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Senator Robinson To Resign Near End Legislative Session

At a citizens meeting held here Tuesday evening, February 11th, the undersigned were appointed a committee to confer with Senator Frank C. Robinson and ascertain his plans. We have talked the matter over with Mr. Robinson and find that he has no intention of resigning until the end or near the end of the present session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Robinson stated that he was very anxious to take up his new duties as a member of the Tax Commission, but feels as much interested in McCormick County and his friends as at any time in his public service. He thinks this will be a long session and there are some matters of State wide and local interest that must be disposed of and that he should see these matters through before taking up his new work. He assured this committee that McCormick County's interest will be taken care of.

SIGNED:

J. J. DORN,
P. G. FOOSHE,
C. W. PENNAL,
Committee.

February 18, 1930.

Tax Is Proposed On Occupations

COLUMBIA, Feb. 18.—The ways and means committee of the House is expected to introduce this week a bill providing for license taxes on a large number of businesses and professions.

The tax will lie against stores, lawyers, physicians, chiropractors, chiropodists, dentists, oculists, opticians, optometrists, civil engineers, electrical engineers, architects, landscape architects, public accountants, certified and non-certified, newspaper contests, photographers, garages, automobile dealers and salesmen, hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, service stations, cars operating for hire, motorcycle dealers, wholesale business of practically every description, barbers, beauty parlor operators, undertakers, embalmers, coal and coke dealers, pressing clubs, cleaning establishments, sewing machine dealers, cotton buyers, detective agencies, directories, florists, ice dealers, laundries, and various other businesses.

Chain grocery stores will be reached by this bill. The license imposed on such mercantile establishments is \$10 for the first grocery, \$20 for the second store, \$30 for the third store, \$40 on the fourth store, \$50 on the fifth, and so on up to 30 stores, each store bearing its tax independently and in addition to the others of the same chain. Thus for three stores the tax would reach a total of \$60. For thirty stores the total tax against the one company would be \$4,650. The tax for the 30th store would be \$300. All stores over 30 would be taxed \$300 each.

The tax against each profession would be \$12.50, where year's earnings were less than \$1,000. Above this amount of earnings the tax would be \$25 each. It is pointed out that if this and other revenue bills proposed are passed, it will relieve the tax payer of the entire levy on property, for state purposes. The state levy last year was five mills.

Hotels and boarding houses would be taxed according to the type of service rendered and the rates charged. If a hotel or boarding house is operated under the American plan, there is a levy of 25 cents per room, where the rate is \$1 per room. For hotels whose rate is \$3 to \$4.50 per room, the tax is \$1 per room. Hotels under the European plan would be taxed 25 cents more on each room, under the same rating, than is charged for each room in an American plan hotel or boarding house.

Experts tell us that heat will soon be made possible by use of the radio. Goodness, most of us are getting a plenty of hot air now over the sets.

Mrs. W. D. Morrah Died Tuesday

Mrs. Lillie Wardlaw Morrah of the Bellevue section near McCormick died at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Anderson county hospital. Mrs. Morrah had been ill for the last two weeks, and underwent an operation at the hospital about a week ago. Complications later arose and her death occurred Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Morrah was 49 years of age. She was the wife of W. D. Morrah. The news of her passing comes as a shock to relatives and friends in McCormick, Abbeville and Anderson counties.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Morrah is survived by four daughters, Miss Mary Ellen Morrah, a student at Erskine College, Due West, S. C.; Misses Katrina and Billie Morrah of the Bellevue community, and Mrs. Elizabeth Funderburk of Matthews, N. C. She also leaves one brother, Mr. W. W. Wardlaw of Troy, and three sisters, Mrs. S. P. Morrah and Miss Emma Wardlaw of the Bellevue community, and Mrs. Harvey Robinson of Troy.

Funeral services were held at noon yesterday at lower Long Cane church and the body laid to final rest in the adjoining cemetery, the Rev. Leon T. Pressly of McCormick conducting the service.

