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## LARGE SHARE OF TAXES DUE FALL ON RICH PEOPLE

Those Most Able to Pay Will Bear Brunt Says White House Statement in Support of Administration Measure.

## NO EFFORT TO REDUCE ONLY BIG MONEY TAXES

Plan is to Have Every Class Bear Proportionate Part; Sidetrack Chance for Frauds Under Existing Statutes.

By United Press. Washington, Aug. 13.—A larger share of the taxes under the revenue revision system of the administration will fall on those who are the most able to pay, according to a statement which was issued at the White House today in which the position of President Harding was defended against criticism from various quarters.

There has been no effort to reduce only the taxes of the rich, it is insisted. On the contrary, the administration is bent on seeing that every class bears its proportionate share of taxes and that frauds and evasions under the existing laws be made impossible, the White House statement said.

It is understood that the revision of the levy sections of the 1918 tax law is practically complete. The house ways and means committee voted late Friday to increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500 the exemption allowed married men having yearly incomes of \$5,000 or less. This is in addition to the increase of 200 in the exemption for each dependent member of the family and would be retroactive to January 1, 1921.

Arrangements also were reached, it was said, to decrease the manufacturers' tax on candy from 5 to 3 percent, the manufacturers' tax on furs from 10 to 5 percent, the tax on art works from 10 to 5 percent, and to repeal all of the so-called luxury levies, including those on carpets, rugs, trunks, traveling cases, pocket-books, umbrellas and portable lighting fixtures, as well as those on wearing apparel.

The majority members of the ways and means committee besides changing levies as outlined above, were said to have agreed not to increase the taxes on cigarettes, cigars and tobacco and alcoholic beverages. It also was stated that in reducing the income surtax rates to a maximum of 32 percent from the present 62 percent the committee had made no provision for a further reduction to 25 percent next year as recommended by Secretary Mellon.

In voting to repeal the luxury taxes, the majority members decided to substitute if possible a manufacturers' tax on the same articles, if designed to be sold at sums in excess of specified prices. The rate suggested was 3 per cent on the manufacturers' prices and the return was estimated at \$100,000,000 annually as against \$25,000,000 under the present laws. It was explained however, that a provision of this nature would be difficult to administer because the prices of such goods were not standardized and that it might be necessary to abandon the plan.

Under present plans of republican leaders, the committee draft of the completed bill, which will be in the form of an amendment to the 1918 law, will be presented to a conference of house republicans at 1 o'clock Monday and introduced in the house later that day. Actual consideration of it there, however, it was said, would go over until Wednesday in order that the measure could be formally passed upon Tuesday by the ways and means committee with the democratic members present.

While the question of a special rule is to be decided by the party conference, some leaders said they expected the majority to adopt a rule limiting general debate, fixing a time for a vote and giving priority to committee amendments. They regarded final action by the house a week from Saturday as something more than a probability, but it was emphasized that this was a matter

## RACING OVAL AT FAIR GROUNDS IS TAKING ON FORM

Straight-Aways Plowed and Disked; Work on Turns Monday; Begin Stock Pavilion Monday is Instruction.

Work has started on the half mile race track at Grady field and with all plans and specifications complete, the construction of the track is to be rushed as much as possible, according to Fred M. Frey, official of the Grady County Park association. Ben Burgess, horseman, is superintending the actual construction of the track. He has started his work on the straight-away sections of the track. These have been plowed and disked and are to be packed and leveled as soon as possible. The work on the banks or turns of the track will be started Monday and by the middle of the week the big oval should be taking form, it is indicated. The work is slowed down for the reason that the ground is hard and difficult to work.

In addition, the construction of the stock pavilion has been ordered by Mr. Frey and the crew of men will go on the job early next week possibly by Monday, it is said. This building will make the second in the group of three fair buildings planned by the association as a starter of the Grady County Fair plant. The third building will not be built in time to be of service to the Grady fair of 1921, but it is believed that sufficient space will be afforded in the two buildings for the fair this year.

Meanwhile, reports from every section of the county are that the farmers and stockmen are getting their exhibits in shape for the big show and everything points toward a most successful fair here on September 20-21-22-23, the dates set.

## REACH DEADLOCK IN COUNCIL OVER ARMY MOVEMENT

Britain Would Evacuate German Territory; France Opposes; Col. Harvey Agrees to Russian Relief Plans.

