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## New Taxes May Cut Weed Imports American Product

### State College Economist Comments on Increased Levies on Tobacco in China, Where Chinese Are Reported To Be Smoking More

Raleigh, May 27.—The lazy curl of smoke from a cigarette dangling in the lips of a Chinese coolie conjures a far-fetched picture for the average tobacco farmer, yet new taxes in China threaten to cut sharply imports of American tobacco.

Increased levies in China on American produced cigarettes went into effect April 5. The greatest increase in the rates applied to the higher-grade cigarettes, in which most of the American flue-cured tobacco is used. The lower grades in which Chinese tobacco predominates, were raised but slightly.

North Carolina farmers should concern themselves not with the amount of the tax but with the differential in rates, since the heavier tax falls on the class of cigarettes containing American flue-cured leaf, declared S. L. Clement, agricultural economist of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

No doubt, the economist pointed out, the rate differential will tend to beat down the use of American weed and expand further the production and utilization of Chinese grown flue-cured tobacco.

Already exports to China from the United States have dropped because of greater Oriental tobacco acreage. During the five years ending June 30, 1933, China imported approximately 100,000,000 pounds of American tobacco annually. Other than the United Kingdom, China bought more American leaf than any other country. By 1935-36 imports had dropped to 27,300,000 pounds.

With new tax rates now in effect, further and more drastic reductions in the consumption of American weed are expected, Mr. Clement declared.

The Chinese government has been encouraging its farmers to produce a larger proportion of that nation's requirements of flue-cured tobacco. These efforts have included improvements in marketing facilities and demonstration work in improved methods of production, particularly with reference to good seed.

The efforts have been aided by the high internal revenue taxes on manufactured cigarettes in which American flue-cured tobacco is used, and by the relatively high prices of American leaf in recent years.

The fact that Chinese farmers have found tobacco more profitable during the last two or three years than most competing crops, has encouraged expansion in their flue-cured tobacco acreage, Clement explained.

Naturally, American interest in the cigarette market of China is primarily in its future capacity for taking American leaf tobacco, the economist said. China's cigarette consumption is only half that of the United States, while her population is nearly four times that of this country. Hence, the per capita consumption is only about one-eighth that of the United States.

The increase in cigarette consumption in that country over the past 30 years represents a switching of the yellow man's taste for native types to a craving for Virginia-type flue-cured leaf, Clement added. Production of native types of pipe tobacco is probably five times the amount of flue-cured leaf at the present time, since most natives still cling to their pipes.

"This gives some idea of the extent of tobacco trade in the aggregate," declared Mr. Clement, "and of the potentialities for increased use of cigarettes without actually increasing tobacco trade as a whole."

"The possibility of establishing and maintaining trade relations with China and other countries which will prevent discriminatory taxes and other restrictions on our foreign trade offers a challenge to the statesmanship of our leaders. Since we rely on China and other countries to purchase approximately half our flue-cured leaf, it is vital that we make every effort to maintain and enlarge our markets."

North Carolina is the largest producer of flue-cured tobacco in the United States, Clement pointed out. Nearly 70 per cent of the flue-cured crop is grown in this State.

## King and Queen

Greenville.—Miss Mildred Edwards of Winterville, member of the Pierce 4-H Club, and Hal Thomas Erwin of Farmville, member of the Bell Arthur 4-H Club, have been named Pitt County queen and king of health.

Lines may be observed piled on the roadside ready for use throughout Yancey County this season as a result of the soil conservation program.

## Swimming Pool To Open Wednesday

### A Number Of Water Contests To Mark The Opening Here

Together with announcement of the opening date of the swimming pool as Wednesday, June 2, by the City Fathers, comes information regarding those who will have charge of this recreational center during the present season; Cecil Winstead will be manager, Mrs. J. L. Rumley, hostess, and Billy Willis, Jack Horton and Fred Jones, life guards.

Plans for an auspicious opening at two o'clock, Wednesday, are being made by Manager Winstead and the committee in charge, headed by J. W. Joyner. These include a concert by the Farmville high school band and a number of swimming contests for the young folks.

Season tickets may be had by children under 12 years of age for \$3.50; twelve and up \$5.00; general admission for one hour, under 12 years, 5c, twelve and up 10c.

The pool has been a great joy and of much benefit to the community since it was built and draws patrons from miles in every direction.

