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## Maxwell Says Consumers Must Pay N. C. Sales Tax

### Commissioner of Revenue Addresses North Carolina Merchants' Association in Annual Convention

New Bern, June 8.—The sales tax must be paid by the purchaser, as the law requires, and in no case absorbed by the merchants—and the merchants must transmit the tax collected each month amount to 3 per cent of their gross sales, for it will be just too bad for the merchant who tries to "chisel," Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, who is in charge of the enforcement of the sales tax and all other state revenue laws, today told the hundreds of merchants from every section of the state attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' Association.

For the most of the merchants of the state have been and still are co-operating with the Department of Revenue and are observing both the spirit and letter of the sales tax law, there are some who are still trying to "chisel" and get by without paying the tax to the state or the amount they should pay, Maxwell said. These are the merchants the department is going after harder than ever—and it is going to be rough going for them, Mr. Maxwell said.

"The merchant who collects his tax when he sells his merchandise, who keeps an accurate record of his sales and then reports his tax collections promptly and accurately, has nothing to fear—and the sales tax will not cost him any money," Mr. Maxwell said. "It is only the occasional merchant who tries to beat the tax who gets caught and who finds that the sales tax is expensive to him.

"For with the system of collections we now have and without efficient field auditing force, it is virtually impossible for any merchant to try to cheat himself, the state or his fellow merchants without getting caught sooner or later. In one single county, within a period of two months, we recently collected \$96,000 of delinquent sales taxes. This should indicate the thoroughness with which we are now collecting the sales tax and with which we intend to continue collecting it. I bring you the pledge that adequate funds are now available and will be used to bring about as complete observance of this law by all merchants as reason could expect.

## Children's Story Hour To Be Held Methodist Church

Beginning Monday, 9 A. M. at the Methodist church, a Children's Story Hour will be held for the boys and girls of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments. Books, One Two and Three of Classified Stories, and published by the Methodist Publishing House, will be used. The pupil will have opportunity to learn the Scripture that centers about the great characters of the Bible.

This Story Hour will be under the direction of Miss Bettie Joyner. Miss Elizabeth Lang will direct the music, to which, time will be given each day. The following will lead in scripture teaching and story telling: Misses Mary Friar Rouse, Bertha Joyner Lang, Margaret Lewis, Lurline Bass, Dorothy Smith, Jean Thomas, Frances Joyner, Verona Lee Joyner, Mrs. Lynn Eason.

On Wednesday afternoon a picnic social will be given to these three departments of the Church School. A recreational program will be given at the city play ground with swimming and games and a picnic supper. On the following Sunday morning, those attending the Story Hour period will give their commencement program. We are sure that with a full cooperation of both parents and children, the Church will serve us in a fine way.

## Who Knows?

1. Will the Government help an unemployed person find a job?
2. Is installment buying increasing?
3. How much does the "sweet tooth" cost the American people per year?
4. How does the output of the average working man compare with 1929?
5. How many passengers use the air lines?
6. What supports the 4,200 foot span of the Golden Gate bridge recently opened in California?
7. How does present farm income compare with pre-depression years?
8. What is the largest fossil animal structure found in the United States?
9. Does the Soviet Union claim the entire Arctic region?
10. What are the total assets of the Ford Motor Company? (See "The Answers" on page 4)

## New Bern Man Found Drowned In Neuse River

### Geo. W. Howard, Assistant Postmaster, Disappeared From His Home Sunday Morning

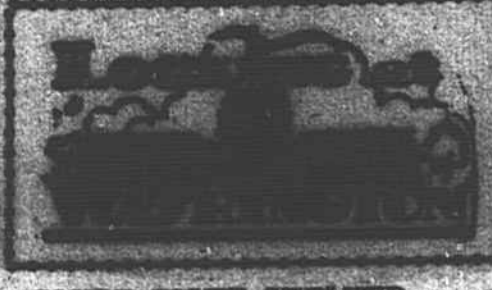
New Bern, June 8.—The body of George W. Howard, assistant postmaster here, was found in the Neuse river at Oriental this morning following discovery of his car there last night.

