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## TAX REVISIONS OF HALF MILLION THIS MUCH SAVED TO TAX PAYERS

### Exemption is Larger on Income Tax—No Extra Pennies for Tax on Soda Fountain Drinks, Etc.

Washington, Aug. 13.—With reductions of \$600,000,000 below the present high war taxes, the Republican revision bill was virtually completed by the House ways and means committee today.

The cuts, directly or indirectly, will lighten the tax burdens of nearly everyone in the country from the head of corporations, earning millions, down to the children who have been compelled to "hand over" extra pennies to get a chocolate soda, chairman Fortney, of the committee, said.

The bill will raise about \$3,000,000,000 as compared with \$8,600,000,000 under the present statute.

Plans are to vote on the bill in the House next Saturday at 3 o'clock. More reductions were made today, when express and oil pipe line taxes were repealed, and the levy of cereal substitutes for real beer cut from 15 to 12 cents a gallon.

On all vendors of soft drinks an annual \$10 license tax was imposed and a five per cent levy to be paid by manufacturers was put articles on the so-called luxury list.

### How it Reaches All

Here is the way the new bill affects everyone from steel corporations to children. All persons paying the income tax are reduced 20 per cent and 8 per cent for each child.

This is done by increasing the married person's exemption from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and by raising the child's or dependents exemption from \$200 to \$400. All married persons making \$2,500 or less thus will escape the tax, while those with three children, for instance, can make \$3,700 without paying anything into Uncle Sam's coffer. These changes affect income of the present year.

All the nuisance taxes, that have caused the average man to howl, have been eliminated. No more will extra pennies be required for ice cream sodas, tooth paste or medicine and the merchant after January 1, next, cannot charge several dollars more in tolls for high-priced wearing apparel.

If you postpone your trip until New Year's Day, you can save 8 per cent on the passenger and Pullman fare, and on your freight and express shipments will be no 3 and 5 per cent taxes, respectively.

## BOY SCOUTS OFF ON BIG MOUNTAIN TRIP

### Will Spend Week or Ten Days at Edneyville Between Chimney Rock and Hendersonville

About twenty Boy Scouts left Monday morning at 6 o'clock for a week or ten days stay at Edneyville, a little town between Chimney Rock and Hendersonville. They will camp on a big farm which was owned up until a short while ago by Dr. M. W. Grigg of Shelby, the farm being located on the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains. The boys were in charge of Scout Masters Charlie Roberts and Fred Cook and they carried with them full camping equipment such as tents, bedding, cooking utensils, etc. and left in a big truck.

The following boys were in the party, each dressed in his regulation Boy Scout uniform: Robert Rudasill, Julius Auten, Harry Grigg, Hackett Wilson, Walter Cook, Lewis Roberts, Ben Palmer, W. D. Bab'tn, Hugh Arrowood, Vernon Grigg, Harrison Ramseur, Broadus M. McSwain, Hugh Miller, Frank Hoyle, Jule Putnam, Henry Kendall, Whitelaw Kendall, Will Harris, Jr.

## 13 PER CENT N. CAROLINA PEOPLE ARE ILLITERATE

Washington, Aug. 13.—A total of 13.1 per cent of North Carolina's population, counting only those 10 years of age or more, cannot read or write, the Census Bureau announced today. The native whites are 8.2 per cent illiterate and the negroes 24.5, the figures show.

## COMPROMISE ON MAYOR'S SALARY ELECTION IS CALLED OFF FOR 20TH

### Mayor Gardner Will Receive \$50 Salary Instead of \$125 as Asked for—Board is Divided

The special election which was called a week ago to be held Saturday August 20th to vote on an increase of pay of \$125 per month for Mayor J. T. Gardner, was called off yesterday by the Board of Aldermen and by compromise the mayor will receive an increase in salary of from \$25 to \$50 per month. At the request of Mayor Gardner who wished to avoid any friction and work for the upbuilding of the town which can only be brought about by harmony in the city administration, the four aldermen were called into session Monday morning at which time Mayor Gardner expressed a desire to call off the election and leave the question of salary entirely in the hands of the four members of the board. Aldermen Lackey and Royster opposed any increase and wanted the election to be carried out as scheduled so that the people may express themselves in reference to the matter. Aldermen Hamrick and Ford voted to give Mayor Gardner a salary of \$50 per month. Thus the matter was tied up and left for Mayor Gardner to break the tie.

Mayor Gardner had retired from the meeting in order to let the four aldermen arrive at some decision in executive session. When the meeting adjourned the aldermen informed The Star of its action, whereupon Mayor Gardner was seen and he stated that he would cast his vote for the increase and accept the compromise.

This ends a controversy over which some ill feeling was being engendered. Mayor Gardner stated that he wished to have the utmost harmony in the city administration and in order to allay any friction and all work together for the betterment of the town and the furtherance of its interest, he called the meeting and left the matter entirely in the hands of the aldermen.