## Stores To Have Half Holiday

### To Begin Closing Here On Wednesday Afternoons June 2nd

Practically all of the business houses in Farmville will begin closing their establishments Wednesday afternoons on next Wednesday, June 2, following a custom adopted a few years ago to allow a mid-week vacation.

The stores will close at 12:30 o'clock. The summer schedule will continue in effect until the middle of August, which is about two weeks before the opening of the tobacco market.

Indications are that most houses in the city will cooperate.

## BAPTIST MEETING TO CONTINUE FOR TEN DAYS

The revival meeting, which began in the Farmville Baptist Church, Wednesday, is fulfilling the previous announcements of the pastor, Rev. L. R. Ennis, and members of the congregation, who have been looking forward for weeks to the messages of Rev. J. M. Duncan, of Murfreesboro, a former pastor, and the music under the direction of Rev. R. F. Pittman, of Ayden, a baritone soloist, and a musician, who is well known in this section.

The local Church has effected a splendid organization for the meeting including an adult and a young people's choir, and the special music will provide variety in the anthems, choir, selections, male and mixed quartet numbers and solos.

The meeting will continue through Sunday, June 6, with services in the evening at 8:00 and at 9:30 each morning, the pastor expressing the desire that the morning services be well attended especially by the church people of the town.

## National Memorial Services Sunday

National Memorial services will be held at Forest Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, under auspices of the local Post of the American Legion, of which J. H. Bynum is commander, and the Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. W. M. Willis, president. Rev. C. B. Mashburn will make a brief address.

## LEGION TO HAVE FAMILY NIGHT

Committees of American Legion members are making ready for an anticipated event, that of Family Night, on Friday, June 4, at the Municipal Pool. According to Charlie Baucom, our special associated reporter for this celebration, the kids are to do the swimming, the old folks the talking with a joint session to be held about the picnic table.

Parents taking the largest number of children of their very own will have their photos taken and perhaps receive a loving cup or some other valuable prize.

Doctors trace a brain disease to bacteria in raw milk.

## President Goes Ahead With Plan To Revamp Court

### Official States President Planning For Future Laws and Will Continue Plans Unless Older Justices Now On Bench Retire

Washington, May 25.—An administration official said today President Roosevelt with an eye to the future of laws yet unwritten, was going ahead with his plan to revamp the Supreme court unless older justices now on the bench retire.

The President, the official said, in discussing speculation which followed yesterday's validation of the social security laws, has given no indication he would compromise on his proposal.

Speculation was, since the administration has won 12 important victories and suffered no defeats before the court this year, the President might be content either to compromise on the appointment of two new justices rather than the five now possible under his bill, or let his bill slide entirely into the background.

The official said a number of long-time planning policies of the President were involved in the court fight. The President was represented as feeling by increasing membership in the court as he contemplates, the chances of having such policies scrapped will be reduced proportionately.

Almost simultaneously with these administration statements, the White House disclosed the President had written to Chairman Wagner, Democrat, New York, of the Senate banking committee, asking the securities act be strengthened "in connection with the form and content of the indentures and the duties to be assumed by the trustees acting under them."

Activity on capitol hill was light for the day. Few committee hearings were in progress and the main business before Congress was final House action on the \$1,500,000,000 relief appropriation.

## Flora Macdonald Has Year's Last Concert

Red Springs, May 24.—The commencement concert at Flora Macdonald College, under the direction of Dean Hugh Williamson, was held here tonight, bringing to a climax an unusual full year in the conservatory of music.

The program, which consisted of piano, voice and violin numbers, was varied.

The program closed with the Blue Danube Waltz, as a two-piano number, played by Misses Serene Turnage of Farmville and Lena Stewart of Pine Bluff, two of this year's outstanding seniors.

Miss Helen Scoggins of Wilmington, a member of the conservatory faculty, was the accompanist for the program.

Spend less than you earn and you can have a social security of your own.

## Facts About Poppy Day

The local poppy sale committee, of which Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson is chairman, will have the memorial poppies of our soldiers, who died during the World War, and those who are now disabled on the streets here bright and early Saturday morning, May 29th.

The memorial poppy is a replica of the poppies which grew on the battle fields of France and Belgium during the World War.

The poppy was chosen as the memorial flower for the World War dead because it grew where they fell, the one touch of beauty in the desolated battle areas.

The poppies are made by disabled World War veterans working in government hospitals and poppy workrooms under direction of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The poppies are distributed by the women and girls of the American Legion Auxiliary and cooperating organizations, working as unpaid volunteers.

