

Tomlinson's News Notes

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Excise Tax Reductions

The excise tax bill recently signed by the President of the United States reduced a broad range of excise taxes, according to a recent bulletin released by the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Some of the most important excise tax reductions are listed in the merchants bureau bulletin as follows:

Refrigerators and household appliances reduced from 10 to 5 per cent. Retailers are entitled to the 5 per cent refund on their floor stocks as of April 1. The bulletin advises merchants to take an inventory of such items as of April 1, and immediately contact their manufacturers for reimbursement.

Electric light bulbs and tubes reduced from 20 to 10 per cent. The bulletin advises merchants of entitled refund on floor stock on this class of merchandise.

Sporting goods reduced from 15 to 10 per cent, but no floor stock refunds are allowed on this class of merchandise.

Fountain pens and mechanical pencils reduced from 15 to 10 per cent.

Cameras and film reduced from 20 to 10 per cent.

Watches and clocks reduced 10 per cent.

Toilet preparations reduced from 20 to 10 per cent.

Handbags, Luggage, etc, reduced from 20 to 10 per cent.

Installment sales are divided into two classes: (1) where title is reserved to the merchant all payments on and after April 1 are reduced to 10 per cent; (2) where title has passed to the customer all subsequent payments are taxed at the old rate.

Lay-away sales - if the customer did not have the possession or right to possession prior to April 1, the reduced rate applies to the entire transaction.

Large Cigarette Plant

Stated for N. C.
The decision of P. Lorillard and Co. to build a huge cigarette plant in Greensboro was hailed recently by Director Ben Douglas of the State Department of Conservation and Development as "another demonstration of industry's faith in our state's future."

Ground for the 13 million dollar plant is expected to be broken by the middle of this year, company officials announced to Douglas. Current plans call for the plant to be completed within 18 months. Reports say the company plans to employ some 1,800 persons and have an annual payroll of about two million dollars.

New Migrant Workers Law

President Eisenhower has signed into law the measure recently adopted by Congress for the control and protection of migrant workers from Mexico.

Under the agreement, which will run until December 31, 1955, work-

ers will be recruited at six Mexican border stations. The State Department in Washington announced that the Mexicans would receive not less than the prevailing wages for domestic laborers performing the same activity in the same area of employment, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor.

Plans to Save Famous Old Ships

A movement is going forward in the United States Senate to save the grigate "Constellation," the United States' oldest fighting ship, and also the Civil War flagship of Admiral David Farragut, the "Hartford."

The historic vessels now lie rotting at anchor, the "Constellation" at Boston and the "Hartford" at Norfolk. Under the bill now in Congress, the navy would tow the "Constellation" to Baltimore and the "Hartford" to Mobile. Local groups would reconstruct and maintain them.

Destruction of two other naval relics, the "Olympia" and the "Oregon," would be delayed at least six months, to give interested groups a chance to claim them as public memorials.

Nation's Population

The nation's population on January 1 had a total population of 161,000,000 according to figures just made public by the Census Bureau. The figure represents a gain since the last census of April 1, 1950 of about 10,000,000.

During 1953 the population increased about 2,700,000 or 1.7 per cent. The bureau said the growth in population has been remarkably stable for several years, ranging between 2,500,000 and 2,700,000 a year, or at an average annual rate of about 1.7 per cent.

Of major significance, the bureau said, is the continued high level of the number of births in this decade, reaching almost 4,000,000 in 1953 alone, the greatest number in any year to date. Mortality during 1953 continued at the record low 1952 level of 9.6 deaths per 1,000 persons.

Tenant Farmers Decreasing

A United Nations report on land reform throughout the world, issued recently, shows that many millions of former tenant farmers throughout the world have become owners of their land since 1950. Other millions, the report says, have similar prospects in the near future.

"New and decisive advances" in the movement are detailed in the lengthy report. It shows that sixteen countries have taken extensive steps toward wider opportunities for land ownership.

Ancient City To Become National Park

News dispatches from Palestine to the New York Times say that the ancient city of Jaffa, on the Mediterranean coast, is to be converted into a national park devoted to

antiquities and archeology.

Known to have been in existence as long ago as the fifteenth century B. C., Jaffa, according to legend, was founded by Japhet, son of Noah.

It is planned to preserve the area's centuries-old places of worship, Christian, Jewish and Moslem, and such other antiquities as an underground bath-house believed to date back to Roman times.

The rest of the twenty-five acre site will be cleared for a park and for archaeological excavations.

