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## Senate Strikes Out Heavy Tax on Foreign Whiskies

### Amendment Place Tax On Liquors From Debt Defaulting Nations—Roosevelt Objects To Tax

Washington, Jan. 11.—In view of opposition by President Roosevelt, the Senate today reversed itself and struck out of the House liquor tax bill the amendment placing heavy excise taxes on liquors from nations in default on their war debts.

Reconsidering yesterday's passage of the bill and the amendment of Senator Clark, Democrat, Mo., aimed at the debt-defaulters, the Senate then voted to throw out Clark's proposal.

Democratic leaders had opposed it on the ground it would hamper the President in tariff bargaining, but were overthrown yesterday by a vote of 40 to 39.

Word reached the Capitol today that Mr. Roosevelt was opposed to the amendment.

The vote against the Clark amendment today was 44 to 30.

Senator Murphy, Democrat, Iowa, who voted for the Clark amendment yesterday imposing heavy excise taxes on liquor imports from nations behind in their debts, said information had reached him today that "this would tie the hands of the President in tariff bargaining" and supported reconsideration of the amendment.

Democratic leaders argued they were for full payment of the debts but the tax bill was no place for the amendment and it would invite retaliation from abroad and endanger Roosevelt's tariff bargaining plans.

"I just can't see the reason for that amendment," Rainey said. "It would be used against the whole world; unless England, because she has made a token payment, could be construed not to have defaulted.

"The object of the bill is to get revenue, yet the Senate puts up an embargo that would stop liquor imports and keep us from getting any revenue from that source."

### Senate Passes Johnson Bill

Washington, Jan. 11.—The Senate today passed unanimously the Johnson bill to prohibit financial transactions—private or public—with any foreign government in default on its obligations to the United States.

The bill, introduced last session by Senator Johnson, Republican, Calif., fixes a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for five years for anyone purchasing or selling the bonds, securities or other obligations of any foreign government issued hereafter or to make any loan to such foreign government or subdivision thereof, while such government is in default in the payment of its debt, either in whole or in part, to the United States."

#### HONORING MRS. COOKE

An enjoyable affair of the week was the bridge party given on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Robert Lee Smith, honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Cooke of Mt. Olive, a recent bride, who was formerly Miss Louise Smith of Farmville.

Hawthorne and Forsyth decorated the reception and living rooms of Mrs. C. R. Townsend's home, scene of the party, and tallies carried spring flowers. Mrs. M. V. Horton, winner of the high score prize, was awarded a beautiful bowl, and a flower container was presented to the honor guest as a lovely memento of the occasion.

Mrs. C. T. Dixon and Miss Nita Lee Townsend assisted the hostess in serving a delectable salad course.

## Take Steps Make Highways Safer

### Patrolmen And Other Officers Keep Close Watch on Drivers

Governor Ehringhaus' Christmas Eve "message" to the automobile-driving public of the State to the effect the highways must be made safer for travel has caused the State Highway Patrol to redouble its efforts to catch violators of the road laws.

More than 100 deaths from traffic accidents on the State's highways in November caused the Governor to issue a statement Christmas Eve that the highway slaughter had to stop and he called on all law enforcement officers to see to it that violators were caught and dealt with for careless and reckless driving.

Highway patrolmen are keeping closer watch on the State's highways in accordance with the Governor's request that traffic violators be made to pay for their infractions of the law.

## Governor Endorses Acreage Reduction

### Calls Upon Farmers To Cooperate In Letter To Cooperative Head

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Termining it "imperatively necessary that our farmers cooperate with the federal government in these acreage reduction campaigns," Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus has called upon North Carolina farmers to cooperate in the administration's adjustment program for cotton and tobacco.

"The benefit which has come to us in increased prices for crops during this year has, in my judgement, depended upon assurance of crop reduction to normal limits as defined by the government," said the governor in a letter to U. Benton Blacklock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, which appears on the front page of the current issue of the North Carolina Cotton Grower, official publication of the cooperative.

The governor said "as a matter of good faith it is incumbent upon us to follow the lead" of the Agricultural Adjustment agencies and bring about a program of acreage reduction which they have promulgated.

