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Six Million Dollar Reduction Made In the County Valuation

New Budget Provides for 94 Cents Tax Rate as Against \$1.35 Last Year

Greenville, Aug. 4.—The tax rate for Pitt county this year will be 94 cents on the \$100 valuation, a reduction of 41 cents under the rate of \$1.35 last year, or a total cut of \$6,000,000.

This decision was reached at the regular meeting of the Pitt county board of commissioners at the court house here yesterday when the budget for the year was adopted and other matters dealing with operation of the county government were discussed.

The budget carries a total valuation of \$38,000,000 against \$44,000,000 for the past year.

It sets aside 171-2 cents for the state support of schools as provided by enactment of the MacLean statewide school bill by the last legislature.

Six cents is set aside for capital outlay, three cents for supplementary levy for schools, and forty-six cents for debt services.

The remainder of the rate will go for the support of public health, poor and general expenses of the county government.

In addition to putting the stamp of approval on the budget the commissioners created a tax department to take over the collection of taxes. Collections in the past have been made through the sheriff's office.

Following the meeting of the commissioners the auditing department called attention of taxpayers to the fact that a discount of 2 1/2 per cent will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

The rate of 41 cents was made possible through the state taking over support of schools and the excellent plan of financing adopted by the commissioners. Through attention to every detail of government and paring all expenses in all departments, the commissioners were able to effect what is believed to be the largest reduction of any county in this part of the state.

Copies of the budget were being prepared today and when completed will be placed on display at the court house. It was thought work in this connection would be completed either today or tomorrow.

Roosevelt Donates Blood for Serum

New York Governor Responds to Appeal in Battle Against Infantile Paralysis

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, who ten years ago was stricken with an attack of infantile paralysis, has given a pint of his blood to be used in a serum for combating an outbreak of the disease in New York.

Announcement of the blood donation was made by the state department of health. The governor's action, said the announcement, was in response to an appeal to all who had been afflicted with the disease to give blood for the serum.

Mr. Roosevelt made a similar donation in 1926.

The governor was stricken with the disease less than a year after he had run as the democratic nominee for vice president in 1920. Since that time he has recovered to the point of walking again, swimming and riding horseback. A recent magazine article, based on his physical qualifications for the possible democratic nomination for president next year, quoted a board of three medical specialists as saying his health would stand any of the strains imposed by any of the duties of public life.

The governor's contribution to the call for serum goes to combat an outbreak of the disease within his own state and centering at present in New York city. Health authorities have reported a steady upward climb of the number of cases in the state since the first of the year.

Wickham commission wants \$25,000 more with which to complete its survey of federal courts. If it will promise to talk as plainly about jurisdiction and district attorneys, as about the police forces of the country, we move that the request be granted.

Duk interests have paid their Mecklenburg taxes early and thus secured a discount of 2 1/2 per cent. A fifth thing Solomon might had done was to show a little understanding in the way of a corporation with a surplus.

Says Edison In Brighter Mood

Aged Inventor Sits Up and Reads Newspaper; Must Be Good Patient

West Orange, N. J., Aug. 4.—Thomas Alva Edison, fighting a complication of diseases, showed more activity and more interest in outside affairs today than at any time since Saturday, when his son, Charles, revealed the inventor was critically ill.

Mr. Edison had a good night and slept seven hours, one more than the previous night. His physician, Dr. Hubert S. Howe, said the 84 year old inventor was in excellent spirits. Later Mr. Edison sat at his living room desk reading newspapers.

Dr. Howe said he would issue bulletins on the inventor's condition four times daily.

The noon bulletin today said: "There has been no marked change in Mr. Edison's condition this morning. He asked to see the newspapers for the first time in several days and is now in the living room at his desk. The first bulletin of the day said Mr. Edison seems to be steadily improving.

Messenger boys made regular marches up the half mile hill on the crest of which the inventor's home is situated, carrying messages from many points. One was from Sir Thomas Lipton, wishing the inventor a speedy recovery. Among those calling by telephone were Harvey Firestone, Sr., and Henry Ford, two of Mr. Edison's closest friends.

Dr. Howe has revealed that his patient is suffering from diabetes, Bright's disease, ulcers of the stomach and uremic poisoning.

Dr. Howe and Charles Edison have expressed fear lest Mr. Edison should refuse to follow the diet prescribed for him. Dr. Howe said it was vital that he have the proper amount of insulin and of fluid, as too much or too little of either would be harmful. Mr. Edison, long on a milk diet, six weeks ago cut his routine of two glasses every two hours to one every two hours. Dr. Howe said this undernourishment helped to bring about his present condition.