No available details were immediately available. Mr. Howard, about 45, had been missing since 11 o'clock Sunday morning when he left his home telling his wife he was going to the country club to get his golf clubs. He was to have taken part during the afternoon in a golf match in Farmville between teams of that place and New Bern.

He did not go to the country club and was not seen again until his body was found. Postmaster E. R. Eagle said a check of Howard's accounts revealed them in perfect shape.

## Septuagenarians In Annual Meeting

On Friday, June 4th, the Septuagenarian Society held its seventh annual meeting at the Christian Church with Hon. John Hill Paylor, acting as Master of Ceremonies. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Watt Parker, J. H. Moore, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the Septuagenarians and Rev. C. B. Mashburn responded for them, welcoming them also. After singing "America," led by Rev. L. R. Ennis and accompanied by Miss Serene Turnage, invocation was led by Rev. J. M. Duncan.



COURT FIGHT SHELVED. OTHER ISSUES COME UP. CLAIMS ABOUT VICTORY. PORK BARREL TACTICS. BRITISH TRADE FACT. MISSES MANY WORKERS. A. P. L. AND C. I. O. FIGHT. HELIUM GAS AVAILABLE. PWA-WFA ARGUMENT. BUSINESS WILL PAY.

(By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent.)

While the President has recently maintained his "no compromise" attitude in regard to the court reform program it is apparent that there is a new attitude towards legislation at the Capitol. Previous to the Social Security decision the House practically marked time while the Senate Committee conducted its prolonged hearings on the court measure. There was a general impression that new legislation would await the outcome of the court bill.

The present picture is that Congress is beginning to turn its attention to other matters and that the President is not strenuously opposing such procedure. Consideration of the relief bill has proceeded in the House and, besides the wages and hours proposals Congressmen have begun to consider the new AAA and certain amendments to tighten the Securities Exchange Commission Act. Besides there is increased attention being paid to tax evasions by those in the higher income bracket and some serious consideration of necessary amendments to tighten up the existing law. The reorganization of the Federal Government is being gently stirred and an expanded TVA program to spread the Government's electric development over the nation is to be considered.

Meanwhile, there is considerable argument about the Court reform proposals, with opponents maintaining that recent decisions of the Court have been in line with past progressive interpretation, thus illustrating the adaptability of the Court to do its part in meeting the needs of the nation. In fact, one of the interesting sidelights on the Court bill fight has been the great glee with which the opponents of the President have hailed each successive New Deal victory before the high tribunal. Naturally, the opposition insists that the President's proposals in February had nothing to do with the new attitude of the justices, who, they insist, have decided the various cases without regard to the tempest raging around their heads.

On the other side, the supporters of the President, while admitting the apparent change of the Court to a more liberal interpretation of basic laws, maintain that new attitude has been brought about by the President's proposals and that, due to his insistence upon his program, the justices have been forced to face realities and to abandon former positions. Talk of passage of the President's reform measure is not so strong as it was and the rumor is that it will be allowed to rest for a while. The President's contingent insists that regardless of the outcome of the legislative battle, the Chief Executive has secured tremendous results through the striking successes of the Government in the opinions recently handed down. They paraphrase the saying about the general who won many battles but lost the war by declaring that the President has accomplished his main objectives by winning favorable decisions from the Court which cannot be affected by the outcome of his legislative proposals.

The effort of the House to earmark a considerable part of the billion and a half dollar relief appropriation, which was averted by a series of concessions from the White House, undertaken to provide for certain projects from available funds, has been hailed in many sections of the country as an exhibition of congressional independence. Some observers have viewed it as an attempt on the part of Congress to appropriate funds for specific purposes—a proper function of Congress—and a move against lump sum appropriations to be expended by the Executive.