"It has been my very definite and sincere conviction for a long time that it is only through the application of the principle of cooperation to the problem of production that we would be able to make progress toward real agricultural recovery," the governor said. "We have seen the fruits of such cooperation this year and we must not abandon ourselves again to the dangers which a failure to carry on this principle would bring upon us."

Termining the acreage reduction plan "fair and equitable," Mr. Blacklock said if cotton farmers expect to increase their prosperity for the coming year, "each and every one of us must cooperate in the government plan for reducing acreage."

"This is certainly no time to 'let George do it,'" Mr. Blacklock said. "We must all reduce."

## Eight Killed on The Highways

### 58 Persons Also Injured In This Highway Division in December

Greenville, Jan. 11.—Eight persons met death in a series of automobile accidents reported in this highway patrol division during the month of December, it was made known today in the monthly report of Lester Jones, lieutenant.

The death rate was higher than the previous month when six persons were killed.

The list of injured was also higher than in November with 58 being reported hurt as against about half the number the previous month.

The patrolmen investigated a total of 54 accidents and made 171 arrests. There were 1,868 violations of traffic laws reported with sentences of thirty-three months being dealt out to the 169 found guilty of the various charges.

It was shown that 437 persons were warned for parking on the highway, 132 for hogging the road, 17 for hearing driving, 114 for entering highways without stopping, 198 for walking wrong, 156 for speeding, 221 for obscure tags, 87 for driving on the shoulders, 49 for passing cars on curves or hills. It was stated that total warning being listed at 1,705.

A total of 3,569 cars were stopped with 108 complaints being answered. Revenue collected by the patrol was reported as \$38,147.57.

#### SPANISH-AMERICAN AUXILIARY

The Capt. J. Thomas Smith Camp No. 17, which met January 9th, had as guests and installation officers, Department Commander White of Raleigh, and Quarter-Master Eldridge Smith. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: S. M. Pollard, Farmville, commander; M. L. Elmore, Dover, Sr. vice-commander; J. P. Smith, Greenville, Jr. vice-commander; P. T. Atkinson, Farmville, adjutant; W. C. France, Greenville, chaplain. Trustees: T. G. Willis, Washington, Watt Parker, and G. F. Smith, Farmville.

After the regular routine of business we wended our way homeward through the breezy midnight air, hoping to live through another prosperous year, the average age being 61 years, and we are dying at the rate of 500 per month. Watt Parker.

## Negro Confesses To Capital Crime

### James G. Green Tells of Attack Upon Girl; Held In Unnamed Jail

Greenville, Jan. 10.—James G. Green, 25-year-old Negro, stands within the shadow of the electric chair today following his confession to local officers of the roadside attack on a white man Sunday night and two criminal assaults upon the latter's girl companion.

In his confession to Sheriff Whitehurst, which was made known today, Green stated the Edwards car was parked alongside the road a short distance from Greenville when he came along Sunday night. Edwards, he stated, started berating him for being out at night and struck at him. He dodged the blow, he stated, and went into the woods where he got an oak club.

Coming back to the automobile, he struck Edwards over the head, knocking him unconscious. He then made the girl get into the car, promising he would take her to a nearby filling station. Instead he drove in the opposite direction and the girl started screaming and tried to get out of the car. He told her he'd kill her if she didn't remain quiet. Turning into a side road, he stated, he attacked the girl in the car and then continued about three miles down the road where he attempted to attack her again. She resisted so strenuously, he said, he hit her over the head with a soft drink bottle and knocked her unconscious. He left her by the side of the road and drove away, according to the alleged confession.

The 18-year-old victim of the attack is under the care of a physician. The case will be presented to the Pitt County grand jury that meets the week of January 22. While there is considerable feeling as a result of the crime, there is no notepoken threat of mob violence. The Negro is being held for the grand jury in an unnamed jail.

## France Is Surprised

### U.S. Senate Shocks Debt Defaulter By Liquor Tax Move

Paris, Jan. 11.—The United States Senate's move to impose a higher tariff on wines and liquor from nations which have defaulted in the payment of their war debts came as a shock to French government circles today.

The government had been hopeful that bitterness over the debt question had been lessened through recent trade agreements.