Dr. Howe declared careful nursing would be necessary from now on, as he didn't think Mr. Edison would ever be out of danger.

Dr. Frederick Allen after a visit this afternoon, likened the inventor's condition to that of a ship.

"As long as a ship," he said, "keeps on its course, all is well. But if it happens to strike a submerged rock, then complications develop."

At 6 p. m. eastern standard time, the following bulletin was issued:

"Mr. Edison's condition continues about the same. He slept about one hour this afternoon. His spirits are cheerful and he is looking forward to an early return of his strength."

DR. HUBERT S. HOWE.

WOMAN SHOTS SELF IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Greenville, Aug. 4.—After firing a bullet near her heart in a suicide attempt last night Mrs. John Shackelford, the operator of a small store in Tobacco Town, was in a critical condition in the local hospital today. Although her injuries are of a serious nature, physicians are said to hold out strong hope for her recovery.

The act was said to have resulted from depression caused by excessive drinking. Leaving the store between 9 and 10 o'clock Mrs. Shackelford is said to have gone to her home, obtained a pistol and fired a steel-jacketed bullet above her heart. Her body was found lying on the floor; near the mantel piece a short time later and was rushed to the hospital for medical attention.

Shackelford, authorities said this morning, was recently arrested for violation of the prohibition law. He was scheduled to receive a hearing at the regular weekly session of county court here today.

Once a Jockey

West Orange, N. J., Aug. 4.—Charles Edison, who has been racing horses and was a jockey at a Chicago track, was accused of the murder of a woman.

Jap Finds Comet with Home-Made Telescope

Masaji Nagata, an obscure Japanese owner of garden truck, of Berkeley, Cal., started world astronomers by finding a new heavenly body with a two-inch telescope he built himself. The comet will probably be named after him.



Mrs. Anne Reynolds and Infant Daughter Get Huge Trust Fund

\$1,000,000 Comes Out of Estate of Zachary S. Reynolds

Winston-Salem, Aug. 4.—An important decree was signed in the superior court of Forsyth county at Winston-Salem late Tuesday by Judge John M. Oglesby, approved a contract and trust agreement, whereby Mrs. Anne Cannon Reynolds, and her infant daughter, Anne Cannon Reynolds, II, became the sole beneficiaries in a \$1,000,000 trust fund, which is to be set up out of the estate of Zachary Smith Reynolds, husband of Anne Cannon Reynolds and father of Anne Cannon Reynolds, II.

The decree was signed in the court proceeding recently instituted by Anne Cannon Reynolds, through her guardian and father, J. F. Cannon, and the infant, Anne Cannon Reynolds, II, through her next friend, Howard R. Laster, against Zachary Smith Reynolds, and W. N. Reynolds and R. E. Laster, as general guardians of the estate of Zachary Smith Reynolds, and the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, Md., and all of the other heirs of the late R. J. Reynolds, founder of the Reynolds Tobacco Company. The Zachary Smith Reynolds, and a son of the late R. J. Reynolds.

Pleadings filed in the action showed that Zachary Smith Reynolds and Anne Cannon Reynolds, member of the prominent Cannon family of Concord, were married on November 16, 1929, and that from this union was born the infant daughter, Anne Cannon Reynolds, II. It was further revealed by the pleadings that the parents were unable to live happily together because of incompatibility and have separated and been living apart for several months.

Pending the institution of litigation it was further shown by the pleadings, the interested parties got together and arrived at an amicable settlement of all property rights and obligations existing between the principals. This settlement was reduced to the contract and trust agreement, which provides in substance that \$1,000,000 shall be set up out of Zachary Smith Reynolds' estate, now held by the Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Baltimore, which he inherited from his father, R. J. Reynolds.

It is provided by the contract and trust agreement that the income from \$500,000 of the trust fund is to go to Anne Cannon Reynolds for life, and at her death, if the child or its heirs should be living, this sum will go to the infant daughter. The contract and agreement further provides that the income from the other \$500,000 of the fund is to go to Anne Cannon Reynolds, II, and when she arrives at the age of 25 years the entire sum of \$500,000 will come into her possession. This ultimately means that if she lives, the little girl will eventually have \$1,000,000.

The decree signed by Judge Oglesby is regarded in legal circles as one of far reaching and important significance. Then, too, the prominence of the parties involved, lends an added importance to the litigation and its culmination.

Reynolds is the second son of the late R. J. Reynolds, Winston-Salem tobacco magnate, and Miss Cannon is a daughter of J. F. Cannon, wealthy Concord textile manufacturer. They were married in November, 1929, and their child was born August 23, 1930.

