have beat holes in automobile tops and caused some damage to garden and field crops.

Local Junior 4-H Club In Regular Meeting Tuesday

The Williamston Junior 4-H Club held its regular meeting in the school house Tuesday afternoon. Opening exercises included club songs and the club pledge led by the president. The secretary called the roll and each member responded, reporting what work she had done since the last meeting. All members were requested to complete the third scoring of the health habits score at this meeting. There were 26 members present at the meeting.—Marian Pender, news reporter.

Soy Beans May Become New Cash Crop in This Section As Result of Increasing Demand

PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Court Will Continue Trial Of Civil Cases Here Next Monday

Completing its work scheduled on the calendar for the week, the superior court yesterday took a recess until next Monday. Many cases have been settled out of court and a few have gone through the regular trial process. One divorce case was heard, the court granting Robt. Simmons, Jr., a divorce against Allean Williams Simmons, colored.

A judgment in the sum of \$1,411.09 was granted the American Agricultural Chemical Corporation against C. G. Gurkin.

The case involving a deed was settled between J. H. Roberson and Son against Joe L. Matthews, the defendant paying the cost.

A judgment was granted Mrs. Mattie R. Peel against E. H. Roberson and the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company. The amount was \$350. An appeal was noted.

The case of Mrs. Lizzie Gardner against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company was settled by agreement.

The defendant in the case of Federal Land Bank of Columbia against J. H. Davenport was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$25 as surety against damage in the way of rents or possession. An appeal was noted. A dividing line between the property was established in the case of W. S. Revels against J. A. Griffin.

THREE BILLIONS LIFE INSURANCE PAID LAST YEAR

Insurance Companies Have Come To Aid of Many During Depression

The public has heard much of the tremendous sums loaned by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the interest of economic stabilization. It is probable that no other peace-time activity of the American government has rivaled it in scope.

Yet a private endeavor in this country has, in the same period of time, paid out to the people of the nation a sum almost twice as great. That endeavor is life insurance. In 1931 it paid to policyholders and beneficiaries \$2,600,000,000 and in 1932 it paid 20 per cent more, \$3,100,000,000.

As John A. Stevenson, vice president of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, recently said: "Imagine how much worse our condition would be if the life insurance companies had not been thus magnificently helped during these trying times. The life insurance companies not only withstood the shock, but came to the rescue of millions of men and women."

Between April 17 and 22, life insurance is to hold a financial independence week. An army of agents will go out to meet the public—not only to sell insurance, but to explain what it has done, is doing and will do. The press and the radio will cooperate. Hundreds of organizations will take a hand in the activities. The average person will have an unparalleled opportunity to gain a new and more accurate understanding of the life insurance industry. He will be told of the manifold forms of policies that are written—policies designed to meet almost every human need.

All of us should take advantage of the week and the lessons that will be offered.

NO MORE LOANS AFTER APRIL 30

Farmers Must Make Their Applications At Once To Get Money

Applications that are entered for seed and feed loans too late to reach Washington by the 30th of this month will be refused and returned to the applicants, Roy Hearne, field manager for this county, said today.

Farmers in this county desiring to borrow money from the government have been urged from time to time to make their applications before it was too late. For an application to reach Washington City before May 1, it must be entered in time for the county committee to investigate it and then reach Washington before the last day of the month. In other words, if applications are not made immediately, it will be impossible for farmers to get aid from the government.

BIG PROCESSING PLANT TO BE PUT UP AT NORFOLK

Believe Crop Will Soon Be Recognized As A New Revenue Source

The outlook for growing and marketing soy beans on a large scale is unusually bright for Martin County farmers and others in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia, according to information reaching here from Norfolk, where the Allied Mills, Inc., of Chicago, are locating a huge processing and storage plant for handling soy beans.

While Martin County farmers are raising a comparatively small quantity—about 22,000 bushels annually—the plant at Norfolk with its ready market should prompt a marked increase in the crop beginning this year.

W. B. Kruck, representative of the company, was here this week, and it was his opinion that farmers in this county and section could easily and profitably cultivate soy beans with a ready market at Norfolk. The present price, according to Mr. Kruck, is about 60 cents a bushel with every indication pointing to a greater value later on.

Easily grown and cultivate in the soils of this section, the soy bean with a ready market has the promise of becoming a fairly profitable crop to our farmers. The mill is the first to locate in this part of the country, and its establishment, to say the least, is very encouraging to this section, where other crops have become too top heavy to really be profitable.