High officials refused to discuss the possibility of trade reprisals should the measure passed by the United States Senate yesterday be adopted in the House.

It was stated, however, that the Senate's action was considered unusually "strong."

In government quarters, the point was reiterated that the French position still is that France never refused to meet the payments on her war debts to the United States, but simply "deferred" them pending a final settlement.

Spokesmen said the question of the debts has not been settled between American and other debtors and added that once settlement is reached France likely will seek a similar arrangement.

## Speculators in Cotton Options Given Warning

Washington, Jan. 11.—Speculators who have been buying government cotton options from producers at below market prices were warned today by Oscar Johnston, the farm administration's pool manager, to stop this practice at once and exercise their options by January 18 if they want them recognized.

At the same time, Johnston said the exercise of options by "bona fide" pledges, where the producer "will receive the full benefit of the proceeds of the option," will be recognized. He said, however, that his pool "prefers" that options be exercised by the producers to whom they are issued.

The options were issued to farmers who pledged under part of their crop last summer in the administration's cotton reduction campaign. They are good for at least 10 cents a pound, as government credit agencies will advance that sum.

The cotton pool has been formed to dispose of the more than 2,400,000 bales of cotton covered by the options and, with the price of cotton now above 10 cents, option holders stand to realize better than 10 cents a pound.

## Prices Show Advance Over Holiday Closing

The Farmville Market Has Sold Total of \$22,403,687 Pounds; Peak Average This Week \$15.43

Sales were resumed on the Farmville Tobacco market on Monday of this week with receipts light and prices showing considerable improvement since the holiday closing on December 15th.

The peak average of this, the 14th week, was reached on Thursday when 87,969 pounds were sold for \$5,859.37 at an average of \$15.43. Today's sale of 61,810 pounds brought the season's poundage to 22,403,687 pounds, for which a total of \$3,697,008.78 has been received.

Farmers are being advised by tobaccoists to rehandle carefully, the remainder of their crop, get it in good condition and sell as rapidly as possible.

## Pitt County To Register Farm Labor

### Farmers Who Need Labor and Farm Laborers Are Urged to Register

Greenville, Jan. 11.—J. T. Bland, manager of the Pitt county re-employment office, announces that his office is now ready to register landlords and farmers who are in need of farm labor of any kind. Likewise, families desiring to rent a farm and unemployed farm labor are urged to register.

Families who left farms for work in towns or factories and are now interested in going back to the farm are urged, Mr. Bland said, to register and give the government a chance to help them find the kind of employment they prefer.

There may be some families applying for farm placement who do not have enough food and clothing to "run" them until the crop is made. Under certain conditions, provision will be made to extend help to such families, he said.

## Farmville Boy Meets Correspondent Of Six Years

A correspondence, from which great interest was aroused and a real friendship was formed, received its culmination here this week, when George Morgan Knight, Jr., of Lenawards, Md., here into Farmville and found Cecil Winstead, with whom he had corresponded regularly for the past six years. Mr. Knight was born at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., but had not visited his native State since being carried away as a small boy.

The letter acquaintance was made via the Children's Page of the Richmond Times, and many pleasant hours have been spent, since the first exchange by the two boys, in the writing and receipt of numerous communications, of various kinds including clippings, pictures, etc.

And the adventure in Friendship is to have another chapter, for these

## "New Deal" Is Theme of Co-op Essay Contest

Mann Announces Subject of 7th Contest of N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—"Education and Cooperation in the New Deal for Agriculture" has been announced as the subject of the seventh annual essay contest of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association to be held during the spring and early summer of this year.

"We feel," said M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the cooperative and in charge of essay work, "that our subject is a timely one and we are expecting even greater interest to be shown in the contest this year than ever before."

Subjects of the essay contest have always been closely related to agriculture and Mr. Mann said that this year it is the purpose of the contest to better acquaint rural boys and girls with the "New Deal for Agriculture" and what it is trying to accomplish.

"We all know that education—and I do not necessarily mean a college education but rather a clear understanding of principles—is essential to the 'New Deal,'" Mr. Mann said, "and according to our great president, the cardinal principle of the New Deal is cooperation for in announcing it he said: 'Together we cannot fail!'"

