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HOW AND WHERE TO GET TAX MONEY

The General Assembly, it seems, is determined to relieve the lands of part of the present taxes. There is a proposition to add an additional cent on gasoline to relieve the counties of expenses for roads, and there is a bill to tax electric light bills, moving pictures, etc., which is expected to raise \$200,000. But all these proposed taxes hit against the fellows that are already paying. What is needed is to get contributions from the tens of thousands of folks who are virtually paying no tax. A levy of one per cent. on all net incomes up to \$1,000 a year derived from untaxed sources and the application of the present incomes rates to all incomes above \$1,000 without the present exclusion of the first \$1,000 for the unmarried and the first \$2,000 for the married would give money galore, and secure it fairly. Thousands of young men and women are making more net income than the average farmer who pays \$50 a year tax on his farm. And these youngsters, the very ones for whom the high taxes for school have been paid, are paying, in tens of thousands of cases, not a single cent of tax. And as women pay no poll tax, practically all the women earners of salaries, including thousands of teachers, pay no tax at all, though they are making more than the average farmer who pays \$50 a year tax, and has the help of his family on the farm and many an acre in big state of cultivation and quite a large number in good-pasture land for stock raising has to support his family.

Now, this is no guessing. Since we began to write this article, a farmer has come in and we have counted up everything he made on his place, allowing 25 cents a day for vegetables and counting cedar poles cut, counted in the wood used at \$2 a cord, and his share of a tenant's crop, and the whole thing less cost of fertilizer, and other legitimate expenses, including feed for three horses and \$18 interest on their value and \$50 deterioration gives him a net income of about \$850. In addition to his own labor, his wife and big 13-year old boy did considerable work.

Now, the tax on that farm is about \$60, and the interest on its assessed value is \$175. But he has the rental of the home to partially offset the interest.

Accordingly, here is an average farmer, or considerably above the average whose net income for the whole family is about \$850, and he pays \$60 tax. Now there are a dozen or more women in Pittsboro who are getting more in clear-cut salaries than he made, and are not asked for a cent of tax, and the writer of this article, since the burning of his plant, is making more than that and is paying considerable less tax than is Mr. Mann. Any hour of the day you will see a big strapping fellow on the street that is not ever paying a poll tax. Yes, sir, give us a tax as suggested and legal means of collecting it by garnishee and other processes, and the money would come.

Of course last year was a poor crop year.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

The state is becoming disturbed over a bill introduced by Senator Person of Franklin county to allow alcohol or whiskey to be sold on a physician's prescription. The famous Voistead act allows such sale, but the North Carolina laws forbid it. Many of the other states permit sales on physician's prescription, even our next door neighbor Virginia.

In Greensboro, for instance, four administrators favor the passage of the bill and five were reported in Monday's Daily News as opposing. Physicians are similarly divided. Some of the latter say whiskey is never needed; others think it is and prescribe, leaving the patient to get it the best way he can. And that is the ground on which Rev. Robt. M. Williams of Greensboro bases his argument for the permission. He considers it better for patients who are thought to need whiskey to be enabled to get it without violating the law and to get the pure article. And there is no question that the demand for whiskey for medicinal purposes encourages the

violation of the law. If a man has once bought whiskey for medicine his mouth is shut against the bootlegger who sold it, and when quite a number in the community have been thus silenced the bootleggers have much freer course to sell their concoctions.

The editor of the Record is known to have been a taster of all his life with the exception of the use of liquor in a case of blood poison when a student at college. And if he had such another case, or a friend had such a case, he would feel that the denial of whiskey would be an injustice. For ten long weeks the writer lay in bed at Wake Forest, and during eight or nine of those weeks the only thing that he could relish was milk toddy, or maybe punch is the proper name. In fact, for fifty or sixty days that was all the nourishment he took, and he lived, though many thought he wouldn't. The fellow feared that he might cultivate a taste for the stuff, but when his appetite came back the milk toddy was the one thing that he didn't want. And he has not tasted whiskey the 38 years since nor has he been sick to count.