Both sides will no doubt rejoice that the little matter which was about to cause so much friction has been settled without an election.

## DR. POE SPEAKS TO FARMERS HERE

### ON CO-OPERATIVE COTTON MARKETING

### Says This is Most Business Like Plan Ever Inaugurated for the Relief of Farmers

Dr. Clarence Poe, the popular editor of the Progressive Farmer and perhaps one of the best known men in the South, spoke to a court house filled with farmers and business men yesterday at noon on the subject of co-operative marketing, explaining thoroughly the movement which is sweeping the entire cotton and tobacco belts. Dr. Poe was introduced by county farm demonstrator R. E. Lawrence. He is a most practical and interesting talker and no doubt appealed to the farmers who are anxious for some systematic plan of marketing cotton systematically instead of dumping it on the market. Dr. Poe has advocated many reforms, but he declared that this is the most business-like movement that he has ever seen, because it is an intelligent system of selling as well as financing and gets the producers out of competition with each other.

"We never break out into any new line of progress until God Almighty or our wives compel us," said Dr. Poe and "we will thank God ten years from now that this depression came if we adopt the California plan of marketing our cotton and tobacco." The California plan has been working successfully for twenty years and is the most successful marketing plan in America.

After laying considerable stress on the importance of co-operation, Dr. Poe explained fully the working of the organization which will embrace the cotton growers of every state in the union and place their cotton each year for five years into the hands of expert selling agents to

grade properly and sell systematically at the best price obtainable. In this manner, the marketing association will control enough of the cotton to be a factor in the control of the price and as cotton is placed in the warehouses of the association, advances will be made to the growers and averages taken so that at the end of the season, every farmer will receive the same price per pound that other members have received for the same grade of cotton. Only farmers can become members and only experts who have no adverse interest will be employed. It is a democratic organization in that the members will have an equal voice in the election of officers.

Farmers have been misled so often into organizations in their behalf that they always join with a feeling of fear, but this association must be long lived for the reason that members sign up to let all of their cotton be sold co-operatively for five years and there is a penalty of five cents per pound with costs sufficient to send the sheriff after him and hire a lawyer to prosecute him if he should refuse to let his cotton be sold co-operatively. Thus no farmer should fear that his neighbor farmer or brother in another state who belongs to the association, will kick out of harness.

The movement is making great strides in all the cotton growing states and several million bales have been signed up by growers in the cotton states. Practically 200,000 bales have been signed up in North Carolina and Dr. Poe stated that the association will be a going concern within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Charlie Williams, nee Janie Ewers of Reidsville arrived here Saturday to spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Morgan.

Mrs. Ben Stroup is spending a few days in Cherryville with relatives.

## SOCIETY and Club

### Spent Week-End at Blowing Rock

Mr. George Blanton and his two attractive daughters, Misses Millicent and Caroline Blanton, and Misses Kate Webb and Ruth Mundy motored to Blowing Rock and spent the week end most pleasantly at Green Park Hotel.

### Mrs. Z. J. Thompson Reception Hostess This Afternoon.

The social event of the week will be the large floating reception scheduled for this afternoon, the invitations to which read as follows:

Mrs. Z. J. Thompson at home August sixteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, four-thirty to six-thirty.

Mrs. A. C. Durham, Mrs. J. W. Austin, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. Gordon B. Crowell.

### Bridge Party for Mrs. Frank Hull

Mrs. L. E. Ligon entertained most charmingly at her home on North Morgan street last Thursday evening in honor of her daughter Mrs. Frank Hull of Charleston, West Va. who has been spending the summer here.

The rooms were artistically decorated in quantities of lovely golden glow, making a pretty setting for the fortunate guests.

Three tables of auction bridge was enjoyed during the evening, and after cards were laid aside the hostess assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Willis McMurry and Mrs. Vernon Proctor served an elaborate collation consisting of a salad and an ice course.

The guest list included Mesdames Wyeth Royster, Charlie Roberts, Vernon Proctor, Misses Sue Andrews, Mae Kendall, Lucy Hamrick, Pattie and Elizabeth Roberts and Marion and Mildred Hull.

### A Miscellaneous Shower For Miss Hoyle

At her lovely home on South Lafayette street Miss Lenna Newton and Miss Carrie Belle Lever entertained jointly Saturday morning in honor of Miss Edith Hoyle, one of Shelby's most charming brides-to-be.

hearts which held the attention of the guests throughout the morning hours:

After this a beautifully decorated wagon containing a suit case appeared at the front door, the contents of which was presented to the honoree and the suit case when opened was found to be laden with many useful and beautiful gifts for the bride to be from her friends.

At the close of the morning's pleasure a delicious salad course with accessories was served by Mrs. Frank Hoyle and Mrs. W. R. Newton. About twenty fortunate guests enjoyed this charming hospitality.