While there is something to be said in favor of direct appropriations by Congress, there is also much to be said against the procedure. In practice, while operating under the assertion of congressional power, the method often involves unwary pork barrel tactics. In fact, this means that the money is distributed in a way to take care of the congressman's political situation at home, each member betting so much of the pie to be allotted in accordance with his wishes. The result is a hopeless situation.

## More Workers Are Placed In Private Industry

### State Employment Service Places Total of 2,487 During Week of May 29

A total of 1,750 men and 697 women were placed in private or public employment by the State Employment Service during the week ended May 29, R. Mayne Albright, acting director, announced yesterday.

Of the 2,487 placements, 1,319 were in private industry, according to the report and of the private placements, 656 were in regular positions. This brings the total of private placements to over 50 per cent of all placements for the fiscal year. Through May 29, 92,662 placements had been made of which 46,469 were in private industry. During the week, 1,397 workers were requested by employers and only 73 jobs remained unfilled at the close of the week. Placements were in 17 different industries and in 93 different occupations.

## WALSTONBURG NEWS

PERSONALS  
ed Mr. W. V. Reddick in Southern Pines, Sunday.

Janie Marlowe is visiting relatives in Kenly this week.  
Mr. W. P. Moore of Snow Hill was in town Tuesday P. M.  
Rev. C. C. Ware of Wilson visited in Walstonburg, Thursday.  
Mrs. Ray West, Jr., spent last week with her mother near Snow Hill.

Mrs. Sarah Revell of Kenly is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Marlowe.  
Miss Ruby Marlowe is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Barnes in Raleigh this week.

Miss Hyla Jackson of Wilson spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Tina Mae Dixon.  
President H. S. Hille of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eagles and Larry Eagles of Fountain visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lang, Monday.  
Mrs. A. N. Bullard and sons, Robert and Max, of Fayetteville, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown, Sunday.

Bob Lang has returned to summer school in State College after a two weeks vacation at his home here.  
Henry Burch has returned to his home here from Wake Forest College for the summer holidays.

Mr. Wm. Reddick, Mrs. W. V. Reddick and daughters, Juanita and Emma Jean and Dorothy Gardner, visited Mrs. Floyd Sutton and daughter, Neta Marie, of Farmville spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Shackelford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray West and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft attended a mail carrier's banquet in Grimesland Wednesday P. M.

Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. R. T. Walston is in a Wilson hospital where she has undergone a serious operation.  
Miss Nanie Shirley of King's Business College, Raleigh, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and G. C. Shirley near here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gardner and children, Jimmie and Ola Grace, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Gardner in Wilson, Sunday.

## Explains Requirements For Employing Minors

### Summer Bible School Presbyterian Church

The Summer Bible School of the Presbyterian Church began Monday and will continue through next week. The school is held each day from Monday till Friday from 9 a. m. till 12 m.

We are fortunate in having Miss Mary Mulcahy, who has been secured by the Committee on Religious Education of Albemarle Presbytery to conduct Summer Bible Schools in the Presbytery this summer. She is superintending the school and teaching in one of the departments.

We are also fortunate in having Miss Delphia Parker and Miss Serene Turnage to teach in the other departments.

The school is for the young people of the town who are not in Summer Bible Schools elsewhere. Those between the ages of 3 and sixteen will be welcome.

## Work Sheets Must Be Prepared By June 12

"Don't forget that June 12 is the last day to sign a work sheet for the 1937 soil conservation program," warns E. Y. Floyd, of State College. All growers who have not signed up either last year or this year must deliver their work sheets to their county soil conservation offices by Saturday to become eligible for payments, he added.

Work sheets are necessary in helping plan a farm's program of soil conservation and in determining how much diversion and soil building payments are earned, Floyd explained.

"If you operated under a work sheet last year, but have made a change in your farm since then, notify your county agent at once," he pointed out.

