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Senate Votes To Increase Tax Exemption To $800

Income Tax Returns Due Next April Will Not Be Affected

The Senate voted Wednesday to increase the personal income tax exemption from $600 to $800, handing President Nixon his first major defeat on the tax reform bill.

In a 58-37 vote, the Senate ignored the threat of a veto and adopted an amendment by Democrat Albert Gore of Tennessee.

The Gore proposal would provide an average tax cut of more than 18 percent by 1971 for families earning $5,000 to $10,000 and a far greater windfall for millions earning less.

It replaces in the big tax bill an administration-backed provision that would have cut tax rates without changing the exemption and delayed the impact until 1972. This approach has also been approved by the House.

At the White House, press secretary Ronald L. Zeigler said Nixon could not help but expect that the measure that ultimately emerges from a Senate-House conference "will be equitable and fiscally responsible."

Asked whether Nixon would veto a bill containing the $800 individual exemption, Ziegler said, "I don't want to suppose on a matter that is still in the legislative process."

The Gore proposal, if finally enacted, would raise the personal exemption to $700 next year and to $800 in 1971. Regardless of the outcome, income tax returns due next April for 1969 income will not be affected.

FIRE DESTROYS MORROW HOME THANKSGIVING

The frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morrow, owned by Wm. V. Farmer and located opposite the Coy Haynie home on Hayes Run on the Marshall-Mars Hill Highway, was completely destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock last Thursday morning. Cause of the fire is undetermined.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrow were working tobacco in an adjacent barn along with several friends when the blaze was noticed. Marshall firemen and neighbors responded but the blaze was out of control too quickly to save the house. Very few household furnishings were saved. Firemen used water to keep the barn, located near the home, from burning.

New Jury Box With 3,509 Names Completed Here

C. N. Willis, clerk of superior court, said this week that a new jury box, containing 3,509 names of eligible jurors, was completed here last Saturday. This list of names will supply jurors for the next two years, Mr. Willis stated.

This change of jury boxes is made every two years according to law.

COMMISSIONERS PASS ORDER TO ISSUE BONDS

No Opposition At Hearing Monday; Deadline In 30 Days

There was no opposition at the public hearing called by the county commissioners here on Monday concerning the issuance of $950,000.00 in bonds for progress toward the consolidation of high schools in the county, it was reported.

After no opposition was voiced, the commissioners passed the order Monday morning and stated (in legal form elsewhere in this issue) "Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said order must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication."

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT HERE DEC. 18, 19, 20

The annual Christmas Pageant here, which has become nationally known, will be presented on the following dates:

Thursday, December 18; Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20.

Performances will begin nightly at 7:30 o'clock.

RENOVATION OF COURTROOM IS RECOMMENDED

Grand Jury Finds Other Facilities Are Very Satisfactory

Following is the Grand Jury report of the December 1 term of superior court of which Judge Harry C. Martin is presiding:

We the Grand Jury of the December 1, 1969 term of Superior Court respectfully return this, our report, in a body as follows:

We have passed on all Bills of Indictment handed to us by the Solicitor.

Our examination of the Offices of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Tax Collector and Auditor indicate that all of

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OVER $11,000 OF CIGARETTES ARE STOLEN HERE

5,400 Cartons Taken From Sprinkle-Shelton Co. Friday Night

Sprinkle-Shelton Wholesale Company, located on the Marshall bypass, was the scene of one of the county's largest robberies last Friday night. Sheriff Roy Roberts stated that 5,400 cartons of cigarettes, valued at over $11,000, were stolen from the large warehouse.

Roberts said the thieves gained entrance to the building by cutting through the cement wall at the rear of the building. The hole which was cut was about 2½ feet square, he stated.

Imprints [illegible] wheel vehicle were found on the ground near where the thieves entered.

Sheriff Roberts said that investigation was continuing.

Criminal Court In Progress; Arson Case Highlights Term

TRUE BILLS OF MANSLAUGHTER RETURNED TUES.

Sawyer, Ramsey Cases Are Reopened In Connection With Bryan Death

The grand jury here Tuesday returned a true bill on separate manslaughter indictments against Johnnie Bon Sawyer and William McKinley Ramsey III, in connection with the highway death of Terry Bryan on the Marshall bypass. The wreck occurred on the night of October 24 and Bryan died in an Asheville hospital on October 25.

Both Sawyer and Ramsey were declared not guilty of willful racing and reckless driving in District court here last month and the indictment against Sawyer for manslaughter was nol prossed.

The date of the new trial has not been set.

Masonic Meeting

French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 292 will hold an Emergent Communication on Friday, December 5, at 7:30 p. m., for conferring the Master Mason Degree. Officers and members take due notice.

FESSIE MASSEY SHOT BY RIDDLE FRIDAY NIGHT

Shooting Occurs At Riddle Home On Doe Branch; Massey Improves

Burl Riddle, 54-year-old resident of the Doe Branch section of Madison County, is out on bond, charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill in a shooting incident at the Riddle home Friday night about 9:30 o'clock, Sheriff Roy Roberts said.

