

Revised Laws On Banking Approved

To Stop Speculation With Other People's Money and Guarantee Bank Deposits.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Legislation to carry out President Roosevelt's pledge to stop "speculation with other people's money" by revising the bank laws and reorganizing security sales rapidly nearing completion today in congressional committees.

Committee approvals at both ends of the Capitol by the end of the week was predicted for the administration bill to safeguard investors in securities while a senate banking subcommittee approach final action on permanent bank reform legislation.

Chairman Glass predicted his subcommittee would complete tomorrow its revision of the permanent banking legislation, with the controversial provision for a \$2,000,000 fund to insure bank deposits.

The subcommittee sought today to find a way to include mutual savings banks, with their total deposits of about \$10,000,000,000 in the insurance plan through admitting them to the Federal reserve system.

A report from the senate banking committee on Wednesday on the administration securities control bill was predicted by Chairman Fletcher who announced after a meeting today that his committee was "practically agreed" on the terms of the measure.

Fletcher said the committee would not wait for the house inter-commerce committee to complete its revision of the bill, but would go ahead independently.

The house committee apparently was having a little more difficulty in its revision of the administration bill, but Chairman Rayburn forecast that it would be approved by the end of the week.

Roosevelt Proposes Cut In Army Forces

Secretary Dern Acts On Economy Order And Plans Displacing 12,000 To 15,000 Men.

Washington, April 18.—The Roosevelt economy campaign is heading for a reduction of 14,000 to 18,000 in the strength of the army.

With orders from President Roosevelt to cut \$144,000,000 from the war department for next year, Secretary Dern late today sent a tentative draft of the new program to Director Douglas of the budget.

It provides for a reduction in the enlisted personnel of the army of between 12,000 and 15,000 men and for the retirement of 2,000 or 3,000 officers. The army strength today is 117,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers.

A final decision on the proposal may be made by President Roosevelt at a conference tomorrow.

Elimination of rivers and harbors improvements from the 1934 war department budget also is contemplated. However, this probably will be offset by inclusion of this work in the impending public works program to be asked by the president and paid for by a bond issue.

The president's orders are for a cut of \$90,000,000 in military activities and \$54,000,000 in non military activity of the war department.

Cash Balance Shown In State's Treasury

Collections Of Past Month Turn Overdraft Of March Into Credit April 1.

Raleigh, April 18.—North Carolina had \$1,205,800.09 cash balance April 1 as against a cash overdraft of \$2,198,991.81 on March 31, according to the combined statement of the state treasurer and the state auditor given out today.

The addition of the \$12,230,000 general fund notes to the state debt of \$170,184,000 swelled the grand total without any charge off to \$182,414,000, around which figure the state's obligations hang these years. But the payment of maturities will make a difference at the end of this fiscal year. This cash balance of course refers to the general fund. The highway fund shows up with a balance of \$5,400,021.66 on April 1, 1933.

No Pistols.

Boston Man—I understand the two candidates carried on quite an pistolary bombardment.

Westerner—No, they didn't use no pistols; they just writ letters back and forth.

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Upper Cleveland News Of Interest

Rain Storm, Many Attend M. E. Whisnant Funeral at Lees Chapel, Personals.

(Special to The Star.)

Casars, R-I, Apr. 20.—Rev. Barber filled his regular appointment at Lees chapel Sunday afternoon and delivered an inspiring Easter sermon.

The community was visited by a hard rain Sunday night and caused the farmers to be delayed with their planting.

Mrs. Eliza Stedman and Miss Lillian Jones are able to be out again after a long spell of sickness.

Mrs. Sallie Whisnant has been on the sick list for some time but she is improving.

Large crowd attended the funeral of M. E. Whisnant at Lees chapel Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brackett and family of Belwood, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Long of Forest City, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Whisnant of Henrietta, Mr. W. C. Whisnant of Shelby attended the funeral.

Mr. Walter Wall of Marion visited his grandmother Mrs. Taylor Wall Sunday.

Miss Mattie Blankenship of First Broad community visited Miss Jessie Pearl Whisnant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Richards and son Ronald, of Lawndale, spent Sunday with Mrs. Richard's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Self.

Mr. Jack Mull returned to his home at Clover, S. C., after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Zero Mull.

Mr. Pierce Richards of Lawndale, visited his sister, Mrs. Alfred Brackett, Sunday.