Rural Schools Offer Many Problems

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—"It is well known that despite the constant exodus from rural to urban communities the bulk of the children to be educated are still living in areas of low density usually designated as rural and including all places of 2,500 population or less," states Katherine M. Cook, specialist in rural education, United States Office of Education. "Recent data compiled in the Office of Education," she continued, "show that 90 per cent of the schools are located in such areas, that in them 53 per cent of the total number of children are enrolled, and 58 per cent of the total number of teachers are employed. Here apparently—considered from the standpoint of numbers alone—is found our largest educational problem.

"That schools in rural communities are below the standard set for those in urban communities in length of term, type of buildings and organization, qualifications and salaries of teachers, regularity in attendance, holding power and pupil achievement, are well recognized facts. The widest disparities in standards occur when small one and two-teacher schools, usually attended by farm children, are compared with those in more populous and wealthier districts, cities in particular.

"Studies of pupil achievement measured by standard tests, generally indicate that pupils make better progress in consolidated schools than in one and two-teacher schools, and still better progress in larger schools in larger school systems. Up to the point of a school large enough to have a teacher per grade, school achievement practically parallels size of school. There are in the United States 160,000 one-teacher schools. While the number has been reduced materially in the past decade, progress has been spasmodic and sectional even within states. Several important agricultural states have scarcely been touched by the movement for consolidating small schools."

Watch next week's issue for the announcement of Zander-Gump Wedding. It's plenty rich!

Some fat on meat is essential to tenderness and palatability, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and meat consumers should not expect to get tender and appetizing beef that is all lean meat. The fat of choice beef is white or cream colored rather than yellow.

Five kings and queens attended a royal wedding the other day, but it sounds more like a bridge party.

Mrs. M. A. Reames Died Monday

Mrs. Mary Addie Reames, widow of M. A. Reames, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Mayson, in Edgefield county, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock after an illness of two years.

Mrs. Reames was 68 years of age on the 9th of this month and was a daughter of James H. Hazel and Mary Bodie, of the Johnston section. To mourn her loss she is survived by four sons, H. W. Reames, Columbia; J. L. Reames, Pleasant Lane; L. E. Reames and J. C. Reames, Callison; one daughter, Mrs. J. J. Mayson of Callison; two sisters, Mrs. H. T. Eldson, Charleston, and Mrs. Y. M. Powell, Johnston, and two brothers, J. B. Hazel, Johnston, and N. B. Hazel, Orville, Ala.

The funeral services were conducted at Vernon Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. E. A. Wilkes, with the following serving as pallbearers: Active—J. T. Bailey, J. L. Bailey, M. S. Mayson, J. E. Winn, H. L. Corley, T. C. Winn, P. T. Timmerman and G. C. Jordan; honorary—E. W. Callison, R. T. Mayson, G. R. Mayson, Abram Cheatham, W. L. White and G. C. Timmerman.

Quota For Mexicans Urged At Hearing

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Labor conditions in the Southwest and West are becoming intolerable because of the employment at low wages of immigrants from Mexico, according to telegrams, letters, and newspaper statements read before the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization by Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington, and Representative John C. Box, of Texas.

Influx of immigrants from Mexico, Canada and countries in the West Indies is an economic rather than a radical problem, according to testimony of Richard M. Bradley, an investment banker of Boston, who opened the hearing with a statement compiled in collaboration with Thomas Nixon Carver, an economist of Harvard University. The statement dealt with immigration problems as a whole and their effect on labor conditions in New England. Mr. Bradley advocated that the present quota system of admitting aliens be made applicable to Mexico, Canada and countries in the West Indies group.

He also favored the admission of certain skilled laborers for seasonal employment, but only under visas approved by the governor or some other constituted authority in the state where the laborers are desired.

Mr. Bradley declared that 30,000 immigrants into Massachusetts have taken jobs away from Americans. In New England, towns have been decimated by the employment of cheap foreign labor. Grover C. Wilmoth, a Federal immigration inspector, said a larger immigration force is needed along the Mexican border. He minimized previous testimony that the supply of native labor in the Southwest was inadequate because of climate and other conditions more favorable to the Mexican. He cited instances in which railroads, instead of hiring Mexicans in laying rails, have employed machinery.

He said that the quota restrictions might possibly work some hardship on crop production, as some farmers are accustomed to the Mexican type of labor. He favored the admission of certain types of Mexican laborers for seasonal employment.