By United Press. Paris, Aug. 13.—The supreme council, in its final session today again reached a deadlock, it was announced today.

This time the deadlock came on the question of the allied evacuation of German territory. The British representative urged evacuation and Premier Briand of France opposed him.

Harvey Gives By United Press. Paris, Aug. 13.—Ambassador Harvey, sitting as American representative at the supreme council sessions, has consented to include the United States in the Russian relief commission, in the position which was decided upon by the supreme council today.

F. R. Linton's Studebaker six automobile, which was stolen Thursday night, was found abandoned yesterday near Terrell. The car was considerably damaged. Mr. Linton left the machine parked in front of the Rialto theatre where it was stolen.

The motion to increase the exemption allowed married men receiving small incomes was renewed by Representative Longworth of Ohio, and prevailed after Joseph S. McCoy, government actuary, had explained, it was said, that the total loss in revenue from the change and the increase in exemptions for dependents would be only \$50,000,000 if the amount committee members estimated would be lost by reason of the dependent exemption increase.

## DRIVERLESS RADIO AUTO IN DETROIT'S BUSIEST TRAFFIC



A driverless automobile recently started the traffic policemen in Dayton, O., when Captain R. E. Vaughn, Chief of the Radio section at McCook Field piloted it by radio control through the busiest streets of the city. The car controlled by radio was cigar shaped, about eight feet long, and had three pneumatic tired wheels. In a car a short distance behind, with a radio outfit overhead, was captain Vaughn. When they came to a crossing the driverless car slowed down and the horn tooted.

## OWSLEY BREAKS DOWN AND ADMITS HE WAS ONCE BALL PLAYER; SLATE HIM FOR BIG ROTARY GAME AUG. 17

John T. Owsley this morning broke down and confessed that he was once a ball player, a pitcher to be exact, of the Texarkana Terrors. His confession was obtained in the search for material being made here by the Rotary club for the game with the Norman Rotarians on August 17, for the benefit of the children's playground fund.

"I will admit," said John, "that I was good. I had thought to keep the fact that I was a baseball star, entirely to myself, but Rotary calls and I must answer. I proved to be such a whirlwind in the Texarkana team, that I was finally barred, owing to the fact that other teams of the state would not match games with me. I pitched. The fans just naturally demanded that I quit pitching, because the Texarkana team could get no games and Texarkana was witnessing no baseball.

"While that has been several years ago, I am certain that with little effort I could stage a comeback to the extent that I would have no trouble in routing the opposition. I have consented to pitch the game next Wednesday for the Chickasha club."

According to Clint C. Steinberger, manager of the Chickasha Rotary team, the great relief is felt by the club personnel over the announcement that Mr. Owsley has consented to pitch the game. However, Mr. Steinberger states, practice will continue right up to the date of the game and the staff of pitchers signed by the club will continue their daily workouts. They will be held in reserve for protection should any accident befall Owsley.

A wireless message was sent today to Roy L. Jones, catcher, outfielder and willow welder, who is away on a fishing trip in the Klumish mountains. In the message, Steinberger ordered Jones to report to the club not later than August 15. "Without Jones, our chances of victory would be nil," said Steinberger. "He is a marvel on the paths and his base running will be a big factor in our offensive play."

The latest scandal in the camp of the local Rotarians is that "Butterfat" Hollowell is a holdout. He has demanded a substantial boost in salary, but Steinberger is obstinate and it is feared that the two will not get together on the deal.

Steinberger returned today from a mysterious trip and it is believed that he was scouting for more material for his infield. In his absence, Louie Hensley, assistant manager, put the Rotary squad through a stiff workout last night. While he appeared to be satisfied with the afternoon's work, he intimated that there might be a shake-up in the team before the Norman game.

Meanwhile, plans for the advance ticket sale are going forward steadily. Mrs. A. B. Leeds, in charge of the sales committee stated that the Rotarians are well organized and will be ready to start the sale of tickets at the hour designated, 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The game is to be played here August 17 at Grady field, for the benefit of the children's playground fund.

WEATHER FORECAST For Oklahoma

Tonight and Sunday partly cloudy, probably thunder showers.

Temperatures

Maximum 89 Minimum 75

## FORMER HUSBAND OF ACCUSED NOW CENTRAL FIGURE

Promised Confession of Mrs. Obenchain Depends on Advice of Divorced Husband; Due to Arrive Tomorrow.