A man who needs arsenic, opium, or any other poison except as medicine he can buy it legally on a physician's prescription, and if a sick person is thought to need liquor, it would seem fair that he could get that without having to cause a violation of the law and become dumb against the bootlegger who supplied it. And there are many women who violate the law in making wine for medicinal purposes who would have no excuse to do so if wine or whiskey were available when actually considered as necessary by the physician.

However, the permission would open up new means of violating the law. Yet we believe that it would leave more real friends of prohibition free to report violations of the law. Just suppose you had bought a pint of liquor from an illegal dealer for medicine for your self or family and then you should know that the same bootlegger had sold it to your son or your neighbor for beverage purposes, what would you do? On the other hand, suppose you had not aided and abetted in a former violation of the law and know that the bootlegger was your neighbor, is their any question that you would report him? If you wouldn't, you are no prohibitionist, and shouldn't take any part in this discussion.

Secretary Mellon, in charge of prohibition enforcement, doesn't want any more money for enforcement. Other who benefited by the claim that Hoover was a dry evangelist seem likewise inclined. Senator Harris has proposed a bill in the U. S. Senate to increase the appropriation for enforcement by the sum of 25 million dollars, and many of the Smith supporters are supporting the measure. If it does not become a law it may be accounted the fault of the Republican majority or the Republican president, Georgia, with 150 counties, has only 10 enforcement officers. Twenty-six counties here in the heart of North Carolina have only ten. It has been a rare thing for one to be seen in Chatham county. Yet Mr. Mellon doesn't know how he can spend any more money in enforcement. The Republicans now have an opportunity to show whether they really want prohibition. Many of the Democratic members of the Senate and the House will help them secure the funds to make a real test of prohibition.

Al. Smith proposes to give the proceeds of the book of his campaign speeches to help pay the debt of the National Democratic committee. He is said to have been offered \$200,000 for the publication rights. Mr. Brown published such a book and kept the money. Smith is asking that the debt be paid by the members of the party in general, and not left for the few rich men to pay, who could thus claim a greater right to dictate the policies of the party. His plea went out over the radio, and many responses are reported as coming in. He also urges that the party management keep busy during the next three years and not suffer the party to become moribund. The advice of a man who secured almost as many votes as Cox and Davis both is worth heeding.

One Representative, Box, of Texas is making a loud noise in agitation of the Democratic party's ridding itself of the Smith element. He evidently doesn't want a National Democratic party.

County Agent Shiver has been furnishing valuable material for Chatham county farmers, but he has set out to make an agricultural sec-

tion of the Chatham Record this year that should prove of untold benefit to our farmers. We commend the articles in this issue to every reader of the Record. Yes; even merchants and manufacturers; lawyers and doctors, preachers and teachers, should read them, since no kind of real knowledge is ever found of no value.

Fifty years ago when the father of the editor of the Record gathered 135 bushels of corn from an acre of fresh bottom land the harvest from the acre was equal to the average yield of the uplands of Sampson county on eight or ten acres. Last week the papers carried the report of 233.6 bushels of corn grown on three acres of upland by G. L. Daughtry, Jr., of Piney Grove township, a name which suggests the character of the land in that section. Mr. Daughtry won the Chilean Nitrate prize for the whole South, and has indicated to the people of the state what can be done on a few acres of land. Actually, when the editor of the Record as a twenty-year old youth took the census of South Clinton township in 1890, he found the corn yield of a few of the farms of the township equal to the three-acre yield of a few of the farms of the poor crop year of 1928. In fact, there was only one farm in the township that was making a creditable yield, and that was a 30-acre farm belonging to Mr. George Hargrove, a mile or two from Clinton. He had so little land that he had developed it. The former high-yielding bottom land of the editor's old home had become sraggy, as the pretty low lands will when they have become compact after a few years cultivation, and the sandy lands of the 700-acre tract had been worn out and no one had discovered at that time the means of making them again productive, except by letting them grow up in pines and stand for a generation. You may take this record of young Daughtry as another illustration of the likelihood of the surplus land acreage growing greater. If all formerly cultivated should yield in that way, there would be more corn than could be disposed of. Yet that is the way to grow it, letting the balance of the acreage grow up in timber or be developed as pasture.

