

**COMMUNICATION FROM  
MR. JOHN C. TAYLOR**

MR. EDITOR—

In your issue of August 14th I notice your editorial under the heading "Is It Fair?" I have read and considered it very carefully and in the name of justice to the people of the county, the county officers and the general welfare of the county, I deem a reply expedient to be made by some one, who has the best interest of the county at heart and one who is in favor of good county government, and one who has at all times tried to uphold and promote the best interests of the whole county and its people to the best of his ability as he saw it.

Now in the offset, let me say that I heartily agree with your assertion in your first paragraph. "That 'There is Something Rotten in Denmark.'" I note that upon looking over the Ahoakie tax books that you found property that is worth two to three times as much as it is listed and that you also found property listed for more than it is worth and cite several illustrations. You also say that the county officers say there is no remedy for it, and that a remedy should be made, of course that is a direct thrust at the County Commissioners. Let me, as a member of that Board say that at the present time there is no remedy nor will there be until the new assessment year of 1924 arrives. There was a remedy offered last year to all the people of the county, but the people themselves let the limit of time for reviewing slip and certainly they have no one to blame but themselves. The people of your township ought to have informed the Commissioner from your township of all under valuations that they knew of and again they should have complained to him of all over valuations. It was clearly the duty of the Commissioner from your township to have carefully looked over your Tax Book in an effort to discover all such under valuations as well as over valuations as you speak of and brought it, or caused it to be brought to the attention of the Commissioners. I did that very thing with my Township Tax Books and no such conditions exist over here and I have not heard of such in any other part of the county.

Now as to the remedy referred to above. Let me refer you to the Revenue Act, Public Laws of 1921, chapter 38, section 28, 28a, 28b, 28c, 28d, 28e, 28f and 28 j. I wish every taxpayer of the county would read the whole chapter; at least I earnestly entreat every citizen of our county to read or have read to him the above references.

"There is something rotten in Denmark." Yes, there is and to the case, let's see if we can find the trouble. Please refer to chapter 38, section 8, Public Laws of 1919, creating the County Supervisor or one man county list taker, also chapter 38, section 15, Public Laws of 1921. We have no need for such an officer, for several reasons; two of the most prominent are, first, there is not a man in our county who is well enough informed to place a just and fair valuation on all of either the real or personal property throughout the county. That very thing is responsible for the unnecessary work, worry and confusion in the Commissioners' office for the last two years, and is today responsible for the variations from justice that you say exist in your Township.

Now I believe the 1920 supervisor or assessor who began the work, and also his successor, honestly tried to administer justice to all, without fear or favor, and that they both did the work as well as any other two men that could have been selected; but as stated above, it was impossible for lack of information. What do I know about placing a just valuation on the property of your Township? And what do you know about a just valuation for the property of my Township? Second. The system is too expensive, the 1920 re-valuation cost about five times what it really would have cost under the old system, consisting of two freeholders and a list taker for each township, who are in personal touch with all of the property in their township year in and year out.

Again in off years the office of supervisor is not needed. He has practically nothing to do, is governed by the list takers who do the work. It seems to me that about all he has to do is to fill the office and collect his salary and that the county does not get value received.

The Supervisor last year cost the county \$125.00; the Supervisor for the present year cost \$100.00 I have no kick against either of the gentlemen, both are as good men as could have been found for the office in the county, but as above stated, they had nothing to do in return for the salary received. If the list was taken any better than it would have been taken, had it been left entirely with the six list takers who did the work, it has not come to my observation.

I too Mr. Editor want to see a just and fair valuation placed on every-

body's property and everybody pay taxes according to what she or he is worth.

The one and only remedy I see is to ask our next representative to have repealed all of that part of the law referring to the supervisor or assessor and to get back to the old system of township valuation by the list taker and two fair and impartial freeholders, who are residents of each township, to assist him every fourth year in placing a valuation on the real estate of each respective township. This, if done, will be much cheaper, more satisfactory and eliminate to a minimum, the complaints flowing into the Commissioners' office every day they meet. No one knows except the members of the Board of Commissioners what a burden it has been to them all of the last two years, and the end seems not yet to be in sight.

Respectfully,  
J. C. TAYLOR.

