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A LETTER TO THE AVERAGE CITIZEN

My dear Mr. Average Citizen: An intimate acquaintance with you, extending over a number of years, leads me to write you this intensely personal letter.

The most vital power of the State is the power to tax, and you believe that this vital power should be exercised with a full knowledge of the truth.

For the first time in the history of the State you, Mr. Average Citizen, have it in your power to write the full truth and perfect equality in the tax books of the State.

Now, Mr. Average Citizen, you will receive a questionnaire and will be called upon to swear before God and to all your fellow-citizens what is the fair market value of your property.

When you, Mr. Average Citizen, tell the truth about your property, it will do no good for your neighbor, Mr. Undesirable Citizen, to tell a lie about his property, because when the books show truly what the property of Mr. Average Citizen is worth, this evidence will clearly and conclusively show what the property of Mr. Undesirable Citizen is worth.

And when you, Mr. Average Citizen, tell the unvarnished truth about your property, that truth will wipe out every discrimination and every inequality in taxation in North Carolina.

When all the property in the State shall be placed on the books at its fair market value, many benefits will accrue to you, Mr. Average Citizen.

1. You will have the great satisfaction of knowing that the record written by all the people of the State is a true record and not a libel on the commonwealth.

2. You will know that every discrimination in taxation is wiped out, and that every citizen is carrying his fair part of the burden.

3. As the values go up the rate of taxation will go down, and hereafter North Carolina will be known far and wide as a wealthy State with a low rate of taxation instead of a poor State with a high rate of taxation.

4. The General Assembly has made a pledge not to collect, under the proposed true valuation of property, revenues greater than ten per cent in excess of the revenues collected under the present false values.

You, Mr. Average Citizen, will at once perceive the essential justice in thus equalizing the public burden.

T. W. BICKETT, Raleigh, N. C., July 11, 1919.

BUYS OIL ENGINE OUTFIT.

Experts to Have New Plant Installed In About Sixty Days.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session on last Friday afternoon to hear the report from the Committee that had visited Southport and some other places on a tour of investigation of the efficiency, cost and satisfaction of the oil engine that had been proposed for the power plant for Louisburg.

In doing away with the truck, shavings, coal, and firemen the Commissioners expect to make a saving of at least \$500.00 a month, with a splendid probability of \$700.00 or more.

The citizens of Louisburg who want electric current during the twenty-four hours for other than lighting purposes are advised to take the matter up with Supt. Hill that necessary arrangements may be made so that when the new plant is put into use they can avail themselves of the all day current.

It is now expected that the new plant will be installed, ready for running, within the next sixty days.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Monday with all members present except Chairman Timberlake.

It was ordered that all persons with cotton on hand May 1st, must list same at \$100.00 per bale.

Ordered that notice be served on C. T. Stokes, Allen Bros. G. W. Ford and A. W. Perry, Jr., to appear before the Board today for failing to list cotton.

Upon motion the Board received all tax lists, with the understanding if anything is wrong with any of them the respective tax listers will correct same without extra compensation.

It was ordered that H. A. Matthews property be reduced to \$2,240 and J. A. Spencer's property be raised to \$2,240, both being the Spencer land.

Ordered that oats of T. W. Watson and Hugh W. Perry be received and filed.

The Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

BASS-BEATY.

The marriage of Miss Mary E. Beaty to Dr. W. Ray Bass, of Louisburg, was celebrated at the home of Mr. Paul N. Allen, Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle church, officiating.

The bride, who wore a traveling suit of blue and carried a shower of brides roses, was attended by Miss Zephora Bagwell as maid of honor, Misses Cassi Colton of Clayton, and Texie Bagwell as bridesmaids.

The groom was attended by Mr. B. C. Sharrif, of Louisburg, as best man, Messrs. Paul N. Allen and Preston Smith, of Garner, as groomsmen.

After a wedding tour to Western Carolina, Dr. and Mrs. Bass will be at home in Louisburg.—News-Observer.

Mr. L. P. Hicks was a visitor to Raleigh Wednesday.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Dr. S. P. Burt visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. F. W. Wheelless left yesterday for Baltimore.

Mr. Ben T. Holden spent several days the past week in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas visited South Hill, Va., the past week.

Miss Virginia Jones is on a visit to friends and relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. W. B. Cooke and children are on a visit to her sister at Enfield.

County Tax Assessor T. W. Watson was a visitor to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. Conrad Driver, of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting relatives in the county.

Mrs. W. E. Bartholomew and children are on a visit to her sister in Rockwell.

Mrs. Lee Battle, of Trinity College, is a visitor to friends and relatives in Louisburg.

Mrs. John B. Yarborough and Mrs. W. H. Yarborough were visitors to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. W. Hal Mann, who has been on an extended visit to Syracuse, N. Y., returned home yesterday.

Mrs. F. A. Riff, who has been on a visit to relatives at Salisbury and Lexington, Va., has returned home.