Since its inauguration in 1928 approximately 20,000 rural boys and girls have written essays. The first year only 800 participated, but each succeeding year saw the number participating double that of the year before.

Past winners of the contest include: Ruth Brown, Anson County, 1928; Howard Lee, Harnett County, 1929; Hannah Heptinstall, Halifax County, 1930; Elizabeth Barrington, Wake County, 1931; John Ousley, Harnett County, 1932, and Gerald E. Motley, Harnett County, 1933.

## Urges Better Cotton Seed

### Quality of Cotton Depends On Seed, Cooperative Leader Says

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—"The quality of your cotton next fall will depend largely upon the quality of cotton seed you plant this spring," declared M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, in an appeal this week for State farmers to plant improved cotton seed.

Mr. Mann called attention to a report of the department of agriculture showing that the quality of cotton in North Carolina last year was below that of the preceding year. He attributed this decrease in quality to the fact that many farmers have felt they were unable during the past few years to invest in a fresh supply of good seed.

"But," said Mr. Mann, "with the increased price of cotton and tobacco you can make a profitable investment this year by purchasing a few seed direct from the breeder in order that you may have your own seed patch and produce enough seed another year to plant your entire farm in seed one-year from the breeder."

Mr. Mann, who is in charge of the work of the Cotton Growers Supply Company, a subsidiary of the cotton association which handles seeds and fertilizers on a non-profit basis, said it would be wise for farmers whose cotton did not staple above 7-8th last year to buy enough seed one-year from the breeder to plant their entire crop this year.

youths, now arriving at young manhood, have much in common, both being deeply interested in writing for the public eye, and Cecil is returning this week, upon completion of his friend's visit to him, to Maryland, where he will convert Mr. Knight's serial, "The Mysterious Four" which, he recently in "St. Mary's Enterprise" hope to have accepted by some Hollywood producer.

Mr. Knight is a reporter covering Southern Maryland for the Baltimore Sun, Washington Star, Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Daily News, Richmond News Leader and also represents the Associated Press.

At a meeting of early Irish potato growers at Washington, Beaufort County, last week an agreement was signed to reduce and, as far as possible, to prevent an increase in acreage to the crop this season.

## President Roosevelt Asks Guarantee of Principal in Financing Farms-Homes

### Want Teeth Put In Leaf Control

Congress Asked to Give AAA Complete Control of Production and Marketing

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—A resolution urging Congress to give the Agricultural Adjustment Administration complete control over the production and marketing of tobacco by growers who do not sign reduction contracts was adopted unanimously here yesterday by the North Carolina tobacco advisory board.

A telegram outlining the resolution was forwarded to Chester C. Davis, administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act in Washington by C. T. Hall of Wooddale, president of the board.

The action was taken as an initial step to "put teeth" into the AAA tobacco control program and protect signers of contracts from those who do not sign.

Unless such regulatory measures are adopted, the resolution said, non-signers may attempt to increase their production materially in an effort to take unfair advantage of the higher prices brought about by the crop reductions of those who do sign.

The advisory board also adopted a resolution endorsing the North Carolina farm census, which will provide the government with statistics to use in the future control of production.

The meeting was held in the office of Dean L. O. Schaub at N. C. State College, J. E. Thigpen, representative of the tobacco section of the AAA, E. Y. Floyd, state director of the tobacco sign-up campaign, and Frank Parker, North Carolina crop statistician, met with the group.

Board members present were G. T. Hall, the president; Dean Schaub, Charles A. Sheffield, of State College, secretary; Lionel Weil of Goldsboro; D. H. Winslow of Greenville; B. H. McKel of New Bern, Dr. G. M. Pate of Robeson county; J. H. Lane of Stantonsburg; D. H. Pope of Halifax county, and E. H. Lewis of Forsyth county.

#### JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

An interesting discussion of Italy, her history, people, countryside and cities, by Misses Eona Foust Harris and Lucy Johnston, featured the program of the Junior Woman's Club on Saturday afternoon, the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. Ted Albright with Mrs. Worth Stewart as joint hostess.

A review of the Christmas relief work, given at this time, by the president, Miss Lucy Johnston, included the twenty-five stockings filled and delivered and assistance rendered the Literary Club in the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale.

