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Bankers Plan Campaign For Tax Amendment

A special meeting of group No. 10 or the North Carolina Bankers Association was held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock relative to the proposed amendment to the state constitution providing for the classification of intangible property for taxation. Major William D. Harris, head of the bond department of Central Bank and Trust company, is general chairman of the tax amendment campaign.

This was one of a series of such meetings throughout the state of groups of the Bankers Association to insist upon the passage of the amendment bill which provides for the taxation of bonds, bank accounts and other property in addition to real estate. It was announced that at a recent meeting in Greensboro representatives of the 10 groups of the state association, the proposed tax amendment was approved as being the basis of a more just and practicable system of taxation in North Carolina.

It was pointed out at the meeting yesterday that the present system of uniform taxation was adopted to this state in 1868, when practically all property was in the form of real estate. This system has been abandoned in 31 states of the union and a more modern system adopted. The same move is now being urged for North Carolina. The general assembly of the state in 1927 passed an act which provides for the proposed tax amendment to be voted upon at the general election next Tuesday, November 6.

conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce the following statements of what the proposed amendment would do were advanced:

1. If the amendment passes and intangible property is taxed at a low rate, there is little doubt but that the amount of such property on the tax books would be greatly increased. When the change was made in Maryland, the amount assessed in Baltimore jumped from 6 to 57 millions in one year. In Minnesota the amount on the tax books increased 8 fold the first year of the law.

2. If vigorously administered, a low rate will yield as much revenue as the present system, perhaps more. A low rate on money, bonds and the like encouraged people to bring their intangibles out of hiding. It enables them to be honest without being penalized for it. It encourages them to invest their money in the state rather than send it out of the state. It helps make tax officials more zealous in enforcing the law, for they know that public opinion will back them up. If more revenue is obtained from intangibles, the burden will be lightened on real estate.

3. The amendment, if adopted, will place North Carolina in line with the most progressive states in the union in tax reform. At present 31 states have constitutions permitting a classified tax on intangibles. Ten of them have adopted it since 1914. The trend is toward the proposal and North Carolina should have it.

These were the statements brought out by members of the group yesterday. The groups are working in conjunction with the chambers of commerce and other civic bodies throughout the state. Chairmen of the Western North Carolina counties were appointed yesterday as follows to carry on the work of the tax amendment for the Bankers Association:

Avery county: B. M. Hughes, president of Avery County Bank, Newland; Buncombe county: W. A. McGeachy, president Biltmore-Oteen Bank, Biltmore; Cherokee county: J. H. Abernathy, cashier Merchants and Manufacturers Bank, Andrews; Clay county: G. H. Haigler, cashier Clay County Bank, Hayesville; Graham county: H. C. Bemis, vice-president Graham County Bank, Robbinsville; Haywood county: H. B. Atkins, president Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Waynesville; Henderson county: C. E. Brooks, vice president Citizens National Bank of Hendersonville; Jackson county: M. D. Cowan, cashier Jackson County Bank, Sylva; Macon county: W. T. Moore, cashier Citizens Bank, Franklin; Madison county: W. T. Davis, cashier Citizens Bank, Hot Springs; McDowell county: J. D. Blanton, president Merchants and Farmers Bank, Marion; Mitchell county: D. A. Greene, cashier Merchants and Farmers Bank, Bakersville; Polk county: Fred W. Blanton, cashier Polk County Bank and Trust Company, Columbus; Swain county: A. M. Frye, president Citizens Bank, Bryson City; Transylvania county: Thomas H. Shipman, president Brevard; and Vance county: J. M. Lyon, cashier Citizens Bank of Yancey, Burnsville.

