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Drive to Abolish Tax Upon Cotton Shows No Let-Up

Closing of Mills as Protest Against Levy Threatened in Textile States; Legal Attack Upon Tax Also Under Way

Washington, April 16.—Cotton textile men, pressing relentlessly their drive against the cotton processing tax, said tonight a number of mills probably would close within the next few days in protest against the levy.

As northern mill men planned a legal assault upon the tax, they expected the first test case would reach the Circuit Court of Appeals next week. This is the case of the Hoosac Mills of New Bedford.

Meantime, attacks on the AAA and Secretary Wallace continued on both sides of Capitol Hill.

Senator Austin (R-Vt.), himself a lawyer, asserted he was of the opinion the cotton tax was unconstitutional, while Representative Martin (R-Miss) declared that if Secretary Wallace "cannot view this matter from a national angle, he should retire and give way to someone who will give fair and equitable treatment to all interests involved."

Secretary Wallace was accused by Representative Rogers (R-Mass) of attempting to promote strife between the agricultural South and West, and the industrial East, while Representative Fifford (R-Mass), continuing his controversy with this secretary, told Wallace in a letter that 1,500 tons of textile machinery had been shipped from New Bedford to South American cities.

A spokesman for the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers said a number of the members were inclined to follow the example of James Sinclair, president of the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association, who asserted he would close his mill, employing 750 employees, as a protest against the processing tax.

The northern mill men also said they were encouraged by steadily increasing support from the Southern mill interests, and hoped for militant action at the meeting next week of the American Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the Southern group.

Meanwhile, Representative Martin said there would be "easily over 30" House members in the group which will present the textile case to the President late this week, probably on Friday. The President will find in the group many members of his own party, especially from New England.

And Representative Higgins of Boston, said today that "we've got to convince the President and Secretary Wallace somehow that the industrial East can't be sacrificed for other sections," and pointed out that "when our textile industry prospers, all New England benefits."

The Congressional textile bloc, instead of being launched today instead of being disturbed by a counter attack launched today by the AAA, expressed elation.

"Looks like we've got them worried," commented Martin, while Representative Casey (D-Mass) remarked that "maybe they're beginning to realize that New England isn't going to see its industries destroyed without a fight."

They were referring to a statement made by Farm Administrator Chester Davis, in which he charged that the attack on the processing tax was directed against the entire New Deal.

An attack on the processing tax came from Governor Talmadge of Georgia, who said last night in an address at Murphy, N. C., that the cotton and textile industries will get flourish until this processing tax is entirely abolished.

Snow Fall Reported At Several Places

Charlotte, April 16.—Snow fell in scattered sections of North Carolina today.

At Elizabeth City, on the coast, there were a few scattering flakes and in the mountains of the North-west near Willsboro, there was a brief flurry which covered the ground.

The flakes melted immediately.

Heavy flakes fell at Henderson this morning at 6 o'clock and again at 8:30. While the flakes were large and fell rapidly for a few minutes, the fall melted almost immediately as the sun began shining.

Twenty-one rural and urban centers reported snow or sleet.

Grow More Feed On Tobacco Acres

A new ruling for the tobacco adjustment program will permit contract signers to grow more food and feed crops this year.

Modification of the contracts, as ordered by the Secretary of Agriculture, provides that the clauses which limit the total acreage planted to crops shall be inoperative in 1935.

The new ruling also provides that the clauses limiting the production of basic commodity crops and livestock shall apply only to cotton, wheat, tobacco, and peanuts.

The growers will be allowed to plant in food and feed crops all the land which they have retired from tobacco cultivation.

These rulings were adopted to help offset the effect of the mid-western drought in curtailing national production, said E. Y. Floyd, of State College, director of the tobacco program in this State, and to stimulate the production of more food and feed crops for home use.