After adjournment the guests were invited into the dining room for delightful refreshments, which were served from the table spread with a lace cloth and bearing lighted candles and other lovely decorations.

## Yeggmen Crack Safe at Ayden

### Discovered by Officers Before They Get Money; Probably Professionals

Ayden, Jan. 11.—Three bandits armed with revolvers, entered the Home Distributing Company store here last night about 4:30 a. m., and blew two sides off the safe containing money and valuable papers. They were frightened away by the night policeman before they succeeded in reaching the inner compartment. A fourth companion was acting as watchman in a car in front of the store and as the officer approached fired on him. The officer realizing he could not handle the gang single handed turned in the fire alarm but before a crowd could assemble the yeggmen escaped. Several shots were fired by the officer through the back of the car but it is not known whether or not they hit any of the yeggmen.

The burglars are supposed to be professionals and at least part of a gang that has recently made raids in nearby towns. A 50 watt electric bulb had been left lighted over the safe by William Quinerly who operates the store, and the marauders didn't even take the pains to turn out the light. Nothing was missing from the store and evidently money was the only thing sought.

## First Special Message Sent To Congress; Would Back Securities With Credit of Government and Official Property

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—President Roosevelt in his first special message to Congress today proposed that the government guarantee the principal of the \$2,000,000,000 in bonds for refinancing farm mortgages.

The Senate and House were acquainted with the brief message with the President's conviction that the house has the moral responsibility to guarantee these issues. He pointed out that the action would recommend putting the bonds on par with Treasury securities.

"It is true," he said, "that technically the responsibility of the government will be incurred by the amount of \$2,000,000,000, but it seems in every way right that we fully acknowledge that amount already to be moral obligation.

"In any event the securities to be offered are backed not only by the credit of the government but by all fiscal property of very definite value."

The Democratic leaders of the Senate and House expressed no doubt that they would be able to get the legislation wanted. Bills to that end have already been sought and action was to be asked without delay.

Later in the day the President planned to send a message proposing immediate completion of a treaty with Canada for development of the St. Lawrence River waterway and ask that the farm credit measure be set up with a corporation of \$200,000,000 capital to administer the farm credit loan.

Governor Myers of the Farm Credit Administration would head the board of governors of the corporation.

## Tobacco Sign-up in Counties Reported

### Average of 91 Per Cent for 13 Out of 57 Producing Counties of State

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—An average sign-up of 91 per cent of the tobacco growers under AAA reduction contracts was reported from 13 counties today in the tabulation of figures from the State's 57 flue-cured tobacco counties.

As he began preparations for bringing the campaign to an end, E. Y. Floyd, State director, announced that 90 per cent or more of the growers in North Carolina have signed contracts, according to a preliminary survey of widely scattered counties.

The campaign was instituted the second week in December by officials of the State College extension service and farm agents of the different counties for the agricultural adjustment administration.

With a 90 per cent sign-up, Floyd pointed out, the 30 per cent reduction would eliminate 165,000 North Carolina acres from tobacco cultivation this year and reduce the State's output by 114,000,000 pounds.

The counties which have reported so far in the State-wide tabulation are: Alamance, 95 per cent signed up; Caswell, 80 per cent; Durham, 85; Forsyth, 80; Johnson, 95; Lee, 99; Jones, 90; Pender, 99; Pitt 99; Vance, 92; Lenoir, 99; Craven, 75; and Duplin, 96.

#### H. H. BLACKLEY

Durham, Jan. 9.—Hewlette H. Blackley, 64, Durham tobaccoist and Spanish-American war veteran, died at his home late last night following a lengthy illness. He had resided here for the past 40 years and half of that time he had been employed by the A. C. Monk Tobacco Company of Farmville.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Blackley, one daughter, Miss Madge Blackley, of Durham; one son, J. E. Blackley, of Lawrenceville, Va.; and a half-brother, Robert Blackley. Burial was made Wednesday afternoon in Maplewood Cemetery.

The many Farmville friends of Mr. Blackley regret to learn of his passing.

There were 184,442 farm women and girls, both white and colored, who were taught the principles of food conservation, garden growing and how to feed their families for better health during the past year by home agents of the State College Extension Service.