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Every Thursday

Rep. Doughton Creates Sensation In Capitol As Successful Revolt Head

Walter Brown, Washington correspondent of the Winston-Salem Journal, sent that paper the following Sunday: "Who is this man Doughton? On what kind of meat has he been feeding to grow so strong that three-fourths of the Democrats in the House will bolt their party leadership, and follow him, thereby making it possible to whip to a frazzle the sales tax feature of the 1932 revenue bill?"

These are two of the many questions that have been in the air on Capitol Hill since last Thursday when Representative Robert L. Doughton, of the eighth North Carolina district, led a crusading band of "bolters" and by a vote of 253 to 173 struck the sales tax section from the revenue act.

Doughton is just a plain, unassuming North Carolina farmer, with a head full of good horse sense, and the courage to follow his convictions. The meat he has been feeding on is simply the doctrine of Jefferson.

This tall, rugged ruralist from the Old North State is one of the most picturesque men in Congress. Those associated with him have long appreciated the qualities of statesmanship he possessed but it took a crisis for the nation to discover him.

And there can be no doubt that there existed a crisis on a cold dark Monday morning early in March when the House Ways and Means Committee gave its approval to the sales tax. The Democrats had a majority on the committee and with the exception of Doughton had gone on record for the new form of taxation. The Republicans were, of course, solidly for the sales tax. It was no easy matter for Doughton to take a position different from every member of the committee and bolt his party leadership. Not only was the Democratic leadership in the House favoring the sales tax but the Democratic national committee headquarters, working at Raskob's direction, was cracking the whip for the new revenue bill.

When Doughton announced his position, there was the silence which precedes a storm. Then the Democrats one by one swung in behind the North Carolinian and the fight was on. Doughton did not know whether he would be rebuked or praised for his stand, but as he stated to the writer, I knew I was standing by Democratic doctrine and nothing else mattered. Not until the final vote was taken did Doughton fully appreciate the strength of his position.

On votes in the committee of the whole House there is no roll call. The vote is by tellers who are stationed in the well of the House chambers and count the members as they pass by in single file.

Doughton was appointed teller for the anti-sales tax faction. When his motion to strike the sales tax section from the bill was put, there was a ground swelling of congressmen. Immediately, there appeared a broad smile on Doughton's face and the manner in which he poured members through the well was indeed amusing. He would grab each member, pat him on the back and shove him through with a bang. One of the correspondents in the press gallery remarked that every time Doughton counted a man against the sales tax his face lighted up as though he had caught a tarpon.

There has been much newspaper talk about Speaker Garner getting to work early in the morning. This is true, but his early rising does not compare with Doughton's. The North Carolina representative gets up in Washington at the same hour he does on his farm. In the winter this is long before daylight. While in Washington he lives with his wife and family in an apartment on Connecticut avenue, about four miles from the Capitol. After breakfast, "Farmer Bob" leaves his home and walks the four miles in about as good time as the street car would carry him.

When he arrives at the House office building there is no one there but the guard and the scrubbers. Doughton is always at his office within a few minutes after 6 o'clock. This is before daylight during the short winter days. Doughton has done a day's work before the average government worker has his first cigarette after breakfast. The Tar Heel congressman has never been able to understand why Washingtonians sleep so late. If he were present, we venture the assertion that government workers would get to their desks

Milk-For-Health Campaign Not Over

Continues In Schools; State And Counties Offer Prizes In Milk Contests

The State Board of Health calls attention to the fact that the Milk-for-Health Campaign is not over; that while the official week, March 14-20, is now a matter of history, the campaign is being continued in the schools and will not close until April 25th. That is the date set for finishing up the contests now being conducted in the schools in writing essays and rhymes and working posters, all on the subject of milk.

The board calls further attention to the six silver cups offered by Governor Gardner, Dr. J. M. Parrott, Dr. A. T. Allen and Dr. E. C. Brooks which are to be won within the next three or four weeks. Governor Gardner's cups are to be awarded, one to the graded school pupil and the other to a high school pupil writing the best essay on milk as a health food.

Dr. Parrott's cups are to go to the graded school boy or girl and the high school boy or girl making the best poster portraying the value of milk as an essential health food; and Dr. Allen's and Dr. Brooks' cups are to go, one to the graded school pupil and the other to the high school pupil who composes the most forceful and "catchy" rhyme on the subject of milk.