Mr. Malcolm McKinnie and daughter, Miss Olivia, returned Monday from a visit to Washington City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiler B. Wheeler and children, of Scotland Neck, visited relatives near Louisburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb and sons, Edmond and William visited relatives in South Hill, Va., the past week.

Mrs. R. A. Dunaway and children, of Johnson City, Tenn., who are visiting her brother, Mr. S. G. Riggs, spent Friday in Raleigh.

Misses Ruth Early and Elizabeth Allen have returned home from Natural Bridge and Roseland, Va., where they attended house parties.

Mr. J. B. Barringer and daughters, of Norwood, visited at the homes of Messrs. W. A. Cooper and W. E. Bartholomew the past week.

Mr. F. W. Hicks returned the past week from an inspecting tour of the oil engine units with the Committee on the Board of Town Commissioners.

Misses Ruth Early and Elizabeth Allen have as their guests, Misses Vera and Martha Wiggins, of Denmark, S. C., Misses Julia Carver and Helen Lyon, of Durham.

50,000 SEAMEN JOIN

THE MARINE STRIKE

New York, July 14.—The threatened strike of men employed on the vessels controlled by the United States shipping board was called late today.

The offer by the shipping board of an increase in wages and shorter working hours in port was duplicated today by the American Steamship association, which controls 75 per cent of the coastwise shipping, but the proposals failed to bring about a settlement.

Officials of the shipping board will make another effort tomorrow to reach an agreement with the strike leaders and end a situation which is admittedly having a serious effect on the seaboard commerce.

The outlook was made more threatening today when William S. Brown, international president of the marine engineers, telegraphed from Buffalo that his union had voted to join the walkout if the demands of the strikers were not met.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY THE 20TH.

The Rev. N. Colin Hughes, the rector, will have regular services at St. Paul's church on Sunday, July 20th. Administration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M., morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M., and evening prayer and sermon at 6:30 P. M.

HOME DEMONSTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The Community Club meeting at Winston, the Woman's Club meeting at Roberts and the Boys and Girls' Farm and Home Club meeting at Mitchiners, were exceptionally good last week.

About thirty men, women and girls attended the Winston meeting. A great deal of interest was shown in the iceless refrigerator demonstration.

Every member was present at the Roberts Club. An iceless refrigerator demonstration was given here. After the club meeting, all members visited Mrs. Bob Roberts to see her side porch.

Maggie Phelps, a canning club girl of the Mitchiners club, gave the peaches she intended canning to a sick club member of her club. She said "I had rather do without them in the winter if the sick child can enjoy them now."

A "Baby Booth" and a "Home Convenience Booth" have been arranged for the County Fair. Last year, B. Altman & Co., sent down a complete outfit for babies' wear and model furnishings in white for a nursery.

I hope every woman in the county will see the booth filled with home conveniences. The Carolina Power and Light Co. is going to install a Delco light system. A washing machine, wringer, large roller iron, hand iron, churn and vacuum cleaner will be attached, showing some of the most useful labor saving devices a country woman can have in her home.

CONFEDERATE RE-UNION.

The following order concerning the Confederate Veteran Re-union for the State, to be held at Rocky Mount, N. C., has been issued by Commander P. G. Alston:

Headquarters Camp R. M. McKimney No. 1527 U. C. Veterans, Louisburg, N. C., July 17, 1919.

With great pleasure I announce to you that our Annual State Reunion will be held this year in the beautiful and hospitable city of Rocky Mount on the 5th, 6th and 7th of August.

IN INTEREST OF GOOD ROADS.

A delegation composed of Messrs. W. H. Ruffin, F. B. McKimney, J. P. Timberlake, J. D. Alston, Clarence Gupton, C. C. Murphy, J. H. Wood, M. S. Davis, J. N. Perry, H. H. Beddingfield, B. B. Sykes, C. C. Winston, F. W. Justice and A. F. Johnson went to Raleigh Wednesday to appear before the State Highway Commission in the interest of the good roads of the county.

14 ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH INTENT TO MURDER

White Men and Negroes To Answer For Trouble at Longview, Texas.

Longview, Texas, July 14.—Fourteen white men, were arrested today on warrants charging assault with intent to murder, in connection with the pitifully fought between white men and negroes last Friday.

The men were released on \$1,000 bonds each, pending action by the county grand jury.

Two more white men are to be arrested on the same charge, according to Captain Hanson, in command of the ranger force here, who said still further arrests would be made tomorrow on charges of arson in connection with the burning of six negro residences after the clash Friday.

Rangers, cooperating with guardsmen, today took several negroes in custody and placed them under guard at the military camp pending investigation.

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PRIVATE-ALBERT G. AYSUCUE.

Private Albert G. Ayscue was the son of the late Joseph J. Ayscue, of Alert, Franklin County, N. C., who gave his life in France October 10th, 1918. Private Albert Ayscue was born in Franklin County near Alert July 27th, 1889 and lived there with his people until he reached the age of twenty-one which afterwards worked for wages around Alert, while he was working with Mr. R. T. Tharrington of Alert post office at the time he received his call.

