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STUDYING THE HOME STATE

This issue of the News Letter is partially devoted to an exhibit of the studies of the home state at the University during the college year 1922-23—one hundred and thirty-eight in number including fifteen North Carolina Club studies. There have been more than eleven hundred such detailed studies of the home state made by the students and members of the rural social economics department at the University during the last nine years.

There is no other such accumulation of data, simply interpreted, to be found in any state. The studies are all filed in an orderly manner to be used by students of North Carolina life and livelihood, both on and off the campus. These studies form a part of the vast library of information about the home state assembled by the Department of Rural Social Economics. Any information or study we possess goes free to any person in the state who writes for it.

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THE EQUALIZATION FUND

The general assembly of 1923 appropriated \$1,250,000 to be used as an equalization fund and directed the state board of education to certify to each county on or before June 1, of each year the amount each county shall be entitled to draw from the equalizing fund.

The amount apportioned on May 31, including \$20,000 for transportation of pupils, is \$1,929,929.42. This leaves a balance of \$57,070.58, which according

to law, must be apportioned later so as to encourage the more backward counties in improving the standard of the teachers. This sum, therefore, will be apportioned later to about 12 counties that have just begun to improve the grade of teachers, provided the budget shows that an additional amount is needed.

If the reader will study the following awards in connection with the table showing school taxes paid per inhabitant he will find some interesting facts. The inequities are sourced in the counties themselves. Several counties that could easily support their own schools come in for a large slice of the equalization fund. The intent of the equalization fund is partially defeated. The awards made to date follow:

Alamance \$24,970.95; Alexander \$24,338.04; Alleghany \$12,647.93; Anson \$9,435.14; Ashe \$23,747.36; Avery \$28,272.53; Bertie \$26,185.26; Bladen \$18,053.35; Brunswick \$6,913.09; Burke \$11,496.26; Caldwell \$23,682.19; Camden \$8,333.61; Carteret \$21,315.43; Caswell \$2,895.60; Catawba \$27,099.48; Chatham \$28,506.90; Cherokee \$28,775.71; Chowan \$2,694.56; Clay \$8,452.03; Cleveland \$5,128.16; Columbus \$50,800.86; Currituck \$12,170.92; Dare \$15,488.41; Davidson \$7,011.53; Davie \$4,993.63; Franklin \$13,546.77; Gates \$11,674.36; Graham \$3,061.62; Granville \$5,360.50; Harnett \$14,248.57; Henderson \$21,241.93; Hertford \$5,824.73; Iredell \$21,957.70; Jackson \$21,308.30; Jones \$3,915.02; Lee \$14,142.42; Lincoln \$17,675.59; Macon \$33,101.19; Madison \$17,006.02; Mitchell \$4,507.22; Montgomery \$15,640.62; Moore \$18,615.70; Northampton \$16,754.30; Onslow \$8,963.15; Orange \$18,242.16; Pamlico \$21,847.84; Pender \$20,677.71; Perquimans \$15,521.41; Person \$10,378.16; Polk \$15,520.86; Randolph \$30,207.26; Richmond \$6,725.17; Robeson \$10,843.77; Rowan \$6,838.99; Rutherford \$26,008.07; Sampson \$28,455.84; Stokes \$18,512.99; Surry \$23,584.04; Swain \$6,062.23; Transylvania \$16,895.86; Tyrrell \$6,802.30; Union \$42,903.02; Warren \$19,544.93; Washington \$3,115.87; Watauga \$17,136.55; Wilkes \$75,647.41; Yadkin \$23,611.36; Yancey \$15,983.53.

SCHOOL TAX PER INHABITANT

In North Carolina for 1920-21.

Based on the 1921 Report of the State Commissioner of Revenue and the 1920 Census of Population, covering all taxes paid for school purposes, state, county, and local, in each county, divided by the population.

The school tax per inhabitant in Wilson county was \$12.90. In Macon it was only \$1.58. State average was \$4.32. There is no uniform assessment or tax rate on property. Some poor counties rank high while some rich counties rank low in school taxes per inhabitant.

Wilson county has only twelve school districts. She has sixty-two school trucks, or one ninth of all trucks in the state, which transport about 2,500 pupils daily. In many counties ranking low the one-teacher school still predominates.

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Rank	County	School Tax Per Inhab.	Rank	County	School Tax Per Inhab.
1	Wilson	\$12.90	51	Mecklenburg	\$3.89
2	Durham	7.92	51	Camden	3.89
3	Wayne	6.67	53	Graham	3.82
4	Hyde	6.07	53	Forsyth	3.82
5	Wake	5.97	55	Lincoln	3.73
6	Vance	5.96	55	Henderson	3.73
7	Onslow	5.70	57	Gates	3.68
8	Halifax	5.63	58	Alamance	3.71
9	Craven	5.59	59	Bladen	3.70
10	Pitt	5.55	60	Lenoir	3.63
11	Hertford	5.52	61	Carteret	3.48
12	Guilford	5.47	62	Perquimans	3.47
13	Nash	5.38	63	Cleveland	3.45
14	Greene	5.31	63	Catawba	3.45
15	Edgecombe	5.30	65	Richmond	3.43
16	Gaston	5.25	65	Anson	3.43
17	Scotland	5.23	67	Currituck	3.42
18	Washington	5.17	67	Alexander	3.42
19	Cumberland	5.05	69	Davie	3.28
20	Harnett	5.00	70	Stanly	3.27
21	Hoke	4.92	71	Polk	3.20
22	McDowell	4.88	72	Lee	3.16
23	Duplin	4.73	73	Iredell	3.15
24	Martin	4.74	74	Surry	3.13
25	Buncombe	4.67	75	Stokes	3.12
26	Robeson	4.64	76	Burke	3.03
27	Rockingham	4.63	77	Alleghany	2.88
28	Columbus	4.60	78	Randolph	2.87
29	Granville	4.50	79	Haywood	2.84
29	Moore	4.50	80	Clay	2.83
31	Swain	4.48	81	Caswell	2.81
32	New Hanover	4.47	82	Chatham	2.79
33	Montgomery	4.45	82	Cabarrus	2.79
33	Tyrrell	4.45	84	Madison	2.75
35	Warren	4.43	85	Mitchell	2.67
36	Union	4.40	85	Person	2.67
37	Franklin	4.26	87	Avery	2.60
38	Johnston	4.24	88	Rutherford	2.56
39	Cherokee	4.22	88	Sampson	2.56
40	Orange	4.20	90	Dare	2.53
41	Jackson	4.11	91	Yadkin	2.51
42	Transylvania	4.09	92	Caldwell	2.46
43	Northampton	4.05	92	Watauga	2.46
44	Pender	4.03	94	Ashe	2.42
44	Rowan	4.03	95	Brunswick	2.38
46	Beaufort	3.97	96	Davidson	2.32
47	Pasquotank	3.95	97	Yancey	2.22
48	Pamlico	3.92	98	Chowan	2.15
49	Bertie	3.91	99	Wilkes	1.98
50	Jones	3.90	100	Macon	1.58