As originally drafted, the tobacco contracts stipulated that the grower must not increase the production of any other basic crop grown on his farm, nor the total acreage of all crops. Only half of the acreage withdrawn from tobacco cultivation was to be put in food and feed crops.

The chief benefit to be gained by the lifting of these restrictions will be the increased plantings of corn, permissible, Floyd said. In most tobacco growing areas, corn does not constitute a cash crop and the production of a reasonable amount of corn is necessary for a well-balanced farming system.

The joke is on the neighbor's chickens when you fail to plant a garden.

PreEaster Services Well Attended

Special Easter Sermons and Music to Mark Services in Many Churches Here Sunday

Holy Week has been well observed here this week in the Christian church, which has included in its Pre-Easter program sermons by the pastors of other churches of the town. Messages brought by these speakers have been inspirational and timely, with much interest being manifested by the large number in attendance each night.

A sunrise communion service will be held in the Christian church at 6:00 o'clock Easter Sunday morning, and special Easter services in this church, as well as the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will be held at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

The Sunday School of the Episcopal church will have a program of music at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

Dr. Poe Backing Farm Loan Idea

Appears in Behalf of Bill Designed to Aid Tenants and Share- Croppers

Washington, April 16.—Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor of the Progressive Farmer, today was the principal witness before the House committee on agriculture in behalf of the Rankin-Jones bill to create a \$30,000,000 corporation, with borrowing capacity of one billion dollars, to make loans to tenants and share-croppers. The Senate began consideration of the bill today and is expected to pass it shortly. Approval by the House committee is expected.

"Dr. Poe made by far the most favorable impression of any witness who appeared before the committee before us on any bill which we've ever received," said Representative Harold D. Cooley, a member of the committee.

"Dr. Poe appeared with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and other government officials in connection with the bill. Dr. Poe was also the only one to urge passage of the bill without qualification, as these government officials stated they approved the measure personally, but are not yet in a position to endorse it officially, as it has not yet been approved by the Bureau of the Budget."

Dr. Poe told the committee in a dramatic way of the tobacco growth of tenants on farms in North Carolina and other Southern States.

WALTONBURG NEWS (By LILLIAN CORRETT)

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beddick have begun repairing their home.

Mr. Eubanks of Durham visited friends here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft made a business trip to Pantego, Monday.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Ray West is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Linnie Devereux of Wilson was the guest of Mrs. Ray West last week.

Rev. C. B. Maabum will fill his regular appointment at the Christian Church Sunday P. M.

Mrs. Ray West and Mrs. Alice Tagwell visited Mrs. Pearl Johnston in Farmville, Saturday.

Miss Virginia Lang of Bethel spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lang.

Mrs. Ada Bass of near Wilson is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Jason Shirley.

Mrs. Alice Tagwell of Fountain is spending several days as guest of her sister, Mrs. Ray West.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Galloway of Moultrie, Ga., spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. Earl Lang has returned to N. C. State College after spending the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lang.

Every one is cordially invited to attend the Pre-Easter services held at the Methodist Church. Services each evening at 8 o'clock.

Misses Edwina Burch of Roper and Eloise Burch of E. C. T. C., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burch.

Mrs. Tina Mae Dixon and son, Guy and Misses Loris Murphy and Lucile Harris, visited Mrs. Ben Shingleton, who is quite ill in the Duke Hospital, Durham, on Saturday.

The Workers' Council of the Christian Sunday School will hold its monthly meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft. All members are invited to be present.

EASTER HOG HUNT

Mrs. C. T. Hicks entertained the primary department of the Methodist Sunday School with an Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon.

Games were played and an egg hunt enjoyed. Each child was presented a gift. At the close of the hunt.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Emma Jean Reddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reddick, celebrated her fourth birthday Wednesday afternoon with a party at her home.

Games were played and the prize won by Evelyn Holt Bailey.

A color note of pink and white was carried out. The dining table being centered with a birthday cake bearing four tiny candles. Dainty refreshments were served.