The cultivation of soy beans has been greatly increased during the past few years in this county, but with no ready market the crop has not attracted much attention, and its development is not near complete on that account.

Mr. Kruck stated that the plant would be ready for operation by October 1 of this year, making available a market to Martin County farmers for their soy beans.

"The potentialities of the soy bean industry have only been scratched in the United States," Mr. Kruck said. "If the export market is taken into consideration, there are not enough soy beans produced in the United States to supply the demand. In Hamburg, Germany, alone, there is a market for more than 37,000,000 bushels of soy beans every year, coming principally from Manchuria and Russia. During the last two years, however, the United States has exported to Germany and England considerable quantities of beans, last year's exports being approximately 2,000,000 bushels, of which about 300,000 were shipped from Norfolk."

In the processing of soy beans, the two principal products are soy bean oil, now an ingredient of many edible products, and soy-bean meal, used principally as food for poultry and livestock. From 1,000 tons of soy beans, approximately 130 tons of oil are produced and about 800 tons of meal, the remainder of the poundage being lost in the process.

As a food for human beings, the use of soy beans is just coming into prominence in the United States, although its development as a food has been carried on extensively in Europe for the past two generations. It is even recorded as a human food in Chinese manuscripts dating back to 2838 B. C. Several organizations in the United States are producing such foods as pancake flour, macaroni, soy sausage, malted milk drinks and candy with soy flour as a component ingredient. Because of its low starch content, soy flour is recommended in the diet for diabetic persons and epileptic patients.

March One of Driest Months in Many Years

The month of March was one of the driest for many years, according to the state crop reporting service. It was free from damaging cold periods. A maximum of soil preparation was permitted, although in certain areas the soil became too hard for plowing. The temperature was slightly above normal. The growth of small grains has been very good. Foliage on trees is slightly better than normal at this date. While farmers had planted a little corn during March, no other field crops were seeded at this time, except spring small grains and truck crops. Certain clovers and crops planted for late winter starts (like lespedeza, crimson clover, etc.) had a normal planting season earlier than April 1st. Farmers are in a good spirit, considering the economic conditions on farms.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAEG DONE BY HAIL STORM

Tears Holes In Roofs and Ruins Crops In Poplar Point Township

Striking parts of Poplar Point and Cross Roads Townships in this county late yesterday afternoon, hail destroyed much property and laid waste young tobacco, garden and field plants. Mr. Joseph Harrison, telling about the storm said this morning that hail fell for almost an hour and that it was almost knee deep in spots. His tobacco beds were ruined and field crops were so badly damaged that replanting will be necessary, he said. At the home of his son, Herman Harrison, near by, the hail is said to have torn holes in roofs and ruined all crops. Damage was also reported on the farms of Joe Powell, Arch Griffin and Joe Winslow in Robersonville Township.

While the hail storm struck only a small area in this county, heavy rains did considerable damage in several sections. Tobacco plants, poles and canvas were washed away and crops were damaged on the Anderson farm on the McGasky road, it was reported here today.

WEAVER DAIRY HERE ADDS TO ITS EQUIPMENT

Modern Plant Increases Its Production To Care for Needs of People Here

"Strawberry time is cream time at the dairy," Frank Weaver, manager of the Edgewood Dairy, said yesterday in announcing an increased production of rich cream and pure milk at the modern plant here. The little red berries, made more luscious by sugar and cream and even milk, are prompting increased operations at the dairy, Mr. Weaver said.

At the present time, the dairy is milking 23 pure-bred cows, tested and proven free of tuberculosis. The equipment has been greatly added to during the past few months, and the plant is now one of the most modern in this section, and the operations are unusually interesting. The plant, housed in a well-screened house with cement floors, includes a modern cream separator, electric bottle-washing machine, cooling system, steaming room for bottles and milk utensils, and automatic bottle fillers.

The manager stated that every bottle and utensil is thoroughly washed by the electric washing machine and then placed in a tightly constructed steam room, where they are steamed to a high temperature and then dried by steam heat.

Operations are started daily at the plant about daylight, when fire is put under the boiler. The steaming is completed and the plant made ready for the milk about an hour later. The supply of milk for the morning delivery is poured in a cooler, and after flowing over silver pipes automatically cooled by a force pump, it is turned into the automatic bottle filler, capped and then loaded on the delivery truck. The remaining milk is poured into the separator and the cream bottled.