Governor Gardner is reported as meeting opposition from old-timers on his secret ballot program, but the Record hopes that North Carolina will secure an election law that allows everybody to vote his choice without any officious interference. If those who have no choice, particularly in the primaries, can be prevented from voting at all, it would be a good thing. Helpers in thousands of such cases could, however, vote them for choice under the proposed law as well as heeler can under the present law. It is a long time since the constitutional amendment was passed, and the number desiring to vote under the grandfather clause should be much fewer than then. Accordingly, it would be no great injustice to give a secret ballot without helpers, and if the voters doesn't have intelligence enough to mark the ballots let him lose his vote or throw it away. It is time for the educational qualification to begin to operate. Yet tens of thousands of white women have been registered contrary to that requirement, as the time for registering under the grandfather clause expired before the women were enfranchised, and these played a small part in giving the state to Hoover last fall.

DR. SMITH PRESCRIBES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We commend to the high school pupils of Chatham county the following excerpt from a message of President Henry Louis Smith of Washington Lee University to students regarding to enter college next fall. It is chuck full of wisdom and, to our way of thinking, needs the cooperation of many of the young people.

Says Dr. Smith: "If you are honestly afraid of unpopularity, if you are zealously loyal to every local 'tradition' and gladly accept the opinions of the 'gang,' then rest assured you are now training to obey some boss, to play second fiddle in life's concert, and to remain a helpless victim of your environment. If you cannot see any use in learning a dead language, and hence dodge Latin; if you 'despise math' and hence quit studying it; if you are wrapped up in athletics or some other 'activity' that you 'really can't find' time for the lab-work some cranky professor insists on—in other words, if you have started up the long and rugged hill of American leadership in this age of brains and have no control of your brain-power

The Late Tex Rickard, His Wife and Child



Tex Rickard, famous fight promoter, died at Miami Beach, Fla., of an infection following an appendicitis operation. He is shown here in a photograph recently with his wife, the former Maxine Hodges, and their infant child. Mrs. Rickard and Jack Dempsey were among those at the bedside when the maker of champions passed away.

you had better quit wasting time and money in school. Your education as a preparation for future success cannot be measured by examination, or grades or even diplomas. It is measured by your ability to initiate, control and direct your own mental energy."

Well, Bishop Cannon has turned his muzzle toward Secretary Mellon and the senators who are opposed to triebbling the appropriation for prohibition enforcement. You may bet if Al had been elected president he would have been in favor of having enough money to enforce the prohibition laws.

Governor Gardner has appointed Highway commissioner Haynes of Winston as temporary chairman of the highway commission. His salary while so serving is fixed at \$7,500, but it is thought that he will serve for no salary, just as he and two or three other commissioners have as commissioners. That is liberal, but it would mean that neither he nor the state could afford his retention on those terms as chairman, since no man should be expected to give his full time to the state for nothing and the state cannot afford to accept services on those terms. Mr. Gardner thinks that a full-time chairman is needed, and one of his problems is to find the man capable of filling Frank Pace's shoes. He is seeking a big man, too, as pardon commissioner and general assistant, and is said to have fallen upon his old chum N. A. Townsend as the man, but the salary is only \$4,000, while Nat Townsend gets \$7,500 as judge. Some more combinations and dismissals will have to be made if Townsend gets the \$7,500 and expenses are not increased.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF REAL ESTATE

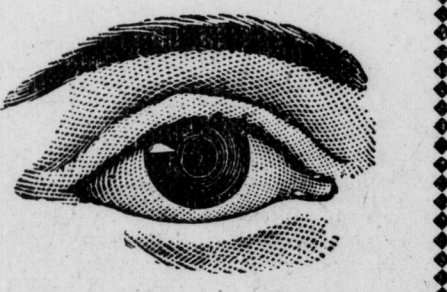
Under and by virtue of a certain deed of trust executed by the Chapel Hill Insurance & Realty Company to Jones Fuller, Trustee, dated March 18, 1924, and recorded in Book of Mortgages GH, at page 292-293, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder and owner of the said indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee will on Wednesday