The bankers of the state association will make a vigorous campaign be-

A & P STORE OPENS HERE

Ralph Ensley is Manager—Will Move His Family to Franklin — Store Opened for Business Wednesday.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company opened a branch store at Franklin Wednesday of this week. This is the 41st store of this company to locate in this state west of the Blue Ridge mountains. Mr. Ralph Ensley comes from the company's store at Bryson City to take charge of the local store as manager. Mr. Ensley has a wife who will join her husband at Franklin in the near future. Since Monday morning officials of the A & P have been at Franklin arranging the stock in an attractive way. Though the store was not formally opened until Wednesday quite a number of people made small purchases Tuesday. An advertisement in this issue of The Press carries a welcome from the citizens and merchants of Franklin to the A & P.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL ON NOV. 3RD

Plans Completed to Hold Roll Call Before November 11—Officials Have Dinner at Scott Griffin.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the officials of the Red Cross held during the course of a dinner last Saturday night at the Scott Griffin hotel plans were announced that the annual roll call of the local chapter will be held next Saturday. Mrs. Sam Franks outlined the plans after which Prof. M. D. Billings made an excellent talk telling something of the history and purposes of the organization. Attorney Dean Sisk then made a report of the activities of the Red Cross during the past year after which Horner Stockton, as treasurer, reported the condition of the treasury. Last year the quota of this chapter was two hundred dollars, half of which remained for use of the local treasury, the remainder being sent to the headquarters of the National Red Cross. Quite a number of needy cases were mentioned as having received the attention of the local chapter. This year the officials announced that they anticipate no difficulty in doubling the quota of last year. A report from National headquarters stated that in the past year 88 disasters of various kinds were financed by the organization and that in only one instance had the Red Cross called upon the public for funds other than those derived from the annual membership dues. This instance was that of the hurricane in Portor Rico and Florida when the Red Cross raised \$5,000,000 to care for the homeless. Those present Saturday night hope that the local citizens will not confuse the recent contributions for storm relief in Florida and Portor Rico with the annual roll call to take place next Saturday.

The local chapter requests a liberal response when the canvas is made on the day mentioned.

Below is a statement by the Rev. William F. McDowell, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church:

It ought not to be necessary for anyone to have to commend the work of the American National Red Cross and urge a nation-wide enrollment of members in it. Its record is written on so many pages that ignorance of its achievements would seem impossible. Indifference to its appeal would be equally inexcusable.

And yet, the experience of the church in setting forth the message of the gospel is tangible evidence that it requires "line upon line, precept upon precept" to keep the human conscience alive to its responsibility.

During the World War someone defined the Red Cross as: "The Union of all who Love,

tween now and election day to secure the vote of the citizens of the state in favor of the tax amendment. Major Harris said that the campaign has been well organized to promote the education of the people to the benefits to be derived from the adoption of the amendment.—Asheville Citizen.

FRANKLIN GETS RECOGNITION

Route From Dillsboro Thru Franklin Now Classed as Major Route From Middle West To Florida.

That Franklin is destined to get a goodly percentage of the tourist travel between Asheville and Atlanta was indicated at the Atlanta Biltmore last Thursday night when a representative of the American Automobile Association announced during the course of a banquet that his organization would recommend the road by way of Franklin to tourists seeking the shortest route between the two cities. William Candler of Atlanta and Roscoe Marvel of Asheville jointly presided at the meeting. In addition to a large number from Atlanta and Asheville delegations representing Franklin, Bryson City and Andrews were present. Among those from Asheville were Roscoe Marvel, Holmes Bryson and J. G. Stikeleather. James A. Hollomen represented the Atlanta Constitution, Mr. Paschal, the Journal and Mr. Nevin, the Georgian. Mr. J. G. Stikeleather made the principal address of the evening. In his speech Mr. Stikeleather disclaimed any intention of dictating to the good people of Georgia concerning the financing of their roads. However, in speaking, as he expressed the matter for the entire Southeast, he told those present that North Carolina had done

would adopt some system by which through roads in the state might be built quickly to care for the tourists on their way to Florida.

On motion Mr. William Candler was unanimously elected president of the Georgia division of Appalachian Tours. This organization will boost all tours from the middle west through Asheville and Atlanta and on to Florida. The ASH will, of course, be one of the roads recommended. Mr. Henderson, representing the AAA, stated that his organization will recommend the route through Franklin to those desiring the shortest route between Asheville and Atlanta. For the past month, or since the road near Tallulah Falls has become passable, the tourists travel through Franklin has been greater than ever before at this time of the year. The local commercial hotels have been filled to capacity most of the time.