According to Roberts, Fessie Massey, 55, of the Flat Creek section of Buncombe County and his son, Winston, 20, of River Rouge, Michigan, went to the Riddle home Friday night and an argument followed over a money matter. Roberts stated that Massey was shot twice in the body with a 22-caliber pistol. Massey is in Memorial Mission Hospital where his condition is reported as favorable.

Roberts stated that Winston Massey has gone back to Michigan where he is employed.

Riddle, a part-time farmer, is also employed by Duke Power Company in Central, South Carolina.

A preliminary hearing will be held in District Court here December 10, it was stated.

Hubert Rice Is Found Not Guilty Of Arson In Rollins Fire

After two full days of vivid testimony, Hubert Rice, of the Laurel section of Madison County was found not guilty or arson in connection with the fire which damaged the two-story frame residence of Mrs. Viola Caldwell at Rollins on the night of May 7, 1967. The jury deliberated only 15 minutes before rendering the verdict Wednesday in superior court here.

Judge Harry C. Martin, who is presiding, cautioned the courtroom audience several times for becoming amused and snickering during the course of the trial when certain witnesses "pulled no punches" nor minced no words in giving testimony. The courtroom was filled to capacity for most of the two-day trial.

BRISCOE NON-SUIT

The trial of Jerry Richard Briscoe, of Mars Hill, charged with murder in connection of two deaths last summer in Mars Hill, was non-suited this (Thursday) morning in the case of State vs. Briscoe in connection with the death of Carl Hampton. Pending is the case of State vs. Briscoe in connection with the other death, that of Locke Ray. It is not known at this time when this case will be brought to trial.

Other cases disposed of during the one-week term include:

Omar Lee Smith, of Tennessee, was found guilty of [illegible]ing and entering the Z. F[illegible] service station on Little C[illegible] in Novem-

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Former Drug Addict To Speak In County Churches

Judi Davies Thrills Crowds With Testimonials, Experiences

Madison County citizens will have the opportunity to hear one of the great stories from the lips of a former drug addict when Judi Davies, a native of Auckland, New Zealand, will speak at several churches in Madison and Buncombe Counties in December.

Next Wednesday night she will be at the Mt. Sheba Baptist Church near Weaverville; on Thursday, December 11, at French Broad Baptist Church near Alexander; on December 14, at Calvary Baptist Church in Mars Hill.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Listening as Judi tells the story of her life — left motherless at five, an alcoholic for a father, living in an orphange, then a village of brown people ,running away to the city, studying judo, leading Hell's Angels, a drug addict, a nurse, given six months to live, the audible voice of God, an emotionel religious experience, overcoming drug addiction, working in a mental hospital, public speaking in America — the listener is overwhelmed that so many experiences have occurred in her 21 years.

Judi plans to take some post graduate courses in nursing for about two years then go to Africa as a medical missionary.

She explains that being a Christian has not meant giving up a thing, but exchanging them.

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Dr. O. Borisenko, North Carolina State Veterinarian for the Western District, presenting Bovine Brucellosis Free-Area Certificate to Madison County. Accepting for Madison County is Frederick E. Boss, Agricultural Extension Agent. Looking on is Dr. L. M. Becton, North Carolina State Veterinarian Supervisor for the Western District.

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County Is Designated As Bangs Free Area By State

Livestock Producers Urged To Avoid Letdown On Disease

On September 15, 1969, Madison County was designated a bangs free area by the State of North Carolina. It is the first time in the history of the county that it has achieved this status. Prior to this time it had been designated a modified free area with periodic outbreaks every couple of years. The county achieved this rating through periodic blood testing by Dr. Borisenko and other veterinarians in private practice, also the regular blood testing of animals going through livestock yards from the county, and from samples taken in slaughter establishments. No small amount of recognition for this achievement would be given to the livestock producers themselves, who through good management practices have helped stamp out this dread livestock disease, known to veterinarian medicine as Bovine Brucellosis but to most livestock producers as bangs or infectious abortion and to human medical personnel as Undulant Fever. Dr. Becton also pointed out that we owe this certification to the excellent cooperation of the cattle buyers and brokers in the county who have cooperated in reporting the cattle which they buy out of Madison County which gives the county credit for these animals when they are tested. He pointed out that in other areas this is not being done; therefore, they have not been able to obtain the Bovine Brucellosis Free-Area Certificate. Having now achieved this status, the livestock producers are warned not to let down on the vigilance for this disease and make every effort to make the county in staying a Bovine Brucellosis Free-Area from now on.

Annual D&L Contest Again Sponsored By Garden Club

Judging Monday, December 22; Suggestions Are Offered

The Marshall Garden Club will sponsor a Christmas Decorations and Lighting Contest for homes in the vicinity of Marshall this year. Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories this year, as follows:

First Prize, $10.00 for the Best Overall.