Guests present were: Ola Grace Gardner, Billy Marlowe, Sam Lewis Jenkins, Alma Beaman, Evelyn Bailey, Ann Hicks, Pauline Dixon, Frances Dixon, Raymond Bailey, Joyce Rouse, Ramona Rouse, Luther Whitely, James Lovett, Dot Jones, Virginia Fields, Evelyn Mann, Lenwood Mann, Evelyn Fields, Loula Craft, Margaret Fields, Geroline Joyner, James Hinnant, Hattie Beaman, Mildred Diddy, Jimmie Beaman and Doris Beaman.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY?

At a recent election held at Waltonburg High School, the following superlatives were chosen:

Best All-Round—Girl, Hilda Taylor; Boy, Henry Burch.

Most Personality—Girl, Fannie Mae Smith; Boy, Cecil Lang.

Most Studious—Girl, Hilda Taylor; Boy, Cameron West.

Best Poet—Girl, Fannie Mae Smith; Boy, J. L. Jones.

Most Attractive—Girl, Mae Brown; Boy, Raymond Cobb.

Friendliest and Most Handsome—Girl, Fannie Mae Smith; Boy, James A. Reddick.

Most Athletic—Girl, Louise Shindler; Boy, J. L. Jones.

Loudest—Girl, Virginia Diddy; Boy, Harvey Gay.

Biggest Eater—Girl, Myrtle Roseworth and Marie Dall tie; Boy, Clyde Westbrook.

Widest—Girl, Fannie Mae Smith; Boy, J. L. Jones.

Most Dignified—Girl, Bernie Hardaway; Boy, Maynard Hardison.

Best Sports—Girl, Evelyn Shackelford; Boy, Lynn Jones.

Francis Perkins To Speak in Greenville

Greenville, April 16.—Francis Perkins, secretary of labor, will speak at East Carolina Teachers College on Friday night, April 26. "Economic Problems of Today" will be the subject.

Through State Capital Kephols

By Ben Hinton Silver

ANGER—Senator John T. Burrus, of Guilford County, apparently still can't forget his primary campaign and some folks believe he is preparing to jump into the race for Governor along with Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, Clyde E. Hoey and all comers. Charging that the revenue department and the highway department of the State tried to defeat him, Burrus predicted that the next Governor of this State will not be a sales taxer. Some political wise-ones interpreted his speech in the State Senate as the opening gun in his campaign for Governor.

MUD—Senator Carl Bailey, of Washington County wants the world to know that he is opposed to diversion of highway funds under the plan of Senator Newman, Chairman of the Senate finance committee, and others, to levy the three per cent sales tax against gasoline and take the cash out of money collected under the State's present six cent per gallon gasoline tax. "I will be opposed to any diversion until my people are taken out of the mud," Senator Bailey told the Upper Branch of the General Assembly. His people are still in the mud and it will be still muddier in his home county of Washington if highway money is spent on all the things that have been advanced before this session of the Legislature.

GOOD STORY—Here's one that's being told around the State Capitol these days. Senator Harris Newman, chairman of Senate finance committee, of Jewish blood, (according to the story) was talking to Representative Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe. "I like the Jews very much," Bowie is reported to have said, adding, "I am going to run for the United States Senate." Whereupon Newman is said to have replied, "I like the Gentiles very much, Mr. Bowie, and I am going to run for Lieutenant Governor." Believe it or not, but it makes a good story.

PROMOTED

Senator Lee L. Gavelly, of Nash, did himself some good as chairman of the Upper House's appropriations committee and went down the line in opposition to the State's general sales tax. Now friends of Senator Gavelly are promoting him to run for the United States Senate against Senator J. W. Bailey. But the State Senate apparently is enough for Mr. Gavelly. At least he has continued so far to turn a deaf ear to the demand that he seek to hitch his wagon to a higher star.