Now that the route through Franklin has been recognized as a major route to the South the citizens of Franklin are much elated. Prominent men of the town say that Franklin has nothing to fear from competition on other routes. The log of the routes by way of this town and over the ASH is said to show the route by Franklin is 57 miles shorter. It is also pointed out that the scenery by way of Franklin is equally as beautiful as that on the ASH. The road is also much easier to drive due to the fact that as a general rule it is much less crooked. Over the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta short route the great developments of the Georgia Railway & Power company in the vicinity of Tallulah Falls are available for inspection by the tourists.

PROF. HARBISON STATES VIEWS

Though Known as a Republican He Holds County Progress Above Party Politics.

Prof. T. G. Harbison of Highlands who has made a life-time study of things agricultural is much interested in the retention of the county agent, so much so in fact that, though known as a Republican, he has announced his intention to vote for Mr. Parrish, one of the Democratic candidates for county commissioner. Prof. Harbison can not understand why any candidate for commissioner should conceal his views about public questions. But read what he has to say:

Highlands, October 29, 1928.
Editor Franklin Press:
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In the Service of all who Suffer."
America can have no finer ideal than that. It is the crystallization of the American spirit, haloed by the gospel of human brotherhood.
(Signed) WILLIAM F. McDOWELL, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MOCK RETURNS TO FRANKLIN

On receipt of the Asheville Citizen here Tuesday morning Franklin was much delighted to learn that its beloved pastor, Rev. R. F. Mock, had been returned to this charge for another year. The assignments for the Waynesville District follows:

C. M. Pickens, presiding elder; Andrews, W. M. Robbins; Bethel, C. K. Ross; Bryson City, D. C. Ballard; Canton, Carlock Hawk; Cherokee, William Hornbuckle; Clyde-Junaluska, F. O. Dryman; Cullowhee, M. O. Tuttle; Dellwood, R. K. Brady; Pines Check, G. N. Dulin; Franklin, R. F. Mock; Franklin Circuit, H. C. Freeman; Glenville, to be supplied; Haywood, R. G. McClamrock; Highlands, to be supplied; Jonathan, L. T. Edens; Judson, L. H. Hipps, supply; Macon, T. S. Rotan, supply; Murphy, H. P. Powell; Murphy Circuit, A. A. Somers, supply; Sylva, G. B. Clemmer; Waynesville, T. F. Higgins; Webster, F. W. Kiker; Whittier, R. L. Bass; Wolfe Mountain, W. E. Moretz, supply.

JUDGE MOORE GETS RESULTS

Instructs Commissioners to Build Jail or Be Indicted—Contract to Be Let No-

When Judge Walter Moore of Sylva held the last term of court at Franklin in September he gave instructions to the county commissioners to build a new jail at once. The judge, according to C. R. Cabe, one of the commissioners, called in the solicitor and told him to indict all three commissioners unless they had taken steps to build a new jail by the November term of court. With these instructions hanging over their heads the commissioners immediately issued short term notes to the extent of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting a new jail for Macon county. The contract for this new building will be let on November first and the terms of the contract require that work begin immediately after the contract is signed. Mr. Cabe states that the old jail will be razed and the new structure erected on the site of the old.

For a long term of years the jail of Macon county has been considered a disgrace in a civilized community. Something over a year ago the commissioners attempted to build a new court house and jail combined, but the citizens objected so strenuously the matter was dropped. Later they proposed to build a new jail, but again the citizens objected. Just what steps the populace will take in view of the instructions of Judge Moore is not known at the present time.

October 29, 1928.

Dear Mr. Harris:

In trying to hand you a compliment on the stand you have taken in Macon county's affairs, politically and otherwise, I see Brother Edwards has taken exception to some things I said, and wants to place me in the "Old Guard" as he calls it. Now, if by the term "Old Guard," he means what the Pathfinder calls a yellow dog party man, one who votes for the party's nominee regardless of his fitness, then I want to tell Johnny he is all wrong.