Before buying an electric washing machine find out about the kind of current it requires—whether direct or alternating, and see if that is the kind supplied to your house. If you have alternating current inquire about the cycle.

These are the nights when you pull up the cold sheet that was so hot last July.

Census Taking Starts Here This Week

JAMES M. GIBERT AND WISTAR HARMON NAMED

The Supervisor of the Census for this district, Walter S. Peterson, Greenwood, S. C., announces the following appointments of enumerators for the Census of Distribution and Manufactures which begin in McCormick County this week: James M. Gibert and Wistar Harmon.

It is earnestly hoped that the business men in the county will co-operate in every possible way in securing the statistics desired by the Census Bureau, in this, a new venture, now being included in the statistics to be gathered.

The Census of Distribution is not entered into blindly but represents the results of co-operative work by the business men and government authorities. It is the greatest piece of team work between business and government that has been organized for a long time.

For the first time in our commercial life every business man in practically every line of trade and industry will be asked to take part. Facts and figures will be gathered which will have a far reaching effect on the future prosperity of every business man in our country.

When, within the next few days, an enumerator from the Bureau of the Census calls at your place of business to ask what may seem a lot of impertinent questions, remember that he is your representative in the government. He is asking these questions for information for the government and not for the sake of satisfying curiosity.

Increase Shown In Cotton Used

CONSUMPTION FOR JANUARY 124,000 BALES MORE THAN IN MONTH OF DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Cotton consumed during January was announced today by the census bureau as having been 577,235 bales of lint and 62,393 of linters, compared with 453,892 and 52,544 in December and 668,286 and 69,359 in January a year ago.

Cotton on hand January 31 was held as follows: In consuming establishments of linters, compared with 1,844,248 1,830,096 bales of lint and 196,301 and 364,291 on December 31, and 1,768,165 and 204,001 a year ago. In public storage and at compresses 5,406,771 bales of lint and 94,350 of linters, compared with 5,914,422 and 85,657 on December 31 and 4,615,312 and 82,756 a year ago.

Imports during January totaled 51,474 bales, compared with 36,190 in December and 54,939 in January last year.

Exports during January totaled 728,737 bales of lint and 12,572 of linters, compared with 910,321 and 11,097 in December and 788,595 and 27,226 in January last year.

Cotton spindles active during January numbered 29,198,134 compared with 29,069,510 in December and 30,750,168 in January last year.

Germinating Tests For Cotton Seed

County Agent Thos. W. Morgan wishes to again call to the attention of the farmers of the county the cotton seed germination testing service being offered by Clemson College at this time. Any farmer may send a sample of his seed to Mr. R. W. Hamilton, Extension Agronomist, Clemson College, S. C., and receive the results of the test free of charge.

In many cases where storm damage was severe on the cotton crop this fall, there is a great probability of the seed being damaged, and all farmers who have doubts as to the germination of their cotton seed are urged to take advantage of this service.

Dr. Epting Thanks Voters

To the Citizens of the Town of McCormick:

The mayor's election has been held and the citizens have expressed themselves and they have chosen me for their mayor for the next two years. I want to thank them heartily and sincerely for the support they gave me and for the confidence they have put in me. I shall endeavor not to betray that confidence, but shall endeavor to the utmost to be worthy of the trust.

I wish to say that I appreciate the manly and sportsman like manner in which my opponent waged his campaign. I trust that I have conducted my campaign so as to warrant his admiration.

On behalf of the city council and myself, I want to say that we want the co-operation of every citizen of the town, of every civic service, fraternal and religious organization of the town so that we may strive with every effort to make the town bigger, cleaner and better in every respect. It will be a wonderful thing to pull together. It will be the only way to accomplish things. But to pull apart, may mean disaster.

I am saying through the paper just what I would like to say to each and every one of you, and that is, I sincerely appreciate the confidence.