Miss Maude Self was the dinner guest of Miss Bulah Hunt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wall spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Misses Ida and Eva Bowman of Lawndale, spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Daphne Hunt.

Several people attended the birthday dinner at Mrs. Eliza Stedman's Sunday.

Toluca And Knob Creek Late News

(Special to The Star.)

Toluca, April 30.—The Sunday school of St. Peter's rendered an excellent Easter program Sunday to a very large crowd.

Rev. W. L. Cain delivered an interesting message at Carpenters Grove on last Sunday. His subject was "The Risen Christ."

Misses Ora Sain and Elizabeth Walker of Morganton, spent the week end with Miss Sain's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sain.

Miss Sain and Miss Walker accompanied by Miss Pauline Lackey and Mr. Clyde Cosner and Mr. Wayne Carpenter motored to Winston-Salem for the Moravian Easter Sunrise worship.

A large crowd attended the church wedding at Mt. Vernon on last Sunday when Miss Bessie Gantt became the bride of Mr. Luther Houser, the ring ceremony being carried out.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jenkins and children of Caroleen spent Easter Sunday at the home of Mrs. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Upton of near Lincolnton spent the week end with his sister Mrs. Dennis Sain and Mr. Sain.

Mrs. Burt Sain and children spent Easter with her mother Mrs. Noah Hubbard of Belwood.

Miss Sadie Mull of N. C. C. W. Greensboro, Miss Juanita Mull of Teacher Training school, Cullowhee, and Mr. Sam Sain of the University of N. C., spent the Easter holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sain spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dellinger of Lincoln county.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Costner and children of Double Shoals spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sain.

Mrs. L. M. Bumgardner of Spartanburg, S. C., is spending some time in the community with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sain spent last Friday with her mother Mrs. N. E. Mull of Catawba county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaker, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Willis of Dallas and children spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Willis.

Mrs. S. A. Sain visited her aunt Mrs. P. L. Peeler who is seriously ill. She is improving some at this writing. Miss Austen Brackett, a trained nurse is at her bedside.

Zoar Community News Of Interest

Mrs. Warren Able To Leave Hospital, Attend Birthday Dinner.

(Special to The Star.)

Zoar, April 18.—Miss Jane Kennedy is spending some time in Gastonia visiting relatives.

Mrs. North Warren, who has been seriously ill in the Shelby hospital was able to return to her home Monday.

Miss Alma Bell of Winston-Salem spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hunt of near Earl spent the week-end with Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen.

Several from this community attended the birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vold Hamrick of te Sharon community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Humphries.

Miss Clara Newton spent the Easter holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Andy Towery of Casars.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ivester and daughter, Joan, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ivester of Belwood.

Misses Ray and Mary Sue McSwain spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Putnam.

Fallston News Of Current Week

(Special to The Star.)

Fallston, Apr. 18.—The Home Econ club will meet Friday afternoon at the clubroom at 2:30. Two very interesting demonstrations will be given. An angel food cake will be made Mrs. A. A. Lackey and Mrs. G. S. Royster will demonstrate bound button holes. All members are urged to be present.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church will meet Saturday afternoon at the church at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

The Easter pageant given at Friendship church Sunday evening was largely attended. A splendid program consisting of recitations, songs and pantomimes was given.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wilson spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Harris of Union Mills.

Misses Jewel, Frances and Hazel Wilson of Weaver college are spending the spring holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wortman and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wortman of Morganton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shoffner of Shelby, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Royster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hoyle and son Mr. Deward and daughter Miss Mary Lou, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Hoyle of near Morganton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gardner of Beams Mill spent Sunday with Mrs. Gardner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Wright.

Mrs. Edna B. Champlon and little daughter Constance accompanied by Miss Ruth Sinclair spent the week end with Mrs. Champlon's mother, Mrs. J. B. Blanton of Mooresboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Royster and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Royster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bowen Sunday.

Miss Cerelda Lackey spent the week end with Miss Ellen Baxter of near North Brook.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Shelton and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Leonard of near North Brook Sunday.

Misses Sarah Howard and Louise Michael of Mt. Holly spent several days last week with Miss Alice Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey and daughter Ima Jean spent Sunday with Mrs. Lackey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shrum of near Lincolnton.