When voting time comes I have always voted for the man I thought was best fitted for the office. I shall continue to do so, as there is no one to say me nay, I have never aspired to an office, especially a political one. We all make mistakes, and it makes me sick to hear some political spouter lauding some one to the very skies when everybody knows he is just common clay like the rest of us, and perhaps the biggest thing he would do would be draw his salary.

I think the commissioners who have expressed themselves as to what they stand for should be complimented also, by this we know what to expect should they be elected.

Again complimenting you, Mr. Harris, for your bold stand, and assuring you that when the war clouds disperse, if I am still living you will have at least one subscriber.

I am,

Sincerely yours,
E. A. SNYDER.

P. S.: You can tell the world that when voting time comes, I vote for the men that will retain the county agent. How many more voters have got the nerve to say the same thing and stick to it.

CO-OPERATIVE SALE CLOSES

Big Co-operative Sale Ended Monday — Approximately 2,000 People Present at Drawing For Prizes.

The big co-operative sale, under the management of the J. C. Whitmire Sales Agency, which has been running in Franklin for the past three weeks came to a close Monday afternoon at four o'clock. A crowd estimated at 2,000 people was present to draw for the premiums offered by the local business firms.

According to those who participated in the sale and who offered prizes the sale resulted in attracting many buyers here not only from Macon county, but from adjoining counties in North Carolina and Georgia. At the time of going to press no estimate could be made of the total amount of sales enjoyed by the firms participating. However, some are inclined to believe that this total will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

During the drawing for prizes the street in front of the court house was packed with a dense crowd of humanity. The drawing resulted as follows: 50-piece china set, given by J. S. Porter & company was won by Mrs. Joe Palmer.

100-piece china set, given by I. T. Moore and

\$10.00 fountain pen, given by Smith's Drug Store, won by Mrs. Lum Sanders.

100 pounds of sugar, given by City Market and Grocery, won by Mrs. S. E. Penland.

\$10.00 casing, given by Joines Motor & Tractor company, won by Mrs. Lillie Horn.

\$5.00 in trade, by Bank of Franklin, won by Mrs. Ida Welch.

100 pounds of Hen Chow, by Farmers Supply company, won by Mrs. C. C. Cunningham.

\$10.00 Coleman lamp, by Franklin Hardware company, won by Paul Kinsland.

7.70 Coleman lantern by Franklin Hardware company, won by City Bakery.

\$10.00 trunk, by Sluder-Garrett Furniture company, won by Miss Virginia Norvell.

\$12.00 rug by Bryant Furniture company, won by Jess Raby.

\$10.00 rug by J. S. Porter and company, won by Mrs. M. A. Woodward.

\$10.00 worth of Brown Mule chewing tobacco, by Farmers Supply company, won by Miss Amanda Slagle.

\$5.00 in trade, by Bank of Franklin, won by Miss Hallie Dills.

\$4.00 Mirror, by Sluder-Garrett Furniture company, won by Miss Ova May Hasting.

1 year's subscription to Franklin Press, won by Edwina Cole.

\$10.00 casing, by Perry-Jones Chevrolet company, won by Mrs. Dr. Horsley.

1 year's subscription to Franklin Press, won by Ernest Wallace.

The Red Cross in Action

Nationally and, through its chapters, locally, the Red Cross assists disabled veterans to obtain the government benefits due them, and serves veterans and men of the Army and Navy and their families in many helpful ways which cannot be a part of government service.

When disaster strikes it provides emergency relief and then proceeds to meet the needs of those overwhelmed by the flood, tornado, fire or other forms of catastrophe; it assists other nations afflicted by calamity.

Through public health nursing and instruction in first aid, lifesaving, home hygiene and care of the sick, and nutrition, it is spreading knowledge of more healthful living and helping prevent unnecessary loss of life due to ignorance and carelessness.

The greater part of the work of the Red Cross is done by volunteers, who have also their particular duties such as making surgical dressings and garments and Braille books for the blind. The Junior Red Cross in the school, where its motive is to promote good health and citizenship, develop a spirit of service for others and create friendship with children of other nations.

By its assistance to other nations, given through the State Department and other Red Cross societies, our Red Cross is building foundations of world-wide friendship and understanding.

The annual roll call will be held at Franklin on November 3rd.