C. K. EPTING.

Low Bid For Bordeaux Road

In the list of bidders for road work announced by Chief Highway Commissioner Ben M. Sawyer in Columbia Tuesday, Smith & Bradford of Macon, Ga., were the lowest bidders for 1.918 miles of grading and surfacing with top soil on Route 821 from a point on Route 82 near Little River to Bordeaux, the figures being \$16,655.06. Awards for the work will in all probability be made this week and work begun in the very near future.

De la Howe Gets \$12,000 Waterworks

The state Negro college at Orangeburg was cut from \$120,050 to \$108,054, a reduction of \$12,000 or 10 per cent, the amendment adopted being offered by the Harley group last Thursday in the legislature.

The John de la Howe industrial school not only suffers no decrease but had added to its item the sum of \$12,000, the amendment allowing this increase being offered by Representatives J. O. McDaniel, McCormick, W. H. Keith, Greenville, and others. The institution, it was pointed out, is in sore need of a water tank and sprinkler system so as to protect the main dormitory from fire.

Section 17, school for the deaf and blind, was left untouched, carrying a total of \$114,940.

Bishop Finlay At Willington Church Next Sunday

Bishop K. G. Finlay of Columbia will preach at St. Stephens' Episcopal Church, Willington, next Sunday afternoon, February 23, at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to the service.

Income Tax Notice

An agent of the South Carolina Tax Commission, income tax division, will be located at McCormick, in the Court House, on March 3, 1930, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in executing state income tax returns for 1929. All persons should avail themselves of this opportunity of securing aid which will be cheerfully given without charge.

No one can expect to make a hit when they aim at nothing.

South Carolina Tariff Association

COLUMBIA, Feb. 15.—The South Carolina Tariff Association was organized at a meeting held in the city council chamber yesterday, attended by a group of manufacturers, farmers and business men from over the state. Dr. Wade Stackhouse, of Dillon, was elected chairman of the executive committee.

The executive committee is composed of the following:

Dr. Stackhouse, chairman, representing the farmers; T. M. Marchant, Greenville, cotton manufacturers; M. V. Haselden, Charleston, fertilizer manufacturers; R. S. Small, Charleston, bankers; John T. Stevens, Kershaw, cotton seed crushers; T. W. Bennett, Charleston, truck growers, and H. L. Tilgham, Marion, lumber manufacturers.

The purpose of the organization, as given in the constitution and by-laws adopted at the meeting are stated to be "to organize, develop and vocalize sentiment in favor of a national tariff policy that will give the American producer possession of American markets, stabilize investments in agricultural and industrial pursuits and protect American labor against foreign competition."

Department For The 'Study Of Evil'

WINTER PARK, Fla., Feb. 15.—Establishment of a department for the "study of evil" with Mrs. Corra Harris, the novelist, as instructor has been announced by Dr. Hamilton Holt, president of Rollins College.

Mrs. Harris will deliver a series of lectures to a group of advanced students.

"The course," Dr. Holt said, "will not take up the practice of evil and the history and philosophy of it as compared to virtue and it is likely that the effects of evil upon history and life will be discussed."

"Evil is one of the oldest classics of human nature," Mrs. Harris said in discussing the study, "and it is usually taught by people morally illiterate and mentally corrupt when it should be an important part of the education of youth, taught as a classic, carefully analyzed and defined with reference to preparing adolescent people for dealing intelligently rather than emotionally or weakly with instincts not merely of the body but of the mind.

"The sophisticated youngster," she continued, "proves that he is unsophisticated by his insistence that he is sophisticated. A young man who is really wicked takes an entirely different attitude. He pretends to the best of his ability that he is innocent and to be found out is the last thing he wants to happen."

North Carolina Buses Must Also Carry Negroes

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 13.—The North Carolina Corporation commission must "within a reasonable time" order that "separate but equal" accommodations be provided for negroes on passenger buses and in bus stations in the state, according to a ruling of the state supreme court.

The decision, which was handed down yesterday, sustained a superior court ruling by Judge M. V. Barnhill.

Action to provide bus accommodations for negroes in the state was brought by the transportation committee of the North Carolina Inter-Racial commission. The corporation commission contended it was without authority to order such accommodations.

The supreme court decision was written by Associate Justice Clarkson, who in reviewing cases brought before the court in behalf of negroes declared that the negro has "the equal protection of the law."