Both young Reynolds and his wife are minors. Under a trust established with the Safe Deposit Company of Baltimore, Reynolds receive an allowance of \$50,000 a year. At the age of 25 he will receive the corpus of his estate inherited from the late tobacco magnate and his mother, Mrs. Katharine S. Johnston. His estate is now valued at approximately \$99,000,000.

County Hospital to Open Formerly on August 18, assures a headline in the Sanford Herald. And after the opening has taken place, Ye Paraphraser presumes it can be referred as formally.

Offerings Light on S. C. And Border Markets

Shuts Down Oil Wells

Governor Murray Carries Out Threat to Close Oklahoma Wells Under Martial Law

Oklahoma City, Aug. 5.—Governor William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray has carried out a threat to shut down Oklahoma oil wells under martial law in an effort to increase prices for crude oil. He named the "supreme executive power of the state" as his authority.

National guardsmen, called out late yesterday, invaded the giant Oklahoma City oil field without appreciable opposition and headed toward new objectives. The governor's orders are to close all of the state's 3,106 wells that have a daily average production of 25 barrels or more.

The troops under Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett and newly commissioned Lieutenant Col. Ciero I. Murray, the governor's cousin, prepared to go to the greater Seminole area today.

Published reports were that more than 7,500 persons would be left jobless by the closing of the wells.

The order coming at the end of several days of impatient waiting by independent operators suffering from low crude prices, decreed that each well should remain closed until purchasers agreed to pay a minimum of \$1 per barrel at the wells. Fifty cents was the top yesterday.

Sinclair oil employees, against which company the governor aimed fiery remarks in his executive order, asked guardsmen for written orders to close, but withdrew quietly when they saw Colonel Murray was not planning to arbitrate.

Governor Murray had accused the Sinclair Oil and Gas Company and its associates of judicial juggling through injunction.

He asserted their combined operations caused low prices for crude to increase their profits, while running smaller independent firms without such complete industrial facilities.

Pipeline companies, refused permission by national guardsmen to take crude oil from leases where about 100,000 barrels were available to run, protested today to Otto Bradford, field protraction empire and liaison officer between the guard and the oil companies. Bradford was attempting to obtain official clarification of the order.

Producers took the shutdown activities quietly, many with smiles. The Wilcox Oil and Gas Company, however, detailed workmen to guard the guardsmen. Sinclair leases also were supplied with company men but they were directed to aid the guard in any way.

About 50 guardsmen were constantly in the field. A close watch was kept on one producer where gates were slightly damaged and there was a possibility it might blow out of control.

WOULD CUT ACREAGE IN COTTON BY LAWS

Delegates to Texas Cotton Conference think States Should Control Production

Austin, Texas, Aug. 4.—Most of the delegates to the south-wide cotton conference here today asked cotton states to curtail their production by law. They coupled with this a request that the south leave no stone unturned in increasing the use of its chief crop.

The conference was called by Gov. Ross S. Sterling of Texas, in which state a bill has been introduced in the legislature, meeting in special session, to prevent the planting of land in cotton two years in succession. Conferees asked that Texas, the largest cotton producing state, take by the lead by enacting this law and asserted they believed other states would follow.

King of Freckles

Average Price Range Estimated Between Eight and Nine Cents

Farm Board Is Seeking to Quiet Cotton Planters

Proposal to Sell Cotton On Credit to Germany Caused Storm of Protests in the South

Washington, Aug. 5.—The Farm Board, which has encountered its most feverish activity in the hottest part of the summer, strove today to quiet a tumult in the south as the latest trouble in the grain belt was taken over its head to President Hoover.

Senator William J. Harris, Georgia, leader in the protest, against the Farm Board's reported plan to sell cotton to Germany on long term credits, was assured by Commissioner Denman that the board would try to avoid disrupting the cotton market, which just this week reached a 16-year low.

Meantime, it appeared that Germany was unlikely to take up the American proposal to buy Farm Board cotton or wheat either on long-term credits, five days having elapsed without any definite proposition from Germany having been laid before the board.

Possible solution of the farm-product purchase problem was seen by some in the agreement today of New York bankers to extend credit in an unlimited amount to Germany, with any money so obtained, Germany could purchase needed farm products here from the current crop through private sources. This would meet the current protests against sale of government wheat or cotton, as it would help absorb the current crop.