BIG MISTAKE

One Washington correspondent for a North Carolina publication got his wires crossed on the Rayburn bill which would put almost complete control of power companies within the hands of the federal government. This "special" wrote that Tar Heel representatives in both Houses of Congress were receiving numerous communications in favor of the bill. Admitting that he was all wet this same correspondent later wrote that he was mistaken and that the letters, telegrams and telephone calls were in opposition to the Rayburn bill. A lot of the natives of this State have a share or two of stock in power companies and others are of the opinion that it is bad policy to give up State regulation to the Washington bureau. Freight rates in the hand of the Interstate Commerce Commission have helped form such opinion.

THREAT

Former Lieutenant Governor E. T. Fountain, who was defeated in 1932 by Governor Ehringhaus, is predicting that the next Governor of North Carolina will not be a friend of the Sales Tax. It's hard to find friends of the three per cent retail levy but it's also noticeable that Fountain ran on an anti-sales tax platform and that he is an announced candidate against Senator J. W. Bailey for the Eastern Senate seat in 1936. The same sales tax threats were hurled in 1931 when it was generally known that Mr. Fountain favored such a tax on certain selected commodities.

NOT SO GOOD

Around committee rooms and hotel lobbies in Raleigh you can hear the boys whispering that Senator Harris Newman, of New Hanover, chairman of the Senate finance committee, hasn't helped his prospective campaign for Lieutenant Governor by his handling of the Memorial venereal bill. There was no little complaint of Senator Newman's attitude in the joint finance committee but the rumblings grew louder when the bill came to the Senate committee after passing the House.

CROWDED FIELD

A lot of people interested in Democratic politics (Continued on page Two)

MAURY NEWS (By MISS MATTIE LEE SUGG)

PERSONALS

Miss Miriam Mullin spent the week end at her home in Bunn.

Miss Zilphia Eagles spent the week end at her home in Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hardy spent the day in Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Sugg and Emmett Sugg went to Greenville, Tuesday.

Mrs. F. B. Frizzelle was a Farmville visitor Monday afternoon.

Misses Elva and Mattie Lee Sugg were Greenville visitors, Thursday.

Mrs. R. E. Mayo and Miss Elma Sugg were Goldsboro visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. C. L. Hardy, Mrs. M. H. Tucker and Mrs. Hardy Albritton were Raleigh visitors, Monday.

Miss Mayona Mayo and Mrs. R. E. Mayo were Goldsboro shoppers, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hardy and daughter, Jean, were Greenville visitors Wednesday.

Misses Zilphia Eagles, Rose Pipkin, and Norma Askew were Kinston visitors, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sugg attended the show in Farmville, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sugg visited Mr. R. W. Cobb, who is ill in the Greenville hospital, Monday.

Mr. Hardy Albritton who has been sick for some time, went to Duke Hospital for an examination Wednesday.

Miss Mattie Lee Sugg, and Billy Sugg, are spending this week with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Morrison, in Rowland.

Mrs. Bert Hardy, Misses Miriam Mullin, Adelle Cobb, Letha Newton and Rose Pipkin, were Farmville shoppers, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Co. per Grissard and son, George, Mrs. Verna Albritton, Marvin Holt, Sindey and Elma Sugg attended the movies in Farmville Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moyer, Misses Mary Alice Bullock and Hazel Ruth Turnage, went to the movies Monday night, in Farmville.

Little Dorothy Ann Morrison has returned to her home in Rowland, after spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sugg.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior banquet of the Maury High School was given Thursday night, April 11, at 8 o'clock in the Maury High School Gymnasium, sponsored by the Junior class under the direction of the Home Economics department, superintended by Miss Spears.

The entire banquet scene represented Fall and the gymnasium was decorated with long leaf pines, tulips and windmills, forming a perfect Dutch garden.

As the guests entered the gymnasium they were met at the door by the members of the Junior class who acted as the receiving line.