## Beautiful Party for Miss Lineberger, Bride-elect

One of the most beautiful and unique social affairs that has ever been given in honor of a bride-to-be, was that of last Friday afternoon when Mrs. Charlie Washburn and Miss Oeland Washburn entertained at the home of the latter, complimentary to Miss Marie Lineberger whose marriage to Mr. W. B. Richardson, Jr. of Reidsville will take place on September 9th.

The Washburn home on Sumter street was made beautiful and particularly inviting by a wealth of golden glow and crepe myrtle, and the chandeliers in the various rooms which were thrown en suite were shaded in attractive designs of green crepe paper flowers.

As the guests arrived, they were greeted at the front door by the two hostesses, the honor guest, and Mrs. S. A. Washburn and ushered into the living room where the punch table, attractively arranged with bunches of luscious grapes, foliage was presided over by Mrs. Will King, Mrs. Herman Eskridge, Mrs. C. A. Duggett and Miss Eunice Roberts.

The thirty guests then found their places at the seven small tables arranged for the games and contest by lovely little wedding bell cards. The first feature of the afternoon was a contest especially arranged for "the newly weds", a clever conceit of the hostess and this was followed by games of cards arranged and fashioned by the clever hostess herself, the games at the seven tables all being different and pertaining to the bride and groom, their wedding journey and future life, these games being played according to the same rules governing the game of rook. At the close of the contest Mrs. Charlie Webb was presented the prize for having the most correct answers, a book of poems by Robert W. Servial and the honoree was given a lovely silver ice pick and casing.

A delicious ice course was then enjoyed, the salted nuts being arranged in cunning little paper baskets, the handles of which were tied with wedding bells.

The uniqueness of the entire affair was a source of admiring comment by all the fortunate guests.

### Woman's Missionary Society Central Church to Meet Wednesday

Mrs. L. M. Gidney will be hostess to the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at her home on East Marion street at 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. B. T. Morris of Gastonia, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Shelby district, will be present and all the members are urged to attend this meeting.

## Gilmers Club Has Picnic

Several months ago the employees of Gilmers, Inc. organized a social club. Their first Annual Picnic was held at Stice's Shoals Thursday evening of last week. Their entire force of twenty-five were present and reported this the biggest and the best picnic ever held at Stice's. After a bountiful feed, many games were enjoyed around a large campfire.

## Mrs. Mitchell Entertains For Visitor

Mrs. W. F. Mitchell entertained at a lovely porch bridge party Wednesday morning at her home on South Washington street in honor of Miss Mary C. Howell of Tarboro who is the charming young guest of Miss Margaret Jenkins.

The spacious and attractive front porch was artistically arranged with quantities of lovely roses and sunflowers and four tables of auction bridge held the interested attention of the sixteen guests until a late hour.

When cards were laid aside the hostess assisted by her sister, Mrs. L. A. Gettys served a delicious ice course and accessories.

## SHELBY RETAINS TRAIN SCHEDULE

### STRONG DELEGATION TO ASHEVILLE

Rutherford and Cleveland Counties Protested Against Change Wanted by Asheville

As a result of a vigorous fight before the North Carolina Railroad Commission sitting at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville Friday afternoon, 17 representative business men of Shelby, backed by Editor Price of Rutherford, numerous petitions liberally signed by citizens of Cleveland and Rutherford counties, the railroad commission expressed itself in favor of retaining the present schedule of Southern train No. 114 which operates each morning from Marion to Blacksburg and York. The commission did not render an open decision, but it was manifested that the present schedule will be retained so that main line southern connections can be made as at present.

The Asheville Citizen started the agitation to hold the morning train at Marion for No. 36 from Asheville in order to get the Asheville morning paper into this section early enough to go out on the rural routes of Rutherford and Cleveland counties. Also the arguments were that Asheville wanted closer business, social and political intercourse with this section of the state, especially Rutherford county which is in the tenth congressional district. The Shelby representatives had no objection whatever to this desire, in fact wanted better railway facilities with Asheville but did not want the Blacksburg connections to suffer by reason of any adjustments that might be made.

There will no doubt be a compromise in the matter, whereby train No. 36 leaving Asheville now at 6 a. m. will leave at 3:45 a. m. for Marion, arriving at Marion in time each morning for train No. 114 which serves Rutherford, Forest City, Ellenboro, Mooresboro, Lattimore, Caroleen, Cliffside, Henrietta and other points along this division. This compromise will satisfy the Asheville people, especially Mr. Chas. A. Webb one of the owners of the Asheville Citizen, the morning daily, and also satisfy the patrons of this division of the Southern. In fact Cleveland and Rutherford counties were victorious in retaining the present schedule and also secured a change in the train leaving Asheville so that connection can be had at Marion, thus giving two direct trains daily from Asheville through this section.

