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Raper Writes On Tax Meet Held In Raleigh

County Tax Supervisor And Assistants Have Big Job In 1931

Oak Park, N. C., Dec. 17.—You know that the County Supervisor has general control of the supervision of all the listing and assessment of all land and personal property in the county.

The State Board of Assessment, realizing the great importance of the task of the supervisors, of each county, and therefore called all them to meet on the 10th day of December in the Hall of Representatives, for different views from each supervisor from the 100 counties in the State, as they figured that it would be very beneficial to each one engaged in this work of revaluation, under the existing state of depression, such as the State has never known.

Our meeting was opened with a fine address from Hon. Max Gardner, our Governor, he laid out many plans to work from as to revaluation of the real estate and personal property and so on, all which was discussed by the members of the Conference in general, many ideas were developed among the different members from each county, and at last there was no final definite point reached as to how to find the real value of real estate at this period of depression. They claimed that there was no value, at this time. Still yet it was worth something, but the true value would be hard to get at. On the first day of January, when the values have to be reckoned, and then completed by the last day of March, ready to go on the listing of all the properties of the county.

We had many fine speeches from the State officers, on how to get at the values for taxation for the next four years, and at last they all said that they would like to see the man that could tell them how this could be done.

So now you see that the Supervisor and his assistants are going to have some big job on their hands this time in getting at the values of the real estate in this county. We are going to try to work out some more definite plan to see if we can get some of the lands a little lower, in some sections, and most if we can as they are all too high, and the general public demands a lower value on their lands, and we are going to give it if it can be done, worked out to that end, and this is the problem that we are going to study between now and the first of the year, when we start our work on this revaluation of lands.

We have set the time off till the first of March to begin the work, we thought that it best to do this as we didn't want to put in three months on this job—just take one month and cut expense of the county as much as we could. But it will take every day to do the work, as we have to see every piece of land, and see what it might be worth for tax value, and give every land owner a chance to see what he is getting in the way of a tax value, of equal kind of lands and equally situated to the roads and markets and so on.

My aim is to give every man a square and fair deal at valuing his property, regardless of friends or politics, or anything else. I am going to try to apply the Golden Rule to all cases involved in this matter of valuing the people's properties of the county—be just and fair to all concerned in this matter of revaluing his property, each and every one. I am not going to have any special ones or pets, in this work of getting the land values on the tax books. You will all get a fair deal as much as it is possible to be done, and every man's complaint will be heard on this tax valuation.

All assistant Supervisors are appointed to assist in doing this important work, and will all meet at the Commission's office on the first Monday in March for further instructions on the matter of valuations of lands in the county. At this time I will be more prepared to give each one the necessary instructions that he will need in doing the work that he will have to do. I will be fully prepared to take care of all questions that may come up at that meeting.

All tax payers may rest easy that we will take care of you all the best we can, in valuing of your properties, real and personal. The listings of the personal will begin on the first day of April, just after the lands have been valued. We are going to try to make every thing just as pleasant with you all as we can in this tax matter, going to try to put a better taste in your mouth on this tax matter as I know that you all want a better feeling on this matter of tax-

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STOCKHOLDERS PETITION CORPORATION COMMISSION TO LET THEM OPEN BANK

State Body Will Get Report On The Condition Of The Bank This Week

The Stockholders of the closed Bank of Murphy have petitioned the State Corporation Commission asking that they be allowed to open the bank for business as soon as possible, according to an announcement made the latter part of last week following a meeting of the stockholders at the court house.

Officers of the bank stated that the Corporation Commission would probably receive the complete report of the condition of the bank as found by the State Examiner who has been going over the bank's books since the institution closed its doors on November 22nd, following a run on the bank by depositors.

The records of the bank have been checked thoroughly, and the report is now being typewritten and prepared for presentation to the Corporation Commission. This body will scrutinize the report and make a ruling in the matter. Just when this ruling will be made is not known, but in all probability will be shortly after the end of the year.

I think that I have said enough on this subject; at this time, I may say again.

Your for equalized tax values,
LON RAPER,
County Supervisor of Taxes.

first of the year, within thirty days at least, it is believed.

Just what the resolution passed by the stockholders contains was not made public, but it did petition the Corporation Commission to allow the bank to open and resume business.

The depositors and patrons of the bank had a meeting some two weeks ago, named a committee to represent them and expressed a desire to cooperate with the bank in every way possible looking toward the opening of the institution.