Board officials told Harris as to cotton, and the same applies to the wheat situation, no proposition is before the board. They told him that they would act for the farmers' best interests. Harris interpreted this as a victory in his protest against sale of the Board's stabilization cotton from the 1929 crop carryover. But board officials said they made no pledges.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur M. Hyde hurriedly interrupted a vacation with his family in Yellowstone National Park today to go to Missoula, Montana, where he is to start a personal inspection of the seven northwestern states ravaged by grasshoppers and this year's drought. Agricultural Department officials anticipate that the need for help will come in the fall planting season in these areas.

The mid-western dissension among cooperatives, laid before the Farm Board last week and later taken unsuccessfully to the White House, appeared to be shifted to Chicago. It was learned that the seven-state and local cooperative organizations which protested that the Farmer Union Terminal Association of St. Paul was seeking to buy up the smaller farm organizations and eliminate local control, went to the White House after the Farm Board refused to intervene. Mr. Hoover would not see the cooperative men, however, and their troubles were laid before one of the President's secretaries.

Farmer Slays Wife and Flees

Plato Edney, of Henderson County, Said to Have Been Jealous

Hendersonville, Aug. 3.—Plato Edney, Henderson county farmer, shot and killed his wife and wounded two of his children today, firing with a shotgun through a window of his home.

The full charge struck Mrs. Edney and she died almost instantly. Only a few scattering shot struck the children, Ethel, 12, and Evelyn, seven. They were not seriously injured.

After the shooting, Edney fled to the mountains, his trail was followed for five or six miles by Sheriff W. A. Garson and his deputies with the aid of bloodhounds.

Falling in his efforts to capture Edney, Sheriff Garson renewed the search tonight.

Poor Grades and Low Prices Greet Opening of South Carolina Tobacco Market

Light opening breaks, varying prices and poorer grade offerings today greeted the opening of the South Carolina bright leaf and border belt tobacco markets.

Thirteen South Carolina and North Carolina markets reported prices ranging from as low as one cent for sand lugs and poor grade first primings to 50 cents for a pile of extra good leaf on the Kingstree, S. C., market.

The average, however, on the basis of opening prices ranged in the neighborhood of eight to nine cents, depending on the market.

The Mullins, S. C., market, largest in the state, experienced one of the best openings in the belt. Prices there ranged in the neighborhood of 9 1/2 cents with many piles of better grades selling up as high as 20 cents.

Sellers were particularly gratified at the action of buyers for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in bidding higher on the opening breaks than they did last year. Approximately 150,000 pounds was on the floor there.

Lake City, S. C., reported an average of nine cents for its approximately 160,000 pounds. Dillon, S. C., also had an opening average of approximately 9 cents but less than 50,000 were on the floor.

Loris, S. C., farmers were "far from satisfied," a report said, at the seven to eight cents average there. Darlington had an average of 8.75.

Manning, S. C., reported the poorest prices of the day with the weed ranging from 2 to 4 cents and the highest price paid being 15 cents. Timmonsville, S. C., prices ranged from 11-1/2 to 21 cents, while the Kingstree range ran from 2 cents to a high of 50 cents.

Whiteville, Mt. Tabor, Fairmont and Chadbourne, all in the North Carolina border belt, reported an average price between eight and nine cents a pound. The offerings at all were light and the lower grades predominated.

Lumberton, N. C., had an average of eight cents in comparison with last year's opening average of 9.30. The five warehouses there reported an aggregate of approximately 150,000 pounds on the auction floors.

An official average of 8.75 cents a pound was paid on the Clarkston tobacco market today for 22,466 pounds of tobacco.

The price average was announced shortly after the close of the market by local warehousemen. The tobacco brought from five to 35 cents a pound, depending upon grade. Sand lugs and first primings predominated, but the quality was fair.

K. W. Cobb, supervisor of sales on the Greenville market, wired the following from Fairmont: "Sales very light. Quality about like last season's. Average estimated at about eight cents. Last year's average on opening day was officially given at 8.73. It appears that the domestic companies are buying heavily of the tobaccos being offered today. All sales could finish by dinner. The crops in this section are not any nearer houses than in our section."

CONDUCT INQUIRY IN CIGARETTE PRICES

Charlotte, August 4.—The work of investigating the recent increases in cigarette prices to ascertain whether violation of the Federal anti-trust laws was involved, is centering in Charlotte as district headquarters of Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, according to information obtained here in semi-official quarters.

Several agents of the district headquarters now are operating in the tobacco manufacturing centers of this state, particularly Durham and Winston-Salem, it was understood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edney, father and mother of the slayer, said their son had shot his wife because of jealousy. They said he had accused his wife of being friendly with other men and the couple had separated several times, each time patching up their differences and agreeing to live together again.

And concerning the enlarged highway patrol which becomes effective today, there's little doubt that the driving public needs to see more of 'em.