By United Press. Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—Ralph Obenchain, divorced husband of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, jumped forward as the central figure in the Kennedy murder mystery today.

Whether Mrs. Obenchain, who is now under indictment for murder in connection with the killing of Kennedy, will make the statement which she says will free her and clear up the mystery, depends on the advice of her former husband who is scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Meanwhile, authorities are still trying to find a motive for the crime. This motive, it is believed, will come with revelation of Madayne's relations with Arthur Burch, who is also under indictment for murder.

## NO REPLY TODAY ON NATURAL GAS SITUATION HERE

Chickasha banks have not rendered a definite and final decision on the city proposal that they buy \$80,000 worth of the Grady County Gas company's bonds which, it is said, would assure Chickasha of natural gas conveniences.

An answer from the bankers is expected not later than Monday. It is understood that all but one bank has passed favorably on the proposal and that the rejectors are reconsidering the proposition.

Unless the banks agree to purchase the bonds, as required by the company, the acting mayor will not call an election to approve or disapprove the franchise and the issue will be a dead one.

Heads of the company estimate that the installation of a natural gas distributing system in Chickasha would cost approximately \$250,000.

## C. OF C. ENDORSES SERVICE BATTERY MOVE SAYS WORD

62 Additional Men Needed Here to Keep Battery from Going to Enid; Would Release Nice Payroll Here.

Sixty-two additional men must be enlisted at once if Chickasha gets the Oklahoma National Guard service battery which is to be located either here or at Enid, Capt. A. Noble Ladd announced today.

Reports from Enid state that rapid progress is being made in the endeavor to recruit enough men to bring the battery to the Garfield county city, Lieut. Ladd said.

Forty-one men have been enlisted here and 62 additional recruits are wanted. Recruiting is being done by Capt. Ladd and members of Battery D, second regiment, heavy artillery—"Chickasha's Own." Co-operation of every citizen in Chickasha and Grady county is asked by the recruiting campaigners.

The service battery will carry a monthly payroll of \$9,980. Capt. Ladd said. This amount will include the salary of a man who will devote his entire time to the work and the upkeep and care of the equipment and battery headquarters. Battery D has a monthly payroll of \$860 while the military band is allowed \$320 for monthly expenses.

A captain assisted by seven lieutenants, will be in command of the service battery. These officers will not be selected until after the men are recruited and the battery organized and accepted by the federal and state departments.

Two hundred National Guardsmen could be assembled here on short notice if the service battery was in operation, Ladd says.

C. of C. Endorses Move The movement to organize the service battery here has been endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce. The written endorsement, signed by J. W. Comer, secretary; G. W. Austin, chairman of the publicity committee; C. B. Hanna, chairman of the membership committee, and O. L. Bingham, chairman of the industrial committee, follows:

"We feel that the organization of the service battery company in Chickasha should receive all the encouragement possible and sincerely trust that the necessary number of men can be enlisted.

"It will bring to Chickasha a very important public feature, a payroll of several thousand dollars and through their membership in the company will strengthen the interests of about 100 men in the affairs of Chickasha and will afford the members of the company a splendid opportunity for free instruction in band music, operation of tractors and gas engines. We urge its support."

That all men desiring to enlist in the military band must report at the Armory hall, over Lacy's bakery Saturday, August 13 between the

## FORSTER STATES SLATON TEST IS DRY AT 2600 FT.

Fishing Job Prevents Further Drilling; Decides to Pull Out; Gladys Belle Filivers at Depth of 3000.

That he has abandoned a dry hole the test on the Slaton farm, three miles east of Rush Springs in section 35-14-7w, was the statement today of A. R. Forster of Oil City, Penn., who was in Chickasha arranging to move his tools to Carter county.

Mr. Forster stated that he had a bad fishing job at a depth of 2,600 feet and that after working for a couple of months in an effort to get the lost tools out, he decided to abandon the hole. The contract depth was 2,500 feet, the depth at which he stopped giving the 100 feet of hole below the contract depth. Had the fishing job not hindered him, he would have gone to 3,000 feet or more, Mr. Forster declares.

Mr. Forster, with his partner, S. M. Coleman, will move the rotary used on the Slaton test to some of their inside acreage in Carter county. They are also starting a wildcat test near Hugo, Okla. It is to be a standard test. These operators own considerable acreage around the Harness well, just south of Chickasha and would be willing to drill a well there in the event the new test in the Harness vicinity proves to be a well, Mr. Forster states.