In addition to the above state prizes more than \$1,000 worth of other prizes are being offered by the respective counties. Almost everything from calves to wrist watches, and from hair cuts to ice cream freezers have been offered as an incentive to know more about the food and health values contained in milk and to increase its use.

Chicago, Convention Champion of 1932



Chicago Stadium in which the Democratic National Convention will be held. Inset—Melvin A. Traylor, member of the Civic Committee which obtained the convention for Chicago.

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STONEVILLE

Bill Stone, W. and L. student, Lexington, Va., spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stone.

C. P. Robertson was a visitor in Greensboro Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Fagg and daughter, Jane, spent the week end with the former's parents.

Miss Mary Nolen spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Nolen.

Miss Anna Macon Ward of Farmville spent the Easter holidays with her aunt, Miss Anna Lee Price.

Mrs. T. J. Glenn and Mrs. Joe Scales visited their sister, Mrs. George Price, in Lynchburg Wednesday.

Mrs. T. L. Smith visited her sister, Mrs. Maude Dicks Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Mrs. E. W. King and Miss Dorothy Robertson attended a birthday dinner in Madison Friday given by Mrs. Sam Robertson.

Mrs. Kemit Martin was a visitor here Friday.

Edward Smith, Sam Vernon and Miss Evelyn Vernon spent the Easter holidays in Asheville.

Misses Pauline, Elinor and Grace Grogan spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Grogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle and their daughters, Misses Myrtle, Helen and Ann Tuttle of Walnut Cove were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Nannie McAnally of Richmond visited Mrs. Maude Dicks last Friday.

Mrs. Bettie Wall spent a few days here last week.

Garland Daniels, Misses Dorothy Miller and Margie Fuller were guests of Mrs. J. M. Thrasher Sunday.

Miss Lucy Hundley of Lynchburg visited her sister here Monday.

Miss May McCabe of Nettle Ridge was the guest of Mrs. R. B. Price recently.

Misses Helen Bryan and Sarah Carter, Thomas Williams and Sam Fuller of Whiteville were visitors to relatives Monday.

Mrs. Noah Hall and Miss Florence King gave their Sunday school class an Easter egg hunt on the lawn of Miss King's home Monday afternoon.

List of New Taxes Adopted in House

Washington, March 29—The new tax program presented to the House today by the Ways and Means Committee as a substitute for the sales tax, part of which were adopted, calls for a total of \$569,000,000 in new taxes.

Of this program, the taxes approved today, with the revenue they are estimated to produce, are:

- Three per cent on automobiles, two per cent on trucks, and one per cent on accessories, \$57,000,000.
- Five per cent of candy, \$1,000,000.
- Ten per cent on cosmetics, \$25,000,000.
- Ten and one-half per cent on furs, \$20,000,000.
- Ten per cent on jewelry, \$15,000,000.
- Ten per cent on sporting goods and cameras, \$4,000,000.
- Four cents per thousand on matches, \$11,000,000.
- Five per cent on chewing gum, \$20,000,000.
- Five per cent on radios and phonographs, \$11,000,000.
- Ten per cent on yachts and motorboats, \$500,000.

In addition to the excise taxes, the House also adopted today administrative changes relating to deductions for dividends. They cover dividends accrued before 1931 when the income tax law was enacted, and distributed subsequently. Under present law, these dividends may be deducted from taxable income. Under the provision adopted today, they cannot. These changes are designed to produce \$1,000,000.

The rest of the new program still to be considered follows:

- Restoration of the higher 1921 rates on beverages of all sorts, including medicinal liquor, grape juice and fountain drinks, \$11,000,000.
- Five per cent on mechanical refrigerators, \$4,500,000.
- Surtaxes beginning at 1 per cent on \$6,000 instead of \$10,000, as in the bill, \$7,000,000.
- Reduction of corporation exemption from \$2,000 to \$1,500, \$6,000,000.
- Administration changes affecting depletion allowances and net loss deduction, \$32,000,000.
- Ten per cent on rent of safety deposit boxes, \$1,000,000.
- Increase from 2 to 3 cents in first-class postage rates, \$135,000,000.
- Administrative changes in postal service, \$20,000,000.