Miss Bertha Willis and Mr. Ransom King of Rutherfordton were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Willis Sunday evening.

Miss Viola Wright who is taking training as a nurse at Rutherford hospital, spent Sunday afternoon with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright.

Mr. Jessie L. Burgess spent the week end with relatives at Earl.

Mrs. Hall Tillman accompanied her sister Mrs. Buren Phillips of Henrietta to Marion Saturday with relatives.

Mrs. Grady Royster spent several days last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Magness of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Withrow and family of Hollis were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Royster last Sunday.

New House News Of Current Week

Storm Visits Section, Mrs. Greene's Father Ill, Surprise Birthday Party.

(Special to The Star.)

New House, April 20.—This section was again visited by a storm on Tuesday night, with lots of rain and hail, but not very much damage.

Mrs. Broadus Greene went to Rutherfordton Monday on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Tobie Taylor.

Mrs. Clarence Reynolds of Lattimore, is sick at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greene, Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Reynolds were on a visit to Mr. Greene's and she was taken sick and is confined to her bed there.

Mrs. Fay Jenkins has been sick with tonsillitis for the past several days.

Miss Katherine Butler of Morganton spent the Easter holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walker and son Ed Hamrick, visited Mrs. Ida Hamrick and family of Ellenboro on Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Walker entertained a number of friends and relatives with an Easter dinner.

Friends of Miss Almeria Price gave her a birthday surprise party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Price at the home between New House and Hollis. A large number were present to enjoy the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greene had as their dinner guests Sunday the following of their children: Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Greene, and Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Greene and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Wiggins and children.

Misses Belle Walker and Katherine Butler and little Miss Maude Whitner visited Mrs. Carl Edwards and Mr. Edwards at their home near Hopewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butler and children Evelyn and Helen, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Hawkins.

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Crawley, a dainty daughter, Rachel Ann, Mrs. Crawley before marriage was Miss Clara Harris of Mooresboro.

Mr. Audry Walker son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker, who attends school at Mars Hill college spent the Easter holidays with his parents near here. He was accompanied by Mr. Jones McClain also of Mars Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Whitaker and children visited relatives in Chesnee, S. C., Sunday.

Sunday school begins strictly at 9:45 o'clock next Sunday morning.

New Dry Party Is Goal Of Clubwomen

Mrs. Henry W. Peabody Says Coalition Of Men And Women To Form Another Group.

Washington, April 17.—Women prohibitionists swung into the second day of the woman's national committee for law enforcement convention yesterday with predictions of a new dry political party sounded in the keynote address.

Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, general chairman of the committee which includes the leading women prohibition groups in the country, said last night that a strictly woman party to fight for retention of dry laws, was not sought, but that a new coalition of the men and women to form the "constitutional party of America" was "bound to come."

"Women are rising," she said. "They will drive the money changers and brewers out of our national temple. We thought we had sent them to represent us but they have betrayed the constitution for revenue and beer. Until women in every state organize for political action as they are doing in many states the cause may be temporarily lost, and with it a far greater cause, our free government. Therefore we, representing ten millions of women in ten national organizations, will hold the line."

Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, co-author of the 18th amendment, was listed as the main speaker.

The beer law was attacked by Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas.

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For Luxury Tax And Says Farmers Seem Asleep Now

To the Editor:

I have read with interest your rather lengthy editorial in Monday's issue of The Star, entitled "Ehringhaus—Then and Now." Without any intention of appearing to be critical or of entering into a personal controversy on the merits or demerits of the principles of a sales tax, I wish to state that the editorial appears to be misleading. During the campaign of 1932, Mr. Ehringhaus is quoted as having said:

"I have always opposed the principle of sales taxation except as emergency measures, and when all other reasonable sources of revenue have been exhausted."

This statement is so clear and concise that any school boy can explain it. "Except as emergency measures." Does the emergency exist? Two years ago politicians and lobbyists at Raleigh defeated a sales tax on luxuries and, as a result, appropriations for state institutions were cut by the budget commission as much as 40 per cent, and even after this major operation Governor Ehringhaus found a deficit of some thirteen million dollars hanging over the state when he went into office last January. In the meantime, our state borrowed millions of dollars in New York, paying six per cent interest, probably the highest rate of interest paid by this or any other state since the civil war. Does not these facts indicate that an emergency exists? The depression is world-wide. The richest and best governed states of this country have been compelled to resort to sales tax in order to maintain their institutions. South Carolina enacted a sales tax on luxuries more than four years ago in order to relieve the farmer and poor man.