Contributions for the poppies are used to support the work of the American Legion and Auxiliary for the welfare of disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Every American Legion poppy bears a Legion and Auxiliary label which gives assurance that it is a veteran-made flower and that every penny contributed for it will go into Legion and Auxiliary welfare funds.

Wearing the poppy means that the wearer is honoring the war dead and aiding the war's living victims.



BITTER FIGHTING LOOMS COURT BATTLE INTENSE ROOSEVELT DETERMINED LEADERS STAGE REVOLT PARTY FACES DIVISION COMPROMISE IMPOSSIBLE OTHER ISSUES PRESSED LONG SESSION AHEAD DEMOCRATS BALKING CHAIN STORE TAX VALID

By HUGO SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

After ten weeks of hearings on the President's plan to reform the judiciary the Senate committee was stirred last week by reports of a compromise and then locked tight when both sides adamantly adopted a "no compromise" attitude and the measure was left to the decision of the Senate itself. Weeks of debate are expected, as neither side is over-confident of victory at this time, but that there will be a show-down between the President and the Democratic opposition is certain.

The atmosphere in Washington has cleared considerably since the President returned from his fishing trip along the Gulf coast. Congressional leaders, who were hopeful of some break in the deadlock on the court issue and wistfully anticipating a turn that would make possible the conclusion of their work in a reasonable time, know now that the fight is on—not confined to the court issue alone but including the range of reforms that the President outlined in his pre-election speech at Madison Square Garden, with its constant iteration of the "we have just begun to fight" theme.

Inasmuch as most legislative measures are the product of some compromise, behind the scenes if necessary, it is safe to say that leading Democratic members were not at all prepared for the development. In fact, they are frankly startled by the realization that the President will not only insist upon his court reform plan but, if defeated, will welcome the opportunity of submitting the issue to the people at the polls for their verdict. This is hot stuff for Congressmen facing the electorate, because in spite of all their talk about public sentiment being against the President's proposal and their elaborate defense of the Constitution and the Court, they are afraid of the President in a campaign, knowing how accurate has been his judgment in the past three campaigns.

That a fight between the Executive and a faction of his party is inevitable seems clear and Republicans are taking great interest in the formation of the battle-lines, expecting to reap substantial political reward from the situation. The engagement will begin over the court issue but that it will broaden to indicate some of the legislative features of the President's program is certain. Apparently, in many aspects the Democrats stand an excellent chance of a party split in the legislative halls with the President definitely reshaping party policies along the line of his political principles and making his views the test of party regularity.

Some sentiment is developing among Democratic Congressmen to work out the best solution that they can achieve and submit the result to the President who can take it or leave it. This applies particularly to the Supreme Court issue but probably embraces other legislative matters as well. Advocates of this course believe that the Chief Executive will accept the outcome for the present and then push for further action at subsequent sessions but, on the other hand, there is fear that Mr. Roosevelt will not tamely submit to such a conclusion and that he will force the issue in the campaign of 1938 when some of the best-known Democrats go before the electorate. Reports to Congressional party leaders are that the President is confident of final triumph and of popular support.

The Court issue is bad enough from the standpoint of the Democrats but, when this is settled one way or the other, there are new issues coming up. The President has made it perfectly clear that he will fight for a program of legislation at this session which will make some advance along the lines that he advocated in the campaign last year. Before he got back from his fishing trip there were indications that he wanted action and this was amply confirmed by subsequent conferences with legislative leaders during which he unfurled a program that banished all thoughts of early adjournment. What is included in his "must" list, summarized below, will demonstrate that, in his eyes, at least, there is much to be done before the New Deal will be

## Aids To Go Only To Needy

### Director Of Assistance, Yelton, Forms Organization To Start Program

Raleigh, May 27.—North Carolina's new director of public assistance, N. H. Yelton, issued a statement Wednesday in which he emphasized that benefits under the old age assistance and aid to dependent children features of the Social Security Act would be administered in North Carolina solely on a basis of need.

Mr. Yelton recently assumed his new duties, and has begun forming an organization which will direct the assistance program. The program goes into effect on July 1.

"There are many things of vital importance in the administration of the old age assistance and aid to dependent children program," Mr. Yelton said in the statement. The desire and the aim of the Division of Public Assistance is to make the need of the recipient paramount.