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the 6th day of February, 1929, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse Door in Pittsboro, North Carolina, the tracts of land described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stone at Nat Riggsbee's corner in Alf Riggsbee's line; thence North 5 deg. East 100 1-2 poles to a stone pile and pointers in line of lot No. 4; thence South 87 deg. East with line of lot No. 4, 131 poles to a stone pile and pointers, corner of Lot No. 4 in J. S. Riggsbee's line; thence with said line South 69 and 3-5ths poles to a stone and pointers, J. S. Riggsbee's corner; thence West with Tyson's line West 43 poles to a white oak; thence South 20 poles; thence North 75 1-2 deg. West with Alf Minter's line 70 poles to a stone and pointers, Alf Minter's line 37 poles to a stone pile, the beginning estimated to contain 63 acres, the same being lot No. 5 as surveyed by R. B. Clegg and being the interest of Nannie Thrift in the lands of the late J. A. Oldham conveyed to her by partition Deed, dated May 24, 1917, by A. J. Riggsbee et als and the interest of Emily D. Oldham is herein conveyed by Emily D. Oldham, E. Thrift and wife, Nannie Thrift to the Cary Lumber Company, a corporation, and recorded in Deed Book F. L. on page 179, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County.

BEGINNING at pointers, John A. Oldham's corner; thence South 89 deg. East 40 chains and 70 links to a rock pile, A. J. Riggsbee's corner; thence North 14 chains and 40 links to a red oak, A. J. Riggsbee's corner in C. John's line; thence West 25 chains and 75 links to a large rock, C. Johnson's corner; thence North 35 chains to a rock, said Johnson's corner; thence West 2 chains and 60 links to a rock, said Johnson's corner; thence North 6 chains to a large popular, John A. Oldham's corner; thence West 13 chains and 41 links to a stake, John A. Oldham's corner; thence South 56 chains and 35 links to the first station, containing 120 acres, more or less, and being the land conveyed by Martha Oldham, John A. Oldham and Emily D. Oldham, W. A. Riggsbee and Nancy Riggsbee to Sarah Riggsbee, by deed recorded in Book of Deeds C. M. page 103,

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in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, also being same property conveyed by W. J. Brogden, Commissioner to the Cary Lumber Company, recorded in Book of Deeds F. Y. on pages 80 and 81 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina.

This property is being offered for re-sale on account of an increased bid. The bid on said property will begin at \$357.50.

This the 21st day of January, 1929. JONES FULLER, Trustee. Jan. 23, 24.

MRS. NOOE HONOR GUEST

A charming affair of the past week was the party given by Mrs. Walter Johnson and Miss Cordie Harmon, honoring Mrs. D. B. Nooe, a recent bride.

Bridge was played at four tables, the guests enjoying several spirited progressions. A delightful sweet course with coffee was served by the hostess assisted by Miss Jennie Connell.

Mrs. Nooe was presented with a beautiful silver basket by Mrs. Johnson and Miss Harmon.

These playing were Mesdames D. B. Nooe, W. P. Horton, Wade Barber, Victor Johnson, James Cordon, E. R. Hinton, Charles Mathews, Edwin Hatch, N. A. Moore, J. S. Walters, J. M. Gregory, G. W. Blair, R. M. Farrell, and Miss Pauline Taylor.

SOMEWHERE TO GO

Come to Carolina school house on Saturday night, the 26th of January.

There will be a negro minstrel given free. Come and laugh away the blues. We will also have boxes to sell, a voting contest, and other things to entertain you. The public is invited. Girls are urged to bring boxes.

The money will be used for the benefit of the school.

We are expecting a large crowd and a very interesting time. Don't miss the fun! Remember the date, January 26th. M. M.

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