

Says Merchants Unable To Pay Proposed Gross Tax On Sales

If It Were Passed On To Consumers, The Tax Would Burden Those Least Able To Pay.

The merchants of North Carolina will either have to absorb any sales tax, enacted by the present general assembly, or pass it on to an already heavily tax burdened public," Willard L. Dowell, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants association, said here today. "And it will be bad business for the merchants to pass this tax on to the people, for, by so doing, the merchants will be cutting their own throats through curtailment of buying power."

Mr. Dowell pointed out that, during 1929 and according to the Business Research bureau of Harvard university, the merchants of the United States in the most profitable group made only 8-10 of one percent on their gross turn-over. It is reasonable to assume that the amount of profit on gross turn-over was even less in 1930 for every one knows that business was terrible last year.

"If we assume that the merchants of the state are to absorb this sales tax, we find that merchants will have to do one or both of two things in order to pay this tax out of their own pockets. These merchants will have to cut salaries or number of employees, or cut their advertising appropriation to practically nothing. They might have to do both.

"And it would be most unfortunate for the state, if the legislature enacts a law that forces merchants to reduce salaries or cut off workers, when the biggest business men in the nation are urging retention of workers and adherence to the present wage schedules, as a necessity for improved business conditions.

Belwood Section Events Of Week

Surprise Party For Miss McLeod Winners In Declamation Contest.

(Special to The Star.) Belwood, March 18.—The young people of this community surprised Miss McLeod with a surprise party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sain. Games, contests and dancing were enjoyed during the evening. A large crowd was present and all reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Warlick and daughter, Miss Mabel, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ellie White. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cline and children of Lawndale spent Sunday with Mrs. Cline's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Chapman of Lincolnton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norman. Miss Stella Varner of Goodsonville spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis. Mrs. S. L. Gantt and daughter, Miss Pearl, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey of Shelby.

Eye Fakers Going Strong Again Says

(From Bureau of Health Education, N. C. State Board of Health.)

Raleigh—Health items this week should be given wide publicity in an effort to run down and put in the state prison this bunch of eye "doctor" fakery. Eugene Ashcraft tells the story of the reappearance in Union county of these scoundrels so interestingly in his personal column in The Monroe Enquirer of March 5th that his story is passed along to every health department in the state.

This game has been worked in Stanly, Union, Forsyth, Stokes, Caswell, and a number of other counties. If some alert farmer and sheriff, by the exercise of a little effort, will co-operate, the pair can be arrested without trouble. They generally put up at a good hotel in some place like Charlotte or Greensboro, store their own expensive cars in a garage, and hire a local car. So while it is important to get the license number of the car, it is of more importance to follow them back to headquarters, get a warrant and have them arrested for obtaining money under false pretense, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Peeler and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lackey of Fallston. Mrs. Norris Wilson and Miss Archie Fay Gantt visited Miss Ola Mae Brackett Monday afternoon. Mrs. Ellie White and children Miss Lillie and Mr. James spent Saturday afternoon in Cherryville.

State Bonds, Nearly Ten Million, Sold

The state of North Carolina sold \$9,557,000 in state bonds at noon Tuesday in the treasurer's office.

This includes \$4,000,000 of highway serial bonds, \$1,250,000 of highway serial bonds for the erection of the Cape Fear river bridge; \$4,247,000 permanent improvement bonds, and \$60,000 farm colony building bonds.

A New York minister says that Christianity is the only cure for war but the trouble is in making the other fellow see that he is the one who should turn the other cheek.—Miami News.

Pershing described the lucky fellows of the A. E. F. as "engaged in healthy, interesting exercises in the open air, with simple diet. Sherman was wrong; war is health.—The New Yorker.

Bulwinkle Gives Law Books To Duke Library

Durham, Mar. 19.—Forty-two handsomely-bound volumes have been presented to the law library of Duke university by Representative A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, from the ninth congressional district of North Carolina.

A set of the United States statutes at large from 1908 to 1928 and the United States revised statutes of 1878, together with supplements to the year 1931, are included in the gift. The books are considered a valuable addition to the extensive collection of statutory material which is being assembled in the law school library.

There will shortly be some vacancies on the Farm Board to be filled by de-eriving citizens who are looking for trouble.—Florence (Ala.) Herald.

CHILD WALKS FIRST TIME AT 22 MONTHS OLD, AS RESULT OF CHIROPRACTIC

I am writing this for the benefit of those who are skeptical regarding the wonderful results obtained through Chiropractic Spinal adjustments in renewing health.

At birth our little daughter, Evelyn, seemed to be normal in every way except underweight. She remained anemic, weak, underweight and in a pale condition until she was 22 months old, at which time she was still unable to crawl or walk.



We took her to several physicians, all of whom said: "Given time she would get alright." After giving her time until she was 22 months old, without showing the slightest improvement, we decided to call Dr. B. M. Jarrett, Chiropractor, Rooms 13 and 14, Royster, Bldg., Shelby, N. C. After a thorough Chiropractic Spinal analysis, Dr. Jarrett found an abnormal condition with the bones in the lower part of Evelyn's spine which produced pressure on the nerves supplying the muscles of the Hips and Legs, causing a decreased flow of nerve impulse from the brain down the spine and out over these nerves to the muscles of the Hips and Legs, preventing normal action and development of said muscles, to the extent that she was unable to walk or crawl at the age of 22 Months.

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