"Children who are being cared for in comfortable homes with some relative who has sufficient income do not become obligations of the State, county and Federal governments, but will continue to be cared for by the relative.

"The aim of the entire program is based on need. By need, we mean those who are not being cared for by anyone and who are without subsistence. The program is not intended as a place to unload the responsibility of sons and daughters who are caring already for their parents in a very comfortable manner, or children who also are receiving the advantages of a good home.

"The responsibility of the State, local and Federal governments is to see that those who are eligible receive assistance. Funds are limited, and to reach those who are eligible but are not being cared for by anyone is the goal of the Division of Public Assistance.

"People who are not eligible are requested not to apply to local welfare officials, as the merit of applications will be based entirely on need.

"Those people who already are being cared for by the counties will be the first to receive assistance, provided they meet the various requirements.

"Application blanks are being printed and will be in the offices of Superintendents of Public Welfare before July 1. No applications, however, will be acted upon prior to that time, other than those cases which at present are being carried by the counties. Such cases will be transferred by July 1 to the Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children program.

"Many requests for information have come to the State office. The Division of Public Assistance does not deal directly with individual cases, which are handled by the County Board of Public Welfare. Cases of appeal which cannot be settled locally will be passed on by the Board of Allotments and Appeal, whose decisions shall be final."

## The Annual Music Festival Stages Closing in Goldsboro

### Workers Urged To Secure Numbers

The Social Security Board today urged all eligible workers who have not yet applied for social security account numbers to do so promptly to expedite the setting up by June 30 of wage records for their participation in the Federal Old-Age Benefits program under the Social Security Act.

For more than 6 months the Post Office Department has cooperated in this program of obtaining applications for social security account numbers from workers in the fields of commerce and industry, Mr. Stacy W. Wade, in charge of the Social Security Board field office at 116 South Salisbury Streets in Raleigh, said. The Department's machinery now is operating so smoothly throughout the country that on the average only two days elapse from the time a worker files his application until he receives his account number, Mr. Wade pointed out.

"Obtaining a social security account number is an important step in providing protection against the hazards of old-age for any wage earner who might at a future time be entitled to Federal benefits," LeRoy Hodges, Director of the Federal Old-Age Benefits Bureau of the Board, said in a statement given Mr. Wade.

"Workers in covered employments who have not applied for account numbers," Mr. Hodges warned, "may be creating difficulties in determining the proper amount of old-age benefits to which they will be entitled. Employers will make periodic reports to this Bureau of Internal Revenue of wages paid to each of their employees. Account numbers assigned will appear on these returns. A record of the wages so reported will be kept by the Board for use whenever a claim based on the employee's wages is filed.

"Employers on June 30 must be prepared to file their first periodic report on wages earned by their employees since January 1, 1937, when this part of the social security program got underway. Thereafter, these informational returns will be filed quarterly. In order properly to make the return, an employer must have the social security account numbers of all his employees which should have been previously reported to him by each worker.

"Reporting of the social security account number on the information return due June 30, is necessary for proper recording of worker's wages."

Mr. Hodges directed attention to a Treasury regulation requiring employers of one or more employees in all those occupations covered by this part of the Social Security Act to file an application for an account number.

"Inasmuch as employers will have to make sure that every employee has a social security account number to make the required report to the Treasury Department, it is evident," Mr. Hodges said, "that the more employees in possession of account numbers now, the fewer will be the cases in which the employers will have to take action on June 30."

The bureau director emphasized that employer-employee participation in old-age benefits is not—as erroneously assumed in some quarters—dependent on the number of persons working for an employer.

"Even if an employer," Mr. Hodges pointed out, "has only one worker engaged in a covered occupation, that worker is required to apply for a social security account number. This includes employees in small establishments such as restaurants, drug and grocery stores, beauty parlors, and tailoring shops, as well as employees of doctors, lawyers, and similar professional people.

"See your Postmaster at once if you have not yet filed your application for a social security account number."

Mr. Hodges urged that inasmuch as the Post Office Department's machinery is so geared as to assign an account number promptly, employees who have not applied for account numbers should at once take advantage of these facilities.

Eligible workers may file their applications either through their employer, through a labor union, or through a local post office.

## Honor The Dead By Wearing a Poppy

Tomorrow will be Poppy Day in Farmville and in thousands of other cities and towns throughout the United States. Millions of bright red poppies will be worn in America's annual tribute to the World War dead.