He was a man of unusual ambition. He was industrious and a boy of great success in his country. He lived a quiet sober life and his daily walk was that of a true gentleman. He was useful in his country. He united with Mountain Grove Baptist church about ten years ago, which he was a faithful Christian until he was called away and a faithful scholar in his Sunday School at Mountain Grove. He went to camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. where he completed his training for overseas duty and in May, 1918 he sailed for France, where he went in regular service. He was in several hard battles and went over the top several times.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW TO REMAIN IN EFFECT

The House refuses to pass bill repealing it over President's veto. No further effort now.

Washington, July 14.—The daylight saving plan under which the clocks of the country are turned forward an hour in March and moved back in October, will be continued indefinitely.

This was assured today when following President Wilson's veto of the \$32,000,000 agricultural appropriation because of its rider repealing the daylight saving act, the house refused, by a vote of 247 to 135, to pass the measure over the President's veto.

House advocates of the repeal said tonight after the agricultural bill had been sent back to the committee for elimination of the repeal provision that no further effort would be made at this session, perhaps not in this Congress, which continues in existence until March, 1921, to wipe out the daylight saving act.

Senate leaders also indicated that no action would be originated in that body to repeal the act and failure of the house today to pass the appropriation measure over the presidential veto will prevent any action by the senate on the repeal rider.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. G. H. Joyner and Family.

GOOD IDEA

Junior's father was leaving the house to attend a lodge meeting at which he was to be initiated into the order.

"Good-by, Junior," he said, "I'm going to ride a goat."

"O, daddy," exclaimed Junior, "ride him back to our house."

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FRANKLINTON TO HAVE WATERWORKS

Election Last Week Held To Vote Bonds For Installing Modern System.

Franklinton, July 11.—The election which was held here Wednesday to determine whether or not permission would be given the town commissioners to issue bonds for the purpose of installing a water system, was carried by the advocates of water by a large majority.

Col. W. L. McGhee, one of Franklinton's leading citizens, who has been in a New York hospital for treatment for the past two months, has returned home. It is hoped that the Colonel is improved in health.

Mr. Joseph O. Green, proprietor of the Franklinton garage, is erecting a modern building for his business. It is a large brick structure and will be one of the best garage buildings in this section.

The 2-year-old boy of Mr. Hoy Taylor, superintendent of the Franklinton graded schools, fell off the front porch at his grandfather's home in Anson county on Monday of this week and fractured his skull.

The annual picnic of the Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools was held today at Green Hill, the beautiful farm of Mr. S. C. Vann. A large crowd of these two prosperous Sunday schools were in attendance, and enough good eats to have fed twice as many people.

It is said that crops are further behind at the present time than they have ever been in this section. Quite a number of the farmers have not even started laying by yet, and heretofore at this time of the year they were practically through work on the crops. It is also stated that the prospects for an average crop is not good. It was too wet for a while and then turned off too dry. Cotton is coming out and young corn is doing well, but old corn is going to be very short.

TWO WARRANTS ISSUED OF GASTON MEANS TRIAL

Warrants Charging Conspiracy Issued For J. T. Dooling, of New York, and W. B. Miller, of Chicago.

Concord, July 14.—Today a warrant was issued here by Justice of Peace C. A. Pitts, for the apprehension of John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York city, and William S. Miller, attorney for the Northern Trust company, of Chicago, Ill., charging them with conspiracy in the prosecution of Gaston B. Means for the alleged murder of Maud A. King and for subordination of perjury to said trial.

This warrant is based upon sworn affidavits and the documentary evidence secured among the letters taken from the files containing the correspondence between William S. Miller attorney for the Northern Trust company, A. F. Reichmann, attorney also of the Northern Trust company, John T. Dooling, Hayden Clements, selector of this district, and others.

All of the evidence with witnesses will appear before the grand jury of the Cabarrus county Superior Court beginning August 11. If a true bill is found by the grand jury extradition papers will be asked for from the governor of New York and Illinois in order to bring the defendants here for trial.

With a visit here Saturday of Judge Frank Osborne, of Charlotte, it was learned that depositions have recently been taken in New York city, Washington, D. C., and Charlotte of some of the prominent witnesses and attorneys who took part in the prosecution of Means in the fall of 1917 for the alleged murder of Mrs. Maude A. King. These depositions are returnable to the Superior court of Cook county, Illinois. It is alleged that these depositions when officially in the court at Chicago will disclose sensational information that the Northern Trust company made large expenditures of money in the prosecution of Means.

DEAD STATUTE.

"This is an enlightened community." "How's that?" "If a landlord refuses to rent an apartment to a couple with children he can be haled to court and fined." "That's the right idea. How does it work?" "Not worth a cent. There's no law to prevent a landlord from boosting the rent to a prohibitive figure." Birmingham Age-Herald.

HE HAD FAITH

"Count, my father has lost all his money." "I will marry you, anyhow." "Do you really mean it?" "Yes; a man like your father can easily make another fortune."