After the guests had assembled they were led into the dining hall by Misses Mullen and Bullock. When everyone was seated a delicious four course dinner was served by six girls from the Sophomore class, who were dressed as Dutch maids, during which time a very interesting program was presented, with Edward Skinner acting as master of ceremonies.

The following guests were present: Members of the Junior and Senior Classes, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Willford, members of the High School faculty, Miss Mary Alice Bullock of the primary faculty, Misses Ann Hicks Hland and Caroline Whitaker, of Kinston, who took part in the program; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frizzelle, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hardy, Mr. C. L. Hardy, Mrs. Marvin Taylor and Mr. Hill, and Mrs. A. B. Alderman, of Snow Hill.

Imperial Plant To Resume Operations Another Season

News that will be of considerable interest to Farmville people has been received here this week, relating to the operation of the local Imperial plant another season. The large modern plant has been closed for several years, with last bought on this market being sent to Greenville for conditioning, the effect being keenly felt in the ranks of workers who were formerly employed in the various positions connected with this branch of the industry; it is expected that the resumption of activities at this point will greatly alleviate the employment situation in the fall and early winter months.

Bernard G. Fields, connected with the Imperial Tobacco Company for the past 29 years, and for the last 15 as a buyer on the Wilson market, has been named as manager of the branch office here.

Repeat Demand For 22 Million School Fund

Housing Exposition Planned For Raleigh

A Better Housing Exposition will be staged at Raleigh in the Memorial Auditorium, April 23 to 27, in which special emphasis will be placed on displays of farm and rural home appliances and conveniences.

The Agricultural Extension Service of State College is cooperating with the Raleigh Times and the Federal Housing Administration to make the exposition of value to home owners throughout the rural sections of North Carolina. A special exhibit will be made by David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer of State College and both Dean I. O. Schaub and Dr. Jane S. McKimmon will assist with the plans.

Speaking of the Exposition, Dr. McKimmon says, "I wish every woman living on a North Carolina farm could attend with her husband or members of her family to see the new things that are possible through either home-made work or at a nominal cost from dealers who will have these things on display. Running water, kitchen sinks, electrical fixtures, interior furnishings, effective use of paints, and attractive plantings of home grounds are vitally important features of home life too often overlooked. I am sure every farm woman might learn a great deal by attending this free exposition."

Dean Schaub says authorities of various home improvement subjects will speak in the afternoons and evenings while there will be moving pictures and lantern slides to instruct and explain about improving the home. The new appliances for the rural home will receive special attention. On the opening night, Mayor George Isley of Raleigh, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Senator J. W. Bailey, Theo. B. Sumner, State FHA director, and James A. Moffett, national FHA administrator of Washington, will appear on the program. Numerous prizes and souvenirs will be distributed during the four days of the exposition.

T. P. A. Congress Asks That Amount as Minimum Per Year For Schools

Asheville, April 16.—Definitely reaffirming their stand for "a minimum appropriation of \$22,000,000 for the public schools and adequate support for the institutions of higher learning," the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers as the initial item of business at the opening this afternoon of their sixteenth annual convention sent telegrams to the House of Representatives, the State Senate and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, following adoption of resolutions.

The approximately 400 parents and teachers attending the meeting which is being held at the Grove Park Inn wired the following message to the State Legislature:

"Our stand for a minimum appropriation of 22 millions for the public schools and adequate support for the institutions of higher learning is well known to all Representatives of this Legislature.

"As we assemble in convention here in Asheville, we definitely reaffirm this stand. We believe we ask nothing unreasonable, we believe ways and means of securing these funds have been shown the legislature. As parents and teachers representing more than 600 local units throughout the State we urge that you grant the request."

The message to the Governor used the same wording except that the telegram stated, "We urge that you send a special message to the Legislature urging this request." The message to the House of Representatives was sent in care of Speaker Grady Johnson, and that to the Senate was in care of Lieutenant-Governor A. H. Graham.