Women of Farmville Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets early tomorrow morning with baskets of the memorial flowers, offering them in exchange for contributions to aid the war's living victims, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. They will continue working throughout the day, giving everyone an opportunity to "honor the dead and aid the living" by wearing a poppy.

Preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here have been completed by the Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, general chairman. Poppies will be distributed by 45 women and girls, all working as unpaid volunteers. Money received for the flowers will be used to help maintain the welfare work of the Legion and Auxiliary among disabled veterans and fatherless families during the coming year.

## ON WILSON MARKET

Friends here will be interested to learn that Harold Suggs Askew, formerly connected with Bell's warehouse, has accepted a position with the Carolina warehouse, of Wilson, where he will begin work, after going to the Georgia market in August.

## Farmville Chorus To Present Concert May 31 and To Appear On Goldsboro Programs

### The Second Annual Spring Music Festival of the Eastern Carolina Symphonic Choral Association began with a concert on Wednesday evening in Snow Hill; the second musical event was held in Ayden on Thursday evening, and the third will be given here Monday, May 31. The Festival will close with the afternoon and evening programs in Goldsboro, June 2nd.

Farmville's Adult Chorus will take part in both of these programs. The afternoon program will be the colorful pageant "The Coronation of Queen Spring," at 5:30 on the court house square. The Queen will be chosen from a group of thirty girls, each girl being sponsored by a Goldsboro firm.

The story goes—King Winter is on the throne demanding his court to entertain him. The Goldsboro Chorus will represent "King Winter's Court." Then a large band of Gypsies approach from the distance. The Gypsy king is singing with the Gypsies humming along. Mr. R. I. Pittman will play the Gypsy king, singing "The Gypsy Trail," in his lovely tenor voice. The Ayden, Snow Hill and Farmville Chorus will take the part of the Gypsies, who as they draw near, see King Winter on the throne, and decide it is time for the Queen of Spring to reign. Whereupon they rush up and overthrow the King and call for the Queen of Spring.

With much singing, and beauty of procession, the Queen approaches and is crowned by the Gypsy Queen, Mrs. Mark C. Lassiter, of Snow Hill. After the coronation a program of music and dance is presented in honor of the Queen, the program including many favorite songs by the combined chorus, and a number of old favorite songs for every one to sing. Miss Alice Odelle Taylor of Hookerton, will tap dance, and the Brownies of Goldsboro will dance the colorful Maypole dance.

The grand climax and feature program will be the Festival Concert at Goldsboro High School at 8:30 P. M., in honor of all the sponsors of the Association.

The combined Junior, High School, and adult choruses will each present a group of selections. The combined adult choruses of about 100 singers will sing many well known songs, and this program promises to be the great musical treat of the year in this section.

At the close of the concert four silver loving cups will be presented: One to the best represented Unit at the Festival, one to the Junior Chorus which has made the most progress during the past season, likewise one to the High School and Adult Chorus; also \$25.00 in cash prizes will be presented to the Choruses best represented at the Festival.

Those in charge are anticipating the attendance of a large number of Farmville people at the Goldsboro events, which will be a veritable feast of song. All the Festival programs are free to the public.

## Contentnea Union To Convene Here

The Contentnea Primitive Baptist Union will convene here on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, at Damascus, with a large number of delegates and visitors from the various churches in the Union expected for the two day sessions.

The local Primitive Baptist congregation is small in number but the community will doubtless rally to the situation as on former occasions, when like meetings have been held in the churches here, and assist in the entertainment of visitors.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. How many persons are now on the Federal payroll?
2. Where are Magnolia Gardens?
3. What is the Future Farmers of America?
4. Is the United States building many warships now?
5. Did Florida or California first grow citrus fruit?
6. Are postal stamps always sold gum-side up?
7. Is the Graf Zeppelin operating on its regular South American schedule?
8. How many days were Merrill and Lambie gone on their recent round-trip flight to London?
9. How long did "Abie's Irish Rose" run in its first New York appearance?

## BOY SCOUTS ENJOY OVERNIGHT HIKE

Seventeen husky Boy Scouts of the Farmville troop and their Scoutmaster Ed Nash Warren, "hiked" by automobile to a wooded slope on the Barrow farm, five miles from town Wednesday afternoon, and spent the night in tents, preparing their supper and breakfast, and including in their program of amusement snipe hunting and some try poisoning.

## POST OFFICE TO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY

The local Post Office will observe Monday as National Memorial Day and will take a holiday.