Second Prize, $7.50 for the Best Religious Theme.

Third Prize, $5.00 for the Best Door or Window (other than religious).

The original and continuing purpose of this expenditure by the Marshall Club was one of community beautification and a more meaningful Christmas season for residents. Families should plan carefully and tastefully their decorations and then enter the contest. Practical and excellent ideas can be found on old Christmas cards and holiday issues of Magazines.

Judging will take place on Monday evening, December 22, between the hours of six and nine o'clock.

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Burley Growers Issued Marketing Cards By ASCS

The plastic marketing cards now being issued to burley tobacco producers will be used to identify the crop for each farm and constitutes a vital record for each grower, Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Office Manager, said today.

He explained that the use of this type card enables the USDA to use automation in its marketing records for all farms.

Ramsey said that marketing cards must be presented at the warehouse when tobacco is weighed in. They will remain in warehouse custody until payment is made or until the grower removes his tobacco from the warehouse. The regulations require the warehouse to deduct the full penalty rate of 55 cents per pound in cases where the grower failed to leave his marketing card with the warehouse.

Ramsey further explained that each producer should carefully examine his marketing card and warehouse bills after each sale to be sure that the sale has been correctly recorded on the card. If an error is found, it should be reported immediately to the ASCS marketing recorder at the warehouse or to the county ASCS Office.

Growers were reminded that all of their tobacco marketed from a farm must be recorded on the marketing card issued for that particular farm and that it is not permissible to record tobacco which was produced on any farm other than the one for which the card is issued.

In conclusion Ramsey said that farm operators who have not yet secured their marketing cards from the ASCS Office could secure them by visiting the ASCS Office or by calling or writing, requesting that they be mailed to them.

Farm operators are responsible for seeing that the marketing cards for their farms are secured at the ASCS Office after the sales for the farm are completed.

Garden Club To Make Wreaths For Churches, Others

The November meeting of the Marshall Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. O. Corbett, in the form of a workshop, on Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a. m. Members made pine cone and other decorations for their homes and for gifts after Mrs. Theodore Worley, a guest, demonstarted a method of making a very complex type of wreath.

During the break between the morning and afternoon workshop, Mrs. Corbett, Club president and hostess for the day, served luncheon after which she conducted a short business meeting. Plans were made for Christmas decorations and Christmas Wreath Workshop Luncheon on December 11. These wreaths are donated to public buildings and churches by the Garden Club.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. L. Baker. It will be a Christmas wreath workshop luncheon on December 11.

Mrs. O. A. Gregory and Mrs. Clyde Roberts were named co-chairmen of the Christmas decorations and Lighting Contest.

4-H Achievement Night To Be Held On Island Tonight

More Than 100 Awards, Medals To Be Presented County Members

The Madison County 4-H Achievement Program, Clover Power, will be presented Thursday night, December 4, at 7:30 o'clock in the Marshall High School Auditorium. Exhibits on 4-H project work will be displayed and judged in the cafeteria.

Presiding at the annual awards program will be Joel Fender, Madison County 4-H Council President. Various club members will take part in a skit written by Lynne Baker, Harlon Rice and Rhonda Sprinkle. Leaders will award 4-H'ers medals and certificates for project work during 1969. Special county awards will be presented by Madge Suttle and Gary Exley, 4-H Extension Staff.

The public is invited to attend.

Holiday Classic At Skyland To Be Held Next Week

A limited number of reserved-seat tickets to the Western Carolina Holiday Classic, to be played Dec. 11-12-13, at T. C. Roberson High School in Skyland, are now on sale at Western Carolina University.

Western Carolina will meet Mars Hill, UT-Chattanooga and Tennessee Wesleyan in the the three-day tourney, which is sponsored by the Asheville Cosmic Club.

Tickets are $2 for a single game, or $5 for all three nights. The seats are in a special section reserved for Western Carolina fans.

Winners Listed In First Drawing Here

Next Drawing To Be Held At Courthouse Saturday, December 13

The first of three drawings for trade certificates was held last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association.

The actual event is in connection with the Christmas promotion when numerous merchants give tickets for each $1.00 purchase or paid on account. The trade certificates are redeemable at Store which are participating and giving tickets. It was pointed out that the trade certificates "are just like money," they are [illegible]

Rudisill, president of the association, said.

The next drawing will be held at four o'clock Saturday, December 13 and the final drawing will be held on Saturday, December 20.

Winners last Saturday were:

$50.00: Phil Fox, Mars Hill; H. B. Peek, Route 6, Marshall.

$25.00: J. V. Shelton, Route 4, Marshall; Doris Metcalf, Route 1, Marshall; Merle Ebenezer, Weaverville; E. Dill, Route 1, Marshall.

$10.00: Rate Webb, Marshall; Nancy Ledford, Marshall; Walter Coates, Route 2, Marshall; [illegible], Weaverville; [illegible], Route 1, Marshall.