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TAXES AGAIN—

That ever living, never dying subject of taxes is one that presents unlimited opportunities for the diligent public official who has to do with administrative affairs of town, county, state or nation.

The editorial writer of the News & Observer, glancing over the news columns of his paper, read the article from Ahoskie, and in an editorial Sunday makes the following comment.

"A tax lister in one of the eastern counties is said to have unearthed more than \$50,000 worth of real estate not listed last year. The taxing authorities appear to have been loafing on the job last year. Attention has been called before to the need for more efficient county administration. It does not look as if it would be difficult to at least keep all the land on the tax books.

It is man's natural bent to get something for nothing. It is just as true with the ordinary taxpayer as with the keen trader, and in laying plans to escape as much taxation as possible, the taxpayer like the unscrupulous trader, never consults his conscience.

This situation obtains with equal force to those who squeeze every point to get a reduction, and with others who take advantage of a tax lister's ignorance of all lands and properties to make doubtful oath about the true valuation of his property.

Some fellow by fair and unfair means succeeds in placing his property on the list books at a valuation known to him to be too little. His neighbors find it out, and they begin to kick. The county administrative board can do nothing but investigate, and re-assess, giving each taxpayer a fair proportion. Probably, if some of those taxpayers who are so careless about the way they handle the truth in making oath about the valuation of

their property were the subject of a grand jury investigation, there might be less inclination to try to fool the lister and cheat an honest neighbor or neighbors.

"THE TWO PILLS"—

One of the very best comparisons seen in many days was that drawn by the editorial writer of the Greensboro Daily News in a last week's edition of that newspaper. J. W. Bailey and A. W. McLean, potential and active candidates for North Carolina's next governor, were under discussion, or rather, their vote catching "platforms" were reviewed.

And, if we know anything about human nature, the voters of North Carolina will certainly be presented with two wholly different types of men as candidates for their next governor. Their recent speeches reflect the appeal each will make. Bailey, the News says, is "decrying the times", while McLean "points with pride."

Both men have mingled in and are classed among the "big interests." Each candidate is well possessed with this world's goods, and are used to ways of making and saving money. The one elects to bemoan the fate that bestowed upon him much of the world's goods, while his opponent, seeking the same honors, chooses to appeal to that spirit of steady progress for support and elevation to the governorship.

The Robeson county candidate, Mr. McLean, is not so well known among the rank and file of voters in the State as is his opponent, Mr. Bailey. J. W. Bailey, a ready talker, a good sermonizer, and wielder of a "wicked" editorial pen has made himself either popular or unpopular in practically all sections of the State. Those who know him are either for him or they don't like anything of the Bailey brand.

KNOW NORTH CAROLINA PROMOTING EDUCATION

The State Government at Raleigh has apportioned the sum of \$1,163,939.52 among various counties in the state in the nature of an equalization fund, the purpose being to bring the more backward counties forward. There yet remains a fund of over \$50,000 which is to have distribution later. The incident gives token of educational advancement in rural North Carolina, progress in system being further indicated in one item of \$20,000 for transportation of pupils to and from the school houses in motor busses. The consolidated school and the transportation service is giving the children of the rural districts about the same advantages as are enjoyed by children in the distribution of this money.

REPORTS FLYING FAST

Rumors quickly turn into purported facts about the dire results accompanying the dipping of cattle in the county. All kinds of reports about cattle dying, milch cows "drying up," and severe blisters being made on the cattle have been heard lately. However, in every instance, there has been no foundation for the reports. The worst calamity reported to date was the free bath one county citizen got when his feet slipped and he took a dip into the brine. He suffered no severe results.

OFFICE CAT



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The County Commissioners have been wrestling with some knotty problems of late. And, unless the dope goes awry, Friday's meeting will be the liveliest of them all. Fixing tax rates is ever and anon a disagreeable task for the commissioners, but it was a liability they assumed when elected to office. A duty they cannot shirk; neither can they be expected to pay county bills themselves—taxes must pay the costs.

K-A-T

The mere fact that Doctor Mitchell presides over the small body of men who must levy taxes and upon whose shoulders rests the burden of criticism of whatever action taken makes the business before the board shot through with added spice, ginger, and pep. He is known of all men to be averse to taxation; not to raise the taxes was the platform upon which he rode into office.

K-A-T

It is, then, no wonder that he says he will take the matter to the courts before he will consent to approval of the school budget. To raise the levy will be to him a rejection of his platform. Those who know him are perfectly aware of his attitude towards taxation, and they are not surprised at his announced intention of seeking the courts. In truth, the Doctor has had right much experience in the courts, any way.

K-A-T

But, folks, this is no time for court arguments, entanglements, and muddling. This business can be settled out of the courts, and it should never become necessary for the people of Hertford County to spend it tax money (needed for administrative purposes) for courts costs and lawyers' fees.

K-A-T

SALLY is getting mighty tired of those evacuations in the only gravel road within Ahoskie township. It's high time those holes were filled with sand, clinkers, or something. Both town and county officials pass over a section of this road every day, and it is known of all men that not a care or worry seems to possess any of them about the St. Johns road, out of town, or within the town's limits.