## Employers Facing Penalties Unless Security Tax Paid

Raleigh, June 9.—Penalties ranging from 5 to 25 per cent in excess of the amount of tax called for are likely to be imposed upon those employers of eight or more persons in North Carolina who are subject to the unemployment insurance payroll tax under Title IX of the Federal Social Security Act, it was pointed out today by Collector of Internal Revenue Charles H. Robertson.

The Social Security Act imposes a tax of one per cent on the 1936 payroll of all employers who employed eight or more persons during that year, and the payment of this tax was due April 1, 1937. Collector Robertson pointed out.

## Welfare Officer Agent for Department of Labor Lists Important Points

Welfare Officer Pitt county welfare officer, authorized agent for the Department of Labor, today issued instructions for certifying minors for employment.

Important requirements of the new child labor law are as follows:  
1. Minors under 18 employed in any occupation, except agriculture and domestic work, must have a certificate of age.

2. Minors 16 and 17 years of age are allowed to work 9 hours per day, 6 days per week, but not for more than 48 hours per week. The hours of work must be between 6 A. M. and 12 P. M. for boys and between 6 A. M. and 9 P. M. for girls.

3. Minors, both boys and girls, under 16 years of age are not allowed to work in any manufacturing or mechanical job.

4. Minors both boys and girls, under 16 years of age (14 and 15 years) are allowed to work in non-manufacturing jobs during the summer vacation and during hours when school is not in session. During summer vacation they may work 8 hours per day, 6 days per week but not more than 40 hours per week and the work must be between the hours of 7 A. M. and 6 P. M. When work is to be outside school hours the combined hours of work and the hours of school must not exceed 8 hours in any one day.

5. No boy under 16 is allowed to engage in any kind of gainful occupation, except boys 13 and 13 may engage in the delivery of newspapers and magazines but work must not exceed 10 hours in any one week.

6. No girl under 14 is allowed to engage in any gainful occupation.

7. The provisions of the New Child Labor Law do not authorize exceptions to be made allowing longer hours of work for boys who are the sole support of self and mother. Under no circumstances will boys under 16 be allowed to work longer than 8 hours per day, nor boys between 16 and 18 longer than 9 hours per day.

8. Boys 14 and 16 years of age on newspaper delivery routes are allowed to work between the hours of 5 A. M. and 8 P. M.

9. Street trades badges are not required. In cases where certificating officials in cities or towns desire to continue the use of badges, the Department of Labor will furnish the badges for a minimum price of 10c each.

## Miss Earnhart Now In Africa

Dakar, French Senegal, June 8.—Amelia Earnhart flew here today from St. Louis, capital of Senegal, for an easier take-off on the next leg of her flight around the world.

Aviators here said Miss Earnhart's time of 13 hours and 25 minutes for the 1,900 miles from Natal, Brazil, to St. Louis, Senegal, was a record for the eastward South Atlantic crossing.

Miss Earnhart flew through rain most of the way across the ocean, she said. The visibility throughout was bad and her wings were worked poorly.

The slim American aviator her arrival here from the Senegalese capital laid up her plane for repairs. She said it would be tomorrow or Thursday before she could hop off across Africa.

She planned to follow the British route to Khartoum in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan to avoid flying across the Sahara.

FARMVILLE LOSES TO NEW BERNIANS  
New Bern golfers defeated Farmville, 20-10, in a team match here Sunday afternoon. Redmond Hill, with 74, was low man for the winners and B. O. Taylor with 85 was low on the Farmville team.

Farmville, Washington and New Bern clubs will compete in a team match in New Bern on June 12. Local players in Sunday afternoon were: Wyatt Holmes, Clayton, W. S. Boyster, Larry Marvin Lindsay, Elbert L. Lilly, Robert Rouse, H. B. Graydon and Howell Liles.

MADE CHECK OF FORCE  
L. T. Lucas, former plainclothesman of the local police department, was recently elected to succeed Pittman as chief of the department.