The resolution of the Stockholders asking for permission to re-open the bank and the declaration of depositors and patrons to cooperate in every way possible toward this end, is perhaps the most encouraging news that could possibly come to this section at this time, and it is hoped that the Corporation Commission's ruling will be favorable to such a step.

TO ALL CLAY COUNTY FOLKS:

Wishing you one and all a very happy Christmas, and the best year ever in history.

E. D. BOWDITCH, County Agent

BAPTISTS GIVE FRUIT SHOWER AT COUNTY HOME

Rev. J. L. Steele and the members of the Baptist Missionary Society held prayer meeting at the County Home on Tuesday night. After the service they gave the inmates a fruit shower.

SCOUT OFFICE TO BE CLOSED DURING XMAS HOLIDAYS

The Scout office will be closed from December 24th to December 31st, inclusive, in order to let the "force" take Christmas. We will be back on the job the first day of next year.

Wishing all our readers and our friends a very merry Christmas, and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Vital Statistics Bureau Not Naming Registrars

In a letter last week from G. M. Cooper, Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health, to Mayor J. W. McMillan, Mr. Cooper stated that his office had been flooded with applications for appointments as local registrars.

The letter contained the information that the present terms of the registrars for the bureau did not expire until December, 1932, appointments being made every four years.

Facing Frowns

A downtown hotel has a sign on the assistant manager's desk—where all guests rush up with their complaints—and it has worked splendidly. The sign says, "Nothing is half as important as you think it is." The irate guest who waits for a chance to scream about missing baggage or noise across the hall stands and stares at the sign and the assistant manager says he can stand at one side and watch the frown fade.—Detroit News

Funeral Held Saturday For W. A. Coleman

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, December 20, at the Hayesville Methodist Church for William A. Coleman, who died that morning at his home near here. Paul E. L. Adams, of Young Harris, Georgia, conducted the funeral service; interment was in the Hayesville cemetery.

Mr. Coleman was born in Clay County 60 years ago, and spent his entire life here. He professed religion and joined the Methodist church in early manhood. He was a consistent member and attended all church services. He was a Steward in the Hayesville Methodist church at the time of his death. Mr. Coleman had been confined to his bed for several months.

He was married twice, first to Miss Dacie Scroggs and to them were born five children: Mr. Ben G. Coleman, of Canton, N. C.; Mrs. Edith Barnard, of Georgia; Mrs. Lake Smith, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Claude Long, of Hayesville, and Mrs. Jack Dureh, of Georgia. All of whom survive him. He next married Miss Ellie Smith, of Canton, Ga., and to this union were born two sons, Clay who died several years ago and Howie, a small boy at home.

He is also survived by his wife, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. A. T. McClure, of Shooting Creek, Messrs. J. O. Coleman and J. P. Coleman, of Hayesville.

Former Andrews Pastor Member of Golden Bough

Rev. W. H. Ford Receives Signal Honor At Wake Forest College

Wake Forest, Dec. 18.—Andrews enjoys the unusual distinction this year of having one of its boys at Wake Forest to be "tapped" into the Golden Bough, the highest honorary organization at Wake Forest College. W. Herschel Ford, former pastor of the Andrews Baptist Church, was selected this year to receive this honor. Last year Edwin B. Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker, was inducted into this organization.

Golden Bough is composed of men who by popular vote among faculty and student seem to have the highest qualities of character, scholarship and leadership.

In addition to being inducted into Golden Bough, Ford holds many other college honors. For the first two periods of this season he has led the entire college in scholastic standing. He has not received a grade of less than "A" on any of his six subjects this year. He is president of the Ministerial Class of the college, State president of the Baptist student Union, Society Day and Anniversary Day debater, and in addition to these many other extra-curricular activities, is full-time pastor of the Baptist Church at Angier, N. C.

SUIT

Mr. J. L. McNabb and family of Ducktown, Tenn., visited Mr. McNabb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McNabb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pinkerton accompanied by Mr. J. F. Wood are spending a few days in Chattanooga.

The following high school pupils of Murphy spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with their parents: Cloyce and Annie Lou Keenum and Miss Leona Hickey.

Mr. A. T. Sanders who was born and reared near Suit died at Lynch, Ky., on the 8th, and was buried here on the 12th.

Mr. Lee Wood of Akron Ohio is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wood.

Mr. H. H. McDonald has sold his place and leased Mr. W. A. Curtis' farm.

"Other Wise Man" At Baptist Church Sunday

"The Story of the Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke, will be given at the Baptist Church next Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Steele. This story is illustrated with a series of fifty slides especially prepared for this purpose. This story was scheduled for last Sunday night but because the slides did not arrive in time it was postponed one week.