Hon. O. M. Mullantiring, worker for Shelby and Cleveland county who spokesman for the Cleveland county delegation and he handled his case with the greatest ease, directing every argument on the specific points at issue. Those going from Shelby were S. S. Royster, Paul Webb, W. L. Fanning, J. D. Lineberger, J. T. Gardner, A. M. Hamrick, Mike Austell, Wm. Lineberger, Julius Stute, Jack Palmer, I. C. Griffin, Howard Hamrick, Forrest Eskridge and Lee B. Weathers. The officials of the Southern railroad, General Passenger agent Mr. Hudson, Assistant District Passenger agent Mr. Taylor and others stood with Cleveland and Rutherford counties in their contention.

The Railway Commission hearing the case was composed of W. T. Lee, Judge Pell and A. J. Maxwell.

## LEE HALLMAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN THE PEN

### Monroe Journal

Fifteen years in the penitentiary at hard labor was the sentence imposed yesterday by Judge T. B. Finley upon Lee Hallman, well-known Marshville man, after the jury had decided that he was guilty of an assault with intent to commit rape on Miss Louise Tolbirt, Cabarrus county school teacher. The jury was out eighteen hours.

The verdict was returned at five o'clock, Mr. W. A. Huey of Jackson township, speaking for his fellow-jurors; and following eloquent appeals for mercy by Messrs. J. C. Sikes and W. B. Love, Judge Finley gave the defendant the maximum sentence of fifteen years. The defense immediately gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court, and young Hallman was released on a \$20,000 bond.

## CLEAN UP DRIVE TO CUT RED TAPE

### SEVERAL AGENCIES PLAN TO CO-OPERATE

### Disabled Veterans to Obtain Full Benefits of Legislation Designed to Adjust Claims

Government agencies, the Red Cross and the American Legion will begin work in North Carolina Monday in their clean-up campaign to cut the red tape that has prevented thousands of disabled veterans from receiving the aid that the government is glad to give, and has retarded the adjustment of hundreds of claims of others who were in the service during the world war.

The clean-up squad will be composed of experts, who have the one purpose in view of getting in touch with the veterans and starting the machinery to get for them a quick and satisfactory adjustment of their affairs.

September 21st and 22nd are the dates set for the Clean-up Squad to be in Cleveland county and disabled soldiers will come to Shelby on these dates to see the Clean-Up Squad which will work in conjunction with the Red Cross of which Miss Mayme Roberts is secretary and the American Legion Post of which Hon. Peyton McSwain is an official. Soldiers from Cleveland, Burke, Lincoln, Gaston, Catawba and Rutherford counties are asked to come to Shelby on these dates and have all pending matters adjusted without charge.

In the next few weeks similar work will be undertaken in every state in the Southeastern section.

The plan of campaign is simple. It contemplates giving each veteran the opportunity to have his difficulties of compensation and vocational training and medical treatment straightened out right at home, instead of through lengthy long distance correspondence. At the same time, the squad will give every veteran a chance to find out whether he has a claim, and if he has to file it for him so that he will get it immediate results.

Obviously the biggest problem in the campaign is getting in touch with the veterans, particularly those who live in outlying communities. Many are illiterate. To overcome this difficulty the government, the Red Cross and the legion have issued a joint appeal to the press of North Carolina and to every patriotic organization in the state to lend aid in seeing that word of the coming of the squad reaches the ex-service men, and in explaining to them just what the coming to relieve veterans who report to the squad from every inconvenience, delay and expense. As soon as a disabled soldier arrives at headquarters he will be furnished with transportation back home and meals and lodging as long as his business lasts. It is particularly important that each ex-service man bring his discharge with him to headquarters.

## REUNION OF MAUNEY FAMILY HELD THURSDAY

A reunion of the Mauney family was held at the old Tryon monument in Cherryville township Thursday with a large attendance of friends and relatives of the Mauney connection. A bountiful dinner was both preceded and followed by speaking. Attorney E. R. Warren, of Gastonia, was the speaker of the morning, being introduced by Mr. A. L. Quickel, of Lincolnton. The speaker of the afternoon was Mr. A. Nixon, of Lincolnton, who traced the history of the Mauney connection in an interesting way.

The Gastonians attending the reunion in addition to Mr. Warren were Mrs. R. M. Reid, Mr. C. Lee Gowan, Miss Lowry Shuford, Mr. Martin Shuford, and Dr. T. C. Quickel.

Miss Margaret Anthony who has been attending the summer school at Morganton has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly McNary and two children of Greensboro are spending sometime here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight, the former being a brother to Mrs. McNary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ballentine of Anderson and Mrs. J. B. Wakefield of Antreville, S. C. who have been spending a few days here with their sister, Mrs. Hugh Hunt, returned home today.