Chaplains Decorated in Korea

The office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington reports that a total of 538 decorations were awarded to 411 United States Army chaplains as a result of service in the Korean campaign.

Two chaplains were given the Distinguished Service Cross, second only in distinction to the rarely given Medal of Honor. Five received the Soldier's Medal and seventeen the Legion of Merit. The other decorations were Bronze Stars, 348; Commendation Ribbons, 69; Silver Stars, 36; and Purple Hearts, 31.

A Bit of Humor

While a farm girl was milking a cow, a bull tore across the pasture toward her. The girl did not stir but continued milking. Observers, who had run to safety, saw to their amazement that the bull stopped dead within a few yards of the girl, turned around and walked sadly away.

"Weren't you afraid?" they all asked.

"Certainly not," said the girl. "I happen to know this cow is his mother-in-law." - McCall Spirit.

Alan Wilson's telling about a youngster digging in a vacant lot who unearthed a coffee can containing five thousand dollars. He ran home screaming, "Mama, Mama, look what I found!"

Mama opened the can, counted the money and then cuffed the kid soundly on the ear, saying: "What did you do with the coffee?"

- Erskin Johnson, NEA Syndicate.

Mr. and Mrs. Felder were walking down a dark street on their way home from a late movie when they were confronted with a masked hoodlum who stuck a gun in the husband's ribs and demanded, "Your money or your life."

Mrs. Felder realized that her husband loved his money almost more than anything else in the world but she was surprised to see him so hesitant about handing it over in this dangerous situation. Alarmed, she prodded him by saying, "For goodness sake, give him your wallet, Harry." Reluctantly he did as told.

When the robber had gone, she couldn't help asking, "What made you stand there so calmly?" when he said, "Your money or your life, that guy really meant it."

"My stars, was that what he said?"

Shuford Outlines Federal Child Labor Requirements

Raleigh, April 17 - Farmers employing minors under 18 years of age in harvesting strawberries and spring truck crops should acquaint themselves with the restrictions which have been placed around such employment, State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford said today.

Commissioner Shuford said it will be to the advantage of farmers employing minors to obtain a copy of Child Labor Bulletin No. 102 in order to learn about the child labor requirements of the Federal Wage and Hour Law.

Shuford said that Congress has given most minors employed in agriculture protection against being employed during school hours.

He pointed out that employment of school age minors under 16 years of age is limited to those periods when the schools for the school district where the child is living are in session.

When schools for the school district where the child is living are not in session, or before or after school hours, there is no restriction on employment of minors in agriculture, regardless of age, he said. This includes vacation periods and holidays.

The prohibition against the employment during school hours of minors under 16 years of age applies to migratory workers as well as resident children, but not to a farmer's own children working on his own farm, Shuford continued. It does, however, prohibit a farmer's children under 16 years of age from being employed on someone else's farm during school hours.

A farmer employing minors under 18 years of age on his farm during school hours must keep records giving

explained her now startled spouse. "I thought what he said was 'Your money or your wife.'"

- Wall Street Journal

A friend tells of an experience in an upstate New York hospital. Her room-mate, an elderly farm woman, chatted animatedly enough when friends called - about neighbors and personal matters generally - but between times she had nothing to occupy her.

In one such daily period our friend offered the farm woman a copy of the New York Times and received this discouraging answer: "No, I thank you. I don't believe I know a soul down there."

- New Republic

State Accepts 4-H

The State Club office has accepted four National 4-H awards programs for participation of members in 1954, the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work has announced. The programs are Garden, Clothing Achievement, Poultry, and Tractor Maintenance, in the last three of which awards have been changed.

In the 4-H Clothing program, four (formerly one) gold-filled medals of honor will be provided for winners in qualifying counties by the awards donor, Coats & Clark, Inc. As in the past, the state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Also, 12 state winners selected for national awards will each receive a \$300.00 college scholarship.

Instead of five sterling silver medals to county winners in the 4-H Poultry program, four gold-filled medals will be provided this year by the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co. Awards at 4-H Club Congress in Chicago of an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress and \$300.00 college scholarships to ten national winners remain unchanged.

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All these national 4-H programs are supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

In the 4-H Tractor Maintenance Program, the American Oil Co. will provide four gold-filled instead of sterling silver medals of honor as county awards. The state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, as heretofore. The national awards, however, have been increased from eight to 12 \$300.00 college scholarships.

Awards in the 4-H Garden program, which are provided by Allis-Chalmers, remain the same as last year, four gold filled medals of honor, honor, an all-expense trip to the National winners respectively.

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