Another test in the Rush Springs territory has flivvered. It is that of the Gladys Belle, on the Hill farm in section 9-4-7, where at a depth of 3,008 feet, operations were stopped and preparations made to move the tools out. This well had a couple of strong gas showings and one showing of oil, but there was nothing that could be classed in the nature of a pay well.

## QUADRANGLE HAS OIL SAND STATE REPORTS IN CITY

Information Not Yet Definite; Say Sand Hit at 2,100; Many Chickasha Men Go to Test During Afternoon.

That the Quadrangle Petroleum company's test about seven and a half miles northeast of Chickasha on the Williams farm in section 10-7-5 has encountered an oil sand, was the report circulated in Chickasha this morning.

This report, which did not come direct from the Quadrangle people, stated that the sand was encountered at a depth of 2,010 feet. A sample of it was said to have been brought to Chickasha. The rumor did not indicate that the showing reported to have been found would make an oil well. On the other hand, it did not indicate that it would not.

An effort was made this morning to get in touch with the company's field man for the purpose of checking up the report, but without result. In the absence of definite information on the well, the report was not creating a great deal of excitement on the streets. However, a number of Chickasha men were planning to go to the well this afternoon to give it the once over.

The last official report given out on the well by the company representative, Mr. Truitt, was that they were down 1,842 feet. This was several days ago and it would be entirely possible for them to reach a depth of 2,100 feet by this time.

## LOCAL BUSINESS MEN GIVEN FEED BY FARM WOMEN

Grady Federation of Farm Women's Clubs Serves Picnic Dinner at County Fair Ground; Menu is Big Headliner.

## CO-OPERATION IS URGED BY PRESIDENT OF CLUBS

Mrs. Early Explains Purpose of Dinner; J. S. Garner and Dr. A. S. Riddle Reply for Chickasha; Over 100 Served.

More than one hundred business and professional men of this city were guests of the County Federation of Farm Women's clubs at a picnic dinner served yesterday in the exposition building at the county fair ground.

A bountiful dinner was spread before the business men. The menu included fried chicken, salads, practically every food product raised in Grady county and everything a hungry man would desire. As he was being served, one man remarked that the dinner would have been a big boost for the "back to the farm" movement.

More than two dozen members of the county federation and several members of the Neighboring club of this city, composed of former members of the Rural Neighbors club, assisted in the serving of the dinner.

## Co-Operation is Urged.

Mrs. Oscar Early, president of the county federation, delivered a short address of welcome in which she stated that the dinner was being served as an expression of the federation's appreciation of the courtesy and consideration shown the organization by the Retail Merchants' association of this city. Mrs. Early urged co-operation and a continuance of these relations between the agricultural element of Grady county and the business men of this city. This was the keynote of short talks made by J. S. Garner, former president of the R. M. A., and Dr. A. S. Riddle, who recently returned to Chickasha after spending several years in the south.

"We thank you for the splendid dinner," Mr. Garner said. "There has never been another occasion where in the farm women have taken and so completely tied the cord of co-operation. It is one more page written in Grady county's book of success."

"You have done something we retailers have been trying to do for a long time. You have torn down the barrier between the town people and the country people. This was accomplished by co-operation among yourselves."

"Women are not selfish. They are willing to give and take and this is responsible for the success of the County Federation of Farm women. You business men are selfish."

"None of us can succeed without co-operating, one with another. No man can stand alone; we are our brother's keeper. To you farm women and men we owe our existence. Without you, there would be no stores, no banks; all depends on the farm men and women," Mr. Garner continued.

## County Fair Mentioned.

The former R. M. A. head mentioned the Grady county fair. "The success of the county fair depends upon the co-operation of all of us."

"You can't stop the progress of Grady county as long as the agricultural and commercial interests pull together. It means a better Grady county and a greater Chickasha," Mr. Garner declared.

Dr. Riddle gave a brief outline of the county's history and referred to it as the foremost county in the state with its citizenship made up of the best people on earth. "This event reminds me of the spirit displayed here in the earlier days," he said.

Camp is Disbanded. The boys' and girls' club camp was disbanded yesterday afternoon soon after the serving of the picnic dinner. Eighty-seven club members from every section of the county attended the camp, which was opened Thursday morning. Talks by Miss Norma Brumbaugh, home economics

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