North Carolina Superior Court  
Hertford County Before The Clerk  
Will Lowe vs. Janie Lowe—NOTICE

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Hertford County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce, "A VINCULO MATRIMONII," and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hertford County, at his office in the Courthouse in Winton, N. C., on the 11th day of September, 1922, and answer or demur, to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 15th day of August, 1922.  
D. R. MCGLOHON,  
Clerk of Superior Court.  
C. W. JONES, Atty. for the Plaintiff.  
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**STRANGE NEWS ITEMS  
FROM THE DAILY PRESS**

A man in London tried to hang himself. He was a poor hand at it, but he died just the same. The doctor testified that there was no sign of death by strangulation, so the Coroners duly brought in a verdict of "suicide by auto-suggestion," the first of its kind on record. The theory is that the man believed he was hanging himself, because he had a handkerchief looped over a bed-post and about his neck, and that the conviction that he was being strangled succeeded in killing him. It is not thought that killing one's self by thinking one is dead will become popular!

London also is responsible for the story of William Skinner, a sailor, who lost his life in the battle of Jutland. When his body was recovered the usual brass identification disc was taken from his neck. On the reverse of it, in words so fine they require a microscope for reading, if his will, leaving his all to his wife. This, the smallest and most unique will in the annals of law, has just been admitted to probate in the London courts.

The first aerial stowaway has safely made his flight. One Mike Stone, of Detroit, concealed himself in the mail compartment of the aeromarine eleven-passenger plane flying regularly from Detroit to Cleveland, went to sleep, and woke up when the motors roared. He couldn't make his presence known until the motors stopped, across the lake in Cleveland.

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**DELINQUENT TAX SALE**

The land listed below will be sold for taxes on the first Monday in September, 1922. Sale will be held at the Court House door in Winton, N. C.

WHITE	
J. T. Earley, 110 acres, Earley's, 50 acres, Newsome	134.95
V. H. Garrett, 3 1-2 acres, McKeel, taxes, balance	44.53
J. I. Godwin, 35 acres, Godwin, taxes	19.00
O. L. Joyner, 28 acres, Riddick, 48 acres Miller, taxes, balance	77.34
M. Lassiter, 67 acres, old home Sessoms and T. Newsome taxes	91.30
J. W. Moore, heirs, 750 acres, Moore, taxes	202.66
J. C. Newsome, 8 acres, A. C. L. R. R., taxes	10.98
R. L. Phelps, 90 acres, Brown, taxes	79.81

COLORED	
Wm. Butler, 1 lot, Garrett, taxes	4.95
Flora Everette, 1 vacant lot, taxes	.63
Lewden Harrell, 45 acres, home, taxes, balance	7.42
W. F. Helson, 1 lot Maple Street, taxes	9.50
Wm. Holloman, 50 acres, home, taxes	19.30
John D. Jenkins, home, taxes	5.28
Della Mitchell, 2 acres, home, taxes	4.75
J. W. Moore, 1 vacant lot, taxes	3.28
J. R. Scott 1 lot Lawrence, taxes	6.96
John Sanders, 120 acres, home, taxes	33.05
C. E. Vaughan, 1 lot Garrett, taxes	7.42
Lonnie Wheeler, 1 acre Ed. Peoples, taxes	3.93
Willie B. Whitley, 1 lot Garrett, taxes	3.16
C. H. Whitefield, 6 acres home, taxes	1.52
Bettie Williford, 30 acres, Sanders, taxes	5.38
D. C. Powell, 1 1-4 acres, store	9.90

Regulaf per cent will be charged on above taxes.  
S. E. VAUGHN, Tax Collector,  
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James Vinson, home	\$ 46.34
H. V. Buck, home	10.80
F. B. Griffith, town lot	33.85
S. L. Griffith, home and farm	79.46
J. S. Lawrence, home	124.02
Bridge Barnes, 54 acres, Scott	22.35
R. B. Garria, 36 acres	34.62
Paul Lee, Williams land	9.67
Mag. Majette, 66 acres	4.06
Mariah Vaughan	5.80
Rob Gatling, 7 acres	3.50
James Thomas, 66 acres	28.20
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