Mrs. W. A. Aycock of Raleigh, president of the State organization, is presiding over sessions of the meeting which will be brought to a close after sessions Thursday.

A picture of the work of the State organization was given in reports of State officers given at this afternoon's opening general session. The State organization has a membership of 46,000 and more than 600 associations this year, making a gain of 14,000 members and 100 new associations over the previous year. This report was made by Mrs. H. K. Sledge of Charlotte, chairman of membership for the State organization.

N. C. Death Rate Shows Decrease

Comparative Figures Reveal 500 Less Deaths In March; Birth Rate Goes Up

Raleigh, April 17.—A comparative decrease of approximately 400 deaths in this State during March was reported yesterday by the State Board of Health, whose tabulation showed 3,102 deaths last month as compared with 3,498 in the previous March. The death rate dropped from 12.8 to 11.1 per 1,000 of population.

During the same period, North Carolina's birth rate increased to 26.1 from the 22.7 per 1,000 live births in March of 1934. Last March's baby crop in the State totaled 6,990, while in the preceding March it was 6,178.

Infant deaths showed a decrease, falling from 610 to 496, and maternal deaths stayed constant at 51.

Automobile mishaps claimed 84 lives in March and accidental burns accounted for 31 deaths. Suicides totaled 19 and there were 30 homicides.

Pneumonia, which killed 415 people in March, was the most prolific agent of death. Pulmonary tuberculosis and cancer came next with 149 victims each, and influenza was a close third with 146.

Other leading causes of death last month were measles, 13; whooping cough, 33; syphilis, 27; diabetes, 39; pellagra, 24, and appendicitis, 24.

GREENVILLE MAN DIES FOLLOWING ROAD CRASH

Greenville, April 14.—Robert S. May, 58, died in the Pitt Community Hospital Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock from injuries received in an automobile wreck Friday night. Mr. May sustained a fractured hip and internal injuries when a car in which he was the occupant, and driven by Nash Joyner, collided with another car driven by Bruce Cozart which was turned over by the impact.

Funeral services for Mr. May were conducted at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Monday afternoon at 8:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Worth Wicker, assisted by Dr. G. R. Combs, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Cherry Hill cemetery in the family plot.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harris May, his mother, Mrs. Ida Wooten May, of near Farmville; three daughters, Misses Margaret Rene and Mary Rivers May of Greenville and Mrs. George Best, of Goldsboro; two brothers, A. A. and E. W. May, of Farmville; two sisters, Mrs. W. A. B. Hearne, Greenville, and Mrs. Ogia Arnoys, of Newark, N. J.

Mr. May was born and raised in Pitt County near Farmville. For the past 35 years he has made his home in Greenville. He was a most loyal member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. After having moved to Greenville he was employed by the C. T. Mumford Company, the W. A. Bowen Company and for the past five years has been an employee of the Coburn Shoe Store here. He was favorably and well known and was held in the highest esteem throughout this section.

NEW LIQUOR BILL

Raleigh, April 17.—A new liquor control bill, based on the measure already introduced in the Senate by Senator John Sprunt Hill of Durham, has been prepared for introduction in the House.

Although it embodies the principal features of the Hill bill the new measure would do away with the State-wide referendum, substituting for it a local option plan and would, in addition, allow the immediate establishment, without vote of the people, of stores in any county in which a majority had voted for repeal of the 18th Amendment in 1933. It also would allow immediate establishment of stores in resort towns.

Between 47 and 50 members of the House were reported to have signed a petition urging to support a liquor bill. Others were understood to have agreed to support the bill, which is expected to be introduced by Representative Stevens of Camden.

The petition was still being circulated last night by Representatives Troy Barnes of Wilson, Hathaway Cross of Gates and W. E. Fenner of Nash, and the list of names was still growing.

Practically all cotton growers of Catawba County are renting the maximum of 35 percent of their base acreage under the adjustment contracts.