The dairy has now a large acreage in pasture, but in addition to that more than 1,000 pounds of other feeds are used daily to enable the cows to give the best milk, Mr. Weaver said. Between milkings, employees of the dairy are kept busy cultivating hay and the other feed crops for the large number of cows.

Starting as a dairy of small proportions, the Edgewood plant has developed into a good-sized undertaking, and one that is abreast of the times.

HONOR MEMORY OF A. R. DUNNING

Memorial Service Will Be Held In Courthouse Next Tuesday

A memorial service, honoring the memory of the late A. R. Dunning, attorney, will be held in the courthouse here next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Judge Clayton Moore, who will preside.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, Messrs. J. L. Hassell, R. J. Peel, W. C. Mannig, and members of the county bar will take an active part in the service that will last about one hour.

WARREN COUNTY BOY WINNER OF CONTEST HERE

Five Young Tar Heel Farmers Spoke Here Last Wednesday Afternoon

George Thorne, vocational agricultural student in the Aurelian Springs School, Warren County, won over four other entrants in a public speaking contest held in the high school building here Wednesday afternoon. The contest, arranged for vocational agriculture students throughout northeastern North Carolina, was a preliminary to a state contest to be held in Raleigh the latter part of June.

Other entrants in the preliminary contest here were Virgil Sutton, of Perquimans High School, Hertford, who spoke on the "Farmer's Tax Burden and Relief," Carl Umphlet, representative from Gates County, spoke on "The Machine Age," Hilton Chesson, of the Creswell High School, Washington County, spoke on "The Live-at-Home Program," and Woodrow Rhem, of the Contentnea High School, Lenoir County, spoke on "Why Educate for Life on the Farm?" George Thorne, winner of the contest, will represent the northeastern district in the State event to be held in Raleigh.

The winner of the State contest in Raleigh will participate in the Southern Regional Contest, and the winner there will compete in the finals to be held in Kansas City. The successful speaker there will receive several valuable prizes, including a cash one of substantial size offered by Senator Capper. The expenses of the contests are borne by the organizations in the states, while the national event is supported by funds from the Future Farmers of America organization.

The judges, Miss Bessie Willis, a member of the high school faculty here, Principal William R. Watson, and Rev. C. H. Dickey, said the speeches were unusually good.

SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

Juniors and Seniors Enjoy Banquet In School There Thursday Evening

Members of the junior class will entertain the members of the senior class with a banquet in the home economics room of the local school on Thursday evening.

The decorations will give a combination of colors lending charm to an Indian village scene. On each table there will be a small wigwam with a little Indian standing by its side. The fortune of each person will be tied and placed in each wigwam. Red and white carnations with a profusion of fern and dogwood, will lend to the appearance of the outdoor scene.

Toasts to the seniors will be given by Ethel Whitehurst, president of the junior class. Response will be given by Stella Davenport, president of the senior class. A toast to the faculty will be given by Edward Hyman with response by Mr. Ainsley. The junior class will give a welcome song; Louis Etheridge will give a negro sermon discourse.

The menu includes a three-course dinner which will be served by Katie Mae Bennett, Martha Daniel Johnson, Elizabeth Moye and Dixie High, Ella Pitt Johnson, Helen Johnson.

The guest list includes members of the high school faculty, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Manning and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ainsley.

Grade Averages

The averages for the senior class were determined last week and Avril Woodley and Chessie Piland each received the same averages. After drawing numbers the salutatory address will be given by Avril Woodley and the valedictory address will be given by Chessie Piland.

Town Convention Is To Be Held Tonight

CUT OFF WATER

While employees are repairing a large valve on one of the main water lines from midnight until about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning, Williamston will be a dry town. Jesse Harrell, superintendent of the water system, said this morning that there is no way of repairing the valve with water in the lines, and that the service would have to be cut off for about three or four hours. Reconstructions can be made within a very short time should a serious emergency arise, however.

While there is no apparent danger, owners of electric water heaters might find it advisable to cut off their heating units during that time.

UNEMPLOYED IN COUNTY CAN GET FORESTRY JOBS

Thirty Young Men Between Ages of 18 and 25 Years Eligible for Jobs

Thirty Martin County young men will have an opportunity to enter the civilian conservation corps organized by the United States Government to give employment to 250,000 unemployed throughout the country, according to information received here this week. Complete details of the project have not been released, but they are being discussed in Washington for the northeastern district today.