This program, added to other provisions in the measure already approved, would produce a total of \$1,215,000,000 sufficient to balance the budget by July 1, 1933, according to the Ways and Means Committee estimates.

The admission taxes are in addition to the flat 10 per cent tax on all admissions of 25 cents and above as provided in the bill.

Under the net loss provisions in the new program, a corporation which has losses in any one year which wipe out its tax liability in that year is prevented from distributing these losses over three years, as provided under present law. Under the new provision, these losses cannot be carried over.

The program also contemplates a 10 per cent reduction in appropriations, which would save \$243,000,000.

quite a bit earlier than 9 o'clock.

Doughton has been in Congress 20 years. On the ways and means committee, of which he is the third ranking Democrat, he is known as the "old reliable." Year in and year out he has been looking after the interests of the people of his district, laying up knowledge on all phases of governmental routine. When the sales tax fight came up he was thoroughly equipped for the task before him.

Doughton lives at Laurel Springs, which is a small village located on his own farm. He is the only farmer in the North Carolina delegation. In 1930 he was a member of the state board of agriculture, in which position he served six years. He was elected to the state Senate in 1908. He served as director of state prisons from 1909 to 1911. He was then elected to Congress and has served here since.

"Farmer Bob" is trusted by every member of the House and because of his victory in the sales tax fight he has emerged as a man who must be reckoned with in the lower House of Congress. The nation will hear more about this sturdy oak from North Carolina who will not "shape his creed for his cravings or sell his convictions for a job."

That his stand on the sales tax meets the approval of a vast majority of the people of North Carolina is shown by the hundreds of telegrams he is receiving from the state.

Dogs Doing Damage; Get Your Shotgun

Madison dogs, and the town is full of them, for some time have been doing much damage, regardless of the fact that it is unlawful to let dogs run at large at night. Tuesday morning when Cabell Webster opened his rear door he found five hens in the yard; when the front door was opened he was surprised to see five more in the front yard. However, he has no dog, but the dogs had brought them to his home, though they were so badly mangled that they were of no use. On investigation it was found that the dogs had visited J. A. Starkey's chicken lot just across the street and depleted his flock of fowls, the ten being recognized as being his.

This dog business in Madison, as we have before pointed out, is getting to be a nuisance, and unless the owners of dogs keep them confined, especially at night, they are paying a way to lose their dogs, for we hear many residents say that they are going to exterminate these pests, and no one can really blame them.

A Quiet Easter

Things were pretty quiet in Madison Easter Monday, and the day really resembled Sunday. Many of our people were out of town, and the bank, postoffice and many other places were closed all day. Virtually all the places of business were closed during the afternoon. However, the chilly winds kept many at home who had planned to make trips. A large number attended the Easter services at Winston-Salem, while a great many also attended the Moravian early morning services at Mayodan.

At Baptist Church

Prof. E. F. Duncan's male quartette, Mayodan, will sing for the Baptist congregation Sunday at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach on "The Joys of Jesus." The evening services, at 7:30, subject will be "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel." Just after the evening services there will be a monthly conference. Sunday school at 10 A. M., and prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

Stokes Court Monday

The criminal term of Stokes court convenes Monday and will last one week. Three murder cases, two for manslaughter, sixteen assault with deadly weapon and many other cases of minor offenses are to be tried.

Mitchell county farmers who had planted early gardens and otherwise taken advantage of the warm winter weather saw their plants all go wrong when temperatures of from 20 to 4 degrees prevailed during the recent cold snap.

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MAYODAN

Mrs. W. M. Powell of Danville and G. M. Suttentiff of Leaksville spent Tuesday with Mrs. Paul Barrow.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Benton of Winston-Salem spent a few days with Mrs. P. R. Vaden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Durham and daughter, Mrs. Nellie Dalton, and sons of Greensboro spent the week end with Mrs. J. V. Highfill.

Clarence Poole of Roanoke spent the week end in town.

Mrs. McKinley of Reidsville visited Mrs. Art Tucker last week.

Mrs. J. D. Barrow visited friends in Leaksville Sunday.

Miss Eva Woodruff of Roanoke spent the week end with Miss Louise Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simpson of Leaksville spent Sunday in town with Mrs. T. H. Price.