K-A-T

PATICA thinks it is a dereliction of duty on the part of some official to remedy the uncalled for situation. Just a little maintenance, a mere drop in the bucket as compared with the money being spent for road purposes will fill up the holes, and save a good road. That road, in and out of town, is the only example of good road building in this township or town and to let the money spent on gravel waste or allow it to become of no value to the traveler is downright waste of public funds.

K-A-T

TOM, JR., representing those who use this road and town street, adds another kick. However, he regards it not as a kick, but a righteous protest, and offers the same remedy as his two kin. He says it is not criticism for the sake of knocking; it is calling attention to a situation and offering a remedy—what they like to call "constructive criticism." Constructive or what not, somebody repair that road and street.

K-A-T

ATA BOY! What are the wild waves saying As they dash against the beach— They say it's great to be playing Around a corn-fed peach.

"Ah! The last lap" sighed the Office Kitten as she finished her saucer of milk. The supply of international grouch is so large nowadays that half the world doesn't know why the other half lives.

We know some men who have just about as much right to their pay checks as they have to rob a bank.

Correct this sentence: "The man stepped out on the street in a new

Palm Beach suit and did not feel at all conspicuous." A law that is observed doesn't have to be enforced.

Bridegroom, to Ahoskie minister: "How much do I owe you?" Minister: "You can better estimate the value of the services rendered." Bridegroom: "Suppose we postpone settlement—say for a year. By that time—" Minister: "No, no, make it \$5. now."

Somebody said that the greatest success in life have been made out of a lot of errors that were corrected.

This finishes my tale, said the Office Cat as it backed into the lawnmower.

Many a man who had the sand stick to it has won out at the eleventh hour, just by sticking to it.

No matter how fast a clock runs it always wind up in the same place.

After you have made good on your job is plenty soon enough to begin telling the other fellow how he fell down.

Gold comes from mines; dollars from minds.

Living has increased 69 per cent in the last ten years, but it is still worth living, thinks Sam Vaughn.

You can always draw the queen; if you have the jack, opines Newly Wed.

A bride is a person who thinks his pipe would look perfectly darling with a pink ribbon tied to it.

The boy who once wished his dad had a candy store now has a son who wishes his dad had a filling station.

There was a man in Winton who went to a revival meeting and was pressed to repent. He wavered for a time and finally arose and said: "Friends, I want to repent and tell how bad I have been, but I can't do it when the grand jury is in session," "The Lord will forgive," the revivalist shouted. "Probably he will," answered the sinner, "but he ain't on that grand jury."

"You cannot change the sum total of efficiency in the world," declares an Ahoskie man. "The man who is worth a lot around a kitchen or a washing machine is worth less other places."

Light without heat isn't impossible. At times the light in the banker's eyes shows no trace of warmth.

Dollar gasoline might have a tendency to stop some people in the race for the crossing.

"I'm taking dinner out," said the Ahoskie waiter as he cleared the tables.

Popular

"Of course, the motor car is popular in your little city, the same as elsewhere?"

"You betcha! answered the gent from Jimpson Junction, "About forty per cent of our men folks own fivers now. Twenty per cent more are trying to swap for 'em, or get 'em on credit. One per cent is an idiot and don't know what they are for, and most of the rest are suspected of plotting to steal 'em."

What's the use of learning An Ancient History date, When you can make a modern one With her at half-past eight?

Cy Kology says when things do not come your way it's a sign you ought to be going after them.

Our national income for 1923 will exceed expenses by a quarter of a billion dollars.

Survey issued by United States department of labor shows less unemployment during May than at any time during past twelve months. In many of the larger industries the demand for common and skilled labor greatly exceeded supply and the outlook for employment conditions is bright, the report indicates.

Genuine interest is being taken by those who enlisted in the "Live at Home" program of the State College and Department reports County Agent Chandler of Currituck County. He states that each of his volunteers will merit a Certificate of Honor.

Will we have a wool pool this year ask many farmers. "Yes" reply the county agent. L. W. Anderson has collected 2,000 pounds in Perquimans County, J. E. Chandler is busy collecting and others over the state are now gathering the wool into central locations for a pool.

LOST—BETWEEN AHOSKIE AND Aulander, via Bonner's Bridge, rim, tire, cover, and inner tube. Kingston Fabric tire, size 33 x 4. Lost Friday, July 6th. Finder please return to N. E. WHITE, A. C. L. depot, Ahoskie, and receive reward.

WANTED—ONE BUSHEL HUCKLE Berries. COPELAND DRUG CO.

If Back Hurts Begin on Salts

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to help neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer cause irritation, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and can not injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which everyone can take now and then to help keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby often preventing serious kidney complications. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

666 quickly relieves constipation, biliousness, headaches, colds and grippe.

Severe Indigestion advertisement with testimonial and product name Thedford's Black-Draught.

Aching burning feet? MENTHOLATUM relieves and refreshes advertisement.

Wynn Bros. advertisement for MURFREESBORO'S GREATEST STORE, featuring Ladies' Suits, Wraps and Dresses at Greatly Reduced Prices.

BONDS - RAIN - FIRE advertisement for Citizens Insurance & Realty Co. in Ahoskie, N. C., offering Automobile - HAIL - TORNADO insurance.