Relief agencies will begin recruiting the 6,500 men allotted this state the early part of next week when applications for the jobs will be received by the various county relief directors at their offices. Between now and that time details will be completed and placed in the hands of the county relief directors. It will be impossible to receive applications until the details are arranged.

It is understood that only applications from single men between the ages of 18 and 25 years will be considered. Just how many applications will be received in this county is a matter of speculation just at this time, some believing the applications will outnumber by far the allowed quota. Others believed not more than 10 or 15 young men will apply for jobs in the reforestation program advanced by President Roosevelt.

J. Raleigh Manning, relief director in this county, is attending the meeting in Washington today, and he will be in a position to receive applications the early part of next week, it is understood.

According to information reaching here, the young men entering the conservation corps will be trained for forestry work, the prevention of soil erosion, and other similar activities.

NATION GOES OFF GOLD STANDARD

Some Form of Inflation Is Now Being Considered By Administration

The United States went off the gold standard this week, the desertion of the precious metal as a basis of value being reckoned as one of the major happenings in the Roosevelt administration. According to opinions of financial leaders, the revaluation of gold downward and silver upward and a form of inflation, as complicated as the system appears to be, can be expected to bring better days.

Just what is happening and what it is all about cannot be determined just at this time, such men as Senators Robinson, Harrison and Wagner professing ignorance of what was transpiring.

The whole thing is said to especially favor the South and West, and will, it is believed, advance agricultural prices beyond all points ever hoped for in the proposed farm relief bill.

The things now aimed at are: 1. To cause the issuance of new federal money in denominations of \$5 to \$10,000, on the basis of a revised gold reserve, to paper. 2. To use the new paper money (treasury notes) to buy in all maturing federal bonds, the other federal obligations. 3. To adjust downward or upward the gold content of the dollar. 4. To create a new federal agency possibly to be known as the dollar stabilization board, having authority to regulate and stabilize, as far as possible, the dollar's purchasing power.

MAYOR AND FIVE MEMBERS BOARD TO BE SELECTED

Three Candidates Out for Mayorship; No Race Yet For Commissioners

With four candidates reported in the race for mayor and rumored contests for places on the board of town commissioners, the municipal nominating convention in the city hall here tonight at 8 o'clock promises to be very interesting. A mayor and five commissioners are to be nominated to serve two years beginning the first Monday in June.

Following the announcement made by Mr. R. L. Coburn, present mayor, stating that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself, a marked interest in that office developed. Mr. John E. Pope, at present a member of the county board of commissioners, is in the race, and Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell is announcing his candidacy today. Mr. W. T. Meadows announced his candidacy for the office some time ago. Mr. Will Parker is said to be considering entering the race, but last night he said he was planning to run as an independent and would not go into the convention. No candidates other than the present board members have announced their intentions of running for a place on the board, but it is rumored that a new set will be offered for consideration by the voters at the convention tonight. The names of Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Messrs. W. G. Peel and Herman Bowen have been mentioned for commissioners by others.

There has been some discussion as to whether two of the candidates would be eligible for the office should their candidacies meet with success. Both are eligible, but Mr. J. E. Pope would automatically retire as a member of the board of county commissioners, it is understood. Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell could, under the town charter, it is understood, continue as justice of the peace and act as mayor also.

Holding a Last Tonsil Clinic in Everetts Today

The last of the tonsil and adenoid clinics arranged in this county is being held in Everetts today where approximately thirty children are scheduled to undergo operations at the hand of Dr. C. J. Sawyer. Seven of the number receiving benefit of the clinic are from the Parmele School district.

Federal Agent and Family Making Their Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Greer, formerly of Leaksville, are now at home with Mrs. Erah Cobb in New Town. Mr. Greer is connected with the Federal Prohibition enforcement forces in this section. He has been here for several weeks but was not joined by his wife until this week.

Prices In Effect on Curb Market Here Saturday

The curb market had spring onions, radishes and asparagus on sale here last Saturday. More are expected tomorrow and at reasonable prices.

Paint Demonstration Here Next Monday and Tuesday

The BPS Company is holding a paint demonstration in the Culpeper Hardware Company store here next Monday and Tuesday when free cans of paint will be given away. Paint demonstrations will be arranged by an expert who will gladly answer any and all questions in connection with adaptable colors and best paints to use. No obligation rests upon anyone to buy, and for all adults persons a can of free paint awaits them at the store next Monday and Tuesday.