T. W. Lehman of Charlotte spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Price visited in Reidsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pothal and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler of High Point spent Sunday with Mrs. R. E. Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Heath of Martinsville visited relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Tulloch of Winston-Salem spent Saturday evening with Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gid Smith of Leaksville spent the week end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ashe and daughter spent the week end at Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Shropshire and children of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Smith and daughters spent the week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Dugins of Leaksville spent Saturday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sapp of Roanoke visited friends in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tot Gilbert and daughter, Louise, Mrs. Thomas Heath and Miss Winnie Cox of Martinsville spent Sunday with Mrs. N. A. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitten of Fieldsale spent the week end in town.

Misses Beulah Whitbeck and Dora Jones of Meredith College spent the Easter holidays at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray of High Point spent the week end with Mrs. R. E. Mansfield.

John Dempster, Jr., of Charlotte spent the week end in town.

Miss Susie Dalton of Greensboro spent the week end with Miss Maude Joyce.

Mrs. C. L. Walters entertained a two tables of rook Wednesday evening. Those enjoying Mrs. Walters' hospitality were Mrs. M. L. Webb, Mrs. J. L. Fulton, Mrs. Reuben Gann, Mrs. C. H. Myers, Miss Lillian Gillette and Mrs. George Martin and Mrs. Troy Shropshire of Madison. Delightful refreshments were served.

Mesdames Morton Griggs and J. C. Johnson beautifully entertained their bridge club on Tuesday evening at the home of

Boards Of Election Have Been Appointed

The State Board of Elections has appointed, for Rockingham county, the following: John W. Irving, Wentworth; Robert P. Mitchell, Reidsville; Ellis McCargo, R. F. D. Reidsville.

Caswell—Walter E. Williamson, A. C. Lindsey, Yanceyville; David W. Wright, R. F. D., Ruffin.

Guilford—George C. Hampton, Jr., J. M. Millikan, Greensboro; D. C. McRae, High Point.

Stokes—C. E. Davis, Walnut Cove; S. P. Christian, Danbury; C. C. McGee, Germantown.

Another Charge

Younce and Brinkley, who figured in the killing of Sheriff Leonard of Lexington in February and who are now being tried for manslaughter, will have to face another charge when they get through with the present trial—that of perjury. It will be recalled that at the first inquest held over the dead body of Leonard these two men swore that they did not know anything about the shooting and that the boys who had given Leonard, Younce and Brinkley a lift, were held on the charge of murder. At a second inquest Younce and Brinkley changed their testimony and admitted Leonard came to his death while Younce was trying to get a revolver away from Leonard, after the latter had shot one of the boys.

Mrs. Smith Passes

Mrs. Mary Lou Smith, 67, died at her home in this place Sunday about noon after an illness covering many months. She had been a resident of Madison for many years and was a considerate, kindhearted woman, being a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The funeral services were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 by her pastor, Rev. E. W. Williamson, assisted by Rev. O. E. Ward, a large number of sorrowing friends being present. The interment followed in Riverview cemetery. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Horney of Greensboro and Miss Ivis Smith of Madison, besides several grandchildren, to mourn their loss.

About 750 rural boys and girls of Catawba county have joined the 4-H clubs organized in the county this spring.

the latter. The home was beautifully decorated with Easter flowers. At the end of the sixth progression Miss Julia Mulligan held high score and Perry Ashe second. A delicious salad course was served to members of the club and the following visitors: Dr. and Mrs. Keenan Casteen of Leaksville, Miss Julia Mulligan of Stoneville, Miss Eunice Barham of Leaksville, Mrs. Reuben Gann, Mrs. O. M. Whitbeck and Aaron Turner.

Trouble Ahead For Taxpayers

The Attorney General has given as his opinion that the delay in granting an extension of time in advertising unpaid taxes from the year 1931 from June 1st to November 1st, only applied to that particular year, and according to law, the sheriff of the various counties must proceed and advertise and sell property this year on schedule time—June 1st. Unless the county commissioners step in and extend the time for paying taxes, and we do not know that they have the power to do this, it means that thousands and thousands of homes in North Carolina will be advertised this year—thousands more than were advertised last year, and this is saying a great deal—for a large majority of home owners cannot pay this tax until another crop is produced. It is to be hoped that some way will be found to relieve the situation.