Since an emergency exists, I favor a selective sales tax, or a sales tax on luxuries for the following reasons:

About 60 per cent of our people live on the farm and about half of these are tenants; about 40 per cent of our people live in the cities and towns; and the negro population constitute about 40 per cent. Notwithstanding these facts, it appears that our landowners who constitute less than one-third of our entire population have been paying 80 to 90 per cent of our taxes. The farmer is at the end of the row. He cannot be taxed any further. Still there must be taxes and revenue to support our schools and state institutions. Hence the emergency!

At this particular time I believe that a selective sales tax, that is, a sales tax imposed upon all luxuries and non-essentials and unnecessary articles, such as, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars soft drinks shows, etc. These are not essential to the "widow woman and her children." And, too, there is still a further class of selective sales tax that would not burden the "widow woman and her children," neither the farmer of his tenant, nor the poor man with a family living in the city. This is a tax on such luxuries as, to-wit: \$1500 automobile; \$500.00 piano; all grades of diamonds; \$75.00 watches; men's and ladies' suits \$50.00; dining room suite \$300.00; living room suite \$300.00; bed room suites \$300.00; etc.

Speaking as one of a family of seventeen, having been born and reared on a farm, it is my candid opinion based upon a study of authentic records of history of some two thousand years that the farmer, doesn't care a cuss for the farmer, poor man and the "widow and her children." These classes of people constitute the bulk of our citizenship. Therefore, these types furnish an attractive subject for debate and oratory among our politicians during heated campaigns.

I have never heard of any State putting a Sales Tax on fertilizers and seeds used by farmers. It may be due to gross ignorance on my part, but before accepting the statement as a fact I would be glad to have some reference or further information as to the States which have adopted such a tax. The purpose of a sales tax is to relieve the farmer, to relieve the poor man, to relieve the "widow woman and her children," not to place a tax on farm implements, shoes, flour, bacon, and the actual necessities of life.

This is my program: Don't build any more new roads for a period of two years; give us at least an eight months State-wide supported school with no special tax district; a little more revenue from the tobacco and power trusts; reduce taxes on real estate both city and farm lands; maintain public schools and institutions at any cost. Finally, if necessary, and Governor Ehringhaus says that an Emergency now exists, give us a selected commodity sales tax—a luxury tax—and not a tax upon the tenant farmer's brogans, or a tax upon the widow woman's sack of flour, or a tax upon the farmer's fertilizers and seeds.

Conclusion: You state that you and your paper supported Mr. Ehringhaus for Governor. I did not support him in the primary, for the reason that I considered him to be the pet candidate of certain corporations. I am for Governor Ehringhaus now! He is making a great and noble fight to preserve the honor and credit of our State, and to maintain our State institutions.

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Boiling Springs News Of Interest

Two Birthday Parties, No. 3 Seniors Honored, Birth Announced, Personals.

(Special to The Star.)

Boiling Springs, April 20.—Mesdames Cecil Goode and Cohen Wall charmingly entertained a large number of the younger set at a party Friday evening at the home of the latter honoring the senior class of No. 3 high school. The home was attractively arranged with baskets of Easter lilies and iris. Eight tables were placed for games. On each table was a vase holding Easter lilies. Several progressions of Easter dice were enjoyed after which the guests engaged in a spirited jigsaw puzzle contest. The prizes, which were attractive Easter souvenirs, went to the following: Misses Mae Will South and Vernie Morrison for high score in Easter dice and to Miss Catherine Biggers and Mr. Louis Earl for the jigsaw contest.

The hostess served delicious ice cream, cakes, nuts and candy. On the plates were attractive nests filled with Easter eggs.

Home Club Meets.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Pruette Monday afternoon. A most interesting, enjoyable and helpful program and demonstration were given.

After a brief business session the guests were invited into the kitchen where Mrs. Pruette demonstrated how to make Chinese chicken and angel food cake which served later with hot coffee and crackers. The guests later assembled again in the living room for the discussion which was on the subject of Poultry Mrs. E. B. Hamrick led the discussion. Mrs. V. H. Hamrick gave a report on the district meeting which was held in Gastonia last week. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. B. Hamrick and Mrs. Clifford Hamrick.