STORM KILLS SIX HEIFERS

Strong wind of cyclonic proportions passed over Mocksville and vicinity Sunday night about 8:15 o'clock, doing minor damage in town, but when the gale struck the plantation of Tom Morrow, his 70-foot dairy barn was lifted from its foundation and smashed on the earth, killing six head of Jersey yearling heifers and badly injuring two others. Oats and feed stuff were scattered a half mile. The storm struck from the south and caught up the big barn, lifted it over twenty head of Jersey milk cows and fell on a pen of sixteen young cattle, ten of which were rescued after the storm had passed on.

Twelve large pine trees near the barn were twisted off and blown some distance. Other houses in the environs of the community were unroofed and blown down. Mr. Morrow lives eight miles north of Mocksville and is one of Iredell's best farmers.

Flour For The Needy Is Coming

The local Red Cross committee—W. S. Byerly, J. O. Ragsdale, Jr., J. Siewers Wall and T. J. Robertson—met last afternoon and discussed the best method for distributing the flour to the needy in five townships, Madison, Price, Mayo, Huntsville and New Bethel. There will be 42,000 pounds in the shipment and it will come in 50-pound bags. The instructions from headquarters are that as much care should be displayed in distributing this flour as in distributing money. It is estimated that it will take 25 pounds of flour per week for the average family of five, in needy cases, and the distribution will be based on this amount. At present it is estimated that the coming shipment will last ninety days, and then it is hoped that another shipment will be secured. The various chairmen in these townships are urged to use discretion in the distribution and to see that all needy persons get their proportion—in some families it will take more than in others, from the fact that some have corn meal to augment the flour, while in others there is no bread material at all. The needy are many and should be served to the best ability possible.

J. Elwood Cox

J. Elwood Cox, prominent High Point citizen, died at his home in that place Monday, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Cox was president of the Commercial National Bank and had been for several years—since its organization. He was also a member of the highway commission from this district for a term of ten years, and it was while such that many of our people learned to know and appreciate him.

Alamance county farmers continue to plant pastures and legitimate grazing crops for their dairy cattle. They have purchased cooperatively about 15,000 pounds of lespedeza and 750 pounds of red clover seed so far this season.

S. Turner Captured; 40 Gallons And Car

Leaksville, March 27—Sheriff Sheffield, aided by his deputies, Davis, Robertson and Cook, captured Sam Turner and his helper, one Ekele Belton, on the Leaksville-Reidsville road with forty gallons of old Virginia moonshine and in the act of loading ten gallons on to another car.

The police officers have been laying their plans for some time to catch Turner, who is known as Rockingham county's largest wholesale liquor dealer, and their efforts have been rewarded.

Turner is one of the old timers at the liquor game and was tried and convicted at the last term of the Federal Court by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, and his case comes up for judgment at the June term of the Federal Court before Judge Hayes in Greensboro.

Turner has found out that boasting don't pay, as he had made his brags that Sheriff Sheffield and all of his deputies couldn't catch him, but bootleggers will sometimes get caught and when they do they should be dealt with according to their sins, and so Mr. Turner when tried and convicted before Judge B. W. Walker was fined one hundred and fifty dollars and court costs and his car was ordered sold.

Dr. Taylor Coming

Dr. Wesley Taylor, a neurologist of Greensboro, will address the Mayodan P.-T. A. next Monday evening, April 4th, at 7:30 in the school auditorium. His subject is "Defective School Children." Everyone is cordially invited.

Colored Woman Dies

Cora Moseley, wife of Charlie Moseley, colored, passed away early Saturday morning, after a lingering illness. Besides the husband she leaves several children. She remains were laid to rest in the colored cemetery Sunday.

Eleven-Pound Boy

Born, Tuesday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McColliam of the Midway section, a son, weighing 11 pounds.

New York, March 29—Young women from four leading Eastern colleges will go to Washington tomorrow to ask individual congressmen to intercede for several negro youths under death sentence in Scottsboro, Ala., for alleged assault on two white girls.

The students are from Vassar, Smith, Wellesley and Barnard colleges and expect to be joined by representatives of Goucher College, in Baltimore; Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania; and the University of North Carolina.

A map holder that is illuminated by an electric lamp has been invented for automobiles by an Iowa man.

Read The Messenger ad.